



Yellowknife Community Foundation

2009 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2010 / 2011 CALENDAR



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SEPTEMBER 2010

Circle of Hands by Fran Hurcomb | www.franhurcomb.com

Yellowknife Community Fund

A gift to the Yellowknife Community Fund enables the Foundation to fulfill its mission to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Yellowknife. Founded in 1993, the Yellowknife Community Fund awards grants in the areas of social services, health, arts, education, and the environment.

The fund pools individual contributions so that collectively they can make a significant social impact. Some of the projects and agencies that have benefited from the Fund include the YWCA, the Yellowknife Seniors' Society, Side Door Youth Centre, the Yellowknife Guild of Arts and Crafts and the NWT Council of Persons with Disabilities.

Donors may make contributions to the Fund in their own name, in the name of a loved one they wish to be remembered, in the name of another person to mark a special occasion or as a gift. Donors may direct the Foundation to issue the tax receipt to themselves or to the people in whose honour they are making the contribution.

The Foundation solicits and accepts grant applications from organizations that meet certain guidelines. A Grants Committee evaluates applications and makes its recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board awards grants four times annually, within the parameters of the funds available and the mission of the Foundation.



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Community Fund Recipients 2009

Side Door Youth Centre

To support their summer camp program

YWCA Yellowknife

To support their Taiga Adventure Camp summer camp program

City of Yellowknife Municipal Enforcement Division

To support the 2009 Bike Rodeo

Salvation Army – Bailey House

To support an arts and recreation pilot project

NWT Breast Health/Breast Cancer Action Group

To support the Healing Through Art Pilot Program

Yellowknife Guild of Arts & Crafts

To purchase a new kiln

NWT Council of Persons with Disabilities

To purchase training room equipment

French Cultural Association of Yellowknife

To support the creation of the large sculpture (3 drum dancers) at the City amphitheatre

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labour Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Fall begins	23	24	25
26 YK Ski Club founded, 1968	27	28	29	30		



OCTOBER 2010

The Keepers of the Golden Past by Douglas R Witt | douglas@schoolofwitt.com

NWT Mining Heritage Trust Fund

The NWT Mining Heritage Society is dedicated to the preservation of mining heritage in the NWT.

The Society is currently working to develop the Mining Heritage Centre on the former Yellowknife Giant Mine site. The new

Centre has the potential to be a fascinating and informative heritage and interpretive location. It will offer tremendous tourism and educational possibilities regarding geology, mining and mineral exploration in the NWT. Visitors can be educated and entertained with fascinating stories, exhibits and displays

of the north's geology and mining heritage. The Centre will also be home to the extensive Walter Gibbins Rock and Mineral Collection.

The NWT Mining Heritage Trust Fund was established by the Society to assist with funding for facilities operated by the Society

such as the NWT Mining Heritage Centre. Donors: NWT Mining Heritage Society



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NEW FUNDS IN 2009

Elaine Whitford Scholarship Fund
Established to accumulate capital donations for which the income has been designated for annual scholarships to NWT post-secondary students pursuing an education in Social Work or Nursing.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Thanksgiving	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Halloween 31						



Snow Squall by Fran Hurcomb | www.franhurcomb.com

Walter Gibbins Memorial Fund

Walter Gibbins was born in Winnipeg in 1940, and received his B.Sc. from the University of Manitoba, M.Sc. from Northwestern University (Illinois) and Ph.D. from MacMaster University. He worked for the NWT Geological Division of the Department of Indian Affairs in Yellowknife from 1974 until his death in 1992.

Walter was a very well-known figure in geology and mining circles. He was a district geologist and part of his work involved training northerners in geology and prospecting. He specialized in soapstone and other carving stone, and worked closely with Inuit carvers from many NWT communities and settlements (some of which are now in Nunavut). Walter also published several papers on geology, primarily the geology of the NWT.

Walter's interest in geology is perhaps best expressed in the extensive rock and mineral collection he accumulated throughout his career. The Walter Gibbins Memorial Fund was established for the maintenance of the Walter Gibbins Rock and Mineral Collection and the display cases used to house the collection, as well as for geological education and awareness in the NWT. The rock and mineral collection is maintained by the NWT Mining Heritage Society and has been

displayed in a number of locations in the City of Yellowknife. The collection will ultimately be housed in the NWT Mining Heritage Centre.

The Walter Gibbins Memorial Fund was launched with a \$25,000 donation from the Walter Gibbins Trust Fund in March, 2008.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Daylight Savings Time Ends				Remembrance Day		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



DECEMBER 2010

Fire and Ice by Linda Whitford

Pat McMahon Memorial Fund

Patricia (Pat) McMahon grew up in Northern Canada and resided in Yellowknife from 1968 until her untimely death in 2008. As a Councillor of the City of Yellowknife for seven years, Pat served on all of the Council committees and as a volunteer for many community organizations. She was elected Mayor of the City of Yellowknife for three terms, serving from 1987 to 1994.

Her personal commitment to Yellowknife and the Northwest Territories resulted

in appointments to many local, regional, territorial, national and international committees and organizations over the years including President of the Northwest Territories Association of Municipalities, and President of the Livable Winter Cities Association.

In 1983, Pat was presented with the NWT Tourism Award by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and in 1992 she received the Commemorative Medal of

Canada 125 from the Commissioner of the NWT on behalf of the Governor General.

Pat served as Ship's Sponsor of the HMCS YELLOWKNIFE for ten years and was involved in countless other volunteer efforts in the community, showing the same relentless energy and enthusiasm for every cause.

In honour of her many contributions to the community, the City of Yellowknife has named a new street McMahon Court,

and renamed the Frame Lake Trail as the "McMahon Frame Lake Trail".

The Pat McMahon Memorial Fund was established by her family to support female individuals that demonstrate community leadership in Yellowknife and civic pride, who demonstrate uniqueness in promoting Yellowknife or who wish to pursue studies in Tourism, Public Administration and/or Political Science.



Pat McMahon enjoying the Yellowknife skyline from Pilot's Monument.

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			1 Donate to the Yellowknife Community Foundation!	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27 Average date for the Mackenzie River ice bridge to open	28	29	30	31 Last day for 2010 charitable tax receipt	



JANUARY 2011

New Years Fireworks Over Yellowknife by Kevin Klingbeil | kona_kevin@hotmail.com

Jenny Gamble-Fournier Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jenny Gamble-Fournier was a little girl when her family moved to Yellowknife in 1978. After graduating high school, she spent a year in Europe and then went on to complete Carleton University's journalism program, although her real passion was art history. She worked in Yellowknife briefly before

returning to Europe to be with her fiancé, Chris Fournier. Jenny and Chris were married less than two months before she succumbed to bone cancer in 1999.

A talented painter and poet with passionate spirit, Jenny was very proud of her Northern roots. In her memory, friends and family

established a scholarship fund for students pursuing a post-secondary education, with an emphasis on the arts. The Fund provides annual scholarships to students of Yellowknife's Sir John Franklin High School with high levels of academic achievement, well-rounded character and wide interests.



2009 Donations 'In Memory Of'

Wayne Sweeney
Ivor Dent

Donations to Various Funds Prior to 2009

'In Honour of'

The birth of Shiri MacPherson-Casebeer
The 40th wedding anniversary of Bill and Joanne Rose of Toronto
The 65th birthday of Connie Landstrom
Robert and Loretta Gamble

'In Memory of'

Glen Kornichuk	Paul Tanner
Clem St. Croix	Evelyn Hall
Irma Weaver	Glenn Alexander
Hermione Anderson	Shorty Brown
Dr. Everett Cooper	Denis Crane
Mrs. A. Dent	Chris George
Jack Grainge	Peter G. Hendrick
Elsie Makarenko	John Alfred Meyer
Mame Remnant	Evelyn (Toby) Taylor
Elizabeth MacLaren Sperry SRN	
Sisko Kaarina Emery	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Years Day Yellowknife incorporates as a City, 1970
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 First donation to Community Fund 1994	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Average date for ferry to stop operating	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31				



FEBRUARY 2011

Skies of Vee by Dave Brosha | contactme@davebrosha.com

Mary Beth Miller Memorial Fund

Mary Beth Miller was born August 24, 1976 and moved to Yellowknife with her family when she was six years old.

Always an athlete, Mary Beth was involved in many sports and activities throughout her youth. Her parents supported her pursuits and provided whatever assistance they could

to the sporting clubs which Mary Beth was participating in.

Mary Beth was an enthusiastic and spirited athlete – constantly challenging herself and her teammates to strive to achieve their best, although it was more important to Mary Beth that people took pleasure in the experience.

Mary Beth died July 2, 2000, as a result of a bear attack while training at the Miriam Bedard Biathlon Centre in Val Cartier, Quebec.

Mary Beth's family established the Mary Beth Miller Memorial Fund to support athletes who demonstrate the qualities that Mary Beth exhibited in her approach to life.



RECIPIENTS

Mary Beth Miller Memorial Fund Grant Recipient 2009

Jill Gilday, a short track speed skater and university student, used the grant to defray the costs of training camp in Penticton.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Yellowknife Community Foundation Gala
13	14 Valentines Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



MARCH 2011

Change in the Weather by Fran Hurcomb | www.franhurcomb.com

David Sutherland Memorial Fund

David learned to cross-country ski in Inuvik in the 1960s after arriving from BC to start a job with the Government. He learned to ski from oblate priest Father Mouchet and was involved with the internationally-recognized Territorial Experimental Ski Training Program (TEST) Program in Inuvik. After moving to

Yellowknife, he worked with the local and territorial ski programs coaching young skiers.

David thought that cross-country skiing was an excellent sport for young people. Along with the fitness aspects of physical training, he believed that skiing developed other skills

– discipline, goal setting, and perseverance.

David Sutherland passed away on Oct. 12, 2004, from cancer. This fund was established in David’s memory by the Sutherland family and the Yellowknife Ski Club, so that he could continue to help young northern skiers.



RECIPIENTS

David Sutherland Memorial Fund Grant Recipient 2009

Thomsen D’Hont used the grant to defray expenses incurred while training for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Savings Time				St. Patrick’s Day	YK Association for Community Living incorporated, 1974	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Spring Begins						
27	28	29	30	31		



APRIL 2011

Early Departure by Fran Hurcomb | www.franhurcomb.com

Northern Aviation Scholarship Fund

Originally established to commemorate the life of John Bidwell, and more recently the memory of Jim Smith, this fund is intended to provide scholarships to individuals who aspire to a career in aviation in the north.

Captain John Ernest Bidwell

Born in Scotland, John came to the NWT for the first time in 1981 flying a single Twin Otter for Lamb Air. Over the years he worked

for La Ronge Aviation in Saskatchewan, then in Yellowknife. He flew medevacs and charters for Latham Island Airways, operated Imperial Aviation and then flew as a contract pilot for North-Wright Airways, Arctic Sunwest and Adlair Aviation Ltd. He became the base manager and chief pilot for Summit Air in YK. His life was taken in a tragic accident near Port Radium NWT, on October 8, 2000.

Captain James Smith

Jim grew up in Winnipeg, and moved to Rankin Inlet in the 1970s to work as a pilot for Keewatin Air. Jim stayed in Rankin Inlet for seven years, then took a position with Air Manitoba based in Churchill. He flew King Airs and DC-4s, and became recognized for his ability to perfectly load and land airplanes safely in remote communities. In the late '80s he worked for Kenn Borek

Air, flying throughout the north. He even led a flight to Antarctica – landing the first DC-4 on wheels. His final contract was with Buffalo Airways, where he took the position of Chief Pilot early and obtained Check Pilot authority.

Both men will be long remembered for their professional expertise and positive influences on young pilots



RECIPIENTS:

Northern Aviation Scholarship Fund Recipient 2009

Steven Lipson attended an instructor rating program with the assistance of the Northern Aviation Scholarship.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					Side Door receives Foundation's first grant, 1996	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Average date for Mackenzie River ice bridge to close					Earth Day Good Friday	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Easter Sunday						



MAY 2011

Early Morning Mist by Ashley St. Germaine | ams5@ualberta.ca

Enough Talk, Hurry Up and Do It Already Arts Scholarship

Dustin Milligan, TV and film actor originally from Yellowknife, initiated the “Enough Talk, Hurry Up and Do It Already Arts Scholarship” to help Sir John Franklin High School graduating students pursuing post-secondary studies in the dramatic arts, film or writing.

Applicants must demonstrate a strong work ethic, talent in their chosen field and a passion for drama, film or writing-related studies and activities both in school and in the community.

The inaugural scholarship from this fund was awarded in 2007 to Kira Hall to assist with

expenses while enrolled in the Bachelor of Music Program at the University of Victoria. The 2008 recipient, Jonathan Soderberg, used the scholarship while studying Acting for Stage and Screen at Capilano University. Bryce Wilson was awarded the scholarship in 2009 but was ultimately unable to accept.



Dance by A. Legaree

2009 Nominating Committee

- Gordon Van Tighem**
Mayor, City of Yellowknife (Chair)
- Jon Liv Jacque**
President, YK Chamber of Commerce
- Tom Middleton**
Commanding Officer, R.C.M.P. –G” Division
- Jim Lynn**
Chairperson, Yellowknife Ministerial Association
- Jane Arychuk**
Director, Aurora College Yellowknife Campus
- Jason Perrino**
Regional President, Yellowknife Education District #1, NWTTA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 <small>YK Search & Rescue incorporated, 1999</small>	7
8 <small>Mother's Day</small>	9	10	11	12	13 <small>Average date for ferry to start operating</small>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 <small>Victoria Day YK Rotary Club incorporated, 1979</small>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



JUNE 2011

Woodyard Evening by Fran Hurcomb | www.franhurcomb.com

Lilly Borges-Oldham Second Language Scholarship Fund

Born to German immigrant parents, Lilly knew first hand the importance of a second – and third – language. Her passion for life, languages and learning were clearly evident in her world travels with her husband Stuart, and in her exceptional contributions to education in the Northwest Territories.

Lilly inspired a generation of young Yellowknifers with her passions for languages, cultures and lifelong learning. She was dedicated to her students, her colleagues and her profession and was instrumental in the development of the French immersion program in Yellowknife. Lilly will be

remembered for her energy, enthusiasm, courage, strength and “no nonsense” approach to life. Lilly died two days before her 49th birthday after a courageous battle with cancer.



Megan Cooper

2009 Borges-Oldham Scholarship recipient and student at Concordia University’s Etudes Francais certification program in Montreal, enjoys a big hug while working as a member of a research team from McGill studying language issues amongst Inuit school children.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 YK Community Foundation incorporated, 1993	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Midnight golf tournament begins
19 Father’s Day	20	21 Aboriginal Day	22 Summer Begins	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Fine & Performing Arts Fund created, 1999	30		



JULY 2011

Midnight Sun Adventure by Ashley St. Germaine | ams5@ualberta.ca

Loraine Minish-Cooper Memorial Fund

Loraine Minish-Cooper came to Yellowknife in 1979 as an articling student-at-law and stayed to marry, raise a family and practice law until breast cancer took her life in 2002 after a long and valiant struggle.

Loraine enjoyed a distinguished legal career and served as a Director and then President of the NWT Law Society.

Loraine was an enthusiastic supporter of her three daughters' involvement in speedskating and was also a Director and President of the Yellowknife Speedskating Association. Loraine personally found great joy through her long involvement with the Yellowknife Choral Society, and was integral to her daughter's musical training when Megan's talent became apparent. The Yellowknife

Community Foundation also enjoyed the benefits of her many talents when she was a Director and Treasurer in 2001/2002.

It is Loraine's complete devotion to her family and her insatiable passion for gardening that will be especially remembered by all those who knew and loved her. It was Loraine's wish that a Garden of Hope, planted in her

memory, would be a place of peace and comfort, especially for those with breast cancer and their families. The Garden of Hope was planted in the spring of 2003 at a site selected by Loraine and will be maintained in perpetuity.

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2009 Corporate Supporters

- Alexander Legaree
- Avery, Cooper & Co.
- Birchwood Gallery / YK Tix
- Canarctic Graphics
- Creative Basics
- Explorer Hotel
- Janet Pacey Design & Illustration
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- KopyKat North
- McKay LLP
- RTL Robinson Enterprises Ltd.
- Shoppers Drug Mart

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Canada Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Nunavut Day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



AUGUST 2011

Lichen on the shore of Great Slave Lake by Kevin Klingbell | kona_kevin@hotmail.com

Chris Argue Memorial Fund

Chris was born in Churchill, Manitoba, in 1976, and was a proud Yellowknifer from age four. Chris loved his family and friends and enjoyed cabin life at Prelude Lake.. Chris was active in student government at Sir John Franklin High School and was instrumental in starting Dry Grad.

At the time of his accidental death at the age of 25, he was studying engineering at the University of Alberta.

Chris had a passion for life and a deep love of the wilderness. Fearless but thorough in tackling new challenges, he brought

leadership, intelligence, ingenuity and concern for others to everything he did. Chris' family has chosen to honour his memory by establishing a fund to promote the development of leadership skills and self-confidence in self-propelled wilderness travel in the NWT.



photo: Sean Purcell | purcell.sean@mac.com

RECIPIENTS

2009 Chris Argue Memorial Fund Grant Recipient

Jamie Jacobs used the grant to assist with expenses incurred while attending the University of Alberta's (Augustana Campus) canoe expedition course to the Hood River northeast of Yellowknife.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Civic Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



SEPTEMBER 2011

Niven Lake Calm by Dave Brosha | contactme@davebrosha.com

Elaine (Sweet) Whitford Scholarship Fund

Mary Elaine (Sweet) Whitford was born in Islay, Alberta. Elaine first came north in 1964 as a university student and then, after attaining her Masters of Social Work from the University of Toronto in 1965, she returned to the north to work in Fort Smith where she also met her future husband, Tony. Elaine and Tony raised their three sons, Warren, Blair and Ian, in the Northwest Territories. Elaine died on February 23, 2003, after a brief bout with cancer.

Elaine's thirty-two year career in social work was marked by a passion and commitment that made her a role model for many young northerners pursuing a career in the field. During her life, Elaine contributed greatly to the well-being of Northerners and was influential in encouraging and assisting many of them to remain in school and pursue a post-secondary education.

Commissioner Tony Whitford and his family established the Elaine (Sweet) Whitford Scholarship Fund to recognize the contribution Elaine made to the north and build on her legacy by supporting NWT post-secondary students who want to make a difference and make our communities stronger.

The inaugural scholarship from the Elaine (Sweet) Whitford Scholarship Fund was awarded in 2010.

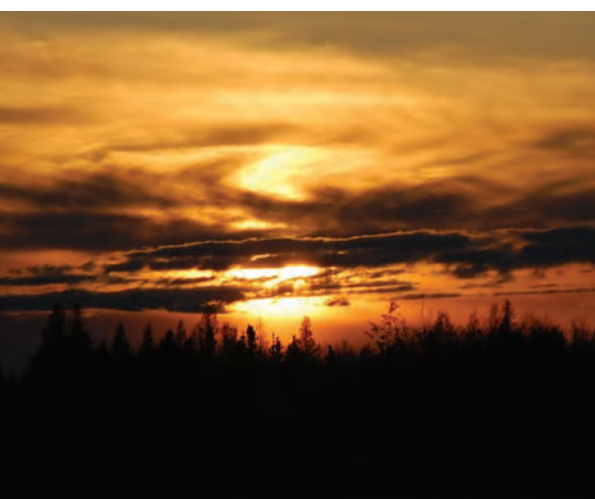


photo: Janet Pacey

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day First gold brick poured at Con Mine, 1938	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Fall begins	22	23	24
25	26 YK Ski Club founded, 1968	27	28	29	30	



OCTOBER 2011

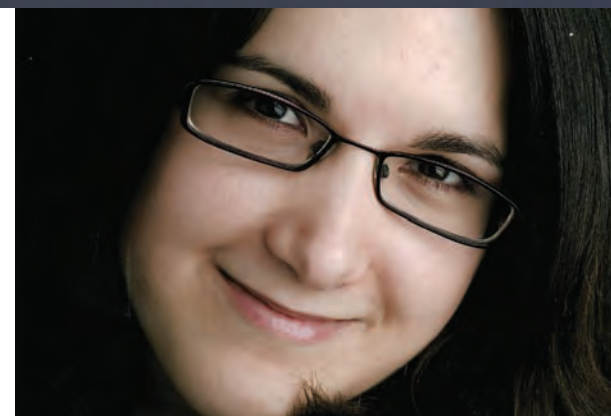
Midnight Sunset by Darren Horn | www.dhphotography.ca

Fine and Performing Arts Fund

Kids Unlimited, a Yellowknife non-profit society that offered drama, art and other recreational programs for children and youth during the 1980s and early 1990s, established a permanent Fine and Performing Arts Fund with the Yellowknife Community Foundation in 1999.

Earnings from the fund are used to support the development of NWT residents in the fine and performing arts. Scholarships are available each year for those pursuing artistic excellence in drama, dance, music and theatre arts, including technical production, studio arts, film or photography.

Generous donations from the Yellowknife City Band in 2000 and the Community Television Society in 2008 added significant contributions to the original Fund.



Roya Yazdanmehr



Fine and Performing Arts Fund Scholarship Recipients 2009

Roya Yazdanmehr (above right) attended the Canadian College of Performing Arts (CCPA) in Victoria, B.C., with the assistance of a Fine and Performing Arts Fund scholarship.

Joanna Matthews (above) received a Fine and Performing Arts Fund scholarship to assist with expenses while attending the Visual Art and Design Program at the Vancouver Film School.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Thanksgiving	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Halloween 31					



NOVEMBER 2011

Crystalline Detail by A. Legaree

Gary Robinson Memorial Fund

Gary Robinson was born in Yellowknife in 1981. During his school years, he was eager to begin working for his family's transportation and construction business. Upon graduating from Sir John Franklin High School he focused on his career, gaining a broad range of skills and earning the respect of those with and for whom he worked.

The passion Gary felt for his work was intertwined with his love of Yellowknife. There was no place else he would have rather lived. He saw opportunities here for those who were willing to work hard.

Gary approached recreation with the same zeal. Each new season brought boundless opportunities for spending time out on the land.

Gary enjoyed sharing moments with his family and friends while camping, hunting, fishing, snowboarding – he loved it all.

Preparedness was always important to Gary. He strived to be self-sufficient with the right skills and equipment. He was known to come to the aid of anyone in need, strangers or friends. He was quick to help others and quicker yet to make little of the deed.

In the winter of 2004, at the age of 23, Gary was accidentally killed doing the work he loved. His memorial fund provides financial support to those individuals or charitable organizations involved in search and rescue/recovery or emergency response activities. Through this fund, it is his family's hope that Gary will continue to protect and help the people of this place that he loved so much.



Recipients

Gary Robinson Memorial Fund Grant Recipients 2009

The Yellowknife Coast Guard Auxiliary received a grant to purchase an all-weather radio repeater system and the Yellowknife Fire Department received a grant to purchase three ice rescue suits.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Daylight Savings Time Ends					Remembrance Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



DECEMBER 2011

Halo by Fran Hurcomb | www.franhurcomb.com

The Foundation Supports Our Community Through Grants

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Individuals and organizations can apply to the Foundation for grants for projects of benefit to the citizens of Yellowknife. The Foundation awards grants in support of projects that:

- Advance the welfare of the needy and alleviate human suffering and poverty;
- Assist and promote arts and cultural activities;

- Promote education;
- Assist sport, recreation and community development;
- Assist and advance the provision of medical services; and
- Assist and advance other community activities or facilities of a charitable nature.

Organizations or individuals seeking grants or awards can find a copy of the Foundation's Grant Guidelines on our website at

www.yellowknifecommunityfoundation.ca.

Requests should be made in writing to the Yellowknife Community Foundation, Box 1620, 4918 50th Street, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P2

All applications are reviewed and considered by the Board of Directors. We request that grant seekers make their application well in advance of their need for funding.

Applications to the Yellowknife Community Fund are considered four times per year. Applications should be submitted:

- by Mar 1 for projects starting after Apr 15
- by May 15 for projects starting after Aug 15
- by Sept 1 for projects starting after Oct 15
- by Dec 1 for projects starting after Jan 15

The deadline for applications to the memorial funds is May 15 each year.



photo: Linda Whitford

Administration Endowment Fund

The Yellowknife Community Foundation is administered by a volunteer board of directors who are assisted with day-to-day operations by volunteers and donated professional and administrative services. By operating out of donated office space, and having no paid staff, the Foundation is able to minimize its administrative costs and maximize its grant-making ability.

However, a number of operating expenses simply cannot be avoided, such as the cost of postage, printing and other office expenses. As the Foundation cannot spend the capital of any charitable donation it receives, it must pay for these expenses from the interest earned on donations to its Administration Endowment Fund.

Donations to this Fund will help to ensure the Foundation has the resources to carry out its mandate. An enhanced Fund would enable the Foundation to engage in other additional beneficial activities which it currently cannot afford, such as the production of promotional materials, paid advertising and even paid staff.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Donate to the Yellowknife Community Foundation!	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27 Average date for the Mackenzie River ice bridge to open	28	29	30	31 Last day for 2011 charitable tax receipt

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2009

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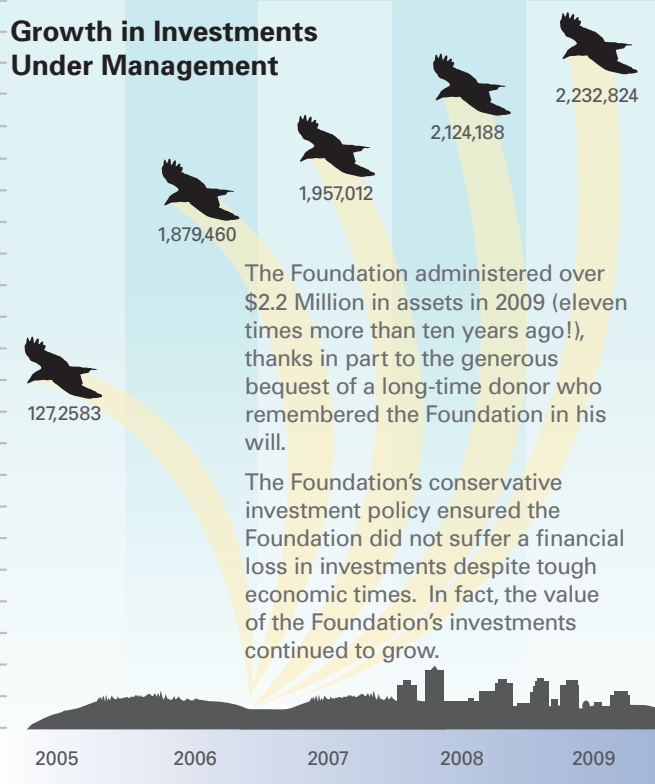
Photos: Sean Ivens

Grants and Scholarships

In 2009, the Yellowknife Community Fund gave grants to a wide variety of charitable organizations in Yellowknife spanning the many areas supported by the Foundation.



Growth in Investments Under Management

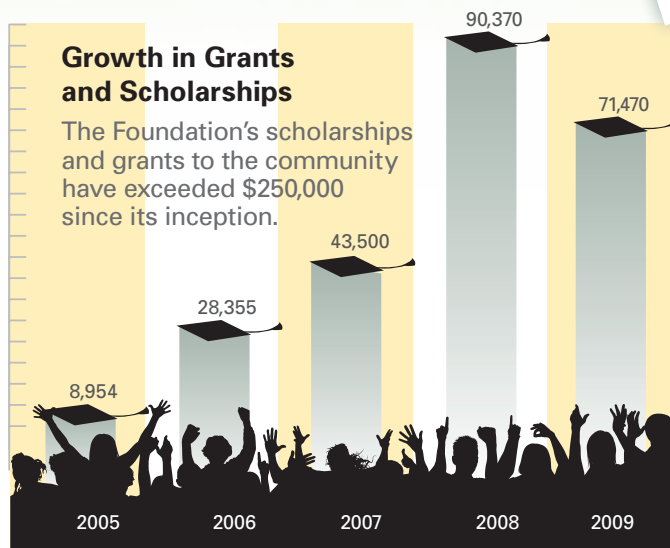


The Foundation administered over \$2.2 Million in assets in 2009 (eleven times more than ten years ago!), thanks in part to the generous bequest of a long-time donor who remembered the Foundation in his will.

The Foundation's conservative investment policy ensured the Foundation did not suffer a financial loss in investments despite tough economic times. In fact, the value of the Foundation's investments continued to grow.

Growth in Grants and Scholarships

The Foundation's scholarships and grants to the community have exceeded \$250,000 since its inception.



VALENTINES FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS GALA FEBRUARY 2010

YKCF embarked on our inaugural fundraising gala by hosting the Valentines "Forever in our Hearts" Gala which was inevitably lauded as Yellowknife's Premiere event of the year.

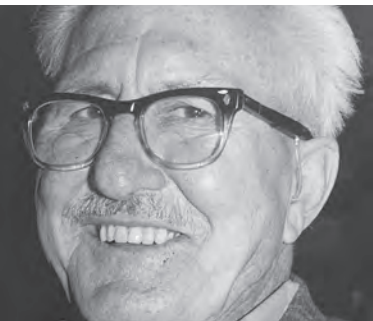
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Generosity at Work



Ed Baker

Ed Baker's name is quite familiar to many Yellowknife residents. He donated \$100,000 to launch the fundraising drive to build the Senior's Recreation Centre that now bears his name.

Ed Baker was also one of the first donors to the Yellowknife Community Foundation. His precious gift of \$10,000 will be



Barb Bromley

Barb Bromley has donated time, energy and compassion to numerous causes in Yellowknife since arriving as a young bride in 1948.

Although her many contributions to Yellowknife and its residents are too numerous to list, they include organizing the city's first baby clinics and immunization programs, assisting in the formation of the first Scout and Cub troop, pioneering the first annual Midnight Madness Festival and organizing the first



Don Hurd

Don Hurd made his first donation to the Foundation in 1995 and continued to do so faithfully every year thereafter until his death in 2003.

Don first came to Yellowknife in 1945 to join the Dominion Geological Service crew. He returned to become a geologist at the Con mine.

In 1972, Don became a consulting geologist. In this capacity, this work took him to Egypt, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, the United States, and across



Avery, Cooper & Co.

Avery, Cooper & Co. has supported the Foundation since its inception in 1993 with the donation of vital services and support. The firm and its staff have donated countless hours of administrative support, financial statement preparation, treasury guidance and office space and equipment. These donations have enabled the Foundation to grow and maximize its grant-making ability by minimizing its administrative costs.

Gerry Avery was the Founding President of the Foundation and remained on the

protected and grow over the years, and the income generated will be providing for the community forever.

Not only will Ed Baker be remembered because an important building bears his name, he will be remembered for contributing to many local needs through the Yellowknife Community Foundation.

bedding plant sale.

Still an active volunteer for a number of charities in the city, Barb also makes an annual donation to the Foundation by paying premiums on a life insurance policy that names the Foundation as the beneficiary.

In 2009, Barb was the Golden Girl representing the Yellowknife Community Foundation at the City's 75th anniversary celebrations and donated all proceeds from her ticket sales to the Foundation.

Canada, including the NWT. He never lost his love of the north.

Don returned to Yellowknife for the 50th Anniversary celebration in the company of his wife, Alice, so that she could have the opportunity to "see and feel" the north. Alice promptly "fell in love with the city and its friendly people."

Don passed away in June 2003. He left a sizeable bequest to the Yellowknife Community Foundation that will continue to give back to the north he loved.

Board of Directors until March of 2004, carefully steering it through its asset development, volunteer board governance and grant making.

While Avery, Cooper & Co. has provided for the Foundation over the years, Gerry credits all former and present board directors for contributing to the success of the Foundation. "We have always worked to protect the funds we have raised. We don't even provide free lunches for the board meetings."

2009 Donors

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2009 ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Yellowknife Community Foundation (YCF), its Board of Directors and its volunteer base, I am pleased to present our 2009 Annual Report and 2010/11 Calendar.

The overwhelming and positive reception to last year's new calendar format gave us an easy choice to once again use this informative and interactive tool to share our success stories with the community. With every year comes a unique set of challenges and bar-setting standards, and the YCF once again rose to the occasion to provide a stellar track record in the wake of a global recession. . . Ensuring generosity. Forever!

Our assets continued to grow beyond the \$2.2 million dollar mark in 2009 and we were able to provide the community at large with over \$71,000 in grants and scholarships to support charitable organizations, community projects and individuals.

New in 2009 – The Whitford family established a new memorial fund in the memory of their beloved wife and mother, Elaine (Sweet) Whitford. This newly formed Elaine (Sweet) Whitford Scholarship Fund was added to the many other memorial funds that have been created since 1993, representing a very distinguished and diverse group of Yellowknifers who made and continue to make a profound impact in the North.

This was our second year embracing "...a paradigm shift in corporate culture". With such shift, we have continued our journey preparing for the changes within the four walls of the Foundation. We embarked on our inaugural fundraising gala by hosting the Valentines "Forever in our Hearts" Gala which was inevitably lauded as Yellowknife's Premiere event of the year. I can say from hands-on experience the Foundation raised more than just much needed funds – we raised a whole lot of friends in the process!

We extend our sincere thanks to a tireless group of volunteers who worked very efficiently to bring you an event to be proud of. We thank our Special Events Committee consisting of Ann Hall, Mona Morrow, Carol Van Tighem, Janet Pacey, Pat McCloskey, Glenn Zelinski, Marie Wilson and Chair Daryl Dolynny for an exemplary display of vision, poise and precision.

We thank a trustworthy volunteer group who worked behind the scenes including Theresa Slator, Stephen Clark, Darrell Vikse, David Gilday, Tom Hall, Ian Legaree, Lani Cooke, Claudia Parker, George Tuccarro, Lisa Tesar, Kim Smale, Mary-Anne Woytuik, Marg Hudder, Tohm and Cindy Jarvis, Vera Raschke, Jane Romanowich, Doug Ashbury, Barry Ettinger, John Tees, Kirby Marshall, David Brosha and many others that I have may have missed. As well, a very special thank you to Kim Truter and Diavik Diamond Mines alongside Jatan Jiten and the Explorer Hotel, without whose community-minded commitment this event would not have had the same success.

The net funds of over \$65,000 raised will be used to help the Foundation add the much needed administration to assist in the ongoing success of growth. Stay tuned for news of our second Valentines Gala in February of 2011, as tickets sold out early last year.

As well, did you know that the YCF is regarded as the only 360 degree foundation in Yellowknife? We say this as the Foundation is truly the perfect vehicle for giving back to your community.

Whether the needs are civic, cultural, health and wellness, disabled support, education assistance, protecting mother Earth, the homeless, our kids, search and rescue or our beloved seniors, the Yellowknife Community Foundation is

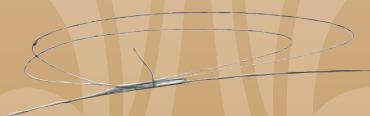
there for you! So please take the time to peruse our list of existing funds for one or more you'd like to support, or perhaps you'd like to establish a new scholarship fund, or help create a directed fund, or maybe an operating endowment? Better yet, speak to your financial planner or lawyer about including the YCF in your planned giving program.

After more than a decade of being a leader and advocate of philanthropy in Yellowknife, I am fortunate to have been touched by so many within our community. These tireless individuals are our "unsung heroes" that stay behind in the shadows and work in their stealth-like mannerisms.

These community heroes are truly the pillars of our community, people like Gerry Avery and Theresa Slator and countless others too numerous to mention. I want them to know how much we appreciate they keep the fires burning and thank you!

Thank you also to my great dynamic Board of Directors for their dedication and support. Without their commitment to this community, we would not have had the years of success that we enjoy today. To my beloved Cindy and boys Tanner and Bronson, thank you for letting your dad give to others before sometimes giving to your needs. Your personal sacrifice is a true testament of believing in a strong family-valued society.

Finally to our countless donors, supporters and sponsors, thank you for your trust and for your continued support in ensuring as citizens of Yellowknife that we are Ensuring Generosity. Forever!



Daryl Dolynny
President



2009/10 Board of Directors and Administrator

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 - the President of the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce
 - the President of the Yellowknife Ministerial Association
 - the Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, G Division
 - the Director, Aurora College, Yellowknife Campus
- And in alternating years:
- the Regional President, Yellowknife Education District #1 Northwest Territories Teachers Association or
 - the Regional President, Yellowknife Catholic Schools, Northwest Territories Teachers Association.