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Kicking Horse Country's Favourite Volunteers

The Community Foundation's draw receives over 100 entries

(Golden, BC) – The Golden & District Community Foundation just wrapped up its annual contest to discover Kicking Horse Country's favourite volunteers. Through a write-in nomination process, Christina Edmunds won the Favourite Youth Volunteer Award and Golden and District Search and Rescue was picked as the Favourite Volunteer Organization.

With ballots available at the Not-For-Profit Connection & Community Registration Night on September 8th and the Kicking Horse Country Fall Faire on September 11th, local residents were asked to think about and nominate local volunteers and their organizations in this fun format. Prizes were generously donated by Selkirk Sports, Columbia Valley Natural Health Center and DJ's Paper Place.

At one event, Roni Beaugard nominated Miss Edmunds, and wrote that "she is committed, long term, tenacious, ambitious, pleasant, accommodating and least of all she has cerebral palsy and never lets it slow her down." As a result of Ms. Beaugard's ballot, Miss Edmunds received a beautiful backpack donated by Selkirk Source for Sports and Ms. Beaugard was awarded a gift package from Columbia Valley Natural Health Centre.

Dave Kronlund's ballot stated that Golden and District Search and Rescue "perform a vital service," and was his favourite volunteer organization. For nominating the winning group, Mr. Kronlund won a stylish Sheaffer pen from DJ's Paper Place.

The response and variety of ballots confirmed the diversity, importance and appreciation of Kicking Horse Country's volunteer organizations.

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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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