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Cranbrook and District Community Foundation Provides \$78,000 in Funding

Cranbrook, BC (June 7, 2017) – The Cranbrook and District Community Foundation (CDCF) distributed over \$78,000 to local community projects and programs during its Annual General Meeting and Granting Celebration on Tuesday June 6th.

A total of over \$40,000 was granted to 16 projects/programs. This included four projects that received matching grants through the Community Fund for Canada's 150th, a collaboration between the CDCF, the Government of Canada, and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to coast. The Canada 150 projects include the Community Connections Better at Home DRIVE program, the Sunrise Rotary Bike Rack Project, the Trails Society of BC Cranbrook-Wardner Trans-Canada Trail opening ceremonies, and the Cranbrook Archives Museum and Landmark Foundation's 'Celebrating Canada's History' event. Other highlights included the inaugural grants awarded by two newly established funds: the Melodie Hull Fund for Mental Health and Addictions, with ANKORS gratefully accepting these funds, and the Hough Ingalls Fund for Animal Welfare, with Ginger's Legacy receiving this grant.

In addition, a total of more than \$38,000 was re-invested in the principal of nine endowment funds, which will grow the potential for granting in future years. With these new investments, the CDCF currently holds over \$1.9 million in permanently invested endowment funds, with the annual interest available to support local community projects and programs.

According to Dave Struthers, President of the CDCF Board of Directors, "Since 2004, and including these most recent grants, the CDCF has contributed more than \$450,000 to local programs and projects, which help local people. On behalf of the CDCF Board, I would like to share my sincere thanks with all of our endowment holders, donors, and community partners who have helped make this possible. I would like to share a very special thank you with Casey and Corinne Hanemayer for their belief in and commitment to the Cranbrook and District Community Foundation. The Hanemayers' generosity and investment in the future of our community is truly inspiring."

Lynnette Wray, CDCF Executive Director, added "The CDCF keeps donated money local, to support local projects, to help local people. Donating to the CDCF is a really good fit for people who are interested in the long-term well-being of our community, thinking not only about our current community needs but also about our needs for the future. Individuals, organizations, and businesses are able to donate to existing endowment funds or to begin their own, named endowment funds. For anyone who is interested in learning more about the CDCF or is wondering how they can get involved, please give me a call at 250-426-1119 or send me an email at Lynnette.Wray@CranbrookCF.ca."

The Cranbrook and District Community Foundation is a registered charitable organization. For more information about the CDCF, please visit our website at www.cranbrookcf.ca and like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cranbrookcf/.

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