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## BOWEN ISLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**Winter 2021**

Dear Neighbour,

This year continued to test us. But Bowen Islanders' resilience proved to be indomitable in the face of challenge. Kindness prevailed. Caring prevailed. Bowen prevailed.

Some things are just **better together**. Macaroni and cheese. Peanut butter and jam. Ferries and being at the front of the line. Thankfully, it doesn't stop there!

This past year Bowen Islanders and the Community Foundation **together** provided 29 young people with access to professional counselling through our *Youth at Risk Fund* when other options weren't readily available.

We partnered **together** with 16 individuals through our *Neighbourhood Small Grants* program to develop and deliver creative ways to tackle social isolation, build community strength and resilience, and foster community creativity and wellbeing. Our children, youth, parents, seniors and everyone in between benefitted from the street library box, gardens on Captains Way & the Golf Course, Low Hanging Fruit picking project, TEDx Bowen, Jewish community education, solar panels for Neighbourhood Emergency Response Program kiosks, and even a neighbourhood basketball hoop.

**Together** with the Knick Knack Nook, we assisted High School graduates with 23 Scholarships and Bursaries.

We responded **together** with the Bowen Island Health Centre to bring Federal funding for various social, mental, and physical-health services to those in need on Bowen during the pandemic.

*Impact Grants* for BIRCH's affordable housing project, an upgrade to the Crippen Park riding ring, a soon-to-be installed water bottle-filling station in the Cove, training in diversity, inclusion, equity & belonging at the Bowen Children's Centre, and a lovely Chestnut pollinator tree for Davies Orchard.

With assistance from the Bowen Island Municipality, **together** we continued our funding of CPR & AED Training for local neighbourhood coordinators, the construction of four Neighbourhood Emergency Response Program Kiosks, funding for a part-time, temporary administrator for the BI Health Centre Foundation, and helped the BI Food Resiliency Society with their Grafton Agricultural Gardens soup-making project for the Food Bank.

Last but definitely not least, **together** with your donations, our *Helping Hand Fund* continued to provide short-term assistance to individuals and families in our community who faced personal and sometimes invisible emergencies.

A Community Foundation's function is to raise, grow, and grant funds to local initiatives that will have a lasting impact on our community. We rely upon others to generate and execute the ideas for these initiatives.

I'd encourage you to consider many of the ways that you can help. One way is to make a donation with personal meaning for you and one that will have an impact on the community we all love. As our funds continue to grow, so will our ability to provide support for community projects, large and small, that matter most to you. Cheques are gratefully accepted or you can [donate online](#).

**Together** with your generosity over the years, your [Bowen Island Community Foundation](#) has granted over \$1 million for projects, scholarships, and bursaries for our Bowen community.

No gift is too small and tax receipts are issued for all donations over \$20. A contribution to our Community Impact Fund provides the most flexibility, enabling us to respond to community needs as priorities emerge. With your help, we can ensure that Bowen continues to be a community working **together**.

Thank you for considering a gift to your community. **For it's only together that we can continue to be responsive to our community's needs.**



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