



DONOR APPRECIATION PRESENTATIONS



Kristen Wealick presented a USF print to Park Royal North Royal Bank Branch Manager, Thang Hong, in appreciation to RBC for their donation.



USF Executive Director Lynn White presented a print to Chris Stuart, Executive Director at CIBC Capital Markets, in appreciation for their donation to USF. Also pictured are USF Director of Development Kristen Wealick, USF Development Officer Elaine Clare, and CIBC Community General Manager, North Shore, Carmen Uncao.



In appreciation for their five-year commitment Prosafe Training Group and Neptune Terminals are each presented with a print at the USF Golf Tournament. Pictured are ACCESS Apprenticeship and Advisor Rob Egan, Neptune's Branch Manager Brent Williston, ProSafe President Colin Lau, and USF Development Officer Elaine Clare.



EB Horsman Director of Projects and Corporate Contracts, Reg Gelati presented a donation cheque to USF Executive Director Lynn White. Also present were EB Horsman Burnaby Branch Manager, Roy Paris and USF Director of Development Kristen Wealick.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you to all our 2022 Donors from Urban Spirit Foundation.

TD Bank, Schein Foundation, Kenny Foundation, Bosa Construction, AXIOM Builders, EB Horsman, Beedie Foundation, West Vancouver Foundation, FK Morrow Foundation, Cher Van De Sande, KLTP, RBC, Neptune Terminals, CIBC, Ross Ramsey, Prosafe Training Group.



URBAN SPIRIT FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

*Urban Spirit Foundation
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Mission Statement : To provide employment and training opportunities, scholarships, and the relief of poverty to urban Indigenous people on their journey to success



ACCESS and Urban Spirit Foundation honoured ACCESS Apprenticeship Advisor/ Training and Employment Coach, Larry Webster with a blanket ceremony. Larry was a dedicated employee of ACCESS for almost two decades. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

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USF Director Kristen Wealick presented the "Neptune Scholarship Award" to Brendan Gregg. Brendan is Mikisew Cree. He attended the Bridge Watch Program in partnership with ACCESS and Clear Seas.



URBAN SPIRIT FOUNDATION

Urban Spirit Foundation provides employment and training opportunities, scholarships, and the relief of poverty to urban Indigenous people on their journey to success.

USF strives to meet the needs of Indigenous people so they can overcome the multiple barriers they face to achieve higher education. USF provides scholarships and poverty relief so students can complete their training programs. Over the years, we have awarded over 130 scholarships totaling over \$130,000.

Each year USF supports the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre's Children's Back-to-School Backpack Program. Children receive a backpack filled with school supplies needed to start the new school year. USF also supports the VAFCS Children's Christmas Party where low-income families receive a food hamper and each child receives a present to open on Christmas morning. USF is proud of our achievements. Our clients have steadily increased their independence to become more self-reliant.

Urban Spirit Foundation holds The USF Annual Urban Aboriginal Charity Golf Classic to help raise funds for our three core purposes. In November, for Giving Tuesday USF has the Chili and Bannock lunch-to-go fundraiser. We hope you will support these events and remember to give generously. Together we can make great things happen.



GIVING TUESDAY CHILI AND BANNOCK

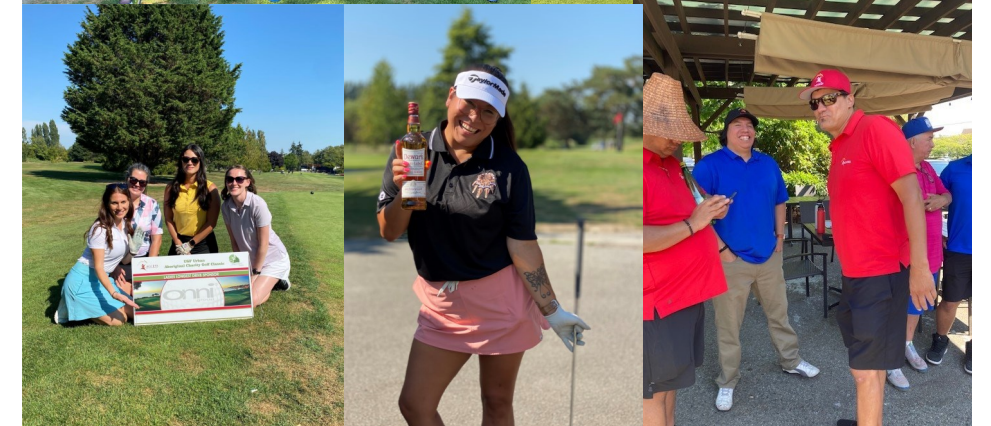
Each year for *Giving Tuesday*, Urban Spirit Foundation has the Chili and Bannock Lunch-To-Go Fundraiser. Thank you to all the ACCESS and USF staff who participated. Thank you to the USF Board of Directors, donors and supporters who helped to make it another successful event!



Neil Thevarge from KLTP presented USF Executive Director Lynn White with a \$500 donation at the Giving Tuesday Fundraiser.



USF 8TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF



USF held the 8th Annual Urban Aboriginal Charity Golf Classic Tournament at Mylora Golf Club in Richmond on August 25, 2022.

Thank you to all our sponsors, players, and volunteers who helped to make the event a huge success.

See you all in 2023!



Congratulations to Luma Native Housing. The winning team members are Hugh Forester and Colin Sanderson. Missing: Cheryl Hogg and Dave Baspaly.

VAFCS CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Urban Spirit Foundation supports two of Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship special programs such as the Centre's Children's Back to School Backpack Program. Children receive a backpack filled with the supplies they need to prepare them for success in the new school year.

USF also supports the VAFCS Children's Christmas Party. Food Hampers are given to low income families, and each child receives a present from Santa to open on Christmas morning. USF would like to ensure no child goes hungry, so please give generously to make someone's Christmas extra special this year.



ACCESS TOP STUDENT AWARDS



USF Director of Development, Kristen Wealick presented the top student award to Chad Robinson. Chad was enrolled in the BCIT Carpentry Foundation Program. He received the award for all his hard work and high level of achievement.



Lionel Johnson completed the Bridge Watchman Program and received the top student award from Director of Development Kristen Wealick. This certification will help to him to move forward in his chosen career.



Keifer Hought received the USF top student award for the Electrical Joint Training Foundations Program at EJTC. He is pictured here with USF Director Kristen Wealick, and Business Manager of Local Union IBEW 213, Jim Lofty.



Electrical Joint Training Program Level 2 top student award winner is Emily Daniels. She is pictured with USF Director Kristen Wealick. The program is in partnership with Seaspan, EJTC and ACCESS.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

ACCESS and Urban Spirit Foundation staff wore their Orange shirts on September 30th to honour all the children who attended residential school.



ACCESS Employment Assistance Services office



ACCESS staff wearing their Orange shirts



ACCESS Head office ladies



ACCESS Head office staff



ACCESS Surrey office staff



Essential Skills New Westminster office

Every Child Matters!



COVID-19 PANDEMIC SUPPORT

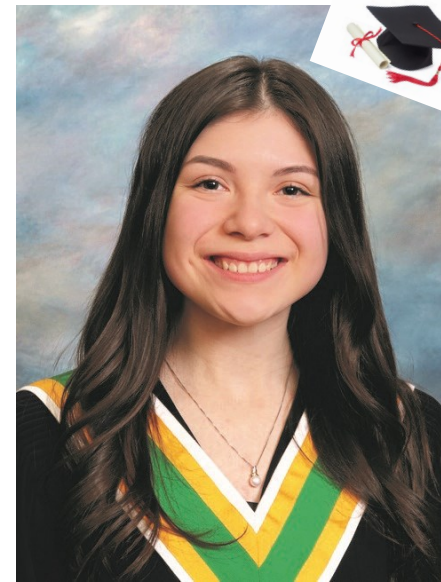


During COVID-19, Urban Spirit Foundation was able to provide over 130 laptops to students so they could complete their programs online. The students received technical support, backpacks, gift cards for nutrition, as well as assistance with poverty relief. Once they successfully completed their programs, they were able to find gainful employment. This would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors.

Thank you to all our donors! We could not do it without you!



USF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



"Thank you to Urban Spirit Foundation for my scholarship which I will be using for my nursing program at Langara College in the fall."

Jessica Crazybull-Dennis,
Vancouver Secondary Technical



Burnaby school district featured a blanket ceremony for all their graduates. USF Director Kristen Wealick is pictured with Rachel Groening and Laurent Pascal. Both students received a USF scholarship award. Congratulations to all grads!