

2016 R.R. SMITH MEMORIAL FUND FOUNDATION GRANTS

On March 8, 2016, the R.R.Smith Memorial Fund Foundation Directors approved grants totalling \$21, 200.00 to 19 applicants. The Directors wish to express their appreciation for the donations from individuals, local BCRTA associations and the \$1.00 per member grant from the BCRTA.

The following grants were made for 2016.

1. Afretch AID (\$700.00) To help support set up ARES systems in schools in Kenya.
2. For the Love of Africa Society (\$1000.00) To purchase classroom furniture and equipment for Dodema Technical Institute in Tanzania.
3. Decoda Literacy Foundation (\$1500.00) Library resources to support volunteer literacy tutors in 400 communities in B.C.
4. Canadian Harambee Education Society (CHES) (\$750.00) To provide textbooks, school supplies and personal hygiene products for girls in Kenya and Tanzania.
5. Jericho Road Children's Project (Into All the World) (\$1250.00) To provide services to 24 young street boys in Mbarara Municipality in Uganda.
6. Families for Children (\$1500.00) Purchasing school supplies for 500 destitute and mentally handicapped children in India and Bangladesh.
7. Vancouver Opera Guild (\$1000.00) to support the cost of providing bursaries to vulnerable children to attend Spring Break Opera Camp.
8. Seeds of Hope (\$1500.00) To fund the purchase of learning supplies for children affected with HIV/Aids in Zambia.
9. Children's Care International (\$1500.00) To provide ongoing financial support for three girls in India rescued from the sex trade and now studying nursing.
10. Start UP! Your Class Cooperative (\$500.00) To assist with funding to provide workshops on video for new teachers in B.C.
11. One Girl Can (\$1000.00) Scholarships for girls in sub-Saharan Africa.

12. Betty Huff Theatre Company (\$1000.00) To help with the purchase of a new soundboard.
13. Days for Girls Canada (\$1000.00) To purchase washable fabric for hygiene kits.
14. Umoja Operation Compassion Society of B.C. (\$1500.00) To offer bursaries to students and to stock a school library in Uganda
15. Nepal One Day at a Time Society (\$1000.00) To provide desks and whiteboards for 5 classrooms in Aaprak, Nepal.
16. B.C. Learning Centres for Children with Dyslexia (\$1500.00) To provide teaching aids, supplies and other resources for B.C. students with dyslexia.
17. LOVE Guatemala (\$1000.00) To build a library collection to promote literacy in Guatemala.
18. STEP Ministries (\$1000.00) For print materials and media resources for a school library in Hattagar, Odisha, India.
19. The Olinda Children's Association (\$1000.00) To purchase library books, educational games and supplies for a classroom in Olinda, Brazil.