

COMMUNITY IS NOT ONE THING
**COMMUNITY IS
EVERYTHING**



COMOX VALLEY
**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

Dear friends and neighbours,

You care about this community. We do too.

Being part of a community is so much more than just living in the same area. It is a shared connection and feeling of belonging. It is about challenging inequities to improve the quality of life for all. It is about developing resilience together and celebrating our differences to give rise to a greater collective strength, today and for the long term.

Every day, 200+ local charities and nonprofit organizations are helping our community

They are working tirelessly to feed families in need, restore our streams, provide cultural activities, make recreation inclusive, educate our growing population, bridge healthcare gaps, and so much more. Together, they are the backbone of our community, providing essential services that make the Comox Valley a better place to live every single day. And now, more than ever, they need help from us.

The need is urgent

As a community, we are experiencing incredible pressures on many fronts that left unaddressed may become unrecoverable. Food and housing affordability, homelessness, environmental impacts, and demand for social service support have never been greater. And yet, our vital nonprofit organizations supporting these issues locally continue to report funding uncertainty. A Comox Valley without a strong charitable sector is one that will be very different from the one we know today. When equity, sustainability, and inclusion are lost, the health of our community suffers.

You can help

At the Community Foundation, we have been helping caring people, just like you, give back to the community in meaningful ways for more than 25 years. Your gifts through us are what create funding grants that boost our nonprofit community, giving immediate support to local needs.

Making a donation today will help us ensure that vital programs and services continue to exist to help our Comox Valley neighbours who are most in need.



If community matters to you ...

Follow your passion, elevate a cause, or support them all with a donation to the area of greatest need, our Community Fund, dedicated to strategic investment in leadership projects or urgent response in any area. Every gift has the power to strengthen the entire community, for good and forever. Whatever matters to you most, you will find you can support it through your community foundation.



RAPID RELIEF AND SUSTAINABILITY

BUILD flexible resources that **RESPOND** to crisis and natural disasters, **SAFEGUARD** critical programs and services during economic uncertainty.



RECREATION AND INCLUSION

REMOVE barriers to recreation and sports, **CULTIVATE** access and belonging, **CREATE** connection for citizens of all abilities and backgrounds.



CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND FAMILIES

GIVE children and youth their best start in life, **NURTURE** and **PROTECT** women at risk, and **EMPOWER** families.



EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT

EMPOWER through lifelong learning, **MAKE** post-secondary more affordable, **PROMOTE** change through collective wellness and self-improvement.



HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

PROMOTE healthy lifestyles, **CHAMPION** access to therapy and innovations, **REDUCE** isolation for seniors and others in need.



ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE

MAKE art and culture accessible, **CREATE** social change through art, and **CELEBRATE** our diverse cultural heritage.



FOOD, HOUSING, AND SUPPORT

IMPROVE access to basic needs, **ACCELERATE** solutions for food systems, poverty, and homelessness, **GIVE HELP** to those who are struggling.



ENVIRONMENT, NATURE, AND CLIMATE

PROMOTE sustainable lifestyles, **ADVANCE** efforts toward climate resilience, **PROTECT** water, land, and animals.

This winter, if you are among those who can give, we would be honoured to be considered. Your gift, in any amount, will help us ensure essential funding continues to support community needs.

Warmly,

Joleen Finnerty
Executive Director

Craig Rennison
Board Chair

Thanks to caring businesses, organizations, and community members, like you, we have been able to grant more than \$5 million in funding to 175 local organizations and 250 students over the past 25 years.

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