

R.R. SMITH MEMORIAL FUND FOUNDATION-2014

The Directors wish to express their appreciation for the donations from individuals and local BCRTA branches and the \$1.00 per member grant from the BCRTA. These funds made it possible for the Directors to award \$16,000.00 in grants to 12 applications. As in the past, there were more requests than the total grant money available.

The following grants were made for 2014:

1. UBC Faculty of Education Intergenerational Landed Learning Project (\$1,000.00)
Sustainable opportunities for Youth Leadership with Vancouver Public schools for garden-based learning through stewardship of school gardens.
2. Children's Care International (\$1,500.00)
Funding university tuition and materials for two girls released from slavery now studying to become nurses in Andhra, Pradesh, India.
3. CERA (Communities Embracing Restorative Action) (\$1,000.00)
"Empowering Youth" is a joint initiative between CERA and SD43 to train and support students in the use of restorative justice.
4. Love Guatemala (\$1,750.00)
To donate a library of Spanish books to Casa Angelina Orphanage in Teluche, Guatemala.
5. Monarch Place (\$900.00)
Materials for volunteer teachers who teach students at this women's shelter in New Westminster.
6. Betty Huff Theatre Company (\$1,100.00)
To help support a two week theatre camp in the summer.
7. Umoja Operation Compassion Society (\$1,500.00)
To support 50 elementary school children at Rwentutu Community School in Kasese District in Western Uganda.
8. Families for Children (\$2,750.00)
Materials and teaching supplies for Dhaka Orphanage in Bangladesh

9. Focus Foundation (\$500.00)

To support a health and nutrition program for troubled teens, youth with learning difficulties and students who fail to succeed in high school in B.C.

10. Aunt Leah's Place-Independent Life Skills Society (\$1,000.00)

To help vulnerable youth and teen moms in foster care achieve a better future and become resilient, independent adults.

11. Canadian Friends of Oaxaca (\$1,000.00)

To help support the Tutor Project in Oaxaca, Southern Mexico. This organization addresses poverty, health and advanced education for poor, indigenous students.

12. Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan (\$2,000.00)

The grant will help support educational opportunities for Afghan women and their families specifically to assist in the training of Secondary School teachers.

Submitted by Dave Carter, Director, RR Smith Memorial Fund Foundation