



Project Story: Cooling and First Aid Station for Free Local Community Hip Hop Music Show

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We wanted to create a family friendly, inclusive, hiphop style outdoor concert to introduce hiphop to Bowen Island. 15 musicians performed, including one Juno award-winning rapper - they came from Kelowna, Vancouver Island, Calgary, Fraser Valley and 2 from here on Bowen. Many of the rappers brought their young children and it was fun to see all the kids running around and playing. It was also the first opportunity for some of the children to see their parent perform since most hiphop concerts are at 18+ venues.

Holding an outdoor concert on the Bowfest field involves getting through a LOT of red tape - insurance, security, Local Parks rules and forms, outhouse rentals, canvassing local neighborhoods, municipal permits, and music equipment rentals. Luckily the Bowen Island Community Foundation came through with this grant to help pay for supplies, field rental, and advertising. In addition, we had local services donated such a flatbed truck that was used for the stage donated by Jim at Black Bear Transport, paramedic services on standby, and security services, as well as many local donors who helped pay for the items not covered by the BICF grant.

Unfortunately, due to multiple (6!) conflicting community events that were held on the same day on Bowen, the event wasn't well-attended, but many heard about it afterwards and said they would have liked to have been there.





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Featured in the photos here, you'll see a picture of myself, Aaron aka. Skinny Buff performing alongside my 7 year old daughter Stevie. This was a special moment that will never be forgotten.



A couple of the other children also got to perform, as well as one community member from the audience. It was a fun event for those who were able to make it.

Thank you so much for the NSG grant that helped allow this event to happen.



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