

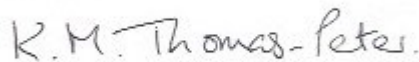
Dear Bowen Island Neighbour,

The Bowen Island Community Foundation is grateful for any donation it receives to help fulfil our mission of engaging the community and inspiring generosity that will benefit Bowen Island for generations through an enriched quality of life for all Bowen Islanders. Bowen is one of 60 BC communities to have a community foundation and there are more than 200 across Canada, supported by our umbrella organization, Community Foundations of Canada. Wherever they are, how they work is more or less the same—raising funds locally through donations from the community, and carefully and responsibly stewarding them so that grants, scholarships, and bursaries can be returned to the community wherever they are needed. By pooling donations and investing them, donations work together, in perpetuity, for the benefit of the community. Our tagline is “Community Grows Here” and through the generosity of Bowen over the past 23 years, we have grown a very nice garden! We can always do more though, and to inspire you (as it did us) let me tell you something about what BICF was able to do over the past year thanks to Bowen’s generosity:

- \$75,000 was granted in Community Impact Grants to Bowen organizations to enable them to enrich community life on Bowen: Snug Cove House will enhance accessibility in its new building; the Hearth was able to present the Authentically Indigenous Festival; Bowen youth continued to present their Queen vs. Green spring festival; Bowen Golf will make golf more accessible for youth; BIRCH (Bowen Island Resilient Community Housing) will develop its plan for building accessible housing; Bowen Island Community School will provide support to increase playground accessibility for non-verbal, neurodiverse, and blind community members; Seniors Keeping Young (SKY) will continue to expand its programs.
- Ten Neighbourhood Small Grants (NSG) brought people together for projects ranging from a pruning workshop to planting a pollinator garden and a neighbourhood beach party. A special Spring Clean-up NSG program funded neighbours’ cooperative efforts to remove storm debris.
- The BICF and Knick Knack Nook Scholarships Program provided 43 scholarships and bursaries, totalling \$81,000, to students pursuing training or post-secondary education in diverse fields including health sciences, environmental studies, and music.
- Donations provided a number of young people in need with access to counselling through our Youth at Risk Fund and 11 individuals and their families received short-term assistance from our Helping Hand Fund as they faced unexpected hardships.

Please consider making a donation that will keep having a positive impact like these on our community and so that we can do even more. A gift to the Community Impact Fund provides the most flexibility, enabling the Community Foundation to respond to community needs as priorities emerge through grants to community organizations and individuals in need. Or you can contribute to one of the special-purpose funds, support one of our scholarships or bursaries, or speak to us about setting up a new endowment. No gift is too small, and we issue tax receipts for donations over \$20.

With gratitude and best wishes,



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COMMUNITY
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Please give to your Bowen Island Community Foundation

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Donor name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

Donations to these funds allow the most responsiveness to community priorities.

Community Impact Fund	Annual grants to Bowen charities, guided by the Vital Conversations report, with the flexibility to respond to changing community needs	\$
Friends of the Foundation Fund	Supports our day-to-day operating expenses, thus enhancing grants through all other funds. Initial endowment gift from former Chair Soren Hammerberg and his wife, Elizabeth	\$
Helping Hand Fund	An emergency response fund for individual Bowen Islanders in crisis, delivered confidentially	\$

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

Donations to these funds are directed to specific causes.

Arts	<i>Community Hall and Arts Centre Operating Fund</i> : Annual operating costs, once the Community Centre is open	\$
	<i>Knick Knack Nook Small Grants Program</i> : Action in support of environmental sustainability including social change and education	\$
Environment	<i>Maggie Cumming Legacy Fund</i> : Development and maintenance of Bowen trails and greenways; Snug Cove House programs; an annual student scholarship	\$
	<i>First Credit Union Fund</i> : Initiatives that make a difference in the community	\$
General	<i>Janice Skeels Endowment Fund</i> : Supports the Med Shed medical equipment loan program at the Bowen Island Public Library	\$
	<i>Neighbourhood Small Grants Program</i> : Grants up to \$500 to individuals to support projects that bring people and neighbourhoods together	\$
	<i>Youth at Risk Fund</i> : Professional counselling services when other options aren't readily available for Bowen's young people	\$
Scholarships and Bursaries	<i>Aaron Sluggett Memorial Scholarship</i> : For a student actively involved in community and/or school life	\$
	<i>BI Community Foundation Academic Scholarship</i> : For students with strong academic performance and a commitment to the community	\$
	<i>BI Community Foundation Trades & Training Award</i> : For individuals pursuing a career in the trades or other form of vocation	\$
	<i>Bowen Island Football Club Founders Award</i> : For past members to pursue academic study or vocational training	\$
	<i>Bowen Island Golf Association Junior Scholarship</i> : For junior Bowen Island Golf Association members	\$
	<i>Brian Biddlecombe Memorial Award</i> : For volunteer firefighters or their immediate families to pursue education and training	\$
	<i>Camp Bowen Bursary</i> : Annual bursaries to Camp Bowen Society for the visually impaired	\$
	<i>Foxglove Fund</i> : Funding for the Gail Taylor Bursary and tuition for families in need to attend preschool on Bowen Island	\$
	<i>Island Pacific School Fund</i> : Annual bursaries to students of Island Pacific School	\$
	<i>Kipp Thompson Memorial Bursary</i> : For a Bowen Islander to pursue the performing arts	\$
	<i>Logan Family Health Care Scholarship</i> : For individuals pursuing training or academic study in health care	\$
<i>Margaret Witty Bursary</i> : Annual bursaries to students of Island Pacific School	\$	

The Foundation is run by a volunteer board of directors. Please consider adding 5% to assist with annual operating costs. **+5%** \$

Tax receipts are issued for all donations over \$20. **TOTAL DONATION** \$

Mail completed form and cheque to: Bowen Island Community Foundation, PO Box 18, Bowen Island, BC V0N 1G0.

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