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GDCF Announces Recipient of Mike McKnight Ski Industry Award

(Golden, BC) The Golden & District Community Foundation has just announced the recipient of their newest fall season program, the Mike McKnight Ski Industry Award. This Award was created in late 2009 to honour the memory of one of Golden's community builders, Mike McKnight.

The Award is granted to an institution or training organization for a nominated student, or students, of their choosing. The Award recipient must be *“a Golden resident who has a history of community involvement and who is entering into or continuing in a training program for employment in the ski industry. Employment includes, without limiting employment only to, winter guides, ski patrol, higher level ski or boarding instructor, ski area management and search and rescue.”*

In 2013, the GDCF selected John Cattie as the recipient of this Award.

Mr. Cattie has lived in Golden for six years and spends much of his time in the mountains working for Kicking Horse Mountain Resort (KHMR) with the Grizzly Bear Refuge, Brushing Crew and Ski Patrol. He recently completed his Master's of Environmental Studies in Nature-Based Recreation and Tourism and is currently enrolled in the Canadian Avalanche Association's Avalanche Operations Level 1 course.

According to nominator, Mike Rubenstein of KHMR, Mr. Cattie *“has a passion for the ski industry and plans to stay in Golden for many years and put his education, both academic and practical, to use in Golden to help better the community.”*

Information on the GDCF's Mike McKnight Ski Industry Award is available on www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca/grantapps.html beginning October 1st of each year.

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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