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## G&F FINANCIAL GROUP DONATES \$200,000 TO COMMUNITY OVER HOLIDAY SEASON

*Employees recommend charities that support community health and wellness*

**Burnaby, BC** – G&F Financial Group\* a community credit union in BC has donated a total of \$200,000 to a number of organizations in BC. The funds were distributed during the holiday season as a show of gratitude for local community organizations.

*“This is absolutely the best part about being a credit union – supporting the communities where we live and work,” say Bill Kiss and Jeff Shewfelt, Co-CEOs, G&F Financial Group. “When we do well as an organization, our communities benefit from that. Receiving recommendations for charities from our employees brings this initiative so much closer to our hearts and helps to raise awareness of the charities. We are thankful for the enthusiastic participation this year!”*

As leaders in communities across the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley, our branches have a deep understanding of what is needed. Through our branch network, a total of \$120,000 was distributed to over 35 local organizations that support community health and wellness. Those organizations included: Burnaby Neighbourhood House Food Bank, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 133, Port Moody Legion Club 119, Douglas Park Elementary School, the Aldergrove Food Bank, Langley Youth HUB, Sikh Sewa International Society of Youth, Kinghaven Treatment Centre, the Mission Hospice Society, and others.

G&F’s unique culture thrives on two-way communication and it is important that we hear from our employees as to what charities they’d like to support. We encouraged feedback through an internal poll and a public survey and, as a result, we have donated \$50,000 to four charitable organizations as follows:

- SHARE Family & Community Services - \$20,000
  - SHARE provides leadership and programs in response to the social needs of the residents of the Tri-Cities.
- Cyrus Centre, Abbotsford - \$15,000
  - Cyrus Centre provides youth with a way out and a way off the streets.
- Dixon Society - \$10,000
  - The Dixon Society provides shelter, guidance and hope for women and children fleeing violence.
- Foundry Abbotsford - \$5,000
  - Foundry is a collaborative community where youth and families can learn, grow and thrive amid life's challenges.

G&F has also donated \$30,000 to the G&F Financial Group Trust with the Credit Union Foundation of BC to support students in their educational pursuits. G&F is proud to be able to support these important organizations and we thank them for the tireless work they do in strengthening our communities.

### Merger results in increased community giving

Following our merger with Aldergrove Credit Union in August 2021, we now have greater resources to give back to our communities. The \$200,000 community giveaway initiative was one part of G&F's multi-faceted \$1.5 million community investment made in the fourth quarter of 2021. In addition to investing [\\$1 million in the G&F Financial Group Foundation](#), our credit union gave \$85,333 to the United Way and [\\$250,000 in financial support](#) for those affected by the devastating floods in BC.

### About G&F Financial Group

With over 57,000 members, 27 locations and \$4.79 billion in total assets under administration, G&F Financial Group proudly provides a full range of personal and business banking, investment and insurance solutions to our credit union members. With a passion for educating and empowering others to achieve their financial goals, we focus on providing advice tailored uniquely for each member and have supported members and invested in our local communities for 80 years.

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