



Highlights Report

2020

We are inspired by one simple goal - to make a difference through thoughtful, effective philanthropy.

We've been connecting the generosity and aspirations of donors with the people and organizations that want to make change, since 1979.



WEST VANCOUVER
FOUNDATION

Message from the Chair

This is my last note to you as chair of the West Vancouver Foundation. A bittersweet moment. Ten years on the Board, five as Chair, have flown by.

Over the past decade, we have accomplished much together. The organization is now even more professional, responsive, creative, innovative, thoughtful, respected and, happily, better known. Patently, I am not taking credit for all that but, like a proud mother, so happy to see the growth. The Foundation not only walks, it runs!

So many people make a community foundation. Special thanks to our fearless and principled CEO, Adine Mees. She built a cohesive team that I respect so much – Susan Beck, Denise Howell, Christine McDonald and Elaine McHarg. All bring special gifts. To the amazing Board – then and now. What a great group of people, all unique and accomplished. To our Honorary Governors – community leaders in their own rights. And to the many others who support this work – our sponsors, local politicians and municipal partners, business owners, our donors and fund holders – a resounding thank you. This community truly is better because of you.

But that does not mean our work is done. Naomi Denning, our new chair, has some bold goals. This place needs to be inclusive, welcoming and, as we have said for years now, a place where people belong. She continues to carry that torch. We seek your generosity in supporting the work of the Foundation now and in the future.

NANCY FARRAN



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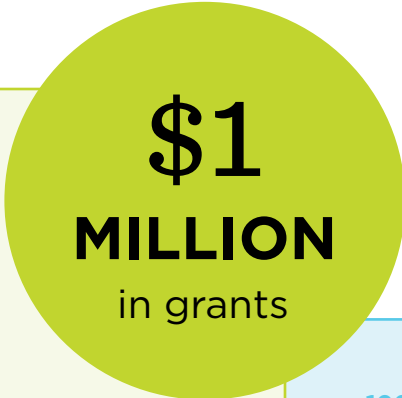
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Land Acknowledgment

Written with gratitude on unceded traditional territories of the of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Grants in 2020

In 2020, 138 grants were issued for over \$1 million in funding! Although COVID forced some charities and projects to close, many other programs saw increased demand due to the pandemic.



EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

38 GRANTS | \$451,910

To charities serving the North Shore
Funded by the Government of Canada.

NORTH SHORE COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT

34 GRANTS | \$135,774

Started in March 2020 to quickly respond to the pandemic.
Funded by West Vancouver Foundation funds and community donations.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

31 GRANTS | \$198,267

RESPONSIVE NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL GRANTS

25 GRANTS

Community building grants provided to residents for neighbourhood projects, within socially distanced guidelines.

100 YOUTH WHO CARE

YPC held their first 100 Youth Who Care meeting in person in February and granted to 3 charities that benefit youth. A second meeting was held, this time online, in October.

SOCIAL MEDIA MATCHING CAMPAIGNS

Thanks to matching donors, YPC held 2 social media matching campaigns (in Spring and December) and was able to grant to 7 organizations.

Members:

- Naomi Denning, Board Liaison
- Alexa H, Alexander M, Carmen G, Christina Z, Eleena S, Isabella P, Jamil L, Juliana A, Kristopher K, Melika T, Olivia M, Paniz B, Priyanka C, Sean C, Sierra L, Sophia H, Verity C, Victoria L, Vincent Z, Zoe DR



Youth Philanthropy Council

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. In 2020 they moved their meetings online and continued to carry on with their philanthropy programs.

Additional granting was funded through programs such as Micro Grants and Feed the Need matching campaign.

100 Women Who Care of the North Shore



Initiated in 2014 by Nancy Farran, Fanny Patterson Susan Beck and Delaina Bell of the West Vancouver Foundation, 100 Women Who Care of the North Shore is designed to make an immediate, direct, and positive impact on this community. They bring together 100+ women on Vancouver's North Shore (North and West Vancouver), who care about local community priorities and the charitable organizations working hard to address these. They gather for just one hour four times a year. At each quarterly meeting, members jointly select a local charity and each person donates \$100 to the selected organization and today, \$142,950 has been granted to community organizations.

In December 2020, the group's 2nd largest donation of \$10,500 was given to North Shore Crisis Services Society - SAGE Transition House. SAGE, nominated by member Bev Porter, is an 18-bed transition house that provides safety and support to women and their children fleeing abusive situations.

For more information on 100 women Who Care North Shore, visit 100womennorthshore.com or email Co-Chairs, Naomi Chard and Mary McGivern at 100womennorthshore@gmail.com



Feed the Need

The COVID-19 pandemic brought to light a genuine need among this community's most vulnerable seniors, who lacked the means to access regular meals. The West Vancouver Seniors Activity Centre was at the heart of the rapid response, ensuring that 350 seniors received (and will continue to receive) 3 nutritious meals a week.

In November 2020, with a generous matching donation through the Ian and Rosemary Mottershead Fund at the West Vancouver Foundation, a fundraising campaign was launched to bring the program from a hand-to-mouth existence to achieving funding and program security. Within a 10 week period, an overwhelming 480 community donations were received, ensuring this program can continue to feed vulnerable seniors in West Vancouver for all of 2021 and beyond.

Family Giving



Bonnie J McLaren Memorial Fund

The fund was opened in honour of our mother, Bonnie, who passed away in 2010 after a battle with cancer. Bonnie was a dedicated member of the Soroptimists International, working on initiatives in support of helping women and girls on the North Shore. To honour the memory of Bonnie, the family decided to open this fund and continue to support the programs Bonnie had valued.

Bonnie was raised and schooled in West Vancouver. After marrying our father Andy, they built a home in North Vancouver and raised three children, Craig, Brent, and Tricia. After Bonnie passed our family wanted to set up a memorial fund in her honour. Given her ties to West Van and that many of her friends and fellow Soroptimists lived there, we felt that the WVF was the best option.

Our family recognizes the strong impact the fund has had and it has inspired us to reach out further and support needs of women of all ages on the North Shore. It is meaningful that we can come together as a family and review requests from many worthwhile causes, to provide as much support as possible. Bonnie was truly passionate about helping and we are honoured to continue her legacy of giving back.

- The McLaren Family



Denning-Chunn Family Fund

Naomi Denning and Alex Chunn settled their family in West Vancouver in 2017 after a long global journey. Naomi had been looking for opportunities to connect with the community, put her investment industry skills to use and give back to their new home. After meeting with CEO Adine Mees, Naomi joined as a Board Director at the West Vancouver Foundation and also sits on many of the Foundation's committees. Alex is a member of the Grants committee.

As a family, they discuss the concept of philanthropy with their children (age 12 and 14) and together have broad philanthropic goals. Some of these goals, or areas of impact, are thematic while others are geographic. Current goals include the environment, supporting girls, and education. Many of these impact areas line up with the Foundation's areas of impact so it made sense for them to open a Family fund and give back to the local community. They felt the Foundation was a good place for supporting local causes.

"We really appreciated the Foundation's mandate of supporting and strengthening the community."



Fund Summary

The West Vancouver Foundation offers a full range of fund options to meet the needs of individuals, families, groups, and other charitable organizations. The funds we manage support a broad range of programs, projects and initiatives across the arts, education, health, community service and the environment.

COMMUNITY FUNDS

Market Value \$697 k

- Caring Community Endowment Fund
- Caring Community Arts Fund
- Caring Community Environment Fund
- Caring Community Health, Wellness, and Safety Fund
- Caring Community Sport & Recreation Fund
- Caring Community Youth Endowment Fund
- Caring Community Youth Unrestricted Fund
- Mayor's Endowment Fund

CAPACITY BUILDING FUNDS

Market Value \$1.45 million

- WVF Capacity Building & Growth Endowment Fund
- WVF Capacity Building & Growth Fund
- William Patrick Memorial Fund

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY FUNDS

Market Value \$9.66 million

- Adine Mees and David Van Seters Family Fund
- Bird Family Fund
- Bonnie J. McLaren Memorial Fund
- Danny Possee Memorial Fund
- Daphne Nicholson Charitable Fund
- Denning-Chunn Family Fund
- Donald and Marjorie Lanskail Fund
- Ernie and Audrey Kershaw Fund
- Ert Family Fund
- Frank Kurucz Legacy Fund
- Fred/k E. Russell Fund
- Hartvikson Family Fund
- Hender Family Fund
- Henrik Moberg Parker Excellence Fund
- Holly & Beke Burne Fund
- Howard Martin Memorial Fund
- Ian and Rosemary Mottershead Fund
- Ian and Rosemary Mottershead Endowment Fund
- Irene Carpenter Fund
- Joshua Goos Memorial Fund
- Joanna and David Southwell Fund
- Mrs. Kay Meek Fund
- Linda Harrison Youth Fund
- Michael & Marilyn Leckie Endowment Fund
- Millerd Family Fund
- Music Matters Fund
- Musica Nautica Fund (Humphries Family)
- Nancy Farran Compelling Opportunities Fund
- Robertson Taylor Endowment Fund
- Ron and Barbara Howard Memorial Fund
- SMALL B Family Fund
- Thunderbird Marine Corp Fund
- Tom and Judy Baillie Fund

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS (SD45)

Market Value \$937 k

- West Vancouver's Place for Sport Fund
- Enhanced Learning Opportunities Fund
- Gift of Music Fund
- Harry Cullis Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Kurt Kirmse Memorial Fund
- Robert K. Iwata Memorial Fund
- Sheila Tripp Memorial Fund

SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS

- North Shore COVID-19 Response Fund
- WV SAC Seniors Meal Program Fund

CHARITY & AGENCY FUNDS

Market Value \$7.47 million

- 365Give Fund
- First Aid Ski Patrol Fund
- Harvest Project Fund
- Kay Meek Arts Centre Development Fund
- North Shore Keep Well Society Fund
- North Shore Rescue Team Endowment Fund
- North Shore Rescue Team Spend Down Fund
- North Shore Rescue Tim Jones Legacy Fund
- North Shore Stroke Recovery Centre Fund
- Paul Sugar Palliative Support Foundation
- Rotary Club Sunrise Fund
- Squamish Search and Rescue Foundation Fund
- Squamish Search and Rescue Operations Fund
- St. Francis-in-the-Wood
- West Vancouver Marine Rescue Fund
- West Vancouver United Church Endowment Fund
- West Vancouver Youth Band Fund

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Market Value \$1.3 million

- 100 Women Who Care Endowment Fund
- 100 Women Who Care Flow Through Fund
- Black Creek Old Growth Environment Fund
- Capilano GCC Endowment Fund
- Capilano GCC Fund
- Capilano Rugby Football Club Fund
- Howe Sound Biosphere Fund
- Indigenous Youth Sport Legacy Fund
- North Shore Field Hockey Facilities Fund
- West Vancouver Artists' Fund
- West Vancouver Football Club Facilities Fund
- West Vancouver Nature House Endowment Fund

DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER

Market Value \$147 k

- DWV Arts and Culture Fund
- DWV Environment Fund
- DWV Parks Fund
- DWV Youth Fund
- West Vancouver Arts Museum Permanent Fund
- West Vancouver Arts Museum Capital Unrestricted Fund
- West Vancouver Public Art Fund
- West Vancouver Police Fund

As of Dec 31, 2020

Why Give Through the West Vancouver Foundation

The power of philanthropy. Give back to your community now or leave a legacy gift for the future. We can help you do both.

We know that each gift is a unique expression of what you care about most. It reflects your values and your hopes for the future. For some people it's an opportunity to share a good life with others. To give where they live and thank a community that has nurtured their success. For others it's an opportunity to support the things they care about most like health and well-being, education, the arts and environmental sustainability.

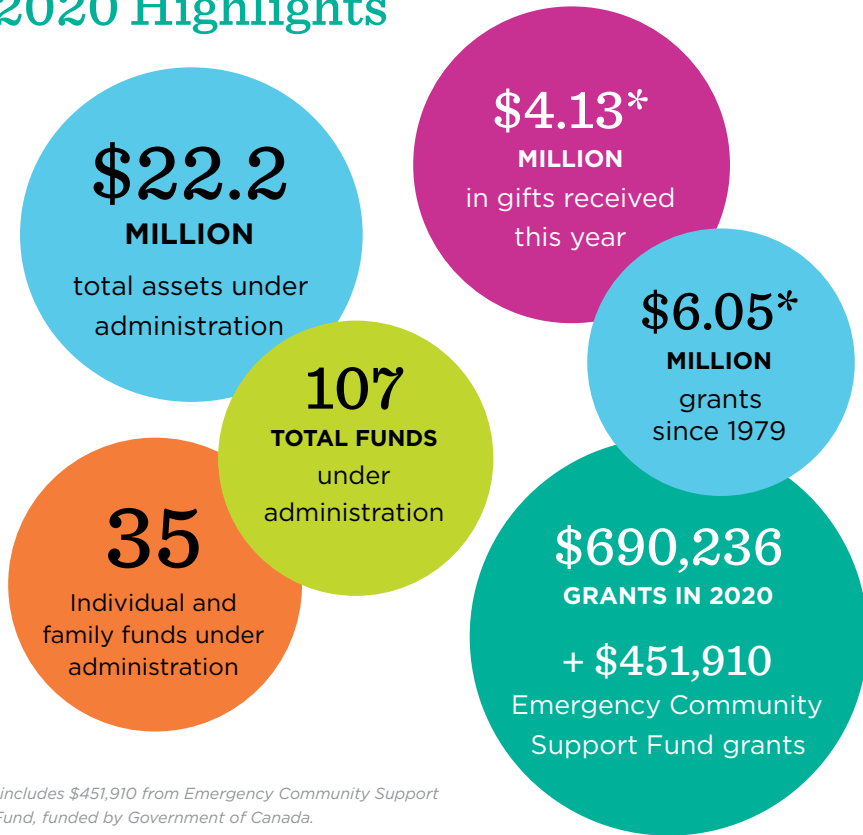
We can help you set up a fund with flexible giving options and match your philanthropic goals with community priorities.

Over 40 years ago, some very special people created funds at The West Vancouver Foundation, making these early philanthropists visionaries within our community. Their Funds are continuing to positively impact our community in ways they never thought possible. Even during these unprecedented times, these visionaries continue to live on in our community, and their gifts continue to give when we all need it the most.

Using your Will is a powerful way to support the causes you care about most. You can create a Charitable Fund today and use your estate to fund it when the time comes. It's a way of ensuring the causes you care about are supported beyond your lifetime. And, by working with us, you can update the charities you want the Fund to support - at any time - without having to update your Will.

Interested in learning more? Please contact Elaine McHarg, VP Philanthropy & Partnerships: elainem@westvanfoundation.ca.

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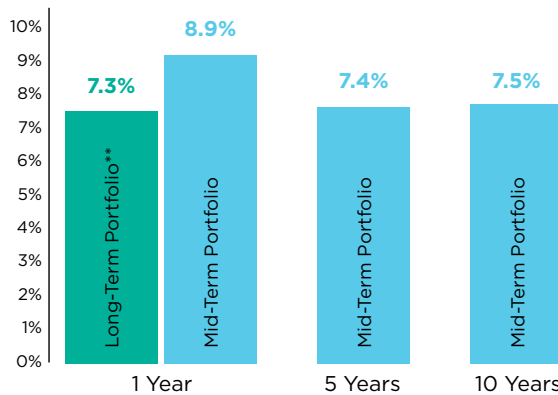
**includes \$451,910 from Emergency Community Support Fund, funded by Government of Canada.*

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

To December 31, 2020
(% annualized)

Long term portfolio was established in 2019.

Audited financial statements are available on our website westvanfoundation.ca



Thank you to our 2020 volunteers and partners

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