

A black and white photograph of a dirt road leading to a house in a wooded area. The road is in the foreground, leading towards a two-story house partially obscured by trees and bushes. The background is filled with dense trees, including evergreens and bare deciduous trees. The overall scene is rural and natural.

Mission Community Foundation

2022 Annual Report

Our Mission

To bring together generous benefactors and the strength of our community to enable the disbursement of scholarships, bursaries, and grants for Mission citizens.



About Mission Community Foundation



Mission Community Foundation was founded on June 26, 1987, with monies donated through the estate of Margaret Erskine. Unlike other Foundations in BC and Canada, our Foundation was created by an Act of Parliament through a Private Members Bill. It serves the City of Mission and all areas included in School District #75's catchment.

It has representatives from the City of Mission, Mission Community Services Society, Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce, Fraser Valley Regional District, and School District #75, who sit on our Board of Directors with six (6) elected individuals. Together they manage the funds entrusted to the Foundation via Committee recommendations and a dedicated investment management team.

Donated funds are invested in an Endowment Pool, and the interest earned provides funding for scholarships/bursaries and grants. Since 1987 Mission Community Foundation's endowment of 96 funds has grown to \$7,449,013. It has distributed 553 Grants/Payouts to charities for \$1,426,913 and helped 1443 students with post-secondary education totaling \$1,441,190.

Message from our Board Chair



2022 was quite the year. The Foundation turned 35, and the pandemic easing brought everyone back together again. People were meeting in person rather than by zoom, and the world started feeling 'right' again.

Mission Community Foundation had an exceptional year. Through willed bequests, new funds created by a past Board member, and regular donations, the Foundation received \$3,670,926 in donations, and seven new funds were started as a result of the contributions.

The Board of Directors changed over the year due to retirements and organizational changes. First, Sean Melia retired from his work life which required his resignation as he does not live in Mission, and our bylaws stipulate that Board members must work or live in Mission. Additionally, two Board members left

the Boards of the Organizations they were representing and had to step down; they are Ellen Nguyen from the Chamber of Commerce and Allison Jack from Mission Community Services Society. Finally, Shelley Carter stepped into the Vice Chair spot left by Sean's retirement.

Our Bursary & Scholarship, Development, Distribution, and Investment Committees met regularly to carry on the Foundation's work, providing recommendations to the Board. Without these volunteers, the Foundation would grind to a halt; thank you for the generous contribution of your time to help it succeed.

The Executive Director, Angie Hetlinger, assisted the Board by ensuring that meetings, events, awards, etc., were handled efficiently and effectively.

The Foundation distributed \$187,040 in grants over the year. It was the most significant scholarship amount given to date at \$109,840 allocated to 70 students; charities who receive dedicated funding were pleased with amounts received.

Mission Community Foundation had a booth at the 2022 MissionFest event and spent the day raising awareness about its achievements over the last 35 years, as well as collecting donations for the Just \$10 fund that provides funding to SD#75 for their school breakfast & lunch programs.

Effective January 31, 2023, I will be stepping away from the Mission Community Foundation after several years of involvement as a result of plans to relocate to another community. I sincerely appreciate the many volunteers with whom I have served on the Board and Committees. A big thank you to Angie for her leadership, advice, and guidance over the years. I will very much miss the friendship and rapport I shared with you all.

Best wishes to the incoming Chair and all who continue to serve on the Foundation. It has been both a pleasure and an honor to be a member of Mission Community Foundation and to be associated with an organization that benefits the community in many ways. The Foundation is one of the best-kept secrets in Mission and a treasured asset. Our city is fortunate to have so many gifted, creative, and caring individuals at the helm of the Foundation. Again, best wishes to all, and please accept my grateful appreciation for your dedication, amity, and wise counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Ingram



Our Board and Staff



Bob Ingram
Board Chair



Sean Melia
Vice Chair
Resigned April



Bernadine Babuik
Executive Secretary



Ellen Nguyen
Executive at Large
Chamber of Commerce
Resigned November



Carol Hamilton
City of Mission



Allison Jack
Community Services
Resigned November



Shelley Carter
FVRD- Rep
Vice Chair - May



Brent Rock
Appointed



Lucas McKinnon
Appointed



Angie Hetlinger
Executive Director

Our Committees:

Each of our Committees has at least one Board member who agrees to serve as chair and represent it at the Board meetings.

Bursary & Scholarship:

Colleen Hannah – Chair, Barbara Bremner*, Lucas McKinnon, and Brent Rock.

*Retired December

Development:

Bernadine Babuik – Chair, Sherry Cannon, Louise Lacerte, Eleanor MacDonald, Rosemary Nemanishen and Denyse Tavener.

Publications: Bernadine Babuik – Chair, Rosemary Nemanishen, Denyse Tavener

Governance: Bernadine Babuik – Chair and Rosemary Nemanishen

Distribution:

Shelley Carter – Co Chair, Ellen Nguyen – Co Chair*, Brian Antonson, Graham Black, KC McPherson, Brent Rock, Candie Thorne and Gloria Tyler

*retired November

Investment:

Sean Melia – Chair*, Bernadine Babuik- Chair **, Don Calnek, Bob Ingram, Jo-Anne Taylor, Lonny Andrews – RBC, Nik Venema – RBC

*retired April

**became chair in May

Executive Director: Angie Hetlinger

2022 Highlights

New Funds



John Dale Heptonstall, known as Jack to everyone, generously donated his 120-acre estate to the Mission Community Foundation with a codicil that six funds were to be created after the land was sold and monies were transferred to the Foundation. Cash will be distributed to the Foundation over 2022 and 2023 and will be available for awards in 2023.

5 Scholarship funds were created:

- **Jack Heptonstall Bursary:** for graduating students entering scientific fields of study
- **Barbara Heptonstall Bursary:** for graduating students entering the nursing field of study
- **Elsie Dale Bursary:** open to any field of study
- **William & Edith Heptonstall Bursary:** open to any field of study
- **George Cox Heptonstall Bursary:** an adult scholarship for mature students 19+ living in Mission who wish to attend post-secondary upgrading to increase their marketability

The final fund was created as an open community granting fund and will be known as the **Heptonstall Family Fund**. It will be utilized to provide grants to registered charities and non-profit organizations in Mission.

Carlo J Billinger Fund



He arrived in Canada 60+ years ago, and although he's now residing in Abbotsford, Carlo still thinks of Mission as his home. Upon selling his business, Rex Cox Men's Wear, Carlo created a scholarship fund primarily dedicated to graduating students who wish to become entrepreneurs. He has allowed the Foundation to apply the scholarship to a mature student who wishes to study entrepreneurship/business. Should the Foundation not receive applicants in that field of study, he also enabled awards to any area of study.

Student Awards in 2022

The **George Willoughby Cooke Awards** have been presented since 1992 to grades 7, 8 and 9 students. School District #75 Math & Science departments nominate the students to receive this award.

On May 4, 2022, the Foundation held its first GW Cooke award ceremony since COVID. Everyone was quite excited to meet in person again and being the first event in two years; there were a few giggles along the way.



Congratulations to the following students:

Grade 7-Math: Payton Hayes, Ella Matheny, Clara Neumann, Srinika Varadhan, David Weiss, Aryanna Weiland

Grade 7 – Science: Anish Deo, Bella Deol, Reej Gill, Sara Paul, Elowin Rempel, Desirae Shamsher

Grade 8 – Math: Ardan Brookes, Amalie Dickie, Reva Shama, Luke Walton

Grade 8 – Science: Aryan Deo, Isabella Gill

Grade 9 – Math: Abel Biju, Aviraj Dhillon, Setl McKeigan-Brown, Juir Park

Grade 9 – Science: Hailey Hennig, Haris Mazhar, Kyle Wiersma

(Photo courtesy of Ellen Nguyen of What's On! magazine)

Scholarship Awards Night

Probably one of the most memorable nights in Mission Community Foundation's history. As it was our 35th Anniversary, Gordon Ruley, one of our Founding Fathers, was asked if he would say a few words at the ceremony. He explained how the Mission Community Foundation started and then gave a presentation cheque to our Vice Chair, Shelley Carter.



It was the first installment from Jack Heptonstall's estate for \$2,727,000. It's an incredibly generous donation that doubled the Endowment held at Mission Community Foundation.

Next, Angus Wilson, the Superintendent of School District #75, announced that the MCF Board of Directors approved its most significant awards to date with over \$100,000 in awards. The final total was \$109,840 for 70 students, and it was a great evening!



Congratulations to:

Lucas Abbate, Ayra Ahmed, Sarah Aikema, Anna Andrechik, Karanjot Aulakh, Mya Bajpai, Trinity Barnard, Archie Bayne, Adaisha Beals, Sofya Bice, Joel Billesberger, Ebadat Brar, Kaci Brevik, Aysiah Brewster, Alana Brooks, Jayda Bruce, Celina Cabral, Jaykob Caldarella, Nicolas Charette, Zoe Degagne, Amareet Dhaliwal, Jagdeesh Duggal, Cassidi Dutton, Ghislein Falconi Rabago, Noah Falk, Jenna Mae Francisco, Gurneet Gill, Simran Gill, Levi Giroux, Jessica Guzman, Ramandeep Hans, Sanne Heaven, Kaitlyn Hedlund, Jacobus Heke, Prableen Herr, Mikayla Hutchison, Kyle Isbister, Jasmine Johnston, Shaina Kapoor, Mackeena Kerr, Milada Kubb, Kalysta Lamarche, Rory Lauzon, Jaeyou Lee, Zikai Lu, Julia Marchis, Alex Matthews, Mark McSween, Ethan Mitchell, Adrian Pierce, Devin Pryce, Evan Raible, Maddison Reist, Avani Saini, Connor Sande, Kennan Sandoval, Ajit Sangha, Holly Seeley, Sahaj Singh, Tristan Stein, Maneet Tatla, Madison Taylor, Logan Tebbutt, Jaiden Toor, Paige Tracey, Padhyumnan Varadhan, Isabella Vetter, Daniel Whittaker, Beau Wilcox, and Patrick Wood-Gaines.

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35th Anniversary

Mission is a giving city, and its citizens contribute to local charities in several ways. Mission Community Foundation chose to attend MissionFest in August and spread the word about a social cause that is very present in our community.



Food security in our youth is the focus. The Just \$10 Fund was permanently dedicated to providing monies to School District #75 breakfast and lunch programs by supporting four schools directly. Bob Ingram, Shelley Carter, and Angie Hetlinger staffed the tent for the day, collected donations for the fund, and spread the word about the Foundation. It was a fun day between talking to people and watching the kids at the bubble machine provided by another community group.

Charities Mission Community Foundation Supported in 2022

The Board approved \$85,700 in grants in 2022 over its two grant cycles.

In the May grant cycle, the Foundation approved grants to:

MY House – supplies for mobile unit	\$950.00
Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation – Bariatric chair	\$2500.00
Fraser House – Bike club	\$2000.00
Zajac Ranch – summer camp	\$3000.00
Jesters – summer camp	\$500.00
Mission Central – Library portable workstation	\$2000.00
Hatzic Elementary – garden	\$1000.00
Book Club for Inmates – books and audio	\$1000.00
Mission Hospice – training	\$2500.00
Mission Arts Council – Clay Worx Studio	\$1500.00
Mission Senior Secondary – Food program	\$2000.00
Christine Morrison – Food program	\$1000.00



Hope Central – food programs	\$2500.00
People Ensuring Animal Care Exists – rooster habitat	\$1000.00

Its October grant cycle approved:

SARA for Women – Baby’s Best Chance	\$2,500.00
Heritage Park Middle – food program	\$1500.00
Hatzic Middle – food program	\$1500.00
Fraser Valley Humane Soc – neuter program	\$2000.00
Jesters – mainstage	\$1000.00
Fraserview School – intergenerational Christmas lunch	\$500.00
Historical Society – LAN	\$5000.00
Mission Seniors Centre Assn – Food program	\$3000.00
Mission Arts Council - indigenous art book library	\$1500.00
Mission Arts Council – Hospice Art classes	\$1500.00



Additionally, it paid out \$33,750.00 in dedicated funds to:

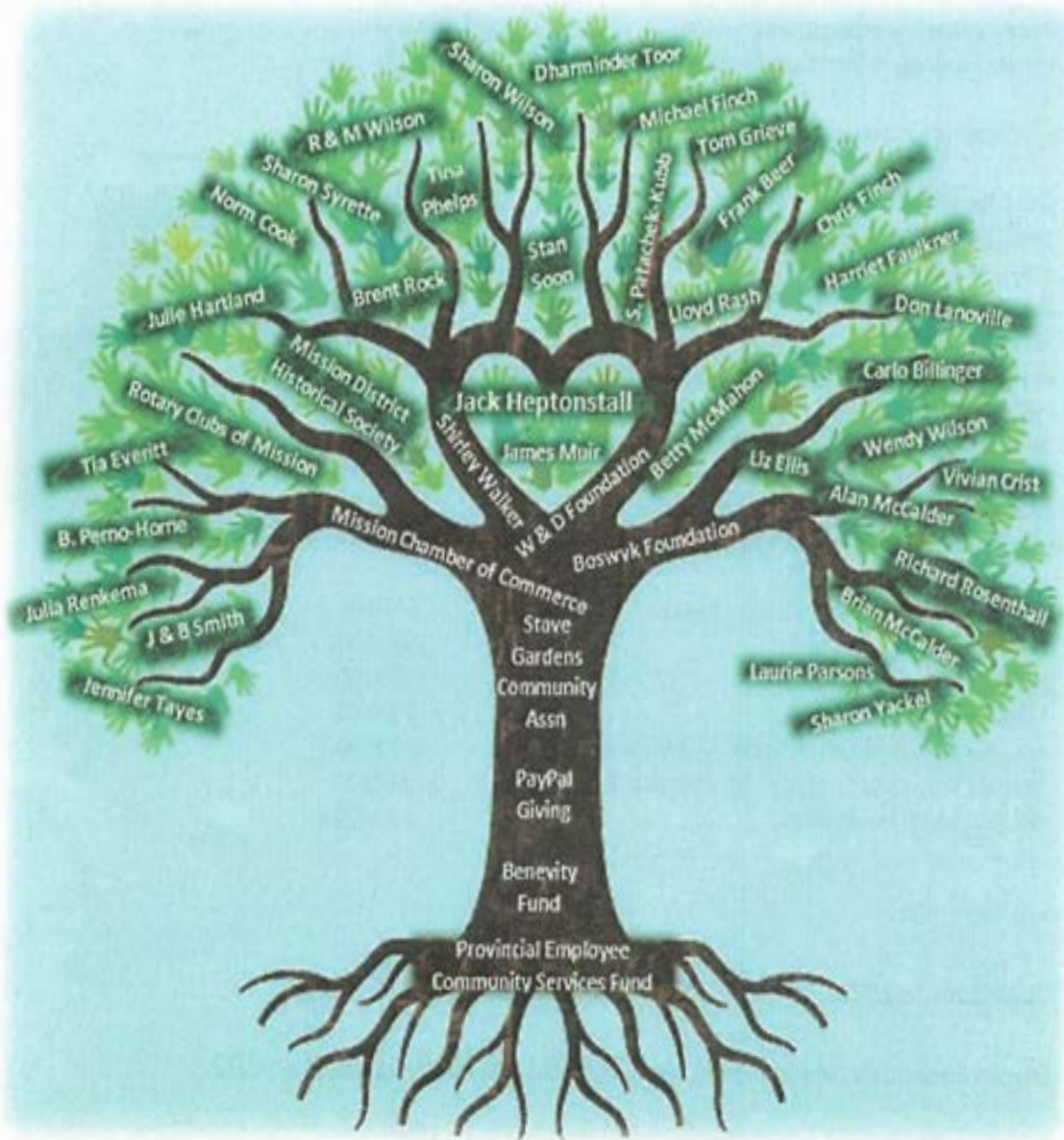
Friends of the Library – Mission Library	\$750.00
Rock Family Hospice Fund	\$3000.00
Hospice Endowment Fund	\$1500.00
Lifetime Learning Centre	\$500.00
Mission District Historical Society – Archives Branch	\$2500.00
Marilyn Boswyk Memorial Fund – Mission Seniors Centre	\$25000.00
Mission Youth House Fund	\$500.00

Donations in 2022

Mission Community Foundation received **\$3,670,926 in donations in 2022.**

- Vivian Crist’s estate paid out its final installment of her estate.
- James Muir’s estate’s bequest was split into two funds per his deed. One fund will be a dedicated payout to the Mission Hospice Society, and the other will be grants for the beautification of Mission.
- Shirley Walker’s estate paid out, and the monies received will be split between her two funds. GW Cooke and the Mission District Historical Society – Archives Branch.
- Jack Heptonstall’s estate made the first payment, and six new funds were created.

Building on the strength of our community!



Leaving a legacy is planting seeds in a garden you will never see.
 Tomorrow someone will sit in the shade because you planted a seed today.

Thank you to everyone who donated and made 2022 a great year.

Scholarship Funds

Adair Family Fund	Jack & Mary Brown Fund
Albert McMahon Memorial Fund	Jack Cannon Memorial Fund
Annette Fitch Memorial Fund	Jack Heptonstall Bursary
Barbara Fehrmann Scholarship	James Patty Special Education Fund
Barbara Heptonstall Bursary	James Slusarchuk Memorial Fund
Bernice V Cordick Fund	John & BJ Pearson Fund
Carlo J Billinger Fund	LeDuc Bursaries
Carly Rae Jepsen Bursary Fund	Lee & Park Family Fund
Circle of Wisdom Society Fund	MacDonald – Robertson Fund
Clint Lobb Shake & Shingle Industry Fund	Marco Corbin Scholarship Fund
Cynthia Verhulst Memorial Scholarship	Margaret Erskine Bursary Fund
David Fryer Fund	Marilyn McClinton Memorial Fund
Debbie Mattson Memorial Fund	Michael & Cynthia Butcher Fund
Derrough Fund	Mission Granite Club Fund
Dirk Boswyk Memorial Fund	Mission Hillstompers Terry Cox Athletic Bursary
Elizabeth O Stevens Memorial Fund	Mission Loggers Sports Association Fund
Ellis Family Fund	Chamber of Commerce Business Legacy Fund
Elsie Dale Bursary	Paula Chmilar Memorial Fund
Esther Claire Kathleen Clemo Scholarship Fund	Ralph Babuik Fund
Fenmo Boswyk Music Fund	Robin & Fran Sorrell Fund
Finch Memorial Fund	Robson Fund
George Cox Heptonstall Bursary	Rock Family Pharmacy Fund
Gerry Potter Memorial Fund	Ross Allan Memorial Fund
Hannah Dodd Memorial Scholarship Fund	Rotary Sustaining Scholars Fund (2 nd year)
Harris Family Fund	Skillicorn-Melanchuk Bursary Fund
Hollister General Scholarship	Vic & Hilda Hollister Fund
Hollister TWU General	Vivian Crist Memorial Scholarship
Hollister TWU Health Science	Wayne Douglas MacLean Memorial Scholarship
Hollister TWU Post-Secondary (2 nd year)	William & Edith Heptonstall Bursary
Hollister UFV Science & Tec Entry Scholarship	Yum Science Fund

Granting Funds

Albert McMahon Mission City Rotary Club Fund

Animal Welfare Fund

Beaton Patience Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program Fund

Bill & Linda Clark Sports Fund

Caring Fund

Cliff & Marjorie Rock Family Fund

Community Fund

Crimestoppers Perpetual Fund

Derrough Fund

Donald & Doreen Lanoville Fund

Fenmo Boswyk Music Fund

Friends of the Library

G.W. (Bill) Harris Fund

George Willoughby Cooke Awards

Glen Kask Theatrical Legacy Fund

Heptonstall Family Fund

James Patty Special Education Fund

Johnson Bequest Fund

Marilyn Boswyk Memorial Fund

McPherson Family Community Fund

Mission 2014 BC Winter Games Legacy

Mission District Historical Society Archives Fund

Mission Hospice Society Endowment Fund

Mission Lifetime Learning Association Fund

Muir (James) Family Fund

Muir Hospice Fund

Negrin Community Fund

Norma Kenney Fund

Public Art Endowment Fund

Reel on the River Fund

Rock Family Food Fund

Rotary Legacy Fund

Rotary Literacy Endowment Fund

Ted Brown Animal Welfare Fund

Youth Centre Fund (MY House)



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