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It Takes a Village to Raise a Skier

Whitetooth Program will support 19 local kids learning to ski & snowboard

(Golden, BC) Golden has its own spin of the ancient African proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child.” Golden’s version goes something like this: “It takes a village to raise a skier.”

Thanks to many groups in Golden, the Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program will be supporting 19 local children and youth, from 8 to 17 years of age, as they learn to ski and snowboard.

The Whitetooth Program is led by the Golden & District Community Foundation (GDCCF), and supported by the Whitetooth Ski Society Fund (WSSF), which was started with the proceeds from the sale of Whitetooth to Ballast-Nedam. This fund is invested in the Columbia Valley Credit Union, where the interest is used to provide seasons passes, lessons and rentals to local children and youth with limited family incomes.

Golden Community Resources Society (GCRS), Golden Kicking Horse Alpine Team (GKHAT), Kicking Horse Mountain Resort (KHMR) and the Canadian Association of Snowboard Instructors (CASI-BC) are supporting a total of 19 applications for the 2014-15 program.

“In early 2014, we defined the new Issue Area of ‘Recreation & Leisure’ in our Vital Signs Report. While skiing and snowboarding costs rise, the continued improvement in the Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program is one way to ensure that all kids have an opportunity to learn to ski or snowboard,” explained Nola Milum, GDCCF Board Chair. “We are very grateful that so many local organizations have collaborated on this program. The kids really appreciate it.”

Information on the GDCCF’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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