

### An Update on Processes...

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The summer seems to have flown by and now the leaves are quickly turning a shade of red. The Vancity Community Foundation has had a successful year so far in 2010 and as the warm summer months come to an end we want to take a moment to look back and reflect on how far we have come. There have been a few changes I would like to provide updates for and fill you in on our internal support to all of the donor-advised funds.



Earlier this year we implemented a process to restructure our donor-advised (formerly called named) funds while at the same time, began the long and arduous process of installing a new database to allow us to administer the funds more effectively and efficiently. Thank you for your questions, patience and understanding during the revising of the deeds of trust. We have now completed this phase.

When we began this process, we intended to have the new database installed and operational by July 1, 2010. While we strived to achieve this milestone by July 1, 2010, this phase of our restructuring has taken longer than anticipated due by the simple fact that the transfer of information is often harder than anticipated. We now expect to complete the database conversion by year end, allowing for 2011 to provide a fresh start and renewed experience for all in the administration of your fund.

Once completed, you will find the new "donor central" portal will allow you to view your statement of financial activity online, share granting ideas, make grant recommendations, and view your granting history all with the click of a button. We are so excited to have the system in place, but want to ensure that all glitches are ironed out, all hurdles are cleared and staff are comfortable and familiar with using the database before sharing the system with you. We appreciate your patience during this lengthy but exciting process. In the meantime, it is business as usual as we continue to help you do great things in community.

HELP!! - we need a new title for this newsletter! We have changed our funds to Donor-Advised (formerly Named) so we need to replace the Named Fund newsletter title. Contact [Jackie](#) with your creative suggestions.

## Fund News... CoDevelopment Canada: A Legacy for Global Justice



CoDevelopment Canada is a BC-based non-profit agency that works for social change in Latin America and here in Canada. Since 1985, CoDev has been improving the lives of women, workers and families by linking community and labour groups in Canada with organizations in Latin America working for social justice. CoDev builds partnerships with organizations in Canada and throughout Latin America to protect workers' rights, build solidarity for public education, strengthen grass-roots initiatives, engage Canadians in global issues, and promote fair trade.

Since their beginning twenty-five years ago, CoDev has been built on the strength of people's solidarity and commitment to come together to work in community for social justice. From teachers nurturing student's citizenship in Central America to public sector union workers in Colombia organizing to defend human rights, CoDev's and their partners' successes, are rooted in people's dedication to come together across distances, to work towards sustainable change. Sometimes that change comes in the form of action; sometimes it comes as a gift. To foster long-term sustainability for CoDev and our partners, CoDev established a planned giving program in 2005 for donors interested in leaving a legacy for global justice. Vancity Community Foundation's long-standing commitment to social justice made the Foundation a natural partner for **CoDev's Endowment Fund**, starting with an initial contribution of \$11,000.

In the fall of October 2009, CoDev learned that one of their supporters, Owen Williams, had made a substantial planned gift to **CoDev's Endowment Fund**, held at Vancity Community Foundation, through his estate. Remembered as a "gentle kind man with a twinkle in his eyes," Owen grew up in Melbourne, Australia with two younger siblings, Margaret and David. As a child, Owen enjoyed painting and drawing. His sister has fabulous memories of exploring the bush around Melbourne with Owen.



As a young man, Owen became an instrument technician and served in the Australian Air Force during World War II. While he was stationed in Darwin, Owen became pen friends with Elsie, a young Canadian woman from Vancouver. Elsie came to Australia to meet Owen and they decided to marry. They lived with Owen's parents for several years in Melbourne. When Elsie's mother's health deteriorated in later years, Owen and Elsie decided to immigrate to Vancouver to take care of her. Once here, Owen became an orderly at Shaughnessy Veteran's Hospital and later worked at the Workers Compensation Board, until his retirement.

Owen and Elsie were inseparable. Their friends and family note that "Owen loved life and he and Elsie had a wonderful marriage." Owen's niece Judy remembers a trip to Vancouver in 1988 when Elsie and Owen were so enthusiastic about showing Judy their city and country that they paid for her to visit Banff, just so she could share in the beauty of the landscape. In recent years, after Elsie passed away, Owen became friends with his neighbor and CoDev supporter Chris Shelton. Chris shared stories of CoDev's work, especially CoDev's health and education projects in Central America, and after careful consideration, Owen decided to name the **CoDev Endowment Fund** as a beneficiary in his Will.

After a long life of caring for other people, Owen passed away on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Owen's generous donation has substantially increased the capital of **CoDev's Endowment Fund**, to be held in perpetuity by the Vancity Community Foundation, with income distributed annually to support CoDev's programs. The impact of this generous gift has incredible potential to provide CoDev with increased financial permanence for programs and partnerships to evolve and for use in long-term planning. With the development of a planned giving program, CoDev has been able to respond to donors who wish to establish a legacy based on shared values. Owen's legacy enables CoDev to work with their partners to look strategically at creating long-term, meaningful, and sustainable social change.

Owen's generous spirit, gentle warmth, and love of Elsie and his community were evident to all who knew him. Through his generous and meaningful gift to CoDev his commitment and dedication to social justice lives on.

For more information on CoDevelopment Canada and their programs, visit [www.codev.org](http://www.codev.org)

## Autumnal Thoughts on Legacies & Investing in Community

by hans peter meyer

Maybe it's because I'm getting close to the half-century mark, but "legacy" is a word that I now find loitering at the edges of my thoughts. As the end of year/beginning of year, the autumnal months are a good time to bring this thought into the centre of my attention.

Most of my "legacies" are personal. Some are familial and relational, some are in the form of poorly-honoured commitments that I have been slowly rehabilitating. Some of these commitments have significance to my sense of community. For example, I believe that how I honour and support my family has an impact that ripples through the larger pond of my life. In a more visible way, honouring a commitment to a dear friend who died some years ago is a way to show gratitude for what I continue to learn from our friendship.

Pat Glazner died of cancer in the early 1990s. I'd known Pat since I was barely in my 20s and he was almost 30. He was a rare person. In the little over ten years that I knew him, Pat had a huge impact on me. I found myself opening up to him, learning a lot about many things, including music, laughter, being a father, about letting go. He was a tremendous support to my young family -- a lifeline to both my wife and I as we did the "isolated-young-nuclear-family-in-rural-Mudville" thing, and a very real "uncle" to my daughters. There was something deep, and at the same time light, about him that attracted people. We gathered around the low but steadily burning fire of his person, and were warmed by him. Perhaps his greatest legacies are his two wonderful sons, and the warm feelings of so many people in this community and on the Island.

On the day of his memorial on a hot August day, it seemed that hundreds gathered on the Puntledge River Flats just outside of Courtenay's downtown. I was flattened with grief at the loss of my dear friend. And I was determined to honour his memory in some way that would speak to the larger significance of who Pat was for so many of us. Even though Pat Glazner was a rather quiet man whose impact was felt on a personal rather than public level, he had a presence in this community that went beyond the personal.

Family and work and life challenges gave me the excuses I needed to keep from fulfilling this commitment over the years. But, as 2007 rolled to a close and as I thought about what needed to be done in my life, remembering Pat was at the top of the list. In September 2008, I created the **Pat Glazner Memorial Fund** at the Vancity Community Foundation.

The Comox Valley Land Trust (CVLT) will be the recipient of the earnings of this fund. One of my fondest memories of Pat is his enjoyment in sharing the natural wonders of the Comox Valley. Walking through forests, cycling throughout the Valley, swimming -- daily, endlessly it seems -- in so many of the area's waterholes, this is how I remember him. Supporting CVLT is, for me, a way of honouring the values that Pat helped me to appreciate, and a way of investing in the future of this place.



I've given myself the challenge of raising \$10,000. So, the year comes to an end, with realizations of what I have accomplished -- and of work that I want to do. This feels good. If you share my thoughts about Pat Glazner, CVLT, or another organization doing important work in your community, take some time to consider: How are you investing in your community's future, in your future? What is the legacy of your community investment?

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## Donor-Advised Funds

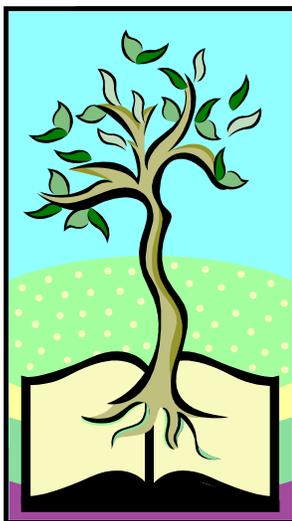
- Access to Justice Fund
- Alayne Keough Fund
- Amy Dalgleish Memorial Endowment Fund
- Arts and Culture Legacy Fund
- ArtStarts Facility Operating Endowment Fund
- BC Borstal Endowment Fund
- BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund
- BC Litigation Fund
- Better Environmentally Sound Transportation
- BGH Community Fund
- Bob Quart Family Fund
- Brooke Forbes Legacy Fund
- Calarchy Fund
- Chambers Memorial Endowment Fund
- Chiron Family Fund
- Christopher Rytter Memorial Fund
- Coastal Sound Music Academy Fund
- CoDevelopment Endowment Fund
- Community Farms Endowment Fund
- Cooperative Commonwealth Fund
- Co-operators Fund, The
- Cull Family Fund
- Currie/Baehr Family Endowment Fund
- Cyndi & Jim Poynter Thoracic Nursing Education Fund
- Dave Mowat Climate Change Fund
- Donald George Robson Fund
- Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Legacy Fund
- Driscoll Family Fund
- **Dr. Pierre and Dianne Faber Family Fund**
- Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia Fund
- Edna Goring Fund
- Ellen Tattersfiled Memorial Fund
- Enchanted Forest Fund
- Farm Folk / City Folk Endowment Fund
- George Sisters Fund
- Grace Mirehouse Memorial Award Fund
- Greater Victoria Credit Union Legacy Fund
- Grey Community Fund
- Gulf & Fraser Financial Group Fund
- ICBC Endowment Fund For People with Disabilities
- Innovation Fund
- Integris Credit Union Community Foundation
- Jane Tyler Legacy Fund
- Jhajj Foundation
- John Freeman Scholarship Fund
- Joy and Ken Williams Education Fund
- Judith Marcuse Project Fund
- Kay Stovold Memorial Fund
- Kazuko Takahashi Endowment Fund
- Kerry & Betty Ho Fund
- Krannitz Family Fund
- Langley Environmental Partners Society Bursary
- Laura Napodi Endowment Fund
- Leo and Frances Longo Fund for Charity to Animals
- Leon C. Morel Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation Fund
- Lois Youngson Camp Goodtimes Fund
- Margaret Mitchell Fund for Women
- Ministry for Children and Families Bursaries
- Ministry for Children and Families Training/Pro D
- Mowat Family Fund
- Myasthenia Gravis Association of BC Fund
- Nancy Grant Fund
- Norman Kirby Scholarship Fund
- North Shore Community Resource Society Endowment Fund
- Pang Kui Chiu Fund
- Parkgate Community Legacy Fund
- Pat Glazner Memorial Fund
- Path 10 Fund
- PLAN - Personal Network Sustaining Fund
- PLAN - Lucille Johnstone Discretionary Fund
- PLAN - Jack Collins Bursary Fund
- Purple Papillon Fund

\* New funds created since April 2010 are bolded.

- Richard E. Sanford Fund
- Romuald and Nancy Gobis Fund
- **Salcito Charitable Fund**
- Sawicki-Runka Sustainable Environment Fund
- Shannon Meehan Legacy Fund
- Sharon Martin Community Health Fund
- Silver Tubby Fund
- Somerville Fund
- Sorensen Animal Fund
- SPARC BC - Michael Goldberg Endowment Fund
- Spectrum Endowment Fund
- Sprout Social Intention Fund
- Strandberg Family Fund
- Squamish Credit Union Legacy Foundation
- Summerville Foundation Fund
- Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund
- Sustainable Economy Fund
- Vancitizens' Legacy Fund
- Vancouver Women's Fund
- VanTel/Safeway Credit Union Legacy Fund
- VCF Director's Fund
- VIPY Fund
- Williams Family Fund
- Youth at Risk Fund
- Zaurrini Family Fund

\* New funds created since April 2010 are bolded.

## Welcome to the Salcito Charitable Fund!!



The **Salcito Charitable Fund** is our newest donor-advised fund and was created by Sophie and Tony Salcito to promote education and learning. Sophie and Tony wanted to provide a structure for their charitable giving that could exist in perpetuity. As their daughter, Sienna, is now 2 1/2 years old they wanted a way to teach her about the idea of giving and for her to be able to help decide on grant recipients in the future. Sophie and Tony liked the idea that their charitable fund will be a long term family project!

Sophie has worked for Vancity Credit Union for the past 12 years, now working as an Investment Advisor. She has become increasingly familiar with donor-advised funds as charitable giving and estate planning are common topics of conversation with many of her clients. Sophie believes the opportunity to create donor-advised funds through the Vancity Community Foundation is a wonderful service and opportunity for Vancity members, and feels more compelled than ever to talk about their benefits with clients

in order to create more awareness.

After a successful year in Tony's company, the opportunity came upon Sophie and Tony to create their own fund, so they turned to the Vancity Community Foundation. Education and learning is the focus for the **Salcito Charitable Fund** which is in line with the type of work they do and something they support strongly. Currently, grants from the fund will be used to support their local library in North Vancouver as well the daycare their daughter Sienna attends. We look forward to the continued growth of this fund and the impact it has on community in the years to come. Congratulations to Sophie, Tony and Sienna, and welcome to the donor-advised fund family at the Vancity Community Foundation.

## The Learning Library... The Value and Benefit of Buying Local Food

### LOCAL FOOD IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

The average North American meal travels 2,400 km to get from field to plate and contains ingredients from 5 countries in addition to our own - that's a lot of "food miles" - a term coined in 1994 by Britain's 'SUSTAIN' organization. In the past 20 years in North America, the import and export of food have tripled with agriculture and food now accounting for more than a quarter of the goods transported on our roads. Food is now also the largest component of airfreight, the most polluting form of transportation. What does this mean?



When food is transported lengthy distances, a lot of fossil fuels are burnt, creating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This emits a variety of toxic chemicals that contribute to air pollution, acid rain, and climate change (global warming.) What about the distance local food travels?

Studies have shown that local food distribution systems can reduce environmental impacts significantly, as opposed to conventional truck-delivered food systems which can be 4 to 17 times more damaging to our environment. A study by Toronto's Food Share found that a meal produced with ingredients from a local farmers' market travelled a total of 101km while an average imported meal travelled 5,364km creating 100 times more GHGs than the farmers' market meal.

### LOCAL FOOD IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR OUR FAMILY & OUR COMMUNITY



Local produce is the freshest produce you can buy. It is picked when it is fully ripe and delivered to you quicker than produce imported from another province, country, or continent. Imported produce is picked weeks before it is ripe, and often, the nutrients, taste, texture, and colour have not fully developed, which can result in the produce being gassed to create a pleasing, healthy appearance to the consumer. Is local produce really more nutritious?

When it comes to fresh food, local is most often a much more nutritious choice. For example, 24 to 48 hours after harvest, 50%–89% of vitamin C is lost from leafy vegetables. Bagged spinach loses about half its folate and carotenoids after being stored in refrigeration for just four days. Think about the nutrients in produce that is imported from other countries or continents. Not only can individual produce items be more nutritious for us, but also increasing our consumption of fresh produce is always a healthy choice. Studies have shown that increased awareness of regional foods leads to an increased consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables which can lead to a healthier diet, reducing obesity, a major contributor to Type 2 diabetes and other diseases. By becoming aware of the food we eat, we eat healthier food and less processed food with added sugar, fat and preservatives.

Growers can plant better tasting varieties if their produce doesn't have to be shipped long distances. Did you know UBC Farm Market sells tasty melons grown right on the farm? Have you ever bought a purple potato from Your Local Farmers' Market at Trout Lake? When you support local growers, you support diversity.

### LOCAL FOOD IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR OUR ECONOMY

Choosing local food also contributes to our provincial economy and helps BC's 20,000 farms stay in business. When we buy a local food product, the producer receives a higher percentage of our food dollar (and at a farmers' market or on-farm store, 100%!) This money is then circulated many times throughout our communities, strengthening our local economies. Most local food is sold either directly to the retailer or restaurant or via one local distributor. This not only supports our local businesses but also keeps a larger percentage of our food dollars in our province, rather than profits going to out-of-province, out-of-country, and international distributors and transportation companies.

Find a farmer's market in your community [www.eatlocal.org/markets](http://www.eatlocal.org/markets) or visit FarmFolkCityFolk to learn more about cultivating a local, sustainable food system [www.ffcf.bc.ca](http://www.ffcf.bc.ca).

Information sourced from: [www.getlocalbc.org](http://www.getlocalbc.org)

## Community Spotlight...

### ArtStarts in Schools


 The logo for ArtStarts features the word "artstarts" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The "art" is in grey and "starts" is in red. To the right of the text are three grey circles of varying sizes, arranged vertically, resembling a trail of bubbles or a stylized sun.

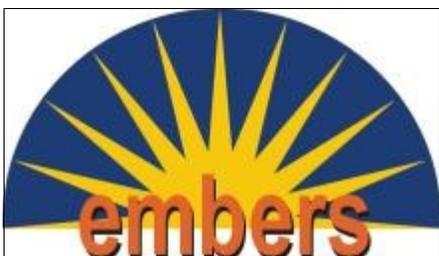
Founded in 1996 with a professional staff and volunteer board of directors, ArtStarts in Schools is a unique not-for-profit organization offering educators, artists, parents and students a broad range of programs, services and resources to promote arts and creativity among BC's young people. The Vancity Community Foundation welcomed ArtStarts to our family of Named Funds earlier in 2010 with the creation of the ArtStarts Facility Operating Endowment Fund.

ArtStarts envisions a society where the arts are regarded as an essential part of educating young people and a catalyst for creating innovative, engaged and contributing members of society. ArtStarts in Schools has a leadership role in transforming the way children and youth are engaged, in and through the arts, and in promoting the value of the arts in young lives.

The ArtStarts Gallery is the first gallery in Canada devoted exclusively to young people's art. The visually striking exhibitions celebrate the exciting artwork that emerges when professional artists, students and teachers work together to deepen learning, creativity and community connections.

Visit the ArtStarts Gallery at 808 Richards Street (it's FREE!) or online at [www.artstarts.com](http://www.artstarts.com). Our upcoming *Donor Learning and Sharing event* will be held at the ArtStarts Gallery so please contact [Jackie](#) or refer to page 8 of this newsletter for more details.

### EMBERS Against All Odds Golf Tournament



**EMBERS** is a charity that is all about providing people with a second chance - a second chance for people who have suffered from issues of abuse, poverty, discrimination or addiction - to help create, change and rebuild their futures through employment and self-employment. In two years Embers has provided an opportunity for over 450 people to find meaningful work and a brighter future.

EMBERS' Against All Odds Golf Tournament Fundraiser took place on August 5, 2010, and was a great success! EMBERS was able to raise over \$20,000 to help create futures and change lives through employment.

We were pleased to have Karen and Alex Currie (Currie/Baehr Fund) join VCF staff Liz and Irene at the tournament. Although no longest drive or closest to the pin prizes were awarded to this foursome, a lot of fun was had on the course, not to mention the copious amounts of water consumed on such a hot summer day. A special thanks to Karen and Alex Currie for joining our support of EMBERS.



For more information about EMBERS, visit them online at [www.embersvancouver.com](http://www.embersvancouver.com).

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## Named Fund Newsletter

**Come together...**

**...to grant, to give, to share ideas.**

Please join us for a celebration of your contribution to community and share ideas about how you can be more strategic with your fund - gifting and granting! A social gathering will follow so feel free to attend one or both and bring a guest!

**Tuesday, October 26th, 5:00 - 7:30pm**  
**ArtStarts in Schools Gallery,**  
**808 Richards Street, Vancouver, BC**  
**5pm - Information session**  
**6:00-7:30pm - Social gathering/refreshments**

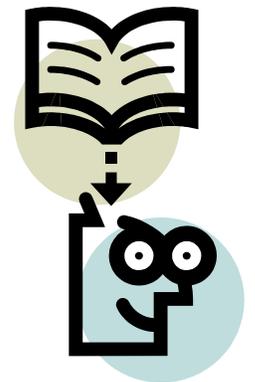
Please contact [Jackie](#) by no later than October 15th to confirm your attendance. We look forward to seeing you there.

## VCF 2008-2009 Annual Report available online

The 2008 - 2009 Vancity Community Foundation Annual Report is complete and a copy was provided to you with your June 30th statement of financial activity. We hope you found it enjoyable to read. Please feel free to share this publication with your friends and family as it can be found on our [website](#). Any suggestions and/or feedback would be much appreciated so please contact [Jackie](#) to share your thoughts.

## Tell Us Your Story...

*Now it's your turn.* We would like to hear from you. What are you working on? What would you like to learn about? What do you need funding for? Do you have a special event coming up? Is there a certain area in community that you would like to support, but don't know where to start? Please send any story ideas, submissions, questions or random thoughts to [Jackie](#).



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*Together, more becomes possible*