



ABBOTSFORD
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT
2019 YEAR AT A GLANCE



ABBOTSFORD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We Give Where We Live.

We serve Abbotsford by connecting donors with causes that matter to them.

Together, we build, invest and manage the gifts we have been given, for the long-term vitality of our community. We offer leadership and build bridges between the diverse groups that give our community life.

Because donations are pooled and invested, with the annual earnings being reinvested into Abbotsford, your gifts to the Abbotsford Community Foundation continue to make an impact for years to come.

Our Vision

Together, we build a stronger, more caring community.

Our Mission

To inspire philanthropy and develop partnerships by investing in people, projects, and programs to strengthen our community.

Our Definition of Success

To be an outstanding community leader and capacity builder in the not-for-profit sector, facilitated by a growing endowment, with a goal of \$20 million by 2020.

Our Strategic Priorities

Grow our endowment funds.
Deepen our impact through granting.
Raise our Foundation profile.

Our Values

Caring, engaged, responsible, trustworthy, accountable

“The Abbotsford Community Foundation is one of the best ways to give; it’s strong and it’s living, it’s alive and active!”
~ Vivian Trethewey

Put momentum behind your area of passion



INSPIRE. IMPACT. INVEST.

Abbotsford is a community with deep roots, great diversity, and an open and welcoming spirit. As people, we are more generous than anywhere else in Canada. Philanthropy exists in many ways, but the history of our organization speaks to commitment of sustainable generosity.

The Abbotsford Community Foundation was conceived by a series of initiating events that started with a substantial donation by the Trethewey family to the Matsqui Parks and Recreation Commission in 1978. In 2019, we are celebrating 40 years of giving in our community. We are an endowment based organization - what our donors generously give us, we pool, reinvest and the annual earnings are granted back to the community through our granting programs. Through the last four decades we have seen tremendous growth in our capital which has allowed us to support Abbotsford in many ways through grants and scholarships.

Since its inception, Abbotsford Community Foundation has granted more than \$11 million back into the community, which includes over \$5 million in student awards. It is the Foundation's goal to have at least \$20 million in our endowment funds by the year 2020. With your help, we will continue to grow our endowments so that we can further invest in our community, creating a lasting impact that will inspire future generations.

The Community Foundation Difference...

- 1** When you are **inspired** to give, you work with others who are also passionate about making Abbotsford the best it can be!
- 2** The **impact** of your gift will be felt across our community, both now and for years to come. We are stronger when we work together and we have a greater impact too!
- 3** When you **invest** your gift with us we pool it with other gifts and the annual earnings are used to make grants to the community.





Executive Director, Wendy Neufeld

What a great year 2019 was as we celebrated 40 years of giving in our community! There were so many highlights in this year of celebrating with our donors, volunteers and community supporters. We continued to build on our strategic goals which included raising the awareness of the tremendous impact the ACF has in our community. As we continue to grow in both our endowments and our grants to our caring community, we remain focused on working diligently to meet the strategic direction set by the Board of Directors. In 2019, our impact was felt throughout the community in a multitude of ways and this report touches on some of the key highlights. What a fantastic opportunity it is for me to lead this amazing organization as the Executive Director. We are so grateful for the dedicated volunteers who help us do what we do and especially to the ACF Board who continue to give of their time and talents to help us create an impact that will inspire future generations and set an even higher bar in our leadership role as the charity for charities.



Board Chair, Lorna Hart

2019 commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF); four decades of linking the needs of Abbotsford citizens with donors who give where they live - all of which started when Vivian and Alan Trethewey benevolently planted the seed money in 1978. Today we are an endowment-based organization. What our donors generously give us, we pool and reinvest, and the annual earnings are granted back to the community through our grants and scholarships. Through the last four decades we have seen significant growth in our capital which has allowed us to support Abbotsford in many ways. Since inception, Abbotsford Community Foundation has granted more than \$11 million back into our community, which includes over \$5 million in student awards. This year alone, we granted over half a million dollars to causes that matter to our donors.

ACF is very fortunate indeed to have more than 50 volunteers - in the form of 14 devoted Board members and 9 Board member-led, hard-working Committees - who, along with an amazing but small staff led by Executive Director Wendy Neufeld, continue to propel our Foundation forward. Most importantly we have an ever-growing list of donors who for 40 years have made our financial gifts possible. But our community's needs never go away and we continue to seek new donors.

It is through our donors, volunteers and staff that we will continue to grow our endowments so that we can continue to invest in our city. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who plays a role in helping ACF succeed!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Jackie Hogan
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1st Vice Chair; Chair - Community Grants



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FOUNDATION STAFF

Wendy Neufeld - Executive Director
Jean Vanderbyl - Financial Coordinator
Tricia Taylor - Admin & Awards Coordinator

Meaningful
community impact

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

2019 was a fantastic year; a year of celebrating our 40 years of giving in Abbotsford. We continued to build on the legacy the Foundation initially established in 1979. We engaged with new community partners as well as built on the established relationships we have fostered. We were able to increase awareness of our impact and inspire philanthropy to new heights in this amazing community.

Thanks to the support of our members and community partners, we were able to achieve the following milestones:



Hosted our annual **Donor Advisory Night** on April 4, 2019 for donors to select student award recipients



Held our third annual **What's Your Story Tea** on June 22, 2019 hosted by volunteer, Christine Wiebe



Held our **4th Annual Smart & Caring Golf Classic** on September 19, 2019, resulting in \$115,000 gross proceeds raised, allowing for the funding of 22 Starfish Backpacks to the Food Bank and \$45,000 being added to the capital of our Smart & Caring Community Endowment Fund

Held our **9th annual National Philanthropy Day** event at the Quality Inn on November 7, 2019, with keynote speaker Rick Hansen. Presented four awards to the following recipients:



Youth Philanthropy Award: 2019 recipient was **Samreet Makkar** for his leadership in organizing the Mental Health Awareness committee at his school and the BC Children's Hospital fundraiser which raised over \$30,000.



Business Philanthropy Award: 2019 recipient was **Innovative Fitness Abbotsford** for their generous community investment in Kidsport BC, Starfish Backpack Program, Run For Water and much more.



Volunteer of the Year Award: 2019 recipient was **Jake Dyck** for his long standing volunteer contributions to the Archway Food Bank and the Alexander School breakfast program.



School Group of the Year Award: New in 2019, the recipient was the **Character Crew** from Eugene Reimer Middle School for their work with the Terry Fox Run and support of the Archway Food Bank.

\$624,000

Total grants distributed directly into meaningful causes within Abbotsford in 2019

\$547,000

Total endowment gifts received in 2019

\$12,119,833

Total endowment capital, including seven new endowment funds in 2019

\$313,000

Granted to programs and projects, bringing the total amount granted since 1980 to \$12,295,000 including scholarships

\$311,000

Total scholarships and bursaries allocated to 325 students, bringing the total amount awarded since inception of the program in 1995 to \$5,339,000

\$1,000,000

Legacy Giving Pledges received partially through our What's Your Story program

2019 GRANTING HIGHLIGHTS

The Foundation's impact was felt this year with a total of **\$624,000** provided through grants in the following areas:

\$90,000

SMART & CARING COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Community Grants committee decides annually on the criteria for grant funding and for the past several years the focus has been on programs and projects for children and families at risk in Abbotsford. In 2019, the following 15 local charities received grants totalling **\$90,000**:

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| Abbotsford Arts Council | Jam-in-Jubilee |
| Abbotsford Youth Commission | Healthy Mind / Healthy Body |
| Abbotsford Hospice | Child & Youth Bereavement Support Program |
| Archway Community Services Food Bank | Starfish Backpack Program |
| Bakerview Music Academy Society | Classical Enhancement |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters | Mentoring for Mental Health |
| Cyrus Centre | Supported Enhanced Life Skills Program |
| Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association | Young at Arts |
| Heritage Abbotsford Society | Aboriginal Arts & Culture Day |
| INASMUCH Community Society | Refugee Claimant Community Support |
| Kidsport Abbotsford | Subsidized Amateur Sport Registration fees |
| L.I.F.E. Recovery Association | Family Suite Transformation |
| Literacy Matters Abbotsford | Fostering Literacy |
| UFV | Science Rocks Summer Camps |
| West Abbotsford Community School Society | Scamper (Summer Camp for Education & Recreation) |



\$74,200

AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

The Agricultural Enhancement Grants Program is a partnership between the City of Abbotsford and Abbotsford Community Foundation. In 2019, the Agricultural Grants committee established program criteria based on revitalization of unused or underutilized farmland in the Abbotsford Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) to increase capacity for food production. The following three organizations received grants totaling **\$74,200**:

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| FarmFolk CityFolk | Organic Seed Production Project |
| Field House Brewing Co. | Field House Farms Project |
| Holbrow Farms | Revitalization of ALR land |

\$15,000

ACF HOUSING GRANTS

In 2019, two local charities received grants totaling **\$15,000** for their respective programs helping the homeless community in Abbotsford:

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| Raven's Moon Society | Living 4 Change |
| Positive Living Fraser Valley Society | Housing Assistance Preparedness |

\$17,000

NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL GRANTS

These grants, in conjunction with the City of Abbotsford and the Vancouver Foundation, make it possible for small groups of volunteers to implement projects that bring people together for a common good, ranging from community safety programs, neighbourhood beautification, neighbourhood block BBQ's, community gardens, outdoor movie nights and similar community connection events. There were 50 applications and 21 approved projects, totaling **\$17,000**.

\$9,500

ANIMAL WELFARE GRANTS

Every fall, ACF is pleased to invite local animal welfare charities to submit proposals for the Mary Wakefield Animal Welfare Grant. The fund representatives review these applications and allocate the funds. In 2019, the following five organizations received funding for their various projects that benefit animals:

Elizabeth's Wildlife Centre	Under ground water lines to pre-release cages
Fraser Valley Humane Society	Trap and release spay/neuter project for feral cats
The British Columbia Conservation Foundation	Restore wild spotted owls population
Tiny Tales Pony Rescue Society	Shelter and Food costs
Senior Animals in Need Today Society	Repair shelter damages

\$122,000

DONOR DESIGNATED

DONOR ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds (DAF) allow you to make annual grant recommendations to the charity or charities of your choice. Each year, the donor chooses which cause the earnings on their endowment will go to. It is a tailored option for those looking to spread their gifts among many great options. The Abbotsford Community Foundation manages 16 Donor Advised Endowment Funds.

DONOR DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Donor Designated Endowment Funds are similar to the above DAF, but when the fund is initially set up, the recipient of the gift is chosen. While the DAF allows you to support a different charity each year, this type of Fund ensures that the causes you choose are funded well into the future as the money is consistently given to them on an annual basis. The Abbotsford Community Foundation manages 20 Donor Designated Endowment Funds.

AGENCY FUNDS

Agency Funds provide organizations with an annual source of income that helps them offer their programs and services that benefit our community. The Abbotsford Community Foundation manages 11 Agency Funds on behalf of other Abbotsford charities.



Reinvested back into
your neighbourhood

\$311,000

Student Awards Program

In 2019, the ACF Student Awards Program allocated **\$311,000** for 325 scholarships and bursaries for Abbotsford high school students attending post-secondary institutions.

STUDENT AWARD ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Abbotsford 2004 BC Summer Games
Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce
Abbotsford Community Foundation
Abbotsford Masonic Lodge #70
Abbotsford Rotary Club
Abby Senior Memorial Student
Access to All
Al Pauls Memorial
Allstar Mechanical Ltd.
Ashley Lowey Memorial
Beatrice Marchant Memorial
Beehive Rebekah Lodge #69
Bertram A. Bickford Memorial
Brent Wilson Memorial
Calder-Giacchini Memorial
Carole Rempel Memorial
Chris Dahl Memorial
Christine Caldwell Memorial - Arts
Chalk Spots Award
Citadel Club Ted Perry Memorial
Cst. John Davidson "Shine On" Memorial
Dallas Saunders Memorial
Douglas Ward McGimpsey Memorial
Dr. J. Muir Memorial
Eileen Hardbattle Memorial
Emily Haw Memorial
Eugene Reimer Memorial

Eveline Grace Hardy Memorial
Fandrigh Cone Harvesters
Frank Huston Memorial
Frieda T. Wiens Memorial
Friends of Abby/Reach for the Top
Geoff Cowell Memorial
Geoff Horner Memorial
Harry Sayers Memorial
Hartley & Roslin Lovick Memorial
James Fisher Memorial
Jerry Alamwala Memorial Agriculture
Jill Nelson Memorial
Jim Anderson Memorial
John A. & Muriel Murphy Memorial
Joshua Jensen Memorial
Judith Ratzlaff Memorial
Kari Bell Memorial
Katie McKenzie Memorial
Kody Ramsay "Inspirational"
Ledgeview Legacy
Leslie Forman Reg. Nurse Memorial
Let's Keep The Dream Alive
Main Chance
Marion de Wit Memorial
Mark Redekop Memorial
Mary Selby Memorial
Meghan Williams Memorial

Multicultural Diversity
Natasha Buttar Memorial
National High School Theatre
Pat & Dennis Healey-Science
Percy Darling Memorial
Rachel Thiessen Memorial
RHSS Social Innovation
Robert & Birgit Bateman
Robert Bateman Secondary Fine Arts/
Technology
Robert Bateman Secondary PAC
Sam Posthumous Memorial
Samuel & Isabella Gardner Memorial
Sean Phillips Memorial
Shane Travis Memorial
Spencer Lightburn Memorial
Tena Venema Memorial
Tom Lindsay Memorial
Tony Anning
Trevor Dueck Memorial
Vicky Bach Memorial
W.J. Mouat Grad
William J. Mouat Memorial
Yale Lions Excellence

Investing in the
leaders of tomorrow

ACF received the 2019
Community Matters Award from
the Abbotsford School District
for distributing more than
\$5,000,000 to 5,000 graduates.

Did you know?

ACF presently has 80 permanent student award endowment funds totaling \$4,663,553. These endowments have been established by community organizations, businesses, families and individuals to support student awards.

The minimum donation required to establish an endowment fund is \$10,000. However, a donor may start an emerging fund with a gift of \$3,000 with the understanding that if the fund does not reach \$10,000 within three years, the monies will go into the ACF Student Award Endowment Fund. The income generated on the capital of the endowment fund awards a scholarship in perpetuity to graduating students of the public and private secondary schools in Abbotsford that participate in the Program.

ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS

Below is the 2019 list of community organizations, businesses, families and individuals who have established annual awards with ACF. To participate in our annual student awards program, donors must agree to annually fund an award for a minimum of three years.

Abbotsford Career Fire Fighters IAFF Local 2864	Cal Mackintosh Memorial	KJ Longiye
Abbotsford Dental Group	Chalk Spots Award	Kevin Lloyd Memorial
Abbotsford District Retired Teachers Association	Cheryl McCormack	Letisha Reimer Legacy
Abbotsford Female Hockey Association	CIBC Wood Gundy	Lion's Leadership
Abbotsford Lions Club	City of Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service	Mamele'awt Aboriginal Education
Abbotsford Masters Basketball Association	Benevolent Society	Marcus Ortner - PREC
Abbotsford Minor Fastball Association	Cody Halfpenny Memorial	Medical Tower Drugs
Abbotsford Minor Hockey Association	Complete EyeCare Optometry	Mierau Contractors Ltd.
Abbotsford Music Educators	Douglas Gosling Memorial	Mt. Lehman Community Association
Abbotsford News	Dr. Arthur Phillip-Stewart Memorial	Peter Dobson Memorial Golf
Abbotsford Police Board	Ebisu Sushi	RDM Lawyers LLP
Abbotsford Police City Basketball Tournament	Elizabeth (Liz) Louwersheimer Memorial	RICOH Canada
Abbotsford Principals & Vice-Principals Association	Fraser Valley Auto Mall	Ritchie-Smith Feeds
Abbotsford Whalers Swim Club	Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Business Association	Rotary Club of Abbotsford - Matsqui
Aldergrove Credit Union	Fraser Valley Stage	Rotary Club of Abbotsford - Sumas
Aldergrove Royal Canadian Legion #265	Fraserway RV LP	Roy Andersen Memorial
ARHCC Medical Society	Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #2726	Roy Craven Memorial - APAC
ASIA North Poplar Alumni	GirlKIND Foundation	Royal Canadian Legion Br. #15
ASIA Sumas Mountain	Gregory Potocky Memorial	Run For Water Global Development
ASIA Sumas Mountain PAC	Groove Force Productions	Scott Gmur Memorial
Berry Industry	Hank Pankratz Memorial	Tri-Link Systems Inc.
Board of Education	Harris & Co.	Upper Sumas Women's Institute Valley
Business & Professional Women's Club	International Baccalaureate Diploma	Women's Network
	Jaymie-Lynn Robertson Memorial	Vandell
		Varing Marketing Group
		Yale Secondary PAC

COMMUNITY EVENTS

What's Your Story Tea

Our Legacy Stories program allows Abbotsford residents to leave both a financial and historical legacy to their community. In 2019, we held our third annual What's Your Story Tea, which was hosted by Christine Wiebe. This event celebrates with many wonderful women in our community as they share why they came to Abbotsford and what compelled them to stay. As a result of this and other outreach efforts, we continue to tell the legacy stories of many community members, such as Dave Kandal, George Ferguson and Spud Murphy to name a few. Residents can have their Abbotsford story featured on our website as well as on display in a leather-bound book at the Reach Gallery in Abbotsford.



Smart & Caring Golf Classic

Our 4th annual event was held at Ledgeview Golf Course on September 19th and was a resounding success! We were very pleased to host 132 golfers and guests, as well as having 50 corporate sponsors on board. This event raised over **\$115,000** with the net proceeds added to the capital of our Smart & Caring Community Endowment Fund, which helps local charities for their programs focused on children and families at risk, in perpetuity.

National Philanthropy Day Lunch & Awards

ACF was honored to have Rick Hansen, also known as the Man in Motion, as the keynote speaker for the 2019 National Philanthropy Day Lunch & Awards Ceremony. The sold-out audience was inspired, moved to tears, entertained with stories of Rick's adventures during the Man In Motion World Tour that began in 1985 right here in BC and had the opportunity to meet Rick after his talk. Rick spoke often of the work of the ACF and the impact the ACF has had in Abbotsford, a place Rick lived and attended school. Abbotsford is the leading community for per capita giving in the country! This event was attended by more than 190 donors and guests from the business and non-profit sectors of Abbotsford.

We were pleased to present four philanthropy awards this year: The Alan and Vivian Trethewey Youth Philanthropy Award, the Business Philanthropy Award, the Volunteer of the Year Award and the School Group of the Year Award. Each recipient received a signed copy of Rick Hansen's commemorative book of the 30th anniversary of the Man in Motion tour as well as \$500 to donate to the charity of their choice.



40th Anniversary Donor Reception + Charity Grants Presentation

On May 30th, more than 100 donors, volunteers, community leaders and long-term supporters of the ACF gathered at The Reach Gallery Museum to celebrate our 40th anniversary of giving in Abbotsford. Seventeen charities were presented with a total of \$104,000 in grants. Each charity provided a summary on how these grants will increase care and support across a broad spectrum of organizations supporting children and families at risk in our community.





NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Many Ways Home Housing Society Fund

The purpose of this Fund is to support the Abbotsford Homelessness Prevention & Response System and specifically as their operations pertain to Housing with Abbotsford Rental Connect (HARC) and the purposes of Many Ways Home Housing Society. The objective is to increase the capacity of safe, affordable and sustainable housing for those who have become homeless or are at risk of homelessness and to provide wraparound supports to foster social and economic inclusion that will ultimately maintain the health and well-being of the participants and contribute to a healthy community.

Peter & Carole Keighley Animal Welfare Fund

Peter & Carole Keighley have established this fund with a long term goal to support the Fraser Valley Humane Society in their work. The FVHS provides a temporary home and veterinary care for stray or abandoned cats. All of their cats and kittens receive veterinary exams, series of deworming and flea treatments, are spayed/neutered, receive permanent identification (tattoo or microchip), vaccinated, fed a high-quality diet specific to their individual needs, socialized and receive TLC prior to becoming available for adoption.

Tena Venema Memorial Endowment in Education

Tena Venema was an educator at Abbotsford Christian School for many years as well as in Vancouver, Bolivia and Sach's Harbour in the Inuvik region of the Northwest Territories. She was a compassionate community volunteer who believed strongly in caring for people in marginalized and underserved populations. Her family has established the Tena Venema Memorial Endowment in Education to annually recognize a student graduating from an Abbotsford high school that is interested in pursuing studies in the Arts and/or wishes to become a teacher or a mental health professional in the Fraser Valley community.

Hurricanes Vaisakhi Educational Scholarship

The Rhythm & Roots Club was established in 2019. Rhythm & Roots promotes caring, culture, service and good citizenship. The recipient of this award is a Grade 12 student attending Rick Hansen Secondary who has achieved an academic standard of 73% average or higher in all courses from grade 11 & 12. They must also provide an outline of their future goals and their community service.

Elizabeth (Liz) Louwersheimer Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Anne (Liz) Louwersheimer was a much-loved teacher in Abbotsford known for her faith, hope, and love in both her personal and her professional life. She had a tremendous spirit and was committed to bettering the lives and the education of students and youth who struggled with mental health challenges. Liz taught in alternate education at ACE and later Bakerview Centre for Learning. She obtained her master's degree in Counselling Psychology in 2006, worked for a period in Child and Youth Mental Health in Abbotsford and as a school counsellor at Bakerview. She ended her career as the teacher at the Adolescent Day Treatment Program. Liz made a significant impact, helping many youth and their families to find hope once again, and bringing out the best in her students. In memory of Liz's tremendous contribution, this award has been created by her family and colleagues.

Emily Haw Memorial Scholarship

Emily Haw was an amazing young woman whose strength of character, incredible courage, deep compassion and dedication to helping others inspired all who knew her. She attended Yale Secondary, and excelled in academics and sports including cross country, track and field, and competitive figure skating. Emily had a contagious energy, a warm open heart, enthusiasm for life, and she was always up for an adventure. Her kindness and bravery radiated in her passion and enjoyment of her leadership class and the charitable activities that were so important to her. This award was established in memory of Emily Haw, who left us at age 17, by her parents, brother, her friends and classmates of Yale Secondary. Its purpose is to help and inspire deserving students from Yale Secondary who present qualities reminiscent of Emily's; kindness, community service, academic achievement, and the desire to attend a post-secondary institution.

Patricia Huston Memorial Scholarship

As a family, Roy, Maureen, Ryan and Ron established this award in memory of their mother, Patricia Huston. Pat was born and lived her entire life in Abbotsford, daughter of Winford and Kathleen Fadden, a Sumas Prairie pioneer family. Education was very important as Pat, her mother, daughters-in law and granddaughters have all taught locally. This award is granted annually to a student continuing post-secondary education and pursuing a degree in teaching.



IMPACTING LIVES.

BELLA'S STORY

Imagine for a second that you are a grade 2 student who has just finished a grueling year of school. It was a tough year. You just could not figure out how to read. As June is approaching, you are told that because of your inability to read, you must go back to school and attend several more weeks of summer school - three hours a day of academics during what are supposed to be the best weeks of summer.



This was going to be the story for Bella Olson, until her teachers and parents found out about Scamper.

Scamper, Summer Camp for Education and Recreation, is a FREE, 5 week, 7 hour per day, summer camp provided to 30 students in Abbotsford. It is hosted by Abby Community School Society. At time of writing, it will be running for the 17th year. It is designed for students who are struggling with literacy. The camp has teachers and instructors working with kids in a 1:6 group ratio for quality tutoring. The program teaches literacy in the mornings when the kids' minds are the sharpest, followed by recreational activities, parent/child reading time, and finally, amazing field trips on Thursdays. The philosophy of the program is to combine literacy education and recreation to ensure that the child has an enjoyable experience and associates literacy with a positive experience. This usually results in wholehearted participation in the camps and increased literacy scores to the required levels. They're doing all this while having lots of fun!



Bella was one of the lucky kids to be accepted into the program and she had one of the greatest summers of her life with major improvements in her literacy! Let the pictures speak for themselves. The program was made possible by the generous grants and donations from Abbotsford Community Foundation, Literacy Matters Abbotsford & Decoda, Community Gaming, School District 34, and Canada Summer Jobs.



What's Your Story?

Whether your family moved here five years ago or 100 years ago makes no difference. You have a story about how you or your family got here and why.

Your story tells us what's important to you and to your family. It tells us what you value and how your life reflects your values.

We'd love to hear your story, and especially how we can work together as **community builders** by aligning your **philanthropic vision** with the **community's needs**.



FORTY YEARS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Abbotsford Community Foundation was conceived with a substantial donation by the Trethewey family to the Matsqui Parks and Recreation Commission in 1978.

The directors of the Commission at the time felt that the sizable donation could have a much longer effect on the community if it was invested in perpetuity, and revenues from the investment spent annually, pursuant to the intent of the donors. With the passing of time, this inspirational vision took root with the larger community, and the Abbotsford Community Foundation experienced steady asset growth. This came about through the generosity of thousands of people in the community, as well as the establishment of several special funds by other not-for-profit groups and special interest organizations within the area.

Granting History ● Cumulative Grants

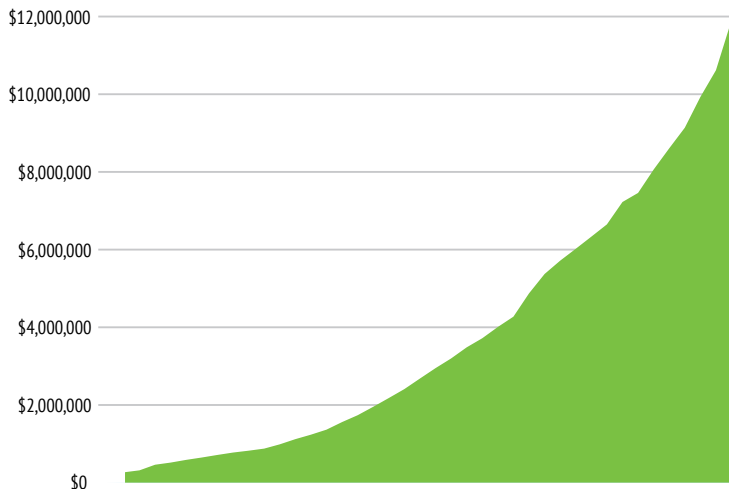


Figure 1 - The cumulative effect of annual grants reinvested into the community.

Endowed Asset Growth

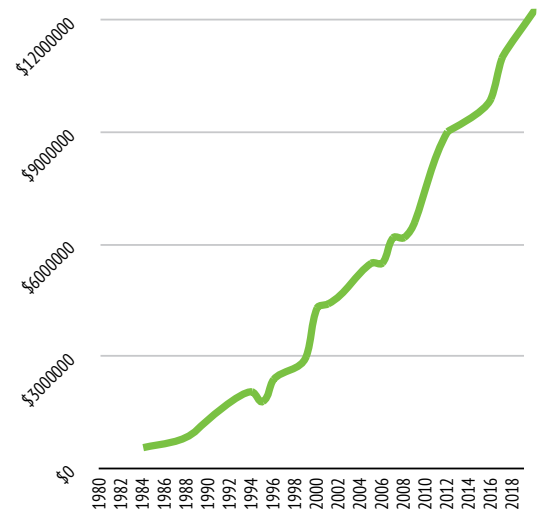


Figure 2- Steady growth of the ACF endowment.



2019 **Abbotsford's**
VitalSigns®

IMPACT FOR TOMORROW

The Abbotsford Community Foundation adapts its granting to the evolving needs of the community. One of the ways we do that is through a **Vital Signs** report.

Vital Signs is a national program led by community foundations and coordinated by Community Foundations of Canada that aims to inspire civic engagement and provide focus for public debate in our communities and around the world. Having an understanding of what's happening at the community level helps the Abbotsford Community Foundation to make effective granting decisions, and helps our local charitable, service, and government agencies to do the same. Find the full report on our website at www.abbotsfordcf.org.

WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT?

Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF) gives individual donors, family foundations, businesses and charitable organizations a number of ways to fulfill their philanthropic objectives while supporting the well-being of our community.

We believe that by strengthening the gifts, assets and capacity of individuals and groups, we strengthen our community. We specialize in building endowment funds, where the capital is not touched, and uses the fund's earnings to support the ever-changing needs of our community.

In its simplest form, giving involves donating money to your favorite cause or organization, so that you can impact others in a positive way. No matter how often you give, the majority of donors approach giving on a spur-of-the-moment fashion rather than looking at it strategically or holistically.

We want to challenge that paradigm. We help strategically focus your philanthropy by designing creative, tax-smart and well-informed giving strategies, and helping you decide on where and how to channel your giving to maximize a return on your investment.

1 First, choose a cause you're passionate about:



2 Then, choose how you want to help:

- **Current Needs:** Ensure our responsive community grants support the changing needs and emerging opportunities of Abbotsford
- **Favourite Charity:** Support a charity or charities close to your heart
- **Scholarships and Bursaries:** Help deserving students realize their post-secondary education dreams
- **Programs and Projects that you choose:** Work with ACF staff to plan an active role in your grant-making

3 START TODAY

All gifts, no matter the size, go to work to create a stronger, more caring community. We appreciate your generosity!

There are many ways that we can facilitate your gifting. If you require further information or would like to discuss any of the options indicated below, please contact us at 604-850-3755 or via email at info@abbotsfordcf.org.

GIFTS OF CASH

You can make a gift of cash that can be added to an existing fund, or establish a fund for a designated purpose or charity. These gifts can also be made online at www.abbotsfordcf.org.

GIFTS OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES

Donors who gift appreciated securities can reduce capital gains to zero and still have an income tax receipt to offset taxes on other income.

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Designate a specific gift or portion of your estate to the ACF. You can provide a legacy gift and the donation receipt can be used to offset the taxes payable by your estate.

LIFE INSURANCE

You can designate the Abbotsford Community Foundation to receive a portion or all of the proceeds from your life insurance policy, reducing taxes payable on your estate. Or you can transfer the policy into the name of ACF and receive tax receipts for any premiums paid during your lifetime.

RRSP, RRIF OR TFSA

You can designate ACF as the beneficiary towards a specific fund and receive significant tax benefits.

GIFTS OF REAL PROPERTY

Individuals may donate their home or other real estate. You can donate your house and receive a tax credit and be able to continue living in your house for as long as you want.



How Can We help?

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