



## GRANTING IMPACT: There's Something Growing in Roberts Creek!

If you've driven down Roberts Creek Road, you might have noticed the lovely woodwork and landscaping at the south end of the elementary school property.

This is one of several projects that are uniting community members around gardening and food. The Roberts Creek Community Legacy Garden brings together parents, children, faculty, and others volunteering to establish the gardens and surrounding infrastructure.

Nearby, the decades-old One Straw Society created the Tiny Gumboot Farm. Intended as a community resource for education about growing and eating healthy foods, much

of the produce is made available to vulnerable individuals and families.

As well, the Sunshine Coast Salvation Army Ministries is establishing a food cupboard in Roberts Creek for those unable to travel to Gibsons.

These new projects all fit within the Public Health Association of BC's project, Nurturing Farm to School Communities, which is collaborating with the community schools on the Coast to promote gardening and healthy eating.

Since 2017, the Sunshine Coast Foundation has awarded \$40,000 to engage the community in these projects and help make nutritious food locally available.

## GRANTING IMPACT: Emergency Shelter Funding for shíshá'lh Nation

Like many populations of the Coast this past year, the Nation faces a severe housing shortage with much overcrowding. During the pandemic, this shortage resulted in risks for vulnerable families who were facing housing insecurities.

The Foundation made an emergency relief grant of \$5,000 to help provide safe housing for a displaced family. The family was able to remain in the community where they benefit from the available cultural supports and extended family connections.

### WHAT DOES THE SUNSHINE COAST FOUNDATION DO?



#### GROW

We carefully and permanently invest donors' gifts to generate annual funding for local charities.



#### GUIDE

We advise donors where the needs in our community are greatest and which charities are effectively meeting those needs.



#### GIVE

We provide funding each year to charities that are enriching life on the Sunshine Coast.

# 2021 Grant Recipients

Fourteen community grants were awarded on the recommendation of the Foundation's Grants Committee. Twenty-six additional grants were made on the recommendation of donors with established endowments. Twenty-one organizations in our community benefit from grants generated through endowments that they established themselves. The total granted in 2021 was \$397,000.

## Animal Welfare

**Spay/Neuter Program \$4,301**  
SPCA Sunshine Coast Branch

## Arts, Culture, and Heritage

**Operations Support \$337**  
Gibsons Landing Heritage Playhouse

**Taking Down the Wall \$6,000**  
District of Sechelt

**Operations Support \$1,277**  
Town of Gibsons and Gibsons Public Market

**Dances from Home \$3,500**  
Sunshine Coast Dance Society

**Operations Support \$749**  
Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives

**Operations Support \$32,932**  
Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts

## Education

**Ocean Optimism Series \$5,157**

**Operations Support \$472**  
Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre

**Nurturing Farm to School Communities \$6,000**  
Public Health Association of BC

## Environment

**Culvert Replacement and Remediation \$5,000**  
Sunshine Coast Salmonid Enhancement Society

## Health, Wellness, and Safety

**Backpack Buddies \$5,000**  
Community First Foundation

**Sunshine Coast Youth Suicide Prevention \$5,500**  
Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC

**Family-to-Family Education Programs \$6,000**  
Pathways Serious Mental Illness Society

**Chronic Disease Management and Education \$1,700**  
Pender Harbour & District Health Centre

**Operations Support \$10,166**  
Sechelt Hospital Foundation

**Palliative Day Program \$5,000**  
**Operations Support \$2,267**  
Sunshine Coast Hospice Society

**Operations Support \$2,583**  
Sunshine Coast Marine Rescue Society and RCMSAR Station 12

## Social Development

**Operations Support \$655**  
RainCity Housing and Support Society Gibsons

**Roberts Creek Food Cupboard \$1,500**  
Salvation Army Sunshine Coast Ministries

**Breakfast for Kids Program \$776**  
School District #46

**Arrowhead Clubhouse \$7,826**  
**Gibsons Parent-Tot Drop-In \$2,293**  
**Operations Support \$2,568**  
Sunshine Coast Community Services Society

## Sport and Recreation

**Operations Support \$10,611**  
KidSport Sunshine Coast Chapter

**Trail Maintenance Workshop \$3,000**  
Sechelt Groves Society and Sunshine Coast Trails Society

## Scholarships

In 2021, three graduating secondary school students benefitted from scholarships held at the Foundation:

**Larry Ennis Scholarship in Woodworking \$1,000**  
Jacob Coward, Elphinstone Secondary School

**Robertson/McDonald Education Scholarship \$1,500**  
Natalie Wallis, Sunshine Coast Alternative School

**Visual Arts Scholarship \$1,000**  
Teegan Koch, Pender Harbour Elementary and Secondary

## GRANTING IMPACT: Pender Harbour Healthy Meals for Youth

There are many hidden needs in our Coast community. Vulnerable youth whose home lives may not support healthy practices depend on food available during the school day. When the schools in Pender Harbour closed due to pandemic restrictions, several young people were left without healthy food choices. A \$3,600 grant from the Sunshine Coast Foundation to the Pender Harbour

**“We have seen health benefits in the youth that are participating, especially during this difficult time. They are experimenting with, and learning to enjoy, new healthy meal options.”**

- Linda Curtiss

*Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Association*

Seniors Housing Association, in coordination with Pender Harbour Community School's Youth & Family Support program, provided 12 nutritious meals per week to several young people; a total of 360 meals were provided over several months. When school reopened, the Foundation awarded a further \$2,800 to allow this important program to continue.

## GRANTING IMPACT: Affordable Housing and Food Security: Year One of 'Intentional' Grant-Making



In 2020, the Sunshine Coast Foundation shifted from strictly project-based funding to supporting the operations of effective organizations addressing chronic challenges. We committed \$60,000 over three years each to the Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society and the Sunshine Coast Community Services Society.

These commitments allowed the Affordable Housing Society to hire its first employee, which has greatly increased the Society's capacity. Its Franklin Road project in Gibsons received its first occupants in April. A project on Shaw Road is in the planning stages.

The Foundation's commitment to Community Services also resulted in a new hire, a food programmer who is providing leadership in the implementation of a new food hub vision, including workshops, education, and policy in the areas of food access, food knowledge, and healthy eating. The Sunshine Coast Foundation is proud to help these two organizations make housing more affordable and healthy food more accessible on the Sunshine Coast.

► Pictured above left: The Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society's Franklin Road project.

## Donor Spotlight **Don and Sandi Cunliffe**

### PROTECTING THE HERITAGE OF HALFMOON BAY

Donors to the Sunshine Coast Foundation often choose a particular cause to which they would like grants directed. For Don and Sandi Cunliffe, they are passionate about preserving the history of Halfmoon Bay.

Don's mother began visiting the community in the late 1920s and Don spent many summers here as a child. Sandi's family also had been visiting the Coast since the 1950s.



After retiring in 2001, the Cunliffes built their home in Halfmoon Bay. In 2010, they established the Halfmoon Bay Heritage Endowment with the Sunshine Coast Foundation. Each year, a grant

from the endowment supports programming at the Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives in order to preserve Halfmoon Bay's Heritage.

Don and Sandi not only have generously donated to the endowment, they also have encouraged friends and neighbours to make gifts.

If you would like to establish a fund to support something you care about, please contact the Foundation.

# Endowments

**Community Legacy Funds** provide resources for the Foundation's annual grants program.

Stewart Family  
Bill and Trudene Longman  
● Michael and Eileen Poppel  
Fiedler Family  
John and Maria Manley Memorial  
Sunshine Coast Foundation  
Community Legacy  
Sunshine Coast Credit Union  
TELUS Community Ambassadors  
Terry and Sandy McBride Family  
Vera Elizabeth Barron Memorial

**Agency Funds** provide a reliable stream of income to their creators.

#### Sunshine Coast Arts Council

Doris Crowston  
Award in Honour of Frances Wasserlein  
Music Award in Honour of Louise Baril  
Award in Honour of Anne and Phillip Klein  
Award in Honour of Gillian Lowndes

#### Sunshine Coast Community Services Society

Sunshine Coast Community Services  
Daniel Kingsbury Music for Youth

#### Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts

Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts Legacy of Literacy  
Gwen Bennett  
Barrie Wilbee Bursary for Entrepreneurs, for Sunshine Coast Community Futures  
Canadian Federation of University Women Bursary Committee - Sunshine Coast  
● Coast-wide Food Bank  
Coast Recital Society  
Gibsons Public Art Gallery  
Habitat for Humanity Sunshine Coast  
Iris Loewen, for Sechelt Public Library Association

Endowments are permanently held and invested donations that generate revenues. Each year the Foundation awards a portion of that income to fund the operations or projects of local charities. In 2020/21, the Sunshine Coast Foundation established ten new endowments. ● *Indicates a new endowment*

Joop and Jessie Burgerjon, for Sargeant Bay Society  
Marine Rescue, for Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue of Gibsons, Halfmoon Bay, and Pender Harbour  
Pender Harbour Health Centre  
Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden  
Sunshine Coast Hospice Society

**Donor-Designated Funds** direct grants to a specific organization.

Bill and Joan Humphries, for the Town of Gibsons  
Dickey Family in Support of Sechelt Hospital Foundation  
Frank and Muriel Daly Youth in Sports, for Sunshine Coast Chapter of KidSport  
Halfmoon Bay Heritage, for Sunshine Coast Museum and Archives  
Hungry Children on the Sunshine Coast, for Sunshine Coast School District #46  
Jack and Sheila Carlson Family, for Sunshine Coast Hospice Society  
Ken Moore Marine Rescue, for Sunshine Coast Marine Rescue Society  
Lynn Pakulak, for Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts  
Marie Steel Memorial, for Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts  
Marine Education, for the Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre  
Schell Family, for the Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts  
Vulnerable Communities on the Sunshine Coast, for Sunshine Coast Community Services Society

**Donor-Advised Funds** allow donors to influence grant-making.

Bate and Foley Family to End Homelessness  
Chad and Erika Price Family  
Crosby/Esson Family  
Gibsons Seniors  
● Hofmann Family

Howe Sound Pulp and Paper Employees  
Jean and Arthur Clarke  
John and Janey Talbot Family  
John Vance Legacy  
McFarland Family  
● Nicholls Family  
R. Clayton Family  
Robert Johnston Family  
Rotary Club of Gibsons  
Sunshine Coast Youth Sports Endowment

**Field of Interest Endowments** provide funding to specific charitable causes

Blane and Henry Hagedorn Family, for Health and Wellness  
Environmental Legacy  
● Errol Lipschitz and Judy Rother for Food and Shelter  
Gibsons Landing Fibre Arts Festival  
● Kay Chapman Memorial for Arts/Culture or Health/Wellness  
Sue Milne Memorial Choral  
Youth Legacy

**Scholarships and Bursaries** support graduating high school students

Larry Ennis Woodworking  
Robertson/McDonald Family Education  
Sunshine Coast Visual Arts  
Eleanor Thielke and David Cox

**Temporary Funds** draw down the capital over time

● Sunshine Coast Emergency Relief  
● Harmony Hall  
Town of Gibsons Capital Projects  
● Sunshine Coast Charities Temporary  
● Sunshine Coast Regional District Capital



#### Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts

In 2017, the Festival launched a campaign to grow to \$1 Million the endowments from which it benefits. Today, these five endowments have a balance of \$1,011,600. Board President John Lussier credits Jean Bennett and the Fund Development Committee. "We are overjoyed that the Festival can count on a grant of more than \$40,000 each year from the Sunshine Coast Foundation," he says. Any local charity interested in establishing its own endowment is invited to contact the Foundation.

# Our Foundation 2021-2022



## Message from the Chair, Manjit Kang

For the second year, I am honoured to be the Board Chair of the Sunshine Coast Foundation. We continue to experience strong financial support from our community. At the same time, our investments have generated solid returns. In 2018, the Foundation celebrated the achievement of \$1 Million in grants to local charities. Only three years later, we have awarded nearly \$2 million in local grants. Our efforts received a boost in 2020-21 when we granted \$166,000 through our COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund. We also received \$80,000 from the federal Gender Equality Fund that we granted to two local projects supporting women, girls, and LGBTQ2+ populations.

This year marks the fifth and last of Wendy Francis' tenure as the Foundation's Executive Director. The Board applauds Wendy's leadership in helping the Foundation to achieve its strategic goals. We are now looking for our next great Executive Director. I look forward to continuing to work with the rest of the Board to guide the Foundation's work.



## Message from the Executive Director, Wendy Francis

I'm proud of the work that the Foundation has done over the past year. We have continued to increase our ability to provide financial support to local charities. By the end of this year, we will have granted more than \$400,000, the largest amount of any year since the Foundation was established in 2003. We were pleased to partner with the four local food banks to raise donations for their operations and for a new endowment from which they will receive regular funding. We raised over \$100,000 in just a few short weeks, thanks to our generous Sunshine Coast Community.

It's hard to believe I am approaching my five-year anniversary as the Foundation's Executive Director. This will be my last annual report for the Foundation. It has been my immense honour to serve in this role but retirement beckons and it's time for me to pass the torch to the next executive leader. I have no doubt that the Sunshine Coast Foundation will continue thriving and be a major force for positive change in our community.

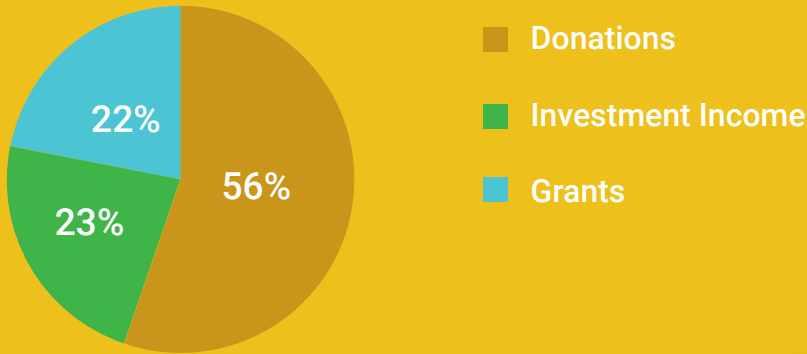


**The Sunshine Coast Foundation is governed by a board of nine dedicated volunteers.**

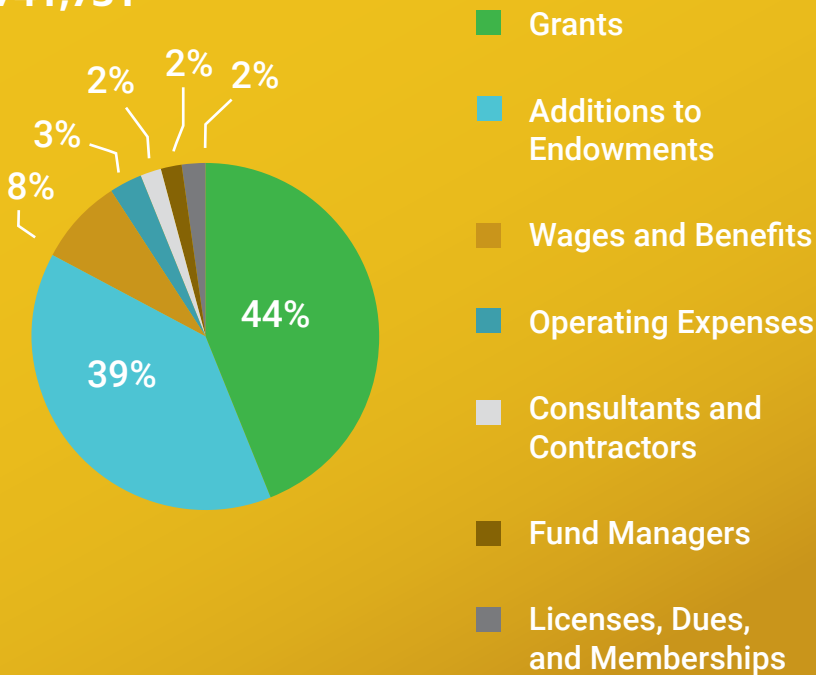
▶ L to R: Manjit Kang, Doug Allan, Vicki Dobbyn, Dave Doig, Elfie Hofmann, Ronnalee McMahon, Chad Price, Judy Rother, Carmen Sombrowski.

# 2020 Financial Summary

Where our money came from:  
\$741,731



How we spent our money:  
\$741,731



## How You Can Help

The Sunshine Coast Foundation's support for local charities depends on donations that come largely from individuals. You can make a tax-deductible donation of any size to support our operations, or you can give to the Community Legacy Fund, to help us grow the funding we give to organizations serving those on the Sunshine Coast. Alternatively, you can create your own endowment to support a specific cause. Making a bequest in your Will is a great way to leave a legacy that will generate community benefits forever. Please contact the Foundation to discuss any of these options.

If you have an interest in helping us to make a difference here on the Sunshine Coast, contact us to see if becoming a board member is right for you.

The Sunshine Coast Foundation is accredited by Imagine Canada, your assurance that we adhere to the highest standards of accountability and transparency in managing our operations and funds entrusted with us.



Thank you to our 2021 sponsors and funders:



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