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Community Foundation Funding Available

Community Foundation offers 2 streams of support this month

(Golden, BC) The Golden & District Community Foundation is pleased to announce the 16th annual round of grants through their Community Grants Program, as well as the regular intake of the 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 on the 10 Community Grants Program permanent endowments held by the GDCF.

Three years after the Golden & Area A's 2014 Vital Signs Report, which collected 400 citizen grades for 13 issue areas that impact our community's quality of life, the Grants Advisory Committee continues to fine-tune the grant program accordingly. Now, the Committee and Board intends to award over \$10,000 through project grants of \$5,000 or more, which address citizen priorities, like the Economy, Work and Getting Started & Staying.

Last year, 2 local applicant projects were granted awards. The funded projects included the Golden and District Search and Rescue's new Zoll Autopulse resuscitation device, and Golden Community Resource Society's Infant-Toddler Furnishings & Equipment project for the new Early Learning & Care Centre.

Other designated endowment funds have been set up to benefit the Golden Family Centre Society (Golden Day Program & Golden Lions), the Golden & District Historical Society, and the Golden Civic Centre's grand piano each year.

The second competitive 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 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 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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