



The Squamish Community Foundation humbly acknowledges that we work on the unceded ancestral territory of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw, Squamish Nation.

National Nonprofit Day Aug 17th

On August 17, we celebrate National Nonprofit Day and the organizations that make Squamish stronger. Behind every thriving community are passionate nonprofits working to support people, protect the environment, celebrate culture, and improve quality of life.

It also gives us the opportunity to thank the our fundholders and donors, whose generosity and commitment to our community help ensure local charities have the resources they need to carry out their work.

In 2026, the Squamish Community Foundation awarded \$51,500 in Annual Grants to 22 local charities and nonprofit organizations, helping fund programs and initiatives that strengthen our community.

Below we highlight three of the organizations and their programs creating positive change in Squamish.



**Gather Literary Society
Book Fair**



**Whistler Adaptive
Sports**



**Squamish Sikh Society
Community Langar**

By offering a free version of the traditional Scholastic Book Fair, the program ensures that every student has the opportunity to choose and keep one or two brand-new books—along with pencils, bookmarks, and stickers—to encourage a lifelong love of reading.

<https://gatherliterarysociety.ca/home/programs>

Squamish-based recreation program providing youth and adults living with physical disabilities, cognitive disabilities, and neurodiversity with opportunities to experience kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding, swimming, adaptive cycling, and more.

<https://whistleradaptive.com/activities/>

The Squamish Sikh Society provides fresh meals every day, welcoming people of all cultures, backgrounds, faiths, and circumstances. The program is expanding through local partnerships and a shared commitment to improving food security.

[See all Annual Grant Recipients](#)

Community Foundations 101

Have you ever wondered what a community foundation actually does?

A community foundation is a local charitable organization that helps people give to the causes they care about, invests donations for long-term impact, and distributes grants to charities and nonprofit organizations.

Community foundations also play a leadership role in identifying local challenges and emerging needs. Through research, collaboration, and community knowledge, we help connect generosity with opportunities where it can make the greatest impact.

[Read our latest blog](#) and [watch the short video](#) to learn how community foundations create lasting local impact.



Meet The Board

Wilson Telford



We're pleased to introduce Wilson Telford, one of the dedicated volunteer directors helping guide the Squamish Community Foundation. Wilson has called

Squamish home since 2011, when he and his wife moved here to be closer to family and enjoy the Sea to Sky lifestyle. Outside of work, you'll often find him fly fishing.

A Partner with Baker Tilly WM LLP, Wilson brings more than 20 years of experience advising businesses, charities, and nonprofit organizations. He joined the Foundation's Board to help strengthen local philanthropy and support the Foundation's long-term impact in our community.

[Learn More About The Board](#)

When you donate to the Squamish Community Foundation, you create a lasting legacy - a permanent source of funding that supports local causes today, and for generations to come. Whether you're making a one-time gift, becoming a monthly donor, supporting an established fund, or planning a future legacy gift, every act of generosity helps build a stronger Squamish.

[Make a Donation Today](#)

Since 2003, the Squamish Community Foundation has connected the generosity of local donors with the needs and opportunities in our community. Together, we're building a vibrant, healthy, and connected Squamish.

To learn more about our work, visit our [website](#).

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