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Unleashing Potential,
Transforming Futures

THE POWER OF LEGACY GIVING

When you leave a gift to the North Thompson Communities Foundation—whether through a direct donation or in your will—you are creating a lasting legacy. With careful tending, this contribution grows to benefit future generations, ultimately helping build a stronger North Thompson Valley. That is the true power of legacy giving.

The most recent contribution to our 25th-anniversary Legacy in Motion campaign is a generous \$10,000 donation from Derek and Val Stamer. The Stamers have been dedicated supporters of the valley for many years, and this gift ensures the Foundation's mission will continue to thrive for decades to come.

The NTCF is deeply grateful for the Stamers' generosity, as they join a growing circle of community members who have stepped up to support our campaign this year. To honour these contributions, all donors will be permanently recognized on the Foundation's Donor Recognition Trees, which will be installed this spring at the Barrière Business Centre and the Dutch Lake Community Centre in Clearwater.

For more information on how you can leave a legacy, visit our website at [NTCF](https://www.ntcf.ca).

PARTNERSHIPS

Trekor Donates \$5,000 to the NTCF Indigenous Priorities Fund

To celebrate a new chapter and a recent name change, Trekor is stepping up to support grassroots organizations making a real difference in our communities.

The NTCF is honoured to receive a \$5,000 donation for our **Indigenous Priorities Fund**. This generous gift will directly fund Indigenous-led initiatives throughout the North Thompson Valley, with a strong focus on education, sport, culture, art, and language.

Trekor selected the NTCF as a partner because our work perfectly aligns with their goal to deliver "360° of value." By supporting local, tangible initiatives, we are working together to help our region thrive.



VOTED BEST IN VALLEY

We are proud to be voted the
North Thompson's Number One
Organization—Best
Organization for Community
Involvement for a second year
in a row.



CLEARWATER CHILDREN'S ART FESTIVAL

On August 6, the NTCF attended the Children's Art Festival in Clearwater. Although wildfire smoke forced the festivities indoors, the community spirit remained as bright as ever.

We were happy to lend a hand by keeping vendors and families hydrated with bottled water and raffling off some fun coloring books. It was a wonderful reminder that our work isn't always about fundraising or granting—it's about showing up, building capacity, and fostering a strong community.

Non-Profit Engagement

On September 24, the North Thompson Communities Foundation and Trekor Yellowhead co-hosted our regional Non-Profit Stakeholders Engagement at the Clearwater Ski Hill lodge. Bringing together leaders from across the volunteer sector, the event focused on a single mission: breaking down operational silos to build lasting community resilience.

The open-floor feedback gathered that evening has been synthesized into our regional needs assessment, highlighting three key takeaways:

- **Shared Pressures:** Across all sectors, organizations cited complex grant applications, rigid funding restrictions that exclude operating overhead, and severe volunteer fatigue as their greatest hurdles.
- **Regional Gaps:** Leaders identified rural transportation (including medical trips to Kamloops), senior assisted living, and dedicated drop-in spaces for youth as the most urgent community needs.
- **Resource Sharing:** Rather than working in isolation, attendees strongly supported practical cooperation models, including a shared equipment hub, a central community calendar, and a unified volunteer registry.

CONNECT BC

In September, four members of our Board of Directors traveled to Kelowna for the three-day Connect BC conference hosted by the Vancouver Foundation. Joining 64 community foundations from across the province, the NTCF team participated in more than 20 plenaries, workshops, and roundtable discussions designed to spark innovation and strengthen regional relationships.

Our representatives returned with fresh inspiration, valuable connections, and actionable insights to enhance the Foundation's daily operations and long-term impact.

Key takeaways from the sessions included:

- **Practical AI Uses:** Exploring how artificial intelligence can streamline administrative tasks.
- **Non-Qualified Donees:** Learning new strategies for partnering with and funding grassroots community groups.
- **Impact Investing:** Aligning our financial investments with our community values.
- **Storytelling:** Discovering better ways to share the impact of our donors and grant recipients.
- **Succession Planning:** Ensuring strong, continuous leadership for the Foundation's future.

Each workshop provided vital knowledge and new perspectives that will help us continue building a stronger, more resilient North Thompson Valley.



2026 SIP & SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who attended

The North Thompson Communities Foundation would like to thank everyone who attended our Sip & Support Event on October 24th. The event was a "hit" once again.

This community gathering brought together a wide range of residents who tasted a variety of BC wines, beers, and ciders, along with bidding on a number of great items for the Silent Auction.

Proceeds from this event will go towards our Community Impact Fund—to support community projects and programs throughout the North Thompson Valley.

**\$8,000
Raised!**

*Thank
you!*



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

– Oscar Wilde

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- All local businesses who donated to the Silent Auction.

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- Sandra J's Charcuterie Bundles (Sandra Realff)
- Leslie Harpauer
- Jessica Thompson
- Adam and Bruce, from The Musicians of Barriere (MOB)
- Bev Murphy



Keep Up-To-Date

To ensure you don't miss out on what we are up to, follow us on [Facebook](#) and check out our [website](#) weekly. Read the [Foundation Voices](#) to see what people are saying about the Foundation.

The Newsletter Issue #7 will be sent out in January 2027. Stay tuned!
Questions? Please [Contact Us](#).

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It's easier to take than to give. It's nobler to give than to take. The thrill of taking lasts a day. The thrill of giving lasts a lifetime.

Thank You

to all the BC Wineries, Breweries & Cideries who donated to our event.



FOUNDATION QUESTION...

DO YOU WANT TO SEE THIS EVENT NEXT YEAR?

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



[Answer Here.](#)

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A day that inspires people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.



The North Thompson Communities Foundation has been supporting local organizations and students in the North Thompson Valley through grants and bursaries for 25 years.

Now it's your opportunity to support the Foundation. Please donate today so we can continue our legacy. Be part of the largest "giving" day of the year. This year all donations will go towards our Bursary Fund.

Collecting donations at
AG Foods, Barriere
11am-5:30pm
Dec. 1st

E-transfer to: treasurer@ntcommunitiesfoundation.com
Mail a cheque to: PO Box 121, Clearwater BC, V0E 1N0
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****Tax Deductable Receipts available**

Collecting donations at
Save On Foods
Clearwater
11am-5:30pm
Dec. 1st

Vital Signs Survey

Funding is only half the equation—we also need your voice to guide it. Your voice is important. Please complete our Vital Signs survey, which will help us identify the specific needs of the North Thompson Valley.

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