



**WEST VANCOUVER**  
FOUNDATION



# Highlights Report

2023

Bringing people and projects together  
to create impact and change on the  
North Shore since 1979.



# Message from the Chair

Each year brings change and new opportunities to create a positive impact in our community and 2023 was no exception. It warms my heart to share some of the highlights from 2023.

Denise Howell and Alexandra Pearson took on the leadership of the Foundation as Co-Executive Directors and continue our journey from strength to strength with their shared talents. Rebecca Johnson transitioned into a permanent position at the Foundation as Executive Assistant and Office Manager. As a Board we said thank you to Gordon Holley and Dave Mason for their long service on our Board, although not goodbye as both continue to contribute through their respective committee work with the Foundation.

We welcomed three new Board members - Amanda Calla, Hourak Rahmani and Margaret Lanthier - all bringing new perspectives and skills to our wonderful Board.

In 2023 we opened 7 new funds at the Foundation with areas of interest ranging across the many needs in our community, for seniors, young people and the arts - everyone counts and deserves support in times of need, and we are so grateful to those donors who entrust us with the funds and the responsibility of fulfilling their wishes, often as a legacy to their life.

Through our work we hope to fulfill our vision of having a thriving, connected community with the resources to ensure a vibrant quality of life for generations to come. In 2023 we granted over \$4 million towards this vision. Sustaining this impact over time is facilitated by a combination of new donations and bequests (close to \$2 million in 2023) and investment returns from our fund manager Leith Wheeler (over \$2.5 million in 2023), thus allowing us to end the year with net growth in assets to \$27.3 million.

In 2024 we will celebrate 45 years of impact in the West Vancouver and North Shore community.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Foundation.

**Naomi Denning**

## Land Acknowledgment

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



## Board of Directors

- Naomi Denning, Chair
- Darrell Ert, Secretary
- John Parker, Treasurer
- Amanda Calla, Director
- Carolyn Coleclough, Director
- Zahra Jenab, Director
- Margaret Lanthier, Director
- Hourak Rahmani, Director
- Jonathan Stewart, Director
- Justin Yoo, Director

## Committees

We have 40+ volunteers each year, on 8 committees and the board. In addition to our Board of Directors, the committees are:

- Executive Director & Board Development
- Finance & Audit
- Governance
- Investment
- Scholarships
- Youth Philanthropy Council
- Major Grants
- Neighbourhood Small Grants

# About the Foundation



The West Vancouver Foundation (WVF) is one of the top 30 community foundations in Canada and has been bringing people and projects together to create impact and change since 1979. In 1978, Mayor Derrick Humphreys appointed a special committee to explore the possibility of creating a charitable foundation that would inspire and steward local philanthropy for local benefit. In 2024, the West Vancouver Community Foundation will celebrate 45 years of supporting the North Shore community. With a focus on philanthropy, grants, and insights, our vision is a healthy and vibrant North Shore, where everyone is valued, contributes and feels they belong.

### OUR PURPOSE

An unwavering commitment to community and to a future where everyone belongs. We believe in a future that is bright, just and sustainable with the resources to ensure a vibrant quality of life for generations to come.

### WHAT WE DO

As a community foundation, we understand the North Shore and the Greater Sea to Sky region - from the local issues and needs to the people and organizations doing the best work to address these issues. Using information gleaned from our Vital Signs research and experience, you can trust us to help you make a significant impact.

### INSPIRING GENEROSITY

We provide donors with access to the expertise and resources they need to create a meaningful approach to their giving.

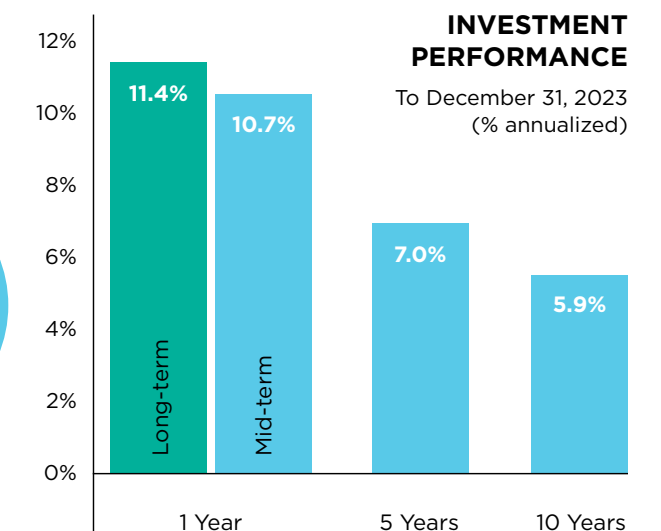
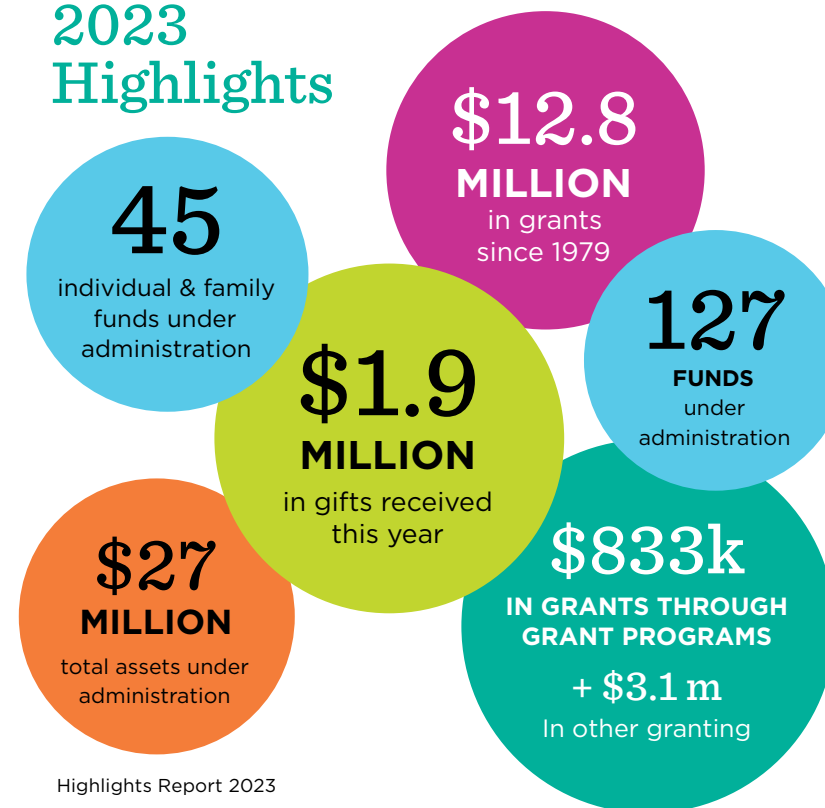
### OUR DONORS

Thanks to donations from local philanthropists & community members we were able to fund 108 grants in 2023, for over \$833,000 to charities supporting those on the North Shore.

*“Greatest thanks to the West Vancouver Foundation and the Ian and Rosemary Mottershead Fund. At VFR, we feel like we are just getting started on the North Shore; and we are excited to continue getting surplus food to nonprofit partners operating essential food programs.”*

- Michelle Reining, Vancouver Food Runners (VFR)

## 2023 Highlights



Long term portfolio was established in 2019.

Audited financial statements are available on our website at [westvanfoundation.ca](http://westvanfoundation.ca)

# Grants in 2023

In 2023 we had another record year for granting, with 108 projects on the North Shore receiving funding through our grant programs for \$833,000. An additional \$3.1 million was also granted through our funds to charities on the North Shore and throughout BC.

**COMMUNITY & DONOR ADVISED**  
45 GRANTS | \$393,000

**GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE**  
9 GRANTS | \$192,000  
Give Where You Live was an exciting giving campaign that empowered community members to join others in West Vancouver & the North Shore in supporting a select group of local charities.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
33 GRANTS | \$15,560  
Grants of up to \$500 for individuals with ideas to help connect and engage residents in their neighbourhood.

**MICRO & YOUTH PHILANTHROPY**  
15 GRANTS | \$20,000

**COMMUNITY SERVICES RECOVERY**  
7 GRANTS | \$216,000

\$833,000  
through grant programs

\$4M  
in total grants

## LIGHTHOUSE PARK EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Lighthouse Park Preservation Society (LPPS) received a grant for their education & outreach, as well as signage for the wheelchair-accessible Birdsong Path. LPPS's mission is to protect the natural integrity of the Park, promote public awareness and support the biological zones. With this grant, funded by the Hender Family Fund and the Adine Mees & David Van Seters Family Fund, they were able to continue educating the public about the wealth of nature in West Vancouver and the importance of preserving it.



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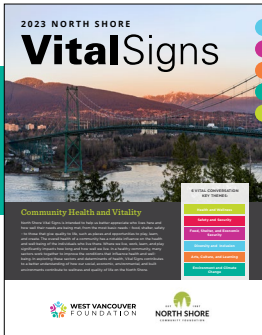
## Youth Philanthropy Council

The Youth Philanthropy Council (YPC) is a passionate group of West Vancouver and North Vancouver high-school students dedicated to developing leadership through youth-led grant-making and volunteerism.

**100 YOUTH WHO CARE**  
In 2023, the YPC granted a total of \$10,500 to nine charities over the course of the 3 events held during 2023. Various charities were invited to pitch at these events to highlight their financial need. These charities help support Social Well-being, Mental Health & Vulnerable Youth within the community.

**MEMBERS**  
Naomi Denning (WVF Board Liaison), Justin Yoo (WVF Director), Frank Lu, Lola Cabral, Noa Dadon, Shirley Xu, Zara Pejman, Emma Chun, Angelia Chopra, Ella Van Der Werf.

## Vital Signs Report



Vital Signs uses local knowledge to measure the vitality of a community and support action towards improving collective quality of life. Local data gathered through the program is used to support evidence-based, locally-relevant solutions to improve the quality of life at the community level.

In 2023, approximately 40 North Shore charities and non-profits gathered to share what they are experiencing in their work - new or deeper challenges, gaps in services, effective strategies and programs, and areas where resources and support is needed. The 2023 Vital Signs reflects those insights.

Thank you to our 2023 Vital Signs partners and sponsors: North Shore Community Foundation, Larco/Park Royal, British Pacific Properties, District of West Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, Leith Wheeler, Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise.

# Give Where You Live

**Give Where You Live** is an exciting giving campaign that empowers community members to join others in West Vancouver & the North Shore in supporting a select group of local charities. The 2023 campaign raised \$192,000 through community donations, the Ian & Rosemary Mottershead Fund, the Nancy Farran Compelling Opportunities Fund, and the Howard Martin Memorial Fund! 100% of these funds go direct to the 9 charities.

*"We are so appreciative of the support of the West Vancouver Foundation and the many donors who contributed to the Give Where You Live campaign. Because of this support, Red Fox will be expanding our North Shore programs so that more children and youth who face barriers will be able to participate and enjoy active recreation and leadership opportunities."*

- Emma Sutherland, Red Fox Healthy Living Society



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## HOLLYBURN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Hollyburn Community Services Society has a robust mission to provide a continuum of supportive services to youth, individuals, and families with social vulnerabilities on the North Shore.

Marginalized youth often face the daunting task of making decisions independently. Those who choose to pursue higher education encounter numerous obstacles and lack support, leading many to abandon their aspirations. Recognizing this gap, Hollyburn established the Youth Education Navigator (YEN) program to provide comprehensive, long-term support for at-risk youth seeking access to and success in post-secondary programs.

Thanks to donations from the community, and matching funds from the Nancy Farran Compelling Opportunities Fund, Hollyburn received \$23,473 to support the YEN program!

# Thank you

to everyone that donated to the **2023** campaign! A special thank you to Ian & Rosemary Mottershead and Nancy Farran who supported this campaign with matching grants from their Funds at the Foundation.

**RED FOX HEALTHY LIVING**  
**Active Play & Youth Leadership | \$18,000 raised**  
Programs for children and youth at select North Shore locations.

**BACKPACK BUDDIES**  
**Kids Meal Program | \$20,783 raised**  
Addressing the crisis of childhood hunger by filling backpacks every Friday for students in need.

**HOLLYBURN COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY**  
**Youth Education Program | \$23,473 raised**  
Assisting marginalized youth navigate training and post-secondary programs.

**NORTH SHORE MOUNTAIN BIKE**  
**Indigenous Art Trail Enhancement | \$3,740 raised**  
To add meaningful Indigenous art to a new multi-use trail on Cypress Mountain.

**WEST VAN SENIORS' CENTRE**  
**Feed the Need Meal Program | \$70,721 raised**  
Delivery of 3 meals per week to vulnerable seniors, by local volunteers.

**VANCOUVER FOOD RUNNERS**  
**North Shore Food Recovery | \$12,150 raised**  
Volunteers deliver surplus food to non-profits across the North Shore.

**AVALON RECOVERY SOCIETY**  
**Addiction and Recovery Programs | \$16,032 raised**  
Providing completely free, life-changing services to women and families recovering from addiction.

**HOWE SOUND BIOSPHERE**  
**Átl'ka7sem/Howe Sound Marine Debris Fund | \$12,271 raised**  
To support community-led removal of debris from Átl'ka7sem / Howe Sound.

**WEST VAN COMMUNITY ARTS**  
**Summer 2024 Community Events | \$15,295 raised**  
To support free summer events such as Singing by the Sea and community art.

# Fund Summary



We thank each of our new and existing donors for placing your trust in us to effectively manage and steward these funds. The West Vancouver Foundation offers a full range of fund options to meet the needs of individuals, families, groups, and charitable or non-profit organizations. We understand that every donor's experience is unique. Whether its an active donor-advised fund, a bequest in a Will, or a fund for your charity, we have flexible fund options that can help you make maximum impact.

## COMMUNITY FUNDS

**Market Value \$708k**

- 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 Funds (2)
- Mayor's Endowment Fund
- North Shore Emergency Fund

## CAPACITY BUILDING FUNDS

**Market Value \$1.4 million**

- West Vancouver Foundation Capacity Building & Growth Funds (2)
- William R.C. Patrick Memorial Fund

## DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER FUNDS

**Market Value \$552k**

- DWV Arts and Culture Fund
- DWV Environment Fund
- DWV Navy Jack House Project Fund
- DWV Parks Fund
- DWV Youth Fund
- Seniors' Activity Centre Legacy Fund
- West Vancouver Art Museum (2)
- West Vancouver Police Fund
- West Vancouver Public Art Fund
- West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Centre
- Feed the Need Fund

## CORPORATE FUND

- British Pacific Properties Scholarship Fund 2031

## INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY FUNDS

**Market Value \$14.9 million**

- Adine Mees and David Van Seters Family Fund
- Armitage Family Fund
- Bird Family Fund
- Bradley T Bowles Scholarship
- Brian and Rose Blamey Fund
- Bonnie J. McLaren Memorial Fund
- Caroline Helbig and Michael Sharp Memorial Fund
- Danny Possee Memorial Fund
- Daphne Nicholson Charitable Fund
- Darrin Morrison Fund for the Visual Arts
- David and Joanna Southwell Fund
- Denning-Chunn Family Fund
- Donald and Marjorie Lanskaill Fund
- Ernie and Audrey Kershaw Fund
- Ert Family Fund
- Faris Family Scholarship
- Frank Kurucz Legacy Fund
- Fred/k E. Russell Fund
- Gertrude Lawson & Christina Lawson Scholarship
- Giradin Family Fund
- Hartvikson Family Funds (2)
- Hender Family Fund
- Henrik Moberg Parker Excellence Fund
- Holly & Beke Burne Fund
- Howard Martin Memorial Fund
- Ian and Rosemary Mottershead Funds (2)
- Imperial Fund
- Irene Carpenter Fund
- James A Inkster Leadership Award
- Jacqueline R. Warke Legacy Fund
- Jeremy Dalton Rugby Fund
- Jerry Beckerman Memorial Scholarship
- Joshua Goos Memorial Fund

- Linda Harrison Youth Fund
- Liz Byrd Legacy Fund - Kay Meek Arts Society
- Margaret Ramsdale and Greg Kneller Endowment Fund
- Michael & Marilyn Leckie Endowment Fund
- Michael Smith Memorial Scholarship
- Millerd Family Fund
- Mrs. Kay Meek Fund
- Music Matters Fund
- Musica Nautica Fund (Humphries Family)
- Nancy Farran Compelling Opportunities Fund
- Nigel Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Parker-Wright Charitable Fund
- Peter and Betty Haworth Fund
- Robertson Taylor Endowment Fund
- Robillard Reading Family Fund
- Ron and Barbara Howard Memorial Fund
- Small B Family Fund
- Thunderbird Marine Corp Fund
- Trajan Martin Memorial Award Fund
- Tom and Judy Baillie Fund
- Vanee Scholarship Fund

## WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS (SD45) FUNDS

**Market Value \$604k**

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

## CHARITY & NON-PROFIT FUNDS

**Market Value \$8.1 million**

- 100 Women Who Care Funds (2)
- 365Give Fund
- Black Creek Old Growth Environment Fund
- Capilano Golf and Country Club (2)
- Capilano Rugby Football Club Fund
- First Aid Ski Patrol Fund
- Friends of Navy Jack House Society Fund
- Harvest Project Fund
- Hollyburn Family Services Society
- Howe Sound Biosphere Fund
- Indigenous Youth Sport Legacy
- Kay Meek Arts Centre Development Fund
- North Shore Keep Well Society Fund
- North Shore Field Hockey Facilities Fund
- North Shore Rescue Team Funds (2)
- North Shore Rescue Tim Jones Legacy Fund
- North Shore Stroke Recovery Centre Fund
- Paul Sugar Palliative Support Foundation Fund
- Rotary Club Sunrise Fund
- Scotty Grubb Memorial Fund
- Squamish Search and Rescue Foundation Funds (2)
- St. Francis-in-the-Wood Fund
- West Vancouver Artists' Fund
- West Vancouver Football Club Facilities Fund
- West Vancouver Football Club Memorial Scholarship
- West Vancouver Nature House Fund
- West Vancouver United Church Funds (3)
- West Vancouver Yacht Club Fund for Youth Sport
- West Vancouver Youth Band Fund

## New Funds Opened in 2023

### DARRIN MORRISON FUND FOR THE VISUAL ARTS

Darrin worked as the Administrator/Curator at the West Vancouver Art Museum from 2005 until 2020. The fund will be used to support programs and projects promoting education, creation, and exhibition in the field of visual arts.

### DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER SENIORS' ACTIVITY CENTRE LEGACY FUND

The West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Centre (SAC) is home to a wide range of programs, services, and amenities geared toward 55+ adults. The Fund was established by the SAC volunteer Board to accept gifts from supporters of the Centre and will be used for projects outside of the District of West Vancouver's budget.

### FRIENDS OF NAVY JACK HOUSE SOCIETY FUND

The Fund will be used to support the Navy Jack House restoration project through community fundraising, and other projects with significant heritage or historical importance in West Vancouver as determined by the Donor in consultation with the local heritage advisors.

### LIZ BYRD LEGACY FUND - KAY MEEK ARTS SOCIETY

A prominent West Vancouver resident, and revered volunteer community leader, Liz Byrd was instrumental in successfully advocating for the creation of a performing arts centre that would become the Kay Meek Arts Centre. Annual proceeds from this fund will be granted to the Kay Meek Arts Centre to support programs in Liz's memory.

### MAYA VERONICA CASSADY MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS FUND

Maya loved animals and nature and everyone loved Maya. Along with Maya's family, West Vancouver Schools, has set up the Maya Veronica Cassady Mental Health Wellness Award to honour Maya's heroic fight for her mental wellbeing.

### PETER AND BETTY HAWORTH FUND

The Fund is to be used to support the following causes: environment, especially clean air, and water; education and/or libraries; and animal welfare.

### WEST VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB FUND FOR YOUTH SPORT

The West Vancouver Yacht Club was formed in 1945 with a membership of 45 and 6 boats. Today they are a leader in youth and adult sailing programs in Canada and in 2023 they opened the fund for Youth Sport. Proceeds from the Funds will support those amateur sport activities that are open to the general public.

## HOWARD MARTIN MEMORIAL FUND

Howard Martin was a leading developer in Vancouver and the North Shore. He donated 10 acres of land to establish the Caulfeild Elementary School in 1954 with the proviso that the eastern end of the property should be kept as forest, because he believed that children should have direct contact with nature.

Through his estate, Howard Martin made a generous donation to the West Vancouver Foundation and the Howard Martin Memorial Fund was created.

*"We are so grateful for the opportunity to see our grandfather's philanthropic legacy come to realization ensuring both causes and communities he admired, championed and supported throughout his life continue to receive much needed support."*

- Maxwell Darling, Howard Martin's grandson

This fund is used to provide funding to many of the grant programs such as Community, Transformation, Neighbour and Micro; having a tremendous impact on the West Vancouver Foundation's ability to create positive change in the community.

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## AVALON RECOVERY SOCIETY

Avalon Recovery Society is a non-profit organization that provides addiction and mental health treatment services to individuals who are struggling with substance use and behavioural health issues. Their mission is to help those in need to recover from addiction and mental health issues and to provide them with the tools and resources needed to live a healthy, fulfilling life.

With a grant from the Howard Martin Memorial Fund and Robillard Reading Family Fund, Avalon was able to offer their Recovery and Peer Support Program to women and families across the North Shore. Since COVID they have experienced a dramatic increase in demand and thanks in part to this funding they were able to continue offering their support to those in need.

## Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Community foundations exist to improve the quality of life in communities and to inspire and steward local philanthropy for local benefit. Every donor's experience is unique. We have flexible options that can help you make maximum impact, supporting the needs right here in our community.

### EXISTING FUND

We have over 125 funds with many different areas of interest or purposes. Donate to one of these funds one-time or on a monthly basis.

### OPEN YOUR OWN FUND

If you are looking to make a more significant gift, consider opening your own fund. The fund can be opened with a specific purpose or area to support, or you can be active in deciding where to grant.

### LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL & MEMORIAL FUNDS

Create a fund today and fund it through your estate when that time comes. It's a way of ensuring the causes you care about are supported beyond your lifetime. In addition, you can change the charities you want the fund to support at anytime without having to update your Will. You can also open a Memorial Fund to celebrate and honour someone close.

# Thank You

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

At the West Vancouver Foundation we make it easy for people to support the causes that touch their heart, mind and spirit. This year we received gifts from hundreds of unique donors, with many making multiple donations to a variety of different causes. Through the West Vancouver Foundation's Give Where You Live campaign, community donors were introduced to nine high impact projects delivered through highly qualified local charities. We are very grateful for the confidence our donors have in our ability to serve our community - now and into the future.

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS

### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

John Parker (Chair), Gordon Holley, Dave Mason, Naomi Denning.

### INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

Jonathan Stewart (Chair), Naomi Denning, Dave Mason, Alison Parry, Stephen Wilson.

### COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE:

Justin Yoo (Chair), Hoon Choi, Nancy Farran, Carmen Ryujin, Melina Tai, Yang Wang.

### NEIGHBOUR GRANTS COMMITTEE:

Arzoo Babul, Jamshid Hashimi, Dorsa Khormali, Lindy Pfeil, Kim Wong.

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Merla Beckerman, Judy Duncan, Lorna Duncan, Kim Campbell, Kelly Ritcher, Lori Cameron, Louise Adams.

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