

# Your generosity is only the beginning of something wonderful

Because of you...and the vision you have to support our community, Vancouver Foundation is able to help many good projects take root, all across BC – and grow.

Each project listed in this booklet represents countless hours of evaluation spent by our volunteers; the generosity and foresight of our donors; and the determined effort of organizations small and large to make our province a more healthy and vibrant place to live.

Once again, through *The Book of Opportunities*, our donors were connected to hundreds of exceptional projects which sought funding from Vancouver Foundation. Many of you chose to support projects through this initiative, and together we were able to fund more worthy projects than any of us could have done alone.

From helping deaf babies in rural communities start life with the latest assistive-hearing technologies; to restoring streams in the Cowichan Valley; to giving inner-city youth the chance to participate in quality after-school programs – your generosity is only the beginning.

Together, we know there's so much more we can accomplish.

## By the numbers

**264** applications requesting \$12.2 million

**171** organizations that received a grant

**\$600,450** in contributions through *The Book of Opportunities*

**\$5.8 million** total amount of grants awarded



# Strengthening our community **together**

Vancouver Foundation recognizes that communities are complex and many factors go into creating a healthy and vibrant place to live.

That's why we fund a wide variety of programs ranging from arts to education, environment to youth, children and families.

Each year, we receive hundreds of proposals for so many worthwhile projects. Unfortunately, we cannot fund them all. So we must choose ...

Over 150 experts – scientists, academics, researchers and front-line staff – volunteer their time to help us make informed decisions. They share with us an intimate knowledge of the issues, the needs of the community, and the organizations in their fields.

It's an involved and thorough process, all in an effort to ensure the Foundation and our donors support the most worthwhile, effective projects in our communities.

**Our sincere thanks, and we hope the next issue of *The Book of Opportunities* will continue to help you expand the possibilities of your philanthropy in spring 2011.**

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The *Book* is divided by our funding areas.

<b>Children, Youth and Families</b>	<b>x</b>
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<b>Environment</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Youth Homelessness</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Animal Welfare</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Health and Social Development</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Special Thanks</b>	<b>x</b>

