



I enclose the sum of twenty dollars with the wish that I could afford one hundred dollars to so fine an undertaking. Mrs. Fannie G. Gadsden (1937) The branch, with its training function and the public service activities will continue to serve Greater Victoria better in the future because of improved facilities. Your foundation had much to do with this and was a good shot in the arm for the building campaign. For this we salute you. S.E. McGowan, Chairman, St. John Ambulance The Victoria Foundation plays a key role in improving the quality of all of our lives. Mayor Alan Lowe, City of Victoria Your son has today handed us twenty dollars which is the first contribution made to the Victoria Foundation in which Captain Gadsden has been so keenly interested. It will, I am sure, create a very fine impression and will be a splendid example for others. F.E. Winslow ...welcome a chance of having their estate, small or large, being productive year after year, in perpetuity, and an unceasing flow of generosity. Such donors become a perpetual Santa Claus for Victoria. excerpt from an article published in the TC in 1937 I would like to thank you again for your sustained commitment to Habitat Acquisition Trust's stewardship and education projects. A critical link between children and their environment has been forged. Pauline Brest van Kempen, Educational Coordinator, HAT We are very grateful to the Victoria Foundation for providing us with the funding for our project. The impact the new computers and supporting printers have had on our organization has been felt in every classroom in our school. Alison Galloway, Vice Principal, Elizabeth Buckley School We would like to sincerely thank the Victoria Foundation for making the Meli Festival at the Belfry Theatre possible. It has had a very positive impact on participating artists, community members and audiences. Puente Theatre Society The funding enabled us to update, print and distribute the fourth edition of the *Guide to Green Boating*, our primary educational vehicle for promoting environmentally sound boating practices. None of this would have been possible without the Victoria Foundation. Georgia Strait Alliance Your donation has provided an invaluable gift to the Victoria College of Art. The Victoria College of Art We wanted to express our gratitude for the grant you provided from your environment fund to the Friends of the Gorge Waterway project...the project is well underway and we are having exciting results. Gorge Waterway Action Society Your support is so important because I can focus more on studying. Most importantly, you show me you set a high value on education; many students just like me are going to look up to you and will want to follow in your footsteps. Zuan Wei, 2008 recipient of the Victoria Foundation's Donald & Evelyn MacLean Fund Bursary The grant from the Victoria Foundation was important in allowing us the privilege of including professional musicians in our concerts. This provides our choristers the opportunity to work with professionals and be exposed to music of a very high caliber as well as providing support for local musicians. Victoria Children's Choir Please accept our heartfelt thanks for the grant. The Victoria Foundation's support of our Vancouver Island Peer Program will be a building block along with the committed path to achieve

our vision *A World without Barriers*. On behalf of our members and clients whose lives will be enriched by The Peer Program, thank you! BC Paraplegic Association We are incredibly grateful for the support of the Victoria Foundation this year – it made a huge difference to our project. As a result of its funding we were able to significantly lower the registration fee, resulting in the highest number of applicants to attend ever. BC Youth Parliament The support from the Col. R.O. Bull Fund is always appreciated and helps us to continue our work with the children and youth in the Greater Victoria area. Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria This project enabled us to effectively re-evaluate our efforts in volunteer resource management. We discovered so much about how to move forward and continue to build a strong and vibrant volunteer program. Victoria Women’s Transition House Society With the generous support of the Victoria Foundation we have been able to address some of the service gaps for marginalized youth in our community and strengthen the network of service providers supporting this population. Volunteer Victoria To be successful one has to maintain a long-term perspective. Success is not measured in days or weeks, but rather over years. This is exactly why I continue to have confidence in the careful management of our fund at the Victoria Foundation. Hugh Mogensen, Fund Holder I hope to sustain and support the liveability of Victoria through encouraging the social and artistic endeavours in our community. Belsonia Paul, Fund Holder Our deepest appreciation for helping us accomplish our goal of celebrating distinguished athletes and teams who have brought distinction to themselves, their sport and their community. Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame My mom and I started the Tristan Graham Children’s Foundation because we wanted to raise money to help others. I really like animals, so I want to help them as much as I can right now. Tristan Graham, Age 13, Victoria Foundation’s youngest donor On behalf of all of us at Boys & Girls Club Services and in particular all the programs at camp, I extend to you our heartfelt thanks for this important grant. Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria You have made a significant contribution to our program which works to develop well-informed leaders who are passionately engaged in building a vibrant community, and we thank you sincerely. Leadership Victoria I am very grateful for your support of my MBA studies; I am eager to learn more and I realize that I could contribute more to our health care system and society. My hard work towards

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Out and about in our community.

Victoria’s Vital Signs®

Vital Signs is an annual community check-up conducted by community foundations across Canada. It measures the vitality of our cities, identifies significant trends and assigns grades in areas critical to our quality of life. A total of 17 community foundations from coast to coast will be releasing Vital Signs reports in 2009, an effort coordinated nationally by Community Foundations of Canada.

Now well into our fourth annual Vital Signs, it is clear to the Victoria Foundation that measuring the vitality of our community helps us:

- increase the effectiveness of our grant making
- better inform our donors about issues and opportunities in the community
- make connections between individuals and groups to address those issues

Ever since the first Vital Signs launch in 2006, the report has been received with great enthusiasm. It has successfully served to start meaningful conversations and often becomes a starting point for positive action. Every year we encourage readers to pass it on by sharing the report with friends, colleagues, employees, students, a neighbour, library or community centre or an elected official at any level. At the Foundation, we know the issues and the organizations in our community. If you are looking for ways to make a difference, we can help.

Watch for our October 6, 2009 launch of Victoria’s Vital Signs!

Well-being survey results in a Happiness Index for Greater Victoria

Through our work on Victoria’s Vital Signs®, the Foundation came to host and facilitate a Community Indicator Network made up of organizations that collect and/or report indicators on Greater Victoria. In 2008, as a result of this network, eight organizations joined forces to form the Happiness Index Partnership (HIP), a group whose goal was to conduct a well-being survey resulting in a Happiness Index for our region.

Approximately 6,600 residents of Greater Victoria were invited to participate in the random-sample survey that measured a series of well-being and life satisfaction contributors. The contributors in the survey included health, material circumstances, social and community vitality, cultural vitality, time balance, governance and quality of environment. The results were compiled by BC Stats and analyzed by the Public and Population Health Observatory at VIHA and research staff at the Community Council.

Health

Organization:

Sooke Hospice Society

Project:

Training and Equipment Upgrades

Grant amount:

\$14,000

Impact: Sooke Hospice Society is comprised of a team of trained volunteers and professionals who offer care for those with life threatening illnesses and support to their families. Sooke Hospice assists with the control and relief of pain and discomforts of the illness, as well as coordinates free home support services to the people of Sooke, East Sooke, Metchosin, Shirley and Jordan River. Sooke Hospice is working to improve and continue its training program as well as develop a working office, which will assist with improving efficiencies in managing the day to day operations.



Arts, Culture & Heritage

Organization:
Victoria Target Theatre

Project:
Age on Wheels play production

Grant amount:
\$10,000

Impact: *This outreach project and play production deals with issues facing older drivers from the perspective of older drivers themselves. Age on Wheels advocates for the interests of older drivers (mobility, independence, and understanding), explores myths and facts about senior drivers, and raises questions about the physical and emotional capacities that could affect their driving ability. Interest in this area is growing as statistically older drivers in BC are the second largest demographic (after 16 to 25 year olds) involved in collisions. A team will create and mount a play that builds on input from theatre professionals, social workers, family members, policy makers and seniors themselves in an effort to promote safer driving practices.*



This past February, HIP released the preliminary results of the well-being survey and announced that the citizens of the region rated highly on an international scale used to measure happiness.

Among the findings, our biggest challenge exists in our ability to find a work-life balance. We have a mixed performance in material well-being. While we scored well in freedom from deprivation in things such as food, housing, clothing and medicines, we scored substantially lower in financial satisfaction, which describes our current financial situation as well as our future financial security.

The survey showed very positive results in social and community vitality, including social supports, family and friends and interpersonal trust. We also scored reasonably well on inclusion in terms of ethnicity, race, religion or values.

The term happiness is being used more often as the notion of well-being is recognized as being central to our conceptions of health and healthy communities. For example, the definition of health that is used by the World Health Organization gives primacy to well-being -“Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”

In April of 2009 the Happiness Index Partnership held a community forum to involve community members in a discussion about how happiness and well-being can be enhanced in Greater Victoria.

Students Who Care - Youth in Philanthropy

Youth in Philanthropy (YiP) is a volunteer program designed to introduce local high school students to philanthropy and community development. The program provides a hands-on experience that promotes community vitality and benefits both participating students and local charitable organizations.

The annual program kicks off in September, when participating schools form Youth Advisory Committees. The committees are each allocated \$2,500 to distribute to charitable organizations of their choice. Students discuss their values and establish the goals of their committees then move on to research potential grant recipient charities. This research involves using the Foundation’s *Vital Signs* report, carrying out interviews and conducting site visits within the community. The input of each student is considered and as a group they decide how to best allocate the group’s granting funds. Their written recommendations are then presented to the Victoria Foundation Board for final approval.

The Youth Advisory Committees at each participating school also add to their grant making activities by establishing a permanent endowment fund at the Foundation. Each year thereafter, the Foundation provides each participating school a grant of \$500 to build on the existing endowment for future granting.

In 2008 there were six schools in the Greater Victoria area that took part in this valuable and unique program: Belmont Secondary, Frances Kelsey Secondary, Victoria High, St. Michaels University School, Reynolds Secondary and Oak Bay High. The Foundation hopes that through establishing and developing the students’ understanding of philanthropy they will be inspired to continue the practice and support their communities throughout their lives.

Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness

In December of 2008 the Victoria Foundation announced a grant of \$100,000 to the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness. This one time contribution demonstrates the Foundation’s leadership and puts our *Vital Signs* priorities directly into the community solution. The grant was made to support the collective efforts of the Coalition and to enable it to develop and pilot a client tracking program and coordinated database. The grant will also enable the Coalition to move forward on its critical deliverables, as identified in its broader strategic plan.

The support will be instrumental in assisting the Coalition’s goals of uniting and coordinating the efforts of government agencies, funders, service agencies and housing providers to ensure permanent housing, the delivery of comprehensive supports to the region’s most vulnerable homeless residents, and to prevent homelessness in the future.

“The Victoria Foundation’s *Vital Signs* report identified homelessness, the lack of affordable housing, increased deaths from drug overdose and the widening gap between the rich and the poor as among the most significant problems in the Capital Region,” says Coalition Co-Chair Hon. Ted Hughes. “We applaud the Victoria Foundation’s vision in providing funding to the Coalition directly, as well as to a number of Coalition partners, to address the crisis of homelessness in our community.”

In addition to the substantial gift to the Coalition, the Foundation also provided grants totaling more than \$250,000 over the past year to the following organizations whose sole mission is to house and support our community’s most vulnerable population: Vancouver Island Addiction Recovery Society, The Cridge Centre for the Family, Victoria Cool Aid Society, The Salvation Army, the Mary Manning Centre, Victoria Youth Empowerment Society, Pacifica Housing and Our Place.

As Victoria Foundation CEO Sandra Richardson says, “Homelessness is a problem we can solve by working together as a community. The status quo is not an option.”



Community Service

Organization:
Cordova Bay 55 Plus Association

Project:
Commercial Kitchen upgrade

Grant amount:
\$8,100

Impact: *The Cordova Bay 55 Plus Association has been a positive gathering place for seniors in the Cordova Bay area since 2006. Operating in an unused but limited area of Cordova Bay Elementary School, a facility expansion is currently underway which will enable the Centre to greatly increase the services it offers, including the inter-generational programs. The addition of a commercial dishwasher will assist with meeting the provincial health standards to host additional special events. The Centre will also be able to provide light lunches for drop-ins, which should encourage more seniors to come out and meet others rather than remain at home in isolation.*

Environment

Organization:
Federation of BC Naturalists

Project:
School and public programming

Grant amount:
\$13,000

Impact: *The Federation of BC Naturalists wants to ensure that school children from all socioeconomic areas of our region are able to experience the incredible natural phenomenon of salmon returning to spawn at the Goldstream River. Funding from the Victoria Foundation underwrote the use of trained interpreters and volunteers to enable more school children and families to witness and learn about local habitats. This experience leaves participants with a sense of stewardship, conservation and an increased awareness of the importance of these protected areas and natural cycles.*



1% For The Planet

In the fall of 2006 Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) forged a ground-breaking partnership with 1% For The Planet (1% FTP) to provide a platform for community foundations to engage local businesses in environmental philanthropy. 1% FTP is an international alliance of 1,080 companies (and growing!!) that donate 1% of their sales to a network of 1,717 environmental organizations worldwide. The alliance aims to show that taking environmental responsibility is good for business as envisioned by Yvon Chouinard, founder of 1% For The Planet and Patagonia Outdoor Wear.

Through 1% FTP, community foundations can provide businesses with an innovative and highly visible way to give back to their communities and help the environment. They have an opportunity to work one-on-one with businesses interested in directing their charitable giving to environmental organizations and in turn build environmental endowment funds for the benefit of their community.

At press time, approximately 96 Canadian businesses were members of 1% FTP and 10 community foundations are actively participating in the program, including: Vancouver, Toronto, Stratford and Perth County, Red Deer, Sunshine Coast, Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities, la Peninsule acadienne, Osprey, Winnipeg and Victoria.

Here in Victoria, Foundation granting staff make presentations to local businesses and educate them about how they can best support local environmental charitable organizations. We encourage all environmental non-profit organizations in the region to register as a beneficiary of this program – it’s free! For more information, please visit www.onepercentfortheplanet.org.

Connecting people who care with causes that matter®

That’s what we’ve been all about since 1936

The Victoria Foundation provides leadership by inspiring giving, by thoughtfully caring for the assets entrusted to us, and by investing in people, ideas and activities that strengthen our communities.

As Canada’s second oldest community foundation, we have a thorough understanding that your gift is as individual as you are. It serves to reflect your values, hopes and traditions, and should be as meaningful to you as it is to the community.

Through our range of giving options, we offer something suitable to enable everyone to give confidently and efficiently. When you establish a charitable fund with us you will in fact, create a legacy. Our funds are designed for individuals, families or organizations that want to enhance and support their communities and other charitable organizations in our region and throughout Canada. Over the past 73 years we have facilitated giving to benefit our community for many generations to come.

Our endowment building

The Victoria Foundation holds a collection of permanently endowed funds, established by donors from all walks of life, which are pooled and invested.

Our effective fund stewardship and donor services enable us to make grants to charitable organizations across a broad spectrum of community priorities.

Our local grant making expertise

The Victoria Foundation’s staff and volunteers have an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities, and resources that shape our community. We can help you learn more about local organizations and programs that make a difference in the areas you care about most.

Community Leadership

The Victoria Foundation is broad in scope. We are well positioned to bring people and organizations together. We help convene diverse voices to address local challenges and opportunities.

This is your community. And we are your community foundation.

Community Service

Organization:
Garth Homer Society

Project:
Expansion of Services to Artists with Developmental Disabilities

Grant amount:
\$31,948

Impact: *Since 1998, the ArtWorks program has been providing professional visual arts instruction to people with developmental disabilities in a supported studio environment. The creation of a larger art studio, as well as an art gallery, will provide a better space that allows for clients using wheelchairs, walkers and crutches to move about more freely therefore providing them with increased independence. It is vital that all visitors to the gallery and studio who have physical disabilities, including the Society’s own clients, have equal access – a concept that is central to the Society’s philosophy of inclusion, integration and non-discrimination. The new area will also accommodate different types of art activities, as well as allow for a greater number of clients and other artists in the community to partake in exhibitions, mentorship and projects. The educational impact of the program will flourish, as should the potential income of artists who earn 60% of the profit on their work sold.*

A colourful past...a bright future.

Hearing the stories from organizations that have received funding and learning about the effect these grants have made makes our work at the Victoria Foundation so enriching. The feedback tells us how organizations are able to further their mission and make a positive impact in our community.

We are grateful to our generous donors who in 2008 enabled us to distribute more than \$8,619,110 to 244 organizations, up \$1,500,434 (or 21 percent) over 2007. Thanks to the establishment of 30 new endowment funds, including the Kwadacha First Nations Fund valued at over \$13 million, we are now home to 321 funds. For the Victoria Foundation, 2008 was a year of new achievements and new success, and it was also a year that saw economies from around the world endure unprecedented turbulent times.

The effects of the highs and lows experienced in a global level have had tremendous impact on all types of organizations in every sector, including community foundations.

The Victoria Foundation seeks to use this temporary period as a point in our history to build for the future. Recognizing the important leadership role that we play in the community, we are re-visiting our governance, our proactive granting, the structuring of our committees and the roles of both the board and staff.

By demonstrating leadership, the Foundation can act as a catalyst for collaboration and a facilitator of partnerships. This period in time provides us with a chance to demonstrate our in-depth understanding of our community and our unique ability to get involved to leverage funding and knowledge. Our on-going transparency is fundamental to the community understanding where we are now and where we want to go.

We recognize the importance of continuing with our well-established programs like Youth in Philanthropy, *Victoria's Vital Signs*® and 1% For The Planet, all signature initiatives that provide for citizen engagement and

learning. We also acknowledge the value of developing new relationships such as the Happiness Index Partnership which focused on conducting a well-being survey for the Greater Victoria region.

We encourage you to think positively and emphasize that with more challenges and fewer resources our community needs ALL of us. Many of our donors are considering the option of pass through funding, a valuable option during these times that enables them the ability to make a difference to a charitable sector or organization without delay.

To our retiring board members Kirk Davis, Fiona Hyslop and Roger Soane, we thank you. To our new board members Heather Raven, Deirdre Roberts and Bob Worth, welcome. To the charitable organizations that turn grants into vital programs and our thoughtful donors who make it all possible, thank you. The Victoria Foundation is well poised to continue to make a positive impact in our community now and in the future.

Sincerely,



Chuck Burkett
Board Chair



Sandra Richardson
CEO



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Active Community Advisors and Committee Members

At the Victoria Foundation we have many amazing volunteers that include our Board of Directors, Honorary Governors, Committee Members and, the latest addition to this critical mix, our Community Advisors (indicated with an * in the list below).

Our Community Advisors are fast becoming known for widening the eyes and the ears of the Foundation. These individuals meet face to face with the charitable organizations that deal with the daily reality of our community's challenges. They conduct site visits with Foundation staff and evaluate the difficulties facing an organization, often offering pro bono advice and possible solutions. The wide spectrum of knowledge and experience this group brings to the Foundation helps to make connections and suggestions that go beyond financial support.

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Dana Brynelsen
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Ian Case*
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Christopher Thackray*
Doug Tolson*
Geoff Travers
Kee Warner
Dwight Whitson*

Environment

Organization:

SPOKES

Project:

SPOKES Bicycle Bursary Program

Grant amount:

\$8,000

Impact: Established in 2003, SPOKES is an innovative bicycle bursary program at the University of Victoria that combines cycling with recycling. Volunteers of the program collect old, unwanted bicycles from around the community and refurbish them so that they can be loaned out free of charge to UVic students, faculty and staff. The aim of the program is to introduce people to the benefits of commuter cycling, divert waste from the Hartland Landfill, and promote volunteerism on campus and in Greater Victoria. To date, SPOKES has given out more than 1,000 bicycles! This grant will underwrite the purchase of a bike locker, bike racks and tools so it will be possible to repair and distribute even more bikes and further reduce vehicle traffic on campus.

Education

Organization:
Victoria Society for Educational Alternatives (VSEA)

Project:
Safe Girls Pilot Project

Grant amount:
\$20,000

Impact: *Artemis Place (run by VSEA) provides a safe, stable and compassionate learning environment for 14 to 19 year old girls who have been unsuccessful in regular school. Almost all of the girls have been out of school for several months to several years before joining the program. The girls who come to Artemis Place are able to continue their schooling while getting help with serious life issues that impede their journey to a stable life. “Artemis Place is a nurturing and supportive program that encourages girls to grow into their potential,” says VSEA Board Chair, Enid Elliot. “We believe these young women have the ability to be competent and contributing members of our community. This belief is also shared by them.” The Victoria Foundation grant will enhance individual counseling, group work, speakers, workshops and other community outreach activities.*

Our reach spans across the province.

Provincial Funds: Supporting needs throughout BC.

The Victoria Foundation is helping to meet the needs of people and communities throughout BC. In addition to the work we do locally, the Victoria Foundation hosts and administers a number of provincial funds.

In 2008, over \$3.6 million was distributed province-wide to support thousands of individuals, families and organizations in all areas of the province.

BC Adoption and Permanency Fund

The BC Adoption and Permanency Fund supports groups that help children and youth find and maintain lifelong connections through adoption or other permanent avenues. In 2008, five full grants and 15 mini-grants were awarded. Over \$99 thousand was distributed from this fund in 2008.

BC Institutional Legacy Fund

The Province established the BC Institutional Legacy Fund to recognize the difficulties experienced by many residents of four former mental health institutions in the province. The Victoria Foundation assisted with the distribution of this fund. Originally established at \$2 million, 3,440 former residents received payments from the Legacy Fund. This fund was fully expended at the end of 2008.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Action Fund

The BC Ministry of Children and Family Development granted \$10 million (\$9 million pass through and \$1 million in permanence) to the Victoria Foundation for a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Action Fund. In 2008, over \$1.8 million was distributed for projects that promote prevention and education on FASD, and improve the quality of life for people living with the disorder.

Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society Funds

Working in partnership with the Victoria Foundation, the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society supports post-secondary education by providing scholarships for students attending public post-secondary institutions throughout the province and abroad.

The Government of BC has granted the Scholarship Society \$38 million for endowment funds. In 2008, the earnings from those funds provided 205 scholarships totaling \$665 thousand.

Also in 2008, the Society launched three new scholarship programs. For the first time, scholarships were awarded from the One World International Scholarship Fund. Five outstanding students from BC received Premier’s One World scholarships to assist them in studying abroad, and four deserving students from the People’s Republic of China received scholarships for study in BC.

Late in the year, the Society launched its sixth scholarship program – the BC Aboriginal Student Award. This award provides financial assistance to encourage Aboriginal people to pursue post-secondary education.

By managing the Society’s funds and programs, the Victoria Foundation is helping BC’s students succeed.

Youth Education Assistance Fund

The Youth Education Assistance Fund provides bursaries for post-secondary education to youth formerly in Government care. The Foundation has held this fund since 2003. Recognizing its impact, the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development added \$1 million to it in 2008. Over \$763 thousand was distributed through 132 bursaries last year.

Grants and scholarships from these provincial funds have reached every corner of the province. Thousands of individuals and hundreds of organizations have benefited from them.



Mike Apsey, IKBSS Board Chair



Community Service

Organization
Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria

Project
City Central—Keeping Kids Off the Street

Grant amount
\$11,381.34

Impact: *When Central Junior High School transitioned to a middle school there was a need to provide youth-oriented after-school programs that were cost-effective and risk-managed. A successful program was established in 2002 and attendance has grown steadily with an average daily drop-in rate of 28 youth. A grant from the Victoria Foundation will assist City Central with promoting healthy living by supporting programming that offers a variety of activities including sports and cooking classes. The programs also provide an opportunity to foster positive relationships and encourage educational, recreational, and social skills improvement.*

Health & Recreation

Organization:
Victoria Native Friendship Centre

Project:
Walk-in Cooler

Grant amount:
\$12,000

Impact: *In partnership with VIHA and Lifecycles, the Victoria Native Friendship Centre has been working with local urban Aboriginal peoples to create more opportunities for education and cooking skills focused around the use of local foods. Group cooking and a community kitchen address food security and health issues in the Aboriginal community. This grant underwrites the purchase and installation of a walk-in cooler to allow the Centre to conform to both FOODSAFE and health codes by having appropriate storage for foods that are required to be kept cooler than room temperature.*

History in the making at the Victoria Foundation.

Kwadacha First Nation Fund

In late November 2008, it was announced that the benefits of an historic agreement would enable the Kwadacha First Nation to establish a \$13 million endowment fund with the Victoria Foundation. Following the ratification of the final agreement and subsequent one-time \$15 million payment from BC Hydro, the Kwadacha First Nation announced the majority of the payment would go towards the establishment of an endowment fund with the Victoria Foundation. In addition to the one-time payment, the Kwadacha First Nation will also receive annual payments of approximately \$1.6 million from BC Hydro, with future adjustments for inflation.

The agreement between Kwadacha, BC Hydro and the Province addresses historic damages from the creation and operation of the W.A.C. Bennett Dam and Williston Reservoir.

“We researched a number of foundations,” says Kwadacha Chief Donny Van Somer. “We decided to set up our fund with the Victoria Foundation because of its investment management record and the positive services and dealings it has had to benefit First Nations.”

Returns from the \$13 million endowment will be used by Kwadacha First Nation for community related purposes, including:

- Economic and social welfare
- Health care facilities and programs
- Education facilities and programs
- Spiritual facilities and programs
- Community facilities and programs
- Recreation facilities and programs
- Other benevolent and charitable enterprises for the benefit of Kwadacha, and
- General administration and governance of Kwadacha

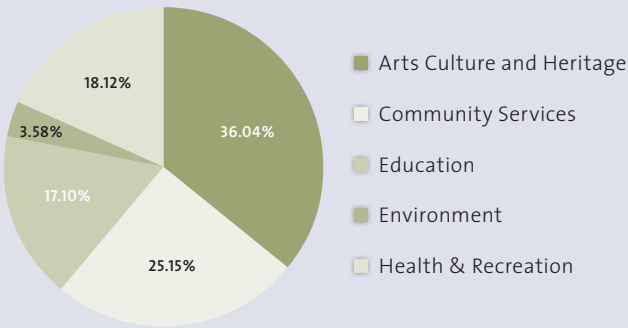
“This is a valuable relationship of which we are very proud,” says Victoria Foundation Board Chair, Chuck Burkett. “We know that working together with Kwadacha First Nation in a collaborative environment will ultimately create positive changes for its community.”

Victoria Foundation CEO Sandra Richardson adds, “Ours will be a long-term relationship and we look forward to building on our positive history of supporting Aboriginal development. There are opportunities to leverage other resources and ultimately assist with raising their profile for the benefit of the Kwadacha community.”

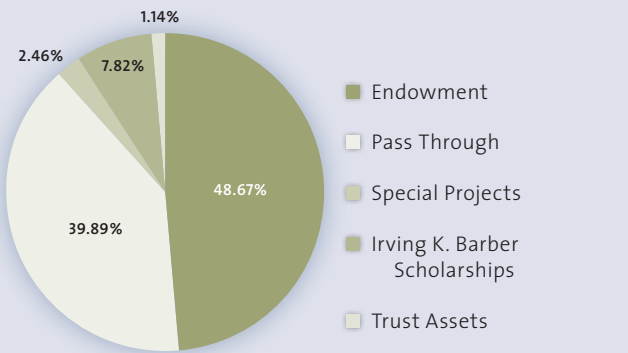
Grants 2008

The following list highlights the wonderful impact of the Victoria Foundation’s various funds on 244 charitable organizations in 2008.

Grants by Field of Interest



Total Grants by Source of Funds



Beneficiary Organizations	Total Grants
Abbeyfield Heritage Housing Society	\$1,394.65
AboutFace Craniofacial Family Society	\$600.00
ALS Society of BC, Victoria Chapter	\$524.35
Alzheimer Society of BC – Greater Victoria Resource Centre	\$764.69
Anglican Synod of the Diocese of BC	\$84,794.19
Arbutus Singers Music Education Society	\$9,070.00
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria	\$30,649.61
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria Foundation	\$125,541.65
Arthritis Society – Vancouver Island	\$7,408.79
Arts Sustainability Victoria	\$1,787,298.68
Aventa New Music Society	\$5,000.00
BC Cancer Foundation	\$54,106.97
BC Guide Dog Services	\$4,134.38
BC Land Surveyors Foundation	\$2,135.75
BC Lions Society For Children	\$12,552.40
BC Paraplegic Association – Vancouver Island South	\$524.35
BC Schizophrenia Society	\$6,377.28
Beacon Community Association	\$2,250.00
Belfry Theatre Society	\$9,637.46
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Victoria	\$200.00
Boston University Tanglewood Institute	\$7,500.00
Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria	\$11,381.34
Brentwood College School	\$2,447.71
Broadmead Care Foundation	\$3,516.66
Brooks Secondary School, Powell River Scholarship Council	\$600.00
Camosun College Foundation	\$82,942.26
Canadian Cancer Society	\$3,086.98
Canadian Centre For Policy Alternatives	\$1,500.00
Canadian College of Performing Arts	\$8,095.12
Canadian Esperanto Association	\$1,000.00
Canadian Light Music Society	\$7,000.00
Canadian Mental Health Association Victoria Branch	\$4,595.20
Canadian National Institute for the Blind	\$6,177.04
Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society	\$2,975.12
Canadian Red Cross Society	\$7,708.79
Canadian Wildlife Federation Inc.	\$1,000.00
CanAssist	\$1,100,000.00
Capital City Volunteers Services Association	\$5,250.00
CARTS Outreach (Christian Actions Reflecting The Spirit)	\$900.00
Cat’s Cradle Animal Rescue	\$4,000.00
CFB Esquimalt Military Family Resource Centre	\$204.68
Child Abuse & Prevention Counselling Society of Greater Victoria	\$31,600.00
Church of St. John the Divine	\$11,000.00
Church of St. Mary the Virgin	\$23,922.27
City of Victoria	\$27,408.50
City of Victoria Recreation Services	\$5,000.00
Clay Tree Society for People with Developmental Disabilities	\$16,000.00
Clements Centre Society	\$10,000.00

Grants 2008 continued

Communications & Public Relations Foundation	\$1,830.81	Institute for New Economics	\$1,000.00
Community Council	\$16,878.00	Innovative Communities Org Foundation	\$1,000.00
Community Foundations of Canada	\$10,000.00	Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria	\$6,000.00
Comox Valley Folk Society	\$1,000.00	Intrepid Theatre Company Society	\$27,000.00
Cordova Bay 55 Plus Association	\$8,100.00	Islands Trust Fund	\$2,084.53
Cornerstone Youth Society	\$25,800.00	Iyengar Yoga Centre of Victoria Society	\$3,000.00
Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association	\$29,923.95	James Bay United Church	\$3,300.00
Craigdarroch Castle Historical Museum Society	\$3,249.64	Kids Help Phone	\$3,800.00
Cridge Centre for the Family	\$17,384.30	Kidsport – BC	\$3,000.00
Dance Victoria Society	\$6,514.63	Kwadacha First Nation	\$800,000.00
David Suzuki Foundation	\$11,000.00	Leadership Victoria Society	\$5,000.00
Developing Countries Farm Radio Network	\$500.00	Learning Disabilities Association of BC – South Vancouver Island	\$242.99
District of North Saanich	\$1,000.00	MADD – Victoria & Area Chapter	\$300.00
Doctors Without Borders	\$1,800.00	McGill University – Schulich School of Music	\$10,000.00
Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Program	\$10,759.53	Mount Newton Centre Society	\$500.00
Early Music Society of the Islands	\$3,791.91	Mount St. Mary Foundation	\$10,500.00
Ecojustice Canada	\$3,000.00	Muscular Dystrophy Canada – Western Region	\$42,394.31
Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children	\$2,000.00	Mustard Seed Street Church	\$6,960.19
Engineering Institute of Canada Scholarship Society (EIC)	\$1,185.70	Nana Foundation	\$2,500.00
Fairfield New Horizons	\$5,000.00	Nanaimo & District Crime Stoppers Association	\$2,000.00
Family Caregivers Network Society	\$315.30	Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation	\$2,000.00
Federation of British Columbia Naturalists	\$13,000.00	Nature Conservancy Canada	\$107.14
Federation of Canadian Music Festivals	\$10,000.00	New Marine Centre Society	\$9,490.63
Firefighters’ Burn Fund of Greater Victoria	\$2,344.45	Oak Bay Heritage Foundation	\$813.78
First Metropolitan United Church Foundation	\$7,722.07	Oak Bay Secondary School	\$500.00
First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation	\$2,662.73	Oak Bay Volunteer Services Society	\$15,868.45
Friends of Ecological Reserves Society	\$2,000.00	Our Place Society	\$186,395.11
Friends of the Royal British Columbia Museum Foundation	\$74,436.34	Outdoor Club of Victoria Fund	\$552.80
Friends of the University of Alberta Devonian Botanic Garden	\$100.00	OVC Pet Trust Fund	\$350.00
Garth Homer Society	\$31,948.75	Pacific Centre Family Services Association	\$14,435.00
Georgia Strait Alliance	\$7,000.00	Pacific Opera Victoria	\$278,673.20
Glenlyon Norfolk School	\$23,168.23	Pacific Opera Victoria Foundation	\$21,891.24
Gorge View Society	\$4,595.20	Pacifica Housing Advisory Association	\$23,350.00
Greater Victoria Animals Crusaders	\$500.00	Parkland Secondary School	\$2,300.00
Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness	\$100,000.00	Parks & Recreation Foundation of Victoria	\$500.00
Greater Victoria DanceWorks Association	\$801.38	Partners for Prosperity	\$1,000.00
Greater Victoria Eldercare Foundation	\$1,000.00	Peninsula Streams Society	\$7,000.00
Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival	\$2,500.00	Physicians For Global Survival (Canada)	\$1,000.00
Greater Victoria Public Library	\$12,215.92	Power to Be: Adventure Therapy Society	\$3,000.00
Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra	\$12,030.10	Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation	\$250.00
Habitat Acquisition Trust	\$13,918.73	Project Ploughshares	\$2,000.00
Habitat for Humanity Victoria	\$15,080.69	Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Canada	\$1,000.00
Hadassah-WIZO of Victoria	\$1,875.00	Prostitutes Empowerment Education Resource Society	\$1,258.98
Haven Foundation	\$1,000.00	Queen Alexandra Foundation for Children	\$129,160.81
Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon	\$22,895.20	Quest Outreach Society	\$500.00
Heart & Stroke Foundation of Victoria	\$1,000.00	Rock Solid Foundation	\$2,000.00
Hope for Rwanda’s Children Fund	\$200.00	Rocky Point Bird Observatory	\$1,127.71
Horticulture Centre of the Pacific	\$49,814.43	Rose Manor	\$4,595.20
Huntington Society of Canada – BC Chapter	\$100.00	Royal Canadian College of Organists, Victoria Centre	\$2,000.00

Grants 2008 continued

Royal Roads University	\$5,000.00	University of Victoria – Centre for Biomedical Research	\$34,500.00
S.A.L.T.S. Sail and Life Training Society	\$3,000.00	University of Victoria – Faculty of Humanities and Research	\$27,913.69
Saanich Native Support Program	\$8,956.00	University of Victoria – Student Awards	\$5,190.56
Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation	\$92,485.26	University of Victoria – Sustainability	\$8,000.00
Saanich Volunteer Services Society	\$13,106.67	University of Victoria – Faculty of Fine Arts	\$2,000.00
Salt Spring Island Conservancy	\$388.44	Urban Ink Production Society	\$2,000.00
Salvation Army	\$44,004.14	Vancouver Island Addiction & Recovery Society	\$50,000.00
School District #61 – Greater Victoria	\$5,300.00	Vancouver Island Cancer Centre – BC Cancer Agency	\$5,954.30
School District #62 – Sooke	\$39,600.00	Vancouver Island MS Society	\$1,371.46
Scouts Canada Foundation	\$6,000.00	Vancouver Island Prostate Cancer Research Foundation	\$582.95
SeaChange Marine Conservation Society	\$20,500.00	Vancouver Island Providence Community Association	\$17,050.00
Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park Society	\$1,000.00	Vancouver School of Theology	\$7,000.00
Sidney Concert Society	\$106.19	Victoria Association for Community Living	\$16,755.94
Sierra Club of BC Foundation	\$800.00	Victoria Birthright Society	\$2,000.00
Sierra Youth Coalition	\$2,000.00	Victoria Chinese Heritage Foundation	\$300.00
Silver Threads Service	\$26,211.98	Victoria Conservatory of Music	\$82,988.02
SJ Willis Alternative School	\$300.00	Victoria Cool Aid Society	\$53,000.00
Sleeping Children Around the World	\$2,005.00	Victoria Family Violence Prevention Society	\$1,500.00
Sooke Hospice Society	\$14,000.00	Victoria Gilbert & Sullivan Society	\$5,800.00
Sooke Region Historical Society – Sooke Region Museum	\$1,000.00	Victoria Heart Institute	\$31,840.00
South Island Centre for Couselling and Training	\$4,000.00	Victoria High School	\$650.00
SPCA	\$87,786.14	Victoria High School Alumni Association	\$1,868.34
Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is of Oak Bay	\$5,000.00	Victoria Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation	\$146,754.50
St. Aidan’s United Church	\$5,000.00	Victoria Hospitals Foundation	\$58,378.87
Suddenly Dance Theatre Society	\$10,800.00	Victoria Immigrant & Refugee Centre Society	\$15,000.00
Support Casa Guatemala Children Inc.	\$5,000.00	Victoria Independent Film & Video Festival	\$8,000.00
Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services	\$10,000.00	Victoria Native Friendship Centre	\$13,195.26
Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary	\$100.00	Victoria READ Society	\$1,466.68
Swimming Canada	\$100.00	Victoria Remembrance Day Committee Poppy Fund	\$300.00
SWOVA Community Development & Research Society	\$25,000.00	Victoria Riding for the Disabled Association	\$15,000.00
TB Vets Charitable Foundation	\$500.00	Victoria Society for Educational Alternatives	\$20,000.00
The Contemplative Society	\$2,200.00	Victoria Symphony Society	\$22,198.68
The Curtis Institute of Music	\$12,000.00	Victoria Target Theatre Society	\$10,000.00
The First Open Heart Society of BC – Victoria Heart House Society	\$3,702.54	Victoria Theatre Guild/Langham Court Theatre	\$5,306.16
The Pembina Foundation for Environmental Research & Education	\$16,000.00	Victoria Women’s Sexual Assault Centre	\$1,023.76
The Prostate Centre	\$23,988.64	Victoria Women’s Transition House Society	\$5,289.87
The War Amps	\$1,000.00	Victoria Youth Empowerment Society	\$22,500.00
Threshold Housing Society	\$1,000.00	Volunteer Victoria	\$44,690.00
Times Colonist 1000 Christmas Fund	\$2,000.00	WaterCan	\$2,560.28
TLC, Land Conservancy of BC	\$47,974.26	Wear 2 Start Society	\$2,500.00
Together Against Poverty Society	\$500.00	West Coast Environmental Law	\$1,000.00
UBC – Okanagan	\$700.00	Wild ARC	\$2,250.00
Unitarian Service Committee	\$500.00	Women’s Healthy Environment Network	\$1,000.00
United Jewish Appeal	\$100.00	World Federalist Foundation	\$1,000.00
United Way of Greater Victoria	\$2,350.00	World Wildlife Fund	\$3,086.98
University of Manitoba	\$107.14	YM/YWCA of Greater Victoria	\$3,815.19
University of Prince Edward Island	\$107.14	Young Parents Support Network	\$3,870.00
University of Toronto	\$10,000.00	Youth Parliament of BC Alumni Society	\$3,549.54

Financial highlights of 2008

- Thirty (30) new funds were established
- Gifts to the permanent endowment were \$18,639,640
- Total grants from endowments and pass throughs were \$8,619,110
- Investment returns averaged (15.5%) for 2008. Our 10 year average returns are 4.50%

Auditors’ Report



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AUDITORS' REPORT

To: The Board of Directors of The Victoria Foundation

The accompanying summarized statement of financial position and summarized statement of operations and changes in net assets are derived from the complete financial statements of The Victoria Foundation as at December 31, 2008 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated February 20, 2009. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the Foundation's financial position and results of operations, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

Victoria, B.C.
February 20, 2009

Chartered Accountants



Summarized Financial Statements

The Victoria Foundation Summarized Statement of Financial Position

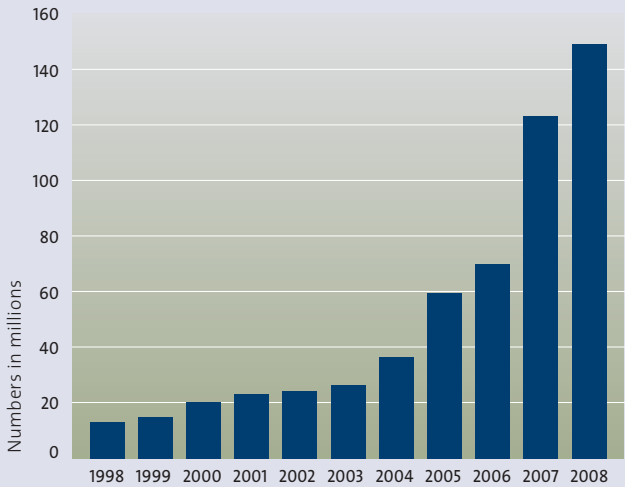
As at December 31	2008	2007
Cash	\$ 592,465	\$ 932,544
Investments, at market value	130,133,073	135,780,635
Other Assets	160,314	146,267
	<u>130,885,852</u>	<u>136,859,446</u>
Trust Assets	5,020,954	5,036,267
	<u>135,906,806</u>	<u>141,895,713</u>
Payables and other Liabilities	252,913	341,722
Grant Commitments	1,424,938	2,033,801
Pass Through Fund Liabilities	9,753,719	9,101,376
Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society Funds	32,242,737	39,454,955
Net Assets	<u>87,211,545</u>	<u>85,927,592</u>
	<u>130,885,852</u>	<u>136,859,446</u>
Trust Liabilities	5,020,954	5,036,267
	<u>135,906,806</u>	<u>141,895,713</u>

Summarized Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

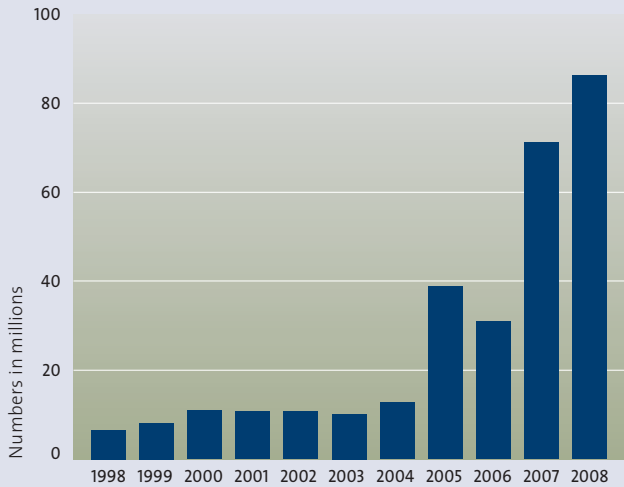
For the year ending December 31,	2008	2007
Revenue:		
Gifts received for immediate granting	\$ 5,846,685	\$ 3,980,893
Gifts to operations	174,692	151,736
Fee revenue—Trusts and Managed Funds	415,417	307,345
Life insurance premiums	83,761	103,149
Total returns allocated to operations and granting	<u>3,684,020</u>	<u>4,085,453</u>
	<u>10,204,575</u>	<u>8,628,576</u>
Expenses:		
Grants	\$ 8,619,110	\$ 7,118,676
Life insurance premiums	83,761	103,149
Communications and community leadership	210,855	166,849
Operations expenses	<u>1,389,343</u>	<u>1,071,456</u>
	<u>10,303,069</u>	<u>8,460,130</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	<u>\$ (98,494)</u>	<u>\$ 168,446</u>
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	\$ 85,927,592	\$ 81,143,483
New gifts and contributions to endowment funds	18,312,403	8,640,243
Total returns allocated to net assets	(16,929,956)	(4,024,580)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	(98,494)	168,446
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>87,211,545</u>	<u>85,927,592</u>

A decade of growth

Original Capital Growth



Granting Growth



Fund Balances

The Victoria Foundation makes charitable giving straightforward. We have several types of charitable funds to assist you in your giving. We work with you to ensure that the type of fund you choose best matches your giving and your charitable goals:

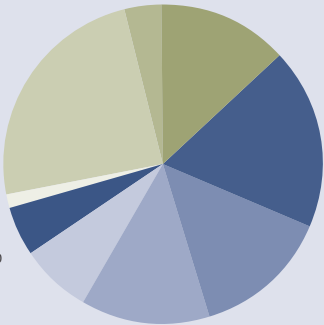
- » **Hosted** funds are typically established by charitable organizations to grow assets to meet both current and future needs.
- » **Donor Advised** funds are popular funds that provide a convenient and flexible method for individuals, families and groups to be personally involved with their giving.
- » **Designated** funds are granted to specific, named charitable organizations.
- » **Discretionary** funds provide grants as determined by a volunteer committee process. The Board of the Victoria Foundation formally approves all grants from all funds.

Fund Balances by Type of Fund – Market Value at Year End

Not including Charitable Remainder Trusts and Life Insurance Funds

Total assets under management

- Discretionary 13.30%
- Hosted Organization 18.29%
- Designated 13.70%
- Donor Advised 13.10%
- Pass Through 7.30%
- Retractable Hosted Orgs. 5.06%
- Special Projects 1.33%
- Irving K Barber Society 24.14%
- Trust Assets 3.79%



The Victoria Foundation wishes to acknowledge the following individual donors who funded projects and charitable organizations in 2008 by contributing pass through gifts totaling over \$312,000.

Anonymous donors (10), Dr. Joyce Clearihue, Marv Holland, Hilda Irish, Allan G. Kemp, Peter and Helen Malcolm, Eleanor Marcus, Lael and David Popham, Sandra Richardson, Deirdre Roberts, and Kathy Stinson.

Funds listed in alphabetical order by Fund Name

DESIGNATED	Market Value at Dec 31 2008	Total Grants
Abbeyfield Heritage Housing Society Fund	\$31,169.15	\$1,394.65
Agnes Nancy Ferguson Fund	\$466,251.84	\$20,586.60
Ann's Garden Fund	\$9,634.22	\$432.69
Anonymous	\$44,874.15	\$0.00
APM Fund for the Arts	\$49,262.49	\$1,662.87
BC Kiwi Fruit Growers Bursary Fund	\$17,037.55	\$0.00
BC Land Surveyors Foundation/Roy Goldfinch Memorial Fund	\$18,094.62	\$1,440.75
Blair and Una H. Ferguson Fund	\$4,345.71	\$271.70
Brown Fund for the Manitoba Chartered Accountants Foundation Inc.	\$43,434.17	NEW
Col. R.O. Bull Fund	\$563,278.50	\$12,238.53
Daisie Thirlwall Scholarship Fund	\$20,903.86	\$1,039.82
Donald N. Gain Fund	\$174,668.72	\$8,741.07
Doreen and Bernard Crook Fund	\$195,175.16	NEW
Dorothy A. Naylor Fund	\$7,738.11	\$347.81
Dr. Margaret Mann & Dr. Michael Kovacs Fund	\$28,137.88	\$1,258.98
Edmund Alan Larkin & Edith Margaret Larkin Trust	\$828,354.07	\$37,040.24
Edward Joseph Harrison Fund for Camosun College	\$919,542.44	\$40,603.86
EGW & MW Fund	\$80,999.94	NEW
Elizabeth McPherson Fund for the Arts	\$75,737.51	\$2,505.74
Elizabeth Wilson Brown and Thomas E. Brown CA Memorial Fund	\$188,910.85	NEW
Emily Elizabeth Stoneham Fund	\$7,733,406.13	\$339,171.21
Eric E. & Marguerite M. Hall Memorial Fund	\$41,542.80	\$1,858.60
Ethel Dent Banks & Margaret Maunsell Endowment Fund	\$11,564.50	\$553.03
Floyd R. Hall Fund for the Arts	\$39,898.28	\$3,000.00
Founders Trust	\$8,644.33	\$582.95
Frederick William Kischell Bursary Fund	\$97,354.96	\$4,856.20
Friends and Alumni of Oak Bay Secondary School Fund	\$18,563.03	\$500.00
Goolden Fund	\$240,024.99	\$10,566.77
Gordon Hooey Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$14,619.75	\$700.00
Gudewill Bursary Fund for Glenlyon Norfolk School	\$345,051.26	\$17,203.19
Helen Stuart & Bob Hoogendoorn/Mozart Fund	\$218,061.98	\$9,768.67
Humby/Frampton Fund	\$217,297.20	\$0.00
Irene Lyttle Fund	\$85,696.28	\$3,834.38
Isabella Vera Deakin Fund	\$1,082,208.69	\$47,844.54
Jack & Gwen Gregory Family Fund	\$23,114.16	\$1,034.15
James & Inez Hibbard Fund	\$20,780.31	\$929.20
JDB Victoria Library Fund	\$90,875.36	\$4,066.18
Lee Mong Kow Fund	\$14,888.88	\$300.00
Louisa M. Jarvie Memorial Trust	\$119,367.79	\$5,340.48
M.I. Richardson Fund	\$5,156.99	\$231.56
Mary Elizabeth Bayer Heritage Fund	\$10,339.26	\$500.00
Mary Elizabeth Hemeon Memorial Fund	\$28,583.69	\$1,152.74
Miles Hadham Nicholl Foundation	\$110,541.28	\$5,133.31
Nellis Roy Moyer & Mary Elizabeth Moyer Memorial Trust	\$690,680.23	\$30,879.03
Norval Schroeder Fund	\$45,306.32	\$2,300.00
Outdoor Club of Victoria Fund	\$38,758.23	\$1,460.34
Pat Coverdale Fund	\$462.18	\$0.00
Patricia Oliver Fund	\$69,530.39	\$2,805.47
Rheta May Pederson Memorial Trust Fund	\$719,239.88	\$32,166.40
Robert J. Peck and E. Lorraine Peck Fund	\$34,365.24	\$1,385.95
Ruth E. Carlson Fund	\$651.53	NEW
Saanich Peninsula General Hospital Fund	\$9,551.93	\$429.40

DESIGNATED	Market Value at Dec 31 2008	Total Grants
Steven Norman Memorial Fund	\$73,762.82	\$2,918.49
Stuart & Elizabeth Simpson Fund	\$64,897.18	\$2,903.84
Susan Englebert Fund for the Arts	\$38,705.23	\$2,000.00
Switzer Finkel Endowed Scholarship Fund	\$10,862.97	\$600.00
Threshold Housing Society Fund	\$32,807.89	\$1,000.00
Unity Church of Victoria Stewards Trust	\$8,279.12	\$0.00
VanHall Fund for the Arts – BC Arts Renaissance	\$274,436.39	\$9,223.70
Victoria '94 Volunteer Legacy Fund	\$643,514.59	\$32,900.00
Victoria High School Endowment Fund	\$40,849.46	\$1,868.34
Walter Thomas, Sarah & Leslie John Lavender Memorial Trust	\$1,137,619.63	\$49,997.72
XAXE TENEW Sacred Land Society Chilcowitch Trust Fund	\$100.46	NEW
Youth Parliament of BC Fund	\$16,191.27	\$549.54
Zoe Licastro Memorial Award Fund	\$7,867.76	\$300.00

DISCRETIONARY	Market Value at Dec 31 2008	Total Grants
Cleo Longon Memorial Fund	\$375,520.40	\$0.00
Community Living Restructuring Endowment	\$288,442.14	\$383,875.00
Dal Hawkshaw Fund	\$15,216.62	\$16,000.00
Donald and Evelyn MacLean Fund	\$919,666.13	\$29,588.40
Edward & Frances Mallek Fund	\$128,906.76	\$5,675.00
Elizabeth A. & Anna F. Russell Memorial Fund	\$995,817.31	\$19,700.00
Environment Fund	\$44,906.95	\$78,278.00
Ernest & Hazel Kay Fund for Seniors	\$1,300,171.48	\$52,500.00
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Action Fund	\$837,379.25	\$54,000.00
Goodwill Enterprises Perpetual Trust Fund	\$1,624,886.54	\$60,000.00
Helen May Noxon Fund	\$1,371,291.51	\$55,400.00
Orion Fund	\$2,219,902.94	\$94,370.00
The Victoria Fund (formerly Community Fund)	\$6,670,911.35	\$373,875.00
Willard & Elva Dawson Fund	\$1,805,586.18	\$76,470.00

DONOR ADVISED	Market Value at Dec 31 2008	Total Grants
Anonymous 1	\$13,519.09	\$292.74
Anonymous 2	\$896,892.98	\$0.00
Anonymous 3	\$3010.25	\$35,000.00
ALACS Fund	\$1,746,350.56	\$25,000.00
Alexandra Fund	\$13,402.67	\$369.84
Alice May Salmon Foundation Fund	\$184,122.20	\$10,800.00
Alistair S. Thomson Fund	\$480,459.39	\$21,347.12
Anne McLaughlin Fund	\$184,520.65	\$7,863.37
Anne’s Social Justice Fund	\$74,956.78	\$22,156.00
Annette Marie Hart Fund	\$36,780.53	\$2,060.28
APM Fund #2	\$16,529.16	\$0.00
Axel & Wendy Foght Fund	\$157,335.62	\$6,080.20
Bayberry Fund	\$17,430.98	\$642.84
BC Adoption & Permanency Endowment Fund	\$934,351.30	\$0.00
Bear Mountain Foundation	\$3,665.64	\$631.28
Belsonia Bogatin Paul & Frank Paul Foundation	\$192,003.00	\$18,000.00
Brennan-Spano Family Foundation	\$62,113.95	\$2,035.81
Burkett Family Fund	\$13,973.91	\$280.44
Cederberg Family Fund	\$24,222.58	\$996.16
City of Victoria Governor General’s Youth Legacy Fund	\$16,099.97	\$583.63
Cranmere (Holloway/Varder) Trust	\$219,113.15	\$9,800.00

DONOR ADVISED	Market Value at Dec 31 2008	Total Grants
David and Pep Groos Fund for Vocal Music	\$29,966.27	\$0.00
David Grierson Arts Legacy Fund	\$14,384.10	\$1,000.00
Dennis & Janet Kellett Fund	\$3,790.60	\$233.65
Doug Menzies Community Services Fund	\$4,188.60	\$300.00
Dr. Roy and Mrs. Ellen Sutherland Fund	\$56,875.96	\$39,000.00
Elders & Youth Tribal Governance Fund	\$11,172.15	NEW
Elizabeth Russ Fund	\$453,415.70	\$17,000.00
Ernie & Frances Hudson Family Fund	\$81,835.27	\$79,400.00
Fiona Hyslop Fund	\$28,387.83	\$1,256.98
G.F. “Pat” Dunn Family Fund	\$322,780.16	\$3,965.04
Garden House Foundation	\$14,761.97	NEW
Golden Jubilee Arts Fund	\$10,878.16	\$0.00
Grace Maynard Fund	\$10,332.79	\$383.87
Harry de Zwager Memorial Fund	\$19,245.18	\$1,000.00
Henry & Marian Thiel Family Trust	\$41,851.13	\$0.00
Honorary Governors’ Millennium Fund	\$80,288.39	\$6,000.00
Hugh & Helen Mogensen Fund	\$816,093.13	\$24,902.40
Hummingbird Fund	\$567,461.58	\$20,725.00
Ian & Daphne Izard Fund	\$14,334.73	\$878.86
Ian & Gloria Back Fund	\$95,359.73	\$6,485.43
Ian & Margaret Mair Fund	\$49,424.80	\$22,500.00
Island Parent Fund	\$7,862.27	\$200.00
J and M Fund	\$86,612.58	NEW
James & Diana Black Fund	\$41,442.69	\$1,700.00
James & Russell McIntosh Fund	\$99,129.76	\$5,145.38
Jerry Gosley Memorial Arts Fund	\$13,703.64	\$0.00
Joan C. McCarter Foundation	\$21,250.84	\$0.00
John & Thelma Ismay Fund	\$91,171.66	\$3,317.52
John H. & Margery M. McEown Trust for the Performing Arts	\$21,780.63	\$800.00
Kirk & Marlyn Davis Fund	\$8,545.60	\$106.19
Life on this Planet Fund	\$820,996.35	\$0.00
Linda Schlechte & Howard Petch Fund	\$10,795.83	\$0.00
Lorna Eastman Fund	\$3,121.49	\$107.97
Michael & Anne Tyler Fund for the Arts	\$81,366.84	\$0.00
Moore Family Fund	\$4,226.30	\$339.13
Murray and Lynda Farmer Fund	\$55,184.93	\$1,990.63
Myre and Winifred Sim Fund	\$847,700.01	\$48,340.00
NRS Foundation	\$5,352,817.24	\$542,682.29
Phoenix Bursary Fund	\$105,905.55	\$5,000.00
Pilgern Fund	\$4,838.24	\$198.01
Pinch Family Trust Fund	\$20,034.76	NEW
Pink Salmon Fund	\$23,361.79	\$868.87
Randy Smith Scholarship Fund	\$18,867.46	NEW
Raven Fund	\$8,168.25	\$0.00
Raymond and Marigold Patterson Fund	\$26,130.08	\$2,975.12
Robert and Jane Rogers Fund	\$120,224.84	\$3,360.79
Robert Worth Family Fund	\$29,618.97	\$2,831.10
Robinson Family Fund	\$6,168.34	\$16,405.00
Rudi & Sylvia Hoenson Foundation	\$322,856.45	\$110,844.45
Sheila J. Henley Fund	\$19,143.49	\$695.26
Sidney R. and Gladys L. Sharman Foundation	\$221,399.21	\$9,948.75
Smart Melanoma Society	\$24,892.87	\$0.00
Solas Fund	\$696,234.20	\$25,800.00

DONOR ADVISED	Market Value at Dec 31 2008	Total Grants
Sun Star Fund	\$121,372.41	\$80,000.00
TAENOX Fund	\$10,265.53	\$1,280.39
Ted Harrison Trust	\$4,487.69	\$0.00
The Planning Centre Millennium Trust Fund	\$45,039.11	\$1,600.00
Thomas and Lori Burley Family Fund	\$9,356.72	\$242.52
Tristan Graham Children's Foundation	\$9,518.88	\$0.00
Victoria Foundation Youth in Philanthropy	\$48,874.87	\$9,000.00
Victoria Golf Club Foundation Fund	\$8,592.93	\$0.00
Whitewood Foundation	\$71,685.47	\$0.00
William, Laura and Christopher Cook Memorial Fund	\$32,021.00	\$1,000.00
Woodsome Fund	\$736,833.99	\$25,000.00
Yarrow Legacy Fund	\$40,800.26	\$0.00
YIP – Belmont Secondary Endowment Fund	\$6,792.84	\$2,500.00
YIP – Frances Kelsey Secondary	\$4,982.62	\$2,500.00
YIP – Oak Bay High School Endowment Fund	\$5,482.35	\$2,500.00
YIP – Reynolds Secondary Endowment Fund	\$3,595.24	\$2,500.00
YIP – St. Michaels University School	\$4,982.62	\$2,500.00
YIP – Victoria High School	\$5,494.11	\$2,500.00

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Administration Fund of the Victoria Foundation	\$181,221.97	\$7,962.10
Alzheimer Society of BC Capital Region Fund	\$6,488.61	\$264.69
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$37,723.85	\$1,594.93
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria Foundation Capital Buildings and Property Fund	\$109,662.33	\$9,031.79
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria Foundation Endowment Fund – Restricted	\$1,250,664.39	\$34,454.41
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria Foundation Endowment Fund – Unrestricted	\$2,175,080.95	\$91,087.24
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria Gallery Art Acquisition Fund	\$408,340.78	\$24,793.18
BC Land Surveyors Foundation University of New Brunswick Scholarship Fund	\$21,020.23	\$695.00
BC Schizophrenia Society – Victoria Branch Endowment Fund	\$129,350.85	\$6,377.28
Beckley Farm Lodge Fund	\$60,682.93	\$2,346.00
Belfry Theatre Society Fund (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$136,866.52	\$6,130.99
Bill Burrill Fund for Together Against Poverty Society	\$5,379.32	\$0.00
Canadian College of Performing Arts Fund (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$90,877.17	\$3,095.12
Canadian Public Relations Society – Vancouver Island Legacy Fund	\$40,850.81	\$1,830.81
Capital Families Association Fund	\$5,133.41	\$281.07
Cool Aid Housing, Health, Shelter & Community Services Fund	\$8,561.31	NEW
Cowichan Therapeutic Riding Association Endowment Fund	\$59,068.44	\$29,923.95
Craigdarroch Castle Endowment Fund	\$63,110.82	\$2,249.64
Craigdarroch Castle Estate Restoration Fund	\$122,756.39	\$4,976.07
Dance Victoria Endowment Fund (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$51,111.19	\$1,514.63
DanceWorks Scholarship Endowment Fund	\$18,555.34	\$801.38
David Spencer Memorial Fund for Pacific Opera Victoria	\$120,208.56	NEW
Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Program Fund	\$205,487.99	\$10,759.53
Early Music Endowment Fund (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$85,311.80	\$3,190.53
Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC) Scholarship Endowment Fund	\$30,529.28	\$1,185.70
Esperanto Global Auxiliary Language Fund	\$35,520.57	\$1,000.00
Family Caregivers' Network Society	\$8,372.07	\$315.30
FASD Community Circle Society Fund	\$2,653.52	\$109.21
First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation	\$619.83	\$18.47
First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation – First Nations Education Fund	\$27,400.32	\$1,443.03
First Unitarian Church of Victoria Foundation – FUCV Music & Social Action Fund	\$22,838.51	\$1,201.23
Friends of the Military Resource Centre of CFB Esquimalt	\$5,054.76	\$204.68
Greater Victoria Public Library Fund	\$185,144.23	\$8,149.74

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GVYO/Stuart Knussen Endowment Fund (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$153,834.05	\$5,180.10
Habitat Acquisition Trust Foundation Fund	\$45,618.00	\$1,927.02
HAT Matson Lands Endowment Fund	\$77,771.91	\$3,488.16
Horticulture Centre of the Pacific	\$5,160.95	\$231.74
Irving K. Barber Society – Companion Fund	\$8,623.53	\$0.00
James Bay United Church Fund	\$164,701.45	\$3,300.00
Kiwanis Pavilion Endowment Fund	\$67,624.51	\$0.00
Kwadacha First Nation Endowment Fund	\$13,518,556.75	NEW
Leadership Victoria Visions Endowment Fund	\$2,803.23	\$106.33
Learning Disabilities Association of BC – Vancouver Island Chapter Bursary Fund	\$4,762.51	\$242.99
Leslie and Murray Glazier Victoria Symphony Young Musicians Fund (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$43,853.62	\$500.00
MS Society Tomorrow Fund	\$33,991.98	\$1,371.46
Oak Bay Heritage Foundation Endowment Fund	\$18,183.79	\$813.78
Oak Bay Volunteer Services Fund	\$304,303.97	\$12,778.77
Open Space Society Arts Fund (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$256,912.30	NEW
Pacific Opera Victoria (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$1,499,094.07	\$45,530.97
Pacific Opera Victoria Foundation	\$830,957.05	\$40,979.18
Pacific Salmon Conservation Fund	\$4,873.80	\$188.26
Peninsula Foundation Society Fund	\$202,925.83	\$6,500.00
Public Television Fund	\$18,584.23	NEW
Richard Margison Fund for Opera Studio (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$39,009.04	\$1,747.21
Rocky Point Bird Observatory Fund	\$28,558.82	\$1,127.71
Royal BC Museum Endowment Fund (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$1,695,936.50	\$74,436.34
Ruby Alton Property Endowment Fund	\$86,089.89	\$2,084.53
Saanich Volunteer Services Fund	\$15,959.97	\$606.67
Salt Spring Island Conservancy Endowment Fund	\$9,722.90	\$388.44
Sanscha Community Cultural Centre Foundation for Arts (MWC)	\$406,455.06	\$0.00
Sidney Classical Orchestra Fund	\$8,243.33	\$0.00
Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services Foundation	\$8,639.56	NEW
T. Harry Wilson Endowment Fund for GVPL	\$47,285.91	\$0.00
TLC, Ours Forever Endowment Fund	\$109,212.67	\$4,428.99
TLC, The Land Conservancy of BC Endowment Fund	\$381,503.81	\$15,184.58
Umbrella Foundation for Addictions and Mental Health Fund	\$201,380.16	\$7,782.37
United Commercial Travellers' Fund	\$78,021.43	\$3,146.10
Vic High Titans Fund	\$25,179.24	\$650.00
Victoria Concert Hall Fund	\$52,132.32	\$1,841.01
Victoria Conservatory of Music Fund (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$1,213,870.85	\$37,784.82
Victoria Film Festival Fund (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$24,715.96	\$955.33
Victoria Horticultural Society – Jill Stewart-Bowen Scholarship Fund	\$25,425.77	\$1,400.00
Victoria Horticultural Society – Scholarship Fund	\$16,817.94	\$900.00
Victoria Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation – Education Endowment	\$232,991.46	\$10,721.63
Victoria Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation – General Endowment	\$1,089,401.94	\$50,136.17
Victoria Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation – Operations Fund	\$1,083,217.62	\$49,836.73
Victoria READ Society Fund for Literacy	\$36,353.23	\$1,466.68
Victoria Symphony Fund (BC Arts Renaissance Fund)	\$48,179.79	\$2,076.08
Victoria Theatre Guild Fund	\$117,563.13	\$5,306.16
Victoria Women’s Transition House Society Fund	\$36,649.25	\$1,518.80
Winifred Clark Foundation	\$5,158.01	\$231.59
Women’s Sexual Assault Centre Fund	\$12,582.45	\$523.76
Work Streams Employment Society Endowment Fund	\$38,625.95	\$0.00
YM/YWCA of Victoria Endowment Fund	\$83,033.26	\$3,715.19
Youth Education Assistance Endowment Fund	\$939,935.70	\$0.00
Zonta Club of Victoria/Olga Bartello Fund	\$23,468.61	\$1,265.52
Zonta Club of Victoria Fund	\$10,127.26	\$520.97

Environment

Organization:
SeaChange Marine Conservation Society

Project:
Discover the Gorge Program

Grant amount:
\$20,500

Impact: SeaChange and its partners have established high-quality marine and watershed education programs for schools within the Capital Regional District over the last 10 years. The interactive Discover the Gorge program will engage approximately 50 classes from the Capital Regional District in educational opportunities in Esquimalt. The first year of the program will include Seaquaria, a live marine touch tank, a Gorge Waterway Watershed Model, outdoor field activities to broaden understanding and appreciation of the area and teachers' workshops to familiarize educators with the program and assist them with building links to their curriculum.



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At the Victoria Foundation we have a long history of matching good ideas, programs and services with available resources where they may do the most good in our community. With more than 300 permanent endowment funds and several provincial funds, the Foundation is here to help you benefit our community today and in perpetuity, in a way that suits you.

With thanks...

The Victoria Foundation would like to acknowledge the tireless volunteers who comprise our Board of Directors, our Honorary Governors, our committees and Community Advisors. As well, many thanks to the following organizations for their on-going contributions: Community Foundations of Canada, the BMO Financial Group and the Transatlantic Community Foundation Network.

Community Foundations of Canada, our membership organization, is an active contributor to building more vital communities across the country. It supports our work through leadership on the national and international stage. As a member in good standing of Community Foundations of Canada, the Victoria Foundation shares a commitment to using philanthropy as a powerful catalyst for strengthening communities.

BMO Financial Group has a lengthy tradition of building strong and valued relationships with the communities where it does business. Through the *Supporting Your Community* program BMO takes this tradition to a new level. The alliance that BMO Financial Group formed with Community Foundations of Canada makes it easier for Canadians to make contributions to causes that are important to them.

The Transatlantic Community Foundation Network provides a platform for the exchange of experience and expertise among community foundations on both sides of the Atlantic. It seeks to identify good practices and share them with emerging and existing community foundations.



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my educational goals also mean financial challenges I have to face as a single parent in a full-time graduate program. Zuan Wei, 2008 recipient of the Victoria Foundation's Donald & Evelyn MacLean Fund Bursary As a result of this program, I feel more connected with my community. Participant in the Young Parents Support Network The Moms and Mentors program provides a stepping off point for moms and their children to move forward with their lives in a balanced and confident direction. On behalf of all the participants I say we are very grateful. Participant, Moms and Mentors, Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre Many thanks on behalf of our clients for your contribution to *The Other Eleven Months* Fund. We were able to enhance our community living and autism clients' lives. Child and Family Counseling Association We are proud of our Youth in Philanthropy students and the careful thought and analysis they apply to making their choices. The recipients benefit by the grants and our students benefit by among other things the broader understanding they gain of the needs and resources in our community...We look forward to our continuing relationship with the Victoria Foundation. Michael McEvoy, Chair, Greater Victoria School Board Thanks to the Victoria Foundation's assistance, the work is now complete and staff, patients and family are living and working in the much improved facility. Victoria Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation Thank you to the Victoria Foundation for adopting our class and helping us to learn more about the wonders of the wetlands! Miss Robinson's Division Three Class, Cloverdale Elementary Thank you Swan Lake and the Victoria Foundation. I had a really great time. Tanner H., Ducks Unlimited program participant, Sangster Elementary School We are so excited to be working towards greater literacy skills amongst children and youth in Victoria. With the foundation's help we are able to purchase books, games and other activities geared toward improving reading skills. Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Victoria Thanks to the Victoria Foundation for realizing the importance of such a program as the Bridges Alumni, that has made such a difference in my life. Jane, program participant, Bridges for Women Society Thank you for your outstanding support of our Literacy in the Classroom program – the Great One and Only Storytelling Vaudeville Revue will be performed in front of over 32,000 students and in almost 100 schools in BC and Alberta. Story Theatre Productions Society As a result of this program, I feel more connected with my community. Participant in the Young Parents Support Network We can't begin to thank you enough for your generous support of B.C. Special Olympics in Victoria! It will assist us in our efforts to become a greater resource to individuals who have an intellectual disability. British Columbia Special Olympics On behalf of all of us at Boys & Girls Club Services and in particular all the programs at camp, I extend to you our heartfelt thanks for this important grant. Boys & Girls Club Services of Greater Victoria It was such a refreshing honor to be given the responsibility and the tools to allow others to see through their life's passions. As youth, we are often considered "the future," but the 'Students Who Care' program has been a crucial outlet for many of my peers and me to take part in the change of today. Sara Panton, Students Who Care participant, Belmont Secondary and winner of the 2007 C-FAX Youth Leader of the Year Award Your grant will ensure that our clients receive the care and compassion that we all deserve when facing such a lonely time, and continue to ensure that people of our community have a haven of caring and a supportive presence to turn to at the end of life or in grief. Cowichan Valley Hospice Society (2009)