

# Philanthropy in Action

IMPACT UPDATES - April 2024



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## Shared Visions, Shared Victories

Making Care Safer for Surrey Seniors

With long-term care becoming more and more complex, the [Lutheran Senior Citizens Housing Society](#) knew it was time to upgrade their Nursecall system at [Zion Park Manor](#). They just didn't know where the money for this upgrade was going to come from. Now, thanks to the funds from SurreyCares Community Foundation, the Lutheran Senior Citizens Housing Society was able to replace the wireless Nursecall system with a hardwired system, along with purchasing new phones for communicating with residents.



[Read more on our website!](#)

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# Partnering in the Community

How Local Charities are Working Together to Fight Child Poverty in Our Own Backyard



When people hear the words food insecurity, [BC Feed the Kids Foundation](#) executive director Ngaire Lee knows White Rock isn't often the first place that comes to mind. However, a staggering number of children - more than 150,000 - live below the poverty line in British Columbia. This means 1 out of every 5 children is facing the realities of hunger and the barriers and instability that comes with child poverty. Right here in Surrey, 1 in 3 students are going to school hungry every single day. It's a situation SurreyCares Community Foundation sees as a top priority to address...

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# Uplifting Youth in Surrey

Pathfinder Youth Center Society Inspires Young Adults at Risk



The work Orville Lee is doing in the community is deeply rewarding – but it isn't always easy. He and his wife Ruth lead [Pathfinder Youth Centre Society \(PYCS\)](#), a mission-driven nonprofit focused on coming alongside at-risk youth ages 15-30, helping them overcome the barriers that hinder their return to school or entry into the workforce. Recently, funding from SurreyCares Community Foundation made it possible for them to modernize their operating system, empowering them

to work more efficiently. "It helped us to streamline what we're doing," Orville says. "We're thankful for the funding." This post-Covid grant was funded by the Government of Canada under the Community Services Recovery Fund, and made it possible for PYCS to support and scale the work they're doing. The grant was part of a \$400M boost from the federal government in the wake of the pandemic...



[Read more about Orville here!](#)

Orville Lee (bottom right) and his wife, Ruth, with youth from Pathfinders program.

# Donor Highlight

## The Darts Hill Story: A Blossoming Legacy



SurreyCares community foundation partners with [Darts Hill Garden Park](#) & the [City of Surrey](#) to preserve and share this beautiful public garden.

[Darts Hill Garden Park](#) is a feature garden in South Surrey with many species of plants from all over the world. Francisca and Edwin Darts gifted the garden to the residents of Surrey in 1994. They wanted to ensure everyone could enjoy their garden and learn more about plants in Surrey. The park features 7.5 acres of historic gardens and facilities with an additional 7 acres to explore. In the future, Surrey will be adding educational facilities and expand the gardens to 21.5 acres total. Public opening times are Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

**The garden will reopen April 5, 2024.**

***“The Surrey City Orchestra is committed to producing diverse, and professional quality performances, involving local organizations. As a nonprofit, we rely on generous donors, public grants, and ticket sales to support our mission, and we are proud to be part of the [Surrey Cares Community Foundation](#), which provides immeasurable support to those who strive to make Surrey a better place for everyone.”***

***- Ellen Farrugia, President, Surrey City Orchestra***



Based in the City of Surrey, the orchestra features professional musicians who call Surrey home, as well as promoting cross-cultural collaborations through music. Led by conductor Stuart Martin, the Surrey City Orchestra performs at many different events throughout the year. Check out the [event schedule](#) for more information and where you can see them play.

[Learn more about who we support!](#)

# Funding Opportunities

## Updates and Announcements

**“Our annual Community Grants are opening April 1st. We look forward to continuing our support, always with the goal of uplifting the people of Surrey who need it most!”**

*-Ana Ortolano, Grants Administrator*

April 1st- Grant Applications Open

Mid-April (TBA) - Grant Application Q&A

April 30th - Grant Applications Closed



**SurreyCares  
Community  
Grants  
2024**



SurreyCares Community Foundation will be opening the Community Grants application portal very soon. The application training session dates for those who would like assistance or more information, are to be announced. The deadline for applicants will be April 30th, 2024.

**In 2024 we will start off the year addressing issues of poverty in Surrey and surrounding communities through our upcoming Prosperity Grants -- which are new -- so watch for that call for applications in the coming weeks.**

## Community Prosperity Fund



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**“It’s always a pleasure to meet those small but mighty organizations and help them amplify their good work! If you are a not-for-profit organization and haven’t applied before - please do consider applying in the coming months.”**

*- Rupinder Chhina, Grants Committee Chair*

SurreyCares Community Foundation is partnered with the Province of British Columbia and the Vancouver Foundation in the granting of the Community Prosperity Fund.

Community Prosperity Fund Update: The application portal is going to launch end of March 2024 and will remain open to receive applications for just over 30 days. High-level eligibility criteria will be available at the end of February, and the full applicant guide will be available in early March ahead of the launch.

We will be taking part in delivering the Community Prosperity Fund - a \$25 million investment from the Government of BC focusing on poverty reduction and social inclusion.

Application intake will begin in March 2024.

[Apply For our Community Grants Here](#)

# Uplifting the Community

A Note from Foundation Leadership



“In 2024 SurreyCares Community Foundation will increase the number of local not-for-profit organizations we serve by addressing pressing issues like affordable housing, homelessness, addiction, and food security, as well as uplifting art and cultural programs, through partnerships with families, businesses, cities, and other philanthropic leaders in our community.”

**Susan Richards, Executive Director**  
susan@surreycares.org

[Email Susan](#)

“Surrey is not a monolithic community. It is a multitude of small, thriving communities that each have their own culture, their own language. It’s a mosaic. What I love about SurreyCares is that they want it to remain a mosaic. They want those unique identities to thrive under the Surrey umbrella.”

**Rochelle Grayson,**  
Founder and Business Mentor at Mosaic Accelerator

[See more of Rachelles work here!](#)



SurreyCares Community Foundation would like to respectfully and gratefully acknowledge the ǫʷɑ:ńłəń (Kwantlen), ǫícəý (Katzie), səmyámə (Semiahmoo), kʷikʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem), s̓cəwaθən məsteyəxʷ (Tsawwassen) and qiqéyt (Qayqayt) First Nation communities, whose people have stewarded the land that we live, work, and play on in Surrey since time immemorial.