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## 2017 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICANTS

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### WEST VANCOUVER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE DISBURSEMENT OF OVER \$500,000 IN GRANTS FOR 2017

On March 23, 2017, the Board of Directors of the West Vancouver Community Foundation was pleased to award over \$500,000 in community grants to 50 charitable organizations for 2017. Grants have been given for programs in the fields of: health, sports, education, youth, seniors, the arts, social services and the environment. All grants funded are notable projects/programs that benefit the community and residents of West Vancouver.

The foundation awarded grants to the following non-profit organizations:

#### **Autism Society of BC**

Funds will be used for the 'Launch into Life! Project, a support program that prepares families and youth with Autism Syndrome Disorder for their transition into adulthood.

#### **Avalon Recovery Society**

Funds will be used to support the North Shore Avalon Women's Centre which provides a multi-faceted approach to support women seeking recovery from addiction.

#### **BC Lions Society For Children**

Funds will be used to send two children with a physical and/or cognitive disability between the ages of 6-18 years to a six night, seven day summer camp program at Easter Seals Camp in Squamish.

#### **Big Sisters of BC & Lower Mainland**

Funds will support 3 mentoring matches for girls aged 7-17 years in the District of West Vancouver through the Big Sister and Study Buddy programs along with the recruiting, screening and training of volunteers.

#### **Cerebral Palsy Association of BC**

Funds will be used to support the 'Arts Without Limits' program, two 6 week sessions of expressive arts for young people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities in West Vancouver.

#### **Change the World Foundation dba Harvest Project**

Funds will be used towards the operation of our client-facing programs. Serving residents of the North Shore by extending a hand-up, not a hand out, the Harvest Project helps individuals and families overcome challenging life circumstances so that each person can take steps towards full participation in life in the North Shore community.

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### **Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC**

Funds will be used to continue the operation of 6 suicide prevention phones on the Lions Gate Bridge that the Crisis Centre has had there since 2009.

### **District of West Vancouver/Gleneagles Golf Club Society**

Funds will be used for two tournaments to be held; July 24 at the Gleneagles golf course and August 18 at the Ambleside Par 3 course for Junior Golfers (ages 6-17 years). Tournaments help expose children/youth to the rules of golf, the etiquette, honesty, fairness, good manners and sportsmanship along with helping to bridge the generational gap between adult and child both having a common interest in golf.

### **District of West Vancouver/Harmony Arts Festival**

Funds will be used to maintain the main stage, the entertainer's holding area and expanded sound system throughout the 27<sup>th</sup> Harmony Arts Festival along with funding new programming including bringing the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to the festival.

### **District of West Vancouver /Summer Work Experience & Adventure Program**

Funds will be used to cover the cost of the wages for 10 West Vancouver youths who come from challenging backgrounds that make it difficult for them to find and maintain employment, to have their first job experience at a local business.

### **District of West Vancouver /West Vancouver Museum**

Funds will be used to support the publication of a 72 page, full colour exhibition catalogue on the artwork of four brothers; Bill, Frank, David and Charles Mayrs, who have close ties to West Vancouver.

### **District of West Vancouver/West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Centre (shuttle bus)**

Funds will be used to help continue providing transport for seniors (aged 55+) and more specifically those aged 80+ years, who are financially at risk and cannot access traditional transportation because of physical or cognitive impairments.

### **Hollyburn Family Services Society - Supporting Seniors**

Funds will be used to support West Vancouver seniors who are at risk of becoming homeless through a homeless prevention service called 'Supporting Seniors to Remain Housed'.

### **Junior Achievement of BC**

Funds will be used for West Vancouver youth (grades 5-12) to participate in JA business education programs during the 2016-17 school year.

### **Lighthouse Park Preservation Society**

Funds will be used to print the biannual newsletter and help to host free public lecture series. Funds would also allow the society to continue to give book prizes to West Vancouver students.



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**North Shore Dragon Busters Society**

Funds will go towards supporting the involvement of the only community based breast cancer survivor dragon boat team representing the North Shore.

**North Shore Jewish Community Centre/Har El**

Funds will be used to host the public lighting of the Hanukkah Mernorah event.

**North Shore Meals on Wheels Society**

The funds will be used to ensure the Meals on Wheels service continues to provide healthy and delicious meals to the vulnerable citizens of the North Shore community 3 times a week as well as providing a social contact for people who find it difficult to get out.

**North Shore Schizophrenia Society**

Funds will support our public education lecture series, held at the Hope Centre, on serious mental illness and related topics.

**North Shore Stroke Recovery Centre - Summer Program**

Funds will support a two day a week summer program for North Shore stroke survivors with guest speakers and special activities for our members.

**Pacific Post Partum Support Society**

Funding will be used to continue the support line provided by the society which supports women and families dealing with postpartum depression/anxiety.

**Pacific Spirit Choir**

The funding will be used to help pay for the professional orchestra for the Pacific Spirit Choir performance of John Rutter's Requiem and Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms taking place on Sunday, April 23rd.

**Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports (VASS)**

Funds will be used to send 4 volunteer ski instructors to the National Sport Centre for the Disabled to obtain advanced adaptive ski instructor training in order to become Master Trainers for VASS.

**West Vancouver Community Arts Council - Silk Purse**

Funds will be used to support the 2017 Summer Community Engagement Series, a series of free programming for the community in July and August.

**West Vancouver Community Centres Society**

Funds will support the operation and delivery of our Movement Therapy programs, an innovative approach to working with children with physical and cognitive delays using both swimming and gymnastics.

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### **West Vancouver Historical Society**

Funds will be used to print a 3rd book (Dreams, Designs and Development - the story of how West Vancouver came to be), which helps to provide continued funding for the preservation of the history of West Vancouver.

### **West Vancouver Marine Rescue Society**

Funds will be used to support the two rescue vessels, operating out of the West Vancouver base.

### **West Vancouver Nature House**

Funds will help with a conceptual design scheme for the exhibit, multi-use/program and administrative areas within Navvy Jack Nature House.

### **West Vancouver Police Department**

Funds will be used to purchase LED arm straps and LED jacket clip on lights to enhance the visibility for the West Vancouver Elderly and other people with mobility issues.

### **West Vancouver Streamkeepers Society**

Funds will be used for the Upper Hadden Creek Restoration Project, which will remove barriers to returning adult Coho salmon and naturalize riparian areas, improving about 675 meters of fish passage and restoring approximately 1200 square meters of spawning habitat for adult Coho and about 700 square meters of over-wintering habitat for juvenile Coho.

### **West Vancouver Track and Field Club**

Funds will be used to run two community track meets for children in grades 3-7 (the Spring Sprint Community Track & Field Meet and the Halloween Howl Community Cross Country Meet), along with providing bursaries to allow athletes of all ages who face financial barriers to participate in our track training program.

### **West Vancouver Youth Band Society**

Funds will be used to purchase a new Baritone Saxophone, replacing one that is 38 years old. The instrument will be used by the West Vancouver Youth Band members not only for practice but for all performances including; Remembrance Day, Community Day, Canada Day, Dundarave Christmas Tree Lighting etc.

### **West Vancouver Arts Centre Trust/Kay Meek Centre**

Funds will be used to continue the Kay Meek Centre Community Concert series which is offered at various easily accessible locations around West Vancouver at no charge to the public.

### **West Vancouver Memorial Library/Booktopia**

Funds will be used for Booktopia's two secondary school events featuring National Book Award and Newbery Honor winner Steve Sheinkin.

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### **WVSD#45/Lighthouse Festival**

Funds will be used to host the Lighthouse Festival, an annual event celebrating and raising awareness of the range and quality of creative and performing arts in West Vancouver schools.

### **WVSD#45/Sentinel Secondary School Boys Club**

Funds will be used to facilitate weekly Boys Club Network meetings at Sentinel Secondary and to enable the boys participation in special events.

### **Zajac Ranch for Children**

Funds will be used to send up to five children from West Vancouver (ages 7-17 years) living with medical conditions and disabilities to attend summer camp at Zajac Ranch for Children in 2017.

The foundation in conjunction with the Community Foundations of Canada – Canada 150, awarded 11 grants to the following non-profit organizations:

### **District of West Vancouver**

Funds will be used for a community event sharing: 'What Makes Us Canadian', show casing the many different cultures in the West Vancouver community and how we are all connected.

### **Field Hockey Canada**

Funds will be used to strengthen the domestic field hockey family of volunteers, officials and athletes while inspiring the next generation by hosting a 7 Nation World Cup qualifier event in West Vancouver this March and April, 2017.

### **Lighthouse Park Preservation Society**

Funds will be used to host a series of tours of the Point Atkinson Lighthouse and surrounding Lighthouse Park with an emphasis on the light station's history linked with Canada's confederation and a final celebration in September on the anniversary of the lighthouse's dedication as a National Historic Site (1994).

### **North Shore Multicultural Society**

Funds will be used for the North Shore Board & Committee Diversity Initiative, which will support North Shore councils, citizen advisory committees, boards and tables to align their membership with current demographics to better reflect the wide diversity of Canadians interested in volunteering in leadership roles in West Vancouver and North Vancouver in Canada's 150 Anniversary year and beyond.

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### **Pandora's Vox Vocal Ensemble Society**

Funds will be used for two performances and social teas, engaging multi-generational audiences in music & dance that celebrates Canadian composers and portrays the diversity of Canadiana life in song.

### **West Van Arts Centre Trust (Kay Meek)**

Funds will be used to present five events 'Celebrating Canadian Artists Series', at venues across West Vancouver exploring the Canadian Performing Arts experience and celebrating the artists to be featured in our community's 2017 Fall season.

### **West Vancouver Community Arts Council (Silk Purse)**

Funds will be used for the 'Around the Block - Celebrating Canada's 150th', a group art exhibition by approx. 20 young artists between 13-19 years of age from across the North Shore whilst also hosting an open house performance by approx. 8-10 local youth musicians at the Silk Purse Arts Centre.

### **West Vancouver Memorial Library**

Funds will be used to help plan and implement activities and events to share, illuminate and promote understanding of the 94 calls to action from the Truth & Reconciliation Commission in the community of West Vancouver. Four primary activities will be; Reading Circles, an educational exhibition, film screenings and a culminating panel discussion featuring speakers from Reconciliation Canada to engage community members

### **West Vancouver Museum Society**

Funds will be used for an exhibition of contemporary art that explores themes of settlement and migration by Canadian artists from diverse backgrounds indicative of the cultural makeup of the community.

### **West Vancouver Police Department**

Funds will be used for the 'Canoe Program' voyage, which honors one of the traditional methods of travel in Canada.

### **West Vancouver Schools – Properties Family Hub**

Funds will be used for the 'Glowing Hearts: Stories of Canadian Families', a collaborative project documenting, sharing and celebrating our collective stories as Canadian families in a vibrant changing community. The project will provide a platform for engaging in community building through the generative process of story telling celebrating our rich historical diversity in West Vancouver, BC and Canada.

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The foundation has also awarded a sizeable grant to the **West Vancouver Place for Sports** in support of rebuilding the Track and Field facility at West Vancouver Secondary School as a valuable asset for the entire West Vancouver Community.

Along with a contributing grant to support the Gitga'at and West Vancouver Youth: Mural of Merging Voice project. Students in West Vancouver and the Gitga'at Nation in Northern BC will be working together on a large art mural and exhibition in 2017 to deepen understanding of their unique cultures and lands.

The West Vancouver Community Foundation is a non-government, non-profit community foundation founded in 1979. We assist individuals, families, corporations and non-profit organizations to make donations in perpetuity to our community, thereby helping to shape its future. Gifts and donations to the West Vancouver Community Foundation are used to establish permanent, income-earning endowment funds. Earnings generated from these funds are used to meet and respond to evolving community needs.

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