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Community Foundation



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Building a thriving
community, together

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REFLECTIONS ON 2016

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2016 saw the largest growth in new Donor Advised Funds in our history, including more than 25 new Donor Advised Funds established by a range of inspiring community members that are committed to making the world a better place through their contributions and bequests.

In the same way that deposits and savings from the community are pooled through Vancity Credit Union to earn *Good Money*™ for the benefit of members, our Foundation pools charitable donations that are used to make investments that support non-profit organizations making a difference in our communities.

COOPERATION IS IN OUR DNA.

As a charity supporting other charities, we recognize the tremendous challenges currently facing our communities. A recent report from the chief economist at Imagine Canada estimates a “social deficit” of no less than \$23 billion by 2026. This measure represents unmet needs that the charitable sector will no longer be able to address, due to the current climate of slow economic growth, changes in demographics, and increasing demand for their services and supports. The limited capacity for government and traditional donations to provide the necessary resources demands that we explore and develop new models.

One of the exciting ways we are leveraging new resources is through impact investing. Moving beyond providing grants, we make direct investments from our endowment assets; achieving social, environmental, and even cultural outcomes in addition to the financial returns available to distribute and fund programs.

The endowment model is changing, and we are leading by providing our donors, and our funding partners more flexibility for how your money is mobilized while redefining what it means to create a legacy.

In our region particularly, unrivalled appreciation in the value of real estate assets compounds significant problems (around affordability for housing or for organizations seeking space), yet also encourages new opportunities (through donations from sales or estates, and by working with non-profits who already own land). There has been exciting momentum and important learning occurring as we support innovative and impactful approaches to the development or preservation of land and buildings that ensure access and create positive impacts for people in our communities.

Similarly, we're seeing a growing diversity of social enterprises that support employment outcomes for marginalized populations and more sustainable revenue generation for local organizations. As early stage advisors and longer term investors, we're proud to see increased sophistication and growing acceptance of this approach to building a more cooperative economy.

In addition to the financial and advisory support from our Foundation, we're proud to host a variety of funded projects and initiatives, primarily in the area of poverty reduction and economic inclusion. Providing access to space and administrative capacity to these initiatives, in addition to facilitating new contributions from donors and third party funders, allows for more effective advocacy toward good public policy and enhanced social justice outcomes.

As part of our commitment to building healthy communities, and extending from Vancity's adoption of meaningful reconciliation as a core value, our Foundation has joined as signatory to the **Philanthropic Community's Declaration of Action**, inspired by the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and we are working to deepen our knowledge and understanding along this journey.

As leaders of this organization, we want to offer our profound thanks to all those we've worked with over this past year. The staff and volunteers here represent an amazing group of talented individuals with expertise and a commitment to values that is unparalleled. Inspiring contributions from our donors and funding partners, keep us completely motivated to keep moving resources into the hands of our community partners to make things happen.

At the same time, we also offer an invitation to join us, as Vancity Credit Union, and Vancity Community Foundation, in growing the pool of capital dedicated to positive change.



Derek Gent
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR



Gene Blishen
CO-CHAIR



Alice Miro
CO-CHAIR

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

A charitable foundation
connected to a credit union.



Vancity Community Foundation
pools your donations.



Vancity Credit Union
pools your deposits.



Together, we contribute toward a society that is
inclusive, just, and sustainable.



We get creative with capital, leveraging an
array of financial tools while convening a
trusted network of donors, investors, and
partners to make impact happen!



The cooperative economy flourishes.
Social well-being improves.
The environment is cleaner.
Communities prosper.

We engage donors and partners to grow the available
resources for community and invest all of our assets
for both financial and social returns.



OVER 1200

individual donors
contributing to
community
well-being.



\$7,694,679

distributed to
charities and
community
initiatives.



\$56,123,177

total assets at
the end of the
period.



\$8M

total gifts
received.



**OVER 1000
GRANTS**

distributed
to community.

VANCITY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PERIODS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

	JAN - DEC 2016	JAN - DEC 2015
TOTAL ASSETS (at end of period)	56,123,177	56,793,006
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	7,694,679	5,907,744
NEW CONTRIBUTIONS		
Unrestricted or Program	1,904,740	1,675,231
Greater Vancouver Community Assistance Foundation	689,000	1,794,761
Flow-through Contributions	2,706,561	2,263,571
Donor Advised Funds	2,708,684	1,973,856
CHARITABLE PROGRAM EXPENSES	1,790,689	1,519,306
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	1,504,595	1,351,809
BREAKDOWN OF ASSETS		
a. Unrestricted or Program	8,088,055	8,197,460
b. Greater Vancouver Community Assistance Foundation	3,818,712	4,915,755
c. Restricted, Flow-through	395,253	(224,614)
d. Restricted, Donor Advised Funds	43,385,481	41,974,717

WE CARE HOW OUR MONEY IS INVESTED

Our advisor, Vancity Investment Management Ltd. (VCIM), is also the sub-advisor to the IA Clarington Inhance Social Responsible Investing (SRI) funds. As a signatory of the United Nations *Principles for Responsible Investing*, VCIM is committed to encouraging greater disclosure on environmental performance, social responsibility and corporate governance (ESG).

Following the United Nations *Principles for Responsible Investing* means that 100% of our investments are screened according to the Socially Responsible Investment parameters. These parameters bring ESG issues into investment analysis and decision-making processes.

In 2016, VCIM engaged 23 companies in one or more of seven key areas: living wages, energy efficiency, Indigenous rights, toxic substances, food waste, working conditions in the supply chain, and climate change. In 2016 they filed seven resolutions, which created opportunities for focused discussions with key decision-makers from each company. In addition to engaging companies held in the funds, VCIM participated in collaborative engagements with other investors in several areas, including safety conditions at clothing manufacturing plants, the need to use ESG risk in bond evaluation and support for free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous peoples.

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IMPACT INVESTING



\$6,378,900

Program Related Investments.



\$4,289,000

Equity, Investment Co-op and Real Estate.



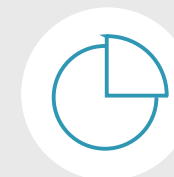
\$1,000,000

Fixed Income.



\$3,707,000

Loan Loss Reserves and Guarantees.



25.2%

Held as Direct Impact Investments.

*THE TOTAL ASSET VALUE USED IN OUR PERCENTAGE CALCULATION HAS BEEN FACTORED UP DUE TO ADDITIONAL RISK PROVISIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SOME IMPACT INVESTING ACTIVITIES.

Under the close direction of our Board of Directors and with support from Vancity and other partners, we are increasingly allocating our assets in direct impact investments. These investments take different forms, representing a number of new and different asset classes for the Foundation including non-profit owned buildings, Indigenous initiatives, and green businesses. We make these investments with the specific intent of achieving positive social and environmental impact through our investment activities as well as a financial return.

In addition to the balanced portfolios managed by Vancity Investment Management and our deposits held at Vancity, we also held or allocated the above instruments as of December 31, 2016 (figures approximate).

PARTNERS IN IMPACT INVESTING

Greater Vancouver Community Assistance

Foundation (GVCAF) Originally incorporated in the mid 1990s, this related entity operates as a separate non-profit tax exempt organization which is not a federally registered charity. This society allows us to provide innovative support for initiatives which benefit the community.

New Market Funds New Market Funds was established by five Foundations including Vancity Community Foundation to increase the capacity of other charities and develop products that take an integrated approach to deliver market competitive investment performance with long-term community benefit.

Renewal2 & Renewal 3 Renewal Funds is a mission venture capital firm that invests in early stage

companies and adds value for entrepreneurs through capital, networks, and expertise. The Fund delivers risk adjusted market returns for its partners while catalyzing positive social and environmental change.

PROGRAM RELATED INVESTMENTS

The following organizations received direct support from Vancity Community Foundation in the form of program related investments. These are below market investments made directly to charities for the purpose of achieving specific benefits and repaying the original capital.

- POCO Dots Daycare
- PLAN
- Judith Marcuse Projects Society
- Chrysalis
- Central City Foundation
- Catalyst Oakridge
- Lohbrunner Farm



Since 1907, Central City Foundation has provided help and hope to the most vulnerable people in Vancouver's inner city. Central City is a \$36 million foundation with approximately 40 per cent of its assets invested right here in our community – in social purpose real estate that provides significant community benefit and generates financial returns.

Back in 2012, Central City Foundation approached Vancity and Vancity Community Foundation about financing the purchase of a building in New Westminster. Central City Foundation was interested in providing a low cost lease option to a local non-profit, Aunt Leah's. Using its core endowment, Vancity Community Foundation provided Central City Foundation with a patient loan in the form of a program related investment as part of a larger financing package, making the purchase feasible. In turn, Central City Foundation was able to lease the space on 20th Street to Aunt Leah's at a below market rate. Aunt Leah's was then able to expand much-needed programs and the building provided a new home for young mothers and their children as well as space for their social enterprise thrift store.

More recently, Aunt Leah's found themselves facing large rent increases at their head office in downtown New Westminster. Through a series of subsequent investments and renovations, they have been able to relocate their offices and other offsite programming into the building on 20th Street, saving thousands of dollars in rent. This savings and security has allowed Aunt Leah's to take more risk, develop innovative programs, and build their capacity which means they are a stronger organization today; able to do even more work in support of new moms and kids in foster care.



“ When we invest in social purpose real estate, the idea is to not just help organizations survive, but to help them thrive. We know Aunt Leah's has a good home and long tenure – this gives them good information to plan for the long-term and allows them to build for the future. This allows organizations to get out of a place of scarcity and to envision growth and innovation that is leading to better programs and greater impact on young people. ”

Jennifer Johnstone • PRESIDENT & CEO OF CENTRAL CITY FOUNDATION



LOHBRUNNER FARM IS JUST THE BEGINNING FOR THE FOODLANDS COOPERATIVE

Farming and food production are the foundation of our local food system and key contributors to regional economies, retention of natural areas, and community well-being. There is growing public awareness and enthusiasm around building a sustainable local food and agriculture system in BC. By supporting the establishment of the Foodlands Cooperative and contributing to the acquisition of its first farm, we are helping lead the way to make foodland more accessible.

In 2016, FarmFolk CityFolk initiated a new Foodlands Cooperative together with a number of partners and with support from Vancity, Vancity Community Foundation and the Real Estate Foundation of BC.

The Foodlands Cooperative of BC accepts donations of land to make it accessible to a new generation of farmers and community groups and is at the forefront of encouraging alternative forms of land ownership to ensure our agricultural lands remain in production in perpetuity. They also help landowners, farmers, and local communities develop and support community farm models, conserve farmland, and build healthy, local food systems.

At the time talks were underway to establish the Foodlands Cooperative, Lohbrunner Farm came to the attention of FarmFolk CityFolk. With its long community history and dedicated group of volunteer farmers, it was an ideal first property for the Foodlands Cooperative. It wouldn't be easy to acquire the Farm. Held at the Land Conservancy of BC, the legality of the sale had to be worked out and funds needed be secured.

In total \$500,000 was secured including \$300,000 in direct funds raised by FarmFolk CityFolk and the Vancity Community Foundation—consisting of a \$100,000 private donation, \$100,000 from the Community Farms Endowment Fund held at Vancity Community Foundation, and a program related investment from Vancity Community Foundation in the form of a \$100,000 loan held by FarmFolk CityFolk. After many meetings, phone calls, and negotiations; ownership of the Farm transferred to FarmFolk CityFolk in September 2016.

While negotiations were underway, community members that had been volunteers on the farm formed the “Lohbrunner Community Farm Co-op”, a service co-op operating under



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NEGOTIATIONS; OWNERSHIP
OF THE FARM TRANSFERRED
TO FARMFOLK CITYFOLK IN
SEPTEMBER 2016.

three main principles: they will farm the land organically, manage it to maintain biodiversity, and work to support local food security and food production. At the same time, the co-op will provide hands-on experience with farming to the community through educational programs and community events.

The farm, which has 6 acres on a rich flood plane is now growing an abundance of berries and vegetables. The farmers are looking to turn another 3 acres into food production land and are offering farmers long-term and affordable leases for one or more acres – leases that come with collaborative support!

“ With the desire to farm has come some anxiety around how to access land. It’s no secret that land prices in BC are way beyond the reaches of many, especially young people who haven’t yet built up their equity. Lohbrunner Community Farm Co-op, is able to offer me affordable, long term access to 2 acres of leased farmland: an opportunity too good to pass up! ”

Ariella Folkowski • FARMER



“ I am most excited about giving young folks an opportunity to get their hands in the soil and experience what it means to look after the land, put food on their table, and support the future by learning what the environment has to teach them by having their own personal meaningful experiences.

I so look forward to working with the Cooperative who to this point has accomplished so much to uphold Norma Lohbrunner’s vision of her land for the future good of the animals and birds, and the productivity of the farmland she and Joseph cherished. ”

Diana Brubaker

• BUDDING FARMER AND RETIRING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS



\$3,550,547

Total grants from Donor Advised Funds distributed to charities.



380

Total number of grants from Donor Advised Funds.



\$43,385,481

Assets of Donor Advised Funds.



28

New Donor Advised Funds established.



\$2.7M

New contributions to Donor Advised Funds.

Vancity Community Foundation is honoured to host more than 175 Donor Advised Funds – established by individuals, groups, families, and organizations to support a wide variety of charitable causes in our community. Establishing a Donor Advised Fund has tax advantages while at the same time creating a lasting legacy and ensuring that giving is directed to the charitable causes you are passionate about.

PERFORMANCE OF OUR DONOR ADVISED FUND PORTFOLIO TO DECEMBER 31, 2016

	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	10 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION 16 YEARS
Vancity Community Foundation	7.2%	12.58%	11.83%	6.5%	5.45%
Benchmark 5% T-BILL, 35% CANADA BOND, 45% TSX, 15% S&P500	10.09%	6.52%	6.51%	4.77%	5.46%

NEW DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

A Donor Advised Fund is a strategic tool that allows you to create a lasting legacy to support charities in your community while providing tax benefits back to you. Vancity Community Foundation is honoured and inspired by the many individuals and organizations that have placed their trust in us and committed to contributing to positive community change both now and beyond their lifetime. We welcomed the following Donor Advised Funds in 2016:

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY FUNDS

Art and Lily Dekraker Fund

Balaclava Estate Fund

Derek and Barbara Smith
Foundation Fund

George T. Kidd Memorial Fund

Going Forward Fund

Hans Peter Rodseth Memorial Fund

Hendrik Hoekema Fund

I. Kuramoto Family Fund

John and Pauline Anatooshkin
Legacy Fund

June Yohm Charitable Fund

Juno Fund

Lloyd J. and Christine Stadler Fund

Marguerite Lewis Fund

Neil and Nancy Morrison Legacy Fund

Pat and Jim McQueen Legacy Fund

Pui Yung Compassion Fund

Salsbury Garden Fund

Teresita Fund

Shirley and Gerry Fund

Tudor Sheil Fund

Wheel Community Fund

LEGACY FUNDS

Jane and Michael Millard Fund

Barrie and Margaret Vickers
Caritas Fund

Carlson's Dogwood Fund



ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS

Burnaby Retired Teachers' Association
Wynn Richmond Bursary Fund

R.R. Smith Community Fund

Sole Food Street Farms
Endowment Fund

Vancouver Farmers Markets' Fresh
to Families Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUND DIRECTORY

Using our expertise, community knowledge and Vancity network, we work with individuals and organizations to develop giving strategies that invest in organizations – big and small- that are making a difference. We are honoured to administer the following Donor Advised Funds which support a variety of charitable causes in our home communities and beyond. To learn more visit our website:

www.VancityCommunityFoundation.ca/Give

Access to Justice Fund	BGH Community Fund	Cooperative Commonwealth Fund	Ellie O'Day Arts and Housing Fund
Adriaan C. de Vries Scholarship Fund	Bill Reid Memorial Endowment Fund	Co-operators Fund	Enchanted Forest Fund
Alayne Keough Fund	Blue Skies Fund	Cull Family Fund	FarmFolk / CityFolk Endowment Fund
Alexandra Paproski #XOXO Fund	Bright Beginnings Foundation Fund	Currie/Baehr Family Endowment Fund	First Call BC Fund
Alfred and Marjorie Lam Endowment Fund	Broad Cove Fund	Cyndi Poynter Thoracic Nursing Education Fund	George Newbould Cull Endowment Fund
Amy Dalglish Memorial Endowment Fund	Brooke Forbes Legacy Fund	Dāna Giving Fund	George Sisters' Fund
Arts and Culture Legacy Fund	Bursary Fund	Dave Mowat Climate Change Fund	Grace Mirehouse Memorial Award Fund
Arts for Life Fund	Calarchy Fund	Dendoff Morris Legacy Fund	Greater Victoria Savings Credit Union Legacy Fund
ArtStarts Facility Operating Endowment Fund	Chiron Fund	Donald George Robson Fund	Grey Community Fund
BC Borstal Association Fund	Christopher Rytter Memorial Fund	Driscoll Family Fund	Gulf & Fraser Financial Group Foundation Fund
BC Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship Fund	CircaNow Foundation Fund	Drs. Pierre & Dianne Faber Family Fund	GW 2010 Flow Through Fund
BC Litigation Fund	Coastal Sound Music Academy Fund	Early Childhood Educators BC Fund	Homeopathic Care Fund
Better Environmentally Sound Transport Endowment Fund	CoDev Endowment Fund	Edna Goring Fund	
	Community Farms Endowment Fund	Ellen Tattersfield Memorial Fund	
	Comox Valley Land Trust Pat Glazner Memorial Fund		

ICBC Endowment Fund For People with Disabilities	Leon C. Morel Memorial Scholarship Fund	Peter and Chloe O'Loughlin Charitable Fund	Sorensen Animal Fund
Igor Bradaric Legacy Fund	Lions Bay Community Scholarship Foundation Endowment Fund	Peter and Melody Anderson Foundation Fund	South Granville Seniors Centre Endowment Fund
Innovation Fund	Little Mountain Community Fund	Peter Pupkin Fund	SPARC BC Michael Goldberg Legacy Funds
Integris Credit Union Community Foundation Fund	Lucille Harkness Memorial Scholarship Fund	Philip and Claire Daykin Charitable Fund	Spectrum Endowment Fund
James Lindfield Fund	Margaret Mitchell Fund for Women	PLAN - Josh Bodner Endowment	Sprout Social Intention Fund
JAMST Fibre Arts Fund	Marley Memorial Fund for Education	PLAN - Lucille Johnstone Discretionary Fund	Squamish Credit Union Legacy Foundation Fund
Jane Tyler Legacy Fund	Mary-Jo Dionne Productions Fund	PLAN - Permanent Endowment Fund	Strandberg Family Fund
Jhaji Foundation Fund	Mayer-Smith Charitable Fund	PLAN - Personal Network Sustaining Fund	Surrey Homelessness and Housing Endowment Fund
Joan and Noel Armstrong Legacy Fund	McGill Ability Fund	Purple Papillion Fund	Sustainable Economy Fund
John and Joan Freeman Scholarship Fund	Michael Cuccione Foundation Fund	Quart Family Fund	Swale Fund
John and Kathleen Gustafson Fund	Mom2Mom Fund	Richard E. Sanford Fund	Tchao Family, Friends & Associates Charitable Fund
Joy & Ken Williams Education Fund	Mowat Family Fund	Robert Chambers Memorial Endowment Fund	Van Tel/Safeway Credit Union Legacy Fund
Judith Marcuse Projects Fund	Myasthenia Gravis Association Fund	Romuald & Nancy Gobis Fund	Vancitizens Legacy Fund
Kathi LeBlanc Innovation in Business Fund	Nancy Grant Fund	S. Giggey Fund	Vancity Community Foundation Directors' Fund
Kazuko Takahashi Endowment Fund	Nancy Hawkins and Bill Bargeman Endowment Fund	S.T.E.P.S. Fund	Vancity Humanitarian Fund
KEATCA Fund	Norman Kirby Scholarship Fund	Salcito Charitable Fund	Verna and Ralph Storseth Fund
Kerry & Betty Ho Fund	North Shore Community Resources Society Fund	Sawicki Runka Fund	VIPY Fund
Krannitz Family Fund	Not Just Coffee Fund	Shannon Meehan Legacy Fund	West End Seniors' Society Kay Stovold Memorial Fund
Langley Environmental Partners Bursary Fund	NutritionLink Services Society Endowment Fund	Shellard Family Charitable Fund	Williams Family Fund
Larson-Bird Fund	Olivia Fund	Silver Tubby Fund	Youth at Risk Fund
Laura Napodi Endowment Fund	Pang Kui Chiu Fund	Social Enterprise Policy Fund	Zaurrini Family Fund
Leo and Frances Longo Fund	Parkgate Community Legacy Fund	Somerville Fund	

HANS PETER RODSETH MEMORIAL FUND

INSPIRED BY A PASSION FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

When Peter Rodseth passed away in 2014, his network of friends in the Nechako Valley came together to support the family and celebrate Peter's life. Together they learned so much about Peter, hearing about the lives he touched and how he mentored many young people.

Peter came to the Nechako Valley as a young forestry technician in the 1970's. He built himself a log home overlooking the Nechako River Bird Sanctuary and he would become the catalyst and inspiration for community groups fighting for fair flows for the Nechako River through the 1980's and 90's.

Peter had a passion for rivers, forests and mountains and was happiest when canoeing, skiing, running, hiking, camping and sharing these skills with others. He guided the Cross-Country Ski Club, the Cub Scouts, Junior Forest Rangers and burgeoning runners and woodcarvers.

A master woodcarver and trail builder by trade, his crowning achievement was the 12 metre long by 3.2 high hand-carved red alder wood mural in the Service BC Building in Vanderhoof. It is his poem to life and his passion of



PETER CONTINUOUSLY GAVE
BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY
AND TO CARRY ON HIS VISION,
HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE
FOLLOWING HIS LEAD.

the bountiful landscape of British Columbia, its rivers, and its rich history.

A caring and compassionate man, he was the environmental conscience of the community and a formidable foe of those who would despoil our only home, Planet Earth. In Peter's words, "we must treat our fragile planet with great respect". It is hoped his memory will embody some of Peter's love of the natural beauty of this world and his passion for protecting its environment.

Peter continuously gave back to his community and to carry on his vision, his friends and family are following his lead. The Hans Peter Rodseth Memorial Fund is administered by Vancity Community Foundation and provides educational scholarships to students in the Nechako Valley to pursue post-secondary education at a community college or university so that they may commit to making their community a better place where natural beauty can be enjoyed and the environment protected.

VANCOUVER FARMERS' MARKETS FRESH TO FAMILIES FUND

ACCESS TO FRESH, LOCAL FOOD REMINDS PARTICIPANTS OF HOME

The Fresh to Families Project provides access to fresh, locally grown food for low income families, newly arrived refugees, and at-risk expectant mothers through its community partners at MOSAIC, Circles of Care & Connection, and VCH Healthiest Babies Possible. Each household enrolled in the program is eligible to receive \$15/week in fresh food coupons from June-October, which can be spent at farmers markets for produce, meat, eggs, and dairy.



THE FRESH TO FAMILIES PROJECT PROVIDES ACCESS TO FRESH, LOCALLY GROWN FOOD FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES, NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES, AND AT-RISK EXPECTANT MOTHERS.

As a registered BC non-profit, Vancouver Farmers' Markets support small farm production, nourish people and connect neighbours by operating 8 weekly farmers markets throughout Vancouver. The markets support 250 small scale producers and keeps 6,000 acres of BC farmland in production. Each year, the markets feed and nourish over 450,000 people, including low income families and seniors through the Fresh to Families Project.

Established in 2016, the Vancouver Farmers' Markets Fresh to Families Fund is administered at Vancity Community Foundation and supports the Fresh to Families Project. In 2016, Vancouver Farmers' Markets raised more than \$6,500 towards this project.

“ I was able to buy lots of fresh, organic vegetables. I made a stew for my family, which my children enjoyed even though usually they do not like to eat vegetables. ”

Fresh to Families participant

MOSAIC BUILDING BLOCKS PROGRAM

“ One of our youth participants was so excited to be able to buy cheese at the farmers market. Cheese is a luxury item she usually can't afford. ”

Program coordinator

VCH HEALTHIEST BABIES POSSIBLE

“ The farmers market reminds me of home – we used to meet our friends at the market, just like I did today. I hope this wonderful program continues. ”

Fresh to Families participant

MT. PLEASANT EARLY YEARS REFUGEE PROGRAM

VANTEL SAFEWAY CREDIT UNION LEGACY FUND

INDIGENOUS CLINIC INTEGRATES ELDERS INTO CARE

For time immemorial, Indigenous communities have had a wholistic understanding of health including physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being; balanced in correlation with our physical environment, the earth, diet, relationship with animals, family and one another. The process of colonization and cultural genocide has traumatic impacts on Indigenous families that has caused health disparities that are no longer acceptable. Lu'ma Medical Centre opened its doors in August, 2016 with the intention of changing the way health care is delivered in order to actively engage individuals and families in restoring and maintaining their well-being. The Centre is the only clinic in Vancouver with Indigenous doctors and provides access to traditional healers and a mental health counsellor.

Earlier in 2016, the VanTel Safeway Credit Union Legacy Fund received an application from Lu'ma seeking funding to furnish patient examination rooms. A grant of \$5,000 enabled Lu'ma to furnish one exam room with an exam table, a wall mount with blood pressure, ear, and heart monitors; a stool, and a scale.

Administered by Vancity Community Foundation, the Van Tel/Safeway Credit Union Legacy Fund provides grants of up to \$5000 to charitable organizations in support youth, community enhancement, crime prevention, and the environment.



THE CENTRE IS THE ONLY CLINIC IN VANCOUVER WITH INDIGENOUS DOCTORS AND PROVIDES ACCESS TO TRADITIONAL HEALERS AND A MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR.

SALSBURY GARDEN FUND

BUILDING ON A LEGACY OF COMMUNITY WELL-BEING



THIS BEAUTIFUL PLOT OF LAND WAS THE ROSE GARDEN OF DENTIST ARTHUR W. GREENIUS AND HIS WIFE MINNIE WHO OWNED THE PROPERTY AND LIVED BESIDE IT.

Salsbury Garden was, for many years, a secluded and much-loved community garden sanctuary on the southwest corner of Napier Street and Salsbury Drive in Grandview. It featured two 1907 BC Mills pre-fab cottages, a forest of old butternut, cypress, cedar, and mountain ash trees, a little cob house, picnic tables, and a vegetable garden. From 1917–1957, long before it was known as Salsbury Garden, this beautiful plot of land was the rose garden of the local dentist, Arthur W. Greenius, and his wife Minnie, who owned the property and lived beside it.

In 2006–2007, neighbours and community activists worked hard to preserve their much-loved Salsbury Garden, but were unable to save it from the pressures of development. Now, a decade later, a couple of those people have partnered with Vancity Community Foundation to create a Donor Advised Fund in the garden's name. The Fund's goal is to continue to grow the garden's legacy and the marvellous sense of community it inspired.

Established in 2016, the Salsbury Garden Fund aims to provide support to groups helping children and youth in need in East Vancouver — particularly to promote food security and a love of books and reading, of nature, of animals, and of music.

Through this Fund, the memories and especially the community spirit of this special place will live on. In 2016, the Fund issued one of its first grants to the Grandview Woodlands Food Connection (GWFC), a Neighborhood Food Network working in partnership with Britannia Community Centre as host agency. The GWFC is dedicated to supporting the health and well-being of all residents, and in particular, those most vulnerable living in Grandview Woodland and nearby neighbourhoods by promoting an accessible, just and sustainable food system for our community.

THANK YOU, DONORS...

Without our donors, the depth and variety of impact would simply not be possible. On behalf of our Donor Advised Fund holders, our board, and the community organizations you have invested in, thank you for your support.

INDIVIDUALS

Aaron Franks

Adam Lall

Adam Chahl

Adam Brooker

Adrienne Burk & Tom Nesbit

Aileen Murphy

Airdrie Miller

Alan Pettigrew

Albert Gerrebos

Alberto Canas

Alex & Karen Currie

Alexander Morris

Alexandra Rutherford

Alexandra Paproski

Ali Shirazi

Alicia Ko

Alida Fallavollita

Alisa Lazear

Alison Hill

Alistair Moes

Alix Baziuk

Allan James

Allan Davis

Allison Felker

Amanda Bronswyk

Amelia Bradaric

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Aqueduct Foundation

Arbutus Interiors

ArtStarts in Schools Society

B&B Contracting (2012) Ltd

BC Council of Garden Clubs

BC Housing

BC Hydro Power Smart

Burnaby Rhododendron
& Gardens Society

Canadian Fishing Company

Carlyon Holdings Ltd.

CHC Helicopter Services

CitiWest Consulting Ltd.

Coastal Sound Music Academy

Community Living BC

Dogwood Garden Club

Dunbar Garden Club

False Creek Design Group

Fish Safe

Formative Communities
Project Society

Fortis BC

Gordon Head Garden Club

InvigoMEDIA Corp.

Kitsun Co-operative
Housing Association

LIFT Philanthropy Partners Society

Lions Bay Community
Scholarship Foundation

Lynn Valley Garden Club

Main Art Drift Society

Mandair Farms

Myasthenia Gravis Association

New Great Land Developing Ltd.

New Westminister
Horticultural Society

North Shore Community Resources

North Surrey Horticultural Society

O.J. Electric Ltd.

One Stop Alarm Systems Ltd.

Orangeville Raceway Ltd.

Pacific Seafood Group

Parkgate Community
Services Society

Penticton and District Garden Club

Pioneer Security and
Communications Ltd.

Raicon Developments Inc.

Rotary Woman's Association
Inner Circle Society

RR Smith Memorial Fund Foundation

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Smith Cameron Process Solutions

Sohal Enterprises Ltd.

South Burnaby Garden Club

Steveston Harbour Authority

Summer Fishing Ltd.

TELUS Corporation

The Benevity Community
Impact Fund

The Garden Club of Vancouver

The Giving Tree Foundation
of Canada

The Jim Pattison Foundation

The Society of Horticultural and
Floral Design Judges BC

The South Delta Garden Club

The Squamish Gardeners

Unitarian Church of Vancouver

Upper Lonsdale Garden Club

Vancity

Vancouver Dahlia Society

Vancouver Farmers' Markets

Vancouver Foundation

Vancouver Ikebana Association

Vancouver Shade Garden Society

Wild Canadian Sablefish
Canadian Ltd.

Women's Probus Club of Vancouver

THANK YOU!

WORKING TOGETHER WITH VANCITY CREDIT UNION



We find many ways to work together with our founding partner, Vancity, to support projects and initiatives that align with our shared values and contribute to community well-being. By far our largest source of grant dollars has been through Vancity who is a key partner in our strategic programs as well as a champion of many charitable funds and causes in our communities. Here's just a few of the ways we have worked together in 2016:

VANCITY HUMANITARIAN FUND

The Vancity Humanitarian Fund was launched by Vancity in response to the Syrian refugee crisis and to support Canada's offer to welcome more refugees to our communities. The Fund enables our members to make direct donations to local charities that help refugees get settled.

In 2016, the Vancity Humanitarian Fund received over 200 donations totaling more than \$120,000 and granted \$100,000 to support local refugee resettlement initiatives through organizations like Immigrant Services Society, Mount Pleasant Family Centre, and Vancouver Association for Survivors of Torture.

HOW ARE YOU GIVING CHANGE?

In winter 2016, Vancity introduced the "How are you Giving Change?" holiday e-card campaign. While many programs & services provide much needed short-term relief for the downstream symptoms of poverty; the goal of this campaign was to raise funds for organizations working towards long-term solutions that go upstream to address the very systems that are holding poverty in place.



For every holiday e-card sent during the campaign, Vancity donated \$2 to support the Giving Change Fund which is held at Vancity Community Foundation to support organizations that address the root causes of poverty. Over 1,380 cards were sent; Vancity topped up the campaign for a total gift of \$10,000.

SUPPORTING MEMBERS TO GIVE

We receive donations from members directly through their online accounts, gifts of *Shared Success* dividends, and/or gifts of *My Visa Rewards Plus** points. In each case we issue tax receipts to donors and forward funds to a charity. Giving this way is simple and effective.

In 2016, members provide over \$75,000 in Visa points donations to Vancity Community Foundation designated to an individual Donor Advised Fund, Vancity Community Foundation, the EnviroFund, or a Canadian Registered Charity of their choosing.

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ADVANCING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND COMMUNITY OWNED REAL ESTATE INITIATIVES

VANCITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ADVANCES SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND COMMUNITY OWNED REAL ESTATE PROJECTS
THAT ALLEVIATE POVERTY AND/OR ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY.



\$141,680

Invested in social purpose
real estate initiatives.



9

Total number of organizations
supported to advance social
purpose real estate initiatives.



\$271,054

Invested in social
enterprise initiatives.



18

Total number of organizations
supported to develop social
enterprise initiatives.

Through the strategic programs managed at Vancity Community Foundation and with our counterparts at Vancity, we harness the ingenuity, passion and assets of community to create game-changing social enterprise and social purpose real estate initiatives that transform local economies and build a more just and sustainable world.

Most often we work directly with organizations by providing combinations of capital, connections and advisory services in the form of expert advice, grants and funding, repayable grants and friendly loans, and access to financing to advance specific initiatives.

INVESTING IN AND SUPPORTING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INITIATIVES

We believe that social enterprise can be a powerful tool to meet community needs and address social and environmental challenges. From training and jobs for people with barriers to employment, to providing innovative goods and services that address specific social or environmental issues, or generating sustainable sources of revenue that support the financial resilience and program delivery for non-profit organizations – social enterprises help build more inclusive, co-operative and sustainable local economies and communities.

In 2016, together with Vancity Credit Union and the City of Vancouver and in some cases, with additional grants from our Donor Advised Funds, we provided a comprehensive suite of financial and technical support to help the following organizations develop their social enterprise initiatives.

IDEA DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION

The following organizations received support and/or advisory services to develop, validate, test and refine specific elements of their business ideas and models.

ALUNA

BABY BOX BUSINESS CONCEPT

Maple Ridge Family and Education Centre

DELISH CATERING FEASIBILITY PLANNING

Abbotsford Community Services

SCRAP CARS, NOT KIDS

Just Right Recycling

URBAN NATIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

VANCOUVER ABORIGINAL FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

GREEN SHORES CERTIFICATION

Stewardship Council of BC

RISE WOMEN'S LEGAL CLINIC

West Coast Leaf

GROWING SUSTAINABLY AND INCREASING IMPACT

We supported the following enterprises to explore opportunities or implement strategies for growth and expansion that will enable them to reach their full potential.

CLEARSKY MEDITATION CENTRE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS OF BC

EDIBLE GARDEN PROJECT

North Shore Neighbourhood House

SOLE FOOD STREET FARMS

CLEANSTART

Simpson Community Development

PLANET PROTECTOR ACADEMY

DreamRider Productions

BC COUNCIL FOR FAMILIES

BC COLLABORATIVE ON QUALITY LANGUAGE SERVICES

BUILDING VIABILITY

These organizations are getting ready to launch and/or recently up and running. We provided the following organizations funding or financing to get to the next level.

CURBSIDE FRESH

GREATER VANCOUVER FOODBANK SOCIETY

THE GALIANO LEARNING CENTRE

GALIANO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

THREADWORKS



RISE WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE

HELPING PUT ACCESS TO JUSTICE WITHIN WOMEN'S REACH.



AFTER YEARS OF CUTS TO LEGAL AID, A FREE LEGAL CLINIC OPENS TO HELP WOMEN WITH FAMILY LAW MATTERS. RISE WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE STRIVES TO CREATE ACCESSIBLE LEGAL SERVICES THAT ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF WOMEN.

PHOTO CREDIT: Rise Women's Legal Centre

Founded by West Coast LEAF and the Peter A. Allard School of Law at UBC and with a significant contribution from an anonymous donor, Rise Women's Legal Centre is a full-service storefront family law legal clinic serving low-income women in the Lower Mainland.

Rise is the first new legal clinic in BC offering representation services since the 1980s. The acute need for an organization like Rise stems from almost 15 years of devastating cuts to the legal aid system in BC. These cuts have meant that only the most high conflict cases — usually involving domestic violence — and only the most low income women qualify for help, leaving many more without meaningful access to justice.

Working primarily in family law matters such as child custody, protection orders and spousal support, Rise enhances access to justice in three ways: first, by providing legal advice and representation primarily to low income women who have no other means of getting legal help; second, by creating an opportunity for law students to learn how to deliver community-based legal services and carry forward a commitment to providing access to justice and family law services in their legal careers; third, by identifying cases that have the potential to advance women's legal rights at a systemic level.

“ Women have a particular need to access legal services – although cuts to legal aid have been negative for everyone, they have had a disproportionate impact on women in this province. Moreover, due to the rising cost of legal services, even many low middle income earners need an affordable alternative to full-service private law firms. ”

Kim Hawkins • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT RISE

From the beginning, Rise has recognized the need to develop a revenue model that will allow it to further its impact and diversify its revenue streams. Vancity Community Foundation has supported Rise by helping it build out its business model through market validation and financial projections as it works to explore innovative models that make this essential legal service accessible to more low-income women and financially sustainable for the organization.

INVESTING IN AND SUPPORTING
SOCIAL PURPOSE REAL ESTATE INITIATIVES

Our region faces significant real-estate challenges... from lack of affordable housing options for individuals and families along the housing and income continuum, to inadequate and insufficient spaces for non-profits delivering needed community services and programs, to the loss of community-owned land and buildings due to development or financial pressures.

At the same time, many mission-driven organizations hold land, financial resources or other assets that can be leveraged to create more and better affordable housing and to meet a range of community space needs. We are seeing a range of innovative, collaborative and impactful social purpose real estate projects and models that are doing just that. From mixed-use projects blending affordable housing with community program and/or commercial spaces, to community hubs, co-location or co-working spaces, to farmland and community land trusts, we believe these kinds of initiatives can increase community ownership, maximize community benefits and generate future revenue streams for organizations.



Together with Vancity, we strive to enable and accelerate this work by supporting community to retain, acquire, develop and re-develop community real estate assets that have potential to maximize community benefit and financial resilience, including the creation of affordable housing.

In 2016, Vancity Community Foundation provided support to the following organizations:

COMMUNITAS CARE SOCIETY <i>Real Estate Redevelopment Assessment</i>	ARTSCAPE FOUNDATION <i>Artscape BC Start-Up</i>
GARTH HOMER SOCIETY <i>Redevelopment Space Needs Review</i>	LEGION BC/YUKON COMMAND <i>Veterans Village Surrey Concept Plan</i>
RICHMOND COMMUNITY LIVING SOCIETY <i>Real Estate Assessment & Strategy</i>	SALT SPRING COMMUNITY SERVICES <i>Affordable Housing Development Feasibility Planning</i>
SMALL HOUSING BC <i>Small Housing Demonstration Project</i>	CENTRE FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT <i>Site Analysis & Concept Development</i>
PACIFICA HOUSING <i>Fairfield Block Assessment</i>	

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

PURSUES A VISION FOR DEVELOPMENT THAT PROVIDES NEW COMMUNITY SPACE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Together with Catalyst Community Developments Society, and Simon Fraser Society for Community Living (with SHARE Family and Community Services), St. Andrew's United Church in Port Moody is pursuing a vision for a re-development of their existing Church property that will greatly benefit the Tri-Cities community. The new space will serve the mission of St. Andrew's and their work in the community, and will include new multi-purpose church and community space, 55 affordable rental homes as well as program and administrative space for the delivery of early childhood intervention programs.

The Church property occupies a prominent site fronting onto St. John's Street and backing onto Spring Street in Port Moody, just five blocks from the new Port Moody Skytrain station (and WestCoast Express). Throughout its long history, the Church has partnered with community groups and other churches to support initiatives that address poverty, homelessness and other social challenges in the community. With their awareness of rising need for community services, strong non-profit organizations, and affordable housing; the congregation began to look at its property as a new opportunity to create a community of comprehensive uses and occupants in a financially sustainability way.

With the support of the BC Conference, an administrative and service-delivery body of the United Church, the Church entered into a joint venture partnership with Catalyst Community Developments Society to undertake a project that will radically transform the existing church property from a large parking lot and



THIS PROJECT IS AN INSPIRING
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modest church building into a 70,000 square foot mixed-use complex including a multi-functioning church space, affordable rental apartments and townhouses, the 22,500 sq. ft. Tri-Cities Children Centre, as well as a shared entry atrium, court yard and green space.

With a clear vision and concept in place, Vancity Community Foundation contributed \$25,000 for business plan development and, along with Vancity, a pre-development loan to help the project move forward with the work needed to secure the required approvals and capital for construction.

In March 2017 BC Housing announced a \$5 million investment toward the \$26 million dollar project. At completion St. Andrews United will own the new church and a portion of the rental homes, Simon Fraser Society will own and operate the Children's Centre and Catalyst Community Development Society will own the remaining rental homes and will oversee operations of the complex. Together, the partners will ensure that 100% of this asset will remain in community ownership.

This project is an inspiring example of how a faith-based organization can leverage its land and partner with other community organizations to help address critical community needs such as affordable housing; while meeting its own real estate needs, securing future financial resilience, and retaining an important property in community hands.

FOSTERING SUCCESS THROUGH EDUCATION, RESEARCH, COLLABORATION

We learn with every investment we make and continuously look for new ways of doing things. We deliver, support, and/or engage with our partners to develop and build tools and resources, conduct research & pilot projects, and/or host events that will advance the non-profit sector.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council (MVAEC)

Vancity Community Foundation partnered with MVAEC to provide coaching and planning grants to Indigenous organizations developing social enterprise initiatives and contributed to the development of an Indigenous social enterprise toolkit.

Vancouver Island Social Enterprise Incubator

Vancity Community Foundation supported the Vancouver Island Social Enterprise Incubator, an initiative of the Victoria Community Social Planning Council. In 2016, the Foundation designated funds for program participants to further develop their social enterprise initiatives.

Demonstrating Value

Together with Demonstrating Value, Vancity Community Foundation launched a 'societal cost calculator' to estimate how employing individuals who are marginalized could influence poverty-related outcomes and associated societal costs.

Spencer Creo

Vancity Community Foundation supports the delivery of the Spence Creo Employment Support Services that provides on-going support services to vulnerable employees at 5 social enterprises in Vancouver's Downtown East Side

SOCIAL PURPOSE REAL ESTATE

Pre-Development Funds

Vancity established a pool of pre-development funds held at Vancity Community Foundation. The funds are available for patient loans and at a preferred interest rate, to non-profit community partners to help them through the early stages of real estate development.

Building it Right Workshop Series

Vancity Community Foundation hosted a cohort of 5 community living organizations interested in exploring, developing, and refining their social purpose real estate options, strategies, and priorities.

Social Purpose Real Estate (SPRE) Collaborative

Vancity Community Foundation is a member of the SPRE Collaborative. SPRE members work collectively to help mission-driven organizations with their real estate needs in order to enhance the sustainability, capacity and assets of the sector.

RECONCILIATION

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Vancity Community Foundation's signature on the Philanthropic Community's Declaration of Action on Reconciliation is a commitment to act on the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

VANCITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION APPLIES INNOVATION, EXPERTISE, AND ADVOCACY TOWARDS UPSTREAM SOLUTIONS.

WE CAN'T AFFORD POVERTY



THE ARTS FOR LIFE FUND WAS CREATED IN 2014 BY CHRISTINE RONDEAU AND ALISTAIR STEWART TO SUPPORT ART PROJECTS, WORK SPACES AND ARTISTS IN VANCOUVER.

BC has had one of the highest poverty rates in Canada for the last 15 years. There are almost 600,000 people in our province desperately trying to make ends meet and keep their heads above water. The *We Can't Afford Poverty* campaign is a community art-driven campaign to eradicate poverty from British Columbia, starting with raising social assistance rates. The campaign held printmaking and quilting/banner workshops with children to stimulate discussion on raising social assistance rates and a commitment to end poverty.

The initiative, conceived by Raise the Rates & Positive Living BC, received a grant in 2016 from Arts for Life Fund held at Vancity Community Foundation. The **Arts for Life Fund** was created in 2014 by Christine Rondeau and Alistair Stewart to support art projects, work spaces and artists in Vancouver, including dance, theatre, fine art and music. Eye-catching artwork created by children who attended the print making workshops has been transformed into powerful campaign posters.

“ We’ve always been able to take advantage of the abundant culture of the cities we’ve lived in but are troubled by the dwindling sources of money for the people who created this culture and from whom we take a lot of enjoyment. The fact that the Raise the Rates/We Can’t Afford Poverty project encourages children to develop their artistic skills towards important social issues makes it a great fit for what we set out to do. ”

Alistair Stewart • ARTS FOR LIFE FUND

ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY

Tackling the root causes of poverty and achieving the required systemic changes involves Vancity Community Foundation in collaborative work, with synergistic results. The activities of the following initiatives are housed within Vancity Community Foundation. Each initiative addresses a unique root element of poverty and works towards their own strategic priorities, goals, and objectives:

First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition is a non-partisan coalition of over 100 organizations that have united their voices to put children and youth first in BC through education, community mobilization, and policy advocacy.

The Living Wage for Families Campaign encourages employers to pay a living wage as well as advocates for government policies that would help families make ends meet. This campaign is hosted by First Call, but is responsible for raising its own operating funds.

The BC Poverty Reduction Coalition actively campaigns for the introduction of a bold and comprehensive poverty reduction plan from the government of BC giving a voice to 50 community and non-profit groups, and 400 supporting organizations.

The Surrey Homelessness and Housing Society works collaboratively with its partners to foster solutions to homelessness with a focus on creating housing for our homeless and at-risk individuals and families.

Generation Squeeze campaigns for the financial well-being of Canadians in their forties and younger by influencing policy, providing member benefits, and helping individuals adapt.

Vancity Community Foundation

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VISION

Shared with Vancity Credit Union,
our vision is to redefine wealth.

MISSION

To be a catalyst
for community change.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Cooperative principles and
practices: *flourishing in the
community*

Social justice and economic
inclusion: *enhanced in our
communities*

Environmental sustainability:
*enhances our lives and
communities*

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our dedicated Board of Directors volunteer their time to support the mission, vision, and values of Vancity Community Foundation. We are grateful for their participation and the wealth of community expertise they bring to our Board table.

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OUR PEOPLE

At Vancity Community Foundation, we are fortunate to have a dedicated, passionate, and tireless group of people working together with Vancity and our donors and partners to build a thriving community founded on cooperative principles of social justice, financial inclusion and environmental sustainability.

In 2016 we expanded our work in our Strategic Programs. We welcomed **BILL AUBE** as our Development Advisor for Social Purpose Real Estate. Bill brings broad multidisciplinary experience from the fields of real estate, urban planning, manufacturing, health care and information technology. We also welcomed **SEAN CONDON** who is our new Development Advisor for Social Enterprise. Sean is keen to bring his 10 years of learnings and experience with Megaphone (a magazine sold on the streets of Vancouver and Victoria by homeless and low-income vendors) to support other organizations in the planning, launch and growth their social enterprise and to help strengthen our community impact.

Our Team Lead of the Homeless Partnering Strategy (HPS) Team, **LISA NISSANOV** has taken some time off to welcome a new addition to her family; and while she's away, **LETIZIA ROMEI** has taken on the role of Team Leader. We also welcomed **ARMINDA ALEXANDER** on board to the HPS Team. Arminda brings extensive experience in social and affordable housing, finance, accounting, property management and real estate asset management to the team. **SHAUNA CORNES** has returned from her maternity leave which means we said farewell to **MIRIAH HODGINS** who has returned to her work in homelessness outreach.

In 2016 we also said farewell to **SARENA TALBOT** who worked tirelessly as the First Call Coordinator. Stepping into the role is **JOHN KENNEDY**, bringing with him many years of international experience as a writer and journalist involved in human rights activism.

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

TOGETHER WE CAN
support non-profit
organizations to use
business to address
social, environmental and
economic challenges.

SOCIAL PURPOSE REAL ESTATE

TOGETHER WE CAN
help increase access
to and availability of
affordable housing and
facilities for individuals,
families, and community
organizations.

ENHANCED COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

TOGETHER WE CAN
advance social justice,
economic inclusion,
and environmental
sustainability; especially
in the areas of Indigenous
communities, children &
youth, poverty reduction,
cooperatives, and local
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