Community Foundation of Whistler

Annual Report 2016 – 2017

Our Vision

Investing in a Thriving Community

50 grants in 2016

$219,141 awarded in 2016

Over **$1.7 Million** in grants given out since 1999

$5.8 Million Invested assets as of December 31, 2016

28 organizations supported

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Strategic Directions

1. **Enhance Community Knowledge and Understanding**
2. **Facilitate Community Engagement and Participation**
3. **Support Collaboration within the community**
4. **Strengthen the Foundation's Capacity to Support Community Development**

Executive Message

2016 was a landmark year for the Community Foundation of Whistler as we embarked on the Vital Signs® initiative for the first time. Vital Signs® serves multiple roles: bringing people together for conversation about issues that matter, expanding people's understanding of others in the community, encouraging community participation, and informing the path forward for the Foundation and for the community.

Whistler is growing and changing along with the rest of the world. During this time of change, it's more important than ever to focus on our mission to build connections in the community, support inclusiveness, and a strong sense of place and belonging for residents.

The health of our local nonprofits is a reflection of the health of the community. Our Community Group Needs Assessment showed how the greatest assets of local nonprofits are their volunteers and staff, yet retaining volunteers and staff is their greatest challenge. As pressures on local nonprofits build, how can the community, and the Community Foundation, ensure that our nonprofits remain strong? Part of our strategy is to help them build capacity, support operating costs, and encourage collaboration.

A community foundation truly is a community effort. From the community volunteers on the board and committees, the donors who are so passionate about Whistler, the charities who bring projects that focus on long term solutions, to the community members who share their voices and experiences, the Foundation is the community.

- Carol Coffey, Executive Director

Grant Stories

Photo: Yulia Gladysheva.

Mama Baby Connection Prenatal Program

Jill Ackhurst Social Action Grant

The transition to motherhood can be a very isolating experience, especially for Whistler residents who may be far away from long-term friends, family and traditional support systems The Mama Baby Connection program at the Whistler Women's Centre provides an opportunity for first time mothers to come together in a safe, inclusive and nurturing space, to learn and share ideas, and honour their bodies through breathing, meditation and restorative yoga. Women can share their excitements, joys, anxieties and fears, build connections, and feel a sense of belonging as they step into a new life chapter.

The Mama Baby Connection is a low barrier service, offered free of charge and providing an inclusive space for all expectant mothers. The program can be a crucial link for women living in difficult or high conflict relationships and who require further support from the Women's Centre.

> *"I'm really grateful the Women's Centre has a program for moms to be. It gives me support, a safe environment, new connections and makes me feel special as a woman. The program taught me how to breathe, be strong, take care of myself and baby, prepare for birth, and I met other pregnant women. Whistler is a special place and the Women's Centre has a non-replaceable place in the community."*
>
> – Participant

This program was offered twice last year but still had a waiting list. The Foundation has provided financial support to offer 3 sessions in the upcoming year.

Photo: Crystal Brown Photography

Pemberton Crabapple Project

Environmental Legacy Grant

In mid-July 2016, Stewardship Pemberton Society set out to pick the crab apples along Portage Road in Pemberton. The trees, while beautiful and abundant, attract bears into downtown Pemberton in the late summer and early fall resulting in increased human-bear conflict within our community. The Pemberton Crabapple Project aims to preserve these heritage trees, reduce human-bear conflict within our community, spark dialogue regarding food sustainability and teach the art of food preservation to project participants.

In its third year of support from the Community Foundation of Whistler the project is an incredible success. Together with their community partners, Stewardship Pemberton:

- Picked 2000 lbs of crabapples
- Made 1600 jars of jelly and sauce
- Mentored young adults on the art of canning
- Worked with over 30 children, 8 adults and 3 community groups
- Created summer employment for 2 students
- Made a profit to support the next year's project
- Sold jelly and sauce at Farmer's Market, craft fairs and Pemberton Valley Supermarket.
- Donated the byproducts to local pig farmers and Sea to Sky Soils to close the food loop.

A 2017 Environmental Legacy Grant is supporting Stewardship Pemberton to expand the program, along with their Fruit Tree Project, to make it financially self-sustaining.

Grant Stories

Whistler Adaptive Sailing Camp

Community Grant

The Whistler Sailing Association (WSA) teamed up with Whistler Adaptive Sports Program (WASP) to deliver an adaptive sailing camp in the summer of 2016. Ten athletes from WASP had the opportunity to learn how to sail on Alta Lake during a 4-day camp in September. The camp gave those with physical and mental disabilities the opportunity to learn a new skill right here in their own community.

Nancy Clarke's son Christopher has spina bifida and he participated in the camp:

> *"He's had a blast. He's been out in the fresh air. He feels healthy, empowered, invigorated. It's wonderful. He's referred to as one of the athletes, and what could be better than that for a guy in a wheelchair?"*

Athletes were matched with a volunteer from the community who knew how to sail but had not been through a training program. As Francois Hebert, WSA's head coach, says, "Adaptive Sailing is all about teamwork."

An unexpected outcome of the camp was the gift of a MArtin 16, an adaptive sailboat, to the Whistler Sailing Association from the Disabled Sailing Association of BC. The boat will allow the WSA to offer adaptive sailing all summer long, rather than a single 4-day camp. This will increase the ability of those with disabilities to access sailing in their own community.

Multicultural Community Kitchens

Community Grant

This program was created in 2016 by the Whistler Multicultural Network to showcase the food and culture of local immigrants and to build connections and understanding across cultures.

Over the past year the program offered 6 sessions and proved very popular. The Multicultural Community Kitchens were organized by volunteers, many of whom were immigrants. Participants planned, prepared, and ate together. The kitchen sessions featured Venezuelan, Chilean, Mexican, Slovak, Japanese, and Czech food. Participants also had the opportunity to learn life and workplace skills such as cooking, as well as Food Safe, First Aid, nutrition and canning.

> *"I enjoy the community kitchen program very much. Is one of the programs that unite all nationalities and cultures the most, learning different things from each country and enjoying the company of wonderful and the most genuine people. I personally love learning recipes from other countries and Canada. Every time I've been able to, I've always really enjoyed going to each of the meetings."* - Program participant.

As a result of this program immigrants and the wider community of Whistler have a greater understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures represented in Whistler.

Kathy Barnett Leadership Grants

Ashlin Tipper

Ashlin Tipper used her 2016 Kathy Barnett Leadership Grant from the Community Foundation of Whistler to complete a Counselling Methodologies course at Yorkville University.

Ashlin is an Outreach Worker at Whistler Community Services Society.

"The knowledge and skills learned were practiced daily and the material throughout the course continues to assist in my ability to support community members. As an Outreach Worker, much of my success relies on communication. [The course] has allowed me to participate in coursework that expands my knowledge of human thinking and behaviour, resulting in an increased ability to provide support. During the course of this professional development class, I provided 79 clients with one on one support with issues including mental health challenges, addictions, housing concerns, relationship problems, sexual health issues, financial strain, stress and hunger."

Clare Greenberg

Clare's Kathy Barnett Leadership Grant helped the Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council grow.

Being a non-profit manager means being a master of all disciplines and taking on tasks you may never have imagined for yourself. Before taking the role as Executive Director of the Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council (SSISC), Clare Greenberg worked as a biologist. At SSISC Clare found herself having to be a Jill-of-all-trades, responsible for budgeting, financial management, policies, grant writing, working with a volunteer board, and event planning. That's a lot of scope!

With a Kathy Barnett Leadership Grant, Clare completed a comprehensive array of courses provided by Charity Village on non-profit management. Clare's learning led to an overhaul of the budget reporting, making her reports easier to understand and she also fine-tuned cash flow predictions to plan ahead and ensure all expenses can be covered. SSICS now has a contingency fund policy which will make the organization more financially secure. The courses also developed her proposal writing skills, helping her to secure grants, build relationships with funders and foster new partnerships for SSISC.

From a course called 'Boards that work' Clare learned tips on making board meetings more efficient and effective, and SSISC was able to move from monthly to quarterly board meetings.

"Before completing these courses, I felt a little inexperienced in some aspects of my job, and was craving some professional development in areas like budgeting and policy writing. Thanks to the Community Foundation of Whistler's Kathy Barnett Grant, I was able to receive training in 13 different aspects of non-profit management, increasing not only my knowledge and ability to manage a non-profit organisation, but also my confidence in doing so."

Awarding the Kathy Barnett Leadership grant to Clare was well timed. In 2014, the Community Foundation of Whistler began supporting the work of SSISC with significant Environmental Legacy Grants to conduct invasive species monitoring, control and public education in the community. SSISC was able to rapidly grow and deliver fantastic community programming.

While funding is important to their ability to generate impact, the strength of SSISC is also due to the dedication of Clare who learned the skills she needed to rise to the challenge when the Foundation asked her "What could SSISC do to address the invasive species problem if we gave you more support?"

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SSICS now has 445 members and works in cooperation with governments, industry, and residents to stop the spread of invasive plants and animals through a strategic inventory and control program, a horticultural training and certification program, and a widespread community education and outreach program.

Grant Stories

AWARE
– Outreach and Growth

Environmental Legacy Grant

Whistler residents place a high value on our natural environment. AWARE is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the environment on which we depend. The Community Foundation of Whistler gave AWARE a three-year grant to support their outreach and growth efforts to strengthen the voice of nature.

> *"The Environmental Legacy Fund's support of AWARE's Outreach and Growth project has been truly transformational. The three-year project aimed at elevating the environmental sector in the Whistler community saw an increase in AWARE's environmentally focused projects, programs and events from 3 in 2013 to 18 in 2016, which would indicate a significant change in opportunities for community participation.*
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> *With programming focused on everything from youth nature camps, to community gardens, to recreationalist education, to waste reduction actions, to guest speaker reflections on local and global environmental issues, the Outreach and Growth project has created a diversity of influences on individual actions and related impacts."*

The success of this Outreach and Growth grant illustrates the importance of the Foundation's belief in supporting capacity building of local organizations.

Supporting Innovation

AWARE's ecoACTIVE program connects groups of people with environmentally focused projects in and around the Sea to Sky region. EcoACTIVE is a social enterprise that offers tailored experiences for conferences and large groups. Groups can opt for a "custom" theme or plug into existing community projects through the ecoACTIVE "community" theme.

The project was developed through extensive stakeholder consultation. The outcomes are:

- an avenue to connect local groups to local environmentally-focused projects
- team building projects that are also good for the community and the planet
- a means through which visiting conference groups can connect with the local community
- generate revenue for AWARE

> *"Taking part in ecoACTIVE with AWARE was great. It's great to be able to do something hands-on with your team and see everyone take pride in giving back to the community. People don't tend to interact too much at work because everyone's in front of computer screens, so this is a great chance to connect."*
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> - Jackie Fulton, Sales & Marketing Director, Whistler Delta Village Suites

Whistler BioBlitz

Environmental Legacy Grant

Whistler BioBlitz is Canada's longest-running BioBlitz and 2016 marked the 10th anniversary of this annual community event. Organized by the Whistler Naturalists, BioBlitz teaches about local biodiversity, natural history and environmental stewardship.

Whistler Bioblitz attracts more than 60 top level scientists to Whistler each year from BC and beyond. The scientists, experts in their field, volunteer their weekend looking for as many species as they can, creating real biodiversity monitoring data in fun and educational event.

What other communities have the opportunity to access scientific experts, to interact with them and learn from them each year? BioBlitz brings this opportunity to locals and visitors alike.

The scientists roam the valley in their distinctive t-shirts cataloguing species and answering questions from the public. The inventories they create provide up-to-date natural area information that acts as a tremendous benefit in the development of great environmental awareness and as a baseline for planning decisions. It's amazing to realize that about ½ of the known species in Whistler are from only 10 weekends of BioBlitz and 12 weekends of Fungus Among Us.

New in 2016, the Whistler Naturalists introduced a BioBlitz intern program, matching local students with a scientist for the day.

"The weekend at BioBlitz Whistler was more than a surprise to me, not knowing what to expect. What I found was a great learning opportunity. Not really knowing what direction I want to take my studies, this weekend opened up my mind to different possibilities.

Over the weekend, I had the opportunity to follow and help a few biologists that attended BioBlitz. On Saturday I joined Jordon Rosenfeld. We searched for Tailed Frog tadpoles in the gushing Archibald Creek in Brio, emptied minnow traps to find a neotene (non-metamorphosing) Northwestern Salamander, and explored the stagnant ponds of Whistler looking for zooplankton and giant aquatic bugs!

Jordon not only took us along for the day but also taught us more than I could have learned in a day at school. I learned about aquatic bugs such as the Caddisfly, Mayfly, and Whirligig Beetle. I must say, I knew nothing about these bugs or what a true bug really was. Jordan showed me how much fun you can have with a simple bucket and goldfish net near a pond. It was unbelievable what we discovered in one scoop of mucky water! Jordan took the time to explain the role that each bug had in our ecosystem and why they looked the way they did.

It was amazing how passionate these people were about their jobs and how eager they were to share their knowledge with strangers. Calling Whistler my home after 8 years of living here, I feel that our community is so lucky to have this expertise come to the valley every summer. This past weekend was a great opportunity for me and I am very grateful I got to participate."

– Davina Dube is a Whistler local and a student in the Fish, Wildlife and Recreation program at BCIT.

The Community Foundation of Whistler has provided funding for Whistler BioBlitz for the past 5 years.

60+ scientists in Whistler **500 species inventoried** **60 new species identified**

Understanding our Community

We recently surveyed local nonprofit organizations and received 43 responses. Highlights of the findings:

595 people are employed by nonprofit community organizations

63% of organizations do not provide health care benefits for staff

43% report the challenge of financial capacity as having serious impact or as very problematic for their organization.

Lack of sustainable funding (particularly for operations) is one of their greatest challenges given funding rarely keeps up with the increases in costs and demands on services

Difficulty in communicating key messages to a wider audience was another top challenge identified

Many groups identified space constraints as a limitation to their ability to grow or to provide effective programming.

The top three choices for additional support needed are:

- Operational funding
- Support and training for collaboration
- Access to professional support including: professional marketing, legal, accounting and administrative supports.

Community Group Needs survey

The passion, dedication and commitment of staff and volunteers are the greatest strengths of local nonprofit organizations. While this drives the great work they do, they are also experiencing challenges in recruiting and retaining great people to get involved.

The high cost of living and difficulty in securing housing coupled with the struggle to find operating funds makes it a tough go for many organizations. While this is a challenge for all businesses in Whistler, it may be felt most acutely in the non-profit sector where operating budgets are already lean.

Building a strong community starts with knowledge.

The Community Foundation of Whistler works to build a strong community and one important way we do this is by supporting local non-profit organizations. We wanted to learn more about the needs of local nonprofits and how we can best support their work in creating impact in the community.

> *"(Our organization's) biggest challenges are finding adequate funding for the growing demands on the organization in terms of administration, marketing and operations."* - Survey respondent

The Community Foundation of Whistler is one tool through which community members can donate to support long term funding for local organizations.

Whistler has a vibrant nonprofit sector. However; we know from the **2016 Whistler Vital Signs** report that the community is experiencing a time of growth and change and this is challenging the sector. The Community Foundation of Whistler will be working further with local nonprofits to facilitate collaboration and access to supports.

Vital Signs

Whistler's Vital Signs® is a community checkup conducted by the Community Foundation of Whistler that measures the vitality of our community. Vital Signs compiles existing data from local, provincial and national sources with feedback from the community to create a comprehensive look at how our community is doing.

The Community Foundation of Whistler is a catalyst for community development. Through Vital Signs we serve as an independent resource for community knowledge.

The Community Foundation of Whistler released its first Vital Signs® Report on October 3rd 2016.

Knowledge

Vital Signs seeks to gather and share knowledge, to enhance community members' understanding of community strengths and issues, and to empower community members to participate and come together for effective action.

Connection

Knowledge forms the basis for respectful conversation, helping community members to connect and build consensus around opportunities for shared citizen action.

Participation

Community members gather together to actively create the kind of community in which they want to live.

VitalConversation

On October 24, 2016, following the release of our first Whistler Vital Signs report, we hosted Shaping Community Together: A Whistler Vital Signs Panel Discussion and Community Knowledge Cafe.

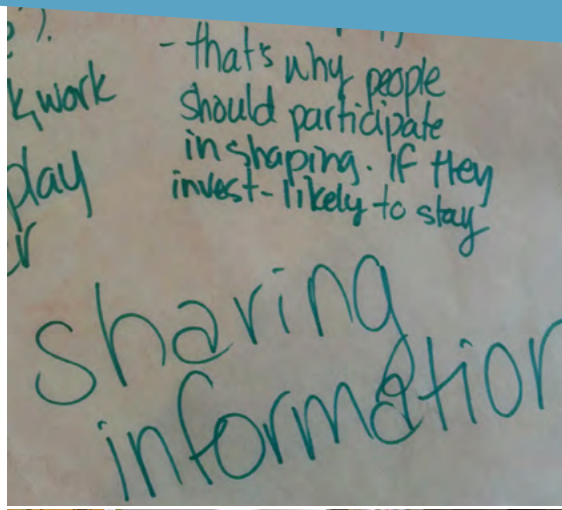
We asked attendees to engage in the process of learning about and understanding community strengths and issues and to reflect on what community means and how community members can work together to bring about change.

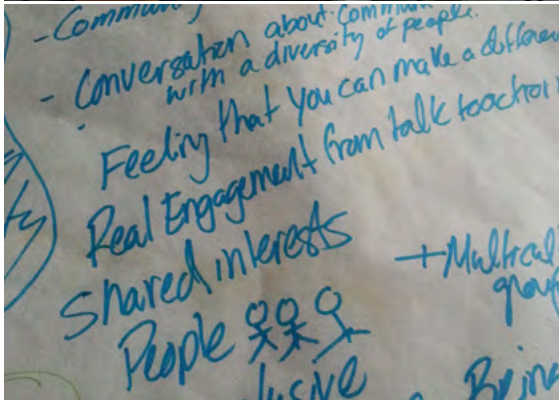
On December 6, 2016 we held a Vital Dialogue with local non-profit organizations to help grow our understanding of the nonprofit sector in Whistler - the work they are doing, their strengths, their challenges, their needs, and opportunities for collaboration.

The sector is facing the challenge of how to meet the demands created by a growing and changing community. A successful and growing resort economy also results in an increase in community needs. These and other changes in the community are creating environmental, social and economic impacts that place an increasing burden on existing community resources and non-profit organizations. The most compelling question facing the non-profit sector in Whistler is how to best manage growth in the community.

What are the concerns?

- growth
- affordability
- need for greater focus on seniors
- support for youth





WHISTLER'S
VitalSigns

Events and Partnerships

Canada 150 Grants

The Community Foundation of Whistler partnered with Community Foundations of Canada and The American Friends of Whistler to participate in the Community Fund for Canada's 150th.

The Community Fund for Canada's 150th is a grant program that supports community initiatives, activities and events that inspire understanding, encourage participation and bring out the best that Whistler has to offer now and for the future.

The Community Foundation of Whistler contributed $7,900 while the American Friends of Whistler contributed $5,000 to create a total of $25,800 of grant funding to the following projects:

1. Sea to Sky Discovery: A Storytelling Celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary- Whistler Writing Society $3,975,
2. Show Us Your Whistler- Whistler Multicultural Network and the Whistler Public Library $3,837,
3. Neighbourhoods Work- Whistler Centre for Sustainability $3,000,
4. Whistler Remembrance Place- Whistler Rotary Club Foundation $15,000.

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CANADA 150 Canada

About Community Fund for Canada's 150th

The Community Fund for Canada's 150th is a collaborative effort, seeded by the Government of Canada and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to coast. The Fund is matched and delivered locally by Canada's 191 community foundations.

Estate Planning Workshop

Where there's a Will, there's a way to make a difference.

A packed room at the Estate Planning Workshop on March 14, 2017 caught us just a wee bit off-guard! We wanted to spread the message that having a will and an estate plan was the best way to ensure that your family members and the charities you love get the most benefits from your estate.

Local lawyers Kathleen van der Ree and Sholto Shaw highlighted that having a will is important if you have particular wishes for your assets. If you pass away without a will, your assets will be distributed according to government legislation. Professional advice tailored to your unique situation is essential.

Theresa Walterhouse of BDO outlined many of the tax considerations around estate planning. Charitable donations through one's estate are good ways to help offset taxes owed. However, we learned that good advice and careful planning will help donors make the most of tax credits.

A gift to charity through one's estate is a common way to give to charity. This is because you get to keep the benefit from your assets during your life time but can create a lasting and unique gift through your estate that will benefit the community for all the years to come. Donors can choose to give to one of the Community Foundation of Whistler's existing funds or create their own fund.

For planned charitable giving, it all comes down to your values. What do you value about your community & what impact do you want to create?

Most of us don't think of ourselves as wealthy but a gift through one's estate can be more than you think and it will definitely mean a lot to the community, no matter what the size of the gift. So, where there's a will, there's a way to make a difference.

Thank you to our event partners: United Way, Better at Home, Sea to Sky Community Services, Mature Action Community, and the Whistler Public Library.

Whistler Valley Trail Run May 22, 2016

What do we love about the Whistler Valley Trail Run? For over 25 years the event has been bringing out locals of all ages. From the Teddy Bear Trot to the 10km run, there's something for everyone. Plus, the 2016 run raised $1,700 for the Whistler Youth Foundation Fund at the Community Foundation of Whistler. A very special thanks to race organizer Christine Suter!

The fund supports programs that benefit local youth. The 2016 Whistler Youth Foundation grant brought suicide awareness workshops and tools for coping with life challenges workshops to 230 Whistler Youth. The workshops were delivered by the Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC.

Giving Tuesday

Sharing Whistler "Unselfies".

After Black Friday & Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday, on November 29, 2016, was a day of giving. Giving Tuesday is a movement for giving and volunteering. The "opening day of the giving season", It's a day for charities, businesses and individuals to join together to share, support your favourite causes and think about others.

This year, we asked the community to tell us about the UNselfish people who live among us! Photos courtesy of Coast Mountain Photography.

You Make Your Community

YOUR GIFT SHOULD REFLECT YOUR VALUES.

With the Community Foundation of Whistler, you can create a lasting legacy that supports the things you care about in your community.

The Community Foundation of Whistler works to ensure that every gift has impact. We work with donors to create a gift that works with your goals.

GETTING STARTED WITH GIVING

There are many ways to make a difference:

- **Create your own fund** that reflects your own values and goals
- **Give to an existing fund** that supports your values or your favourite charity's fund
- **Honour a loved one:** make a gift in honour of a person, event or milestone
- **Leave a lasting legacy**: give through your will or life insurance policy

You can give to support your favourite charity or in support of an area of interest. You can also have your gift used towards the most pressing needs in the community.

GIVE NOW: You can make a gift during your lifetime to enjoy the impact of your gift

GIVE FOREVER: Endowed gifts are invested in perpetuity and provide income that is granted year over year to a specific area or charity

GIVE THE WAY YOU WANT: The Community Foundation of Whistler works with donors to accept a variety of gifts including bequests, life insurance, and securities.

Celebrating our Caring Community

Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to the top four nominees for the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award; Jennifer Erikson, Heather Paul, David Oakes, and Karl Ricker,

Heather Paul was bestowed with the title of 2017 Citizen of the Year at the Whistler Excellence Awards on May 11, 2017.

Award presented by RACE & COMPANY LLP LAWYERS

Legacy Book of Whistler

"Why I signed the Legacy Book of Whistler"

Anne Townley shares her thoughts on why she become a signer in the Legacy Book of Whistler.

> *"People create communities and those people have stories to tell. Their stories bring a community to life and make it different than the community down the road. Whistler as we know it is a fairly young community.*
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> *The people in the CFOW's Legacy Book and their stories have and are helping create our shared history.*
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> *The CFOW through its Legacy Book project has provided an opportunity for those stories to be told and shared and preserved.*
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> *I believe in celebrating, valuing and preserving the history of the people of Whistler. Not only the rich and famous but the 'everyday' people that help make Whistler such an amazing community. The Legacy Book is a wonderful way to do that.*
>
> *The CFOW focuses on supporting and improving the community of Whistler and I believe we are lucky to have such an organization. It is well worth supporting.*
>
> *Because I believe in the project and I was encouraging other people to get involved I felt I needed to contribute my story and support the CFOW and encourage everyone here to do the same. We all have stories to tell. Thank you for caring and being involved in our community."*

Summary of 2016 Grants

Community Grants Program

1. **Whistler Multicultural Network:** Multicultural Community Kitchen Project. Grant amount $1,025
2. **Whistler Off-Road Cycling Association:** Monday Night Ride Guide Training. Grant amount $1,170
3. **Whistler Sailing Association:** Disabled Sailing Camp. Grant amount $2,000
4. **Spinal Cord Injury BC:** Whistler Weekend Sports Camp (in partnership with Whistler Adaptive Sports Program). Grant amount $2,000
5. **Easter Seals House Society:** Easter Seals House Vancouver. Grant amount $2,000

The Community Grants program is supported by the Community Fund, the American Friends of Whistler Fund, and the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation Fund.

Environmental Legacy Grants Program

1. **Rotary Club of Whistler:** Don MacLaurin Whistler Interpretive Forest Sign Project (year 2). Grant amount $13,000
2. **Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council:** On the Ground Inventory and Control. Grant amount $19,000
3. **Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council:** Outreach, Education and Training. Grant amount $13,000
4. **Stewardship Pemberton Society:** Pemberton Crabapple Project. Grant amount $1,500
5. **Get Bear Smart Society:** 4 The Love of Bears. Grant amount $25,475
6. **Whistler Museum and Archives Society:** Discover Nature. Grant amount $8,000
7. **Whistler Museum and Archives Society:** Whistler Nature 101 Training Program. Grant amount $4,250
8. **Whistler Naturalists Society:** Whistler BioBlitz. Grant amount $15,000
9. **Whistler Naturalists Society:** Fungus Among Us Mushroom Festival. Grant amount $2,500
10. **AWARE:** Nature Based Youth Programs. Grant amount $3,850
11. **AWARE:** Global Observation Research Initiative in Alpine Environments (GLORIA), Alpine climate and vegetation monitoring. Grant amount $5,000
12. **AWARE:** Capacity Funding, Grant amount $10,000
13. **AWARE:** Zero Waste Heroes. Grant amount $4,500
14. **AWARE:** Backcountry Trail Users Grizzly Bear Outreach Project. Grant amount $3,170
15. **AWARE and the Sea to Sky Clean Air Society:** Sea to Sky Climate Action Symposium. Grant amount $3,230
16. **Spring Creek Community School/École La Passerelle:** Sea to Sky Outdoor School trip for grades 6 & 7. Grant amount $16,525

Donor Designated

1. **Callanish Society** (Marlene Seimens Callanish Society Fund) $500
2. **Whistler Rotary Club Foundation** (Ackhurst Family Rotary Club of Whistler Fund) $930

Donor Directed

1. **Whistler Employee Fund** Howe Sound Women's Centre $300

Jill Ackhurst Social Action Grants

1. **North Shore Schizophrenia Society:** Family-to-Family Peer Support. Grant amount $1,000
2. **Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC.** Youth Suicide Prevention Program. Grant amount $1,550
3. **Howe Sound Women's Centre:** Mama Baby Connection, prenatal yoga and birth preparation classes. Grant amount $1,260

Whistler Youth Foundation Grants

1. **Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC.** Youth Suicide Prevention Program. Grant amount $950

Pemberton and Area Community Grants

1. **Stewardship Pemberton Society.** One Mile Lake Nature Centre Building Upgrades. Grant amount $4,000

Kathy Barnett Leadership Grants

1. **Jeanette Bruce, Whistler Children's Chorus.** British Columbia Choral Federation Directorship Course. Grant amount $735
2. **Ashlin Tipper, Whistler Community Services Society.** Counselling Methodologies (Yorkville University Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology program). Grant amount $2,000
3. **Sylvia Dolson, Get Bear Smart Society.** B-School for online marketing strategies. Grant amount $1,465
4. **Jenn Scharf, AWARE & Whistler Forest School.** Simon Fraser University Non-Profit Management Certificate. Grant amount $2,000

Scholarships

Whistler Scholarship Society Scholarships: 6 x $500 Recipients: Kayley Ogilvie-Turner, Jessica Girard, Meghan Marof, Emily Wharin, Cambria Willis, Carli Leopard

Kelty and Riley Dennehy Scholarships: 2 x $500 Recipients: Shayna Ross-Kelly, Kelsey Thompson

Wendy Thompson Scholarships: $1000 Recipient: Nicole Dealy

Wendy Thompson Bursaries: 12 x $500 Recipients: Lorraine Gonzales, Chana Roger, Tigerlily Noble, Larissa Black, Riley Ferguson, Nolan Nault, Tobin Eckstein, Bee Wolfe, Paige Fanzone, Rhegan Williamson, Philippe Joncas

Sarah McSeveney Scholarship: 2 x $500 Recipients: Jenna Zangari and Courtney Brown

Grad 2014 Legacy Scholarship: $500 Recipient: Tatiana Fogarty

Charity Fund Disbursements

1. **Whistler Arts Council** (Arts and Culture Legacy Fund) $11,900
2. **AWARE** (AWARE Environmental Fund) $225
3. **Big Brothers Big Sisters Sea to Sky Corridor** (Whistler and Pemberton Big Brothers Big Sisters Fund) $187
4. **Whistler Public Library** (Whistler Public Library Fund) $300
5. **Zero Ceiling Society** (Zero Ceiling Society Fund) $330
6. **Whistler Animals Galore Society** (Whistler Animals Galore Fund) $234
7. **Whistler Adaptive Sports Program** (Whistler Adaptive Sports Endowment) $945
8. **Whistler Museum and Archives Society** (Whistler Museum and Archives Society Fund) $480
9. **Whistler Search and Rescue Society** (Whistler Search and Rescue Fund) $19,000

Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the year ended December 31

	Endowment Funds	Flow-through Funds	Unrestricted	2016	2015
Assets	(Note 6)				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	$42,124	$42,124	$82,332
Receivables	-	-	$1,325	$1,325	$1,120
Investments	$5,809,673	$7,476	$79,525	$5,896,674	$5,439,539
	$5,809,673	**$7,476**	**$122,974**	**$5,940,123**	**$5,522,991**
Managed trust funds (Notes 2 and 3)				**$122,734**	**$113,336**
Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	-	-	$15,346	$15,346	$11,466
Grants payable	$70,895	$2,138	-	$73,033	$77,990
Deferred contributions	-	-	-	-	$9,950
	$70,895	**$2,138**	**$15,346**	**$88,379**	**$99,406**
Net Assets	**$5,738,778**	**$5,338**	**$107,628**	**$5,851,744**	**$5,423,585**
	$5,809,673	**$7,476**	**$122,974**	**$5,940,123**	**$5,522,991**
Managed trust funds (Notes 2 and 3)				**$122,734**	**$113,336**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31

	2016	2015
Revenue		
Donations	$191,350	$43,567
Interest and dividends	$152,635	$145,746
Gain on investments	$403,065	$297,785
Administration fee	$1,733	$1,336
	$748,783	**$488,434**
Expenses		
Grants	$212,888	$199,337
Administration	$107,736	$93,219
	$320,624	**$292,556**
Excess of revenues over expenses for the year	**$428,159**	**$195,878**

You make your community

Our thanks to the many volunteers whose dedication ensures the responsible and caring operation of the Community Foundation of Whistler. List of Standing Committees:

- Executive and Governance Committee
- Finance and Investment Committee
- Community Grants Advisory Committee
- Environmental Legacy Fund Advisory Committee
- Jill Ackhurst Social Action Fund Advisory Committee
- Vital Signs Project Team
- Whistler Employee Fund Advisory Committee
- Pemberton and Area Community Endowment Fund Advisory Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Citizen of the Year Selection Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Nominating Committee

Board Members 2016-2017

- Robin Douglas - President
- Sue Lawther - Vice President
- John Walker - Treasurer
- Debbie Smythe
- Karen Williamson
- Carole Stretch
- Scott Pass
- Craig Beattie
- Maureen Wale

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- Peter Ackhurst
- Jeff Devlin
- Gail Fasken
- Doug and Mary Forseth
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- Daniel Nakagawa
- Donna and Frank Savage
- Sholto Shaw
- Bradley Sinclair
- Deborah Smythe
- Carole and Martin Stretch
- John and Sheila Walker
- Dave Williamson and Karen Smith Williamson
- Kelty Patrick Dennehy Foundation
- Strategic Charitable Giving Foundation
- Valley Business Centre
- Whistler Farmers' Market

List of Funds

Community Funds

- American Friends of Whistler Fund
- Community Fund
- Pemberton and Area Community Endowment Fund
- Whistler Blackcomb Foundation Fund

Field of Interest Funds

- Bob and Sue Adams Leadership Fund
- Environmental Legacy Fund
- Emergency Fund
- Kathy Barnett Memorial Fund
- Whistler Youth Foundation Fund

Donor Advised Fund

- Deborah Smythe and Family Fund
- Jill Ackhurst Social Action Fund
- Whistler Employee Fund

Donor Designated Funds

- Marlene Siemens Callanish Society Fund
- Ackhurst Family Rotary Club of Whistler Fund

Charity Funds

- Arts & Culture Legacy Fund
- AWARE Environmental Fund
- Whistler and Pemberton Big Brothers Big Sisters Fund
- Whistler Adaptive Sports Program Society Fund
- Whistler Animals Galore Fund
- Whistler Museum & Archives Society Fund
- Whistler Public Library Fund
- Whistler Search and Rescue Fund
- Zero Ceiling Society Fund

Scholarship Funds

- Doug and Mary Forseth Fund
- Grad 2014 Legacy Scholarship Fund
- Kelty & Riley Dennehy Scholarship Fund
- Sarah McSeveney Scholarship Fund
- Wendy Thompson Scholarship Fund
- Whistler Scholarship Society Fund

Administrative

- Community Foundation of Whistler Operating Endowment Fund

About the Community Foundation of Whistler

The Community Foundation of Whistler is a charitable public foundation, serving the communities of Whistler and Pemberton, and operated by members of our local community who live, work and raise their families here in the Sea to Sky region.

Our vision is a thriving local community where all members are engaged and informed, and where strong connections create a resilient and caring community.

The Community Foundation of Whistler:

- invests in the future of our community by managing permanent endowment funds
- provides grants to local charitable organizations to create impact in all areas of community life
- offers donors the opportunity to establish charitable funds, endowed in perpetuity, for the ongoing benefit of the local community.
- promotes community knowledge, volunteerism, and community leadership

We bring people together to create opportunities for dialogue, learning, and partnership. Our knowledge of the community helps us to create maximum impact with our grant programs.

Investing in a Thriving Community

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