

R.R. SMITH MEMORIAL FUND FOUNDATION-2012

The Directors wish to express their appreciation for the donations from individuals and local BCRTA associations and the \$1.00 per member grant from the BCRTA. These funds made it possible for the Directors to award \$17,000.00 in grants to 13 applications. As in the past, there were more requests than the total grant money available.

The following grants were made for 2012:

1. **Jericho Road Children's Project (Into All the World)** (\$1,750.00)
This organization houses and educates street children, ages 10-20 in Mbarara, Uganda.
2. **Inter-Cultural Women's Educational Network (I.W.E.N.)** (\$3,600.00)
Focuses on marginalized females (some indentured as young as six), in Nepal.
3. **Boys Education Endowment Fund (BEEF)** (\$900.00)
Pays school fees (\$450.00/ boy) for boys from poor Kenyan families to attend Secondary School.
4. **Families for Children** (\$1,750.00)
This money will be used to help run a school and orphanage in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
5. **Olinda Children's Association** (\$1,000.00)
The money will be used in Olinda, Brazil to purchase library books and educational materials for children, ages 4-12 in Grades K-5.
6. **Canadian Harambee Education Society (CHES)** (\$500.00)
To help fund a workshop in Tanzania, Kenya, for 402 students that will focus on study skills, English, Career Planning, financial literacy and HIV awareness.
7. **HUGGS** (\$1,500.00)
To continue to sponsor a student in India, "Satish", for his 3rd year of college. He is working towards his Bachelor of Science.
8. **Mackenzie Elementary School** (\$700.00)
Vancouver school building an ELL book bank designed with a strong cultural focus of the neighbourhood, specifically Punjabi and Filipino.
9. **Britannia Elementary School** (\$1,500.00)
To assist an Inner City Vancouver school to fund an Art Therapy Program to help students deal emotionally and psychologically with issues of violence, substance abuse and neglect.
10. **Afratech Aid Society** (\$500.00)
The grant will be used to help build a library at the Sweetwater Primary School.
11. **Kenya Education Endowment Fund (KEEF)** (\$800.00)
To provide a scholarship for a Kenyan boy, Japeth Ungadi, in Form 4 at Chavakali High School.
12. **Love Guatemala** (\$1,500.00)
This grant will be used to provide a breakfast program for a Primary school "Casa del Nino" in Guatemala.

13. Communities Embracing Restorative Action Society (CERA) (\$1,000.00)

This is a joint initiative between CERA and SD#43 to train and support students in the use of restorative justice principles.

Submitted by Dave Carter, Director