

# NEWS RELEASE

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## GDCF Grants Awarded

*Local charities will benefit from the Community Grants Program*



*Glen Ewan, Chair of the Golden & District Community Foundation, presents a cheque for \$418 to Colleen Palumbo of the Golden & District Historical Society. This grant was made possible by the Cecil & Edel Parson Memorial Fund.*

(Golden, BC) – The Golden & District Community Foundation’s tenth annual round of grants will help four local charity projects.

The four grants are made possible by the collection of endowment funds including the Community Fund, the Golden Log Truckers Association Fund, the Bud Stewart Rotary Memorial Fund, the Cecil & Edel Parson Memorial Fund, and the Allen Williams Fund.

Following the call for proposals in October, the GDCF’s Grants Advisory Committee reviewed the applications and made funding recommendations. The recommendations were ratified by the Board of Directors in November and the applicants notified immediately after.

Recipient Organization & Project	Award
Golden and District Search & Rescue (GADSAR) – Rope Rescue Equipment Upgrade	\$4,800
GCRS – Child Care Resources & Referral (GCRS-CCRR) – Natural Play Materials for Golden Preschoolers	\$1,264
Golden Food Bank Society (GFBS) – Exterior Signage	\$415
Golden & District Historical Society (GDHS)	\$418

GADSAR’s application focused on upgrading their rope rescue equipment, which will increase their group’s capabilities. The \$4,800 grant, partially funded by the Allen Williams Memorial Fund, will make rope rescues “quicker, easier and safer.”

The GCRS – CCRR project is designed to provide Golden’s preschool residents with “free range, natural play materials, which can be loaned out to area families from their lending library and be utilized at the Strong Start room.” They received 50% of the project’s costs from the GDCF. CCRR’s focus on ‘Natural Play’ should help “increase literacy and academic performance, while decreasing stress, anxiety and depression in the growing child.”

The GFBS will soon have a higher profile in the community with the help of a \$415 grant for the construction and installation of exterior signage. The new sign, facing 9<sup>th</sup> Street South, should make it more accessible to first-time donors, clients and volunteers.

This is the first year that the GDHS will benefit from the Cecil & Edel Parson Memorial Fund. This \$418 grant, from interest earned on ‘agency fund,’ will be awarded specifically to the Historical Society each year moving forward.

The Community Grants Program is just the start of the GDCF’s fall granting season. In the coming days, grants for GSS Scholarship & Bursaries and the Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program will be announced. To read the announcements as they happen or make a donation to one of 17 endowment funds, visit [www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca](http://www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca).

***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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