



May 2010 Update

**** YOU ARE INVITED!*****

To our AGM 'Feature Presentation'

'YOUR MONEY AT WORK: GRANTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE'

Join us to hear several of our grant recipients share insights about the community issues and challenges they are working to address. Find out what is happening behind the scenes in our community, and get a clearer picture of how grants from the community foundation can make a difference.

All welcome! Refreshments provided.

Wednesday June 2, 7 - 8pm

Hume Room, Hume Hotel

The business portion of our AGM will follow - feel free to stay.

Over \$100,000 in Grants

We have just finished our busy spring granting period. That's what it's all about-being able to support worthwhile causes in the community!

- **Over \$40,000** in earnings from non-designated funds went to community grant requests we received this year (see <http://www.ospreycommunityfoundation.ca> for a list of grant recipients). In total, there were over \$90,000 in requests this year.
- An additional **\$10,000** went to Friends of Elders in Care, an organization that helps us out by distributing small grants related to seniors care.
- **Over \$56,000** in earnings from our designated funds went to designed recipients. These funds are set up by local organizations and families, with the earnings flowing back to a designated community charity or cause. About \$10,000 of this amount was earmarked for scholarships and bursaries for local students.
- In addition to Nelson-area granting, **almost \$14,000** in grants went to charitable organizations in the North Kootenay Lake area. That money was generated by funds established by the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake Society (CFNKS), under the Osprey wing.

For an overview of all of our funds - both designated and non-designated - see

http://www.ospreycommunityfoundation.ca/docs/funds_chart.pdf

Osprey Youth Committee - First Ever Granting Program

Our Osprey Youth Committee (OYC) is less than a year old, but this small, committed group of teens has already surveyed local youth to identify pressing needs, and launched its first 'by youth, for youth' granting program. The OYC will be distributing three \$500 grants to youth-driven projects.

- The Green Thumbs Youth Garden project will develop garden beds in the courtyard at L.V. Rogers School.
- Another project supports Freedom Quest's weekly drop-in program at LVR that allows teens to connect with counsellors and engage in discussions and activities around drug and alcohol issues.
- The third supports a 'Gentlemen's Club' at the Nelson & District Youth Centre - a weekly drop-in for young men 13-20 years old, which provides a safe place for them to voice concerns, discuss issues, and plan improvements for the Centre.

Currently, support for this youth-in-philanthropy program comes from Osprey operating funds, but we hope to eventually have an endowment fund that supports the work of our enterprising youth. If this interests you, let us know.

What Seniors in this Community Really Need is...

Our largest endowment fund is targeted at meeting the care needs of seniors. To inform our granting program in this area, we will soon be launching into a community consultation process. It will tap into the insights of seniors, seniors organizations, and service providers, and build on previous surveys. Watch for broader community consultations in the fall, followed by the public sharing of our findings. With the growing seniors population in this area, we see this as an important and timely initiative. We thank the City of Nelson and the Columbia Basin Trust for providing Community Initiatives Funding we can put towards this project.

New Funds Boost our Overall Endowment to almost \$5.6 million

Our endowment grows both through donations to existing funds and establishment of new funds, such as:

- **David Thompson Arts Award Fund:** This scholarship/bursary fund will benefit local students pursuing university studies in the fine arts. It is a legacy established by the David Thompson Cultural Society using money remaining from the former students of Notre Dame University and David Thompson University Centre.
- **Kootenay Savings Community Fund** A donation from the Kootenay Savings Credit Union allowed the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake Society to set up this named fund to benefit the North Kootenay Lake community.

Thank you!

- To **Dan Szabo** for all the work he does on our website and the free hosting
- To **Shawn Lamb and Pat Henman** from the Nelson & District Arts Council for providing arts-related grant recommendations
- To **Ryan Martin** and the Hume Hotel for continued support

Did you know?

New donations to the Osprey Community Foundation are invested in a Socially Responsible Investment(SRI) fund with the Vancouver Foundation.

Photo: Mia cutting the 10th anniversary cake at our February office warming!



Office hours

Our part-time staff, Executive Director Mia Gardiner and Office Administrator Robin Gilbertson, work out of our office at B8-625 Front Street (entrance off Hall Street near the railroad tracks). They are there most Mondays and Wednesdays, but must juggle their hours to handle other commitments during the week. Please call first to make sure the office is open: 250-352-3643. You can also contact them at

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ospreycommunityfoundation@gmail.com with "Osprey Update" in the subject line, and let us know. If you are on the list but would rather not receive this information, let us know that, too. Thanks!