

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program Planning



Kate Reid, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort; Ryan Watmough and Karen Wilson, Golden & District Community Foundation (GDCF); Judy Brook, Golden Employment Services, ironed out the details of the upcoming program for children and youth between the ages of 8 and 17.

(Golden, BC) – Last week, organizers met to finalize the details of the 2012-13 Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program.

The Whitetooth Ski Society established an endowment fund to support affordable family skiing, utilizing the proceeds from the sale of the Society's assets. This endowment fund is managed by the Golden & District Community Foundation (GDCF) and works with the support of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, Golden Kicking Horse Alpine Team, and Golden Community Resources Society.

And new this year, local business, Off The Wall Entertainment, is also contributing \$9 from every sale of Ski/Ride Whitetooth t-shirts to the endowment fund.

The Program makes available a limited number of skiing/snowboarding packages to children between the ages of 8 and 17, where family incomes are limited. This program can include skiing passes, lessons, and if required, rental equipment and transportation. Packages will be allocated on the basis of greatest need.

In 2011, a total of 36 applications were supported, twice as many as 2008-9. The Community Foundation expects to see a similar demand again this year.

Applications will be available through [www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca](http://www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca) on October 1<sup>st</sup> and due October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

***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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