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Community Foundation Applications Online
Community Foundation offers 3 streams of support in October

(Golden, BC)   The Golden & District Community Foundation is pleased to announce the 14th annual round of grants through their Community Grants Program, as well as the regular intake of Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program and Mike McKnight Ski Industry Award.

The GDCF's Fall Grants Season is regularly anticipated by local charities as it provides an opportunity to apply for funds from a local funder. The granting funds are available from the interest earned at the Columbia Valley Credit Union on the 10 Community Grants Program permanent endowments held by the GDCF.

Three years after the first Golden & Area A's Vital Signs Report project, which collected citizen grades for 12 issue areas that impact our community's quality of life, the Grants Advisory Committee continues to fine-tune the grant program accordingly. Now, with the 2014 Vital Signs Report published on October 7th, the Committee intends to award approximately $17,000 through project grants of $5,000 or more, which address those most recent Report findings.

Last year 3 local applicant projects were granted awards between $5,500 and $6,037. The funded projects included the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 122's new furnace, the upcoming Local Intelligence Gathering, and the recently completed, Durand Manor Fencing Project.

However, the GDCF is not just supporting local charities at this time of year. As temperatures fall, the spirits of alpine athletes rise.

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. In 2013, a total of 23 applications were supported. The Community Foundation expects to see a similar request again this year.

The third program is supported by the Mike McKnight Ski Industry Award Fund, which 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 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."

Information on the GDCF's Community Grants Programs, the Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program and the Mike McKnight Ski Industry Award are available on www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca/grantapps.html beginning October 1st. It is highly recommended that applicants download and read the policy & guidelines before beginning the applications. All applications must be submitted by 12:00pm noon Tuesday October 21st.

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.

To learn more about your community foundation and Golden & Area A's Vital Signs project, please bookmark www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca.

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