

# Christmas Update



December 2009

Seasons greetings from the board of directors of the Osprey Community Foundation! A lot has been happening on the foundation front recently. Here's a quick recap of some highlights.



## Welcome Mia – Our First ED!

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Mia Gardiner as our first-ever Executive Director. To learn more about Mia, see <http://www.ospreycommunityfoundation.ca>. Until we get our new phone line December 21st(250-352-3643), Mia can be reached on her cell at 250 505 3092. She'll be working for us part-time.

## And we now have ... an Office

Our new office is at B8, 625 Front Street, V1L 4B6. It's the brick building at the corner of Front and Hall Streets. We're on the bottom level, with our street entrance on Hall at the door closest to the back of the building and the railroad tracks. We'll soon have our name on the awning. You'll be invited to an office warming once we're properly settled in, but in the meantime, feel free to drop by if Mia is there to see our new digs. And thanks to donors including the Nelson & District Credit Union and the City of Nelson for helping us out with office equipment and furniture that they no longer needed. Mia's hiring and the establishment of an office were made possible through a capacity-building grant received by the Foundation.

## Youth Committee Survey Findings

Our fledgling Osprey Youth Committee(OYC) has done a survey of local youth to identify what they feel are the most pressing issues affecting teens in the area. The number one issue identified by the youth: drug & alcohol abuse. See complete survey results at [http://www.ospreycommunityfoundation.ca/docs/oyc\\_survey.pdf](http://www.ospreycommunityfoundation.ca/docs/oyc_survey.pdf).

Next for OYC: it will soon be launching a program of youth-to-youth grants, targeted at key issues identified by the survey. The Foundation has provided some seed money for this granting program, and we are tremendously proud of the leadership role these youth have taken in identifying and tackling problems faced by other youth in the community. If you'd like your donations to support the youth committee's work, give us a call.

## And the winner is... First place winners of our spring Eco-Photo Contest for Youth received \$400 each to



donate to local environmental non-profit groups. Maddie Sternloff (12-and-under) split hers between West Kootenay EcoSociety and Earth Matters. Anna Deutsch (13-18years) chose Wildsight and our own Environment Fund. You can view all the photo entries and winners at

[http://www.ospreycommunityfoundation.ca/photo\\_contest.php](http://www.ospreycommunityfoundation.ca/photo_contest.php).

Thanks to our judges - local photo pros **Dave Gluns, Doug Lepage, Tim Schaffer** and **Michael Mayrhofer**– and to sponsors **Nelson Daily News, Vogue Photographic** and the **Nelson & District Credit Union**. We'll continue to use these photos to promote our community's Environment Fund, which supports local action on the environment. This year, it helped fund the West Kootenay EcoSociety's **Commuter Challenge**.

## **Endowment Fund bounces back**

Good news - our endowment fund with Vancouver Foundation is rebounding nicely after last year's drop in value. We had anticipated that we might not receive any new income from the fund this year, but we did in fact receive earnings for the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2009 (money that will be granted next year).

## **2009 Grants: Making a Difference in the Community**

In May this year, we distributed **\$94,460** in grants to the community. Most of this money was earmarked for local organizations that have designated or donor-advised funds within the foundation. But we also gave out **\$13,424** through our community grants application process, representing half of the money generated by our Community Funds and other non-designated funds during the previous year. (The other half will be held over for granting in 2010.) For a list of our 2009 community grants,

see [http://www.ospreycommunityfoundation.ca/docs/2009\\_grants.pdf](http://www.ospreycommunityfoundation.ca/docs/2009_grants.pdf)

## **Globe & Mail features Osprey**

The Globe's business section highlighted the Osprey Community Foundation in the lead to an article about an emerging trend among community foundations towards socially responsible investing. Great national coverage, despite several errors in the article. You can find out more about our investments in SRI funds at

<http://www.ospreycommunityfoundation.ca>

## **Do you know someone who should be on our email list?**

This newsletter is part of our commitment to keeping you updated on community foundation news and what your donations have accomplished. Our apologies if you receive it more than once.

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