



PRESS RELEASE – June 13, 2011

**NORTH SHORE ORGANIZATIONS TO RECEIVE
OVER \$140,000 IN GRANTS**

North Vancouver, BC - Grants totaling more than \$140,000 will be distributed by the North Shore Community Foundation this year. The recipients include community programs that provide a diverse range of services for children, youth and seniors, all on the North Shore. A presentation will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 to distribute the grants to many of the recipients.

This year's recipients include Athletics for Kids, which provides funding for children who would otherwise be unable to participate in amateur sports; the Red Cross Health Equipment Loan Program; and the Saturday hot lunch program at Highlands United Church, which is now feeding up to 50 homeless people each Saturday. Other grants go to a range of children's programs, from an early childhood program for First Nations children, to empowerment camps for teenage girls. In addition, the Judy Dennis Emerging Artist Award is being given to North Shore jazz musician Colin Parker, to further his studies in jazz piano and percussion.

The North Shore Community Foundation manages almost \$2 million in over 20 trust funds, and uses the income from the funds for the community grants. The Foundation was formed in 1988 and serves the area from Deep Cove to Lions Bay, including Bowen Island. "Presenting community grants is the highlight of our year", says David Alsop, President of the Foundation. "It's really what we're all about. We are grateful to our many trust fund donors, who know that their donations are managed responsibly by us, and thus generate the income that makes these grants possible."

The grants ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 15 from 2 - 4 pm at The Summerhill Retirement Residence, 135 West 15th Street, North Vancouver.

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North Shore Community Foundation – 2011 Grant Recipients

- 1 **Athletics for Kids (A4K)** to fund needy children and youth (5-18) up to \$600 per person per annum for any amateur sport recognized by Sport BC
- 2 **North Shore Crisis Services Society** to assist HOPE'S Place, a second stage housing program for women and their children who are fleeing abuse.
- 3 **Canadian Red Cross** to fund the purchase and distribution of equipment in their Health Equipment Loan Program
- 4 **Highlands United Church** to help purchase food for the Saturday hot lunch program for the homeless
- 5 **Family Services of the North Shore** to support the Takaya Family Centre's early childhood program for First Nations children ages 0 – 6 years and their parents
- 6 **Norvan Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vancouver** to fund after school /evening programs for preteen girls (9-12)
- 7 **North Shore Meals on Wheels Society** to fund delivery and supplies such as meal containers
- 8 **Canadian Mental Health Association** to support staffing costs for a weekly lecture series
- 9 **North Shore Women's Centre** to support empowerment camps for teenage girls ages 13-17
- 10 **Judy Dennis Emerging Artist Award:** to Colin Parker, to further his studies in jazz piano and jazz drum set