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Golden & District Community Foundation continues addressing the needs of the community.

The Golden and District Community Foundation has completed a productive year. The Board, led by Chairman Glen Ewan, works hard to create a fund that is enduring and where the interest is used to fund various charities. The Community Foundation has had many exciting changes in the past twelve months:

A New Logo and Website:

Local designer Barbara Ulrich of Perception Advertising created a new logo for the Foundation. It is a professional design that symbolizes how the Foundation helps build the community. The new website, www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca, is current and with it comes an easy donation portal through www.canadagives.org. Over the past year, the Community Foundation has forged a strong relationship with the 170-member Community Foundations of Canada.

The Spirit Pass:

The Kicking Horse Community Endowment Fund was created with Steve Paccagnan of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and will assist charitable projects in the Resort community. Steve was enthusiastic about the concept from the beginning and this fall brought the Spirit Pass to fruition. Twenty fully-transferable annual passes are available for \$2,000 each, providing up to \$40,000 per year for the Fund.

Scholarship Funds:

Our community lost two outstanding individuals this year. The Town of Golden's Mayor, Aman Virk, died suddenly in March. In October, Mike McKnight, who helped start The Whitetooth Ski Area and Chatter Creek Cat Skiing passed away after an extended illness. Their families and friends have created permanent scholarship funds through the Community Foundation to honour their memories in a lasting manner.

Starting with a golf tournament and followed up with the Classy Contractors Christmas Party, the Future Contractor's Scholarship Fund was created by several key individuals in the local home building industry. The scholarship will support GSS graduates who are studying for a professional career in the industry. The Fund will grow each year through a number of planned events in our Community.

Holiday Giving Campaign:

The Community Foundation recognized this year that many individuals would like to give a present that makes a difference. To this end, individuals can donate to the Community Foundation in a recipient's name. Individuals can pick up a card at various downtown businesses or make a donation on-line at www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca. The donation can be designated to the Fund of your choice. Past recipients include the Golden Women's Resource Centre and the Golden Seniors Centre.

The Community Foundation acknowledges the generosity of grieving families and of businesses willing to step up to make a difference.

"If it wasn't for the fact that we have individuals who understand the importance of helping those in need through their generous donations to the Community Foundation, many of the people who need help the most would have a harder time living in Golden," concluded Glen Ewan, Board Chair. "The generosity of these individuals reminds us of all the goodwill in our community."

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