

JANE TYLER LEGACY FUND NEWSLETTER

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Thank you Donors!!

Once again, supporters of the Jane Tyler Legacy Fund stepped up and donated record amounts this past December. We now have just over \$85,000 in our account which will let us fund more single moms who want to return to school.

Recent recipients:

Carmen Aspinall- an SFU student teacher who is currently in her second practicum. Carmen was so pleased to get our bursary and commented that when she finishes her Professional Development program and has time, she'll fill us in on her experiences. As many of us have been in her place, we know how demanding PDP and motherhood is.
Good luck to Carmen!



HIGHLIGHTS:

Donors help raise \$6845.00

We granted 5 single mothers money to help them with tuition at 4 different post secondary institutions

Changes to Government Policy

Frances Bolton graduated with her BA in Child and Youth Care. Frances is a true survivor. Just as she finished her course work she was hit by two strokes which have left her partially incapacitated for now. Given the smile on Frances' face, we are sure she won't be kept down for long.

Frances sent these pictures and wrote:

" My Graduation in a box arrived on the day I had a day pass from the hospital. My two children and my best friend and her kids were there. It was a great moment achieved and I thank you for your generosity and Kindness.

The Bolton's



Jamie Smallboy, who received her funding in 2021 wrote to the JTLF to say:

"Thank you again for your contribution to my educational journey. The funds I received from you came at a crucial time for me. It is a struggle being a single mother of five on a fixed income. An income that is below poverty level makes it challenging to try and compete with society on every level. Your funds helped me towards my tuition which is important to me. I am in my final year of my program. I have three classes and one seminar to complete in the fall for my degree program. I would like to thank you greatly for your contribution.
Hai hai,"

Jamie



Tiffany Poettker received \$2000 from the JTLF to further her studies at Vancouver Island University.

Here is an update from Tiffany that she shared with us;

" With my academics, history and experience I was able to expedite the process of being accepted into the Naturopathic Diploma program via an accredited school in Quebec. Normally, to do this, one would need to have a degree or equivalent experience, so I applied in the hopes that I had equivalent experience. Thankfully, they accepted what I had and I was accepted into the program.

Whilst I was in nursing,

I witnessed many of the cracks within the healthcare system, and I have a goal of helping others get to the root of the problems, versus continually putting "bandaids" on health issues. I think that a new definition of health needs to be sought, as opposed to individuals merely consuming more and more pharmaceuticals. I am determined to help others find a better way. That said, I am now in the Naturopathic Diploma program at the Alternative Medicine College of Canada."



Emily Crawford is using her grant from the fund to study at Langara. She is working to get enough credits to transition to UBC or SFU to finish her degree. Emily told us that receiving the funds from the JTLF helped in her decision to continue her studies.

"I may have decided starting my BA is too intimidating and costly. At this time in my life, it is the perfect motivational push that I need to keep going towards becoming a resource teacher or counsellor one day. Knowing that I have this support from Gale and everyone behind the JTLF is very meaningful, not only to help with the cost but to know I have people who care about my future and believe in me to succeed."

Thank you so very much!



Good News

There has been a change in Government Policy allowing for some single Mums receiving Income Assistance to be allowed to make application to an educational institution and receive a bursary with no fear of clawback. This has been a goal of the Jane Tyler Legacy Fund activists since the inception of the fund in 2010. Since then we have written to and had meetings with MLAs, sent letters to Government Ministries, made submissions to non profit and anti-poverty advocates, garnered allies, continuously raising the issue that denying single Mums the right to attend school increases poverty for single Mums and their children. We have been told this policy change is temporary and is a response to the impact of Covid. However, we believe that the Government can be convinced to make this change permanent.

For more information on this initiative, go to:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance/on-assistance/employment-planning/spei#eligibility>

Donate on line:

If you find you have a few extra dollars to send to the Jane Tyler Legacy Fund we will happily receive your donation at any time of the year, not just during our Christmas fundraiser. We look forward when we can thank you in person for your generosity and get together for some fun while raising money for single moms in our province.

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<https://www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca/give/donor-advised-funds/jane-tyler-legacy-fund>