



## 2015 Annual Report



## Building Teens Up With Breakfast

In 2002, YFC Youth Unlimited opened its Maple Ridge division. A faith-based youth organization with a mandate to work in the public setting, Youth Unlimited Greater Vancouver runs many different programs including drop in centres, skate board clubs, teen mom programs, prevention and education, and many others that commit to seeing teens become whole. Specifically focused on marginalized, vulnerable teens, Youth Unlimited walked into the Maple Ridge community knowing that the school system was a great way to engage these youth.

Dennis Hemminger, Maple Ridge Area Supervisor for Youth Unlimited, has been with the organization for 15 years. "There's a fantastic statistic that says if a teenager has one adult who will walk with them through their teen years, their success increases five fold. We see that we fit here," he explains.

Youth Unlimited began outreach in the school system and one thing they heard time and again was that kids were coming to school hungry. They didn't have the means to obtain breakfast and sometimes wouldn't come to school because of this. Hemminger started making connections. He knew churches that wanted to support work in the community, but didn't know where to begin – and that's how it started.

In 2009 the program began with one school. With the help of the Maple Ridge Community Foundation and other supporters, it expanded to its fifth location in 2015. The breakfast program runs weekly at five high schools in school district 42. Each school program is paired up for sponsorship from a local church, both financially and by way of volunteers. Volunteers, who make this program possible to run in multiple locations, include those from the church sponsor, parents of other students, and students who want to give back by serving or cleaning up.

Youth Unlimited's mandate for this program is to feed hungry kids, and work alongside the counsellors and school staff to get those kids there. The benefits, Hemminger explains, include getting the kids to school on time – a challenge he describes as especially difficult for some teens living in the margins. He also notes an alertness noticed by teachers, counsellors and youth workers. "It's one of those unquantifiable things in life," he says, "but it's there."

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# Treasurer's Report

As our great community of Maple Ridge continues to grow, demands for more grants and further investment from our Foundation increase as well. In order to manage the annual budget and plan for the future, our goal is to increase these funds from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 in 2016. By increasing our permanent endowment funds we will be better able to meet the educational, cultural, and physical needs of the community, and to continue improving the lives of local residents.

We plan on achieving this financial goal by way of the Legacy Campaign, in line with our 40th Anniversary in 2016. As we grow the Foundation's funds, we will work with our Investment Advisors who will help ensure good fiscal health, as well as administer funds for the operational and investment objectives.

Your contributions support profound change for the individuals and non-profit organizations in our community, and we are counting on them to help us achieve these goals.

Kathi Halpin, CPA, CGA  
Treasurer, Maple Ridge Community Foundation

## Financial Position - Snapshot

Current Assets	\$ 60,847	Current Liabilities	\$ 4,714
Investments	\$687,883	Unrestricted net assets	\$ 44,234
Endowment Fund	<u>\$110,000</u>	Restricted net assets	<u>\$809,782</u>
	<u>\$858,730</u>		<u>\$858,730</u>

### Funds Under Administration

#### General Endowment

Anne and Richard Vogel Fund  
Austin Pelton Memorial Fund  
Brian Elliott Family Fund  
Bruce Johnston Fund  
Community Endowment Fund  
Dave and Donna Telep Fund  
Directors' Endowment  
Dunning Family Fund  
John and Douglas King Family Fund  
Marv Jones Family Fund  
Patrick Smith Family Fund  
Robert Harrison Family Fund  
Shantz Family Fund  
Stephen and Joanne Telep Fund  
Tom Meier Fund

#### Designated Endowment

Endowment for Physically Disabled  
Robson Family Fund  
Rotary of Haney Endowment Fund

#### Agency

Ridge Meadows Youth Advocacy Fund  
Ridge Meadows Hospice Society Fund  
Ridge Meadows Seniors Fund

#### Donor Advised

Community Chest  
Founders' Cup Charity Classic  
Founders' Cup Special Fund  
Mussalem Youth Fund  
Rotary of Haney Youth

#### Scholarship

Mussalem Vocational Education Fund  
Turell Brown Memorial Scholarship

## Preserving Local History

The Maple Ridge Historical Society received a very large collection of negatives and prints, covering all of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Times' photography from 1985 to 2002. Val Patenaude, of MRHS, explained, "This is a huge organizational project, to sort through all of these images! What a special undertaking, though, to preserve these important pieces of our community's history in a modern, efficient way. I'm honoured that we get to be a part of it. Though the 1980's and 1990's may not feel particularly historic now, they will soon. We are collecting these now, to preserve for the future."

In November 2015, Maple Ridge Community Foundation granted \$1,500 to the Maple Ridge Historical Society. These funds helped to purchase a quality negative to digital scanner, ensuring the society had the most productive tools to complete their project.



## 2015 Grants

Alisa's Wish Child & Youth Advocacy Centre, Maple Ridge Community Services - \$3,750 for the Child and Youth Victim Abuse Support Program (\$3,000 from MRCF and \$750 provided by the George Mussalem Youth Fund)

Alouette Addictions Services- \$1,000 for YAPP - Youth Awareness Power Program

CEED Centre - \$800 for purchase of new chairs

Eric Langton Elementary, Ridge Meadows Education Foundation - \$2,750 for Meal Program Enhancement (funds provided by the George Mussalem Youth Fund)

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Society for BC - \$1,000 for Local Speech and Language Therapy Resources

Maple Ridge Historical Society - \$1,500 for Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Times Collection

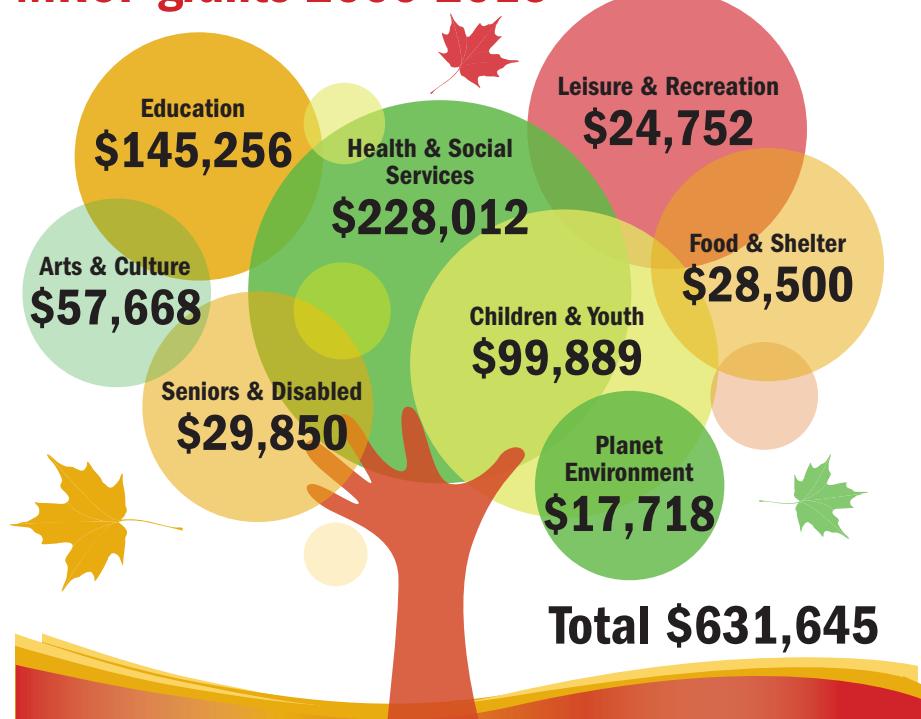
Ridge Meadows Youth Advocacy - \$2,300 for Youth Diversion Program Awareness

The Salvation Army Caring Place - \$1,500 for Community Meal Program

Three Rivers Scouts - \$1,500 for Scout Membership (funds provided by George Mussalem Youth Fund)

YFC Youth Unlimited - \$5,000 for Breakfast Program for SD42 High School Students

## MRCF grants 2000-2015





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Hemminger enjoys recounting a story of a tremendous breakfast program success. A young lady was an early arrival at her high school, mainly because she needed to get out of her house as soon as possible. She sat in the hallways and didn't acknowledge many people. Some of the program's volunteers eventually convinced her to join them for breakfast, where she eventually became a regular. Their rapport grew to an invitation to help prepare and serve, and this young lady is now a consistent volunteer who has invited other students to volunteer. She has taken on a leadership role and the Youth Unlimited team counts on her opinions when it comes to the mechanics of the breakfast mornings. From no contact to leadership within two years! Breakfast, encouraging workers and our extraordinary volunteers made it so.

Youth Unlimited has received four grants from MRCF, all of which have helped facilitate an expansion to their breakfast program each year. "The

funding from the Maple Ridge Community Foundation has subsidized the money we receive from the churches, committing sustainability to this important program. It has also helped us increase capacity over the years," says Hemminger, "In 2015 we expanded to the alternate school, Connex, and we plan to expand further in 2016."



For the Youth Unlimited team, it's so much more than simply providing a nourishing meal. It is one way for them to begin building relationships with those students who need a helping hand. This is one introduction to them, where they can get to know their journey and to inspire them to keep going. Their goal is to be there to do what they can to see that students get what they need in life. At some schools they supervise games rooms at lunchtime, or get involved in other clubs. They get their hands dirty, literally; once a week Hemminger washes dishes at one of the school's cafeterias.

Hemminger keeps in touch with many graduated students, and enjoys the opportunity to offer support in different areas of their lives. One breakfast club connection is a young man who Dennis helped move into his own place last year, and meets for coffee regularly to keep in touch, discuss budgeting, and other important life aspects.

"We understand that part of our job is to connect outside of the school, after hours, on the weekend. We get to build these important lasting relationships that way. One great kid even borrowed my car for their road test, and crashed it!" he adds with a chuckle.

The Maple Ridge Community Foundation has one annual deadline for receiving grant applications, which is the 2nd Friday of October. Learn more about MRCF's granting opportunities at [mrcf.ca](http://mrcf.ca).



## How to Give

### Big or small, every donation will make a difference.

Gifts to the Maple Ridge Community Foundation are tax deductible and offer you a great deal of flexibility in how you make your donation. For instance, you can:

- \* Make an outright gift of cash, securities or real property
- \* Set up an automatic payment schedule
- \* Donate property for a desired purpose
- \* Provide for a bequest in your will
- \* Take out a gift of life insurance

**For more information, or to easily give online, please visit [www.mrcf.ca/giving](http://www.mrcf.ca/giving).**

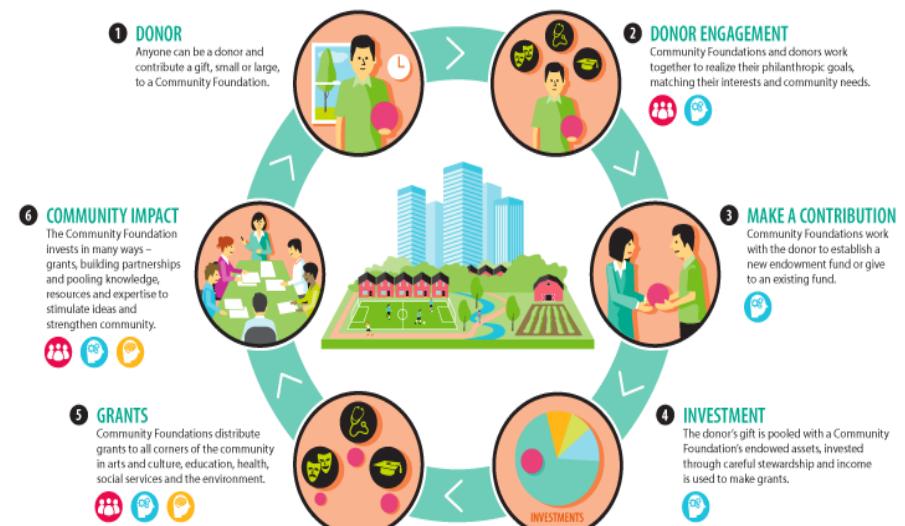
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#### Giving To Your Community Foundation

Your local Community Foundation is a charitable non-profit organization that contributes time, leadership and financial support to initiatives that benefit your community most.



#### Why Contribute to a Community Foundation?

 **Community Knowledge**  
A deep understanding of local needs and opportunities.

 **Expertise**  
Community Foundations are credible stewards of assets with granting expertise.

 **Leadership**  
Community Foundations are led by a volunteer board of directors comprised of knowledgeable community leaders.



Andy Cleven  
Director



Roger Cummings  
Director



Ernie Daykin  
Director



Bart Findlay  
Director



Jan Hickman  
Director



Rick Howard  
Director



Patricia Van Vloten  
Director

## President's Message

The Maple Ridge Community Foundation reflects on 2015 as a year of transition, progress and commitment. Our President of 9 years, Robert Prince, retired, and another respected board member, Lori Graham, also moved on. It was our pleasure to welcome Roger Cummings, Ernie Daykin and Bart Findlay as new Directors. They are valued additions to our team, and have already offered excellent support and vision.

With contributions from our Maple Ridge business community and residents, we continue to grant much-needed funds to organizations working hard to make a difference. In 2015, we were able to support ten local non-profits in the areas of education, environment, health & social services, food & shelter, arts & culture, and leisure & recreation.

In 2016 we are celebrating our Ruby Anniversary, 40 years of the Maple Ridge Community Foundation. We are immensely proud of the contributions we have been able to make to this community. It is also the 25th Anniversary of our Citizen of the Year Award. We look forward to seeing many of you at our Citizen of the Year Award fundraiser dinner on May 14th, where we will be celebrating with the theme 'There's No Place Like Home'. Please be sure to also mark your calendars for the 5th Annual Community FORE Charity golf tournament on June 13th.

Congratulations to all staff and volunteers, donors and sponsors who made 2015 a great year. Special thanks to our Board of Directors who volunteer their time, believe in our vision, support our plans, and provide immeasurable personal time investment.

I would like to personally encourage you to get involved, to reach out and connect with us. I am looking forward to a meaningful and memorable year ahead.

Monica Hampu  
President, Maple Ridge Community Foundation



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President



Phil Bourque  
Vice President



Brandee McWhinney  
Secretary



Kathi Haplin  
Treasurer

## Think of the Maple Ridge Community Foundation as Maple Ridge's permanent savings account...

The Maple Ridge Community Foundation (MRCF) manages a permanent endowment in order to respond to emerging and changing community needs, today and in the future. This allows us to be able to provide a vehicle and service for donors with varied interests and at various levels of charitable giving.

MRCF accumulate capital through gifts from individuals, families, and businesses. The annual investment income on this capital is granted to charitable organizations in Maple Ridge that address needs in education, health, recreation, the environment and the arts. Since its inception, Maple Ridge Community Foundation has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants back to local non-profit organizations.

In 2016, Maple Ridge Community Foundation celebrates 40 years of service.

### Save the dates



2016

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**Citizen of the Year Award Dinner and Ruby Anniversary Celebration at Pitt Meadows Golf Club**

**Saturday May 14, 2016**

**5th Annual COMMUNITY FORE Charity GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Monday June 13, 2016**



Details to come. Please contact 604.466.3312 or [execassist@mrcf.ca](mailto:execassist@mrcf.ca) for info.

**Congratulations to our 2015 Citizen of the Year Award Recipient,**

**Maria Reynolds**



Maria Reynolds has played a strong leadership role in Maple Ridge, aspiring others to take action through her own dedication to finding solutions to the many challenges in our society. She works with the Golden Ears Gogos group supporting the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign in Africa, has been a longstanding member and past Director of the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society, served many years on the municipal Social Planning Advisory Committee, and was a valuable Director and President at the CED Centre.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Citizen of the Year. Please contact 604.466.3312 or visit [mrcf.ca](http://mrcf.ca) for a nomination form. Deadline is April 8, 2016.