

REACHING OUT

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OUTREACH & MISSIONS SUPPORTS THE PRIMATES WORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND (PWRDF)

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- Climate Mitigation & Food Security

Agricultural educational initiatives in the face of climate change. PWRDF programs examine environmental impact and work to promote adaptation and mitigation of Climate change.

-Indigenous Youth Microfinance

Through the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Economic Development Corp. in Port Alberni Indigenous Youth can get training and mentoring as well as a loan to start a business.

-Indigenous Ministries Youth Suicide Prevention

PWRDF supports the Anglican Church of Canada's efforts to prevent Indigenous youth suicide by creating Indigenous Healthy Pathways guide, Indigenous catechist training, and revise the training resources.

PWRDF

PWRDF has been chosen by Maclean's magazine as one of the 100 best Canadian charities for 2020.

To be considered for the Maclean's list, charities must be listed in the Charity Intelligence report and must have at least \$2 million in annual revenue.

"PWRDF staff work extremely hard with our 35 implementing partners around the world to ensure transparency and financial accountability, and to share results with Anglicans and other donors in a meaningful way. We are grateful to our network of dedicated volunteers who further spread the word," says Will Postma, Executive Director of PWRDF.

PWRDF scored a final grade of 92.5%. This is derived from scoring 100% in the financials grade (weighted at 60%) plus 81% in the transparency grade (weighted at 40%). There are 10 charities listed in the International sector.

In the financial metrics, Maclean’s looked at four categories: overhead ratio, fundraising ratio, charity reserves and compensation of highest-paid employee and fundraising ratio. For example, full points were awarded to organizations that keep the amount of every dollar raised on fundraising to between 15 and 35 cents.

The analysis also reviewed a charity’s ease of access to financial statements. PWRDF received full marks for being transparent in publishing our audited financial statements and annual report on our website and making them easy to find.

A further part of the analysis focused on how charities communicate results. “What do charities actually do with your money, once they get it?” asks Maclean’s. “What programs do they run? Who benefits from them? What is the charity’s mission statement and how is its work tied to it? What problem is it trying to solve and is the charity making any headway?” Points are awarded for providing answers to these questions on websites and in annual reports.

FIRST ANNUAL WARM GEAR SUNDAY

This event was held at All Saints on Sunday, October 17. Copper Kettle had approached Outreach to assist in their drive for warm winter clothing and blankets. The committee decided to have a parish drive for the items and designated Oct. 17 as the First Annual Drive. The results were over-whelming! Donations over flowed the Rav that Copper Kettle brought. They were over joyed. The donations were taken to Lynn Johnson's weekly art and food get together for homeless on Salt Spring. ALL parish donations were given out that day.

CONGRATULATIONS to SSI parishioners.

SUCCESS WORKS



Interns from *Success Works* harvesting beans

In the Spring 2019, in response to the concern for the homeless and marginalized people on Salt Spring, Outreach voted \$1000 for Harvest Farm headed by Simone Cazabon, the Food Security Coordinator and hosted through Community Services here on Salt Spring. Its intent is to help further individuals with barriers to employment towards a career path by supporting tangible accomplishments that help them gain confidence and build a resume with references. The funds contributed to the employment of an intern at HARVEST Farm during the summer where they were taught horticultural and landscaping skills, and Food Safe and First Aid courses.

The farm grows food for programs such as the Food Bank, Family Place, Community Meal programs, *HARVEST Cafe*, Shelter Meals and more.

Nancy Wigen and Bridget Metzger from the Outreach Committee were able to go on a tour of the farm in the summer and see the program in action. They were very impressed with the productivity of the farm. Not only was there excellent job training taking place but Simone estimated that they may be feeding as many as 500 low income households a week with the produce.



THE SMILE CARD PROJECT

Due to the homeless situation on the Island and the loss of our “Soups On” program, the Outreach Committee endorsed the idea to utilize the Thrifty Smile Card as a means to offer a meal to those marginalized and in need. In March we began a Pilot Project of fifty \$7 Smile Cards to enable one to purchase a sandwich and a beverage at Thrifties. These were given out by three trusted people with knowledge of the street and connections among the homeless. Because of the positive feedback and encouragement we received, the Outreach Committee gave us the green light to begin in May with a yearly budget of \$1200 or 14 cards a month to augment the congregational donations if necessary and to jump start the program. Because of your donations we are close to becoming self-supporting. We have only used \$196 of the budget, but now plan to use some additional money to bank some cards and maintain a constant flow for distribution during the winter.



We are so grateful for the generosity of the congregation. To date, the Smile Card Project who has provided 324 meals. We are grateful to Thrifties for supporting us with the program and passing on a few heart-warming stories, i.e. the very senior psychiatrically challenged individual whom they know well and who always needs help with his purchases and change purse, came in bewildered holding a \$7 Smile Card. When they took his card, told him it was a gift, then helped him find a sandwich and a coffee he was overjoyed. As a contact person leaving with newly purchased cards, I was overjoyed when one of the tellers involved called out “Don’t lose them! They’re important!”

Colin Ward, a member of our church, is our main distributor and is developing a report and friendship with many he gives cards to. The card becomes a catalyst to connect and have a conversation. When they thank him, he always says it’s a gift from the Anglican church, so we are developing an Anglican presence on the street. We are grateful for his energy, compassion and discernment with the difficult decision of giving cards to those he feels could most benefit from the program.

With the cold weather coming and the need for warmth, The Outreach Committee has decided to increase the amount to \$10 to cover a hot breakfast sandwich and coffee.

We look forward to seeing you again at our Smile Card table the 3rd Sunday of the month especially during the winter months.

Thank you.

Joan Warren

LAUNDROMAT!

The Mission and Outreach committee voted unanimously in September to support the Wagon Wheel Society’s plans to open a new laundromat on Salt Spring Island. The last Laundromat, called *Mrs. Clean* was operating in the Gasoline Alley office building. It shut down in 2015 after a huge rent increase was proposed by the landlord at the same time as many of the machines were in need of repairs or replacing. The Wagon Wheel is signing a lease with the manager of the Creekside office building for the space formally occupied by the Source. The expected opening date is March 2020. The new laundromat will be using Ozone style washer’s that use much less water, a necessity on an island and in the current climate emergency. They also plan to have a washer designated for work clothes, for those members of the community working in a field that leaves their clothes unfit to be washed with other items. The proposal includes installing a large holding tank for water, as well as a water recycling machine so as much as feasible of the water can be directly recycled.

The company selling the water holding tank to the laundromat at cost, is also donating the first fill free. When the water supply on the island is plentiful the North Salt Spring Water will provide water allowing the tank to be refilled over night when the demand for water is less. If and when we reach drought stage, water can be purchased from the company supplying the holding tank. The industrial dryers will operate on propane. The Wagon Wheel Society is in the process of applying for a tax number so that charitable donations can receive a tax receipt. In the meantime, Community Social Services has lent their tax number to the project. Those who want to make a donation, can contact Cherie Geauvreau at 250 537-1027 for further information.

The Rector has sent a letter of support for this project.

Elaine Hunt

GRIS FIORD

During the winter two years ago the Anglican church in Grise Fiord burned down. Insurance covered the rebuilding of the church but there were still many things they needed.

We received this list from their Rector Jimmie A. Qaapik

- New Chairs.
- Cushions, used for kneeling during prayer. These can double as seat cushions on benches.
- White robes for Lay Readers/Leaders x 3.
- Female cloth/material head coverings during Confirmations.
- Fire Extinguisher/s.
- Inuktitut Hymn books.
- Inuktitut books for Baptism.
- Inuktitut Books for Communion.



CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION

O&M has supported this worthy Mission in the past. This year we sent \$1000 to support their new project of creating new limbs through the very new 3-D photocopying method. As a result money will go further to help provide more African children with new limbs.