

2022

# IMPACT REPORT

*Growing Together, Giving Back*



# Table of Contents

01

A Message from  
our Chair

02

Annual Grants

03

Neighbourhood  
Small Grants

04

Community  
Enhancement  
Grants

05

Vital Signs 2023

06

Donor Information

07

Impact in Numbers

## About the **Squamish Community Foundation**

Established in 2003, the Squamish Community Foundation is an independent, charitable organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life for community members in Squamish. We facilitate philanthropy by partnering with donors and connecting them with community causes they value. As a Community Foundation, our focus is on building permanent endowments that address long-term community challenges as well as immediate needs. From the income earned on over \$1 million in endowment funds, we invest grants in people, groups, and community impact. With projects like Vital Signs we are also working to build community knowledge, engagement, and leadership.



# A Message from our Board Chair

**The past two years as Board Chair has been so rewarding, learning about the Foundation and the work we do in the community. As we emerge from the pandemic, I am grateful to be back in in-person meetings to nurture the relationships within our Board and with the community.**

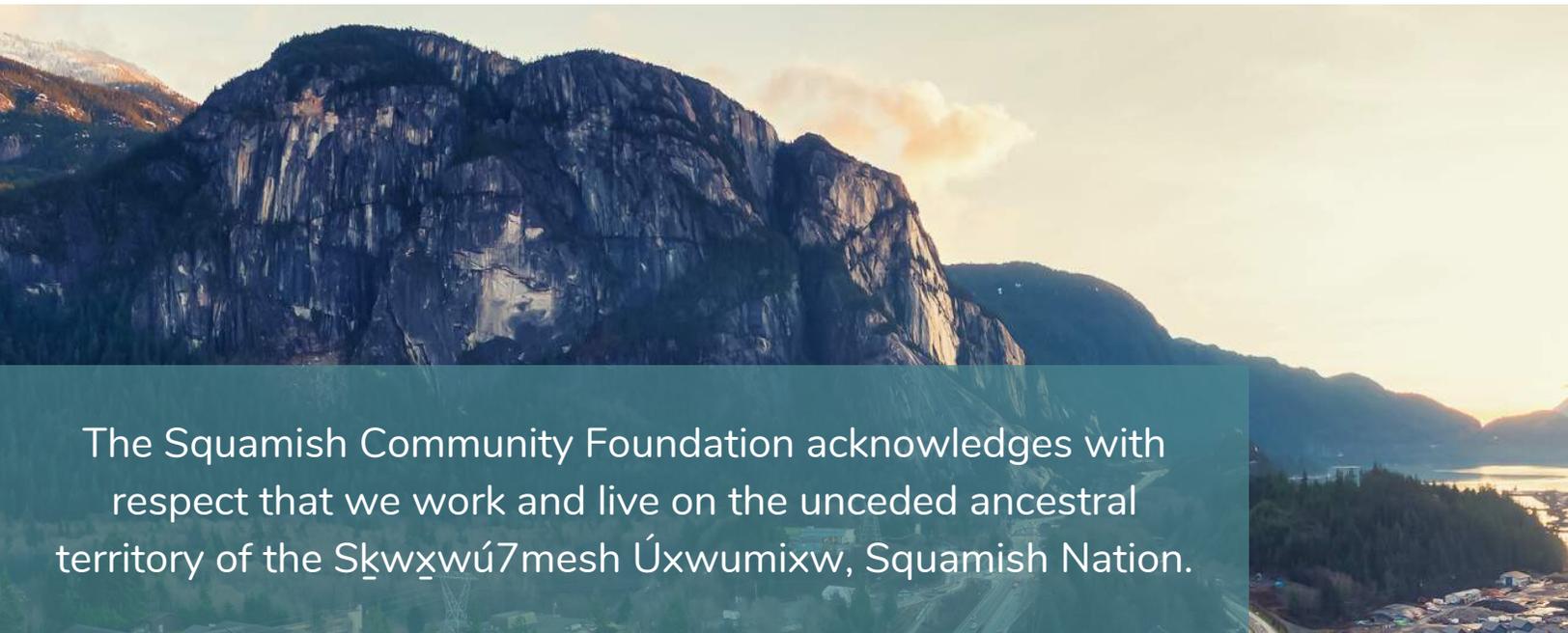
The accomplishments of 2022 included creating the first Professional Advisor's tool and hosting a small event in partnership with the Hospice Society for the professional advisors and lawyers in our community. At the end of November, we saw over 50 community members engage in our Community Conversation event on important issues in our town. We are continuing to find new and creative ways to share our value with the community, communicating the different (and easy!) ways to donate, and the significant impact that donor funds have on our community in the long-term. As we move into 2023, I am excited to work with the Vital Signs Committee to complete the Vital Signs report - a tool we can all use that is made by the community for the community!



A key theme during our engagement events this year has been 'connection'. Connecting with our community is key to the work we do, and by supporting each other we can do so much more! I am so proud to be a part of the SCF and look forward to the year ahead.

*Suzie Soman*

Board Chair, Squamish Community Foundation



The Squamish Community Foundation acknowledges with respect that we work and live on the unceded ancestral territory of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw, Squamish Nation.



2022

# Annual Grants

Over \$30,000 in Endowment Fund distributions were shared with various organizations in 2022, including two scholarships totalling \$2,500 to students attending post-secondary institutions.

Funded by the income earned from our endowment funds, the Squamish Community Foundation awards Annual Grants to eligible organizations focused on causes that improve the lives and wellbeing of Squamish residents, including: Health and Social Development, Recreation and Sports Arts, Culture and Heritage, Children, Youth and Families, Environment, and Community Enhancement.

## 2022 Grant Recipients

- Arthritis Society Canada, \$426
- BC Cancer Society, \$426
- Easter Seals Camp Squamish – Family camp weekend, \$2,500
- Howe Sound Curling Club – Lighting upgrade project, \$2,000
- Howe Sound Women’s Centre – Squamish drop-in centre space making, \$2,000
- Junior Achievement of BC – Bright Futures for All Squamish Youth, \$2,000
- OurSquamish Placemaking Society – Garibaldi pocket park, \$1,500
- Sea to Sky Community Services – Child Development Programs respite funds, \$1,500
- Sea to Sky Hospice Society – Bereavement Counselling, \$2,000
- Squamish CAN – School garden programming, \$3,000
- Squamish Hospital Foundation, \$568
- Squamish River Watershed Society – Outreach education program, \$1,600
- Squamish Volunteer Centre Society – Digital Divide Project, \$3,000
- Whistler Adaptive Sports Program Society – Child and Youth Program, \$1,250



Left: Squamish Climate Action Network; Centre: RW MacIntosh Scholarship Recipient; Right: Howe Sound Curling Club.



2022

# Neighbourhood Small Grants

This year, \$16,000 in grant funding was shared with individuals interested in building community through the immensely popular Neighbourhood Small Grants program.

The Neighbourhood Small Grants (NSG) program is based on a simple, but powerful idea - that everyone is a valuable member of the community and that we all have something to share. Pioneered by the Vancouver Foundation, these grants have funded a variety of activities that have nurtured our community since 2017.

In 2022 we saw BBQs and block parties, summer yoga classes, playground repairs, pumpkin carving, 'Get to know you' Bingo, and so much more.

## What Our Grantees Are Saying...

"The Fall Fiesta brought ALL of our neighbours together (despite our seen and unseen differences), connecting both new and old residents alike in a relaxing, but celebratory environment."

- Kristen, Windsor Place Street Party

"I have watched over the last month the trickle effect of this block party and it is truly remarkable. I have heard of more neighbourhood get togethers, conversations and overall bonding of our neck of the woods since organizing this."

- Brittany, Kintyre Block Party

"It was really lovely seeing people form new friendships and create meaningful connections with their neighbours."

- Nicola, Jumar Yoga

"As a mother of two young children who have spent the majority of their lives in a COVID bubble, it became so important to me to find ways to connect our youth with the broader community and enable them to view their community as a support system rather than danger"

- Marissa, Eaglewind Block Party



Left: Garden & Harvest Party; Centre: Community Block Party; Right: Playground repairs.

2022

# Community Enhancement Grants

This year we administered \$98,000 in Community Enhancement Grants to organizations providing important services and activities to some of our most vulnerable community members.

Community Enhancement Grants (CEGs) are geared towards projects that seek to enhance the community of Squamish through programming that aligns with the overarching goals of the District of Squamish's Official Community Plan. In 2021 the SCF entered into a 4-year agreement with the District of Squamish to manage and distribute the CEGs.

## 2022 Grant Recipients

Howe Sound Women's Centre Society, \$7,500  
 Learning Disabilities Society of Greater Vancouver, \$4,000  
 OurSquamish Placemaking Society, \$5,000  
 Sea to Sky Community Services - Better at Home, \$2,000  
 Sea to Sky Community Services - Food Skills, \$4,500  
 Sea to Sky Hospice Society, \$4,000  
 Sea to Sky Nordics, \$1,500  
 Squamish CAN (Climate Action Network), \$3,000  
 Squamish Cricket Club, \$3,000  
 Squamish Days Loggers Sports Association, \$2,000  
 Squamish Environmental Conservation Society, \$3,000

Squamish Farmer's Market Association, \$4,000  
 Squamish General Hospital Auxiliary Society, \$5,500  
 Squamish Helping Hands - Under One Roof, \$10,000  
 Squamish Minor Hockey Association, \$5,000  
 Squamish Nonprofit Network, \$3,700  
 Squamish Off Road Cycling Association (SORCA), \$7,500  
 Squamish Pirates Swim Club, \$2,500  
 Squamish River Watershed Society, \$5,000  
 Squamish Search and Rescue Society, \$6,300  
 Squamish Seniors Centre Society, \$1,700  
 Squamish Welcome Centre, \$5,200  
 Tantalus Wellspring Society, \$2,000



Squamish Minor Hockey Association, CEG recipient 2022

2022/2023

# Vital Signs



COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATIONS  
OF CANADA



In November 2022, the SCF hosted the first of two Community Conversations as part of the 2023 Vital Signs research project.

Over 50 community members gathered to share their perspectives on the most pressing issues affecting our community, from housing and affordability to diversity, environment, and reconciliation, among others.

The event was attended by a diverse group of Squamish residents, including those from local small businesses, non-profits, retirees, the Squamish Nation, and three newly elected members of our local government council. Not only did these conversations prove beneficial for community members to listen to and learn from different perspectives, the event was essential in aiding the Vital Signs team in extracting themes that will guide the next stage of research.



Photo credit: Josh McGarel

## ABOUT VITAL SIGNS

Vital Signs is a research initiative that uses local knowledge and data to measure the vitality of our community, to create conversations, and to encourage collective action. The resulting Vital Signs Report is a powerful knowledge tool used by many agencies (non-profits, organizations, businesses, realtors, local government, etc.), to provide localized information on issues important to Squamish citizens, to support grant and funding applications with pertinent data, and to empower individuals towards action.

In January 2023, the SCF will be releasing a Community Survey to collect localized data, which will be available on-line and in print. A second Community Conversation will then be hosted in February. Following the research stage, the Vital Signs report will be published in May 2023, providing an important update from the last report.

To learn more, visit [www.squamishfoundation.com/community](http://www.squamishfoundation.com/community), or contact [mleblanc@squamishfoundation.com](mailto:mleblanc@squamishfoundation.com).



## HOW TO

# Create a Lasting Impact in Squamish

Donating is a great way to both give back to your community and leave a lasting legacy.

Whether you intend to donate in honour of a loved one or support a community initiative you're personally passionate about, let us help you create a personalized charitable giving plan that represents your vision and values.

Donors can choose to contribute to one of our established funds, or set up an endowment fund specific to your personal or business goals. Below is a summary of the various donation options.

### Make a Personal Donation



One-time, monthly, or annually

OR



Bequest in my will

OR



On behalf of a loved one

### With funds directed towards...



SCF's General Fund 'Smart and Caring'

OR



A Specific Cause

OR



SCF Operating Fund

### and payment made via...

E-transfer, Canada Helps, Cash or Cheque

OR

Gifts of marketable securities or real-estate

Visit [www.squamishfoundation.com/donate](http://www.squamishfoundation.com/donate) for details.

### Establish an Endowment Fund

Suited to individuals/couples/families, organizations, or businesses looking to contribute \$10,000 or more.

Endowment funds are held in perpetuity with earnings contributed annually to community initiatives.



Directed to a specific field of interest, charitable organization, or general needs in the community.

OR



For my charitable organization specifically

Provide a permanent source of funding for your registered charity. Minimum donation is 20K.

Contact Karen Clarke, Executive Director  
kclarke@squamishfoundation.com | 604-848-8683



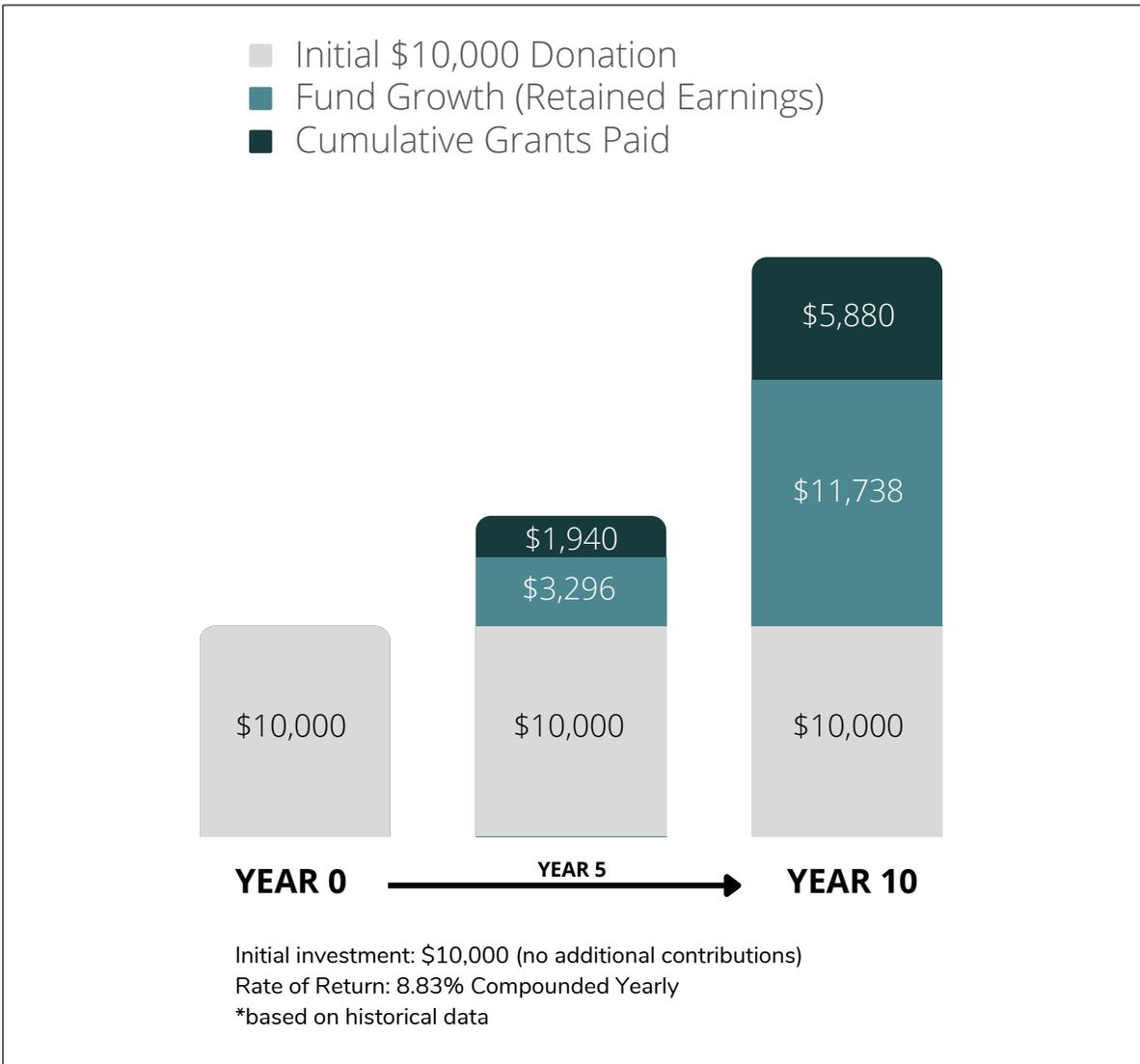
# HOW IT WORKS

## Impact in Numbers

The SCF manages numerous endowment and scholarship funds. This pool of donations from corporate and individual donors earns income each year and creates a permanent source of funding. The capital of these funds - over one million in assets - is overseen and monitored by the Squamish Community Foundation Board of Directors.

From the income earned on the endowment funds, we distribute annual grants to eligible recipients. Grants support current and urgent community needs.

Below is an example of fund growth and subsequent grants paid with an investment of \$10,000:



To learn more about our endowment funds and donation options, please contact Karen Clarke, Executive Director, at: [kclarke@squamishfoundation.com](mailto:kclarke@squamishfoundation.com)

We would like to thank our generous donors, big and small, without whom our community grants would not be possible.

Thank you to our dedicated Board of Directors, volunteers and committee members for your ongoing guidance and expertise.

And finally, thank you to the passionate community organizations and individuals who work so hard every day to improve the quality of life for all residents in Squamish.



## Contact

**Squamish Community Foundation**  
PO Box 555, Squamish BC V8B 0A5

info@squamishfoundation.com  
604-848-8683

 [www.squamishfoundation.com](http://www.squamishfoundation.com)

 @SquamishCommunityFoundation

Registered Charity Number: 882548902RR0001

We're part of:

