



2025 NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY

GIVING HEARTS AWARDS

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MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Welcome to National Philanthropy Day 2025 and the Giving Hearts Awards presented by RBC!

As long-time organizers of this cherished event and now proud board members of AFP Greater Vancouver, it brings us immense joy to welcome you to this year's celebration. Over the years, we've witnessed the incredible growth of NPD and the Giving Hearts Awards, and today's gathering is a testament to the enduring spirit of generosity that defines our community.

This day is dedicated to honouring the individuals and organizations whose commitment to service and philanthropy continues to shape and strengthen our region. The Giving Hearts nominees and award recipients exemplify the very best of us — their passion, dedication, and impact inspire us all.

We are especially moved by the heartfelt nominations submitted by those who took the time to recognize these changemakers. Your efforts to highlight the contributions of others reflect the very essence of philanthropy, and we thank you for your thoughtfulness and care in preparing each nomination.

To our incredible National Philanthropy Day organizing committee, thank you for your tireless dedication, we truly could not put this event on without you. Your time, passion, and dedication to this event, the awards and our profession shines through and I know will be seen at this year's event.

Thank you to our awards adjudication panel for your support in the Giving Hearts Awards judging process; your support and expertise make this celebration possible.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors, our Presenting Sponsor RBC, thank you for your continued commitment to this event and our profession. Thank you to our other valued sponsors Sage, DonorPerfect, Global Philanthropic, The Discovery Group, University of the Fraser Valley, Pear Tree Securities, CAGP, Phil's Jobs, Charity Village, Global Faces, and Hemlock Connect. Your belief in this event and in the power of philanthropy is what allows us to gather and celebrate together.

National Philanthropy Day is more than an event — it's a movement. It reminds us of what we can achieve when we come together with purpose and compassion. On behalf of the AFP Greater Vancouver board and the NPD committee, thank you for being here. It is a privilege to celebrate this vibrant community with you.

Warm regards,

Kyle Tiney & Lucy Isham-Turner
Co-Chairs, AFP Greater Vancouver
Chapter's 2025 National Philanthropy
Day Committee



2025

NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY COMMITTEE

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2025 GIVING HEARTS AWARDS JUDICIAL PANEL

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CATEGORY

OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS

ATWAL'S INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL CENTRE INC.

nominated by Surrey Hospitals Foundation



Atwal's
Insurance

"For over 40 years, the Atwal family has turned gratitude into action - building a business rooted in integrity and a legacy of giving. Their deep commitment to Surrey's healthcare and community well-being proves that small businesses can lead with heart, purpose, and transformative generosity."

- Manjit Atwal, Co-Owner

HARBOUR WEST CONSULTING

nominated by Vantage Point and Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland

HARBOUR WEST
CONSULTING

"It is incredibly important to me to lead a firm that values and acknowledges the incredible work of the non-profit and community service sectors. I appreciate that at different times in our lives we can afford to give in different ways (financially, service, resources, and/or advocacy), so I am committed to modelling different ways for our team and community to give back. As employers, we need to foster resilient and giving leadership, leveraging opportunities through our workplaces is a great way to start an individual's philanthropic journey. I am proud of the engagement of the HWC team, in our community events and giving."

BP MEDIA INC.

nominated by VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation and BC Children's Hospital Foundation

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"Often, one's philanthropy is sparked by life-changing moments. Giving back began when my oldest received a rare disease diagnosis. This led to the continuous journey of strategically supporting pediatric causes by leveraging my professional platform. Society is better when we contribute to those in need."

- Darren Bell, BP Media Inc.

WHEATON PRECIOUS METALS

nominated by Make-A-Wish Canada



"Philanthropy is central to our values at Wheaton Precious Metals. By investing in causes like Make-A-Wish, we create lasting, positive change - bringing hope and joy to children facing critical illnesses while strengthening the communities where we live and operate. It's about building a meaningful legacy of support and compassion."

- Simona Antolak, VP, Communications and Corporate Affairs



CATEGORY **OUTSTANDING CORPORATION**

AXIOM BUILDERS

nominated by Union Gospel Mission



"For me, community engagement isn't just part of the job - it's something that brings real joy and meaning. When our staff volunteers, we grow closer to one another and to the communities we care about."

- Connie Mair, Director of Community Engagement

KIRMAC CARES FOR KIDS

nominated by Surrey Hospitals Foundation and Boys Club Network



"Kirmac Cares for Kids was started because our family wanted to meaningfully support the communities who have supported us since 1973. Together with our customers, team members, and business partners, Kirmac Cares for Kids plays a role in making sure the next generation can reach their full potential and thrive."

- Sean McIntosh, President

AMICA SENIOR LIFESTYLES

nominated by Alzheimer Society of B.C.



"We at Amica are dedicated to caring for people with dementia and their loved ones and are proud to support the work of the Alzheimer Society of B.C. They provide a real lifeline for families affected by dementia and inspire us to continue to build a more compassionate future together."

APPLEWOOD AUTO GROUP

nominated by Regional Animal Protection Society



"Applewood Auto Group believes philanthropy is vital to building stronger communities. By supporting children's programs, education, animal welfare, healthcare, mental health, and sports, Applewood invests in a brighter future. Giving back isn't just a responsibility - it's a powerful way to create lasting, positive impact in the communities Applewood serves."

CAPITAL DIRECT | INCOME TRUST

nominated by VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation, Make A Wish Canada, BC & Yukon Chapter and Cause We Care Foundation



"We believe philanthropy strengthens the fabric of our communities by creating opportunities and hope for those in need. Through our support of causes that advance health, education, social well-being, and research, we honour a shared responsibility to give back—and help build a brighter, more equitable future for all."

SAVE-ON-FOODS

nominated by BC Children's Hospital Foundation and Ronald McDonald House BC



"Our long-standing partnerships with BC Children's Hospital & Ronald McDonald house have demonstrated Save-On-Foods' deep commitment to children's health. We are proud to give back to the communities we serve, always finding meaningful ways to give a little extra to support the well-being of children and youth in British Columbia."

THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY

nominated by Family Services of the North Shore



"The Old Spaghetti Factory chain is grateful for the long-standing relationship with Family Services of North Vancouver that began over 30 years ago with a meeting in our Gastown location. The support and resources that Family Services of the North Shore provides our community is so incredibly important and valuable. We are honored to be associated with such a life-altering organization."

- Peter Buckley, Owner, The Old Spaghetti Factory

TRAPA FOREST PRODUCTS

nominated by Covenant House Vancouver



"TRAPA Forest Products is committed to philanthropy in action, grounded in our values. Our community involvement spans education, housing, health, youth development, and industry leadership. These efforts reflect TRAPA'S values of integrity, stewardship, social responsibility, and collaboration - they've become a vital part of our identity and workplace culture."



RETHINK COMMUNICATIONS

nominated by YWCA Metro Vancouver

"At Rethink, creating breakthrough ideas that the world pays attention to is our superpower, and we believe that comes with responsibility... If we're not using our creativity to shine a light on [critical] issues, we're falling short of the potential impact our industry has the power and obligation to make."



CATEGORY

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISER

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KITTY LEUNG

nominated by Family Services of Greater Vancouver & Growing Chefs Society

"Philanthropy plays an essential role in our community by addressing challenges that the government or private services cannot full resolve. It brings together like-minded people to work together and move the needle and make our world a better place. Whether it is financial support or volunteering your time, it is a blessing for us to have the privilege to give."



TANNIS FOULDS-YABLONSKI

nominated by Heart and Stroke Foundation

"Helping my community has always meant a lot to me. As a teacher, I aim to spark that same energy in my classroom and school - so that students feel motivated to make a positive difference too. It's been awesome watching them jump into fundraising and seeing how much it's boosted our entire community."



TOM AND DEBRA MAURO

nominated by Make-A-Wish Canada

"Philanthropy has always been central to our mission, inspiring youth and engaging our community. This campaign shows how collective giving transforms lives, bringing hope and turning dreams into reality for children and everyone involved. We're grateful to be part of a movement centered on compassion, generosity, and giving back"



PAO YAO KOO

nominated by VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation

"I believe true philanthropy goes beyond charity – it's about creating lasting impact through compassion, collaboration, and commitment. By investing in people and ideas that uplift communities, we can build a more equitable, resilient future where everyone will have the opportunity to thrive."



CATEGORY **OUTSTANDING YOUTH PHILANTHROPIST**

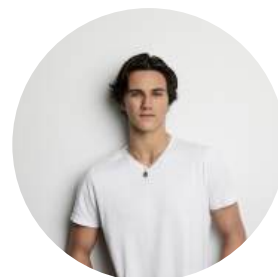
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DANE SUNG

nominated by BC Children's Hospital Foundation

"There's a real sense of urgency in helping BC Children's. It's such a great facility and it's very important to me that I do something to give back."



JONATHAN JONAS WENG

nominated by Music Bridge Foundation Canada

"I believe philanthropy isn't just about giving—it's about inspiring action, empowering others, and building hope in communities that need it most. Every small effort we make today can create lasting change."



TYRUS NGUYEN

nominated by CTS Youth Society

"As a past participant, PL, and camp counselor, I can affirm that CTS .. made, and continues to make an impact on my growth ... I would be enthralled to continue contributing to its resurgence ... CTS has left its impact on me, and I am as equipped as ever to return the favor."



YOUTH MUSICIAN & ARTIST ASSOCIATION

nominated by Make-A-Wish Canada

"Philanthropy has shaped my identity and purpose in life. Through organizing charity concerts with the Youth Musician and Artist Association and supporting food banks and clothing drives, I've seen the power of giving. It's inspired me greatly to uplift my community and empower a new generation of passionate, service-driven youth."

- Isaac Wong, Vice-President, Youth Musician & Artist Association



CATEGORY **OUTSTANDING LEGACY PHILANTHROPIST**

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GLORIA & HUGH SUTCLIFFE

nominated by Seva Canada Society

"We have seen first-hand the enormous impact that Seva Canada's efforts have made. Giving the gift of sight provides such a benefit not just to the individuals, but to the families and the entire communities. Lives are changed. Our experience with Seva Canada and visiting the programs has been a gift to us."



RICHARD BELL

nominated by The Arts Club Theatre Company

"I have been an active financial supporter and volunteer for charities most of my adult life, acknowledging how fortunate I am and my obligation to help others. The arts are an integral part of a healthy community, and proud to be a founding member of the Arts Club Legacy Circle"



SANDRA (SANDIE) BRAID

nominated by Alzheimer Society of B.C.

"I believe that without philanthropy, both the Alzheimer Society of B.C. and our broader society would face serious hardship. So much depends on donations to support critical research and support programs—and on unpaid caregivers, who shoulder a tremendous responsibility, often with too little support or recognition."



THE HONOURABLE JUDGE PATRICIA JANZEN AND GAVIN HUME, K.C.

nominated by YMCA BC Foundation

"We are committed as a family to giving back to our community. We have chosen to donate time and money to YMCA BC because it provides values based services to individuals, families and communities using a model that is inclusive, accountable and financially effective."



CATEGORY **OUTSTANDING IDEA INSPIRATION**

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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY



"Advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion at the university requires a direct and honest approach. We must recognize systemic challenges and thoughtfully evaluate how policies and practices may contribute to barriers people within our community face."

- SFU President & Vice-Chancellor Joy Johnson

YWCA METRO VANCOUVER



"Supporting members of our community to reach their full potential is critical to our society's success. By removing the barriers people may face because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, economic status and abilities we can work towards a world that is inclusive and equitable for all."



CATEGORY **SPRIT OF GENEROSITY**

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BRUCE MUNRO WRIGHT, O.B.C.

nominated by Better Not Bitter Society

“Philanthropy isn’t just about giving money—it’s about showing up with your full self. It’s about listening, sharing power, and creating spaces where others can thrive. I believe generosity is most meaningful when it builds connection, dignity, and beauty in the lives of others.”



JACK AND WILLIAM LUNDIN

nominated by Canadian Cancer Society

“Like our father, we believe nothing is impossible. Think big and surround yourself with talented people who share your conviction and you can accomplish anything. We apply that mindset to whatever we do. For making a meaningful difference in glioblastoma clinical care, we’re not interested in incremental change. We’re here for something bigger: a coordinated international effort that transforms how we understand, treat and ultimately overcome this disease. Just like in the resource sector we know this type of impact doesn’t just happen – it takes a team, partnerships and the drive to challenge the status quo.”



ELAINE GODWIN AND THE GODWIN FAMILY

nominated by Surrey Hospitals Foundation

“Giving back is more than a gesture - it’s a deeply personal value rooted in family and Tom’s legacy. It creates a ripple effect of positive change, empowering others, fostering connection, and building stronger communities through shared responsibility and generosity of time, money, and expertise.”



NEZHAT KHOSROWSHAHI

nominated by SHARE Family & Community Services Society

"What sets the Khosrowshahi family apart is their vision and integrity. They lead not for recognition, but from a genuine desire to uplift others. Their generosity strengthens our mission and inspires all of us to do more."

- Osman Naeem, Chair of the SHARE Board of Directors.



SHANAZ LALJI

nominated by BC Children's Hospital Foundation
& BC Women's Health Foundation

"Philanthropy is a reflection of gratitude—it's the opportunity to give back that which has been given to us so generously, empower, uplift others, and help build a healthier, more compassionate community for all, by driving positive change."



THE COWELL FAMILY

nominated by Delta Hospital and Community Health Foundation,
Richmond Hospital Foundation & Peace Arch Hospital Foundation

"Giving back has always been important to our family. We are grateful for the community support received over our 54 years in business, and philanthropy is one way we say thank you. Strong communities need strong hospitals, and we hope our support inspires others."



THE GOZDA FAMILY

nominated by Ronald McDonald House BC & Yukon

"As a close-knit family, we understand what it means to keep families close. Community and giving back have been instilled in us, just like ketchup in our veins, by our parents. Our support for Ronald McDonald House is rooted in the belief that families need to be together during their hardest times."





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