

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



COLUMBIA VALLEY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FOR GOOD. FOR COMMUNITY. FOREVER.

ABOUT THE CVCF

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation is a registered charitable organization that focuses on the connection between donors and community needs with the vision of enriching lives in the Columbia Valley.

Made possible by the generosity of our donors, we support projects, initiatives, and organizations in the Columbia Valley through grant funding. These financial resources benefit a broad spectrum of community needs ranging from literacy to environmental to youth opportunities and beyond.



Wendy Booth | Thiloma Hofer
Chair | Executive Director

MESSAGE from the FOUNDATION

We live in community that is exceptional in its natural beauty and the generosity of its residents. The pages that follow are a testament to this fact. We hope that you are inspired by the stories of compassion, love and dedication to community that are at the heart of everything we do.

In 2022, the CVCF was hard at work preparing its third Vital Signs report. The report was released to the community in January 2023 and focused on the challenges and opportunities of managing growth. The Vital Signs project is an important part of CVCF's mission to cultivate a thriving community by connecting, people, ideas and initiatives with inspired giving. The intelligence gathered through the Vital Signs resident survey and aggregation of local data sets informs the CVCF's own giving and provides valuable information to local leaders in the public, private and not-for profit sectors for their own planning and decision-making. Please read more about the Vital Signs report on page 5.

This past year also saw a record-breaking year in distributions to the community in grants and student awards. With a significant increase in the endowed assets in the last year (from \$3.7M to \$5.2M) we expect continued growth in the CVCF's grants going forward.

Thank you for supporting our vision of a vibrant Columbia Valley. Together, we will continue to shape a future that is defined by compassion and the unwavering belief in the potential of our community.

Sincerely, Wendy Booth | Thiloma Hofer
Chair | CVCF Executive Director

2021-23 STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION A VIBRANT COLUMBIA VALLEY

MISSION TO CULTIVATE A THRIVING COMMUNITY BY CONNECTING PEOPLE, IDEAS, AND INITIATIVES WITH INSPIRED GIVING.

VALUES

INCLUSIVE

Our work is characterized by mutual respect and the spirit of inquiry. We support equal opportunity for individuals and organizations.

INTEGRAL

We uphold our vision, mission, and guiding principles – we do what we say we are going to do.

ACCOUNTABLE

We are responsible for what we do and transparent in how we do it.

COLLABORATIVE

We value the power of individuals and organizations working together for positive change.

INNOVATIVE

We are proactive, adaptive, and nimble in meeting the emerging needs of our community.

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STRATEGIC AREAS OF FOCUS

Staffing Requirements

The CVCF will ensure we have adequate staffing to manage day to day operations and deliver our strategic initiatives and actions.

Outreach Plan and Profile Expansion

The CVCF will become more visible in the community by raising our profile and expanding our engagement.

Inter-organizational Relationships

The CVCF will collaborate with other organizations to identify needs and meet mutual goals that benefit the Columbia Valley. We will work to boost community trust by intentionally building relationships.

Internal Structure

The CVCF will invest time and resources into reviewing and revising our governance processes and building internal knowledge and capacity.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

HARVEY AND SHERRY DOERR

Harvey and Sherry Doerr believe strongly in giving back to the community. They give of their time, they give of their finances, and they give to the Columbia Valley Community Foundation so their gifts can stretch even further.

Back in 2016, the Doerrs set up a donor-advised endowment fund with the CVCF as part of their estate planning. They liked that the foundation allowed them to plan ahead for the future, and have a simple way to support amazing local initiatives in the Columbia Valley each and every year.

“The idea was to create a fund here in the valley — which is one of the places we choose to live — as a way to give back to the community,” shares Harvey. “Each year we look through the applications and get to choose how we want that money spent.”

Through the years, the Doerr Family Fund has supported a wide range of organizations including the Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club, Summit Trail Makers Society, Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners, Junior Achievement of British Columbia, an electronic community message board, and much more.



The Doerrs have two children: Robert and Thomas. Tommy struggled with addiction for many years and, while he fought a hard battle, he tragically passed away in July 2022. To honour his memory, the Doerrs created a second fund last year: the Doerr Family Youth Fund. This fund is designed specifically to support youth in the Columbia Valley. Robert donated generously to the fund, alongside many friends and family members.

Sherry and Harvey talk openly about Tommy’s addiction in the hopes of helping others walking this difficult path. Sherry spent many years volunteering with the Summit Youth Centre as the Board Chair, knowing this can be a safe space for youth in the valley.

“Through my involvement there, I know it’s so difficult to get funding sometimes for the ‘unfun’ stuff — to make sure there’s a telephone working, and someone’s there to open the door, and the lights are on,” explains Sherry. “Our intention with this fund is to make sure there’s always a youth centre, and to make sure there’s sustainability in youth programming throughout the Columbia Valley.”

Thanks to generous funding from the Doerrs and others, the Doerr Family Youth Fund is now valued at approximately \$1 million. The donations are amongst the foundation’s most generous gifts ever received, and will increase the amount of money disbursed annually in the foundation’s community grants program by about 40%!

“We need to ensure a vibrant and supportive community for our youth to ensure a healthy community for us all,” shares Thiloma Hofer, CVCF Executive Director. “The Doerr Family funds will serve a critical role in allowing the Foundation to support initiatives and organizations working toward this end.”

For the Doerrs, setting up funds at the Columbia Valley Community Foundation allowed them to plan their estates, support the local community, and honour their son’s life. Harvey says this type of legacy giving is something to consider.

“People who want to make a lasting contribution to a community that will maybe last longer than their own lives, this is a very viable option,” he says. “It’s a way of leaving something to a community you have an affinity for, and has contributed to your life.”

NEW FUND SPOTLIGHT

JIM & GAETANE ASHWORTH COMMUNITY FUND

Upon Jim’s retirement from the Royal Canadian Air Force, Jim and Gaetane Ashworth moved to Fairmont Hot Springs where they owned and operated the Hoodoos Resort for a number of years. Here they raised their daughter Valerie and forged a deep connection to the community. In 2005, Jim and Gaetane donated a parcel of land to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to protect the ecologically and culturally significant hoodoo formations. This area is now known as the Dutch Creek Hoodoos Conservation Area and is a popular spot for both locals and Valley visitors.

Jim is well known for his generosity and energy in the Columbia Valley. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Jim walked an astounding 101 blocks at the age of 101. This remarkable endeavor uplifted the spirits of the community and raised thousands of dollars in funds. The money raised was used to establish a fund at CVCF supporting the Columbia Valley Food Bank.

Jim & Gaetane shared a strong belief in helping the less fortunate members of our community. As part of honouring Gaetane’s memory after her death, Jim donated \$150,000 in 2022 to establish the Jim & Gaetane Ashworth Community Fund. This fund will be used to provide annual grants to the areas of greatest need in the Columbia Valley. The flexibility of this gift will allow the CVCF to match grants to the current needs of our community now and forever.

Both the Jim & Gaetane Ashworth Community Fund and the Columbia Valley Food Bank - Jim Ashworth Fund are open funds, enabling anyone inspired by Jim and Gaetane to contribute and strengthen these funds through donations.

We are so grateful for Jim & Gaetane’s commitment to helping others; their example will play a pivotal role in nurturing a tradition of philanthropy within our community.





VITAL SIGNS

In 2022, a significant undertaking for CVCF involved the creation of the third Vital Signs report for the Columbia Valley.

Vital Signs is a community driven data program that uses local knowledge to measure a community's vitality. Insights gathered are used by decision makers with the aim of improving our collective quality of life. Vital Signs projects are coordinated by local community foundations and administrative support is provided by the Community Foundations of Canada.

The Columbia Valley's Vital Signs report contains three categories of information: resident opinions gathered in the summer of 2022 via a public survey, 2021 federal census statistics and data sets obtained from local governments, institutions, and community service organizations. The unique combination of this data provides a snapshot of the Columbia Valley across ten focus areas. Since the 2022 report marks CVCF's third publication, we now have the opportunity to discern emerging patterns within our community, expanding our understanding beyond the snapshot of the present moment.

Project coordinator Theresa Wood delivered the 2022 Vital Signs Report, titled "Managing Growth - Challenges & Opportunities," to community leaders on January 13, 2023.

Key findings from the Columbia Valley 2022 Vital Signs report were presented and included:

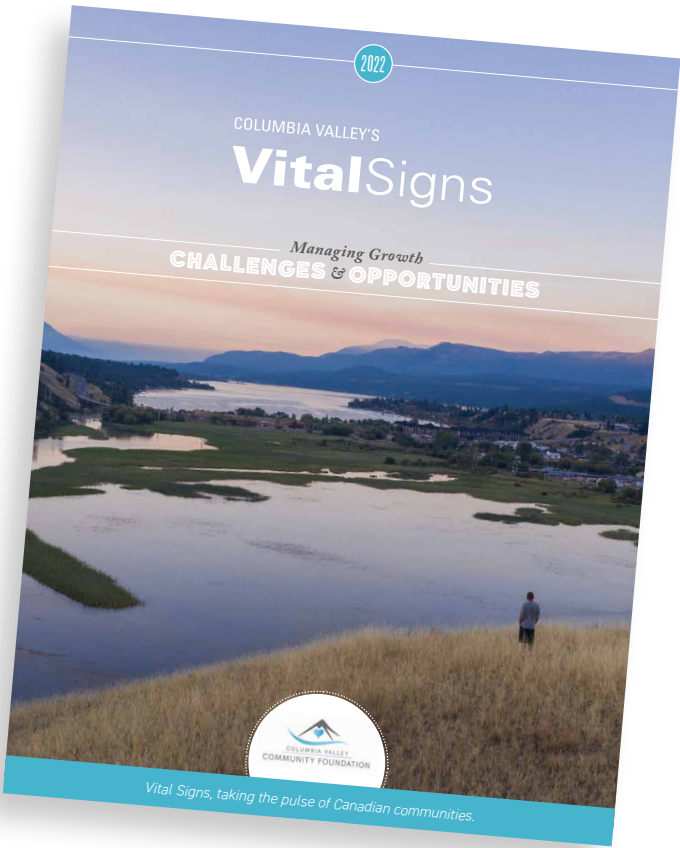
- The Columbia Valley has experienced significant population growth since the last federal census in 2016; the total population has increased 23% in the intervening five years. The population increase in Radium Hot Springs was an astounding 73% over this period.
- Affordable housing is a critical issue as 49% of survey respondents indicated that they spend more than 30% of their monthly income on housing costs
- Continued population growth is expected through part-time residents transitioning to permanent residents
- Part-time residents planning a transition to permanent residency belong to older age brackets and will further increase the median age of our communities.

The audience was then invited to discuss the observed and potential effects of this rapid growth through the lens of report focus areas including health and wellness, environment and housing.

It is the CVCF hope that these discussions persist, enabling our community to thoughtfully address and plan for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

If you have not yet reviewed the Vital Signs report, we encourage you do so—this snapshot of the Columbia Valley is of interest to all community members. The report can be found at <https://valleyfoundation.ca/vital-signs/vitalsigns2022/>

The CVCF is grateful to the following organizations for their financial support for this project: Columbia Bain Trust, Community Futures East Kootenay, ETSI- BC and the Regional District of East Kootenay.



THE VITAL SIGNS REPORT PROVIDES A FOCUS FOR CONVERSATIONS WITH RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO TAKE ACTION AND DIRECT RESOURCES WHERE THEY WILL HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT.

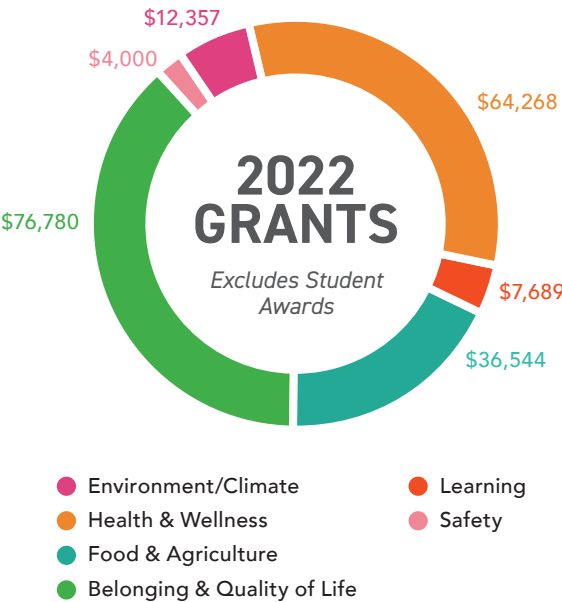
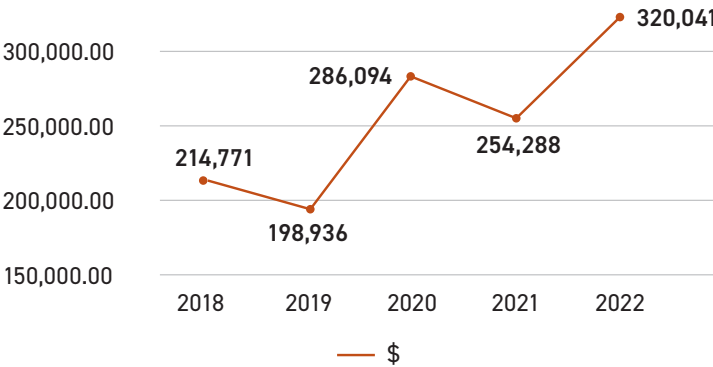
COMMUNITY IMPACT

In 2022, the CVCF administered four granting cycles including COVID-19 Community Response Fund grants, our annual Community Granting, Student Awards and Kindness Microgrants.



YEARLY GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

(*including student awards)



EDUCATING & ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

The stunning blue waters of Columbia Lake are kept under the watchful gaze of the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society (CLSS), a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting this important waterway nestled between Canal Flats and Fairmont Hot Springs. The CLSS is a citizen-based group whose mission is to preserve the ecological health and water supply of Columbia Lake through scientific investigation, collaboration, and outreach.

CLSS undertakes regular water sampling for quality and quantity in the lake itself as well as several tributaries. This past year has been one of growth for CLSS as they expanded testing to include sampling in more locations (including two locations on the Columbia River) as well as increasing the frequency of testing. Water results are then shared with many partners including the Village of Canal Flats, the Regional District of East Kootenay as well public access to data through the Living Lakes Columbia Basin Water Hub. This data allows stakeholders to make informed decisions to help protect the headwaters of the Columbia River.

CLSS focuses not only on the science of the water, but also on public understanding and engagement in the protection of this lake. CLSS education and outreach efforts include citizen science, volunteer opportunities as well as kids summer camps run in collaboration with the Lake Windermere Ambassadors. CLSS representatives host outreach booths and give presentations to share data and recommendations. They also collaborate frequently with other organizations committed to conservation efforts in the region.

"The Columbia Valley Community Foundation, along with many other organizations, is what allows CLSS to continue working towards its mission," shares CLSS Executive Director Caily Craig. "Organizations like CVCF make our mission possible: to preserve Columbia Lake for present and future generations."

COMMUNITY GRANT STORIES



ART OF NATURE

Art is often inspired in and by nature, and within nature we find love and beauty to inspire the artistic soul. The Columbia Valley Arts Council (CV Arts) used this inspirational symbiosis to draw together artists and art aficionados through a series of nature-inspired events in the summer of 2022. Art of Nature kicked off in June with the remarkable Requiem for a Glacier exhibit. This 40-minute art installation memorialised the Jumbo Glacier area, streaming repeatedly for multiple days and included a special presentation by the artist himself. CV Arts, and partners, were able to provide this event for free to appreciative audiences thanks to the CVCF and other generous funders.

Art of Nature continued through the summer with performances, art exhibits, and Art in the Park workshops that drew in young, and young at heart, to engage artistic expression with outdoor art. CV Arts also brought in Patrick Carrick to run several community drum circles — always a powerful and popular event. The season wrapped up with the wildly successful Garlic Festival. This first annual event saw ticket sellouts, record numbers of attendees and rave reviews from everyone involved.

“The Garlic Festival was actually the capstone project, and it was successful beyond our wildest expectations,” shares Heather Rennebohm, CV Arts Executive Consultant. “It was just remarkable!”

Art of Nature was a beautiful amalgamation of many expressions of art that drew people from all walks of life to come together and celebrate our deep-rooted connections to art, and to each other.

“The CVCF funding allowed CV Arts Council to really showcase so many different aspects of the arts,” reflects Heather. “So not only paintings and musical performances, but how people interact with nature to create art, and how we keep it in mind so we are sensitive to what’s happening with nature around us.”

WINDERLAND

If you happen to find yourself at Windermere Elementary School, take a stroll across the bright and sunny sports field then down a slight hill. Here you will find yourself in a little spot of wonder and magic. Welcome to Windermere’s ‘Winderland’.

Explore the area. Go ahead, it’s made for wandering. You will find trembling aspen and clumping quaking aspens, Redpointe maples, Japanese lilacs and spring snow crabapples. There’s a prominent circle of rocks, perfect for class time but also for recess play. Over there is a large hollow log to clamber in and over, there’s even a drum set!

This beautiful outdoor space came to life thanks to the vision of Windermere staff, parents and students, and the generous support of donors who stepped up to bring about the transformation of what was once an unused, unshaded stretch of grass to an engaging, interactive space for students to learn and play. The Columbia Valley Community Foundation was amongst the generous funders who made this dream come to life.

Winderland was a most welcome addition to the school yard.

“Our schoolyard had no trees and no outdoor play space where kids could practice risky play, gross motor skills — no outdoor play space aside from the playground,” describes Katie Niddrie, a teacher here at Windermere Elementary.

The benefits of an outdoor learning and play space are numerous. Studies have shown that students who spend time in nature have reduced anxiety, depression and stress, increased energy, immunity, and fitness levels. Furthermore, research shows students’ academic performance and positive behaviours increase when they learn outdoors.

Most teachers utilize this outdoor classroom on a regular basis. You will often spot a class sitting in the rocky circles conducting experiments, observing and connecting to our local environment, working with buddy classes (older and younger students), listening to lessons, or simply reading a good book.

As the first trees took root and the space transformed from a barren field to an engaging landscape, students gravitated to it.

“Kids play there all the time; that’s their spot now. It’s such a good thing for kids to have that free play outdoors,” says Katie.

Photo provided by: Rocky Mountain School District No. 6, Windermere Elementary School



KINDNESS MICROGRANTS

In the fall of 2021, the Foundation had a small amount of money left in its COVID Community Response Fund. From a desire to alleviate the strain on the sense of unity induced by the pandemic and create grassroots grant opportunities, the Community Kindness Microgrant pilot project was born. Community members applied for small grants (up to \$500) to develop a short-term kindness project. The positive feedback was overwhelming, and the project was repeated in February and November 2022.

HEARTFELT HABITS

"This was fantastic! The team was keen on spreading love and kindness on the downtown streets of Invermere. Heartfelt Companions cruised around town and dropped into businesses delivering chocolates, flowers and buying coffees for people. Having fresh conversations with strangers was a big part of the day, and the most valued. People wanted to chat and share and were very appreciative of someone taking the time to just focus on them. It was well received! Even had a Facebook post thanking the lovely ladies offering random acts of kindness in the streets that day."



THANK YOU EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS (ECES)

"We had a lot of fun! We used the \$400 to shop locally and fill gift boxes to give to each childcare/day care in the valley. ECEs are facing some of the highest stress in job and staff shortages, work tirelessly and are a very essential service to the Valley. They work hard and we got to thank them for their efforts this week!

Delivering the gifts gave an unexpected positive boost to the ECEs. Two of them were brought to tears about the generosity and community support."



SPREADING JOY

"Having young children spend time with seniors from Columbia House was a wonderful way to spend the morning. The seniors enjoyed having the children come to the garden and the parents were so happy to be a part of creating the smiles.

Seeing the smiles on the seniors' faces was a heart-filling experience. Most of the seniors couldn't mingle due to Covid-19 policies, but just having the children close by to wave to and watch made their day. Several of the staff let me know that they are still talking about the children at dinner time today. This small act has made a huge, positive difference on these seniors. They would like us to come back again."

STUDENT TO COMMUNITY KINDNESS

"This project was incredibly meaningful to me as well as to the students who participated. I am a huge advocate for mental health and I truly believe that those who help us with our personal mental health challenges don't get enough credit for it. It was amazing to witness students and their joy for the ability to send a little something to someone in the community who helped them with their mental health. It was also a humbling and heart-warming experience for me to see the tears of happiness and smiles from all receiving the gifts when delivering them."



TUMMY LOVE

Planters were provided to 10 families who face challenges in accessing fresh greens. This project was dedicated to the memory of Janice Gascoine.

"It was wonderful... it was really rewarding to see them come together. I am very fortunate to have a greenhouse I was able to grow everything in. As for how it was received, oh so very well! Many of the recipients said it made their day (or week!) And all had huge smiles... I was able to spread them from Canal Flats to Brisco!"

SNOW DAY

"We were just wrapping up a unit on changing states of matter, when the first snowflakes fell. I turned the lesson to what kind of acts of kindness could we do during winter. Snow shoveling was brought up by the students and I let them know that I just happened to have 15 shovels and 2 brooms that we could use to assist people in the community. My students quickly suggested locals they knew that would be in need of a good deed.

When word of the first big snowfall arrived, the students were itching to get out there! We took to the streets and what a fantastic experience for the kids, myself and the homeowners. They had all made cards to deliver after we finished shoveling, and the first day we cleared 7 driveways.

The acts of kindness were well received by the community. Recognition in person, via Facebook, text messages and even a Cheers in the local paper. What a great experience and my class cannot wait until the next big snowfall.

Bring on the snow!"



CHRISTMAS FEAST FOR OUR SENIORS

"When calling around to local businesses to gather food items for the feast, I was reminded of the kindness of our community. All the businesses I contacted offered deals and discounts for this project. The residents at our local nursing home really enjoyed the Christmas feast. Being part of the hospital has many benefits, unfortunately home-made food is rarely one. This would not have happened without the kindness and generosity of this grant."

CALLING ALL ELDERS

"The greatest adventure with my camera thus far. I had so many meaningful and vulnerable and deep conversations with the elders who came in for their portraits. Making it about "their cherished photo" took the vanity/pressure away from the session and acted as a springboard into conversations. We were able to move from small talk quickly which took our conversations to great places. Many of our 15-20 minute sessions were tearful, most ended in hugs, and the photos of them and their stories I know their kids will treasure. I had no idea the level at which our elders were suffering from a lack of connection these past two years- I think the greatest gift was the moments of connection and meaningful conversations. The beautiful portraits were a bonus!"



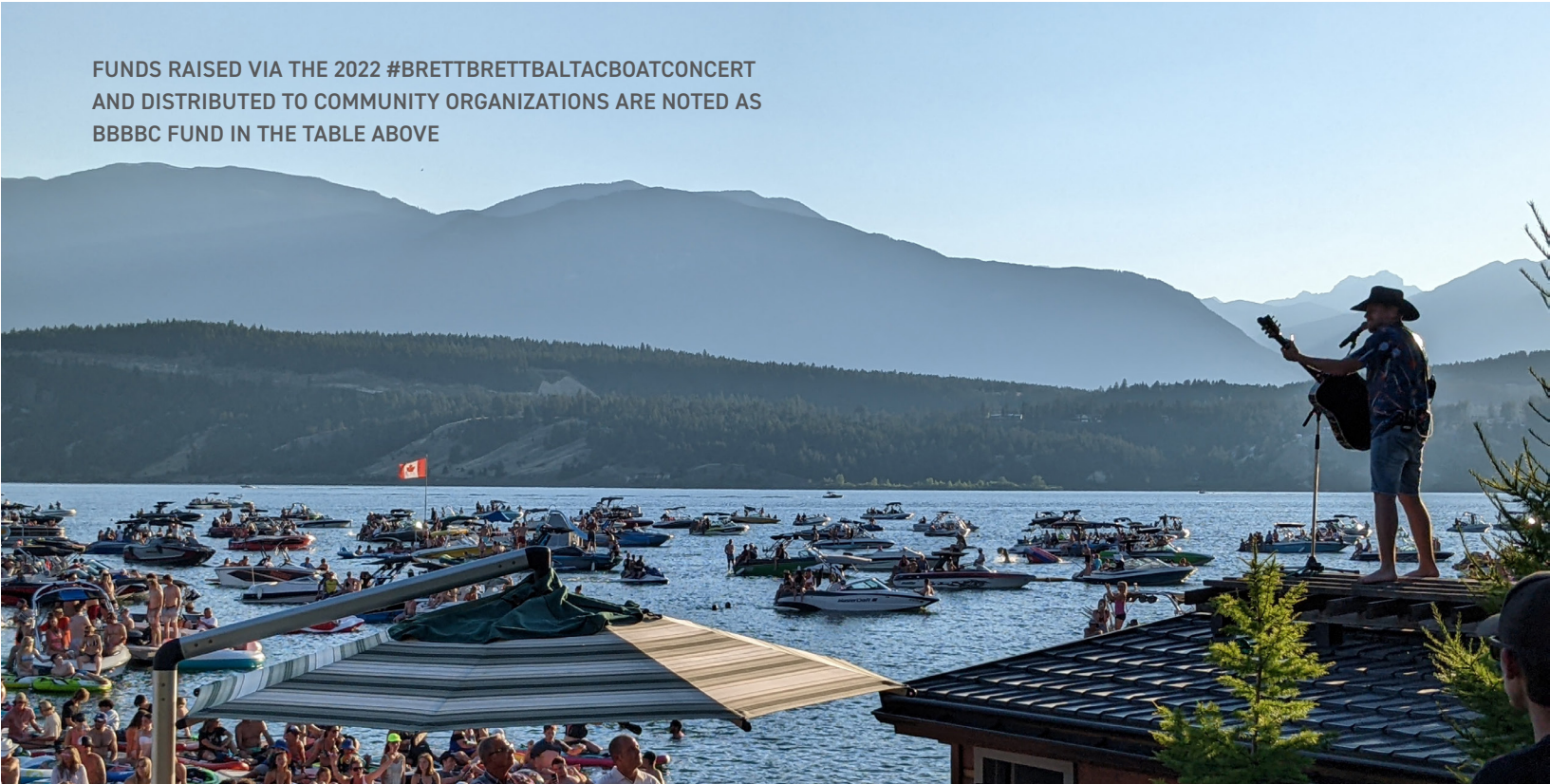
COMMUNITY LEGACY BUILDING

OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS

QUALIFIED CHARITY OR DONEE / Project Partner	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUND	GRANT \$
EDGEWATER RECREATION SOCIETY	BASKETBALL GOALS AT FRANK'S RINK	Flow Through Fund , Opportunities for Youth Fund	5,000
WCS WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY CANADA	BAT CONSERVATION IN THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	Ann Tilley Memorial Fund, KSCU Community Fund	3,500
LAKE WINDERMERE AMBASSADORS	COLUMBIA HEADWATER LAKE MONITORING & EDUCATION: LAKE WINDERMERE	KSCU Community Fund	1,000
COLUMBIA HOUSE ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY	COLUMBIA HOUSE COMMUNITY HEALING GARDEN HOSPICE CORNER	BBBBC Fund	10,000
WINDERMERE VALLEY YOUTH CENTRE SOCIETY	COLUMBIA VALLEY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE	BBBBC Fund, Doerr Family Youth Fund	34,268
LIVING LAKES CANADA SOCIETY	COMMUNITY WATER MONITORING IN THE HEART OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	KSCU Community Fund	1,000
HOSPICE SOCIETY OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	COMPANIONSHIP AND COM-PASSION FOR PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS/LIFE LIMIT-ING ILLNESS	COVID-19 Community Response Fund, CVCF Community Fund, Flow Through Fund, KSCU Community Fund, Our Children's Legacy Fund	8,885
COLUMBIA VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Columbia Valley Arts and Culture Fund	1,034
COLUMBIA VALLEY FOOD BANK	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Columbia Valley Food Bank Fund, Columbia Valley Food Bank- Jim Ashworth Fund	11,545
COLUMBIA BASIN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NETWORK (CBEEN)	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Environmental Education Endowment Fund	1,858
HOSPICE SOCIETY OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley Fund	1,728
FRIENDS OF THE INVERMERE PUBLIC LIBRARY	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Invermere Public Library Endowment Fund	856
EDGEWATER RECREATION SOCIETY	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Schnider Family Legacy Fund	849
RADIUM HOT SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY	DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT	Radium Hot Springs Public Library Endowment Fund	1,107
B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION	ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH	CVCF Community Fund, Opportunities for Youth Fund	5,000
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY/ FAIRMONT & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB	FAIRMONT LIONS COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL COURTS	Fairmont Family Fund, Our Children's Legacy Fund	6,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY FOOD BANK	FLOW-THROUGH DONATION	BBBBC Fund	25,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY GREENWAYS TRAIL ALLIANCE	FLOW-THROUGH DONATION	Flow-Through Fund	6,616
CHRISTMAS BUREAU OF THE COLUMBIA VALLEY	FLOW-THROUGH DONATION	BBBBC Fund	20,000
VARIOUS DONEES	KINDNESS MICROGRANTS	COVID-19 Community Response Fund	5,000

QUALIFIED CHARITY OR DONEE / Project Partner	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUND	GRANT \$
DISTRICT OF INVERMERE/PEAKS GYMNASTICS SOCIETY	PHASE ONE OF NEW PERMANENT TRAINING FACILITY FOR PEAKS GYMNASTICS	COVID-19 Community Response Fund, CVCF Community Fund	3,854
RAD RECREATION ADAPTED SOCIETY	RAD GEARBOX - ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT STORAGE AND RENTAL SHOP	BBBBC Fund, Opportunities for Youth Fund, Flow Through Fund,	10,000
COLUMBIA VALLEY SEARCH AND RESCUE SOCIETY	SAVING LIVES THROUGH IMPROVED INCIDENT RESPONSE	CVCF Community Fund, Flow Through Fund, KSCU Community Fund	4,000
FAMILY DYNAMIX	STAY IN SCHOOL PROJECT; YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMING	BBBBC Fund, Stay In School Fund,	25,727
COLUMBIA BASIN ALLIANCE FOR LITERACY	TELLING OUR LIFE STORIES	Ann Tilley Memorial Fund, Wittke Family Fund	1,550
COLUMBIA VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL	VALLEY MUSIC FOR ALL	CVCF Community Fund	3,600
REGIONAL DISTRICT OF EAST KOOTENAY/ FAIRMONT & DISTRICT LIONS	WILDER MEMORIAL PARK MAINTENANCE	Gordon Wilder Memorial Fund	2,694
TOTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED IN 2022			\$201,641

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STUDENT AWARDS 2022

LUIS BONDOC



Awards, like the Arnold Ellis, not only helped me financially, but it also helped gain the confidence to reach my goal knowing that I have my community supporting me.

HANNAH FULLERTON

I feel so grateful to have been a recipient of this award as it has allowed me to settle into my new University community without the stress of working to pay for my textbooks. It has highlighted the privilege I hold as a recipient of such an impactful and generous reward and I cannot express how thankful I am to have been chosen. I am working very hard to ensure that everyone who has contributed to my academic journey will be right in doing so, and am just so very grateful for the support I have received.

MADISON ROE



Your support has helped me to pay for my tuition fees for the first semester of university at SAIT without incurring any student loans. This has been a tremendous relief for me and has reduced a significant burden from my shoulders. I can now focus on my studies without having to worry about the financial aspect of it.

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation award that I received has allowed me to begin my journey in the School of Biomedical Sciences here at McGill University- and I am very thankful for this opportunity...it will soon allow me to give back, and to contribute to the healthcare world.

HAILEY JUKES



BLAIR MCFARLANE

Without this financial support, I would not have been able to start this program that is equipping me with the skills and knowledge to better serve the people of the Columbia Valley everyday. I am already learning things that I can apply to my work now and I am sure that progression will continue.



GRAHAM KINLEY

I am in the process of completing my Bachelor of Health Sciences through Thompson Rivers University. This award will be exceptionally beneficial towards my studies as the combined cost of tuition and lost wages would be prohibitively high to even start the program. The generosity of the bursary significantly offsets these burdens.

FAITH TAYLOR

I am so incredibly grateful for being given the Arnold Ellis Scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as a recipient of your scholarship. It has helped me substantially within the 2022-2023 school year. This extra monetary support helped me pay for tuition, books and other necessities needed for the year. I rely on student loans and money

MYA SPENCER

University is a huge financial investment, and it was a struggle figuring out how I'd be able to fund this on my own. Thankfully, I have been fortunate enough to receive this scholarship from the Columbia Valley Community Foundation. I am beyond grateful. Without the financial support I would not have been able to accomplish my dream of coming to Ottawa for University.



With your help, I was able to successfully complete the last course for my Master of Counselling Psychology degree without going into debt – something I am immensely grateful for, especially as interest rates and the cost of living continue to raise. The award also gave me the extra little boost of energy that I needed to complete the coursework portion of the degree. I had been feeling a little overwhelmed and knowing the committee believed in me helped renew my confidence in myself.

SPELA GRASIC

JAKE SWALLOW

The awards I received from the Columbia Valley Community Foundation has allowed me to purely focus on my schooling and minimize my financial stress. In the future I plan to continue to serve the Columbia Valley. Once I graduate, I hope to return to the Columbia Valley and begin contributing to the development of infrastructure and community in the valley we are lucky enough to call home



ARNOLD ELLIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

\$2,500/AWARD

Amelie Argouin
Luis Bondoc
Augustus Boyer
Coral Boyer
Jacob Bradley
Cameron Christy
Zoe Doucette
Hannah Fullerton
Spela Grasic

Quintynn Hart
Hailey Jukes
Alexa Kalika
Dana Kendall
Graham Kinley
Megan Kinley
Haley Kubian
Blair McFarlane
Dana McIntosh

Dylan McIntosh
Joshua McIntosh
Matthew Nickurak
Aurora Orchiston
Marcia Paget
Emma Postlethwaite
Madison Roe
Lukas Jerabek Schan
Christina Schmitz

Mya Spencer
Kaitlynn Stanbury
Julia Stiz
Jake Swallow
Calissa Tamelin
Faith Taylor
Meghara Walsh
Devin Woodworth
Hannah Zehnder

The CVCF Grants Committee adjudicates the following awards: Arnold Ellis Scholarship Awards, Alan J Witherspoon Fine Arts Award, Bidder Bursary Award, and Erwin Kloos Memorial Award.

The Tom Sanders Memorial Award and Kinsmen Bursary Award recipients are recommended by the Kinsmen Club of the Windermere Valley, and the Greg Constable Bursary Fund recipients are recommended by the David Thompson Secondary School scholarship committee and Greg Constable; these parties conduct the application and review process in an advisory role to the donor advised fund.

BIDDER BURSARY AWARD

\$600/AWARD

Zoe Doucette

TOM SANDERS MEMORIAL AWARD

\$2,000/AWARD

Aurora Orchiston, Madison Roe,
Kaitlynn Stanbury

GREG CONSTABLE BURSARY AWARD

\$500/AWARD

Cameron Christy

ARNOLD ELLIS SCHOLARSHIP SPECIAL AWARD

\$13,000/AWARD

Emma Postlethwaite

KINSMEN OF THE WINDERMERE VALLEY BURSARY

\$2,000/AWARD

Lucy DiFrancesco, Emma Postlethwaite

ERWIN KLOOS MEMORIAL AWARD

\$400/AWARD

Blair McFarlane, Jake Swallow

Total Student Awards in 2022
\$118,400

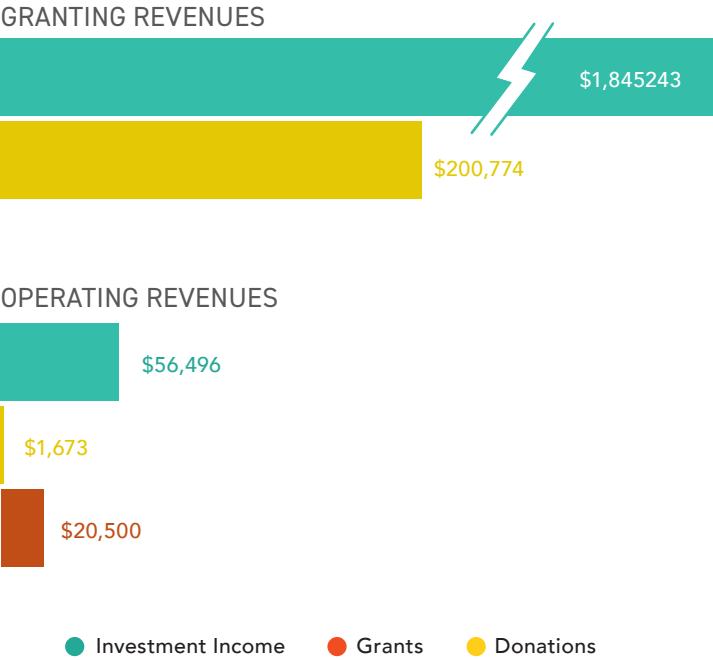
Fields of study pursued by recipients

• Engineering • Environmental Engineering • Psychology • Music
• Chemistry • Arts • Commerce • Pre-Education • Psychology
• Counselling Psychology • Open Studies • Geography
• Pharmacology & Therapeutics • Arts & Sciences • Horticulture Technologist
• Health Sciences • Medicine • Psychology • Library & Information Sciences
• Applied Sciences • Biological Sciences • 3D Animation • Sport Management
• Kinesiology • Occupational Therapy • Science • Religious Studies
• Communication • Nursing • Communication, Management & Health
• Structural Engineering • Elementary Education • Interior Design • Writing

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Full financial statements are available upon request

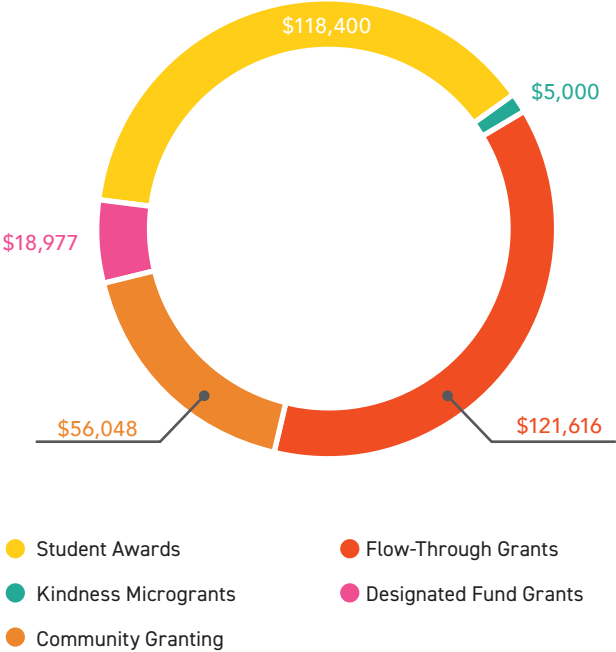
SOURCE OF REVENUES



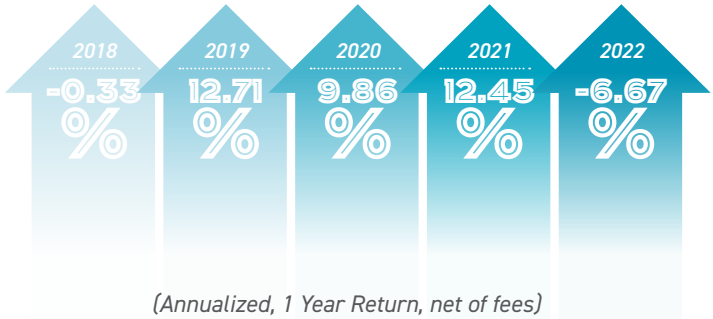
The fundamental role of The Columbia Valley Community Foundation is to engage in community granting, addressing local community needs by supporting local projects and people.

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation accepts donations of money which it permanently invests so the funds earn interest, every year, forever. The Foundation invests donor contributions with the Vancouver Foundation and Columbia Basin Trust which ensures the preservation and enhancement of these assets. Each year, interest earnings from these investments fund grants and scholarships to local nonprofits and students. Projects that receive funding come from our communities and reflect the identified needs of the Columbia Valley.

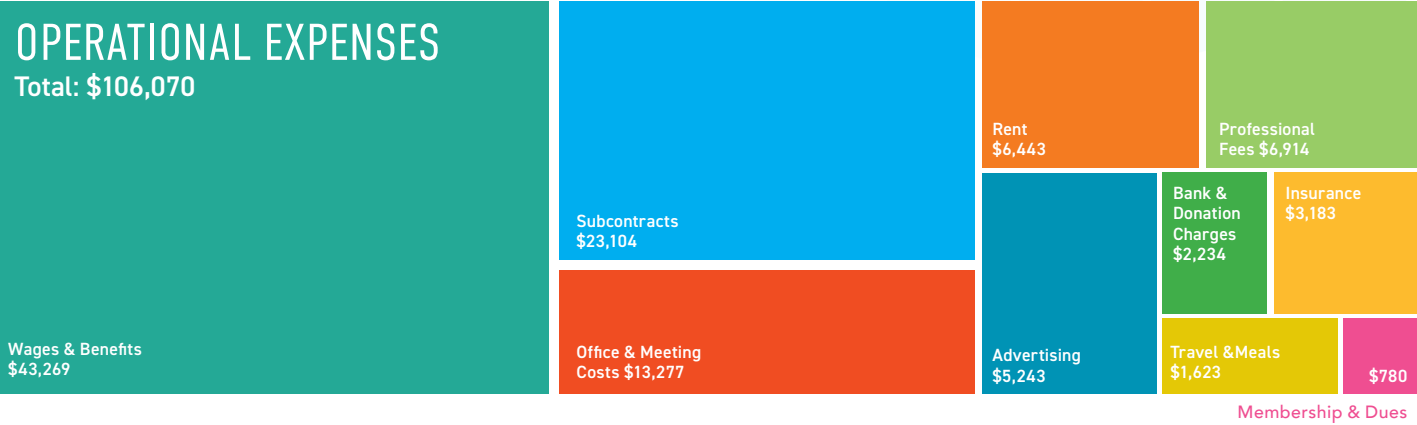
CHARITABLE DISBURSEMENTS



Investment Performance (to Dec 31, 2022)
VANCOUVER FOUNDATION



OPERATIONAL EXPENSES
Total: \$106,070



FUND BALANCES 2022

TYPES/NAMES OF ENDOWED FUNDS	Dec 31, 2022
COMMUNITY FUNDS	
Columbia Valley Community Fund	423,957
Jim & Gaetane Ashworth Community Fund	152,678
Kootenay Savings Community Fund	112,747
DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Columbia Lake Stewardship Society Endowment	11,716
Columbia Valley Food Bank Fund	226,978
Jim Ashworth Fund (sub-fund of CVFB)	46,842
CV Arts and Culture Fund	35,200
Environmental Education Endowment Fund	55,524
Hospice Society of the CV Fund	58,546
Invermere Public Library Endowment Fund	22,101
Lake Windermere Ambassadors Endowment Fund	365
Radium Hot Springs Public Library Fund	25,941
Schnider Family Legacy Fund	23,684
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS	
Doerr Family Community Fund	146,144
Doerr Family Youth Fund (Remembering Tommy)	993,993
Gordon Wilder Memorial Fund	50,000
Our Children's Legacy Fund	84,444
Tom Sanders Memorial Fund	106,739
FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS	
Alan J. Witherspoon Memorial Fine Arts Fund	101,883
Ann Tilley Memorial Fund	6,431
Arnold Ellis Scholarship Fund	1,976,664
Bidder Bursary Fund	10,130
Erwin Kloos Memorial Fund	15,188
Fairmont Family Fund	26,644
Gord Forbes Memorial Fund	5,411
Opportunities for Youth Fund	92,895
Radium Rotary Health & Wellness Endowment Fund	12,284
OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND	
CVCF Operating Endowment Fund	607,612
TOTAL	\$5,432,742

The Columbia Valley Community Foundation manages charitable gifts from donors whose generosity allows us to create permanent, income-earning funds that are distributed in the areas the donors wish to support.

Donations to the Foundation may be designated or undesignated by the donor:

- **Undesignated donations** greater than \$1,000 are allocated to the Columbia Valley Community Fund
- **Designated funds** can be directed to endowed, flow-through or operating funds.

FUND TYPES WITHIN THE FOUNDATION’S ASSETS

Endowed Funds are endowed either permanently or for a specific period of time (generally 10-30 years). The contributed principal is invested and the returns from the investments are allocated to grants and operating fees. The donor can provide succession management instructions for the funds during, or after, their lifetime.

- **Community funds** give the Foundation the greatest flexibility to respond to current community needs. Donors can create named funds within the Community Fund.
- **Designated funds** are granted to specific, named charities.
- **Donor Advised funds** are normally established by individuals or families who wish to remain involved in granting decisions and disburse grants annually.
- **Field of Interest funds** are established by donors who wish to support their charitable interests: student awards, arts and culture, environment, recreation, literacy, health and safety, social services, community facilities, youth or education.

FLOW-THROUGH FUNDS are restricted funds. The principal of (Restricted Flow-Through) Funds may be granted at any time as specified by Foundation policy or the donor, generally within 12-36 months.

OPERATING FUNDS come from non-designated or designated donations, and returns on investments from operating endowment funds available to the Foundation for its operations.

TYPES/NAMES OF ENDOWED FUNDS	Dec 31, 2022
Flow Through Fund	2,237
Greg Constable Toyota Corolla Fund	2,561
John Mason Memorial Fund	11,974
Mountain Relief Fund	2,501
Wittke Family Fund	3,106
Woodcarver Park Fund	14,078
TOTAL	\$36,458

*Value represents Original Contribution plus Undistributed Investment Income.

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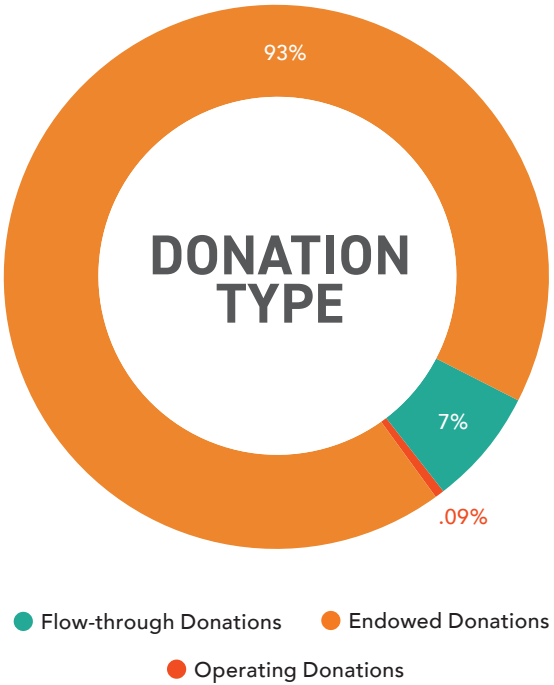
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If you are interested in establishing a legacy that will continue to better our community, reach out to us at info@valleyfoundation.ca or 250-342-2845 to talk about creating a fund.

BOARD & VOLUNTEERS

BEING A DIRECTOR FOR THE CVCF HAS BEEN REWARDING IN HELPING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY BUILD LEGACIES AND DISCOVER THEIR POTENTIAL. FROM PROVIDING STUDENT GRANTS TO INVESTING MONEY FOR FUTURE COMMUNITY PROJECTS, THERE ARE FEW AREAS THE CVCF DOESN'T POSITIVELY IMPACT.

- Kelsey Eade, Director



We are grateful for our exceptional Board of Directors! These amazing volunteers have dedicated their time, shared openly their expertise, and bring a passion for the enrichment of our community.

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Quentin Randall
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Deb Witherspoon
Kelsey Eade
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2022 EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

Wendy Booth **Chair**
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Lang Ellison **Vice Chair**
Barb Kloos **Secretary**

Much gratitude to our Committee volunteers!

Katherine Harmsworth, Grants Committee | Shawn Raven, Grants Committee

If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors, or supporting the Columbia Valley Community Foundation as a Committee Volunteer, please reach out!

THANK YOU

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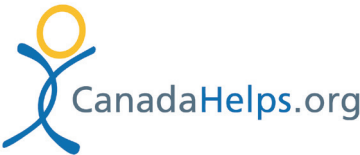
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