

"The Guild appreciates the proverb, 'it takes a village to raise a child'. We are pleased that our quilts, a lasting memory of success and a symbol of encouragement, recognize our place in the global community."

Harriet Tomashewski

Abbotsford Quilters' Guild,
2020 Award Recipient

"The Osoyoos Community response from various sources including School PACS, service clubs, business community, church groups, Town Council, and private individuals has been outstanding and has made it possible to maintain the program for close to 20 years. It is a valuable part of school life for students to know that their community cares about them."

Jim Harrington

Jim & June Harrington,
2020 Award Recipients

"At Nourish Cowichan we clearly understand the connection between learning and good nutritious food. Schools are an integral part of the communities they serve. They do not exist separately from the 'outside world'. This relationship works both ways; the community also holds some responsibility for what happens inside schools."

Rod Allen

Nourish Cowichan,
2020 Award Recipient

"We know that working in partnership with schools increases students' success. When students see their larger community working together to support them, they see their value and they benefit from a network of caring individuals."

Kelsey Prichard

The Summit Youth Centre Hub,
2020 Award Recipient



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"I have learned the value of partnerships over the years and how 'many hands make light work' when working towards a common goal ... Collectively we have the chance to work directly with local children and youth in need in both District 33 and 78, to ensure all students have access to supplies, resources and warmth throughout their school year."

Justin Mallard

Murray Honda,
2020 Award Recipient

For more than two decades, the BCPVPA Partnership Awards have been presented in recognition of the immeasurable time, energy and expertise that local people dedicate to supporting BC students and schools.

Nominations are submitted by the BCPVPA's sixty Chapters, and in May 2020, the BCPVPA recognized five groups and individuals who have made a substantial difference over time through projects that benefit their local public schools.



Abbotsford Quilters' Guild

Nominated by Abbotsford Chapter (School District #34)

The Abbotsford Quilters' Guild makes and distributes quilts for several charities, and was nominated for their contribution to Abbotsford's New Beginnings Young Parent Program that provides opportunities for young parents to complete or upgrade their high school education. The Abbotsford Quilters' Guild honours each graduate's commitment to their education with the presentation of a beautiful quilt made with care and love for the children of each graduate. As part of their ongoing support for public education, they also provide a yearly bursary to a graduating student of New Beginnings to help facilitate their post-secondary pursuits.



Nourish Cowichan

Nominated by Cowichan Chapter (School District #79)

Nourish Cowichan was created to feed children in need in the local school district, the maternity clinic at the Cowichan District Hospital and three local daycares, and is run by Cowichan volunteer citizens. Their main goal is that every child is given the same opportunities to learn and succeed, by combating hunger with nutritious locally produced food. Nourish Cowichan's champion, Fatima Da Silva, began making muffins in 2017 and the program rapidly grew to include breakfast wraps, fresh fruit and healthy cookies. Today, three school kitchens are in operation, and more than 50 volunteers deliver home-made nutritious food to schools weekly, with another two school kitchens set to join soon.



The Summit Youth Centre Hub

Nominated by Rocky Mountain Chapter (School District #6)

A non-profit since 1992, The Summit Youth Centre Hub provides a safe and dynamic 'Hub' for Columbia Valley youth. The Youth Hub offers a sense of belonging: it is a safe and positive place where youth can interact and engage in after-school activities. Over the past year, the Youth Centre supported 163 children and youth experiencing food insecurity by providing snacks and after school meals. This year, mental health initiatives have been an important focus of the Youth Hub with information sessions offered both in schools and at the Centre. The Summit Youth Hub plays an integral role in connecting youth with their community.



Jim and June Harrington

Nominated by Okanagan Similkameen Chapter (School District #53)

Jim and June Harrington have been active members of the Osoyoos Schools Breakfast Program for more than 15 years. They are part of the team that meets twice a month to bake muffins in the Osoyoos Secondary Home Economics room. Jim and June, along with 6-8 other volunteers, use ingredients purchased using grants and support from local service clubs and businesses to bake muffins that they know will be healthy and appealing to the students. Jim and June solicit donations, apply for grants, meet with town council, drum up volunteer support and are constantly on the lookout for fresh and local ingredients. They are both valued and appreciated volunteers at both Osoyoos schools and are truly stewards of public education in Osoyoos.



Murray Honda

Nominated by Chilliwack Chapter (School District #33)

Murray Honda (part of the Murray Auto Group) has collaborated with Canadian Tire Chilliwack and Staples Chilliwack for many years to support needy families throughout Chilliwack. Each year, they contact 30 Chilliwack schools to determine the needs of students in the community. They respond by delivering high quality boots, jackets, backpacks, and school supplies. As a Result, they have been able to eliminate barriers and open opportunities so that students can participate in school in an equitable way with all of their peers.



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