



OUR VISION

A healthy and vibrant West Vancouver, where everyone is valued, contributes and feels they belong.

Charitable Registration Number: 13217 1679 RR0001

Dear Friends of the West Vancouver Foundation,

For almost 40 years the West Vancouver Foundation has been working with community philanthropists and partners to help make our community stronger and more vibrant. **Thank you to all the individual and family donors, community agencies, and corporate supporters who work with us to achieve this shared vision.**

Today we want to update you on a few of the key initiatives undertaken in 2018. As a leader in community-based philanthropy, we work to achieve collaborative partnerships, impactful grant-making, professional fund management, and champion new thinking through progressive community insights.

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

Introduction of Neighbour Grants for West Vancouver

One of the best ways to build community and strengthen connections is to unleash the power of neighbours working together. The goal is to connect and engage neighbours, share skills and knowledge within the community, and respect and celebrate diversity. We are delighted to report that in our first year of offering these grants, we have achieved the goal of 30 Neighbour Grants (up to \$500 each) for grassroots projects. Awarded grants spanned a range of areas including collaborative art projects, block parties, community gardens, and sharing of Indigenous teachings.

This exciting initiative was in partnership with the Vancouver Foundation and North Shore Neighbourhood House. Watch for news about the 2019 Neighbour Grants on our website.

Re-inventing our Grants Program for 2019

A key priority this year has been to redesign our discretionary Grants program to better reflect the needs and areas of support in the community with the *VitalSigns* research as a foundation. As part of the 2018 strategic planning, the Board agreed to transition the Foundation to an *impact grant-making model*. This is in line with grant-making best practice as donors and foundations are shifting their focus from “charity to change”, looking for opportunities to develop strategic focus and demonstrable impact as part of the gift-giving cycle. Principles of effective impact grant-making include: focusing one’s giving; building capacity beyond just grant-making; and taking the time to evaluate outcomes and share what has been learned.



Grants continued...

Our Grants Redesign Team of board, community members, and staff has undertaken a comprehensive review and reshaping as to how discretionary grants will work for 2019. While we suspended grants for 2018 to complete this work, we are excited by the enhancements to the new program. The Foundation will continue to provide broad support in the community and look for opportunities to support more collaborative solutions, leadership, and creativity. We are on schedule to announce the improved applications process and guidelines in Fall 2018.

CREATING CONNECTIONS, BUILDING COMMUNITY

For 2018, one of our key objectives is to share the findings of the *VitalSigns* research more broadly with groups and individuals, and to reach out in new and different ways to share the story of the West Vancouver Foundation and the impact of “*giving where you live*”.

Through Community Conversations, groups learn about what makes a healthy, vibrant, and resilient community, and identify what each of us can do to improve the quality of life for all of our residents.

So far, we have completed over 20 presentations to community groups, boards, and in smaller conversations. In addition to understanding *VitalSigns*, it is also an opportunity for participants to provide input to areas of the *VitalSigns* research and full report in 2019. Interested in a presentation?

Email info@westvanfoundation.ca

VITALSIGNS

Over the past several years the *VitalSigns* research and our Vital Conversations have helped to deepen our collective knowledge about West Vancouver. We have also engaged many parts of the community in an exploration of how we can work towards a shared vision of a healthy and vibrant West Vancouver, where everyone is valued, contributes, and feels they belong.

Working towards the goal of INTER-CULTURALISM

One of the most frequent questions during the 2017 *Vital Conversations* was “Who’s not in the room?” which led to the focus on broader inclusion across cultures, languages, and ancestry. We have adopted the terminology of *inter-culturalism* which is being used by both millennials and academics to convey the shift from silos of multi-cultural to the choice of inclusion. The Foundation is taking steps to broaden relationships through cross-cultural celebrations and hosting *Vital Conversations* in Mandarin and Farsi as well as English.

GENEROSITY:

What changes would you like to see as a result of your giving?

You can help your community thrive and grow, today and tomorrow. The West Vancouver Foundation can support a wide range of important charitable causes that benefit West Vancouver forever. Together, gifts large and small all have an impact!

Our donors’ impact is diverse. Some want to support our community’s most pressing needs and emerging opportunities. Others want to focus on a specific charitable cause or agency. Some want to work with the Foundation to decide which charities receive grants. Others support students through awards. While the reason each donor gives is unique, all want to make West Vancouver better.

If you would like to discuss an area you are passionate about, or an agency that is looking to advance their approach to fundraising, give us a call.

There are a range of options that fit with any philanthropic impact plan for individuals, families, and organizations.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The Youth Philanthropy Council (YPC) is a passionate group of West Vancouver students dedicated to developing leadership and next-gen philanthropy through youth-led grant-making and volunteerism. 2017/18 members include: *Quillan O’Neill, Taydon Sinopoli, Ben Taylor, Anna Edmonds, Lillian Huang, Isha Ohri, Pegah Abyaneh, Yas Zareyan, Andre Zou, Alison Shang, Gia Da Roza*, and support from WVF community advisor *Naomi Chard*.

Do1Give: YPC launched the first ever *Do1Give* event on April 19. For one day, they invited every youth in West Vancouver Schools to do something special for someone else and inspired more than 4,000 acts of giving, successfully starting a wave of giving and happiness! In collaboration with Jacqueline and Nic Way of 365give.

A BIG new initiative: YPC is leading the development and organization of the first **TEDx Youth West Vancouver** being held on September 22, 2018. The goal is to inspire and empower the local youth community by demonstrating what is possible, conveyed through small actions that can have a cumulative impact—the butterfly effect. As an event for youth, run by youth, they are hosting youth speakers who have inspiring ideas about creating social change and the necessity of youth voices—something especially prevalent in today’s world where youth have an important role in the conversation about our future.

IN THE COMMUNITY

West Vancouver Mayor’s Lawn Bowling Social

The Fifth Annual West Vancouver Mayor’s Lawn Bowling Tournament took place under sunny skies on June 15, perfectly fitting our Hawaiian theme. More than 200 players from local government, businesses and social agencies came together for some friendly competition at the West Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club.

Over \$26,000 was raised, which will support community focused initiatives through the West Vancouver Foundation.



2018 winners British Pacific Properties

Thank you to all our event supporters!

Presenting Sponsor:

British Pacific Properties

Platinum Sponsor:

PARC Retirement Living

Gold Sponsors:

Cressey Developments

Farran Dyer Family Wealth Management

Grosvenor

Larco/Park Royal

ONNI Group

Hospitality Partners:

Ambleside Tiddley Cove Lions, Dale Ferris Events, and the RBC Volunteer Team

Raffle Donors:

Earls Ambleside, Mangia E Bevi,

Milliken Development Group, Park Royal

Venue Host:

West Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club

Emcee:

Catherine Barr



CONGRATULATIONS to the 2018 Scholarship Recipients

AWARD	RECIPIENT (School)
JERRY BECKERMAN	Katja Juthens (<i>Sentinel</i>)
CHRISTINA LAWSON MUSIC/DRAMA	Meagan Mak (<i>West Van Secondary</i>)
BRADLEY T. BOWLES	Tessa Johnston (<i>West Van Secondary</i>)
JAMES INKSTER	Gabriela Ajaujo (<i>West Van Secondary</i>)
MARK STEVEN	Jason Kim (<i>West Van Secondary</i>)
MARK STEVEN	Lisa Strang (<i>West Van Secondary</i>)
BRITISH PACIFIC PROPERTIES	Kyle Kirkwood (<i>Sentinel</i>)
BRITISH PACIFIC PROPERTIES	Sophie Kenny (<i>Rockridge</i>)
GERTRUDE LAWSON EDUCATION	Nicole Lee (<i>Sentinel</i>)
FARIS FAMILY	Caitlin Jardine (<i>Rockridge</i>)
JEREMY DALTON	Carli Shott (<i>Carson Graham</i>)
JEREMY DALTON	Katie Hutton (<i>Argyle Secondary</i>)
TRAJAN MARTIN MEMORIAL	Lewis Arnold (<i>Handsworth Secondary</i>)
WV SOCCER CLUB	Kyle Kirkwood (<i>Sentinel</i>)
WV SOCCER CLUB	Zia Mawani (<i>Sentinel</i>)
WVF EDUCATION	Melika Tashakor (<i>Sentinel</i>)

STAY IN TOUCH

Together, we are building a vibrant and caring community and exploring new ways to collaborate for community impact. We would love to discuss your ideas and suggestions. Please give us a call or come and visit!

Adine Mees, CEO

Christine McDonald, Executive Assistant

Elaine McHarg, Partnerships and Philanthropy

Jenn Meilleur, Grants and Community Impact

Barbara McMillan, VitalSigns

Susan Beck, Financial Manager and Fund Administrator

CONTACT

West Vancouver Foundation

775 15th Street, West Vancouver, BC V7T 2S9

Ph: 604.925.8153 | info@westvanfoundation.ca

BOARD NOTES

The West Vancouver Community Foundation Annual General Meeting was held on May 30th, 2018. Nancy Farran, Chair of the Board, thanked the entire Board, committee members, and staff for their dedication, energy, and diligence on the various projects and donor relations undertaken this past year.

Thank you to the retiring members of the Board:

Jim Boyd
Craig Cantlie
Ann Hamilton
Christopher Loat
Liisa O'Hara
Richard van Liempt

2018/19 BOARD

Nancy Farran
Gordon Holley
Geoff Jopson
Mark Ballard
Carolyn Coleclough
Naomi Denning
Dave Mason
Sara Mohamadkhani
Paul Robillard
Audrey Sojunky

HONOURARY MEMBERS

Tom Baillie
Merla Beckerman
Moh Faris
Gerry Humphries
Michael Smith
Jo-Ann Wood

The West Vancouver Foundation acknowledges that the land on which we live and work is the unceded traditional territories of the xwməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ/Səlilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations and we are grateful for the opportunity to do so.