R. R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation

The directors wish to express their appreciation for the donations from individuals and BCRTA branches and the \$1.00 per member grant from the BCRTA. These funds made it possible for the directors to award \$19,000 in grants to 13 applicants. In 2013 these grants were made:

- 1. **Families for Children** in Dhaka, Bangladesh the money will be used to help run a school and orphanage for children in an area of extreme poverty. \$1,500
- 2. **Seeds of Hope** to buy materials and teaching supplies for Canadian teachers volunteering at a school in Zambia. \$1,500
- 3. **Into All the World**, to provide financial aid for boys moving from grade seven to high school in Uganda. \$2,500
- 4. **Multi-Nation Missions Foundation** (Love Guatemala) to fund a library in an underserved rural area of Guatemala. \$1,500
- 5. **Vernon Science and Discovery Society** to help schools to develop onsite learning gardens and deliver the Intergenerational Landed Learning Program as outreach to BC schools. \$2,000
- 6. **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** to educate teen girls and poor children in Tiamacazapa, Mexico. \$1,500
- 7. Vancouver Opera Guild to fund performances for inner city students in BC. \$850
- 8. Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan to train secondary school teachers in Afghanistan. \$1830
- 9. **Helping Underprivileged Girls and Guys Study (HUGGS)**, to sponsor a student from a poor family working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in India. \$2000
- 10. **Breakfast Learning Club** to fund needed supplies for a breakfast learning centre in Penticton, BC \$420
- 11. **Kenya Educational Endowment Fund (KEEF)**, to provide continuing scholarship for student from family of subsistence farmers. \$800
- 12. **Umoja Operation Compassion Society,** to support 15 students to complete elementary school and equip a library in Uganda. \$1,500
- 13. Council of Senior Citizens Organizations (COSCO) for a new computer and projector for outreach programs of Wellness Seminars presented throughout the province of BC \$1,100

Submitted by Barb Mikulec, director