

Kiwanis Club of Sardis

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Community Update

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Kiwanis Responds to Flood Emergency in BC

In recent weeks, BC has endured horrendous floods and landslides, causing much damage to infrastructure, homes and businesses. The overall cost will not be established for some time but we know it will be enormous. Thank goodness for all of the many people who work or volunteer on the front lines and the Canadian Army personnel who came in to help us. Without you our losses would have been much worse. The Kiwanis Foundation of Canada has responded to the situation by establishing a BC Disaster Relief Fund. For every two dollars donated to the Fund, the Foundation will add one dollar, up to a maximum of \$100,000. With the scale of the devastation, this Fund will not go too far but it is a statement from Kiwanis that we care and will do whatever we can to help. The monies will be used to help families affected by this calamity who are not covered by government grants or by insurance. Three of the Foundation's directors (including the president) who live in BC will be closely monitoring "high-need" areas over the next 6 months. If you know of a family that has suffered significant losses as a result of this tragedy, with very little help from outside agencies, contact your nearest Kiwanis Club.



An Update on our Programs & Community Work

Despite the restrictions imposed by COVID, we continue to carry on our flagship program, Super Readers, in 8 elementary schools in Chilliwack. As well, we will soon be honouring our first group of "students of the month" for the 2021-22 year at two middle schools and two high schools in Chilliwack, who have provided considerable service at school or to the community at large, while maintaining good grades. We have also been volunteering for Meals on Wheels, the Cheam View United Church Soup Kitchen and the Salvation Army Kettles.



Kiwanis Supports Trauma Care



The World Health organization has determined that over 1.3 million people die each year from road accidents and many more are injured. Those who are injured in low resource countries are often unable to access affordable trauma care. They can face years of painful recovery and if they are the breadwinners, there can be severe consequences to their families. This is the reason that Kiwanis support the surgical implant program developed by Dr Zirkle, a Kiwanian, which is known by the acronym SIGN (surgical implant generation network). SIGN has developed an operating procedure that can be carried out in hospitals with limited facilities. This procedure is supplied free of charge to hospitals throughout the developing world, together with the surgical implants and training for the surgeons. Over the years, Kiwanis Clubs in the Pacific North West, including our own, have donated approximately \$2,000,000 to this wonderful program. If you would like to learn more about the scale of the problem and the contribution that SIGN is making, please consider viewing the powerful video released worldwide on the PBS network entitled "trauma healers". It can be found at signfracturecare.org/traumahealers.

Recent Financial Support to our Community

Even though our ability to fundraise has been restricted by COVID, we have continued to provide support to agencies in Chilliwack which assist those in need. The agencies we have donated to recently include Sardis Doorway, the Family Place Network run by Chilliwack Community Services, Chilliwack Effective Parenting, Chilliwack Search and Rescue and the Salvation Army Food Bank.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes at this special time of year and our hope that despite the several crises we have experienced, some of which remain with us, you will find joy in the company of family and friends.

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