

KOOTENAY SAVINGS CONTINUING COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

As part of Kootenay Savings ongoing commitment to giving back to the Kootenays, through good times and challenging times, the credit union has teamed up with their community-minded employees to distribute \$9,500 in donations to seventeen deserving non-profit groups.

“Many local charities are struggling to deliver their programs within the constraints of COVID-19. We’ve been able to help them adapt through sponsorships and grants, however the pandemic has really hampered our ability to host the BBQs, bake sales, donation drives and other fundraising activities that give our employees the opportunity to directly support causes near and dear to them,” shares Kootenay Savings Community Liaison, Aron Burke. “And, with that in mind, each branch and department was given \$500 to donate to a local charity they love. Whatever the new normal becomes, our communities are going to need vibrant charities and non-profits of all types, and we hope this inspires others to give back as well.”

The recipients receiving a donation include:

1. Angel Flight East Kootenay
2. BC SPCA West Kootenay & District Branch
3. Castlegar Community Harvest Food Bank
4. Friends of Friends Clubhouse
5. Invermere Fire Rescue Association
6. Kootenay Animal Assistance Program
7. Kaslo & District Arena Association
8. Kids Helping Kids School Meals Program
9. Kimberley Spark Youth Centre
10. Nakusp Elementary School PAC Lunch Program
11. Radium Hot Springs Fire Department
12. Salmo Curling Rink Association
13. Slocan Community Health Care Auxiliary
14. South Columbia Search & Rescue
15. Sanctuary Pre-Teen Centre
16. Trail FAIR Society
17. Trail United Church Food Bank

The Kootenay Savings Community Foundation also recently distributed \$36,700 in grants and committed \$25,000 to be shared between eight locally-operated community foundations to help provide immediate funding to local service clubs, charities, and non-profits who have been most impacted by COVID-19.

About Kootenay Savings

With corporate offices in Trail, Kootenay Savings is a member-owned credit union with eleven branches throughout the Kootenays, over \$1.1 billion in assets, 37,000 members and over 220 employees. As well, Kootenay Savings operates a Community Foundation, delivers wealth management strategies through Kootenay Savings MoneyWorks and auto and general insurance through Kootenay Insurance Services.

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