

## **Give Where You Live**

### **Selected Partners 2024**

#### **1. WVSAC – Feed the Need – Goal \$100,000**

The Seniors' Activity Centre meal program began as the COVID-19 pandemic brought light to a genuine need amongst the community and its most vulnerable seniors, many of which lacked the financial means to access regular meals. The Feed the Need program currently serves 3 free meals per week, delivered by volunteers which positively impacts and improves the lives of the roughly 120 meal program participants.

#### **2. Family Services of the North Shore – Goal \$20,000**

Family Services North Shore Community Hub provides a safe environment open year-round for our North Shore neighbours in need. Over the holidays, the FSNS Christmas Bureau ensures families, individuals, and senior clients can celebrate over the holidays with a warm meal and spend time with family. Recipients have an average monthly income of \$1,705 (family of 4), and in 2023, the program supported nearly 3,000 people living in our community including over 950 children. Your gift will help brighten the holidays by providing personalized presents and holiday gift baskets for over 3,000 people.

#### **3. Harvest Project – Goal \$40,000**

Since 1993, Harvest Project has been serving the North Shore by 'extending a hand up' to residents who find themselves on the margins - reaching out with a safety net that brings tangible, life-changing care. We work with our clients in a coaching relationship, along with providing no-cost grocery and nutrition support, clothing through our retail thrift store Clothes for Change, financial coaching, art therapy and short-term no-interest loans through our rent bank, as well as other goods and services through our network of external community partners.

#### **4. Vancouver Food Runners – Goal \$16,000**

VFR works in partnership with 150+ food businesses and 350+ active volunteers to deliver surplus food to 150+ nonprofit organizations across the Lower Mainland. VFR primarily operates in Vancouver, but our operations have been expanding in the North Shore, Burnaby, Richmond, and Delta.

We are the only food recovery program in Metro Vancouver that can efficiently and effectively offer same-day food donation collection through our app technology and volunteer food recovery model.

#### **5. Athletics for Kids – Goal \$20,000**

Through our Sport4Life Grant Program, we work discreetly with North Shore families facing financial challenges to ensure that their children have the chance to play. We partner with North Shore families with a net taxable family income of under \$45,000, on social assistance, and in foster care regardless of foster family income. We issue up to \$450 towards the registration costs for each eligible athlete, each year, covering up to 100% of their fees. We believe that sports have

the power to transform a child's life - physically, mentally, socially - now and for the rest of their lives.

#### **6. BC Pets & Friends – Goal \$25,000**

BCPF provides the healing comfort and companionship of pet therapy by visiting people who could benefit from the unconditional love and support of a pet in a social, emotional, or physical way. Our volunteer teams visit assisted living facilities, rehab facilities, mental health institutions, hospitals, cancer centers, and hospice facilities on a regular basis. In addition, we participate in special events where we provide pet therapy visits at schools, universities, community events, and corporate facilities.

#### **7. Red Fox Society – Goal \$20,000**

Red Fox will deliver free Active Play programs at North Shore schools, parks and community special events, to inspire children to be active and learn new skills and to provide youth who face barriers with ongoing work experience and mentorship. We will bring arts and environmental stewardship activities to Active Play sessions and we will invite youth to participate in civic engagement, violence prevention and environmental stewardship training activities with other youth from across Metro Vancouver.

#### **8. Backpack Buddies – Goal \$25,000**

Many children on the North Shore rely heavily on school meal programs but over the weekend may not eat at all: this is 'the weekend hunger gap.' Backpack Buddies addresses this childhood hunger crisis by filling backpacks every Friday for students in need with meals and snacks to last the weekend. For a cost of only \$25, Backpack Buddies sends a child home with a bag full of kid approved meals to last the weekend. \$925 feeds a child for the full school year.

#### **9. North Shore Restorative Justice – Goal \$25,000**

The Restorative Response Program (RRP) is a relationship-based approach to addressing harm from crime or conflict. Centering on the needs of those harmed, it invites accountability from those responsible, fostering repair and healing to prevent future harm. RRP handles referrals from police and community agencies as an alternative to criminal and civil court processes. The year-round program addresses cases ranging from shoplifting and other minor offenses to serious harms including intimate partner violence and assault.

#### **10. Hollyburn Community Services – Goal \$20,000**

Hollyburn Community Services Society's 5 R program offers a wrap-around, individualized service that supports highly marginalized youth to acquire what they need while developing resiliency.

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