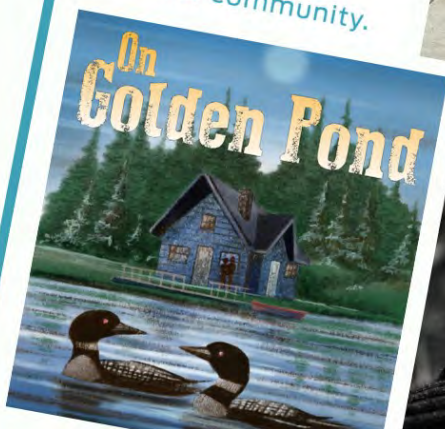
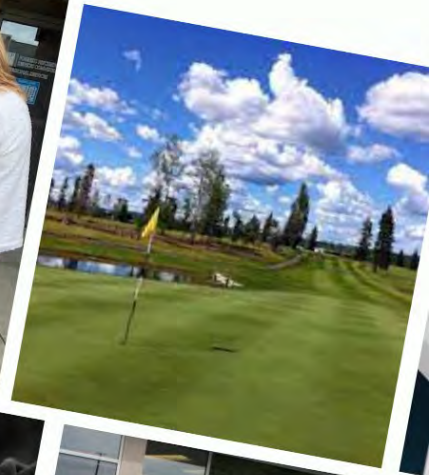


ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



PRINCE GEORGE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
all for our community.



Prince George Live
For Ukraine!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the last 26 years, the Prince George Community Foundation has proudly held a community inspired approach in supporting the evolution of a growing community. The foundation continues to forge new connections, broaden our view of philanthropy, and support legacies of giving. Endowment funds are at the core of each grant and through careful investment and administration, and with each grant awarded, the foundation continues to earn the trust of the community that it serves.

In this spirit, one of the new partnerships we formed this year came about as the world watched the tragedies in Ukraine unfold and while we felt so far away, we also knew we had the ability to make a difference. Partnering with Share Hope, we quickly pivoted our annual "PG Live" celebration into a fund-raising event to help raise funds for displaced Ukrainian families, and welcome them to Prince George. The event was a success, and we continued with this partnership of giving throughout the year.

Another partnership we are proud to continue to be part of has been with Community Foundations of Canada, and the initiatives they have provided to other communities, such as the Canada Healthy Community Initiative, granting to organizations to become more resourceful and resilient in improvising temporary and longer-lasting solutions to the challenges of COVID-19.

Through the numerous collaborations, new and continued, we were able to grant a total of \$1.765 million into our Northern Community this year. We should all be proud of our commitment to community through this generosity.

In the months moving forward, as we plan for the future, we will continue to explore what our community needs from us, while adapting to the changes all around us. The Foundation remains steadfast in its support for our charitable sector and the evolving needs of our city, and we will continue to ask ourselves:

How can we best serve our community?

Catherine Pennington
President



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ALL FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Mission Statement

We provide an opportunity to make a lasting philanthropic donation to enhance your communities ~ forever

We, the Prince George Community Foundation, are passionate about our community and are entrusted with its future, a responsibility we take to heart. Our goal is to build a resilient, healthy, community and we aim to achieve this through our three strategic goals.

1

The development of a sustainably managed endowment

2

Strategic grant giving to projects that make an impact to our community

3

Demonstrating community leadership

Established in 1995, the Prince George Community Foundation manages charitable gifts from donors whose generosity allows us to create permanent income-earning funds. We also provide our donors with the opportunity to direct their funds for immediate needs in our community. The proceeds from these funds are distributed as grants to charitable organizations throughout our community. To date, we have granted more than \$6.74 million to registered charities within our community and region.

Our Key Areas of Support



ARTS & CULTURE



SOCIAL SERVICES



ENVIRONMENT



HEALTH



SPORTS & RECREATION



EDUCATION

The Community Foundation brings together people who care about their community. The original vision for the Foundation was imagined by a group of passionate community leaders and that mandate is carried on today by board of directors, our lifetime and honorary members, volunteers and staff team.

The Foundation hosts several engagement events each year and this past year was no exception.

- Prince George Live for Ukraine
- Fall 2021/Spring 2022 Grants & Income Distribution
- FARR WIC Golf Tournament
- Northern BC Community Foundation Seminar
- PG Cougars 50/50 Mega Jackpot

EVENTS OF 2022



The 22nd Annual **FARR/WIC Golf Tournament** was held at the Prince George Golf and Curling Club on September 3rd & 4th. It was a successful event with 156 golfers. We thank PGGCC, FARR Fabricating & Western Industrial Contractors for their continued partnership with this tournament. Thank you to the golfers, sponsors and volunteers for making the tournament such a big success! Congratulations to tournament overall champions: Mike Legg and Jason McKauge.

On February 26, 2022, the Foundation was pleased to partner with Prince George Cougars and Wood Wheaton Supercentre for the **Mega 50/50 Jackpot**. The jackpot raised a staggering **\$187,300** in support of the proposed Mega Park with the Foundation and Prince George Rotary Club.



Prince George Live for Ukraine was held on Saturday, May 7th, and was another successful event. Thanks to our generous sponsors, donors, silent auction purchasers and those who purchased raffle tickets for helping to raise **\$45,500** to support families arriving in Prince George from Ukraine. These funds will directly be donated to Share Hope – Prince George to help support the work that they are doing on the ground.

Miracle Theatre's production of *On Golden Pond* raised **\$150,515.03!**

We are so grateful to Anne & Ted, all of the volunteers, actors, donors and theatre-goers for making this an incredible success. The proceeds from this production went to establish the new **Prince George Hospice Palliative Care Society Endowment Fund** under the management of the Prince George Community Foundation. This Fund will ensure that the tremendous work that Hospice does will continue – forever. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.



CELEBRATING NEW FUNDHOLDERS

Chinook Community Society Fund

To provide funds for ongoing granting for the Chinook Community Society

City of Williams Lake Endowment Fund

To provide funds for ongoing granting for the City of Williams Lake.

Dr. Amanda Asay Memorial Award Fund

For two memorial bursaries: One bursary will be allocated to a student attending post-secondary school from SD#57 in Prince George and one from SD# 8 in Nelson, BC. Preference will be given to female students participating in hockey, ringette, baseball or softball.

Helweg Family Fund

To provide an ongoing legacy in the name of the donor to be distributed by the Fort St. James Community Foundation

Prince George Hospice Palliative Care Society Endowment Fund

To provide an ongoing legacy in honor of the philanthropic activities of Miracle Theatre, its supporters and founders. Funds will be allocated annually to the PG Hospice Palliative Care Society to support the ongoing work the Society provides to our community.

Ukraine Humanitarian Support Fund

To support displaced Ukrainians settling in Prince George. Funds raised are directly granted to Share Hope Prince George for distribution.

Louise & Richard LeFebvre Food Security Endowment Fund

To create a lasting legacy for the purposes of supporting food security for the community of Prince George.

Schmidt Guys Outdoor Fund

To provide funding to projects related to the outdoors in the Terrace area.

Shawn Rice and Family Endowment Fund

This fund was created by the Rice Family with the earned income being distributed annually to a registered charity as directed by the Family.

Steve J. Kwochka Memorial Bursary Fund

For two memorial bursaries: One bursary will be allocated to a first-year electrical apprentice completing trades training in BC attending the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, BC and one bursary for a first-year electrical apprentice completing trade training in Saskatchewan studying at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Moose Jaw, SK.

The David Douglas Botanical Garden Endowment Fund

To provide funds for operations and maintenance of the botanical gardens, as well as expenditures relating to the Society's approved education, research, conservation and extension programs.

The Whitcombe Endowment Fund

To create a lasting legacy in the name of the donor for the purpose of supporting food security for the community of Prince George.

The Rotary Adventure in Forestry & Environmental Studies Bursary

To provide a bursary to a student from School District 57 who will be studying for a degree or a diploma in forestry, environmental studies or a related field.

Prince George Conservatory of Music Endowment Fund

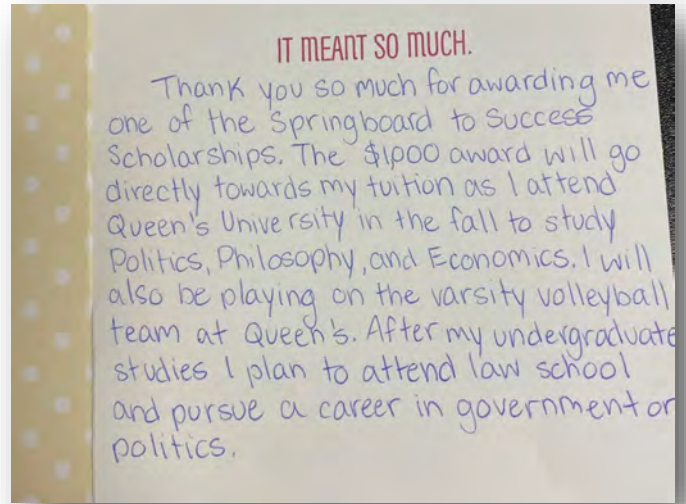
To provide long-term stability and support for the Prince George Conservatory of Music .

THANK YOU NOTES

FROM SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY RECIPIENTS

Thank you very much for selecting me as the recipient of the Prince of Wales Scholarship.

This September, I am attending the College of New Caledonia to begin my studies in the sciences prior to attending the University of British Columbia for their Oceanography program. This scholarship will help me achieve my goals. I am truly honoured to received this award.



I am honoured to be one of the recipients of the 2022 Springboard to Success Scholarship.

I am very grateful as this opportunity will relieve my financial stress and will allow me to have opportunities as I put this towards my post secondary education as I attend the Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program.

I was the graduate chosen to receive the A.L. Ford Memorial Scholarship. I am extremely thankful for your donation: it is very much appreciated.

I am looking forward to learning more about information technologies next year as I begin my studies in environmental engineering this fall at UNBC, where I believe I can have the greatest positive impact. I hope to eventually use my education to help bring us towards a more sustainable future.



\$38,225

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES
AWARDED IN 2021-2022

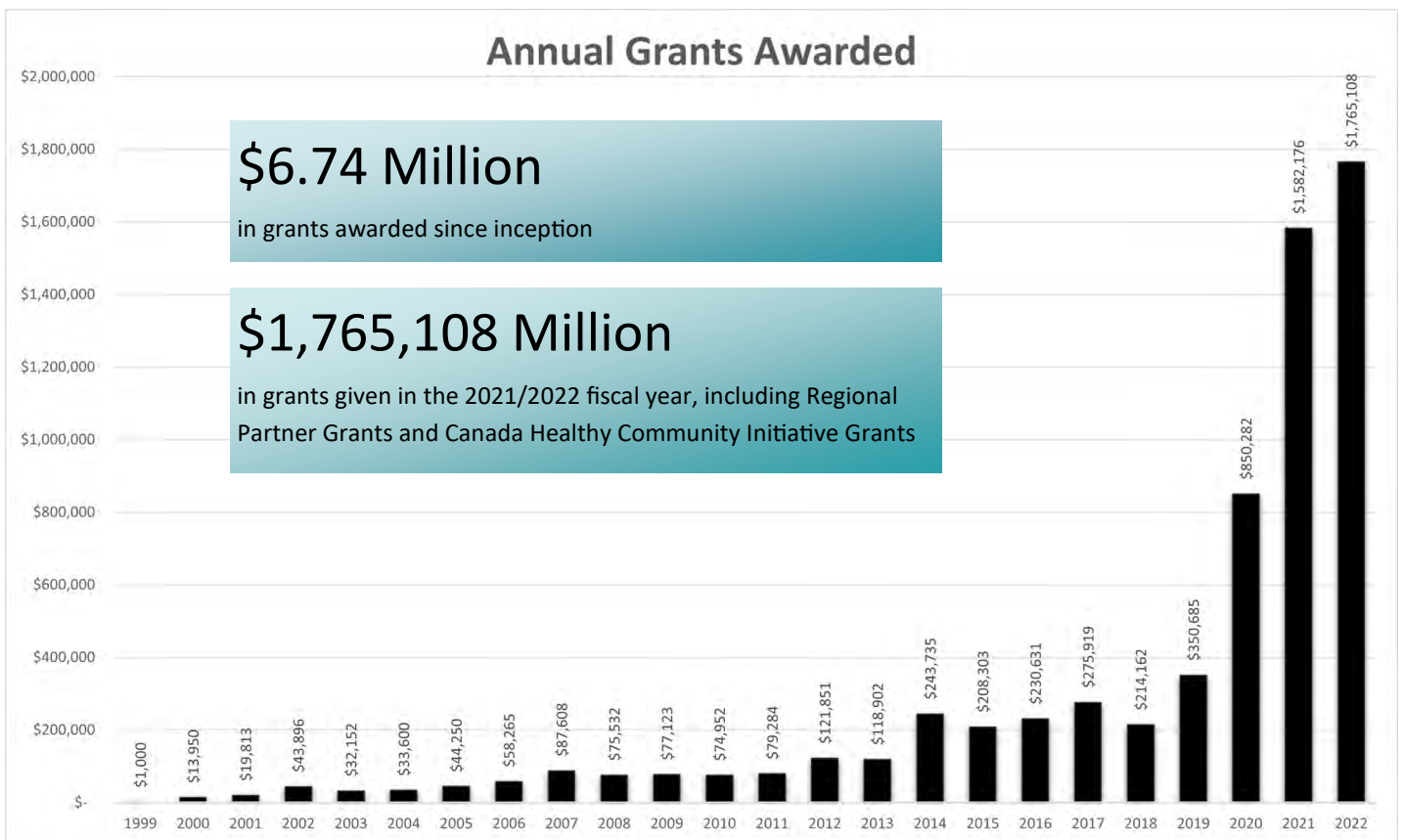
I was the graduate chosen for the Pre 1950 School Endowment Fund Scholarship. I am very grateful for this financial assistance and would like to thank you for this generous award.

I will be attending UBC in the fall and will be taking a Bachelor of Science. My goal is to transfer into the pharmacy program after three years as I would like to become a pharmacist.

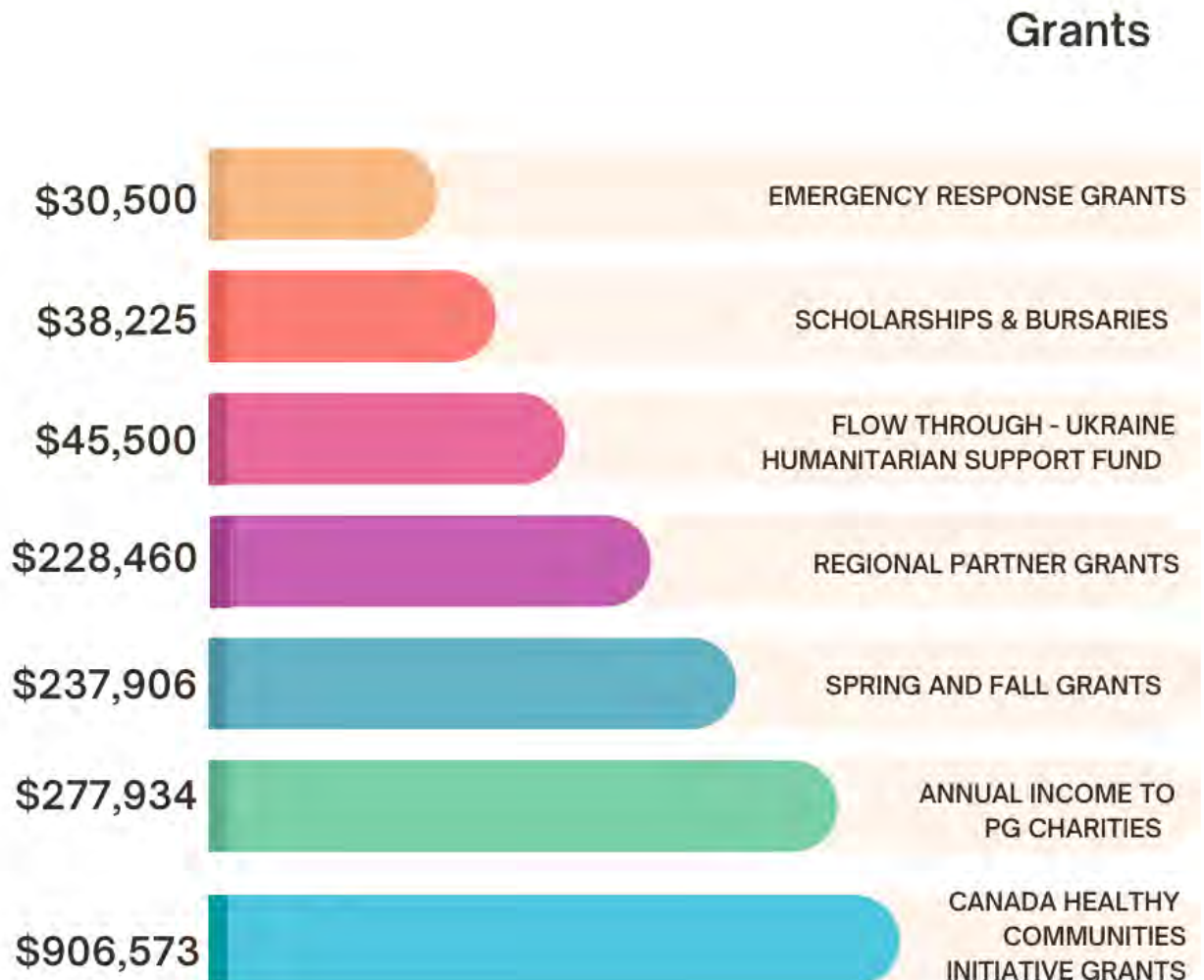
INCREASING COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO CAUSES

Charities play a vital role in our community and are instrumental in our quality of life. From arts and culture to the alleviation of poverty, it is impossible to imagine a flourishing community without the passion and impact of hundreds of community organizations. In many cases, it's our charities that support our most vulnerable citizens, and it's our charities that draw attention to inequities and call for new and innovative programming.

We are honored to be able to support such community driven projects through our grant programs each year.



TOTAL ANNUAL GRANTS PER CATEGORY



Through ongoing charitable contributions, as well as the Foundation's financial management plan, the Prince George Community Foundation has grown its endowment, while allowing the Foundation the opportunity to infuse more dollars annually into causes that matter to our community.

GRANTS AT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Prince George Community Foundation is proud to support our citizens in giving back to their community. Our semi-annual grants address critical issues and opportunities in six areas; Health, Arts and Culture, Social Services, Environment, Education, Sports and Recreation.



On September 6th, the RCMP Victim Service's unveiled their new vehicle that was purchased with a **\$50,000** grant from the Prince George Community Foundation. This vehicle is crucial to the work RCMP victim services does to ensure victims receive the support the need during difficult times. The Foundation is honored to support this important work.

I wanted to let you know how much I love our new vehicle. It has changed my job significantly and going to and from calls. I feel safer in a reliable vehicle and I am very proud to drive it and show it off. Yesterday, I had to attend a rural property, it was a breeze getting there with GPS and comfortable over the bumps.

*Aralee Hryciuk,
Victim Services Co-Ordinator*

We acknowledge the **Prince George Community Foundation** this **#ThankYouThursday**. With your support of financial literacy & work readiness programs, Prince George students are set up for long-term success.
jabc.ca/programs
#JAdonorsmakeadifference #JABC #youtheducation



Junior Achievement of BC offers free programs to youth in Grades 4-12 that build skills in financial literacy, work readiness & entrepreneurship. JABC programs are linked to the school curriculum, so educators request our programs creating the demand. We partner with community volunteers to deliver the programs and bring their real-world experiences to the students.

During the 2021-2022 school year JABC delivered a total of 80 programs to 2099 students., with 6 of the 80 programs being delivered to Indigenous students. All these students are now better equipped with the skills and mindset to plan for their futures, and build thriving communities.

GRANTS AT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUED



"I am so thankful to have a summer camp for my child that is inclusive and where I don't have to worry about them being included or cared for. Thank you!"



The **Pacific Autism Family Network** strives to support those with autism and their families. Their accessible camps are geared to children aged 3 to 14 years with autism and related disorders. Experienced staff members are trained to adapt traditional camp experience to ensure every experience is accessible and look for each camper's unique abilities and potential as an individual. Children learn new skills such as arts and crafts, sports, music and more. They also put a large focus on learning communication, tolerance, teamwork and social skills.

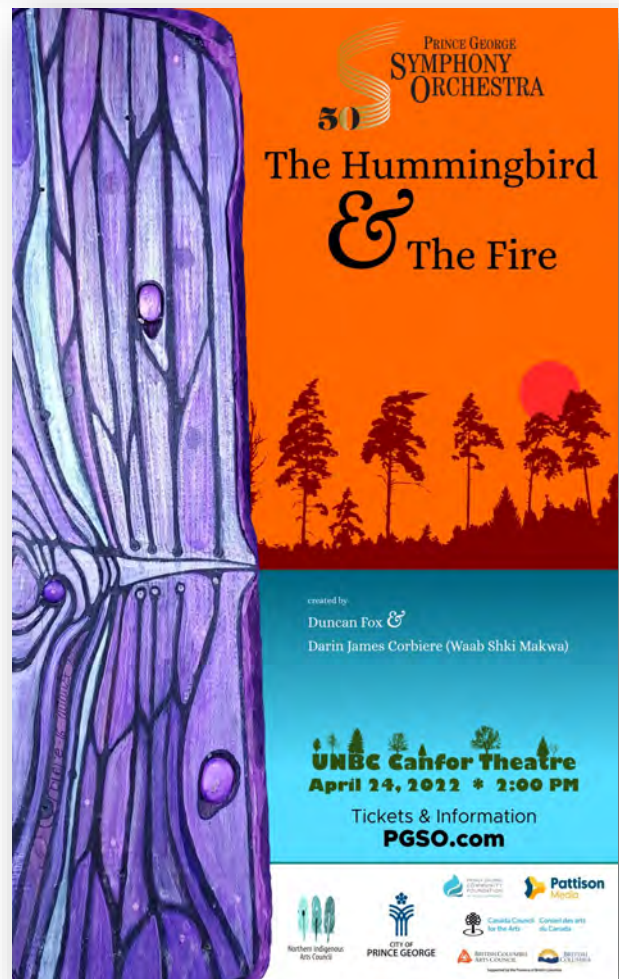
The Hummingbird and the Fire

By Darin Corbiere (Waab Shki Makwa) & Duncan Fox

A collaborative concert with music by Gustav Mahler, arranged by Duncan Fox, and story, narration and visual art by Darin Corbiere. The show told a story about how the hummingbird got his colours. It is a story about the surprising effect an individual can have even against a seemingly insurmountable problem like environmental destruction.

The PGSO collaborated with the Northern Indigenous Arts Council to identify an indigenous artist to collaborate with, and to help navigate protocols. Lheidli T'enneh elder Darlene MacIntosh greeted the audience and musicians before the event.

Two school previews were held at Ron Brent and Heather Park Elementary schools on April 22, 2022 with the full participation of the orchestra and narrator, but without the visual presentation. The full concert was presented on April 24, 2023 at the Canfor theatre at UNBC.





Canadian Mental Health Association of Northern BC is focused on the overall vision of mental health as a human right and as such their work is focused on service provision and the reduction of stigma.

They are working very hard to try and target populations who are often difficult to reach and men—particularly those at retirement age or those who have lost employment—are a very vulnerable population with high rates of depression and actions like suicide.

Men's Sheds are welcoming, supportive places for friendship and fun. They provide opportunities for men to socialize, take part in activities, and learn something new. They are places where members can be themselves.

The core vision of the Men's Sheds movement is equality and inclusion for all members – regardless of age, cultural background, ability, sexual orientation, income, or employment status.

Men's Sheds is a grass-roots, bottom-up movement where the members decide what to do.

In addition to the eighteen sport competitions that occurred at the Prince George 2022 BC Summer Games, the Games Society created a Community Engagement Project to further enhance the sporting events. In collaboration with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation Band Council they created a safe, inclusive and accessible space.

The Lheidli T'enneh Band partnered with Games Society to create "Lheidli T'enneh House" at the House of Ancestors ("Uda Dune Baiyoh" Conference Center and Café). Lheidli T'enneh House where unique histories, languages, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs were shared. Some of the experiences included Bannock, drumming, bead making, deep indigenous storytelling, aboriginal art, and song and dance.



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The Prince George Community Foundation works closely with partner Foundations across Northern B.C. These partnerships mean the Foundations across the region are able to combine resources to improve processes, leverage financial returns, share knowledge and learnings and pursue opportunities.

Burns Lake Community Foundation

Chinook Community Society Endowment Fund

City of Williams lake Endowment Fund

Fort St. James Community Foundation

Fraser Lake Community Foundation

Kitimat Community Foundation

Mackenzie Community Foundation

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Regional District Fraser Fort George

- Salmon River & Lakes Community Endowment Fund
- Chilako River-Nechako Community Endowment Fund
- Hixon-Woodpecker Community Endowment Fund
- Willow River-Upper Fraser Community Endowment Fund
- Crooked-River Parsnip Community Endowment Fund
- Robson Valley-Canoe Community Endowment Fund

South Cariboo Community Enhancement Foundation (100 Mile House)

Terrace Community Foundation

- Dare to Dream Fund
- Bill and Helen McRae Fund
- Dr. Colleen Froese Fund
- Dreger Fund
- Lemiski and Schmidt Families Fund

Valemount Community Foundation

Vanderhoof Community Foundation

- Andros Family Fund
- LaForge Family Fund

Wells Community Foundation

We are pleased to welcome two new Regional partners this year:

City of Williams Lake & Chinook Community Society



In June, the Prince George Community Foundation had the pleasure of hosting our first Northern BC Community Foundation Seminar. It was wonderful to gather together at the House of Ancestors “Uda Dune Baiyoh” Conference Centre to learn, build community and celebrate our collective impact across the north.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Prince George Community Foundation, we extend our deepest gratitude to all of our Sponsors, Donors and Supporters.

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