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Grant applications available now

The Community Foundation announces 3 streams of support

(Golden, BC) – The Golden & District Community Foundation is pleased to announce the tenth annual round of grants through their Community Grants Program, Youth Community Grants Program and Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program.

The GDCF's Fall Grants Season is regularly anticipated by local charities as it provides an opportunity to apply for funds from a local funder. The granting funds are available from the interest earned at the Columbia Valley Credit Union on the 17 permanent endowments held by the GDCF.

Last year 10 local applicant projects were granted awards between \$940 and \$4,000 each.

“We saw a large increase in support requests last year and we expect that demand will continue in 2010,” GDCF Grants Advisory Committee Chair, Denise English reported. “After extensive deliberations in 2009, the GDCF and Golden Youth Opportunities Council were able support a wide-range of community projects. This year, the GDCF is hoping to make an even greater impact in the community.”

But the GDCF is not just supporting local organizations at this time of year. 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.

Information on the GDCF and Golden Youth Opportunities Council's Community Grants Programs as well as the Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program is available now on www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca/grantapps.html. It is highly recommended that applicants download and read the *Policy & Guidelines* documents before beginning the application. All applications must be submitted by 12:00pm Friday October 22nd.

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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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