



URBAN SPIRIT FOUNDATION

Urban Spirit Foundation is a registered charity that is independent from ACCESS, although unified in purpose.

Established in 2007, USF envisions an urban Aboriginal community that is holistic, equitable and self-sufficient. The Foundation's mission is to grant opportunities for urban Aboriginal people on their journey to success through education and training, post-secondary scholarships, and through the relief of poverty.

Year in Review -USF Scholarship Program Launch & Website Development

The first year of active community investment has been a wonderful achievement with the successful launch of the USF scholarship program in partnership with the Vancouver School Board, the Surrey School District, BCIT and Native Education College. Educational scholarships were awarded to urban Aboriginal people, accomplished students and community participants pursuing employment training or post-secondary education.

In addition to program initiatives, the Urban Spirit Foundation website is actively under development with a launch expected spring 2011. The site will include information on the work of Urban Spirit Foundation, success stories, donor information and provide the ability to make a donation online. It will also feature the new Urban Spirit Foundation logo designed by Julie Flett.

2010/2011 USF Board of Directors

The Urban Spirit Foundation is made up of a Board of Directors each of whom have made significant contributions to advancing the capacity of the urban Aboriginal community and our organization. In 2010/2011, the Board was represented by the following community leaders:



(Back Row - Left to Right) Merv Thomas (Director), Stewart Anderson, (Director), John Webster (Vice President); (Front Row - Left to Right) Marjorie White (Director), Susan Tatoosh (President), Jerry Adams (Treasurer/Secretary). (Absent) G. Ross Ramsey (Director).

The Urban Spirit Foundation and ACCESS are proud of this initiative which represents a vision for strengthening the individual and community capacity of urban Aboriginal people.

For further information on the Urban Spirit Foundation, please see the ACCESS website at www.accessfutures.com/urbanspiritfoundation.

To apply for USF scholarship awards, visit your local student awards or financial aid office. At this time awards are given out under the jurisdiction areas of the Vancouver School Board and the Surrey School District region. Scholarships are also available for students attending Native Education College and BCIT.

To make a donation please contact Urban Spirit Foundation at: 604-913-7933. Charity #82789 5368 RR001