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R.R. SMITH GRANTS FOR 2017

-  **Jericho Road Children's Project** has received a grant of **fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)** to be used toward funding the educational goals of the students being cared for at Jericho Road.
-  **Vancouver Opera Guild** has received a grant of **fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)** to be used to support Spring Break Opera Camp and supply a bursary to enable a child to attend the Opera Camp this summer.
-  **Betty Huff Theatre Company** has received a grant of **fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)** to be used to purchase costumes, masks and puppets for the Lion King production.
-  **Nsobe Trust School** has received a grant of **fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)** to be used to provide school supplies for the students at Nsobe Trust School near Ndola, Zambia.
-  **African Canadian Continuing Education Society** has received a grant of **twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00)** to be used provide scholarships to two gifted and needy students to pursue post-secondary education in Kakamega, Kenya.
-  **Bright Beginnings Foundation** has received a grant of **fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)** to be used to provide grant money to a needy student to pursue post-secondary education.
-  **Good Cents for Change** has received a grant of **fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)** to be used for sewing equipment and exam fees to enable young women in Zambia to become dressmakers.
-  **Victoria Chapter of Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan** has received a grant of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)** to be used toward funding a school library in Herat.
-  **Deroche Elementary Outdoor Educational Site** has received a grant of **fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)** to be used for building materials to construct 2 garden boxes and to purchase some gardening tools, plants and soil for the Aboriginal garden.



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-  **Kenya Education Endowment Fund** has received a grant of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)** to be used to provide a scholarship, educational tools and materials for one student.
-  **BC Learning Centres for Children with Dyslexia** has received a grant of **fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)** to be used to secure the individualized teaching aids, supplies and resources for students currently on the enrollment wait list.
-  **Umoja Operation Compassion** has received a grant of **eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00)** to be used to support grade 7 Rwentutu School students striving to attend high school.
-  **Families for Children** has received a grant of **fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)** to be used to purchase school materials and teaching supplies for twenty young children living with their parents in the slums of Dhaka to support them in their learning.
-  **Canadian Harmabee Education Society** has received a grant of **fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00)** to be used to purchase school supplies, text books and mosquito nets which are essential items needed to support girls in their education.
-  **Love Guatemala Canada** has received a grant of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)** to be used to provide a library to promote literacy in the PAIN School which is a preschool and kindergarten facility with 98 students.

Note: Members of several branches have raised money for a specific charity and have designated that their funds be used to support that organization. R.R. Smith is happy to help branch members continue their charitable giving through a process established with the R.R. Smith VanCity Community Fund. Donations can be made on line at <https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=2022&AID=4479>

If the donation is over \$20 then a tax receipt is issued immediately. If funds are designated then that must be stated in the "Additional Information" space.



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A BIG THANK YOU TO RR SMITH FOUNDATION FROM RWENTUTU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Umoja operation Compassion Society of Surrey, a charitable society runs and supports a community elementary school in Western Uganda. This school started in 2006 with 90 kids and has grown from K to grade 7 with up to 250 students by 2016.

With Funding in 2014 and 2016 from the RR Smith Foundation, Umoja has been able to support the school library with academic books as well as scholarships for best students admitted into secondary schools.

In 2016 RR Smith funds were used to pay fees for 5 students from this school who were orphans, either had lost one or both parents. At the graduation of grade Seven, when students have to go to high school, Umoja's executive Director Amos Kambere presented five scholarships to best students. These scholarships were made possible by funding from the RR Smith.

On behalf of the parents of this community school,

and that of Umoja Board of Directors, I would like to extend our gratitude to the donors of the RR Smith Foundation. Its donations from members like you that make our work in the developing world successful and meaningful. There are so many young people in the developing world that have no access to education due to poverty in their homes and often times due to loss of their parents. Uganda is a country that has been ravaged by the HIV epidemic disease as well as the never ending stories of wars and natural disasters. Umoja Operation Compassion would like to continue the partnership with RR Smith to support these young students, boys and girls in order to eradicate poverty, ignorance and disease. Together we can work to fulfill at least some of the United Nation's Millennium goals; Education for all, and end child poverty.

From UMOJA Operation Compassion.

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FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

FFC has opened the doors to 20 children living in the slums.
Here are the first 8!!! They have never attended school.

We have 3 teachers — Arpona (she has been with us for many years),
Bina & Hasina have started this year. Bina and Hasina grew up in the
FFC Home and now live independently.

FFC students in grade 3 and higher now attend the government school
students with special needs remain in our school with 2 other teachers.

— Muriel Hemmes



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LANGLEY RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION HELPS TECHNOLOGY STICK WITH GLUU

At the January Langley RTA luncheon, guest speaker, Linda Fawcus spoke about "The Internet of Things" and how it is and will affect our lives. Linda is the founder and CEO of the not for profit company Gluu Technology. Linda's main goal is to help older adults learn about the ever changing technology so that older adults can benefit from what it offers.

Linda is an excellent speaker and would be happy to speak to branches in the Lower Mainland.



R.R. Smith has partnered with Linda to offer members help on line via email as well.



At <http://glusociety.org>, R.R. Smith members (all B.C.R.T.A. members are R.R. Smith members) can sign up for a Gluu Annual Support Membership for a reduced rate of \$84.00 a year instead of \$120. The password is education. This membership gives personalized online technology support so your technology questions get answered (and your devices behave themselves).

Member interest at the luncheon was such that the Langley RTA asked Linda to give a two hour introductory class to learn more about the iPad and iPhone. Nearly 40 members took advantage of this session and even those most familiar with these devices learned something new.

Langley Retired Teachers' Association is now offering members beginner classes in iPad and iPhone use.



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R.R. SMITH SUPPORTS STUDENTS IN BC UNIVERSITIES

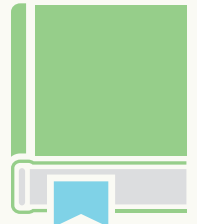
Each year bursaries are given to students in Education around the province.

Here are two statements from students:



HAILEY WRITES

I am so grateful for the help you have given me. It still feels unreal, like I'm dreaming. As a kid my family didn't have much money, so the fact that I can go to school and have help from people is amazing.



SAVANNAH WRITES

I am writing to express my deepest thanks for your gift of the R.R. Smith Bursary in Education. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the financial and moral support needed to continue my education to become an Elementary School Teacher.



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FINAL REPORT TO R.R. SMITH MEMORIAL FUND FOUNDATION

PREPARED BY TINA CHAU, LIBRARIAN, DECODA LITERACY SOLUTIONS

On behalf of Decoda Literacy Foundation, the Decoda Literacy Library would like to thank the R. R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation for your generous support of library services for volunteer tutors in British Columbia. The library is a free service providing instructional and professional development resources to literacy practitioners throughout the province. Approximately 200 items a month are circulated.

Volunteer tutors are a vital part of the framework of adult literacy work in British Columbia. Many community literacy programs rely on these tutors to implement or extend their programming.

The R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation grant has been used to enhance the Decoda Literacy Library collection through the acquisition of:

- Updated non-fiction selections at the Grade 1 to 6 reading level to provide current, accurate information, particularly for science, health, and Canadian history and geography;
- New high interest-low vocabulary fiction written for adult learners reading at the literacy to Grade 4 reading level;
- Additional copies of high demand resources;
- Resources with new information on brain-based learning ;
- Resources to address an increased demand for materials to use with adult English as an Additional Language learners.

While the library benefits from your grant by developing its collection, it is the library borrowers and their students who ultimately benefit. I'd like to introduce you to three of them. (Names have been changed to protect privacy.)



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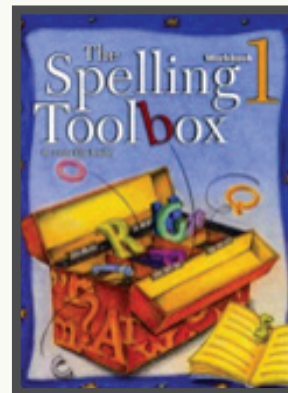
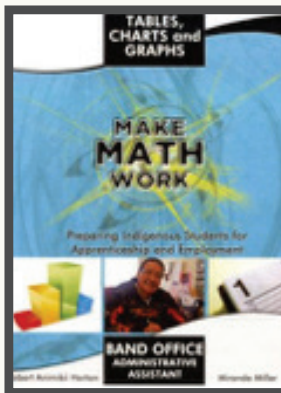


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- Jane is working with a new refugee family. While she has tutoring experience, this is the first time she's helped adult students who are learning a new language and have limited schooling in their home language. She's chosen resources on developing practical, everyday oral communication skills as her starting place.
- Sarah, who usually tutors adults, has been asked to help at an elementary school. She tutors three Grade 3 boys who have limited English and read at about a Grade 1 level. Well illustrated books about animals with simple text have been popular.
- John is helping a young man finish high school in order to become an apprentice. They are working on reading and math skills. The library has provided him with books that embed reading and math in workplace contexts.

On behalf of these tutors and other practitioners throughout the province, we thank you for your support.



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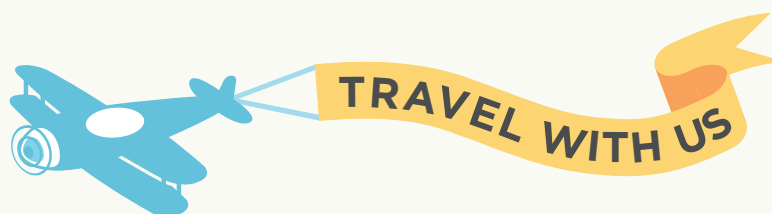
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Enjoy Tour and Travel provides full day trips, activity packed overnight stays and no worry longer vacations. All travel opportunities are fully escorted. A member can book any tour and feel that you are in good hands. A branch can organize a group day trip to any venue in the catalogue at any time. Each trip is outlined in detail. For Branch trips, the bus will pick you up and drop you off right in your community. R.R. Smith benefits from members using Enjoy Tours as a donation is made to R.R. Smith from the company. Members must remember to say that they are B.C.R.T.A. / R.R. Smith members. To see the Enjoy Tours catalogue go to enjoy tours 2017.



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The R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation is:

- A Registered Charity under the Canadian Income Tax Act #86160 2126 RRO001
- Incorporated under the BC Society Act

The purposes of the society are to advance public education in British Columbia and in developing countries.

If you believe, as we do, that Education can make a difference, please support the work of the R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation by making:

- A regular donation which will be used in the year that it is given to support the grants the Foundation makes that year
- A donation to the Foundation's Endowment Fund so the interest earned can be used for future grants
- An "In Memoriam" donation for a family member or friend
- The R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation your Life Insurance beneficiary thereby making your premiums tax deductible
- A real estate donation

WHAT WE DO

- A** Providing scholarships and bursaries to
 - Doctoral students in any area which advances public education, and
 - Deserving students, to enable them to attend post-secondary educational institutions,
- B** Making and administering grants to Canadian registered charitable organizations, the purposes of which are similar to those of the society,
- C** Acquiring school materials, books, equipment, and supplies of all kinds, and donating them to schools,
- D** Providing funding to support innovative projects which advance public education,
- E** Working cooperatively with governments in Canada and other countries, and other charitable organizations.

The Foundation makes grants to projects that meet these criteria and are registered Canadian charities. Application forms are available at www.rrsmith.ca

