



Giving Tuesday – A Canada Wide Charity Fundraising Event



USF Annual Urban Indigenous Charity Golf Tournament



Back-to-School Back Pack Program

Urban Spirit Foundation supported the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre's Back-to-School Backpack program. This initiative provided supplies for Indigenous children in need in East Vancouver.



Children's Christmas Program

Urban Spirit Foundation contributes to the Children's Christmas program held at the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre each year. We provide Christmas food hampers and gifts for Indigenous children and their families in Vancouver. USF plans to eventually extend this program to New Westminister and Surrey.



Urban Spirit Foundation

Urban Spirit Foundation is a registered charitable organization that exists to further the success and self-reliance of urban Indigenous people in the Metro Vancouver region. USF was created in 2007 by the Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society (ACCESS).

The Foundation provides grants to urban Indigenous organizations for community-based projects that enable urban Indigenous individuals and families to get back on track in times of need.

USF's Board of Directors is a diverse group of reputable individuals with strong connections and commitment to the urban Indigenous community.

Year in Review

Urban Spirit Foundation had another busy and exciting year in 2017-2018. The year began with scholarship presentations in three school districts - Vancouver, Surrey and Burnaby. Other events included the 5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, and the mini-Aboriginal Wellness Day at Musqueam Nation. Finally, to cap of the year, ACCESS staff ran multiple fund-raising events including bake sales, raffles, and 50/50 draws as part of Giving Tuesday.

Mission Statement

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

Core Purposes

- Education and Employment Training
- Scholarship/Bursary Awards for secondary and post-secondary students
- Short-term Assistance

Urban Spirit Foundation is overseen by ACCESS President and CEO John Webster / Lynn White and administered by the organization's staff.
LOCATION: 108-100 Park Royal South, West Vancouver, BC



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Michael Brough
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It is with great pleasure that USF presented a Student Recognition Award to Michael for his achievement in the Metal Fabrication/Marine Fitter at the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

We are so proud to award this honour. Michael is now employed with a local fabrication company as a year one apprentice. Congratulations on your outstanding work.



Jacob Dalling
Roseau River Anishinabe Nation

The Urban Spirit Foundation presented Jacob with a Student Recognition Award for his achievement in the Metal Fabrication/Marine Fitter at the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

USF was proud to award this honour to Jacob because of the hard work he demonstrated in class. Jacob is now working as an apprentice at Seaspan Vancouver Shipyards and has a bright future.

