



Richmond Youth Service Agency Annual Report 2009/10



Richmond
Youth Service
Agency

Connecting children, youth and community since 1974.

President's Remarks



Richmond Youth Service Agency has been working to identify ways we can work with our community towards supporting each child, youth and family to succeed and thrive. This has included working with local businesses, individuals, groups and funders towards making a difference. The year has been filled with successes that include kids being able to participate in summer camp for the first time, helping a number of youth to stay in school and graduate, and working with local partners towards making the most of the assets our community has.

The future of our community, province and our country will be built by the kids and youth of today. We know that supporting them, and those around them to make them stronger, will bring a huge return on investment. Everything we do is because of the invaluable support of volunteers, donors, funders, partners and the wonderful contributions of the staff at RYSA. We thank each of you for all you have done. Every one of you has made a difference and we need to continue to dedicate ourselves to our goals and the work we do.

In the past year while we heard amazing stories of kids and families doing well... we unfortunately also heard about challenges being faced by a significant number of kids, youth and families in our community. These challenges included: being unable to afford after-school care, economic challenges, being unemployed, lack of affordable housing, uncertain of where to go to find help, and feelings of being isolated and alone. Research shows that the

kids and youth of today are at risk and that the risk factors are not going down. This means our community and our future are at risk as well. We need to support them to stay in school, help each of them and their families to have housing and proper nutrition, and ensure that they are aware of and able to access the supports around them. We need to work harder to create more positive opportunities for them to learn the skills and develop the supportive relationships that will help them succeed as they grow up. By each of us making time to be involved and inspiring the next generation to be involved, we will see the long lasting positive impact and changes. As an agency we see it happening when we hear about a child really happy to be going to school where they weren't before; where a family is able to get involved in fun activities that they might not be otherwise able to afford or know about; with the volunteers that always say that they get way more out of it than they put in; and when we hear young people who are excited about their future and giving back to their community!

With your help in the past year we have made a difference and are working towards our goal. We have provided individual support to over 2,000 kids, youth and families. In addition, we have held events and activities that have benefited thousands more to get more connected with their community and the supports and resources around them. You can be involved in making a difference. Whether it is giving of your time, supporting kids to access after school homework and activity clubs, by your donation or by helping us to raise awareness and develop new relationships that support each child, youth and family to thrive.

I very strongly believe that the key is in prevention and we need to do everything we can to prepare the kids and youth in our community for their future. This has both immediate and long term impacts for the people we support, our community and at the end of the day each and every one of our lives. A big change can come from the smallest of moment in our lives. Remember the moments that made you who you are today and you will see that each and every one of us can make a difference!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leon van der Poel'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Leon van der Poel

Our Board

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Our Goal

We will work towards a better tomorrow by connecting our community and supporting our children, youth and families to thrive and reach for their dreams.

Summary of Activities for 2009/2010

Richmond Youth Centre

Richmond Youth Centre offers various programs and activities that support children, youth, families and seniors within the community. In 2009-2010 school year, one of the big successes included providing a variety of volunteer and leadership opportunities for over 120 youth that generated over 4300 volunteer hours. Volunteering and workshops helped youth to explore possible career paths, gain career experience, expand their skills and make a difference! Below, you will find information on several of the activities and programs the centre offers, each has made a difference in our community.

Volunteering and Leadership

Richmond Youth Service Agency provides series of leadership training to youth volunteers to build key skills that include: social skills, conflict resolution, problem solving, communication and teamwork. More than 95% of youth agreed or strongly agreed that they had increased their skills over the school year; and over 96% of the volunteers said one of the rewarding aspects of volunteering with the U-Connect Crew was that they were making a difference in their community. The U-Connect Crew projects increase community awareness for youth involved, encourage them to be involved in positive activities, support them to build the skills that will help them succeed both today and tomorrow and showcase the leadership of youth in our community. The big win is that they benefit and so does our community!



U-Connect Crew

The U-Connect Crew is a volunteer youth leadership program that provides youth with the opportunity to lead different community projects. The Crew meets weekly as a group and works on projects or activities separately as well. This year concluded some amazing stories and successes, as well as a year end celebration with over 70 youth coming out to attend.

This year the volunteers organized the 3rd annual Winter Holiday Dinner. Over 46 families and individuals that may not have a chance to celebrate the holidays were invited. With the support of the community, donations,



sponsorship and volunteers we were able to provide a great dinner, gifts and activities for everyone that attended. The night was a success with lots of smiles and thanks for the kids and families. The youth also organized several other activities such as a book drive, participated in a local youth leadership conference, helped with summer activity programs and camps for kids and provided support to the Homework Club.

The volunteers from the U-Connect Crew also organized several fundraising activities that included a Garage & Bake Sale and Car Wash Fundraiser. The volunteers worked in teams and spent 4 weeks collecting items for sale and baking goods to be sold. Through this fundraiser and several others that individual youth were involved in at their schools the crew raised over \$3000 to support activities for kids and to make donations for local causes. Most items were sold and the rest were donated to The Richmond Hospital.

The Clix online magazine is a place where youth can speak to other youth about things that are important to them. This past year we published 4 issues and youth were involved from determining themes, coming up with and writing articles, designing the site and promoting it. During the year we had more than 10000 clix on the website. Some of the topics youth wrote about included: environment, the Olympics and even an article on choosing your first pet! They learned new skills, spoke about things important to them and helped other youth connect to their community.

Generations Homework Club

The Generations Homework Club is a free after-school program to support group kids in need between grades 4-7 through an approach that involves kids, teens, older youth, adults and a variety of partners towards helping kids succeed at school and help them learn healthy habits and choices through fun activities, learning and physical activity. With the help of community partners, staff and the volunteers the program runs at two locations on two days each per week. Over 30 youth have been trained as tutor/mentors and they work with kids to help them build confidence with core subjects, improve their outlook towards school and participate in recreational and social activities. The program provided support to over 44 kids and over 32 tutor/mentors volunteered more than 1800 hours this year. Volunteers said it was great to see how the kids outlook towards school changed, and how their confidence improved through the relationships they had! The kids said they enjoyed the fun games and activities the most. This year over 90% of the kids said that the GHC helped them do better at school and that they liked school more because of it! Over 90% of the youth involved as volunteers reported that they learned new skills and increased their confidence! One of the tutor/mentors is now sure they want to be a teacher! This program is about making a difference in the lives of the kids as well as the youth involved. It is based on building from what each individual has as strengths and sharing that with others!

“I think it is so great that we (youth) can show how we can make a difference! I enjoy making our community a better place through our community projects.”

Summary of Activities for 2009/2010

(cont.) Richmond Youth Centre

Summer Camp Adventures

The Summer Camp Adventures 2009 offered 7 weeks of affordable camp activities for kids ages 6 to 12. There were 26 volunteers who gave over 1100 hours from helping develop the program to leading different activities. The camp was a hit and offered a real opportunity to kids who may not have had a chance to have fun and get out at all. We were able to take them to sports events, tour some of the fun places in Richmond and work with the kids and parents to show how they can have fun on a budget. Everyone learned, kids, staff and volunteers!



Intergenerational programs

The Intergenerational Movie Nights operated on a bi-weekly basis where seniors and youth

can watch a movie, enjoy food and participate in a discussion period afterwards to share their thoughts and exchange opinions, fostering communication between the two generations. There were approximately 20 seniors and youth at each movie night. The seniors really enjoyed themselves and were recommending the program to their friends. Volunteers developed their public speaking and discussion facilitation skills in the discussions followed by the movies. The program was a huge success, and we want to create more opportunities for intergenerational activities!

Station Stretch Program

The Station Stretch Alternate School Program is run by the School District and partners with RYSA to provide one youth and family worker (YFW) to support the success of youth at and outside of school. The objectives of this position is to identify youth at risk in the school, improve the social / emotional well being of the youth through one to one support, reduce family conflict by means of mediation, and assist clients and their families to connect with community resources. Each student receives help be it a needs assessment or check in on how they are to intensive ongoing one to one work. The most common issues are family conflict, drug and alcohol misuse, relationships, and grief and loss. Many of these issues translate into high absenteeism, behavioural challenges, being late, lack of focus and success at school and lack of goals for their life or education. The work of the YFW has a significant impact on the students towards overcoming personal challenges and increasing their outlook towards life and school, helping them develop meaningful goals that work towards their future.



During the 2009 -10 year the school enrolled 65 students between the grade 8-10 levels. Out of these 36 (55%) of those students successfully completed their Grade 10, while the remaining 29 (45%) achieved one more grade level and are working towards the grade 10 level. Over 86% (or 56 of the students) met the attendance expectations, and 95% (or 62 of the students)



met the social expectations with support from the YFW. In addition to supporting youth in the program, the YFW provides ongoing support to students who have graduated from the program. This support is to encourage their long term success. Working with over 17 additional youth the YFW helps those students complete grades 11 and 12, stay connected to supports and services they need and to provide one to one and family support as required. In total the YFW has worked with 82 youth this past year.

This past year was very challenging as many youth were dealing with the suicide of a close friend. A lot of time was spent supporting them

with the grieving process and working to support them to be healthy and overcome any mental health challenges such as stress and depression. So far they are adjusting well and learning to honour their friend's memory, but the YFW will be continuing to support and help them. Some of the other challenges for the program include conflict. In one of the cases where a student was previously assaulted by other students we were able to work with the parents of the youth, the local RCMP, teachers and the students towards safe participation and eventually the youth involved all were able to stay in school. These are some of the challenges that often result in youth dropping out and leading to conflict with the law, drug use, gang involvement and unfortunately reinforcing the cycle. With a focus on developing relationships with each youth in the program and their families we have shown that we can make a difference and help youth to succeed in the program and beyond.

“The counselor at Stretch is super easy to talk to and helpful. He’ll listen to you and help you when you’re down.”

Richmond School Program

The Richmond School Program (RSP) provides a number of services to elementary school students in Richmond who are experiencing social, emotional and behavioural challenges that make life at school, home and the community difficult for them and their families. The program consists of staff from education, health and RYSA. In addition to the two staff from RYSA, there are three teachers, two educational assistants, a speech and language pathologist, an occupational therapist, four family therapists and two psychiatrists. Students are referred through their school counsellor and are assessed through observation, testing and discussions with the people involved with the student before they start the program. The two child and family workers (CFW) support the kids individually, with other team members, through group activities and by working with the families as well. Over the past year the program has served 87 clients and their families. Of those clients 17 of the kids with more challenges were enrolled in our school program at Blundell Elementary School (where the CFW staff are located). There were 3 girls and 14 boys in our program over the past year.

The school program runs similar to a regular school with all the regular subjects but there is a maximum of 6 students in each class. There are

two classes with the primary being grades K - 3 and the intermediate being grades 4 - 7. Along with regular curriculum, the students also work with therapists and the RYSA staff on individual goals and needs. We work to develop strategies that help the student learn and overcome social challenges while also helping those around them better understand and work with the kids towards success at school and home. When the student has worked with us towards achieving their goals and the team feels they are ready the CFW staff work to transition them to mainstream classes. This could be the class they came from or for others it is a new start at a brand new school. It is important that we work with the students, their families, staff across the district, local health and community professionals and social workers to support each child. Taking this approach increases the impact and long term success.

Within the program some of the common challenges we work with kids on are peer/social skills, anger management, anxiety, abuse issues, family crisis, ADHD, oppositional defiant disorder, OCD, general life skills, community knowledge, self esteem and depression. The program operates from a Family Systems model and the parents agree to participate as much as possible with their child's program

to ensure that what we are doing at school carries over to other areas of the child's life. The program also holds family nights during the course of the year. These events provide an opportunity for students and families to share a fun night, meet other families and connect with the program staff. The night includes food and activities that encourage family fun. We usually have a good turnout of 50-75 people attending. This year RYSA was able to obtain separate funding through a community donor to help kids access activities and recreational supports that they wouldn't otherwise be able to due to financial issues or simply not having the proper support. This summer we will be working to increase summer camp activities for kids from the program as well!



Pathways Aboriginal Centre

Pathways Aboriginal Centre (PAC) has been open for 4 years. Funding for programs, resources and activities through the centre are supported by a variety of funders including: the UMAC, GVAUS, the Government of BC, the Government of Canada, Vancouver Coastal health, the Richmond School District and several other grants and donors. We continue to work to build on the work of previous years and listen to our community towards ensuring that Richmond has access to culturally based supports, resources and activities that promote health and wellness, skill development, leadership and school participation within the Aboriginal community of Richmond.

At Pathways this past year we worked to expand the supports for children and families, continued our work with youth, promoting cultural awareness within our community through local celebrations, reaching out to other service

providers and working to increase cultural awareness and pride within our community. At the PAC we work hard to support each person or family to access the support that they need. We do that through information and referral, partnerships, workshops, one to one support, activities and working with local services to help Aboriginal people connect to them.

Each person's path is different and we work to respect the unique journey, assets and challenges that they bring. Involving and engaging our community is critical if we are to have a long term impact. With the support of many hands helping along the way we have been able to support over 120 youth, 55 children and 70 families. Through events, activities and celebrations such as National Aboriginal Day we have connected to over 1000 more people and have worked with over 25 agencies and partners during the last year. The last

year brings with it many memories including: raising a traditional teepee, the canoe journey, creating short claymation videos, the journey to the Gathering our Voices Conference, nature trips, tours of local colleges, family nights and weekend leadership training sessions.

Pathways Aboriginal Centre houses a number of unique programs and projects. We have outlined each of them and some of their achievements during this past year.

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OSKAYAK Youth Program

The OSKAYAK Youth Program (OYP) works with Aboriginal youth between the ages of 12 to 24. The program is supported through funding provided by the BC Association of Friendship Centres and the government of Canada. The program seeks to involve, engage, inspire and connect Aboriginal youth within Richmond towards increased skills, confidence and cultural awareness. The centre works with the Oskayak Aboriginal Youth Advisory Council (YAC) to develop activities that support youth towards positive change and growth in: community involvement and leadership, health and wellness, cultural awareness and life and career goals. The program provides drop in activities, workshops, one to one support, cultural outings such as traditional sweat lodge visits and sessions and opportunities with local elders to pass on the teachings and learning to our youth. Youth are encouraged to be involved in the planning of activities, promoting their learning and culture to the community and in the passing down of knowledge and opportunities to the younger children attending the centre. Youth have helped raise funds for activities, have led summer recreation programs, helped organize events and mentor other youth to become more involved. This past year we have had previous participants share their stories and success at college, in training programs, and one youth shared what he learned travelling across Canada. Some of the successes from the past year include participation in the Olympic torch relay, a cultural and artistic training workshop with a local Aboriginal artist as part of the Olympic activities, youth being able to attend Olympic activities, the youth council being involved in local cultural awareness building and planning sessions in the city, increased dialogue and involvement with local youth from the two bands Musqueam and Tswassen and work towards building more resources within the school district to support success of local children and youth.



RALLY

Pathways Aboriginal Centre was also pleased to offer the Richmond Aboriginal Life skills and Leadership for Youth project (RALLY) for the third year in a row. This project provided opportunities for 22 youth to learn more about their culture, heritage and helped prepare them for their future through individual support, group skill building, outdoor activities, creating short claymation videos, carving projects and exploring career and training opportunities. The youth spoke to community groups about their experiences, they raised money to support activities at the centre, increased their confidence and essential skills and 5 of the youth found employment or pursued further education through the program. Youth also supported the organizing of National Aboriginal Day Celebrations and organizing several family nights at the centre during the program. The



project continues to have a huge impact on the youth and our community. Whether it is helping youth learn about their culture, increasing confidence, building leadership skills or helping them find work or identify a career/educational goal.

National Aboriginal Day

For the third year in a row we held National Aboriginal Day Celebrations here in Richmond. This year had over 600 people in attendance. The day was made possible thanks to dozens of volunteers, the support of the Oskayak Youth Council, the Government of Canada, the BC Government, Vancouver Coastal Health and the City of Richmond. Over 15 artists and entertainers showcased Aboriginal culture and talents, several informational booths were set up for visitors. The digital storytelling project from the previous year was screened and there were several local agencies showcasing services, supports and resources to those

in attendance. The day was opened by the Musqueam Chief and local city counselors and member of parliament. This day provides an opportunity for people to explore Aboriginal culture, for Aboriginal people to take pride in their heritage and for the community to connect and come together.

First Nations Program

This program is a partnership with the School District, RYSA and Vancouver Coastal Health. The program provides one school based Aboriginal outreach worker that works with the PAC, local teachers, counselors and First Nations resource teachers to support success at school, increase access to local resources and positively impact the health and wellness of Aboriginal children, youth and families in our community. During the past year the program provided support to over 35 children and youth and over 15 families. Additional activities included: over 420 one to one sessions, 28 drop in educational workshops and 6 community newsletters distributed to a mailing list of 300 people. Some of the key successes included that 90% of youth achieved their goals set with the program, several youth stayed in school rather than dropping out, we helped one family obtain subsidized housing, over 85% of the participants reported positive changes relating to health wellness indicators and over 85% of the youth involved graduated!



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Connections Youth Resource Centre

Connections Youth Resource Centre has been serving the needs of the youth in our community since May 2008 by linking them to local employers and community resources, and by helping youth to find their career path and secure meaningful employment. Our dedicated team takes pride in helping youth to explore career options, develop skills through paid/funded programs and to help enhance their employability skills through one-to-one coaching, group workshops and on-going customized supports. Our staff take initiative to familiarize themselves with available community resources, stay current on the local Labour Market trends and network with other service providers to enhance client success. Our warm and welcoming drop in resource room is fully equipped with computers (with high speed internet access), phones, a fax machine, a photocopier, a scanner, the resource library, up-to-date job postings, self help job search material and much more. All visitors to the Centre are greeted promptly, new clients are given customized tours of the centre and assisted immediately with their needs regardless of whether it is career counseling, development of a return to work action plan, referral to other programs, resume/cover letter/interview skills preparation assistance, access to job leads or the use of self help resources.



We have been able to build a good reputation in the community by providing quality client service and as a result most of our referrals tend to be from 'word of mouth'. We also recognize the importance of keeping the community informed, updating partners and advertising through the local media about our services, our success and how we can help youth find work they love! In light of this, staff continued to reach out and market our services throughout the year by visiting other service providers and presenting program information; by dropping off brochures at various community centres, malls and other common gathering places; and by participating

in community events including attending various committee meetings and participating in community fairs.



Connections staff took every opportunity to enhance our community partnerships by providing outreach services to local organizations. This year, we worked in partnership with Richmond Public Library to offer outreach employment counseling service to youth in Cantonese, Mandarin and English throughout the year. Staff visited the library every other Wednesday and provided one to one employment counseling support to Asian youth. We have also worked to provide hiring fairs, participated in community events that promote career awareness and leadership such as U-Connect and as a result connected with over 7000 additional community members towards increased career awareness, access to supports and understanding of how to find your career passion!

"Without your help I wouldn't have found work - you rock!"

Connections Youth Resource Centre made a significant difference in the community on several levels. Since May 2008, we have welcomed 7,603 visitors to the Centre, provided needs assessment services to 722 youth and case managed 439 out of which 342 were assisted in finding sustainable employment. In addition, we were also able to help more than 400 youth find work through our drop in resources, special events, career corners and other supports. Some of the other details about our clients include: 28% had below a high school education, 8% were concerned about their reading and writing skills, 48% had no job

related training or skills, 12% had no/minimal computer skills, 67% had no social support and 73% had no source of income. Our largest cultural demographic identified by clients was Asian, with 52% of our clients listing this as their cultural background/ethnicity and second largest client group identified themselves as being Caucasian.



We continue to receive encouraging feedback from our clients who especially enjoy the customized employment support from staff along with the up-to-date resources available in our Resource Centre to assist them in finding sustainable employment. We are proud to see the difference our services have made in the lives of hundreds of youth, their families and our community and look forward to providing continuous quality service in the years to come. Whether it is helping a youth with their resume, supporting them to choose an educational path or developing a plan to get that dream job! Each and every youth has been supported to increase their career, employment and community connections through coming into the centre. Thank you for all of your support, the employers we work with, the community partners that help us make sure youth are able and ready to succeed at work and those that give of their time to volunteer and provide support through information sessions, workshops or help us organize events!

Connections Highlights

- Over 7700 visits the Centre
- 722 needs assessments
- Over 750 employed

Our Stories

One of the youth we work with was very anxious about moving from the program he was in back to the school he came from where there was some history. He didn't have a lot of family support and we worked with him to transition. Unfortunately there were some conflicts at the new school, and he wanted to quit. It wasn't easy but we worked with him to learn strategies to work through the conflicts and overcome the challenges. As a result he graduated and is now working with the employment centre towards his career and educational goals! Way to go!

As a recent immigrant educated in Hong Kong my job search was going nowhere and I was feeling increasingly frustrated. A friend recommended a visit to Connections Youth Resource Centre. The staff were great, there was lots of resources and I met a case manager who helped me identify my employment challenges and referred me to a job search program. The program helped me uncover the hidden job market and make valuable networking connections. The staff at Connections helped me find a great opportunity as a "President Consultant" for a local on-line company starting at \$18/hr. Without your help I don't know what I would have done!



Many of the kids we work with come from homes with challenges. One really needed to find some way to participate in recreational activities and continue to develop his social skills. With help from local funders we were able to support him to participate in out of school activities during the year and during the summer. The changes in him were huge, he was more confident, his anger issues decreased and his mom reported that he doing much better at home. He said at the end of the summer "it is great I got to do fun stuff...and made friends! Thank you!"

A young mother who wanted to stay in school and raise her child healthy and happy, was facing challenges that included: financial issues, finding secure, affordable housing and feeling alone and isolated. With our help she found subsidized housing and been able to find the help she needed for her and her family! Now we are working on her next goal - to graduate high school!

Volunteer Profile

This summer the Richmond Youth Service Agency's Summer Camp Adventures Program was fortunate to have many committed and hardworking volunteers giving their time to help the staff run the camps. While all of the volunteers did an amazing job one volunteer in particular shined through the group. Akiff is a criminology student whose career aspirations include becoming a Police Officer or a Customs Officer. The time spent volunteering with the Summer Camp Adventures Program has helped to build Akiff's career relevant skill set by increasing his patience, listening, and interpersonal skills with people of various age groups. Since he spent the last two years finishing high school and working part-time this was Akiff's first summer volunteering with the program. Previously, he did not have much time to volunteer so this summer he decided to give back to the community by donating his time.

Akiff found the most rewarding part of volunteering with the Summer Camps was

sharing the joy and sense of achievement with the kids every time they learned something new and that they looked up to him. This created a great feeling of satisfaction for Akiff. He said his biggest challenges were adjusting to the wide range of ages of the kids, their needs and encouraging kids when some found an activity difficult or challenging.

Outside of this volunteer position Akiff enjoys playing basketball, watching hockey, reading, and spending time with friends and family. Given his love of sports Akiff's favourite activities involved sports at the summer camp. During this week he was able to share his passion for sport and encourage kids to get involved. His advice for improving the Summer Camp Program in the future is to expand community outings so the kids have an opportunity to go around the city and see new sights that they may not usually have the chance to see. The Summer Camp Program gives the kids a place to have fun, make friends, obtain skills and knowledge, and

learn how to be members of a larger team. All the skills the kids acquire they will be able to use later on in life.



Given his great experience as a volunteer this summer, Akiff plans to volunteer again with the Summer Camp Adventures Program next year. Thank you Akiff for all of your hard work and effort. You were an asset to the program and helped to make it an amazing experience for everyone who met and worked with you!

Our Team

Marshall Thompson	Executive Director	Jelica Shaw	Pathways Aboriginal Centre
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Financial Report

Assets	2010	2009
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 164,406	\$ 245,036
Accounts receivable	75,821	43,120
Securities	135,741	124,603
Prepaid expenses	8,271	8,232
Capital assets (Note 3)	453,494	460,626
Total current assets	\$ 837,733	\$ 881,617
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 23,567	\$ 35,863
Deposits	3,150	25,200
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	104,770	181,603
Total current liabilities	131,487	242,666
Deferred Capital Contributions (Note 5)	212,240	212,858
Total liabilities	\$ 343,727	\$ 455,524
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	\$ 252,752	\$ 178,059
Investment in capital assets	241,254	248,034
Total net assets	\$ 837,733	\$ 881,617

Our Funding Partners



Our Funders and Supporters

Community Leader (\$10,000 and above)

Business Objects Foundation
BC Association of Aboriginal
Children's Aid Foundation
City of Richmond
Coast Capital Savings
Edith Janet Strangroom Estate
Government of BC
Government of Canada

Helping Hands of WorkSafe BC
Indian and Northwern Affairs Canada
Kids Up Front Foundation
Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness
Canada
Richmond School Board
Richmond Sunset Rotary
Royal Bank Community Foundation

School District #38 Employees
Service Canada
Trade Secret
United Way of the Lower Mainland
Vancouver Coastal Health
Vancouver Foundation

Mentorship Level (\$5,000 and above)

Centre for Sustainability
Dennison Chevrolet
Enterprising Non-Profits
Hudson's Bay Co

Honda Canada Inc
Mr. Marcus Lai
Mr. Peter Lee
Richmond Community Foundation

Richmond Health Services
Rona Inc

Coach Level (\$2,500 and above)

Canadian Heritage

Mr. Marshall Thompson

Swordfern Management-Richmond Holdings Ltd.

Friends of RYSA (\$250 and above)

Art Home Studio
Boys & Girls Club
C-Link
Dash BC
Geopacific Consultants Ltd.
Greig Sheppard, CGA
Harmony Airways
H.J. Cambie Secondary School
Hudson Bay Company
Ilich Foundation
Intrawest Corporation
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The Fairmont Vancouver Airport
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Oxford Learning Centre
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Richmond Auto Mall Association
Richmond Centre
Richmond Community Foundation
Richmond Holdings
Rogers Wireless
S&T Stereo Printers
Skilled Immigrants InfoCentre
Swing Fitted Custom Golf Clubs
Terra Nova Mortgage Corporation
The Tapestry Church
Urban Impact Recycling
WCB Employees

Get Involved!

Richmond Youth Service Agency has been providing programs, services and support for children, youth and families in our community for over 35 years. By taking the time to be involved in the life of a child or young person you will make a difference in our community and our future. Each and every one of us can help. Find out about how you can get involved and make a difference today!

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