

Kiwanis Club of Sardis

Serving Children of the World



Community Update

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Kiwanis Response to Flood Emergency in BC

We mentioned in our previous newsletter that the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada responded to the enormous damage in BC caused by the horrendous floods and landslides we experienced late last year by establishing a BC Disaster Relief Fund. It is intended to help those who, for one reason or another, aren't able to find relief from the government or through their insurance coverage. For every two dollars donated to the fund, the Foundation will add a dollar up to a maximum of \$100,000. This fund will not go very far but it shows that Kiwanians care and will try to do what we can. So far, donations have amounted to about \$105,000. This together with the matching dollars from the Foundation increases the Fund to about \$160,000. The total spent to this point is about \$25,000, representing donations to farmers, teachers and "the Hub" - a free store in the Valley to help those impacted by the disaster.



Our Focus is on Children

Kiwanis is a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children, one community at a time. In our Club, we like to think we punch above our weight in this regard by spending almost \$25,000 each year on three cherished programs – Super Readers, Students of the Month and High School Bursaries. This spending is supplemented by several donations to local charities and non-profits which have as their focus the support of families with young children.

If this type of community support interests you, please take a look at our website and Facebook page.

Time to Dust Off Our Food Trailer

The reports to the effect that COVID is being brought under control and we are slowly being allowed to resume something like a normal life have been very welcome news. Many of us with loved ones across borders, or living far apart, can now contemplate getting together again—perhaps for the first time in more than two years. In our club, it means we have been able to resume our weekly meetings, invite speakers and look forward to an active spring and summer. Something we are especially pleased about is the prospect of dusting off our food trailer and participating in various events in our community. Nothing is cast in stone yet as health authorities will want to monitor how we fare with increased socialization, but the signs are very encouraging. On a tentative basis we are looking forward to taking our food trailer to several community events. Of special importance are the festivities on Canada Day. We are hopeful the COVID situation will be such that our trailer can be part of the normal festivities at Townsend Park and we can hold our traditional pancake breakfast at Evergreen Hall. Please stay tuned for announcements. We would love to serve you a burger and fries from our trailer or a pancake breakfast at Evergreen Hall.

Recent Support to our Community

COVID has restricted our fundraising over the past two years and limited our ability to respond to needs in our community but we continue to do all we can. Since our last Community Update, we have made donations to Chilliwack Community Services, designated for their Better Beginnings program, to the Chilliwack Bowls of Hope Society and to the Ann Davis Transition Society. We have also made a financial donation and contributed food items to the Chilliwack Community Cupboard Society.

At the same time, our members have volunteered each month at the soup kitchen at Cheam View United Church and have taken on several of the "meals on wheels" routes for Chilliwack Community Services. These very worthwhile projects have kept us "ticking over" while we await additional opportunities for service as the weather improves and COVID is brought further under control.

We would love to have you join us in this service!!

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