

# R.R. SMITH *newsletter* SPRING 2019



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## UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE R.R. SMITH GRANT APPLICATION FORM

With the help of Anders I Ourom, our lawyer, the Board clarified some rules that are used when vetting the yearly grant applications. The R.R. Smith grant application will be amended to make sure that applicants are aware of these rules. Our lawyer, in his review of the R.R. Smith operational guidelines, indicated that all monies being distributed to organizations must be treated as grants.

Just a quick update on the student R.R. Smith is sponsoring. Reuban Andole is continuing to do well in Form 3 (grade 11) at St Martha's Mwitoti school. He and a number of other students have benefited from your generous donation of money to buy much needed text books. We sincerely thank R.R. Smith for your ongoing support!

Yours sincerely,  
Dick Glassford  
Treasurer and Director of KEEF  
250-954-3446

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## R.R. SMITH GRANTS FOR 2019

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This year the R.R. Smith Board of Directors approved nearly \$35,000 in grants to the following Organizations. Every cent of R.R. Smith membership fees collected were spent funding these educational projects. To learn more about R.R. Smith go to [www.rrsmith.ca](http://www.rrsmith.ca).

1. CANADIAN WOMEN FOR WOMEN IN AFGHANISTAN - For internet connection to upgrade the computer lab at one Teachers' Training College.
2. TUMANI FUND CANADA - To sponsor 10 students to complete a one year of a two year college course.
3. BETTY HUFF THEATRE COMPANY - To purchase supplies for the theatre program.
4. 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.
5. VANCOUVER OPERA GUILD - To provide bursaries for Summer Opera Camp for 3 disadvantaged students.
6. ONE GIRL CAN - To fund 1 university student for one year in sub-Saharan Africa.
7. CHILDREN'S CARE INTERNATIONAL - To fund 3 girls liberated from indentured slavery in India.
8. GOOD CENTS FOR CHANGE - To provide sewing equipment and exam fees to enable women to become dress-makers in Zambia.
9. DAYS FOR GIRLS - To purchase materials needed to provide reusable personal hygiene kits to girls in underdeveloped countries.
10. BRIGHT BEGINNINGS FOUNDATION - To provide part of the post secondary tuition needed to fund one promising Surrey student for one year.
11. LOVE GUATEMALA CANADA/ COMMISSION TO EVERY NATION - To provide library books for the school in Candelaria, San Lorezo, Guatemala.



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12. THE OLINDA CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION  
- To fund school materials for the Reforco Program in which children learn basic literacy skills in Rio Doce, Olinda, Brazil.

13. CHECK YOUR HEAD: THE YOUTH GLOBAL EDUCATION NETWORK - To purchase materials needed to support the Democracy Project workshops in the Lower Mainland.

14. GIBSONS MARINE EDUCATION CENTRE  
- To provide materials for the marine education program activities designed to help learners' transition through the spectrum from awareness, to knowing, to caring, to action.

15. AUNT LEAH'S PLACE - To provide cultural and educational programming workshops for its Threshold Supportive housing program.

16. FOR THE LOVE OF AFRICA - To provide bursary funds for students who are unable to afford tuition costs to attend Dodoma Technical Institute in Tanzania.

17. UMOJA OPERATION COMPASSION SOCIETY- To provide 20 bursaries to support grade 7 students into high school and to support the school library with English and math books.

18. BC LEARNING CENTRES FOR CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA - To supply specialized teaching materials for children living with Dyslexia.

19. KENYA EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION - To provide tuition fees for Reuben Andole and a second student. To purchase library books to share with students who do not get books from sponsors.



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## UMOJA OPERATION COMPASSION SOCIETY

The funding secured from RR Smith this year went to support the grade 7 candidates at the Rwentutu Community school in Western Uganda. The 20 grade 7 boys and girls will be able to access post primary education as they complete their Primary leaving examination with help from funds from RR Smith 2018.

The Management of the school together with the parents would like to express their gratitude through their kids (see photo) as they embark on the next chapter in their lives.

Umoja Operation Compassion society will continue to partner with RR Smith in ensuring that kids in the less privileged villages of Uganda have access to quality education, with quality educational material. A big thank you to the board and staff of RR Smith Foundation.

Submitted by Amos Kambere,  
Executive Director  
Umoja Operation Compassion Society  
[www.umojaoperation.ca](http://www.umojaoperation.ca)



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## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS FOUNDATION

Bright Beginnings Foundation (BBF) would like to thank R.R. Smith Memorial Foundation for the grants that you have given us. Together we are making a life-long difference in the lives of low-income Surrey students.

BBF gives the opportunity to a promising graduating Surrey student, living with very difficult financial challenges, to attain a post-secondary education. The BBF Bursary provides full tuition, student fees and educational materials. When these students have completed their education, they will have a skill, trade or diploma that will allow them to get a decent paying job. Our intention is two-fold:

1. We feel it is just to give Surrey high school graduates, regardless of family income, an equal opportunity to attend a post-secondary institution and obtain a career.
2. We intend to lift students and their families out of generational poverty.

Thanks in part to R.R. Smith Memorial Foundation's previous grant, BBF was able to provide three small grants to students to help them pursue their post-secondary education. These students all live with severe financial challenges and have to make a very difficult choice. Pursuing a post-secondary education -- and thereby attaining a career that will permanently relieve their difficult situation -- or continuing to survive on a day-to-day basis.

This year for the first time, BBF is delighted to announce that we have awarded our first full bursary to a student. Our student has a strong academic record and is living at home with four family members all trying to survive on one inadequate income. BBF is committed to helping this family, and others, permanently break the cycle of poverty.

We are thrilled to inform you and your Newsletter readers that BBF will be holding our second annual Banquet. Last year, our "Working Together for a Bright Future" Banquet was a tremendous success. This year our banquet will be held on April 12th and promises to be bigger and better! We are working on the program now and are excited about our speakers, M/C and entertainment. We will have bigger raffles and more silent auction items as well. And even better... YOU ARE INVITED!!

We also are planning to hold a Walk-a-thon with our affiliate organization, KEATCA, in the Spring. We will be working with Secondary Schools in Surrey to raise awareness of the issue of poverty in our community.

We wish to again thank R.R. Smith Memorial Foundation for your support. The difference we will make in the lives of individual students and their families is immense.



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## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS FOUNDATION BANQUET 2019 Supporting Surrey Students with BBF Bursaries



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## IN MEMORY OF GLEN PINCH



Glen Pinch was a librarian at Langley Senior Secondary School until his retirement. Upon retirement, he became involved in the Langley Retired Teachers' Association, the R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation and serving on the B.C.R.T.A. Board of Directors.

Glen served on the executive and was President of the Langley Retired Teachers' Association for a number of years. During his tenure he established the "To Hell With The Bell" brunch in 1998.

That tradition is still practiced each year except now it is called "No Bell Brunch". Another of his projects was to find funding to publish the "History of Langley Schools" a book written by Maureen Pepin, Harry McTaggart and Norm Sherritt. He turned to the R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation and received a grant to finance the publication. Glen attended many LRTA lunches and often brought guests.

Glen served on the R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation Board of Directors from 2000 to 2011. In 2010, he advocated for a \$1.00 per fee paying member at the Annual General Meeting and was successful in having the funding passed. For many years Glen had his annual vacation in Costa Rica with Ollie Whitcutt, Tom Brunker and friends. This group enthusiastically supported a nearby school called Atenas. Through donations to R.R. Smith, the school was equipped with many educational items such as a photo copier, learning materials, playground equipment, etc. It is during his travels that Glen acquired artwork from local artists that he has donated to R.R. Smith.



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## IN MEMORY OF GLEN PINCH

Glen became elected to the B.C.R.T.A. Board of Directors. His hard work and sage advice helped to make the B.C.R.T.A. what it is today.

Glen saw the need to inform members of the many social concerns facing retired teachers as the internet grew and rapid changes took place. The B.C.R.T.A. Social Concerns Committee was formed and Glen was the first Chair. Later Glen saw the need to not only inform members of the social concerns but to also advocate for members.

Thus, he worked on establishing the B.C.R.T.A. Advocacy Committee before he left the Board.

Glen was an avid Bridge player. During the breaks at the B.C.R.T.A. AGM he and 3 friends would often be off in a corner playing Bridge.

Besides all his work on behalf of his fellow retirees, Glen advised and helped tenants in his complex when asked. Glen was a good friend to many.

He is sorely missed.

In memory of Glen Pinch, R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation is accepting donations in his name. 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 in honour of Glen Pinch fill in the organization in the "Leave a comment" section. A donation may also be sent to R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation, #100- 550 W. 6th Ave, Vancouver, BC, V5Z 4P2. A tax receipt will be issued for donations over \$20.00 later.



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## LET'S GO GROUP ACTIVITY

### Diablo Lake Boat Tour

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019

**\$149 | Activity Level: Easy**

Cruise the glacier-fed Diablo Lake on a US Ranger narrated tour boat designed especially for Diablo Lake featuring a glass roof and outdoor deck. Learn about the surrounding wildlife habitat, see snow-clad mountain peaks, islands and waterfalls. US travel documents required.

#### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Diablo Lake Narrated Tour
- Environmental Learning Center
- Lunch
- All fees and taxes
- Relief driver



#### PICK-UPS:

Maple Ridge Alliance Church  
6:00am – 6:30pm

21746 52nd Langley  
6:30am – 6:00pm

#### ITINERARY:

6:45am - USA Border

8:00am - Market Street Cafe Burlington

10:00am - Diablo Lake

10:15am - Narrated Scenic Lake Tour

1:00pm - Lunch North Cascades

Environmental Learning Center

2:30pm - Depart

4:00pm - Market Street Cafe Burlington

5:00pm - CND Border

**To book call 604 630 2434 ext. 1**

**Specify the June 28th trip from Langley**



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## DONATING MADE EASY

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## 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;
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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:

- 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,
- Making and administering grants to Canadian registered charitable organizations, the purposes of which are similar to those of the society,
- Acquiring school materials, books, equipment, and supplies of all kinds, and donating them to schools,
- Providing funding to support innovative projects which advance public education,
- 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)