

Annual Report 2023

Golden and District Community Foundation

The Year in Review:

A note from the Chair:

I am so thankful for the team we have assembled this year. Hiring Rachel Gamble as our Executive Director brought important new skills and enthusiasm to our Foundation. As a board, we really dug in to creating a training plan and in the process, learned so much about the detail of managing our Community Foundation. With Rachel's help we have recruited three excellent new board members (and are looking for 1 or 2 more!). We have embraced hybrid meetings so that they are more flexible with everyone's busy lives.

I'm excited for the year ahead. We have a plan and strategy to build the Golden and District Community Foundation for even greater impact on our community in the future. I hope to help you plan your philanthropy to benefit our community as well



Some highlights from 2023:

1. **Community Funding:** Provided \$53,378.28 of funding into the Golden and Area A community! The breakdown of these funds are outlined on pages 5 - 8
2. **Vital Pulse Survey:** Our annual Vital Pulse Survey engaged over 300 community members in Golden and Area A. The survey, which consists of 50+ questions, guides decision-making for both our Community Grant Program and the Town of Golden's ReDi Grant Program. In 2023, the top three priorities identified were sustainable community (SDG 11), Clean Water & Sanitation (SDG 6), and Climate Action (SDG 13). More information about the vital pulse survey and previous year's results [can be found here](#).
3. **Trades Scholarship:** Created a new trades scholarship through the dissolution of the Columbia and Area A TV Broadcasting Society. Each year a \$2,000 scholarship will be available to a Golden Secondary School graduating student interested in the trades.
4. **Onboarded New Executive Director:** Rachel Gamble joined our board in February 2023!
5. **2023-2024 WASP Program Back in Action:** November 2023 marked the re-ignition of our Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program after taking a bit hit throughout the pandemic. We're happy the program is back in action. We'll hope for a better snow season in 2024 and are looking forward to evolving the program. Please let Ryan Pinkney (treasurer@goldencommunityfoundation.ca) know if you would like to be a part of a new committee to help manage the program!

- 6. Migration to Digital Systems:** We transitioned from Chinook Web email accounts to a shared drive on Google Workspace. Additionally, we implemented a cloud based system for our phone line, embracing the efficiency and convenience of modern technology. It's worth noting that Google offers free Google Workspaces for registered Not-For-Profits & Charities!
- 7. Thanks to Board Members of 2023:** We could not have accomplished what we did in 2023 without our trusted Board Members. Special thanks to Juniper Kelley, Susan Olson, Ryan Pinkney, Nola Millum, Jessie Jones, Amy Fegyverneki and Wes Routley.

As we wrap up the year, we're reminded that our focus of community development is where we need to be. This mindset will set the stage for ongoing progress in Golden and Area A, ensuring a brighter future for all.

The Year Ahead

Our 2024 Board of Directors include the following: Nola Milum, Jessie Jones, Ryan Pinkney, Amy Fegyverneki, Wes Routley, and Kisa Glasier. Rachel Gamble will continue in her role as Executive Director.

Thanks to the generous funding of CBT's Not for Profit Advisor Program in Feb 2024 we met with Christopher Cameron from Objective Pro Consulting in Invermere to develop a three year Strategic Plan. Part of that process was surveying the community to determine how we can best support the community. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy lives to provide feedback. Now it's our turn to implement the changes! Our Strategic Plan will be available to the public by the end of April!

What to look for in 2024:

- 1. Communications:**
 - a. Minimum 3 annual newsletters (AGM report, summer updates, fall updates) updating the community about our opportunities through square space newsletters
 - b. New and improved website to include finances and improve accessibility to funeral and fund seekers - Thank you to Steven at [The Forest](#) in Nelson, B.C. for being our website wizard! And to Columbia Valley Credit Union & CSRD for the funding support to make this possible.

2. Collaborations

- a. Improve collaborations with community organizations to create plans and strategies for collective impact. We're seeking to develop two new partnerships in 2024 - if you're interested in working with us please reach out.
- b. Susan Olson Bookkeeping: Our long term Board Member has resigned her role to become our bookkeeper! Your financial expertise is an invaluable addition to our books.

3. Grant Opportunities

- a. We're excited to administer the Community Prosperity Fund to non-profits and charities in Golden and Area A. This fund is a new \$25 million fund made possible through the Stronger Community Services Fund from the Government of BC. and will provide multi-year operational grants for charities and non-profits addressing poverty reduction and social inclusion across the province. We have \$125,000 to administer into the community!
- b. Continuing to offer grant, award, and scholarship programs into the community through our various offerings. We're working to have a clear outline of what grants we offer and when they're available. Stay tuned for more information on this!

Financials

[2023 Statement of Financial Position](#)

[2023 Statement of Activities](#)

Special 'THANK YOU' to our amazing partners:

- To the Columbia Valley Credit Union: Your support with preferred interest rates, funding, and providing meeting spaces like the BoardRoom has been invaluable. And a special shoutout to Amy Fegyverneki for her tireless dedication to both our organizations!
- A heartfelt appreciation to the Community Foundations of Canada and Vancouver Foundation. Your resources, tools, and unwavering assistance make navigating challenges a breeze.
- Our ongoing collaboration with the Town of Golden. With Council's decision to appoint Wes Routley as our representative in 2023, we're excited to strengthen our ties even further. Wes, your presence on the team is truly appreciated!
- To Ecole La Confluence, Lady Grey Elementary School, and Nicholson Elementary School. Your partnership is the backbone of the Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program's success. We recognize the time and energy it takes to keep such a program running smoothly, and we're grateful for your commitment.

We invite everyone to continue to engage with us, and here's how:

Follow us on:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/GoldenCommunityFoundation/>
or search 'Golden and District Community Foundation'

Instagram - @goldencommunityfoundation

Newsletter - Subscribe to our newsletter by entering your email [via this link to our website \(hint: it's in the footer!\)](#)

Donate - To one of our existing funds [via this link](#), or reach out to admin@goldencommunityfoundation.ca to create your own fund and leave a legacy in Golden and Area A.

Funding Details

*For information about all our funding opportunities, please visit: www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca

Grants

Award Name	Amount	What is it?	Recipient(s)
Neighborhood Small Grant	\$10,500	Helps residents of any age, experience, or background take part in building community. Each NSG community accepts applications on a different timeline. Through the NSG program, we offer small grants of up to \$500 for residents to bring their community project to life.	<p>Community Square Dance Quilters</p> <p>Get Kids Creating Boardwalk Rejuvenation</p> <p>Small Town Race Series Ladies hunt Stuff</p> <p>Artisan Co-op Stained Glass Workshop</p> <p>The Mother's Nest Campbell Rd Community Gathering</p> <p>Matea's Little Library Year End Basketball</p> <p>Community Union Yoga Mom & Daughter Campout</p> <p>Golden Pride Community Garden</p> <p>Firefighter Well-Being Horse Introduction</p>
Cantle Grant Program	\$2,145	<p>To encourage and support creativity in our community through the arts</p> <p>Funds from this grant can cover participant expenses, facilitated workshops, art supplies or large equipment. The award is funded by interest earned on the Cantle Family Fund.</p>	<p>Joan Lowenstein - Printmaking Workshops</p> <p>Lane Matthews - Photography equipment</p>

Community Grant Program	\$34,763	Annual granting program to local charities and not for profits. Applications are ranked against the vital priorities identified by the community in the vital pulse survey. Funded by the interest of six funds: Adventure Realm Wilderness Leadership Fund , Bud Stewart Memorial Fund, Golden and District Community Endowment Fund, Crandlemire-Keenleyside Family Legacy Fund, Golden Log Truckers Association Fund, Kicking Horse Community Endowment Fund.	<p>Golden Museum - Bearers of Tradition, Recording Golden's Oral History</p> <p>Golden Food Bank - Communal Teaching Garden</p> <p>Avalanche Canada - Golden Youth Avalanche Education</p> <p>Metis Nation Columbia River Society - National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration</p> <p>Golden Community Resources Society - Insurance coverage of EV Car Share Program</p> <p>Abbeyfield - Partial Funding for Solar Panels</p> <p>Kicking Horse Gymnastics Club - Computer and Website redesign</p> <p>Local Food Matters - Grower's Collective: Incubator Program for Emerging Market Gardeners</p>
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Awards

Award Name	Amount	What is it?	Recipient
Mike McKnight Award	\$893	Awarded annually to a Golden resident who has a history of community involvement and who is entering into, or continuing in, a training program for employment in the ski industry	Greg Matthews
Cecil & Edele Parson Memorial	\$712	An endowment directed to the Golden & District Historical Society for the preservation of the history of Golden and its people.	Golden Museum
Peter Bowle Evans	n/a	An award to a suitable community volunteer or group of volunteers whose efforts have made an economic impact on our community. Offered in collaboration with the Town of Golden.	Mandy Cattle
Allen William Memorial Award	\$6,000	Funds used to support local rescue services	Golden and District Search and Rescue

David Braul Memorial Fund	\$300	Directed funds to an organization chosen by the Lions Club annually	Golden Food Bank
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Scholarships (2022/2023 cycle)

Scholarship	Amount	What is it?	Recipient
Atma Sandher	\$400	The Columbia Valley Credit Union and Atma Sandher and his family have contributed to a fund at the Golden & District Community Foundation (“GDCF”) to honor his long history of volunteer work in our community to be known as the Atma Sandher Volunteer Recognition Award Fund (the “Fund”).	Georgia Gale
Future Contractors Scholarship	\$391	To provide a scholarship to a graduating Golden Secondary School student who intends to pursue a building trade.	Justin Toupin
Aman Virk	\$2,086	A scholarship fund was started by family to help recognize his achievements and ensure that young people will always be able to share his passion for leadership and commitment to community.	Emilie Zabel
Tera Jubinville Memorial	\$600	Scholarship to a graduating Golden Secondary School student who has demonstrated leadership and excellence in athletics; notably figure skating and soccer.	Noah Ure
David Braul Memorial Fund	\$400	Available to a graduating student with a developmental disability in Golden and Area A	Sebastian Gylander
Henry M Durand Bursary Trust Fund	\$1932	To provide bursaries to graduating Golden Secondary School students who pursue post-secondary education. This trust was created in the will of Henry M. Durand, a long-time resident of Golden who also funded the Durand Home for seniors adjoining the Golden Hospital.	All applicants

GSS Legacy Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	The graduating classes of 2004, 2005 and 2006 have contributed to the fund and successfully applied for matching grants from the CSRD. to provide a scholarship to a graduating Golden Secondary School student with a notable scholastic record.	Jack Gale
La Rue Memorial Fund (Golden Teachers Association)	\$9,294	To provide bursaries to graduating Golden Secondary School students. Under the wills' terms, this award is administered by the Golden Teachers' Association.	All applicants

Programs

Program	Amount	What is it?	Recipient(s)
Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program	\$11,249	An endowment fund used to support affordable skiing for youth.	Nicholson Elementary School Ecole La Confluence Lady Grey Elementary