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A Report to the Community

Fall 2011

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THETIS ISLAND COMMUNITY FUND

Contributing to the quality of Thetis Island life

Stimulating, enabling and guiding the generosity of its compassionate citizens



The last year has brought many positive changes to the Thetis Island Community Fund! For example, for the first time since our inception in 2005, we have a full complement of 7 board members. Each person contributes needed skills and experience that have tremendously increased the capacity of the Community Fund to serve our community.

We have a valued and ongoing partnership with TICA to support community access to Forbes Hall and to fundraise jointly in fun ways. Use of the Lifeline button program has doubled, providing that extra peace of mind to those living alone (and their families). We have increased our visibility through regular Quarterly articles, a yearly report to the community, and our website thetislandcommunityfund.org. All of these are generating valuable feedback, helping to make the Community Fund more meaningful. Design of reports and website, and website administration are mainly in-house by volunteers, minimizing costs. There's much more to do but we are getting there, together as a community.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to lead the Community Fund through its beginning phases. I am pleased to continue on the Board as new president Kelly Bannister takes the reigns Nov 1. Thank you, everyone, for making our community's hopes for a "community chest" become a reality - one that any of us might find ourselves thankful to know we can draw upon in the future. ~ **Ann Dickie, Community Fund President**

VISION

- *To be a trusted partner in the enrichment of the lives of Thetis Islanders*

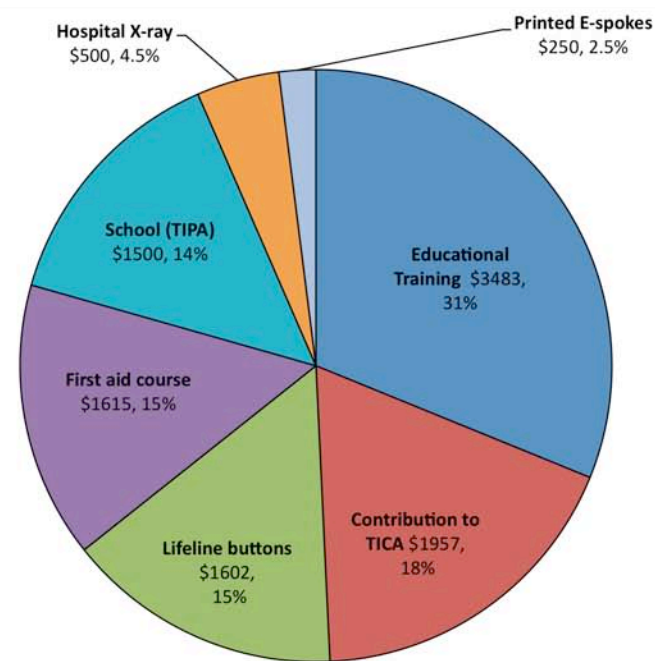
PURPOSE

- *To provide funds for medical treatment and care*
- *To advance all levels of learning through education, scholarships, equipment*
- *To provide support services for seniors*
- *To give funds to other registered charities*

Financial Report - September 2010 through August 2011

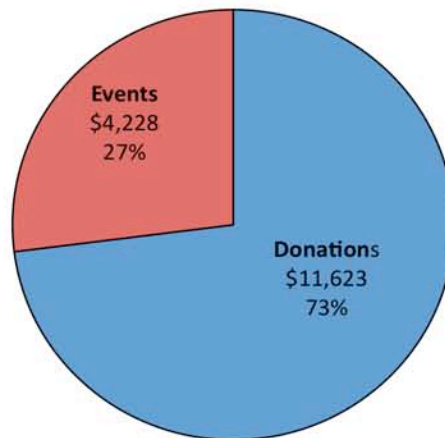
Over the last year, disbursements from the Community Fund totaled **\$10,907**, as follows:

- Thetis Island School (through Thetis Island Parents Association) - \$1500
- High school graduate bursaries - \$0 (one at \$1000 allocated for Sept 2011)
- Chemainus Hospital Foundation campaign for new X-ray equipment - \$500
- Printed e-spokes - \$250
- Life skills and educational training - \$3483
- Contribution to TICA (from joint fundraising) - \$1957
- Lifeline buttons - \$1602
- First aid course for 18 LERN volunteers - \$1615



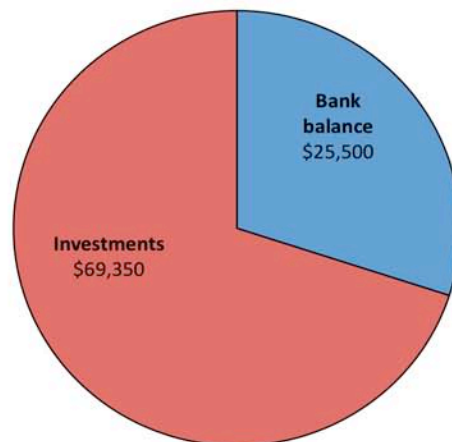
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(September 2010 through August 2011)

Net income was \$15,851 over the same period, with over \$4,200 contributed from fundraising events (i.e., flea market, art auction and soiree). Donations totaled over \$11,600.



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(September 2010 through August 2011)

Funds currently total \$94,850 in cash and investments. Our goal is to grow the investment portion of the fund to \$250,000 to enable strong annual disbursements from the interest generated. We will continue to disburse funds from our annual fundraising campaign, donations and events.



Total funds \$ 94,850
(as of August 2011)

How are funds spent?

While most of us strive to be self-sufficient, there are times when we may require help. The Community Fund is there to help a senior who may need assistance with home care or a family faced with extraordinary health care expenses. As well as these emergency situations, the Fund provides ongoing support through a variety of programs:

- *Lifeline Button Service* for seniors
- Bursaries for Thetis Island students to assist with post-secondary education
- An *Emergency Card* system for those evacuated in an emergency without immediate means to pay for a hotel or taxi
- Thetis Island School educational programs and field trips
- Printed copies of *e-SPOKES* for those without Internet access
- Life skills and educational training for adult students
- Funds to other registered charities whose work benefits Thetis Islanders

How much has been disbursed?

Since 2006, the Community Fund has distributed close to \$50,000 in the following areas: Education (71%); Medical services (15%); Services for seniors (14%).

With your support, the Community Fund will continue to make a difference in the lives of Thetis Islanders and make ours a uniquely vibrant and caring community.

Thank you for your support!

The key to success of the Community Fund lies with Thetis Islanders and you have been strong supporters. We hope your support will continue by participating in fundraising activities, and through your generous donations. With your help we can continue to grow the Community Fund and provide valuable and necessary assistance to friends and neighbours in our community.

Contact information

By mail: TICF, Box 12-14, Thetis Island, BC

By e-mail: communityfund@thetisland.net

Website: thetislandcommunityfund.org

Donations can be made by mail or online. Any board member would welcome a call or email to discuss the Community Fund in detail.

October Fundraising Campaign!

The Community Fund is holding its annual October Fundraising Campaign starting with a Wine & Cheese gathering as our Warm-up event on Sunday October 2nd and finishing up with a Pasta Dinner as our Wrap-up event on Saturday, October 29th. A ticket form with more information will be sent out for these two events. Please come and enjoy some time with friends and support your community by joining us!



Warm yourself up with wine & cheese on October 2nd

ABOUT US

The Community Fund provides ongoing financial support to educational programs and field trips for Thetis Island School. A trip to Penelakut School was just one of many enriching educational activities last year.



What is the Community Fund?

Incorporated in December 2005, and receiving charitable status in 2006, the Thetis Island Community Fund is our community charity fund. It was developed to provide an opportunity for all of us to share with our friends and neighbours according to our abilities. The Community Fund provides funds for medical care and treatment, educational funding, support for seniors and support to other registered charities whose work helps Thetis Islanders.

Who manages the fund?

The TICF is managed by a seven-member board including two directors appointed by the Thetis Island Residents & Ratepayers Association (TIRRA) and two by the Thetis Island Community Association (TICA). One member is appointed by the Thetis Island Parents' Association (TIPA) while the remaining two members are board appointed. The board meets every two months and as needed.

2010-2011 Board Members

Ann Dickie (TICA appointed), President

Kelly Bannister (TIPA appointed), Vice-president & President elect

Ellen Rush (TIRRA appointed), Secretary

Tom Milliken (TIRRA appointed), Treasurer

Pauline Harwood (TICA appointed)

Teresa Moore (Board appointed)

Bill Sharp (Board appointed)

Board members welcome suggestions and questions about the Thetis Island Community Fund. Contact us personally or by email at communityfund@thetisland.net or via Box 12-14, Thetis Island, BC V0R 2Y0.