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GDCF & GYOC MAKE 2009 GRANT DECISIONS *Ten Local Projects to Benefit from Community Grants Program*

(Golden) – The Golden & District Community Foundation’s ninth annual round of grants generated a record number and value of requests. Recently, a total of \$20,000 was awarded to 10 local projects.

Each fall, the earnings from the Community Foundation’s endowment funds are available through the community grants programs. By October 22nd, a total of 23 project proposals were received, requesting some \$87,000. With so much demand, the GDCF Grants Advisory Committee of Denise English, Krys Sikora, Katherine Fiebig, Evelyn Keenleyside and Robert Miller had to make some tough decisions. As well, for many members of the Golden Youth Opportunities Council, this was their first experience with philanthropy and it opened their eyes to the challenges of local non-profit groups.

Executive Director, Ryan Watmough reported, “The Community Foundation received more than double the usual number of applications this year and more than triple the request for funds. After extensive deliberations, the GDCF and GYOC were able support a wide-range of community projects.”

Successful GDCF Community Grants Program organizations and projects include:

Abbeyfield Housing Society – New window coverings in residents’ rooms	\$1,815
Canadian Avalanche Centre – Golden Youth Avalanche Education	\$1,676
Golden Active Transportation Committee – Community Bike Program	\$2,095
Golden and District Search and Rescue – Administration Technical Upgrade	\$1,286
Golden Community Resources Society – Golden Community Spray Park	\$3,000
Golden District Golf & Country Club (ToG) – 25 th Anniversary Celebration	\$4,000
Metis Nation Columbia River Society (GDHS) – Olympic Torch Celebration with Metis Dance	\$2,000
Special Olympics Golden BC Chapter – Annual Sports Program	\$1,500

Successful GYOC Community Grants Program youth-oriented projects include:

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy – Afterschool Shake Up	\$1,927
Golden Women’s Centre Society - Girlz Group: The Real You, Ethnic & Cultural Diversity	\$940

The Golden & District Community Foundation attracts and effectively grows permanent funds; provides leadership and administration that helps in addressing significant community needs; and help donors fulfill their philanthropic interests.

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