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Dear R.R. Smith Members,

Here is our Winter 2018 Newsletter. Many organizations were helped by your donations last year and they wish to tell you how your generosity has benefited others.

This March we have more funds to offer due to the \$2 per member fee.

Sincerely,  
R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation Board of Directors



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## RR SMITH FOUNDATION HELPS NEW TEACHERS WITH A GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL START-UP

BY RAY MYRTLE RETIRED BURNABY TEACHER AND COORDINATOR START UP! YOUR CLASS COOPERATIVE.

*"I got hired on the second day of school to teach a grade 7 class, and I had never started my own class before...I felt kind of lost, they try to support you, but they just throw you in there, and having a workshop would really help..."*

- Shannon, SD42 Practicum experience were gr. 2/3 & 5/6  
but assignments: Gr. 7 then Gr. 1!

Most early career teachers accept a wide variety of assignments, usually on short notice. This can lead to an overwhelming preparation load: learning what to teach, and how to teach it, gathering and making the resources for instruction, struggling to differentiate, while adapting to each new school context.

### **The solution? Workshops and resources for early career teachers**

*"The beginning of a new school year is both exciting and terrifying as a new teacher. Nothing can truly prepare you for the challenges, but without Start UP, my first year teaching would have been utterly overwhelming. Beyond the amazing unit plans and creative lesson ideas, Start UP gave me confidence in myself."*

- Jaime, SD41 July 2015

The Start UP! Your Class Cooperative is a BC based non-profit, formed to support early career teachers by providing beginners' teaching guides to the subjects/topics needed for an assignment, with suggestions about strategies, plans and web-based resources.

### **Support from the RR Smith Foundation**

The RR Smith Foundation funding has enabled the printing handouts and copies of 'The First Week of School', a

how-to book for intermediate teachers. These have been used to support the 'Start UP! Your Class Successfully' workshops.

### **The Next Steps- Two videos have been produced so far**

"Taking the Start Up series ... gave me a lot of resources and ideas to use immediately in the classroom, as well as peace of mind knowing that I didn't have to invent the wheel..."

- Heidi, SD39

The main effort now is to record Start UP! workshops on video. This will enable more early career teachers to access them, especially those who are hired during the year, or on short notice. We have recorded a math workshop and hope to record more before September. Anyone can view the videos and resources through our website [www.startupyourclass.ca](http://www.startupyourclass.ca)

### **The benefits of the wide access to Start UP! workshops**

New teachers will be better prepared in less time, be less stressed, will teach more effectively, and have more time to focus upon their students' needs and their school community.

I believe there are few things one can do to make a contribution to society that compare with the effect of passing on the best of our experience to a new teacher.

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## JERICHO ROAD PROJECT- INTO ALL THE WORLD

I am very happy about the help that the R.R. Smith Foundation has given to the Jericho Road Children's Project through the years. It has been a big help with the education of the young men who have made our project their home. Of our beginning group we still have with us 7 of the original group. One is working with us as a mentor and the nurse, another has completed his course and will begin to work as he turns to Kampala. One is reaching the end of his course in journalism. Another young man is nearly completed his course in teaching Kiswahili in secondary school. One young man has some time to finish his course in building and construction. The teacher told us he is doing well. Two are taking courses in the local university. One is into Information Technology and the other is into videography and business administration. There are 10 on the outside working at jobs where they support themselves. These seem to be doing well.

Without your help we could not possibly done this tertiary education and vocational programs. We still have 7 in the primary secondary programs. One boy was so excited as he was the first of his family to have completed grade 7. He got good marks and is excited about going to secondary in this new term. We feel these remaining boys will be able to find their places in society without going back to the streets.

As I am 81 I will be returning to Canada at the end of April but the man who was my manager has now begun his own project under the community based organizations. He and I have worked together for a number of years and I feel he will carry on in his own ways to supply a good home for children from the streets. He has many ideas he is working on to find money to work out this new project. We have new facilities on a river. I will let him tell you about his dreams.



John when he arrived at Jericho Road



Keith when he arrived at Jericho Road



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Hey!

Am Nwagaba John and I would love to take this opportunity to thank the R-R Smith Organisation for the love and support.

For more than three years, I lived a miserable life on the streets, had no family, no home, nothing to put on and a <sup>nothing</sup> to eat. I lived a lonely life after the death of my parents but it was not so long after that and I met Pat in 2005, since that day my life took a different direction.

Most importantly I found God and got saved, I now belong to a loving and caring family (Jericho Road Project)

For all these years the funds from R-R Smith have greatly helped us reach a level of success in our lives.

Personally, I started in Grade three, went up to high school and in December last year I graduated in computer studies and very soon I will start working to earn a living. This is a miracle not only because I have finished my studies but also I will be the first one in my family line to reach this far in education.

Like in any family, we have always had our challenges but most importantly we have never lacked anything and all this comes back to God and to the R-R Smith Foundation, who have always prayed and supported us financially.

My prayer is that you <sup>never</sup> get tired of supporting the disadvantaged ones because your funds have changed so many lives and am blessed to be among those who have benefited from these funds.

You have sown seeds in our lives with your funds and we shall bear fruits.

May God bless you all.

Love JOHN.



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Hello there!

I'm Lebulime Keith and am here to briefly testify what R.R. Smith fund has done for me. I started benefiting from it when I was 6 years until now at 21 years old. I can't imagine how and where I would be because by then I was on streets wondering around; food and where to sleep was all I needed but because of the R.R. Smith, I have got more than these two, basically I haven't lacked anything. I have been educated from day one in school up to now and still going on because am at the University, currently in my first year. The R.R. Smith fund, I must say, it has partly made me feel I belong to somewhere and to some people because I currently have a home (The project am in now) and I have all the provisions. Above all, I have come to know how important God is in my life compared to the past street years when you are only looking for survival just from garbage. I therefore, from my heart of hearts, thank each and everyone that has contributed anything in the R.R. Smith and I assure you that, it's changing lives of disadvantaged people here and I pray that this funding goes on and on to help other people because it's not only me that needs it.

May the almighty God bless you abundantly for all the efforts you are putting in to help these new relative people that you don't even know and may you continue the spirit of helping and we won't ashamed you because am a living example.

Thank you!

Yours,  
Keith



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## LOVE GUATEMALA CANADA UPDATE

BY KEN HOLMES

Love Guatemala Canada has just finished building a school, The Genesis Project. The Children moved in last week and classes began Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents toured the school and were very pleased.



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR



Students at the HUGGS Study Centre

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North Vancouver, BC, V7L 3H6  
Phone: 604.988.4898 | [huggscanada.org](http://huggscanada.org)  
Registered Charity number 87497 9305 RR0001

Dear Ms. De Vries,

Thanks to you, our wonderful donors, we have exceeded our goal of \$10,000! In fact, thanks to an anonymous donor's matching grant we have reached the total of \$20,596.55. What a difference that will make in the lives of HUGGS students.

This year we will be celebrating HUGGS 15th Anniversary. Over these years, your financial support and interested concern has made it possible to extend educational opportunities to nearly one hundred promising young people....and the ripple effect extends to their families and communities.

Thanks to you, HUGGS will continue to empower young people through education!

With much gratitude from all of us at HUGGS.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Gullison,  
Chair



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## ENJOY TOURS OFFER TO MEMBERS

Each time a BCTRA/ R.R. Smith member attends a day tour, multi day tour, or vacation the members name will be included in a year end draw for a \$100 Enjoy Tour and Travel gift certificate. Mention BCTRA or RR Smith when booking to donate 10% for Day Tours, 5% for Multi Day Tours and \$100 for Vacations in support of the RR Smith Memorial Fund.

Branches are encouraged to plan exclusive day trips for their members. These trips are fun outings and at the same time raise funds for R.R. Smith. A win/win situation.

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## DONATING MADE EASY

Donations can now be made on line with a tax receipt issued at the same time.

To make a donation go to [www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca](http://www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca), click on "Funds" at the top of the page, type R.R. Smith in the "search" area, click on "R.R. Smith Community Fund", click on "Give to this Fund", and fill in the details required. A tax receipt will be issued for donations over \$20. If you wish to designate the funds fill in the organization in the "Leave a comment" section.

## ADVERTISING IN THE R.R. SMITH NEWSLETTER

Members and select businesses can advertise in the R.R. Smith Newsletter.

Members with businesses and businesses that provide services to our members are able to make a tax receipted donation for an advertising space in the Newsletter.

- Business card size for a donation of between \$65 and \$104;
- 1/4 page (Horizontal or Vertical) for a donation of between \$105 and \$174;
- 1/2 page (Horizontal or Vertical) for a donation of between \$175 and \$334;
- Full page for a donation of \$335 or more.

The Newsletter is sent to around 7500 members.



Linda Fawcus from Gluu Technology speaking to Burnaby Retired Teachers' Association.

## Ready to figure out your technology?

### Great! Gluu School starts this Fall.



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The R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation is:

- A Registered Charity under the Canadian Income Tax Act #86160 2126 RR0001
- 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](http://www.rrsmith.ca)

