

Celebrating 23 Years

# **2024 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**







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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Endowment funds top \$ 4.4 million
- \$50,000 matching donation challenge
- \$135,660 distributed in local grants
- \$28,100 in scholarships & bursaries

## **President's Message**



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Quesnel Community Foundation, I am pleased to provide our community update for 2024.

Total fundraising for 2023, including in-kind support and sponsorship, was \$222,458.00. As of December 31, 2023, the QCF Endowment Fund was \$4,451,826.00. In 2024, thanks to the generous support and donations from the people of Quesnel and area, we were able to award \$135,660.00 to community groups in the form of grants. We also awarded \$28,100.00 in bursaries and scholarships to local students.

Over the past year, we said goodbye to our long serving Past President, Mary Sjostrom and our Coordinator Shirley Keen. We thank both of them for their significant contributions to the success of the QCF. We are pleased to welcome Ron Dunn to the Board of Directors.

Our annual Community Fall Challenge Donation Campaign will run this year from October 15, 2024 to December 15, 2024. Again, our generous anonymous donor will be matching Funds, up to \$50,000. It is a great time to donate to the Quesnel Community Foundation.

Graeme Armstrong, President



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From left to right, Mike Hayman, Past
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Armstrong, Past Coordinator Shirley Keen,
Secretary Bob Lebeck, Bob Norman, Ron Dunn,
missing from pic, Jim Gorsline, Kathy
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## **Meet our New Coordinator**



A resident of Quesnel since 2006, Tim served as a Principal and Vice-Principal with the Quesnel School District for 15 years. In addition to working at several elementary schools for the district, Tim also served as Principal of Continuing Education and Manager of the Transportation Department. From 2019-2022 Tim was Regional Principal of the Quesnel Campus of CNC. He holds a Masters Degree in Administration from Gonzaga University and a Bachelor of Education from UBC.

Tim sees the next phase of his life as a perfect time to give back to a community that has afforded him and his family such wonderful opportunities. He has past served as a Director and then President of the Quesnel and District Chamber of Commerce and through this role gained experience and insight into the people and organizations that make Quesnel such a vibrant and supportive community.

As the new Coordinator of the Quesnel Community Foundation, Tim is excited to connect with all the Foundation's community partners and work with them and local nonprofits to support the work of the Foundation's Board and see exciting projects across Quesnel come to fruition.

Vision Mission Quesnel Community Foundation supports a vibrant community, following Provincial and National best practices and maintains a robust endowment fund.

The Quesnel Community Foundation works in a progressive, active, and cooperative way with its donors and partners to support the needs of not-for-profit organizations from the annual proceeds of its endowment fund.

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- Roy Josephy & Jean Atkinson
- Townsend Family
- Walsh Family
- Warden Family
- West Fraser Mills

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#### (excluding Scholarships & Bursary Funds listed on pages 8 & 9)

- Barbara Chatt Memorial
- Carol Pitkin Memorial
- Chris Tobin Memorial
- Dan Alexander Memorial
- Francine Gaetz Memorial
- Holger Bauer Memorial
- Katy Rankin Crofts Memorial
- Pete Ketcham Memorial (West Fraser Employees)

## Donations in Memory

We kindly thank all of you who have made donations in memory of the following much loved individuals from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. This is a powerful and touching way to honor someone's memory.

- Ben Chan
- · Ben Doerksen
- Bill Crutchley
- Brenda Campbell
- Deane Gorsline
- Doug Sargent
- Dr Neil & Eva Barber
- Eileen Salmons
- Elizabeth Neave
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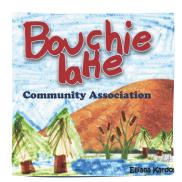
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Baker Creek Enhancement Society \$27,160.00



Barkerville Heritage Trust \$4,000.00



Bouchie Lake Community Association \$5,500.00



Cariboo Kart Racers \$10,000.00



Cariboo Stock Dogs \$6,500.00



Gavin Lake Forest Education Society \$5,700.00



Gold Rush Cycling Club \$5,755.00 & \$3,245.00 Holger Bauer



Green Hope Society \$5,300.00



King Dog Sport Club \$1,600.00



North Cariboo Seniors' Council \$2,000.00



Pet Coalition Society of BC \$4,000.00

Every year, The Quesnel Community Foundation is proud to distribute grants to local not-for-profit groups and organizations and supports a broad range of projects that offer a service to the community or an innovative approach to a community challenge or concern.

Projects approved for funding will encompass one or more of the following categories:

Health • Recreation • Education • Environment • Arts • Social Services

### This year the Foundation distributed \$ 135,660.00 in local grants



Quesnel & District 4-H Council \$4,150.00



Quesnel & District Hospice Palliative Care Association \$2,600.00



Quesnel & District Seniors' Society \$3,700.00



Quesnel Aquatic Club \$2,000.00



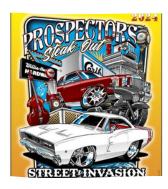
Quesnel Downtown Association \$5,000.00



Quesnel Dragon Boat Club \$4,000.00



Quesnel Festival of the Performing Arts \$1,800.00



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Quesnel Youth Slo Pitch \$3,000.00



Special Olympics BC -Quesnel \$6,500.00



Troll Freestyle Club \$6,500.00

# Scholarship, Bursaries & Awards

This year the Foundation distributed \$28,100.00 in Scholarships, Bursaries & Awards.



Holly Easy Amber Kotzer Memorial Bursary \$500.00



Courtney Kitamura Amber Kotzer Memorial Bursary \$500.00



Zachary Tilsner Ashleigh Smith Memorial Award \$550.00



Sarah Oliver Ashleigh Smith Memorial Award \$550.00



Emma Pinel Robert and Vivian Wurm Education Bursary\*\* \$1,400.00



Colby LeMoine Robert and Vivian Wurm Education Bursary \$1,400.00



Ava Jacobsen Brenda Campbell Memorial Bursary\*\* \$1,900.00



Felicia Barry Brenda Campbell Memorial Bursary \$1,900.00



Alexi Howe David Gibb Memorial Arts Award\*\* \$1,800.00



Anika Deboer David Gibb Memorial Arts Award \$1,800.00



Olivia Trimble Deane Gorsline Memorial Bursary \$2,000.00



Nevaeh Kueber-McHone Deane Gorsline Memorial Bursary \$2,000.00

In addition to Grant Awards, we were also able to award 25 graduates scholarships / bursaries to assist with furthering their education. \*\*Denotes unclaimed awards from 2022, and reissued this year.

To establish a Restricted Fund Scholarship, Bursary, or Award, a minimum contribution of \$30,000 over five years is required. Please see our website at www.quesnelfoundation.ca or email quesnelcommunityfoundation@gmail.com for more information.



Katherine Reimer
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\$1,100.00



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Alexi Howe Marilyn Heywood Memorial Scholarship \$400.00



Lucas Oxenbury Megan Vaupel Memorial Award\*\* \$1,300.00



Erin Doerksen Megan Vaupel Memorial Award \$1,300.00



Riley Wight Quesnel Women's Fall Challenge Award \$1,500.00



Maya Knauf QWA Ted Kennedy Memorial Award \$1,000.00



Jackson Heinzelman QWA Ted Kennedy Memorial Award \$1,000.00



Chloe Hopton Ray & Beth Peebles Education Bursary \$1,100.00



Olivia Trimble Warden Family Scholarship \$1,300.00

#### TWO NEW AWARDS:

Bernhardt (Ben) Doerksen Memorial Bursary and Judge B. D. Hogarth & Mrs. Mabel Hogarth Memorial Bursary

- To be awarded to fourth year medical student who has successfully matched to Family Medicine Residency Program (1st choice), Geriatric Medicine Residency Program (2nd choice), in Canada
- Have attended primary or secondary school in Quesnel, BC for a minimum of two years or, has been a resident of Quesnel, BC for at least two years.
- Preference will be given to the applicant with demonstrated financial need.

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# **Creating Legacies**

Your gift to the Quesnel Community Foundation will benefit future generations.



We are honored that Rick Prosk has named the Quesnel Community Foundation as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, the proceeds from which will establish the Rick & Karen Prosk Legacy Fund. Future grants from this fund will support the activities of Special Olympics BC - Quesnel.

DONOR PROFILE: Karen and I met in 1980, as teachers at West Fraser Elementary School, and we married in the fall of 1981. As a teenager, Karen had done volunteer work to support adults and children with intellectual disabilities, including those housed at Woodlands. After we married, together we volunteered for the Quesnel and District Association for the Mentally Handicapped (as it was known then).

Once we started a family, we had an interest in adopting a child with special needs. In 1986, we adopted Paulette to be a big sister to Matt and Erin. She had Down Syndrome, and was five years old at the time. When Ian was born in 1988, we were busy raising our kids and supporting them in their sporting activities.

Paulette was largely a spectator until 2001, when she joined Special Olympics. Karen has served on the executive since 2002, and I have volunteered since 2004. Together, we have seen the huge impact that Special Olympics has had, not only on Paulette's life, but on the life of every participant, whether as an athlete or as a volunteer. We wanted to honour that by creating a lasting memorial to provide ongoing support to this tremendous organization.

Your legacy can be leaving a gift in your will to the Quesnel Community Foundation in the form of a cash donation, naming QCF as a beneficiary of your RRSP, RRIF, TFSA, or company pension. Consider using assets such as securities, real estate, art, jewelry, such gifts may even generate tax savings. For more info, please email quesnelcommunityfoundation@gmail.com or call 250.985-1612.

# Sustaining **Partners**

Thank you to our Sustaining Partners for their multi-year committment to support the work we do! Their support helps with our operating costs and continues to build our Endowment Fund that supports our community.











Sandra Lewis



Omer & Enver Hrbinic











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**Tracey Roberts** 

We truly have a generous and giving community!

# PETALS & PEARLS 2024 Gala Dinner, Auction and Dance

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QUESNEL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
DISTRIBUTES \$ 180,000 TO 8 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S
COMMUNITY PROSPERITY FUND





The Community Prosperity Fund is a \$25 million investment from the Government of B.C. that advances poverty reduction and social inclusion. The fund was announced on the inaugural B.C. Nonprofit Recognition Day. This fund is part of the Government of B.C.'s commitment to supporting the non-profit sector and empowering local communities to make decisions about what would most benefit them and their communities.

The following projects are being supported in the Quesnel area:

- \$20,000.00 was invested to fund Big Brothers Big Sisters of Quesnel help with operating expenses.
- \$14,000.00 was invested to fund Bouchie Lake Community Association help with monthly food hampers.
- \$14,000.00 was invested to fund Green Hope Society help with operating expenses.
- \$30,000.00 was invested to fund Nazko Community Association help with hiring a coordinator.
- \$25,000.00 was invested to fund Nazko First Nation assist with expenses in their community garden.
- \$14,000.00 was invested to fund Quesnel & District Community Art's Council to assist with shipping costs for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
- \$30,000.00 was invested to fund Quesnel & District Seniors' Society to replace old chairs and gas fired ranges.
- \$33,000.00 was invested to fund Special Olympics BC Quesnel help with operating expenses.

Through the Community Prosperity Fund, funded recipients have an opportunity to implement the funding over three years and support operational expenses or project delivery. The Community Prosperity Fund supports vital non-profits that serve communities in B.C. Recipients funded are important partners, often providing services to those made vulnerable in all corners of B.C.

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## 2024 \$50,000.00 CHALLENGE



A very generous anonymous donor continues to support our foundation and has offered to match charitable donations up to \$50,000.00 received between October 15-December 15, 2024! So lets once again rise to the challenge Quesnel and make this a record setting year for building our Community Foundation.

Please go to <u>www.quesnelfoundation.ca</u> to donate or submit the form below and mail it with your cheque to PO Box 4158, Quesnel, BC V2J 3J2.

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