

**25**  
YEARS



# Annual Report

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December 31,  
**2019**







“ We are building a giving, connected community. ”

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

We acknowledge the shared and unceded traditional territories of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt and Tsawwassen First Nations. We are grateful to the Indigenous people who have cared for these lands since time immemorial.

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## About SurreyCares

SurreyCares Community Foundation provides financial administration and oversight, education, advocacy and research for the community of Surrey, British Columbia.

Established in 1994, SurreyCares is one of 191 community foundations across Canada under Community Foundations of Canada.

Better known as a "charity for charities," we serve the people of Surrey by providing tools and support for community-minded individuals, families, businesses, non-profit agencies, and fundraising groups.

## Our Mission



Inspire  
Donors



Grow  
Endowments



Invest  
in People

### Contributing to the future of our community.

We live in Surrey  
We invest in Surrey  
We KNOW Surrey  
We care about Surrey

### Values

Openness,  
responsiveness,  
trust,  
accountability,  
growth and  
empowerment.

# Message from Chair

2019 was the celebration of our 25th Anniversary. We are very proud of the work done by our community foundation over these years and believe we can be and do so much more in the next 25 years.

We began the year with goals of reviewing and updating our policies, committee structures and terms of references, laying the groundwork to improve our bench strength at the staff, board and committee level

This was a strong year for our portfolio. Our current investments total \$7M. We saw a return of 13.96% and so, with the board's foresight, we created a stabilization fund. We have 3 years of granting set aside to help us weather future financial storms without interrupting our ability to grant. We also improved our online fundraising platform designed to help our fund holders, partnering with Canada Helps to reduce fees.

As our board of dedicated and driven individuals has expanded, we have even more of the right skill sets on our team. We bid farewell and thank Karen Young, our Executive Director, who had been with us for 4.5 years. We deeply appreciate her efforts to grow our capacity.

Diane Sugars stepped in as our interim Executive Director for a 6 month contract where she got right to work. She did an amazing job connecting with all levels of the community and setting up this transition.

We had two great additions to our board in 2019. Nav Chima, whose day job is Director of Community Programs and Partnerships for SFU and Chris Drinovz, a lawyer with Kane, Shannon and Weiler. Welcome to both!

In June we took advantage of having the Community Foundations of Canada's bi-annual conference being held in our backyard in Victoria BC. We had a strong delegation of 7 people attend and we were invited to present our process and learnings from our 2018 Vital Signs Report on First Peoples. This report and white paper has not only been recognized in Surrey and BC for its value, but across Canada.

In October, SurreyCares made a presentation to our Mayor and Council to bring awareness of our work, highlighting the Foundation's contribution to Surrey and how we could all benefit from a closer working relationship.

On November 16th, we held our 2020 strategic planning day, facilitated by Cindy Lindsay from the Community Foundations of Canada.

**John Lawson**  
Chair





## Message from the Executive Director

In 2019, staff participated in 'Vital Discussions' to deepen understanding of the data compiled in 2018. We also made some changes to roles and are pleased to welcome our fabulous Program Administrator, Lynne Pearson.

We are grateful to our donors, sponsors and partners for their continued support and contributions in our community.

*Diane Sugars*

**Diane Sugars**  
*Executive Director*



**Strategy 1** – Develop our people, communications, systems and operating methods support our activities, diversity, growth and development.

**Strategy 2** – Ensure a sustainable organization that support growth.

**Strategy 3** – Celebrate our community through engagement, education and granting.

## Board of Directors



**Chris Drinovz**  
*Director*



**Debbie MacDougall**  
*Vice-Chair*



**Jeff Hector**  
*Past Chair*



**Linda Stromberg**  
*Communications Chair*



**Mike Bose**  
*Grants Chair*



**Nav Chima**  
*Director*



**Sue Anderson**  
*Director*



**Sonia Parmar**  
*Treasurer*



**Peter Unruh**  
*Secretary*

## Inspire Donors

Our annual grants are made possible through the generous donations to permanent endowment funds by individuals, corporations and organizations that live and/or do business in our community.

### Honorary Friendship Gifts

- David Pel & Co.  
General Donation
- Jeff Hector  
General Donation
- John Lawson  
Smart and Caring Surrey Community Fund
- Lee Francis  
Special Needs/Children and Youth Fund

### How to Give

SurreyCares makes it easy with a variety of ways to give, including automated online giving that provides an immediate tax receipt, monthly automatic donations, and, for larger gifts, working with your advice professional to maximize the tax advantage of your gift.

- Cash (cheque, money order or credit card)
- Publicly traded securities, such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds, which can save you in capital gains tax
- Real estate and/or personal property
- Life insurance policies
- RRSPs and RRIFs
- A bequest to the Foundation through your will



### Giving through the Foundation

Donating to your favourite causes through SurreyCares takes the guesswork out of your charitable giving. You may make a gift to the Foundation to be added to an existing open fund of your choice, or donate to the area of greatest need. You may establish a new fund for the charitable purposes specified by you. To start a new fund, a minimum donation of \$10,000 is required, received as a lump sum or in installments over a period of time. The fund can be tailored to your specific interests and wishes.

No gift is too small!

## Smart and Caring - Surrey Community Fund

The Smart and Caring - Surrey Community Fund addresses a broad range of local needs – including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time a gift is made.

The flexibility of each unrestricted gift enables our Foundation to respond to the community's most pressing needs, and opportunities today and tomorrow.

Some examples include:

- Arts & Culture
- Education & Literacy
- Health & Social Services
- Heritage
- Support for Immigrants & Newcomers
- Environment
- Seniors
- Neighbourhood Revitalization



# Grow Endowments

In most cases, donations to SurreyCares Community Foundation are endowed. That means they are permanently invested for long-term growth. The endowment creates a lasting legacy. The investment income is used to make grants.

## Funds we Manage

### General Community

- Smart & Caring - Surrey Community Fund
- Surrey Community Health Fund
  - Mill & Timber Products Ltd

### Special Needs

- The SRS Vocational Rehabilitation Fund

### Youth

- Bill & Dorothy Beirne Opportunity Fund
- CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Fund
- Coast Capital Savings Youth Fund
- Surrey Youth Endowment Fund
- Surrey Metro Savings (Coast Capital Savings) Endowment Fund

## Bursaries and Scholarships

- Jordan Powell Legacy Fund
- Manjit Panghali Memorial Fund
- Surrey Education Fund (Surrey Retired Teachers Association)

## Designated Funds

- Arts Council of Surrey Endowment
- Darts Hill Garden Park Fund
- Doug Hooser Heritage Fund
- Friends of the Surrey Museum Fund
- John and Drew Hartree Fund
- Seventy Times Seven Times Fund
- Surrey Art Gallery Association
- SurreyCares Operating Endowment Fund
- Surrey German School Endowment Fund
- Surrey Minor Softball Endowment Fund
- Surrey Public Library Legacy Fund
- Surrey YMCA Endowment Fund

### We also manage flow through and managed funds.

- Glow Fund
- Jim Bennett Trust Fund
- Kinsmen Lodge
- Surrey City Orchestra Society



## The Story of Darts Hill Garden Park

Darts Hill Garden is the result of over 70 years of work and dedication guided by the clear vision of Francisca Darts. Along with her husband Edwin, Francisca took a logged piece of land, turned it first into an award-winning orchard and then into the unique garden that is Darts Hill today.

Francisca's curiosity and love of the new and interesting has resulted in the most diverse collection of mature tree and shrub species in the Pacific Northwest. Many were planted from seeds collected from around the world.

In 1994 Edwin and Francisca Darts donated their 7.5-acre garden to the City of Surrey and its citizens. Their intention was to give Surrey its own garden to be used as a horticultural centre for the preservation, enhancement, and development of plants. The non-profit Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society works in partnership with the City of Surrey towards these goals.



now photo: Leah S. Briggs  
Francisca Darts (left) was honoured by Surrey Foundation president Al Eccelstone, vice-president Mary Timler, Kim Karras, Nevin Chernick and Victor Barwin in a tree planting ceremony for her contributions to the community. Foundation directors Michael von Hausen and Steve Lake (not in photo) also attended the event on Tuesday.

## Our History



In 1992, a group of community leaders began work to establish what is now the SurreyCares Community Foundation. The City of Surrey contributed significant in-kind support during these early years. Officially established in 1994, many individuals and corporate donors contributed to building the Foundation. In 1998, three donors (Intrawest, Surrey Metro Savings (now Coast Capital) and Mill and Timber) who contributed \$10,000 or more were named 'founding members.' Fundraising events and in-kind donations supported operations. In 1997, the Foundation made its first grants, and in 1998, the Foundation's first locally held endowment fund was created.

In 2001 Surrey had Francisca and Edwin Darts to thank for seeding the Foundation's largest endowment fund creating a legacy that benefitted Surrey and our very own community foundation. The Darts created a trust for the land to be preserved as a plantsman's garden for a millennium. They wanted to make sure that the stunningly beautiful Darts Hill Garden Park they created could be enjoyed for generations to come.

Their original endowment of \$200,000, now stands at over \$4 million. With our stewardship, their legacy will provide an estimated \$4 million in income over the next 25 years, monies that will finance capital projects in the garden. Their original investment is still intact, and yet their gift will continue for many generations.





Thank you to our keynote speaker Douglas Tennant for coming out to help us celebrate our 25th year.



We have distributed almost \$1.8 Million to support the work of charities in Surrey over the past 25 years.

## Invest in People



We award grants in three priorities: **General Community**, **Special Needs** and **Youth** initiatives.

In our 25th year, the grant ceremony highlighted ten grant recipients and charities who made remarkable efforts in supporting our community members who are in need of help.

This year, we were pleased to distribute **\$253,000.00**. **\$32,000.00** was distributed to our annual community grants cycle.

### General Community Grant

#### Volunteer Cancer Driver Society

Hundreds of Surrey cancer patients, from young children to the elderly, have neither a family, friend, support network nor the financial means to provide assured transportation to their treatment programs.



### Youth Initiatives

#### Dan's Legacy

Working in partnership with the educational team at Surrey's Foundations School, Dan's Legacy Foundations School Therapy Workshops will provide therapeutic counselling intervention for at-risk youth.

#### Vancouver Area Youth Arts Society

The KPU International Music Festival (formerly known as the Kiwanis Fraser Valley International Music Festival) will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2019, and it has become one of the largest of its kind in the Province.



# Special Needs Grants

## Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society of British Columbia (ALS)

The Equipment Loan Program of the ALS Society of BC is designed to help people cope with the daily challenges of decreasing mobility and independence through obtaining basic and essential assistive equipment.

## Horizon Church

Their Night to Shine event is hosted to change the narrative on how people with special needs are viewed, and to celebrate the value of life.



## Lower Mainland Down Syndrome Society

Their latest project is to translate the New Parent Package into an assortment of different languages. These packages will then be provided to families, hospitals, and other health professionals at no charge. The goal is to have this package available in as many languages as possible.

## Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS)

Disha-Parenting Program for South Asian parents is designed to support parents and families from South Asian Background, having children with special needs, such as autism, learning disabilities, ADHD and other severe behavioural issues.

## Superchefs Cookery Society

The Special SuperChefs program is an adapted program to enable children of all abilities to participate in the SuperChefs cookery program despite physical or cognitive limitations

## Kindred Community Farm Sanctuary (formerly SALI)

This is a safe haven for children and animals that have been exposed to violence, trauma, and neglect, and provides a space for them to heal together.



# 2019 Grant Recipients

## The Centre for Child Development

Their Hydrotherapy Pool is one of the only accessible hydrotherapy pools south of the Fraser River, allowing safe access for children with mobility issues and their families. It is one of the happiest places at The Centre, where children often take their first steps.



In 2019, The Center for Child Development was granted for the Hydrotherapy Pool Program.

The Hydrotherapy Pool changed the lives of children aged 3 to 6, who have difficulties walking on land. In the pool, they learned their first steps inside the warm water with the therapist's support and the stability of the water.





We were honoured to present our **First Peoples** Vital Signs Report at the 2019 bi-annual conference in Victoria.

The term "First Peoples" includes First Nations, Métis, and Inuit residents — members of Canada's Indigenous or Aboriginal peoples. All residents of Surrey live on the unceded traditional territories of the Semiahmoo, Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Kwantlen, Qayqayt, and Tsawwassen First Nations. These First Peoples have always lived here, for well over 10,000 years. First Peoples make up 2.6% of Surrey's overall population.



Thank You to  
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