



URBAN SPIRIT
foundation

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To provide opportunities for urban Indigenous people on their journey to success through education and training, secondary and post-secondary scholarships and relief of poverty

USF had another busy year in 2019-2020. A large part of our annual work plan centres around maintaining a relationship with our donors and seeking out new donors through letter writing. We again participated in our annual fundraising activities including the Backpack Program (August 2019) and the Children's Christmas Party (December 2019); both of which are held at the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre. On July 12, 2019 we held our major fund raiser - The John Webster Memorial Charity Golf Classic. This was our 7th year for this golf tournament. On December 3, 2019 we also held our Giving Tuesday fund raiser. All of our ACCESS offices held different events throughout Greater Vancouver such as chili and bannock sales, hot dog sales, bake sales and so on. All proceeds went towards USF and will be used to support the urban Indigenous people who we serve. The 2019-2020 fiscal year was busy and successful and allowed us to continue giving back to the urban Indigenous community.



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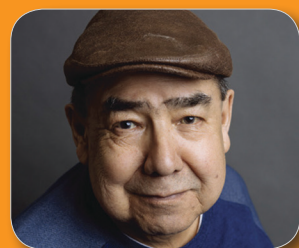
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Urban Spirit Foundation is overseen by ACCESS President & CEO Lynn White and administered by the organization's staff. The office is located at 108 - 100 Park Royal, West Vancouver, BC.

URBAN SPIRIT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION AT THE JOHN WEBSTER MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC JULY 14, 2019



From Left to right are Michelle Alford, Neptune Terminals, Christina Capilano, Victor Newman and USF Chair Susan Tatoosh.

Victor Newman from Kakiutl Nation—Bridge Watchman program and Christina Capilano, from Squamish Nation—Carpentry Program each received \$1,000 scholarships from Urban Spirit Foundation and Neptune Terminals.



USF VAFCS KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019



USF BACK PACK PROGRAM 2019



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melissaMILLER

RECIPIENT OF THE USF SINGLE
PARENT \$500 BURSARY
CURRENTLY ATTENDING NEC

Melissa Miller (middle in photo) is a proud Ojibwa single mother of two from Sandy Bay, Manitoba. She returned to school in the fall of 2019 to complete her second and final year of the Family and Community Counselling Program and has already applied to NVIT to attend the Bachelors of Social Work Program.



justinSIDON

RECIPIENT OF THE USF INDIGENOUS
MALE \$500 BURSARY
CURRENTLY ATTENDING NEC

Justin Sidon is a proud member of the Stó:lō Nation. He volunteers in the DTES serving food to the homeless. Justin returned to NEC in the fall of 2019 to complete the Indigenous Land Stewardship Certificate Program. He has applied to KPU's Electrical Foundations program starting in the fall of 2020. "This program will guide me to becoming an apprentice where I can work towards becoming a Red Seal Electrician. After I am certified and am familiar with the trade I have plans to take Electrical Engineering at BCIT in renewable energies."

