



COMMUNITY FUND
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Dear members and donors,

When it comes to philanthropy, local communities are punching above their weight. The Community Foundations of Canada organization has a goal of establishing a Community Foundation or Fund to serve every community in Canada by 2017, an initiative supported by the Governor General of Canada, David Johnson.

Since 2005, generous donors in our community (Kaslo and Area D) have been building endowments for the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake. An initial endowment of \$25,000 was matched by Columbia Basin Trust and the Vancouver Foundation, - two organizations that recognize the value of philanthropy. Since then, nearly 100 local donors have supported our Community Fund. The Kootenay Savings Community Foundation is another generous contributor to our funds and also provides annual flow-through funds that help to enhance our grant-making bottom line. Total endowments in the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake are now just shy of \$600,000 which is quite remarkable for a population base of about 2500.

Like many of us, you are probably inundated with requests for money for worthy causes and it becomes difficult to decide which of those causes we are willing and able to support. Of course, we, the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake, believe that philanthropy begins at home and that notion is emphasized by this statement from John McKnight, Co-Director of the Asset-Based Community Development Institute at Northwestern University:

"We have a calling. We are the people who know what we need. What we need surrounds us. What we need is each other. And when we act together, we will find our way. The citizen's way. The community way. The democratic way. We are called to nothing less. And it is not so wild a dream."

The Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake embraces a vision of thriving and resilient rural communities of North Kootenay Lake. You, our members and donors have, through your generosity, demonstrated that you embrace that same vision. Your donations to our endowment funds help to support more than a dozen registered charities in Kaslo and the North Kootenay Lake area – social service agencies, Hospice, recreation and sports, youth initiatives, arts & culture, heritage, environmental issues, scholarships and bursaries; assistance to seniors and the disabled. That's the community way and we thank you for your continued support of our efforts.

It's not too late to make an annual contribution for 2014 to CFNKL and all donations receive a tax-deductible receipt. Please make your cheque payable to the **Osprey Community Foundation** and put "CFNKLS" in the memo line. Better still, download an endowment direction form from our website nklcommunityfund.org, letting us know which of our funds you most wish to augment.

Call or e-mail us at any time. E-mail is sjdds@kaslo.org and telephone is 250 353 7600.

Thank you and Merry Christmas . *David Stewart, President*