



*R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation*  
*Building an Educational Legacy in B.C. and Around the World*

18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation to the B.C.R.T.A. and  
R.R. Smith Annual General Meetings

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# Background Information

- R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation was founded by the B.C.R.T.A. in 2000 as a means for members to donate to educational charities and to receive a tax receipt.
- R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation is a separate organization with a constitution and by-laws that operates at “arms length” from the B.C.R.T.A.
- The B.C.R.T.A. supports R.R. Smith by collecting the membership fee and through the Memorandum of Understanding signed in August, 2016.
- All members of R.R. Smith are B.C.R.T.A. members.

# Purposes

- a. Fund deserving students, to enable them to attend post-secondary education institutions.
- b. Administer grants to Canadian registered charitable organizations, the purposes of which are similar to those of the society.
- c. Acquire school materials, books, equipment, and supplies of all kinds and donate them to schools.

# Purpose Continued

- d. Provide funds to support innovative projects which advance public education.
- e. Work co-operatively with governments in Canada and other countries, and other charitable organizations.
- f. Raise and manage funds.

# Building an Educational Legacy

- ~ The *R. R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation* makes grants to educational projects in B.C. and around the world.
- ~ All projects meet the grant criteria set forth in the Constitution.
- ~ Many individuals are given a chance to learn due to the generosity of the retired teachers of B.C.
- ~ Each year the legacy grows.

Members can be proud of the Educational legacy that is being built throughout B.C. and the world



# University Scholarships

**In 2005, R.R. Smith established scholarship funds in six major universities in the province.**

**Each year eligible students receive money to help them achieve their teacher training.**

**Scholarships are given at:**

- ~ University of B.C.
- ~ Simon Fraser University
- ~ University of Victoria
- ~ Thompson River University.
- ~ University of Northern B.C,
- ~ Vancouver Island University



# Services to Members

- Providing a **charity** for members and member groups to make donations in support of educational projects.
- Providing a **tax receipt** for donations over \$10.
- Providing **travel opportunities** for members through an affinity plan with Enjoy Tours.
- Providing a **Newsletter** to keep members informed and to allow members to advertise.
- Providing **learning opportunities** using iPad and iPhone technology through a partnership with Gluu Technology.

# Applications

- Applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The application must state the name of the organization and the individual making the application.
- The application must have a description of the organization, its Canadian Registered Charity Number, a budget, and a description of the specific project.

# A \$2.00 Membership Fee Supports

The R.R. Smith membership fee of \$2.00 provided support to the following organizations in B.C. and around the world in 2018. Many of these organizations have been featured in the R.R. Smith Newsletters and Postscript.

**B.C. Retired Teachers are known world wide for their generosity.**

- 1) **FOR THE LOVE OF AFRICA**- To provide bursary funds for Semester 2 to students who are unable to afford tuition costs to attend Dodoma Technical Institute in Tanzania.
- 2) **VANCOUVER OPERA GUILD**- To provide bursaries for Summer Opera Camp for disadvantaged students.
- 3) **ONE GIRL CAN**- To fund 4 high school scholarships to empower girls through education in sub-Saharan Africa.
- 4) **NORTH SHORE CRISIS SOCIETY**- To the Adolescent & Children's Empowerment Program which provides services for children between 3 & 18 years of age who have witnessed or experienced abuse, threats or violence in the home.

# Vancouver Opera Guild



Beginning with the very first opera camp, as part of its work to support Vancouver Opera, the Vancouver Opera Guild has been providing tuition bursaries to enable disadvantaged youth to participate. In this endeavor we have, from the beginning, received assistance from the **R. R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation**, which has been greatly appreciated. Over the years, our joint contributions have enabled 19 youths who would not otherwise have been able to do so to attend the two-week senior intensive camp, and a further four will be sponsored next summer. The Vancouver Opera Guild is very grateful to the members of the Foundation Board for their endorsement of this project, and for all who have contributed financially to make it possible. Thank you very, very much!

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- 5) **CANADIAN WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN**- For a library upgrading of one Teachers' Training College.
- 6) **DECODA LITERACY FOUNDATION**- To acquire new individual instructional resources focusing on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math).
- 7) **FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN, BANGLADESH**- To purchase school materials and teaching supplies to support 29 students in the FFC Dhaka School.
- 8) **CANADIAN HARAMBEE EDUCATION SOCIETY**- To purchase school and personal supplies, text books and mosquito (malaria) nets needed to assist the girls with their transition to Secondary schools.
- 9) **MULTI-NATIONAL MISSIONARY FOUNDATION**- To provide library books for the Little Belize Christian Fellowship School Library.



# Women for Women in Afghanistan



# Families for Children



In the FFC home school and FFC special care school there are 20 kids admitted from the nearest slums. About 8 continue attending the school regularly. They have been reading to grade 2. FFC is their first school. In their first term exam some of them got 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. There is a nice friendly interaction in all activities of the school with FFC kids and slum kids. These children are getting an education, lunch and tiffin, computer learning, and library with the other FFC students. Shujon, Manager FFC Dhaka

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- 10) **LOVE GUATEMALA CANADA**- To buy new books for the existing 9 libraries already established.
- 11) **BETTY HUFF THEATRE COMPANY**- To purchase microphones and curtains for the theatre.
- 12) **BRIGHT BEGINNINGS FOUNDATION**- To provide part of the tuition fees needed to fund one promising Surrey student for one year.
- 13) **UMOJA OPERATION COMPASSION SOCIETY**-- To provide 15 bursaries to support grade 7 students into high school and to support the school library with English and math books.
- 14) **AFRICAN CANADIAN CONTINUING EDUCATION SOCIETY**- To provide post-secondary scholarships for 2 gifted and needy youths in Kakamega, Kenya.
- 15) **KENYA EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION**- To provide tuition fees for a second student and library books to share with students who do not get books from sponsors.



# Umoja Operation Compassion Society



# Love Guatemala- The Genesis Project



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16) **BC LEARNING CENTRES FOR CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA**- To cover the cost of a projector and screen to provide technology assistance which has been shown to empower children living with Dyslexia.

17) **GOOD CENTS FOR CHANGE**- To provide sewing equipment and exam fees for 9 girls to enable them to become dress-makers in Zambia.

18) **CHILDREN'S CARE INTERNATIONAL**- To fund school supplies for 10 girls liberated from indentured slavery in Vizianagaram, India.

19) **TUMAINI FUND CANADA**- to help sponsor orphans at the Kayanga and Ngara schools in Kagera province, Tanzania, Africa and to provide the funds to purchase books to make it possible for these children to attend secondary school.



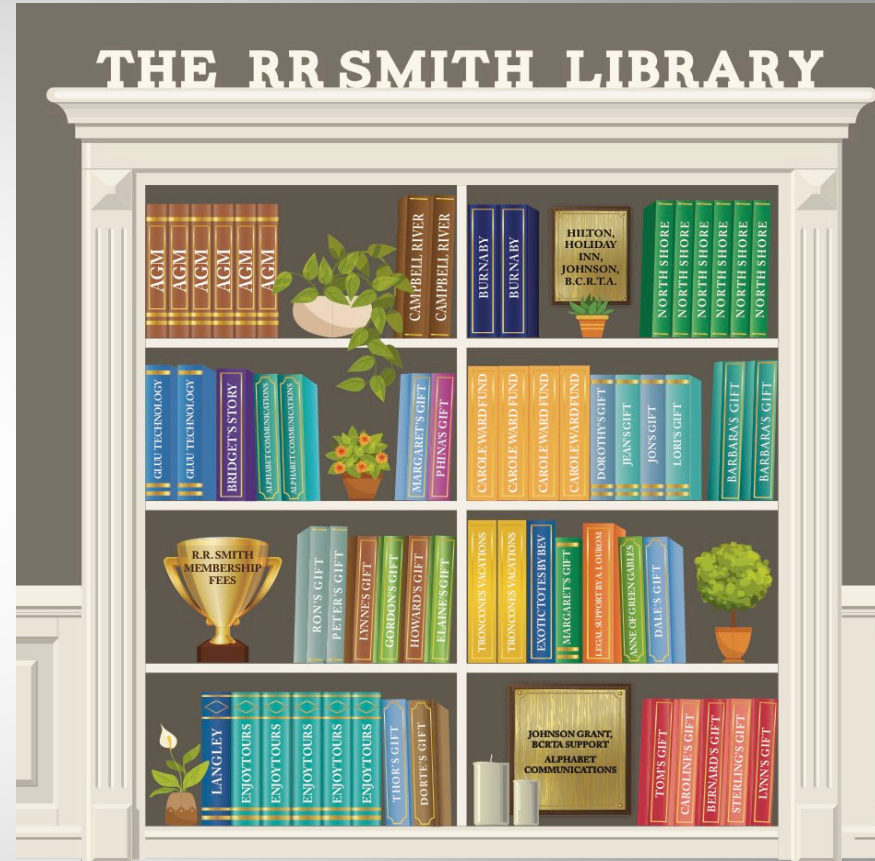
# Supporters

## We appreciate and Thank You

- B.C. Retired Teachers' Association through the Memorandum of Understanding
- Our Members
- Johnson
- Enjoy Tours Affinity Plan
- Let's Go Group



- Alphabet Communications
- Gluu Technology
- Hilton Hotels
- Holiday Inn



### HELP STOCK THE SHELVES

Enclosed please find my Member donation for the RR Smith Library.

Please entitle my book \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donations over \$10.00 will receive a tax receipt.

RR Smith, #100 – 550 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Z 4P2

# Have Fun and Support R.R. Smith

## Join our Group



# 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.
- <http://www.enjoytourandtravel.com>



# Maple Ridge Trip to Whistler





# Burnaby Trip to Salt Spring





# Let's Go Trips



# Board of Director Duties

- To manage funds according to constitution provisions.
- To process grant requests that support educational charities in B.C. and around the world.
- To encourage donations and raise funds.
- To work with member groups wishing to support educational charities.
- To build the Endowment Fund.



# Board of Directors



# How can you help?

- Donations are tax deductible and may be directed to either the Endowment Fund or Grant Fund.
- As an 'In Memoriam' donation for family or a friend.
- Making the R. R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation your Life Insurance 'beneficiary' so this makes your premiums tax deductible.
- A Real Estate donation.

**Thank you!**