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YOUTH BENEFIT FROM SCHOLARSHIPS & WHITETOOTH PROGRAM

Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program helps 22 local kids enjoy a Golden winter

(Golden) – Created by the Whitetooth Ski Society, the Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program makes a limited number of skiing or snowboarding packages available to Golden and Area A children between the ages of 8 and 18, where family incomes are limited.

This \$25,000 program is a cooperative effort between the Golden & District Community Foundation, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and Golden Community Resources Society. In 2009, a total of 22 applications were received, up 22% from 2008.

All applicants were accepted for the program and can receive season passes, lessons and rentals through KHMR and the GDCF; as well as snow shuttle tickets from the CSRD and Town of Golden.

GDCF Scholarships for Golden Secondary School Graduates

With most 2009 Golden Secondary School graduates back in town for the holidays, the Golden & District Community Foundation is pleased to announce \$15,903 in scholarship awards.

Aman Virk Memorial Scholarship (\$500): Sara Lambert
GSS Legacy Scholarship Fund (\$1500): Michele Heil
Tera Jubinville Memorial Bursary (\$500): Shail Moffat-Christy
Durand Scholarship (\$2,313) & LaRue Memorial Trust (\$11,125): 29 GSS Graduates

Every year, the earnings from these scholarship funds are provided to the GSS Scholarship Committee and Golden Teachers' Association to be awarded to deserving graduates.

In 2010, the GDCF hopes to award some newly created scholarships. The Future Contractors Scholarship will be awarded to a GSS graduate entering a college level trade program geared towards the construction industry. The Mike McKnight Ski Industry Award will be granted to a Golden resident who has a history of community involvement and is entering into or continuing a training program for employment in the ski industry.

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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