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GDCF's Whitetooth Ski Program Continues

Program will support 23 local kids to learn to ski & snowboard

(Golden, BC) The Golden & District Community Foundation (GDCF) is not just supporting local charity projects at this time of year. As temperatures fall, the hopes of alpine athletes rise with the annual Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program.

Created by the Whitetooth Ski Society, the Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program makes a limited number of skiing or snowboarding packages available to Golden and Area A children between the ages of 8 and 17, where family incomes are limited.

The ski and snowboard program is a cooperative effort between the Golden & District Community Foundation, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, Golden Kicking Horse Alpine Team, and Golden Community Resources Society (GCRS). For the 2013-14 season, a total of 23 applications were supported.

“In a mountain community like Golden, it’s very important that we all work together to ensure that as many kids as possible get the opportunity to learn to ski or snowboard. The GDCF are very pleased to have all partners involved again this year and trust that all participants will make the best use of this wonderful opportunity,” explained Ryan Watmough, Executive Director of the Golden & District Community Foundation. “The GDCF would especially like to thank Judy Brook of GCRS, who carefully reviewed each application.”

It is hoped that by having the Golden Kicking Horse Alpine Team on involved again, their coaching programs can take the participants’ skiing to the next level of proficiency and commitment. And, over time, Whitetooth participants can develop a lifelong love of mountain sports, earn their ski or snowboard instructor certificate, gain an employable skill and be able to pass on their knowledge to the next generation of local rippers.

Information on the GDCF’s Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program 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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