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We were originally established in 1984 as the Kamloops Foundation, by a group of local citizens including Mike Latta, Peter Wing and Ray Fuoco with a \$2,500 loan from the City of Kamloops.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HUGH FALLIS
2018 Board President

It was 33 years ago that a few citizens of Kamloops and area had the vision to start a Community Foundation. From the initial \$2,500 donation to the Kamloops Foundation, now known as the BC Interior Foundation, our pool of Funds has grown to over 200 individual Funds.

The principal value of these Funds under our administration has grown to nearly \$9 million. This principal value can never be touched and it is only the annual income that is generated from these funds that is available for distribution, according to the intent of these Funds.

For the first time in 2017 we have reached an income level of just under \$500,000 that was available for granting in 2018, according to the intents of the deeds that the Foundation administers on behalf of our valued Fund holders and donors.

It is so rewarding when we visit with the grant recipients to give them their grants to see the delight on their faces because of the impact the money from the Foundation will have on their programs. These might be grants of \$100 up to \$40,000.

There are many charitable organizations that have started their

own Funds with the Foundation so that they will receive a stable source of income that they can count on receiving year after year.

The real success of any of the 200 community foundations across Canada is because of the generous citizens and companies that believe in creating or adding to endowment funds so that the money donated will continue to give back to the community for the years to come. This could be to support charities, service organizations or our youth so they can further their education by way of scholarships and bursaries.

As the BC Interior Community Foundation grows it is able to help our citizens be they in Lillooet, Lytton, Ashcroft, Cache Creek, 70 Mile House, Clinton, Logan Lake, Merritt, Chase, Barriere, Clearwater, Sun Peaks or Kamloops. Many of these communities have their own Funds with the Foundation.

Organizations in these communities are welcome to send in a grant application by the April 1 or Oct. 1 deadline each year.

And finally, a 'Special Thank You' to all our donors who continue to support the excellent work that the Foundation does throughout the Nicola, South Cariboo and Thompson regions.

ASHCROFT HUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH & LIGHTS

The grant was used to provide a group of local Seniors with the opportunity to see the Christmas lights and enjoy a meal in Kamloops. The purpose

was to improve social and emotional wellness for a demographic in need. Especially during the holiday season, Seniors in our communities are often

not enjoying the kind of socialization they once did, and opportunities like this allow them to enjoy the fun of the season and to connect with others.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY DRAMATIC PLAY CENTRE

Through the generosity of our donors, our centre purchased three mini sofa and chair sets for our infant & toddler rooms. The furniture provides a comfortable welcoming place for the infants to read and imitates a mini living room setup for dramatic play.



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September 19 donation to the Thompson Nicola Cariboo United Way

Caroline Slade Photography

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THE BC INTERIOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

NOT JUST ANOTHER CHARITY

ROBERT MILLER
Executive Director

Whenever I'm asked, "What is a Community Foundation?" I smile and answer, "The most significant charity you've never heard of!"



People often want the 'elevator pitch' to explain what a community foundation is because we're all familiar with single purpose charities (think of a hospital foundation or food bank), which can explain their Mission in one easy sentence. It's a bit more complex for community foundations!

Let's take the example of the B.C. Interior

Community Foundation (BCICF). Since 1984 the BCICF (formerly the "Kamloops Foundation") has supported communities in the Thompson, Nicola and South Cariboo regions. From health and the environment, to youth and education, seniors, families, arts and culture, we champion community vitality!

Donations to the BCICF are invested in permanent, endowed funds currently valued at just over \$9 million. The principal is protected (never diminishes) and the annual earned interest income is used to support a wide variety of charities. The BCICF currently holds nearly 220 endowed funds and disperses almost \$500,000 annually among various grants, scholarships and bursaries.

Here's a snapshot of how the process works for different types of funds:

- **Donors give an unrestricted gift to our Smart and Caring Community Fund:** In this case, the community foundation makes decisions about how to allocate distributions from the fund towards the greatest needs and priorities.
- **Donors establish their own Legacy Fund (a named, memorial fund for example):** Here a donor sets up a fund in their name or the name of someone they wish to honour. Donors can choose to distribute grants to any registered Canadian charity or seek assistance from the community foundation for more giving ideas.
- **Donors contribute to an existing, designated Fund (targeting their preferred sector / field of interest):** This may range from the SPCA, local Food Banks, Kamloops Hospice Association, Western Canada Theatre Society, Kamloops Art Gallery, Royal Inland Hospital, United Way, etc. These funds are distributed on an as-needed basis to provide support for local charitable organizations.

HOW TO APPLY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS

Community Project Grants are awarded by the BC Interior Community Foundation twice a year. Deadlines for grant applications are April 1st and October 1st. Please ensure that your project falls approximately 4-6 weeks following the granting deadline as the review process is by committee and does take time. We will notify all grant applicants, both successful and unsuccessful via email following the granting committee's decision. Grants are only able to be disbursed to non-profit organizations which hold charitable registration with Revenue Canada or projects/programs which are sponsored by an organization with charitable registration.

Should you have any questions regarding the grant application, process or eligibility, please contact the office by phone 250-434-6995 during our open hours. For more information, visit www.bcicf.ca.

*BC Interior Community Foundation 2018
Spring Community Project Grant Recipients*



COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT RECIPIENTS

- VZ Lateral Sclerosis Society of British Columbia
- Equipment Loan Program
- Gavin Lake Forest Education Society
- 2018 Grade Six Fall Education Program
- Habitat for Humanity Kamloops
- A Safe Place to Play
- Junior Achievement of BC
- Bright Futures for Interior Youth
- Kamloops Brain Injury Association
- Education Outreach for Prevention of Brain Injury
- Kamloops Child Development Society
- Kamloops Food Policy Council
- Arthur Hatton Elementary School Community Garden
- Kamloops Museum & Archives
- Veterans Street Sign Project
- Kamloops Music Collective Society
- Living Our Local History out Loud
- Lillooet Area Library Association
- Literacy in Kamloops (Stewarded by School District # 73)
- Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week
- Nicola Valley & District Food Bank
- Pregnancy Care Centre Society of Kamloops
- Mentorship Programs: Empowering Moms & Dads
- Project X Theatre Productions
- The Adams River Salmon Society
- The Ashcroft Hub Society
- Thompson Nicola Cariboo United Way
- North Shore Lived Experience Street Outreach Ambassadors
- Tk'emlups Community Mountain Biking Program "TteSRIDES"
- Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge
- Two Rivers Farmers Market



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Community Foundations are efficient tools for philanthropic giving beyond the flexibility they provide in the variety of endowed funds. The administrative costs are the lowest among all charities (for the BCICE, only 1% of the annual interest income is used for operational expenses).

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TESTIMONIALS

"Last year the BCICF showed its commitment to improving the quality of life for youth in Kamloops by supporting Whole Note, an innovative new project launched by the Kamloops Music Collective. Whole Note is a unique community-based initiative supporting youth musicians who face financial barriers. Planned as a multi-year program beginning in the fall of 2016, Whole Note provides a comprehensive yet fun approach to music education through lessons, mentorship and performance opportunities for students in Grades 7 through 10. The Whole Note program was developed by Kim Mangan (Executive Director of the Kamloops Interior School of Music – KISSM – along with the support of the KISSM Board)."
~ Kamloops Music Collective

"Your kindness and caring allows us to make sure that our donkeys continue to have a safe and healthy home."
~ Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge Society (Chase, BC)

"Your contributions go a long way towards keeping the BIG Little Science Centre operational."
~ Big Little Science Centre

"We are grateful to the BCICF for its \$3,000 contribution towards the Crossing Bridges Arts Outreach Seniors' Programming."
~ Kamloops Arts Council

"On behalf of the Kamloops Heritage Commission, the Kamloops Museum and Archives would like to express gratitude for your generous support of the Veterans' Street Sign Project."
~ City of Kamloops

"Pursuing post-secondary education is both incredibly challenging and rewarding. However, school is expensive. Thank you for this award and reminding me how much the kindness of others can impact someone's life."
~ Scholarship recipient

"The Kamloops & District SPCA is very grateful for the donation of \$2,450.00 towards the new building. It is so needed and the staff and animals we support are very appreciative. Thank you to Hugh Fallis and the Bostock and Fallis Families of the Monte Creek Heritage Fund."
~ Kamloops and District SPCA

"On behalf of our volunteers, ALS patients and their families in Kamloops, I would like to thank you for your support in 2018."
~ Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society of BC

"Your support will enable Junior Achievement British Columbia (JABC) to continue to prepare, inspire & empower BC youth to become the next generation of community leaders."
~ JABC

"Thank you for the \$2,500 grant to assist with the safety upgrades tour to our Family Stepping Stones building."
~ Elizabeth Fry Society

"On behalf of everyone at Thompson Rivers University (TRU), we can't thank you enough for your recent donation to our Charitable Foundation. Your gift comes at a crucial moment and will have a profound impact. Every year, hundreds of TRU students struggle financially to achieve their educational goals. Your investment in the future of higher education at TRU, and the advancement of our community and region is very much appreciated."
~ Thompson Rivers University

ANONYMOUS DONOR MATCHING CAMPAIGN

In celebration of autumn, a generous anonymous donor has offered to match donations to three endowed funds held with the Foundation. During the fall, from Aug. 1 until Dec. 31, 2019 up to \$2,500 in private contributions will be matched per agency for a total of up to \$7,500 in leveraged funds.

The Kamloops SPCA, the Kamloops Food Bank and the Kamloops Hospice Association are all intended beneficiaries of this anonymous donor's generosity.

Donations over \$25.00 will receive a tax receipt from the Foundation. Donations can be

made by mail, or in-person at the Community Foundation Office (#2 – 219 Victoria St, Kamloops, BC, V2C 2A1), or online at www.bcicf.ca/donate (be sure to put the agency name in the fund name/comments box).

Cheques must be made out to 'BC Interior Community Foundation' with the agency name on the notes line.

The BCICF is very grateful to this wonderful donor and

his mission to leave a legacy for future generations; he is a firm believer in the benefit of endowed funds to help local organizations strengthen our communities.

Canada-wide, community foundations are set up with the intention to provide long-term charitable funding and this is reflected in the BC Interior Community Foundation's intention to encourage donors to "Give Today, Grow Tomorrow."



Kamloops Hospice Association

BCSPCA



LITERACY IN KAMLOOPS

UNPLUG AND PLAY FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

The grant money was used to help community organizations host free events for families to participate in during the week. We provided an honorarium to 11 organizations to help cover the costs of materials and supplies that were needed for putting on a green event. The project was an outstanding success. We had 40 free activities/events for families to attend. 1000 more participants than last year attended events - a total of 3067. About 8000 students challenged themselves to reduce their screen time during the week and spend more time with their family and try more activities.



DID YOU

The BCICF supports educational opportunities for students across the region. Almost 150 young people are supported annually through scholarships and bursary awards.

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In 2015 the Kamloops Foundation was rebranded as BC Interior Community Foundation.

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BRANDON GIVES BACK

Courtesy of Best Version Media

Tragically, Lisa Tavender and Kirk Hein lost their only son Brandon when he was only 19 years old. For his parents, remembering their kind, adventurous son is easy — he never leaves their minds — but they want to keep his memory alive for others as well.

“I didn’t want people to forget him,” Lisa explained from the family home in Dallas, where an entire wall is covered with framed photos of the couple’s cherished only child.

Lisa and Kirk keep Brandon’s memories alive in many ways from sharing stories and keeping in touch with many of his friends and acquaintances to creating multiple legacy funds in his name.

Brandon graduated from Valleyview Secondary School in 2009, and starting a

scholarship in his name seemed like a perfect way to honour him. Even though he wasn’t the most dedicated student, according to Lisa, he knew what he needed to do to graduate and made it happen. Therefore, in choosing students to receive the Brandon Kirk Hein Memorial Award, it’s not the top students that make the cut, but rather students who have overcome adversity and shown grit and determination in earning their diplomas. To date, they have awarded \$8,000 between 13 students. This year for the first time two female students were chosen to receive the Brandon Kirk Hein Memorial Award. The 2019 recipients are Shelkinah Bless Jimenez and Amielia LeBlanc. They each received a \$500 award.

A passionate fisherman, Brandon also loved dirt biking and spent much of his



BRANDON KIRK HEIN

free time on his bike and with his friends. Although an only child, he was “Uncle B” to many of his friend’s children.

“They often speak of him still and those that weren’t born yet hear the stories today and know who Uncle B is,” said Lisa. “When he passed away we had a service at Dallas Elementary and over 400 people showed up — from babies to people in their nineties — there were people there we didn’t even know he knew.”

Various fundraisers over the years have been so successful that Lisa and Kirk started a second fund

to support seniors and youth in Kamloops and surrounding areas. Through non-profit grant submissions, the BC Interior Community Foundation (BCICF) manages Brandon Gives Back, a fund available to support community projects. The BCICF annual fundraising dinner is held Oct. 5 at the Columbo Hall. For more information visit www.bcicf.ca.

Every year friends, family members, and even strangers come together, some from long distances, to honour Brandon. Lisa and Kirk say they are grateful and appreciative of neighbours that never complain when



KIRK HEIN & LISA TAVENDER

one month of the year their yard fills with people congregating to celebrate Brandon and keep his memory alive.

For Kirk, the majority of his best memories of life with Brandon centre around fishing and spending time outdoors. For Lisa, Brandon was her concert buddy, and together they rocked out to AC/DC live twice as well as Bon Jovi, Motley Crue, Collective Soul, and Def Leppard live.

“Brandon and I were concert junkies,” she recalls with a smile.

While the pain of losing Brandon will never diminish, knowing his memory lives on in the gifts he bestows on others provides comfort to his family.

“I would like to let people know there is a way to remember loved ones after they pass by giving back in their loved one’s names,” explained Lisa.



BCICF presentation to the Kamloops Hospice



Mayor of Lillooet and Hugh Fallis with donation for District of Lillooet



Hugh Fallis with presentation to the First Steps Childcare Centre



Mayor Ken Christian and Hugh Fallis - BCICF presentation to the City

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You can start a permanent, endowed fund with as little as \$100

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The BCICF has distributed nearly \$1.5 million in the last 5 years in grants and project funding across the region?

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Globally, Community Foundations have provided \$5.7 billion dollars in grants to make local communities more sustainable, liveable and accessible (including educational scholarships).

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FUND HOLDER PROFILE

THE KIRSTEN FUND

KIRSTEN MCDOUGALL

In My Own Words

Spring 2017 brought many things full circle for me.

Due to an unexpected medical incident I have learned to appreciate life and all the things that give us joy and pleasure. One of those things is the fact that I have an Endowment Fund with the BC Interior Community Foundation that will continue to assist the community forever and ever.

In 2000, I was on the board of the Kamloops Foundation when it was suggested that board members should create a Fund. After much thought, I decided that I could help the community in two areas — palliative care and environmental education. In 2004 I started The Kirsten Fund.

My initial intention was to split the income



generated by the Fund equally between the McQueen Lake Environmental Education Centre and the Kamloops Hospice Association.

In 2006 a fellow Board member, Carolyn Scarborough, passed away. She had an insurance policy naming the Foundation as the beneficiary, with stipulations that the money should create a Fund in her name that would support sports and outdoor recreation.

In 2007, I realized that discretionary funds were of a greater benefit to the community than designated funds. Therefore, I requested that my Fund become a discretionary fund with the stipulation that the fund support charitable organizations in the areas of health and welfare as well as the environment and recreation.

In the spring of 2014, there was a grant request from the Kamloops Thompson Trails Alliance for funding to build a trail around Isobel Lake that was accessible to the handicapped. This request

fell into the parameters of what the Scarborough / Koslowski Recreation and Environment Fund and The Kirsten Fund would support. The grant request was approved and funds were sent to the Kamloops Thompson Trails Alliance.

After much hard work and fundraising by the Alliance, the Foundation was pleased to receive an invitation to the official opening of the 'Special Trail' at Isobel Lake. On June 1 2018, as I sat beside Isobel Lake waiting for the official opening of the trail, I listened to the birds singing and thought what a wonderful privilege it was to have a Fund with the BCICF.

This was a magical moment in time to know that my Fund had been able to contribute to the completion of this trail so that handicapped people can enjoy what nature has to offer.

Each year I realize that my annual donation to my Fund gives me great joy knowing that I am contributing to the ongoing welfare of the community that I have grown to love over the last 50 years.

LIST OF FUNDS

- 1979 Winter Games Sports Legacy Fund
- 1993 Canada Summer Games Legacy Fund
- 2006 BC Summer Games Legacy Fund
- Anne Collier Memorial Fund
- Archie McLaughlin Memorial Fund
- Art Gallery Reserve Fund
- Arts and Cultural Field of Interest Fund
- Arts Legacy Fund
- Ashcroft - Cache Creek Community Fund
- Barriere Community Fund
- BCICF Disaster Relief Fund
- Beverly Bullock Outdoor Education Fund
- Bostock and Fallis Families of Monte Creek Heritage Fund
- Boys & Girls Club Endowment Fund
- Brain Injury Alliance Dr. Gur Singh Memorial Education Fund
- Brandon Gives Back Fund
- Brandon Kirk Hein Memorial Fund
- Bruce Dunn Legacy Fund
- C.J. Bessette Memorial Scholarship/Bursary Fund
- Carolyn Scarborough Memorial Fund
- Cavlek Family Memorial Fund
- Chase Community Fund
- Children and Families Field of Interest Fund
- Chris Rose Therapy Centre for Autism Fund
- Clearwater Post Secondary Fund
- Clinton Millennium Community Fund
- Colombo Lodge and Italian Cultural Center Scholarship Fund
- Dallas MacPhee Memorial Fund
- Damian Jensen Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Denice Marr Scholarship Fund
- Derek Johnston Fund
- Dianne Parkin Fund
- Downtown Kamloops Food Bank Community Fund
- Dr. and Mrs. William (Bill) and Marguerite Elliot Fund
- Dr. David A. Stewart Legacy Fund
- Dr. Gur Singh Fund
- Duncan and Marie MacRae Education Fund
- Environment and Recreation Field of Interest Fund
- Fooks Business Bursary Fund
- Founders Fund
- Fred Doubt Memorial Foundation Fund
- Friends of Errol Wild Fund
- Gabriel Palmer (Ignace) Memorial Fund
- George Alistair Campbell Fund
- Gloria Fraser Fund for Animal Welfare
- Gordon Francis Ellis Memorial Fund
- Gordon R. Gore Scholarship/Bursary Fund
- Harrington Fund
- Health and Welfare Fund
- Helping Hands Fund
- Hope Hermance Worsnop Fund
- Howling Coyote Education Fund
- Interior Savings Community Builder Fund
- Jann L.M. Bailey Foundation Fund
- Jann L.M. Bailey Legacy Fund
- Jesstin Zulinick Memorial Fund
- John Willoughby Scholarship Fund
- Josh Guido & Mike Young Memorial Bursary Fund
- Junko N. Ikebuchi Memorial Scholarship/Bursary Fund
- Kam High Girls' Fund
- Kam High Homecoming Fund
- Kamloops Advocis Fund
- Kamloops Art Gallery Foundation Fund
- Kamloops Centennial Fund "A"
- Kamloops Centennial Fund "B"
- Kamloops Community Fund - Smart & Caring
- Kamloops Curling Club Scholarship Fund
- Kamloops Festival of the Performing Arts Fund
- Kamloops Food Bank Endowment Fund
- Kamloops Foundation Operations Fund
- Kamloops Heritage Society Legacy Fund
- Kamloops Hospice Association Fund
- Kamloops Masters 2000 Legacy Fund
- Kamloops Minor Baseball - "Diamonds & Dreams"
- Kamloops Museum Association Fund
- Kamloops Rugby Club Legacy Fund
- Kamloops Rugby Scholarship Fund
- Kamloops Student Leadership Legacy Fund
- Kamloops Symphony Fund
- Kamloops Symphony Society Heritage Sustainability Fund
- Kidsport BC, Kamloops Chapter Fund
- KISSM Legacy Fund
- Larry & L. Dwayne Reay Memorial Fund
- Latter-Day Saints Fund
- Lillooet Community Fund
- Lillooet Millennium Community Fund
- Lloyd and Rae Nixon Fund
- Logan Lake Community Enhancement Fund
- Logan Lake Community Fund
- Lytton Community Foundation - Health Trust Fund
- Lytton Community Fund
- Marcel and Mary Ann Gysel Memorial Fund
- Marg Spina Community Enhancement Fund
- Marie Patricia Laroche Fund
- Merlin Books Fund
- Merritt Community Fund
- Mickey Martino Bursary/Scholarship Fund
- Mykel Frank-Rothenburger Bursary Fund
- Nathan Floyd Memorial Fund
- Nick Weiser Sn. Memorial Fund
- Noble Endeavours Fund
- NorKam 2011 Grad Fund
- NorKam 2013 Grad Fund
- NorKam Extra - Curricular Assistance Fund
- NorKam IB Financial Assistance Fund
- NorKam Millennium Fund
- NorKam Music Society Fund
- NorKam Trades Scholarship/Bursary Fund
- Performing Arts BC Festival Fund
- Peter Collins Memorial Fund
- Peter G. Botta Memorial Fund
- Peter Hamming Memorial Bursary Fund
- Pilatzke Family Fund
- Railways and Ranchlands Fund
- RC of Kamloops Daybreak Fund
- Reagan Lee Downie Memorial Fund
- Rev Msgrs John Miles and John MacIntyre Education Fund
- Richard Dickens Music Scholarship Fund
- Ronald C Wells Geological Education Fund
- Ross Parkin Fund
- Rotary Club of Kamloops Children's Fund
- Sacred Heart Cathedral Catholic Women's League Fund
- Sam Seright - Young Artist Bursary Fund
- Sandy and Ellen McCurrach Family Fund Scarborough/Koslowski Recreation and Environment Fund

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Community groups, not-for-profit organizations and charitable agencies within the BCICF region, are encouraged to submit a Community Project Grant Application by the April 1st or October 1st annual deadlines.



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SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE

THE RICHARD DICKENS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

JAMES WATSON

August 19, 2019

My third year of music studies at the University of Calgary was a very productive one. I was encouraged by the fact that looking back I could quantify my growth as a musician. I believe that the hard work and energy I put into my courses has paid off.

This was reflected by my violin teacher, Joan Barrett, who told me that I had developed more that year than any other year and only expects this trend to continue. I was also very pleased to make the Dean's List with a GPA of 3.6.

For the second year in a row I was awarded the Hertz Trio Prize from the UofC Music Department, a prize given to a student in the Strings Program for "Jury performance and contribution to ensemble work within the department." In addition I was also granted the Alice Cobb Scholarship for a second time.

This year I pushed myself to perform as much as possible. I gained further experience in this field with my continued participation in the University of Calgary Orchestra and the University of Calgary Jazz Orchestra.

Last semester alone I performed no less than seven student compositions, helping my fellow students with their juries and/or festivals. Parallel to this, I had the pleasure of being named the first Mentorship Fellow of the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra in September under the direction of Music Director Dina Gilbert. My university schedule permitted me to return to Kamloops and perform in four KSO concert programs, in addition to a masterclass with Canadian Violin Soloist, Yolanda Bruno.

I have had a productive summer as well. I was asked to perform in a fundraising concert for the Peter Collins Memorial Bursary, which helps young musicians with the cost of music lessons. For this I challenged myself and worked hard to perform my



most difficult repertoire to date, Vieuxtemps' Violin Concerto No.5 in D minor, to well-received applause.

In July, I auditioned for and was accepted into the Orchestre de la Francophonie in Montreal for their entire summer season (July 4-Aug 14). This was an amazing opportunity to go to Montreal and work with Maestro Jean-Philippe Tremblay and many guest conductors.

We even recorded the debut recording of three works by the Canadian composer Airat Ichmouratov, including an hour long symphony written for us. I am looking forward to starting my fourth year of Music studies next month. Thanks again to the BC Interior Community Foundation for your support."

VINCE LEAVES A LEGACY

Vince O'Hara was a longtime resident and business owner in Kamloops. He was active in the Knights of Columbus and the Royal Canadian Legion (having crossed the Atlantic 18 times while in the Navy).

When planning his estate, he became familiar with the Kamloops Foundation, now the BC Interior Community Foundation, and the benefits of establishing an endowment fund.

With endowment funds, the principal is never touched, with just the interest and dividend revenue generated annually being available to support charitable organizations.

This fact caught his interest as a way he could leave a lasting legacy.

Vince pursued this idea as a method of helping organizations that meant a lot to him.

Unfortunately, prior to Vince's death

earlier this year, at the age of 95, his wife and all their siblings and their spouses had passed on. Due to these facts, he had decided to start the Vince O'Hara Fund with the foundation.

The fund came into existence upon his death, with an extremely generous donation of more than \$600,000.

Currently, the donation will generate close to \$24,000 annually, which will be split equally between four organizations

that were dear to Vince's heart.

The BC Interior Community Foundation invests the initial donation and then sees that the funds generated annually from this donation are distributed to the four organizations that Vince wanted to support each spring.

This procedure will go on year after year, leaving a lasting legacy for Vince O'Hara.

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- School District #73 Scholarship Bursary Funds
- Scouts Canada - Kamloops Area Fund
- Seniors and Heritage Fund
- Skeetchestn Community School Scholarship Bursary Fund
- Sk'elep School of Excellence Scholarship Bursary Fund
- Sons of Norway, Leif Erikson Lodge Fund
- South Kam Sec. Marc Lamothe Memorial Award
- South Kamloops Music Society Fund
- South Kamloops Secondary School Dry Grad 2012
- SPCA (Kamloops Branch Endowment Fund)
- St. Andrew's Caledonian Society Fund
- Telus Community Connections - Kamloops Fund
- The A.E. Perry Elementary - Brian Hitchens Scholarship Fund
- The Alan Newman Memorial Scholarship Fund

- The Boogie the Bridge Cultural Fund
- The Brocklehurst Secondary School - Pride Promotes Performance Fund
- The Camp Grafton Fund
- The Chris Gaffney Fund for Downtown Ministry
- The Dave Eburne Memorial Fund
- The David Mardon Memorial Fund
- The Dennis Hendsbee Fund
- The Don MacKenzie Memorial Fund
- The Edith Noble Memorial Fund
- The Harriett Fund
- The Heritage Fair Fund
- The Jacob Befurt Memorial Scholarship Fund
- The Kamloops North Rotary Fund
- The Kamloops North Shore Performing Arts Fund
- The Kamloops Seniors Citizens Housing Society Fund
- The Kamloops Seniors Citizens Housing Society Palliative Care Fund
- The Karl Grauer Memorial Fund

- The Kirsten Fund
- The Koslowski/Scarborough Fund
- The Kyle Price Memorial Scholarship
- The McQueen Lake Environmental Education Centre Fund
- The Murray/Bullock Fund
- The Music Fund (Pamela Hughes Memorial Fund)
- The Pat Behe and Stan Bennett First Nations Education Fund
- The Ross Dickson District Citizenship Award Fund
- The Sahali Secondary Scholarship Fund
- The Shana Megan Budnaryk Memorial Fund
- The Stollery Capacity Building Fund
- The Stollery Charitable Foundation Fund
- The Stollery Charitable Foundation Small Grants Fund
- The Stollery Foundation Administration Grant
- The Thompson Nicola Cariboo United Way Fund

- The Toby Love Memorial Award Fund
- The Westsyde Secondary School Legacy Fund
- The Westsyde Secondary School Music Fund
- The Youth Advisory Council Fund
- TNRD 70 Mile House and Area Community Fund
- Twin Rivers Education Fund
- Village of Lytton Community Fund
- Vincent Spina Scholarship Fund
- Wally Denault Memorial Scholarship Fund
- We Remember Fund (YAC)
- Wells Gray Park Fund
- Western Canada Theatre Company Endowment Fund
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- Women Helping Women
- World Curling Championship Fund
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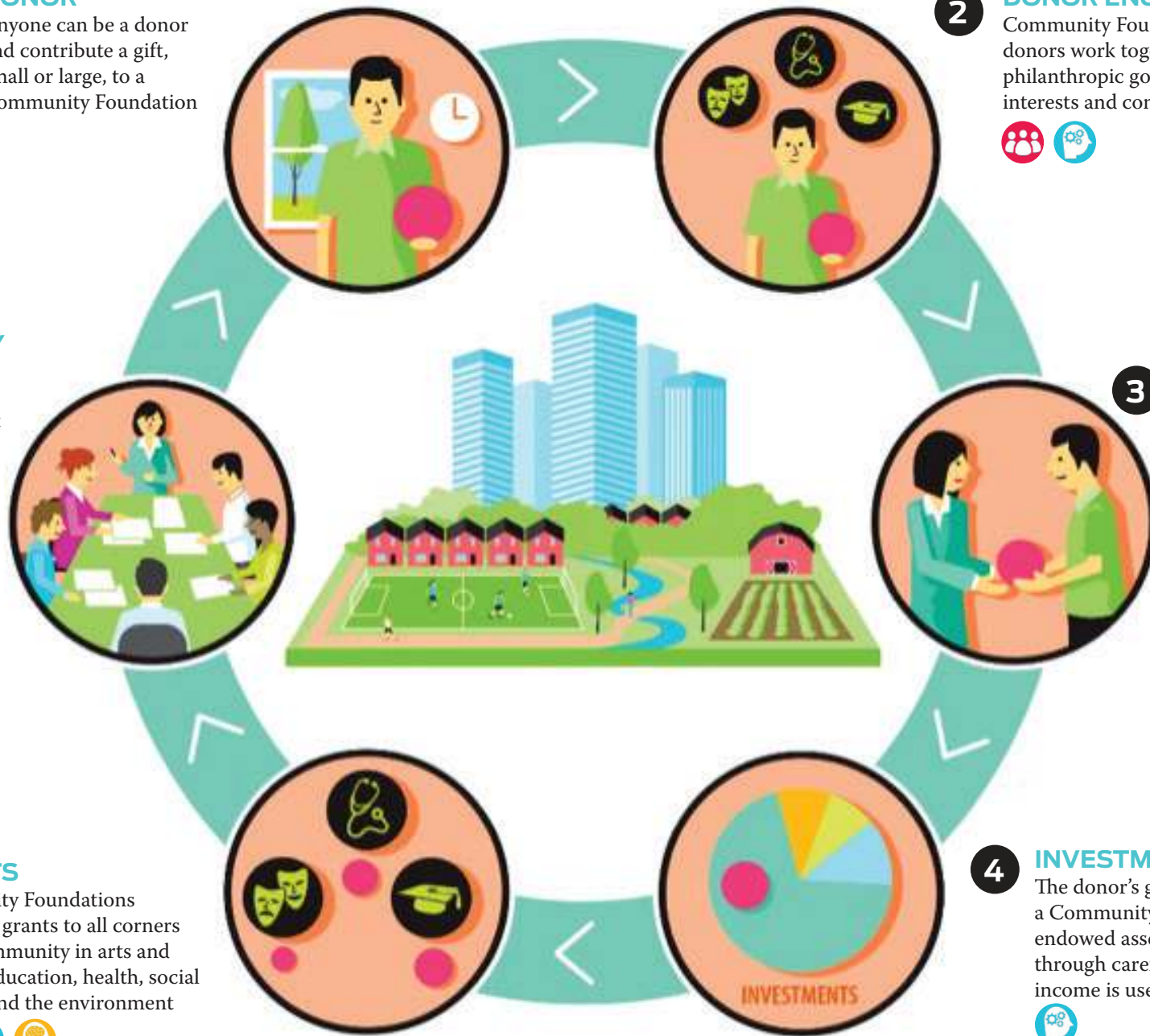
2 DONOR ENGAGEMENT
Community Foundations and donors work together to realize their philanthropic goals matching their interests and community needs.

6 COMMUNITY IMPACT
The Community Foundation invest in many ways - grants, building partnerships and pooling knowledge, resources and expertise to stimulate ideas and strengthen community.

3 MAKE A CONTRIBUTION
Community Foundations work with the donor to establish a new endowment fund or give to an existing fund

5 GRANTS
Community Foundations distribute grants to all corners of the community in arts and culture, education, health, social services and the environment

4 INVESTMENT
The donor's gift is pooled with a Community Foundation's endowed assets, invested through careful stewardship and income is used to make grants.



HOW ENDOWED GIVING WORKS

People with a philanthropic desire to give back to their community make a contribution to a community foundation. Then what happens?

Contributions are pooled and invested:

- The pooled investment grows through careful stewardship
- Income is generated and used to make grants, as directed by the donor
- Community foundations make sure donor wishes are fulfilled every year, now and forever

Endowment allows for continuous growth and giving

- Since the profit on the original investment is granted out to charities, it allows for continuous growth and giving, year after year from the original gift

WAYS TO GIVE

Give to an existing fund

Make a donation in support of community needs that are important to you. With almost 190 funds, you are able to support all areas of the community. We would be happy to guide you through the various options available. You may already have a preference and we would be pleased to honour your wishes.

Create a legacy fund

We work with you to establish a fund to fit your needs and honours your wishes. You may want your fund to benefit a particular Canadian charitable organization(s) that holds special meaning to you. You may want to support the community or region in general. You can also decide how involved you want to be with your fund.

Make a Memorial Donation

Recognize achievements or mark milestones with a donation to the Foundation in honour of someone.

Planning now for giving later

When you think about what will happen to your assets once you are gone, you can strengthen your community for your children, grandchildren and future generations. Planned giving ensures that those causes that matter most to you are realized in your estate planning. It may be as simple as naming the Community Foundation in your will; or you may wish to establish a fund today, with an option to add to it over your lifetime. We are happy to work with you and/or your professional advisor to ensure that your wishes are honoured.

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

There are also ways to give to the BC Interior Community Foundation at a later date.

Charitable Bequest

Gifts in wills allow you to make extraordinary gifts and to continue the charitable support you have given during your lifetime and for generations to come. This also provides a valuable tax savings to your estate. Please let us know if you have named the "BC Interior Community Foundation" in your Will and talk to us about your gift intentions. We will help ensure that your wishes are honoured.

Life Insurance

You can provide a sizeable future gift to the Foundation at an affordable current cost, without reducing what you give to family and friends through your estate. The BC Interior Community Foundation is named as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy and you designate the BC Interior Community Foundation as the irrevocable beneficiary or owner and beneficiary of your life insurance policy. The Foundation is able to provide you with an official receipt for income tax purposes for the premiums paid each year.

RRSP/RRIF/TFSA

Name the BC Interior Community Foundation as the beneficiary of your Registered Retirement Savings Plan, Registered Retirement Income Fund or TFSA while saving your estate from paying probate tax fees on the proceeds.

WHY CONTRIBUTE TO A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?



COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE
A deep understanding of local needs and opportunities



EXPERTISE
Community Foundations are credible stewards of assets with granting expertise



LEADERSHIP
Community Foundations are led by a volunteer board of directors comprised of knowledgeable community leaders