



2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION: Creating equal educational opportunities for young adults who have been in government care.

OUR VISION: Make post-secondary education dreams achievable for young adults who have been in government care.

For most young people, as they set off on their journey to post-secondary education, family is there to lend a hand with things like rent, groceries, and emotional support. But it's often a different story for those who have been in foster care. Without the support of family, many young people who have been in government care have little choice but to turn away from this opportunity.

As of November 2017, all of the 25 public post-secondary institutions in BC offer the Government Provincial Tuition Waiver Program to young people who have been in government care. While this is a great step forward in assisting these young people to realize the dream of attending post-secondary education, tuition is only a portion of the actual cost of post-secondary education.

Recognizing the vital role that education plays in helping a young person realize their potential, the Youth Futures Education Fund (YFEF) was established to provide low-barrier access to funds that provide assistance with living expenses to youth who are attending a postsecondary institution on a tuition waiver. YFEF funds have been accessed to assist with the costs of rent, phone, internet, transit, books, food and daycare.

Since the inception of the YFEF in 2015, the number of students supported annually with money from the fund has quadrupled. Further, we anticipate that number will more than double in the year to come.

In addition to supporting more youth than ever before, this past year we completed several projects that will further the reach and build the capacity of the YFEF including the production of a public awareness video, diversification and strengthening of our governing Advisory Committee, and refined governance, marketing, and fundraising policies. We continue to grow in collaboration with all of our contributing partners that support our mission.

We are proud of our journey so far and are excited about the future work we will do together in supporting young people as they realize their potential.

Jennifer Davenport
YOUTH FUTURES EDUCATION FUND, CHAIR

“Coast Capital Savings is committed to helping build a richer future for youth in our communities and we’re proud to have been able to help lay the groundwork as one of the founders of this fund. As a business, we know that showing up for young people supports them in realizing their potential and helps create a better BC for us all.”

MAUREEN YOUNG
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP
COAST CAPITAL SAVINGS

“Not only does a post-secondary education open doors of opportunity and advancement, it establishes a network of friends, colleagues, mentors and a supportive community. It only seems right and just that all youth should have the same opportunities to pursue it.”

KIM WINCHELL
DIRECTOR, SOCIAL IMPACT, COMMUNITY IMPACT & INVESTMENT
UNITED WAY OF THE LOWER MAINLAND

“Vancouver Foundation is committed to strengthening the support systems available to youth as they leave government care and transition into adulthood. We know that getting a good education is about more than tuition and books - it's about creating and supporting a stable environment for students to thrive. The Youth Futures Education Fund helps ensure that young people leaving foster care can cover basic costs of living during their studies.”

KEVIN MCCORT
PRESIDENT AND CEO,
VANCOUVER FOUNDATION

“The Youth Futures Education Fund knocks down barriers and compliments our Provincial Tuition Waiver program that empowers former youth-in-care to dream big to pursue their post secondary ambitions and take the next step in their future. When we work together to open the doors to education we’re destined to lift people up to build the best B.C.”

MELANIE MARK
MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION, SKILLS, AND TRAINING

“YFEF has helped to create opportunities for me, not only through financial assistance in education, but in seeing that there are ways I can be supported outside of the BC Tuition Waiver, and Agreements with Young Adults. Receiving funding for things I was struggling to afford, like software and technology for my design program, has helped me excel.”

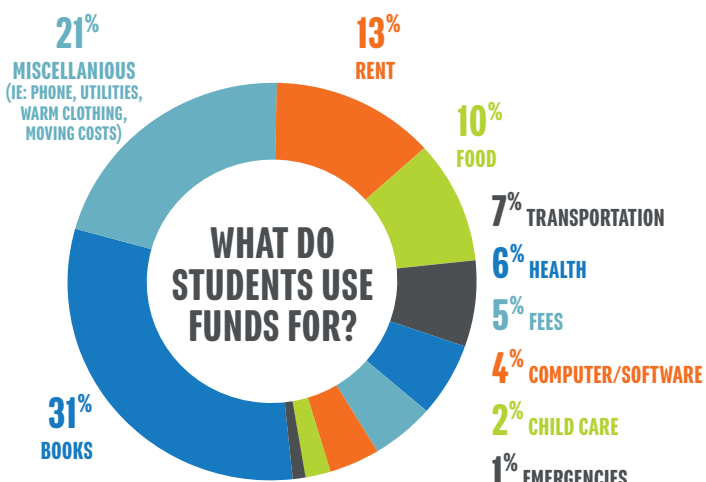
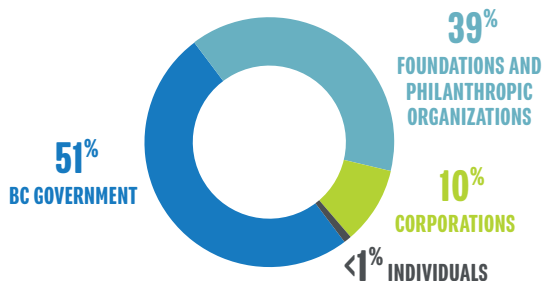
BRAYDON KPU STUDENT

2017/2018
BY THE
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\$456,500
DISTRIBUTED TO
361
STUDENTS

\$1341
AVERAGE
ALLOCATION
PER STUDENT

\$415,374
RAISED



HONORARY PATRON:

HER HONOUR
THE HONOURABLE JANET AUSTIN, OBC
Lieutenant Governor of
British Columbia

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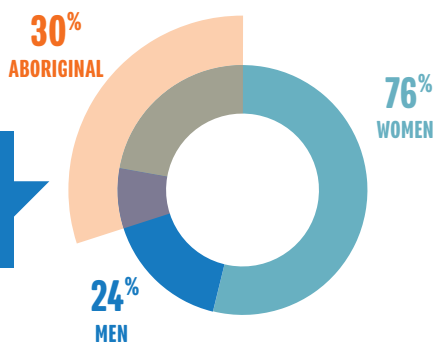
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JAYNE WILSON
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Associations

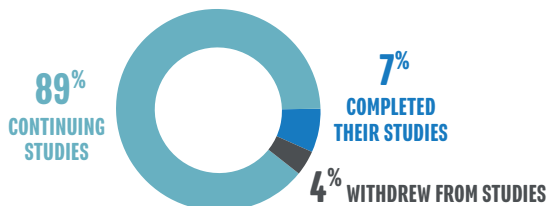
KIM WINCHELL
United Way of the Lower Mainland

MAUREEN YOUNG
Coast Capital Savings
(Vice Chair)

WHO DO WE SUPPORT?



STUDENT STATUS:



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EDUCATION FUND

The Youth Futures Education Fund was established through a collaboration including Coast Capital Savings, the Office of BC's Representative for Children & Youth, BC Government, philanthropic partners and post-secondary institutions. It has been made possible by the generous contributions from Coast Capital Savings, the Blue Moon Fund, the Fred Boyd Brown Fund, the Edwina and Paul Heller Memorial Fund, , the United Way of the Lower Mainland, the United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island, the BC Ministry of Children & Families and the BC Ministry of Advanced Education, and many private sector individual donors. The Youth Futures Education Fund is held at the Vancouver Foundation.

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