



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)

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Dear staff,

Our 2022 - 2027 District Strategic Plan values of equity, connection and relationships, well-being and sustainability are fully embraced within this year's United Way campaign. We know that as members of this thriving Kamloops-Thompson community within the United Way's Thompson-Nicola-Cariboo region, we depend on each other and our community partners.

I am grateful for the support of the Kamloops Thompson Teachers Association, the Canadian Union of Public Employees 3500, and the Kamloops Thompson Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association in kicking off this year's SD73 United Way Employee Campaign. From today until December 15, 2022, I encourage you to consider supporting our workplace [Thompson Nicola Region United Way campaign](#) by making either a one-time donation to the United Way, or make a pledge through one of the links below to donate each payday:

[Administration Donation Link](#)

[Support Staff Donation Link](#)

[Teachers' Donation Link](#)

In 2021, United Way BC Thompson Nicola Cariboo [invested more than \\$1.3 million](#) to support nearly 80,000 individuals in this region, including programs beneficial to our students. Here are some examples of United Way programs:

- **United Way's Schools Out program:** free or low barrier after-school care for vulnerable kids ages 5-12 between the critical hours of 3 pm - 6 pm. This program is being stewarded by the BGC and Kamloops Immigrant Services and they focus on supporting kids with homework help, life skills, basic needs (food and nutrition), and social and emotional support
- **Youth Future's Education Fund (YFEF)** - Supports kids aging out of government care at the age of 19 to go to University on a government-funded tuition waiver. This fund provides students with low-barrier access to funds to support living expenses, like food, books, damage deposits, bills, transportation, and technology. It allows former youth in care to focus on their studies and not survival.
- **Chris Rose Therapy Centre for Autism Society:** Integrated Physical Program for school-age children
- **A Way Home Kamloops Society:** 16 – 24 years, The Life Skills program at A Way Home Kamloops connects youth to the skills they will need to one day move into independent housing.
- **BGC Kamloops (Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops):** Provide low (children's) to no-cost (youth) programs to ensure those who need our services most can access them easily.
- **Clearwater Secondary School:** Breakfast program, staffed by student volunteers, parent volunteers, and school staff, providing simple low-cost food; after-school programming open to students, responsive to student requests, we ran programs that included physical activity, fine arts, and a games club; Everyone can Play, this fund

specifically targeted removing financial barriers for students in poverty; and Beyond the Hurt, a Red Cross anti-bullying program.

- **People in Motion:** Memories In Motion supports people living with physical disabilities (including children and youth) to take to last-minute doctor appointments, Kelowna Cancer Clinic, social events, and by donation only.
- **Kamloops-Cariboo Regional Immigrants Society:** Mentoring, Empowerment, and Tutoring (MET) for Newcomer Children and Youth, with the objectives to facilitate a higher level of Social-Emotional well-being and increase academic achievements among newcomer students, in collaboration with teachers across School District 73 to support newcomer students as they transition into a new community.
- **The Tree:** The drop-In Program for Women and their children to attend and access a healthy lunch, workshops, 1:1 support, onsite counseling, mentorship, donations of clothing and food, and referrals to other programs in the community.
- **Butler Urban Farms** (Kamloops Food Policy Council): The Good Food Box program and school tours for students.
- **PIT Stop Program** (Kamloops United Church): Year-round we provide a hot, nutritious, served meal to our guests each Sunday afternoon, our guests include seniors, youths, families, and adults, many of whom may be marginalized or street-entrenched community members.
- **Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services Society:** Vantage point worked with our Board members to create succession planning, and this planning will directly impact our clients (children, youth, and families) and the Metis community.
- **Phoenix Centre (Kamloops Society for Alcohol and Drug Services):** provides a 20, bed in-patient medical detox, youth alcohol, and drug counseling, day treatment for youth with problematic substance use issues.
- **Yellowhead Community Services:** Food vouchers for food and transportation for individuals and families, in the form of grocery cards, farmers market food coupons, gas cards, taxi vouchers, and bus tickets.
- **YMCA-YWCA Kamloops:** Kamloops PEACE Program offers support services and counseling to children who witness violence, and the parents' experiencing violence or their caregivers (grandparents, extended family and foster parents).

These programs succeed through your donations. Thank you for taking the time to learn about how the United Way strengthens our communities and helps our students. I appreciate your support.



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Superintendent

