



We, at the **Vanderhoof Community Foundation** wish to extend a warm welcome back to each one of you for another exciting school year. We especially want to thank those of you who have contributed through your payroll to the Foundation this year. The total contributions from SD91 Payroll Deductions for our fiscal year (01 September 2021 to 31 August 2022) totalled \$1824.00, up almost \$500 from the previous year. THANK YOU!

We are pleased to report that we have had a good year of fund raising and our Endowment Fund now sits at close to \$309,000 with the addition of another Named Fund in the works with the Nechako Valley Search & Rescue Society. Their plan is to use the income from their fund to help offset their yearly operating expenses which will put less pressure on their members to focus on fundraising and instead be able to spend more of their time in training and preparing for their work in search and rescue.

We held our annual Fitness Challenge this past spring and the Board decided to donate half of the proceeds from this event to Ukraine Refugee Resettlement.

Through our grants we support various community organizations to provide programs, services and infrastructure that will make life better for Vanderhoof and Area residents. The donations that the Foundation receives are invested and only the returns on these investments are granted out to community groups. The original donated amount is left in the Foundation to continue to grow for future generations.

We were very excited to be able to up the value of our grants to the community this year from \$4,800 to \$20,000 with the following grants approved from our 2022 Grant Cycle:

- **St. John Hospital Auxiliary Society - \$5,100** for purchase of a bus for the transportation of residents and day use program users at the Stuart Nechako Manor long term care facility.
- **Nechako Valley Sporting Association - \$800** for the installation of racks to store cross country ski program boots and other equipment.
- **Vanderhoof Public Library - \$4000** for the purchase of new seating and shelving for the Teen Area at the Library.
- **W.L. McLeod Elementary School (Farm to School Program) - \$8,000** for the purchase and installation of a walk-in cooler that will support the Farm to School Program and the Vanderhoof Community Garden.
- **Nechako Senior Citizens' Society #93 - \$2,100** for the replacement of an entry area rug and re-upholstery of hall chairs.

For us to continue granting to worthwhile organizations and activities we need to continue to build our foundation through donations. We hope that all School District Employees will consider donating through your payroll deduction program to an organization that is based in Vanderhoof and area, supporting Vanderhoof based organizations that offer programs and services for Vanderhoof and area residents.

For more information, check out our Facebook page and our website at www.vhfcf.org or contact us directly at legacy@vhfcf.org or phone Kathie at 250-570-9320.

Building Community, Today, Tomorrow and Forever!