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Community Foundation's Grants Address Vital Signs Priorities

GADSAR & GCRS among the recipients



Nick Comstock & Shauna Speers of GADSAR show off the new AutoPulse Resuscitation System while at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. The AutoPulse purchase was supported by the GDCF's 2015 grant. Golden Community Resources Society was also awarded a grant for their Infant - Toddler furnishings & equipment at the new Early Learning & Care Centre.

(Golden, BC) – Golden and District Search and Rescue (GADSAR) is better equipped to save lives with the help of a grant from the Golden & District Community Foundation (GDCF).

The GDCF's Community Grant Program selected GADSAR's application for a Zoll AutoPulse Resuscitation System in order to better respond to winter backcountry emergencies.

"GADSAR's application rated very high on improving Golden & Area A's "Health," "Safety," and "Recreation & Leisure" Vital Signs issue areas," said Ryan Watmough, Executive Director of the GDCF, "as the bulk of GADSAR's response calls are in remote mountain terrain. The Community

Foundation's \$5,000 grant was integral in GADSAR being able to acquire the AutoPulse." A short video of Nick Comstock and Shauna Speers demonstrating the AutoPulse Resuscitation System can be seen on the GDCF's website, www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca.

Golden Community Resource Society (GCRS) applied for funding for "Early Learning & Care Centre - Infant - Toddler furnishings & equipment." The GDCF awarded GCRS \$7,064.22 – a significant contribution of their \$10,052 ask on the \$1.4M Early Learning & Care Centre project.

The Early Learning & Care Centre's furnishings and equipment help address priority Vital Signs issue areas like "Economy," "Work," and "Getting Started & Staying."

According to GCRS's grant application, "Success will be measured through the reduction of child care wait lists within the community, as well as a reduction in the University of BC Early Development Instrument (EDI) scores."

The GDCF requests project proposals each October. Many endowment funds managed by the GDCF are pooled together in order to fund significant and impactful projects in Golden & Area A. While GCRS's furnishings & equipment and GADSAR's AutoPulse Resuscitation System project were the largest grants awarded, other groups received support, too.

Further, \$445.15 from the David Brault Memorial Fund helped cover some costs associated with the Golden Family Centre's Golden Day Program and the Golden Lions' support for personal learning needs. Finally, \$339.73 from the Cecil & Edel Parson Memorial Fund earnings went to the Golden & District Historical Society.

About the Golden & District Community Foundation

The Golden & District Community Foundation's mission is to attract and effectively grow permanent funds; provide leadership and administration that helps in addressing significant community needs; and help donors fulfill their philanthropic interests.

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