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*Unleashing Potential,
Transforming Futures*

PAYING IT FORWARD: LOUISE LODGE INVESTS IN VALLEY YOUTH

At the North Thompson Communities Foundation (NTCF), we believe that our greatest asset is our youth. Today, we are proud to share news of a transformative gift that embodies the spirit of generosity and long-term vision for our valley.

NTCF Chair and Barriere Councillor Louise Lodge has announced a generous \$65,000 contribution to support youth initiatives across the region. This strategic investment is designed to provide both immediate support and sustainable, long-term funding for educational and recreational opportunities.

The \$65,000 donation is thoughtfully divided to ensure that needs are met today while securing resources for generations to come:

- \$15,000 – NTCF Valley-Wide Youth Fund: This portion has been invested directly into our regional fund, supporting annual grant cycles that benefit young people from McLure to Blue River.
- \$50,000 – Barriere Youth and Recreation Endowment Fund: Established as a donor-advised fund, the principal of this gift will be preserved in perpetuity. Invested with the Vancouver Foundation, the annual earnings will provide approximately \$2,000 every year to fund local youth projects, equipment, and educational opportunities.

As NTCF Treasurer Joyce Laffin noted, "By establishing an endowment, Louise isn't just helping kids today; she is helping kids fifty years from now. It is a true legacy gift."

Our Commitment: All Youth Matter

This contribution aligns perfectly with the Foundation's "All Youth Matter" principles. By helping to remove financial barriers, these funds ensure that recreation and education remain accessible to every child in our community, regardless of their family's financial situation.

We are incredibly grateful for this act of leadership, which brings us one step closer to our vision of a resilient, vibrant, and connected North Thompson Valley.

A Call to Local Inspiration

Recent donations stand as a testament to the power of local philanthropy. It serves as an inspiration for others to consider how they might shape the future of the North Thompson Valley.

For those interested in learning more about the foundation or how to contribute to a legacy fund, visit the [North Thompson Communities Foundation website](https://www.ntcommunitiesfoundation.com).



"AS A YOUTH IN THIS COMMUNITY, I BENEFITED DEEPLY FROM THE PROGRAMS, COACHES, AND MENTORS WHO INVESTED THEIR TIME IN ME. THIS GIFT IS ABOUT PAYING THAT FORWARD. I WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE KIDS GROWING UP IN BARRIÈRE AND THE VALLEY TODAY HAVE THE SAME — AND BETTER — OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY, LEARN, AND LEAD."



Together We Are Stronger. |



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25 YEARS OF HEART: NTCF LAUNCHES 'LEGACY IN MOTION' TO SECURE VALLEY'S FUTURE

For a quarter of a century, the North Thompson Communities Foundation (NTCF) has acted as the quiet engine driving local progress. This year, as the Foundation hits its 25th anniversary, it isn't just blowing out candles—it's fueling up for the next several decades with the launch of the “Legacy in Motion” fundraising campaign. The initiative marks a significant milestone for the region, with an ambitious goal to raise \$250,000 for the Foundation's overarching Endowment Fund. The ‘Legacy in Motion’ campaign is the Foundation's commitment to making sure that engine continues to run, stronger than ever, for the next 25 years.

The Power of Perpetual Giving

Unlike a standard one-time donation, the NTCF Endowment model is built for the long haul. When a donor contributes, the principal gift is permanently invested. Only the interest is distributed as grants, ensuring a perpetual stream of funding for the valley. Reaching the \$250,000 goal would translate to roughly \$12,000 in additional granting power every single year, in perpetuity.

A Community-Wide Goal

The campaign is designed to be a true valley-wide effort. The Foundation notes that the math for success is simple: if every household from McLure to Blue River donated just \$75, the \$250,000 goal would be reached.

How to Join the Movement

The NTCF is inviting residents and businesses to participate through several tiers of giving:

- **The Founders Circle:** Reserved for visionary leadership donors making cornerstone gifts of \$10,000 or more. The Foundation is currently seeking individuals to join Barb and Carman Smith and Louise Lodge in this prestigious group.
- **The 25x25 Club:** A community-focused initiative where members pledge \$25 a month for 25 months.
- **Legacy Gifts:** Opportunities for residents to include the Foundation in their wills, ensuring a lasting mark on the region.
- **General Donations:** Contributions of any size are welcomed to help reach the finish line.
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The anniversary year will feature various community events, all leading up to the Silver Legacy Sip n Support Gala later this year.

For more information on how to donate or to learn about the Founders Circle, please visit <https://www.ntcommunitiesfoundation.com/> or contact Louise Lodge at (250) 879-1268, ntcommunitiesfoundation@gmail.com



A Cornerstone of Compassion: The Smiths Lead the Way for 'Legacy in Motion'

The NTCF is thrilled to announce that long-time North Thompson residents **Barb and Carman Smith** have become the inaugural members of the **NTCF Founders Circle!**

With a generous leadership gift to our "Legacy in Motion" campaign, the Smiths have provided the critical momentum to reach our \$250,000 endowment goal. This special group recognizes those who make significant cornerstone contributions of \$10,000 or more to ensure our Foundation's impact lasts for generations to come.

For the Smiths, this gift is a deeply personal investment in the valley they love.

"We've seen the Foundation's impact year after year, and we want to ensure that continues," Barb Smith shared. "This 25th anniversary felt like the perfect time to help secure the Foundation's work for the long haul."

The Foundation is incredibly grateful for the Smiths' vision and their profound vote of confidence in the future of our valley. Their generosity serves as an inspiring example of how we can all work together to create a permanent, locally-controlled safety net for our valley.

Will you join the Smiths in securing our future?

Whether it is joining the Founders Circle, the 25x25 Club, or making a one-time contribution, every dollar helps put our legacy in motion.

- **Learn more and donate:**
ntcommunitiesfoundation.com
- **Questions?** Reach out to Louise Lodge at 250-879-1268 or ntcommunitiesfoundation@gmail.com.



How You Can Help Build Our Valley

The North Thompson Communities Foundation thrives because of people like you. There are many ways to leave your mark on the community we love:

- **Cash or Monthly Giving:** Make an immediate impact with a one-time donation or a recurring monthly gift to the fund of your choice.
- **Gifts in Your Will (Bequests):** Designate a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to the Foundation. This allows you to support your community without affecting your current finances.
- **In-Memoriam Gifts:** Celebrate the life of a loved one by donating to an existing fund or establishing a new memorial fund in their name.
- **Bursaries & Scholarships:** Help local students pursue their dreams by creating a dedicated fund for education.
- **Securities & Life Insurance:** Donating publicly traded stocks or naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy can offer significant tax benefits.

Ready to start your legacy? Whether you want to support our five focus areas or create a unique fund like the Drake and Avril Smith Endowment Fund, we are here to help your generosity go further.

DONATE NOW

CONTACT US

The North Thompson Communities Foundation is a registered charity. All donations are tax-deductible.

Growing Our Roots: The Power of Community Impact

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the North Thompson Communities Foundation this year, it is a perfect time to reflect not just on how far we have come, but on the profound ripples created by our Community Impact grants.

This year, we are proud to announce that we have awarded a total of **\$13,884** to local non-profit organizations. These grants are more than just financial contributions; they are investments in the resilience, spirit, and future of the people who call the North Thompson home. From supporting youth programs that nurture our next generation of leaders to bolstering essential services that keep our community connected and safe, these funds empower local organizations to turn bold ideas into reality.

Building Our Legacy Together

This milestone year for our Foundation is about more than looking back—it is about ensuring our collective future. Through the "Legacy in Motion" campaign, we are not only recognizing those who have paved the way over the last quarter-century but also inviting new voices to help shape the next 25 years.

When we talk about community impact, we are talking about you. Whether you are a donor, a volunteer, or a partner, your commitment enables us to respond to evolving needs with agility and care, strengthen the non-profit sector that forms the backbone of our valley, and cultivate a culture of philanthropy that ensures our region remains a vibrant place for everyone.

The projects fueled by our Community Impact grants are the living, breathing evidence of what we can achieve when we work together. We remain transparent, grateful, and deeply committed to the visionary goals we set for our endowment.

As we move toward our goal of \$250,000 for the endowment fund, we invite you to join us in keeping the momentum alive. Your support ensures that, long after the anniversary celebrations fade, the impact of your generosity will continue to bloom throughout our communities.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. Together, we are keeping our legacy in motion.

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"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

- Oscar Wilde

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL PARTNERS

We are honored to support the following organizations, whose work continues to define the heart of our valley:

- **NTAC** - \$500, *Little Elves Workshop*
- **Men's Shed Barriere** - \$700, *Development of classroom*
- **YCS** - \$1,250, *Soup Kettle*
- **Barriere & Area Chamber** - \$1000, *Visitor Guide*
- **Wells Gray Search & Rescue** - \$1,723.34, *50th year celebration promotion*
- **Dunn Folkin' Around** - \$1,000, *Festival advertising*
- **Barriere Legion Br. 242** - \$2,500, *Dishwasher repair*
- **Blue River Community Assoc.** - \$516, *Garden box replacement*
- **Clearwater & Area Chamber** - \$1,175, *Projection system*
- **BC Ag Expo** - \$1,500, *Volunteer training*
- **Rabbits BC** - \$1,020, *Show equipment*
- **NT Stock Dog Assoc.** - \$1,000, *Advertising and signage*

MEMBER'S QUESTION

Please submit your answer by using the link or QR Code below.

How can you contribute to the Legacy in Motion campaign?

[Answer Here.](#)



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A Foundation Built on Action

These gifts are more than just numbers on a ledger; they represent our dedication to the health and safety of our home. Whether it is addressing the immediate challenge of food accessibility or supporting the emergency infrastructure that keeps us all secure, the NTCF is committed to ensuring that help reaches those who need it most.

By focusing on these frontline services, we are fulfilling our promise to improve the quality of life for all who reside in the North Thompson. This is the "Legacy in Motion" we are striving to build: a community that is resilient, inclusive, and proactively supportive of its own.

Join Us in the Work

Every contribution made to the North Thompson Communities Foundation—whether through our current "Legacy in Motion" anniversary campaign or through ongoing endowment support—directly empowers us to make these kinds of impact-driven decisions.

We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in us to steward these resources. Together, we are ensuring that the North Thompson remains a place where help is always available and where every resident has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work to secure a stronger, more supported future for everyone in our valley.

Strengthening Our Community: Direct Support Where It Matters Most

As the North Thompson Communities Foundation celebrates our 25th anniversary, we are reminded that our true mission is to provide a clear pathway to support our neighbors, address social challenges, and tackle the inequalities that can affect the well-being of those living throughout the North Thompson Valley and surrounding areas.

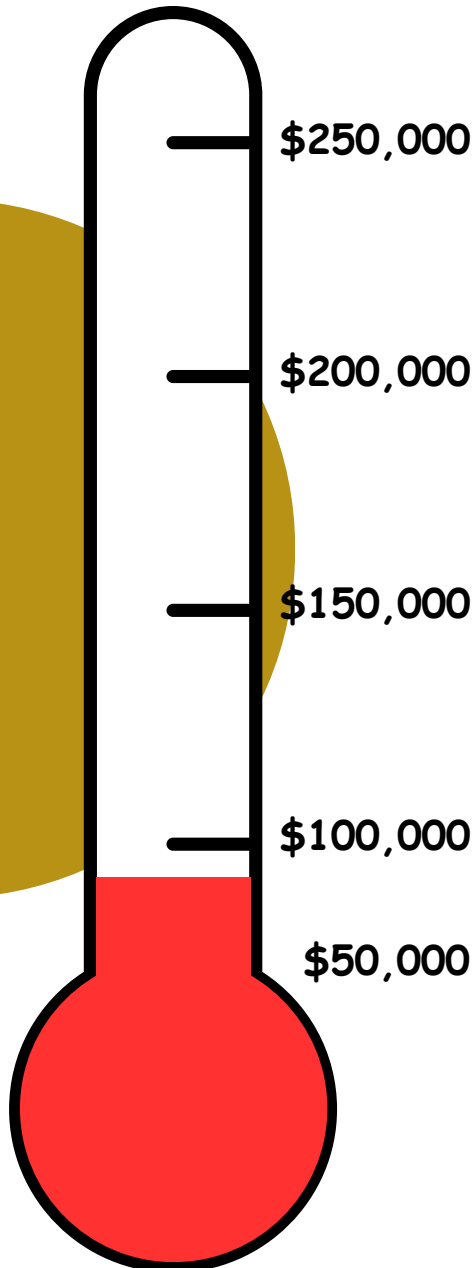
At the heart of this mission is the ability to respond to the essential needs of our community members. We are proud to announce that, in alignment with our core policies and commitment to regional well-being, the Foundation has recently directed funding to three vital organizations that act as pillars of safety and support in our valley:

- **Barriere Food Bank (\$1,000):** Providing essential nourishment and dignity to individuals and families facing food insecurity.
- **Clearwater Food Bank (\$1,000):** Ensuring that our neighbors in the north end of the valley have consistent access to the support they need.
- **Upper Clearwater Volunteer Fire Brigade (\$1,000):** Supporting the brave volunteers who safeguard our homes and protect our rural landscape.



LEGACY IN MOTION

\$250,000 Campaign



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“Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference.”
 - Kathy Calvin

Reaching Our Milestone Together: The Path to \$250,000

The North Thompson Communities Foundation is on a mission to secure our future. To reach our ambitious \$250,000 "Legacy in Motion" goal, we are looking to the heart of our region—from McLure to Blue River.

With approximately 3,335 households across our valley, we have a unique opportunity to build this legacy together. If every household contributed to this effort, **a donation of just \$75 per household** would put us right at our target.

Whether it is a one-time gift or a pledge toward our endowment, every contribution brings us one step closer to ensuring a vibrant, supported, and resilient North Thompson for the next 25 years and beyond.

Upcoming Events

May 11th - AGM, Clearwater

May 21st - Stakeholder Social, Barriere

June 20th - Barriere Block Party

Summer Raffle - contact us for ticket information. Draw July 1st

[More Information](#)

