



ABBOTSFORD
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT
2020 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.



Executive Director, Wendy Neufeld

2020 is a year for the record books in so many ways. Who would have thought as we ushered in a new year on December 31, 2019 that life would change so dramatically for so many just a short time later in March. Despite many challenging moments, 2020 was an amazing year that brought so many unique opportunities to the ACF. We had a **record year for granting** and we were able to help many of our charity partners at a time when they needed us the most. I am overcome daily at the generosity of our community and all through 2020 our donors and supporters stepped in to help whenever and wherever they could. Our Board and committee volunteers worked extra hard to lead and help deliver our programs. Our staff went above and beyond to manage the additional workflow and together we helped build a stronger, more caring community in the face of many difficulties. In 2020, **our impact was felt throughout the community** in a multitude of ways and this report touches on some of the key highlights. I am so grateful to have the privilege of leading this amazing organization as the Executive Director. Thank you to all of our donors and committed 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.

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 Strategic Priorities

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

Our Values

Caring, engaged, responsible, trustworthy, accountable

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 a 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. 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 over \$12 million back into the community, which includes over \$5 million in student awards. 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.





Board Chair, Andrea Senft

2020 commemorated the 41st anniversary of the Abbotsford Community Foundation (ACF), and what a year it was. I could write a lot of things about the devastating effects of COVID-19 on our community, but I am choosing to write about the impact that ACF has had in supporting our community in a year that none of us could have imagined or prepared for.

Although there was no handbook for any of us on how to navigate through a pandemic, through the help of so many ACF was able to distribute a record amount of funding to support our community. You can find the distribution numbers on pages 5-9 of this report. They are nothing short of amazing.

This work is a highlight of four decades of linking the needs of Abbotsford citizens with donors who give where they live, all of which was started by Vivian and Alan Trethewey benevolently planting the seed money in 1978.

Since its inception, Abbotsford Community Foundation has granted more than **\$12 million** back into our community, which includes over **\$5 million** in scholarships and bursaries for Abbotsford students.

None of this work could happen without an ever-growing list of donors, who for 41 years have, through their financial gifts, made this possible. With the growing needs of our community, we continue to seek new donors to help us continue to do what we do best: Give where we live. To each donor, we say thank you.

I would also like to thank the staff and community volunteers that make the above work happen. ACF is very fortunate to have more than 50 volunteers that includes 14 devoted Board members and 9 Board member-led, hard-working committees who, along with an exceptional staff, led by Executive Director Wendy Neufeld, continue to strive for excellence in every way.

A thank you does not feel strong enough to truly acknowledge how we feel about all of those who play a role in ACF's success! 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. Beginning with Vivian and Alan Trethewey planting those seeds in 1978, I don't think anyone could have ever imagined the significant and vital role that the Abbotsford Community Foundation now plays in our community.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Wendy Neufeld - Executive Director

Jean Vanderbyl - Financial Coordinator

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Meaningful
community impact

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

If ever there was a year to show the true impact of a community foundation, it was amidst the challenges of 2020. 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:



Held our **5th Annual Smart & Caring Golf Classic** on September 17, 2020 at Chilliwack Golf Club resulting in a record-breaking **\$110,000** gross proceeds raised including the funding of 19 Starfish Backpacks for Archway Community Services.

Held our 10th annual **National Philanthropy Day** event in partnership with the University of the Fraser Valley at the Clarion Hotel on November 16, 2020 featuring keynote speaker Angus Reid. Presented three awards to the following recipients:



Youth Philanthropy Award: Mia Gill for her dedication to raising awareness about important issues including the creation of a support group for youth struggling with mental health issues and the promotion of multicultural art education to children.



Business Philanthropy Award: Clearbrook Iron Works for their generous support of multiple charitable organizations including raising more than \$300,000 for the Crystal Gala Foundation and encouraging philanthropy by matching funds raised by their employees, friends and suppliers.



Volunteer of the Year Award: Lorissa Arndt for her outstanding commitment over more than 15 years to volunteering within Abbotsford, including helping at-risk youth and those facing addiction.

\$1,294,000

Total grants distributed directly into meaningful causes within Abbotsford in 2020

\$1,344,451

Total endowment gifts received in 2020

\$13,454,824

Total endowment capital, including four new endowment funds in 2020

\$363,000

Granted to programs and projects, bringing the total amount granted since 1980 to \$12,535,717 including scholarships

\$1,500,000

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

\$330,000

Total scholarships and bursaries allocated to 340 students, bringing the total amount awarded since inception of the program in 1995 to \$5,679,000

\$422,000

Granted in 2020 specifically for COVID-19 response initiatives



2020 GRANTING HIGHLIGHTS

The Foundation's impact was inspiring this year with almost **\$1,300,000** provided through grants and scholarships in the following areas:

\$95,646

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 2020, the following 15 local charities received grants totalling **\$95,646**:

Abbotsford Restorative Justice	Family Support for At-Risk Youth & Families
Abbotsford Youth Commission	Healthy Me / Healthy We
Archway Community Services	CALM Parenting for Dads
Archway Community Services Food Bank	Starfish Backpacks
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Mentoring for Mental Health
Board of Education	Christmas Hampers
City Dream Centre Society	Backpacks for school supplies
Fraser Valley Aboriginal Children & Family Services Society	Life Skills for Children and Youth
Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association	Young at Arts
Fraser Valley Child Development Centre	Family Enrichment Counselling Program
Fraser Valley Child Development Centre	Melvin's Messages and Brain Builders
Fraser Valley Healthcare Foundation	EPI - Yoga & Art Therapy Wellness Program
Many Ways Home Housing Society	Housing through Abbotsford Rental Connect (HARC)
Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)	Fraser Valley Rental Assistance Project (FVRAP); Single Parent Fund
Abby Community School Society	Scamper (Summer Camp for Education & Recreation)



\$88,500

AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

The Agricultural Enhancement Grants Program is a partnership between the City of Abbotsford and Abbotsford Community Foundation. In 2020, the Agricultural Grants committee established program criteria with a focus on innovation supporting new technologies in agriculture that demonstrate an environmental and sustainability component. The following two organizations received grants totaling **\$88,500**:

Eleos Robotics, Inc - The only fully autonomous weeding bot to pilot in Abbotsford
Lower Mainland Horticultural Improvement Association - Economic Tools for Innovation in Raspberry Breeding



\$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 small scale projects that reduce social isolation experienced through COVID -19 health orders. Some of the successful projects were Sewing Masks, Christmas Cheer for Seniors and Yoga for a Healthy Community. There were 31 approved projects totaling **\$17,000**.



Reinvested back into
your neighbourhood

\$122,340

INVESTMENT READINESS PROGRAM

ACF is uniquely positioned to bring grant funding to our community which helps to deepen our impact and invest in the future. In 2020, we did just that with a partnership between Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada to launch a funding opportunity for social enterprise projects in the Not-for-Profit Sector. There were two rounds of funding, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. In total, we were able to help seven diverse & local organizations with **\$122,340** in funding as they endeavor to strengthen their sustainability through new revenue streams.

\$10,000

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 to charities that help animals. In 2020, the following 5 organizations received combined funding totalling **\$10,000** for their various projects that benefit animals.

Abbotsford Police Foundation
BC Conservation Foundation
Circle F Horse Rescue Society
Fraser Valley Humane Society
Paws for Hope Animal Foundation

Retirement program for police dogs
Endangered spotted owls program
Rehabilitation, health & feed for horses
Veterinary care for orphaned and sick cats
Help for vulnerable families so they can access veterinary care

\$315,000

EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

COVID-19 had a significant impact on the charitable sector in 2020. 31 local charities were supported with grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000 in support of their COVID-19 responses to our most vulnerable citizens through the Emergency Community Support Fund, a partnership between the Government of Canada, Community Foundations of Canada and the Abbotsford Community Foundation.

\$107,250

ABBOTSFORD COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

When the pandemic hit our community in March, the ACF responded with immediate support for charitable organizations by providing \$30,000 in emergency funding to be distributed equally to four of the local agencies that provide shelter and food services for the most vulnerable people in our community. We challenged the community to consider donating to the fund with the goal of raising an additional \$30,000 in matching donations. We were amazed at the response and support that we received and in total we were able to raise over \$107,000! The Vancouver Foundation provided a special grant of \$30,000 which we distributed as additional COVID-19 emergency supports to UFV – Student Food Bank, Abbotsford School District – Fuel Up program, The 5 and 2 Ministries – meal program for the homeless community and SARA for Women for the Warm Zone.

The four charities that initially received funding were Archway Food Bank, Cyrus Centre, SARA for Women, and The Salvation Army.

\$330,000

STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM

In 2020, the ACF Student Awards Program allocated **\$330,000** for 340 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.
Bass Family Scholarship
Beatrice Marchant Memorial
Beehive Rebekah Lodge #69
Bertram A. Bickford Memorial
Brent Wilson Memorial
Calder-Giacchini Memorial
Carole Rempel Memorial
Chris Dahl Memorial
Chalk Spots Award
Citadel Club Ted Perry Memorial
Cst. John Davidson "Shine On" Memorial
Dallas Saunders Memorial
Darlene Gottschalk Memorial
David Shore Memorial
Douglas Ward McGimpsey Memorial
Dr. J. Muir Memorial
Eileen Hardbattle Memorial
Elizabeth (Liz) Anne Louwersheimer Memorial
Emily Haw Memorial

Erin Burgess Memorial
Eugene Reimer Memorial
Eveline Grace Hardy Memorial
Fandrich Cone Harvesters
Frank Huston Memorial
Fraser Valley Brain Injury – John Simpson
Frieda T. Wiens Memorial
Friends of Abby/Reach for the Top
Geoff Cowell Memorial
Geoff Horner Memorial
Harry Sayers Memorial
Hartley & Roslin Lovick Memorial
Hurricanes Vaisakhi Educational
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"
Ledgview Legacy
Leslie Forman Reg. Nurse Memorial
Let's Keep The Dream Alive
Main Chance
Marion de Wit Memorial
Mark Redekop Memorial

Mary Selby Memorial
Multicultural Diversity
Natasha Buttar Memorial
National High School Theatre
Pat & Dennis Healey-Science
Patricia Huston Memorial
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 Memorial
Trevor Dueck Memorial
Vicky Bach Memorial
William A & Violet Mercer Memorial
WJ. Mouat Grad
William J. Mouat Memorial
Yale Lions Excellence
Yvonne Potter Memorial

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.



ACF presently has 91 permanent student award endowment funds totaling \$4,554,112. 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 Student Awards Program.

ANNUAL STUDENT AWARDS

Below is the 2020 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
Abbotsford Dental Group
Abbotsford District Retired Teachers
Association Abbotsford Female Hockey
Association Abbotsford Lions Club
Abbotsford Masters Basketball Association
Abbotsford Minor Fastball Association
Abbotsford Minor Hockey Association
Abbotsford Music Educators
Abbotsford News
Abbotsford Police Board
Abbotsford Principals & Vice-Principals Association
Abbotsford Whalers Swim Club
Abby Grad 1968
Aldergrove Credit Union
Aldergrove Royal Canadian Legion #265
ASIA Sumas Mountain
ASIA Sumas Mountain PAC
Badesha & Associates
Beant Singh Dhaliwal Memorial
Berry Industry

Board of Education
Business & Professional Women's Club
Chalk Spots Award
Cheryl McCormack
CIBC Wood Gundy
City of Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service
Benevolent Society
Cody Halfpenny Memorial
Complete EyeCare Optometry
Douglas Gosling Memorial
Ebisu Sushi
Fraser Valley Auto Mall
Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Business Association
Fraser Valley Stage Memorial
Fraserway RV LP
GirlKIND Foundation
Gregory Potocky Memorial
Harris & Co.
International Baccalaureate Diploma
Jaymie-Lynn Robertson Memorial
Joyce Primrose Memorial
Kerkhoeff Technologies Scholarship

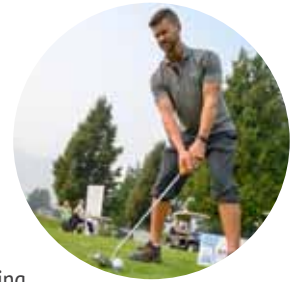
Kevin Lloyd Memorial
Legacy Productions
Lion's Leadership
Mamele'awt Aboriginal Education
Marcus Ortnier - PREC
Medical Tower Drugs
Mierau Contractors Ltd.
Mt. Lehman Community Association
Overlanders Manufacturing
Peter Dobson Memorial Golf
RDM Lawyers LLP
RICOH Canada
Rotary Club of Abbotsford - Matsqui
Rotary Club of Abbotsford - Sumas
Roy Craven Memorial - APAC
Run For Water Global Development
Scott Gmur Memorial
The Honda Way
Tri-Link Systems Inc.
Upper Sumas Women's Institute
Valley Women's Network
Varing Marketing Group

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Smart & Caring Golf Classic

Our 5th Annual Smart and Caring Golf Classic, held on September 17, 2020 at Chilliwack Golf Club was one of most successful events, raising more than **\$110,000** with the net proceeds added to the capital of our Smart & Caring Community Endowment Fund. This fund is designed to help local charities supporting children and families at risk in our community.



Adhering to pandemic health protocols, we hosted 108 golfers and 42 corporate sponsors who enjoyed a sunny day of golf and on course fun while raising funds that will provide grants to our charity partners, now and forever.

National Philanthropy Day Lunch & Awards



We held our 10th Annual National Philanthropy Day Luncheon and Awards Ceremony in partnership with the University of the Fraser Valley on November 16, 2020 at the Clarion Hotel. As we were restricted to 50 in-person attendees, the event was live-streamed and broadcast on our website to more than 100 participants virtually.

Angus Reid, 3-time all-star, 2-time Grey Cup Champion and 5-time BC Lions team captain was our keynote speaker. His inspirational presentation focused on the importance of having an 'attitude of gratitude' as he shared personal stories, acknowledging the coaches and mentors who were influential in his rise to success.

Awards were given in three categories: The Alan & Vivian Trethewey Youth Philanthropy Award to Mia Gill, the Business Philanthropy Award to Clearbrook Iron Works and the Volunteer of the Year Award to Lorissa Arndt. Each winner received \$500 to donate to the charity of their choice.



COVID-19 Response

2020 was an unforgettable year with the charitable sector facing unprecedented challenges. Many of our traditional means of connecting with our community were not available to us due to restrictions on gatherings and in-person events. With the world facing so many unknowns, one thing remained clear for us and that was our responsibility to support our community.

In April, we responded with immediate support for charitable organizations by establishing the **Abbotsford COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund** and contributing the initial \$30,000 to be distributed equally to four of the local agencies that provide shelter and food services for the some of our most vulnerable citizens. With an additional contribution from the Vancouver Foundation of \$30,000, we challenged the community to help and were amazed when a further \$47,000 was raised through donations. In total, seven local organizations immediately benefitted by receiving more than \$107,000 in grants, which aided their frontline response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS



Richard & Helen Randle Endowment Fund

Richard & Helen Randle moved to Abbotsford after retiring in the late 90s. Helen had a passion for youth education, especially language skills, and volunteered her time at several schools in Abbotsford and Ontario. Richard had a long career in Canada's Armed Forces. He passed away in August of 2006. Several years after Richard's death, Helen moved back to Ontario to be closer to family & friends. Helen passed away in March of 2020.

Richard & Helen had successfully accumulated substantial investments as well as pension benefits that were in surplus to their modest lifestyle. A financial planning review determined they had assets in excess of any potential need during their lifetimes. They sought ways to benefit the community and save income taxes and eventually decided to use a life insurance policy to create a significant legacy, while reducing taxable income during their lifetimes. They especially cared about services for seniors, music & art and youth education and set up this fund to support these key areas of community need.

Vandell Student Award Endowment Fund

This award is in memory of Rodger Waddell, a former employee of the Abbotsford School District. It was set up to assist a student who intends to pursue a career in the areas of speech/language sciences and/or special education.

Chad Driediger Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Chad's family to honor his legacy. Chad lived most of his life in Abbotsford and graduated from Abbotsford Senior Secondary. He excelled in all sports and was a fierce competitor and a dedicated athlete. His teammates always looked up to him for his unbelievable dedication to sports and his athletic ability. Chad passed away in 2016 at the age of 44.

Linda Marie (Busch) Jacobsen Memorial Scholarship

Linda Jacobsen was born in Port Coquitlam to a large family and was the oldest of 9 children. Linda had a keen love of learning which was evident in all that she did. She was determined to push past barriers and had a particular love of anything to do with science. She was a self-taught culinary artist and she shared her love of food with her children, teaching them early on how to bake and cook. Linda passed away suddenly in 2020 from lung cancer and her daughter, Tricia started this award in the hopes to help students reach their dreams and to celebrate her love of learning.

"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



IMPACTING LIVES



TIMELY FUNDING FOR TABOR VILLAGE

The pandemic has had a negative impact on the mental health of seniors. No one knows this better than the staff and residents at Tabor Village, who unfortunately experienced one of the province's largest COVID-19 outbreaks. However, thanks to a grant from the Emergency Community Support Fund, Tabor Village was able to purchase laptops and robotic pets for complex care and assisted living tenants.

This new technology helped to strengthen connections for seniors who are experiencing an increase in isolation. \$20,000 was invested to fund Tabor Village so they could help their senior residents cope with the impacts of COVID-19 and stay connected to their families.

Tabor Village had this to say about the impact of this funding:

"These new furry friends of ours are making a big difference in the lives of older adults here at Tabor Village. Animal therapy is a very real form of therapy that has tremendous positive impact on mental health and well-being. These furry companions are making for brighter days and bigger smiles for seniors living at Tabor Village!"

"The best therapist has fur and four legs." - Disha Patani

In addition, a grant was provided to **Archway Food Bank** for their Senior Delivery Program. This program provides food delivery directly to the doorstep of those who are 60+ in our community and have mobility restrictions. In part because of funding from the ECSF, Archway Food Bank was able to add more seniors to their delivery list as they expanded their volunteer capacity.

The work did not stop there! Archway Food Bank heard about how the COVID-19 outbreak at Tabor Village was disrupting the food distribution to senior residents. This is when they got in touch with the staff at Tabor Manor and were able to provide their residents with 2 weeks worth of lunches at a time when they needed it most. Archway Food Bank was able to act quickly and generously as a result of funding from the ECSF and other sources of funding from the community of Abbotsford.



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**.



OVER FORTY YEARS OF 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

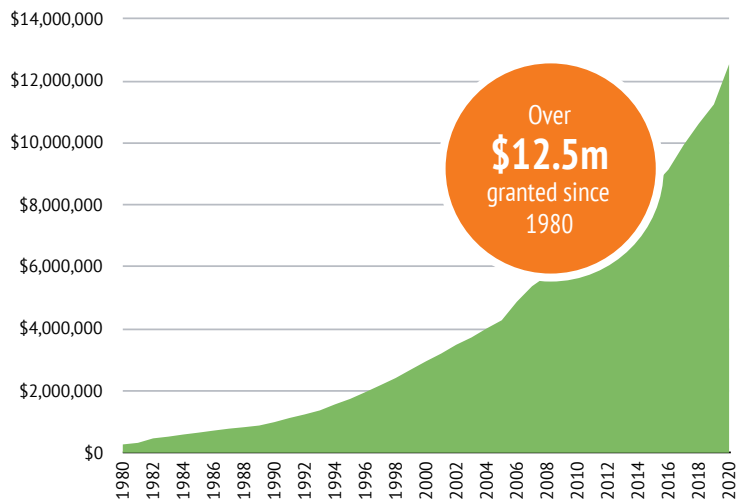


Figure 1 - The cumulative effect of annual grants reinvested into the community.

Endowed Asset Growth

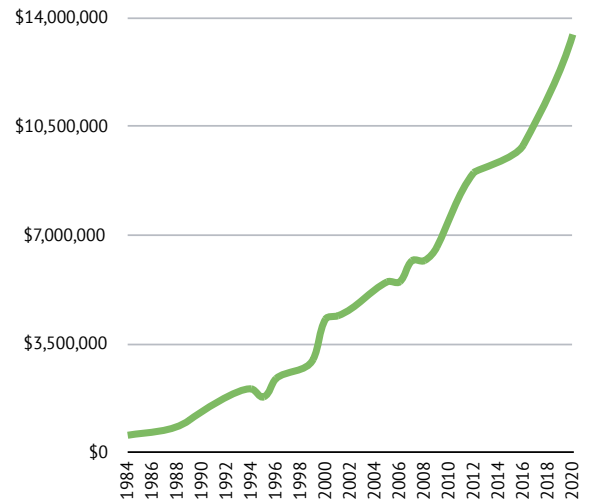


Figure 2- Steady growth of the ACF endowment.



2019 **Abbotsford's**
Vital Signs®

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?

We're here to help magnify the impact of your giving goals! Not sure where to start though? Wendy Neufeld would love to sit down, hear your story, and help you have a lasting impact!

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