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# Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives a source of good cheer

By **DON FENNEL**  
@DFSentinel

Like a favourite blanket, Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives is always there to comfort.

This festive season, it was needed more than ever.

RCRG served 2,162 low-income Richmond residents, a 25 per cent increase over Christmas 2016. Among those helped were 692 children, 189 teenagers, and 303 seniors, according to Ryan Luetzen, manager of resource development for RCRG.

"Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the hundreds of volunteers and donors who supported us this year, because it's their generosity, kindness, and compassion that makes the program possible," he said.

As needs grow, the charity—as it has been for over 40 years—continues to be a source of goodwill for the local community. Its core mission is to encourage and facilitate philanthropy; both volunteerism and monetary donations. It works every day to ensure resources are available to make a meaningful impact.

RCRG, as it is best known, is coming off a busy Christmas holiday season during which it oversaw the 85th Richmond Christmas Fund. Luetzen says while the program has changed a lot during that time, "it has always remained a community effort. It is truly part of the fabric of Richmond."

Luetzen said while it was a very busy Christmas Fund season, it was another successful one.

Among the community fundraisers and groups or individuals that stepped up to offer support were 110 volunteers. Contributing well over 1,000 hours to brighten the holidays for more than 2,100 neighbours in need, their efforts were simply exemplary.

Additionally, Lansdowne Centre hosted the popular gift wrap booth; international software giant Sage donated a number of toys for children in need; and local author Kaye Liao Banez raised \$830 from the sale of her new children's book *See Yah in the Morning!*

As well, Richmond Centre made for the second year in a row a \$5,000 donation to the Christmas Fund; Rich-



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Richmond Christmas Fund's Wayne Duzita and Rob Howard at Aberdeen Centre.

mond Rotary contributed \$2,550; Henry Beh and the Richmond Chinese Community Society stepped up with a \$1,200 donation; Aberdeen Centre donated \$10,000; O'Hare's Gastro-Pub Steveston Beer Fest netted \$11,480; and Richmond Auto Mall's annual Windows of Hope donated



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Richmond writer  
Anneliese Schultz has  
won a 2017 Cedric  
Literary Award for her  
fiction piece entitled  
*Bread*.

## Local writer wins literary award

By **DON FENNELL**  
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A Richmond author has earned high marks for her literary skills.

Anneliese Schultz was selected a winner in the 2017 Cedric Literary Awards for her fiction piece entitled *Bread*. She is one of four previously unpublished BC writers over the age of 50 to be recognized. Each writer received a prize valued at \$3,000.

"I have been writing ever since I could put a sentence together," says Schultz, who remembers beaming with pride when she received her "I Read With Expression" badge in first grade.

"I'm always writing these days with a daily word count just to maintain the momentum in my current novel," she continues. "The recognition, though, is so crucial to help me keep going. I wrote *Bread* eight or nine years ago and had sent it out 52 times prior to this win."

*Bread* was inspired by a visit to the Romanian Bakery in Steveston. As soon as she entered she felt a kind of vortex and shapeshifting story unravel.

"I think there are layers of history and mystery just beyond our daily realities, and, like the two strangers converging in the story we do well to honour the openings that let us see farther and deeper," she explains. "As my songwriter son, Kala, says, 'Listen for the whispers...All is not lost in time.' The other crucial message has to do with connection. We can never predict what it's going to look like."

Schultz has also always loved to read, and is constantly observing. Eventually, she found she could create worlds through an inexplicable mix of experience and inspiration.

"It's exciting to create characters and worlds, and since I always seem to have messages to get across too, hopefully the stories both resonate with and inspire the reader."

Many of Schultz's favourite authors are Indigenous—Richard Wagamese, Louise Erdrich, Sherman Alexie and William Least Heat-Moon. But if she had to pick just one, it would be Thomas King. She's currently reading John Green.

Until two years ago, when she started writing full-time, Schultz taught Italian at UBC. Her courses were called "Green Italian", incorporating sustainability. She says that particular passion also sparked the young adult series of climate-themed fiction novels she is currently working on—taking place, she adds, "in the near future in a climate-devastated BC."

More than 80 manuscripts were received in this year's writing competition in the categories of fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, and Indigenous writing.

Awards executive director Veronica Osborn says: "What distinguishes our writing competition is that we do not demand an author have already had success before sending us their work. Rather, we seek to inspire the most experienced group of unpublished Canadians in our country's history to share their creativity, perspectives and accumulated knowledge, to create a library of national treasures to inspire every generation."

For the first time, this year's writing competition was opened to writers in Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Yukon. It is anticipated that participation from these jurisdictions will grow in coming years.

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RICHMOND CARES

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an event-record \$36,275. Through a campaign launched by Patti Martin in 2011, Richmond realtors also came through for

the Christmas Fund, together donating \$16,000. Other much-appreciated contributions came via the Steveston Merchants Association’s annual Christmas Classic Car Cruise; the 11th annual Victor Ghirra Toy Drive at Riverside Palace Banquet Hall; Shopping Night at Splash Toy Shop; the annual Christmas Drive-Thru Event at River Rock Casino Resort; and the annual Richmond RCMP Toy Drive and Pancake Breakfast at Ironwood Plaza.

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# Richmond bands together to feed our hungry

By LORRAINE GRAVES  
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Alex Nixon is grateful. "We've been able to help more and more people this year," he says.

The communications manager for the Richmond Food Bank Society says it's all thanks to the support of our community through donations of money, non-perishable food and time as volunteers. The food bank now helps more than 1,500 people each week.

"Because of the support of our community, we've also been able to expand our school meals program, over the past year. We've gone from three programs to nine meal programs for breakfasts or lunches," Nixon says.

"My experience has been that people from all different backgrounds, faith traditions and different cultures all come together in Richmond to help people in need in our community. I think it just goes to show what a very generous and caring community we live in."

Nixon says Richmondites find many different ways to help.

"I've seen schools do food drives



Stephanie and Keith, two of the hundreds of people helping to keep the Richmond Food Bank up and running.

and individuals ask for donations at their Christmas or birthday parties. People who grow food in their

back yard, donate it. We're lucky to live in such a thoughtful and caring community. We really are."

And the giving continues. The Christmas Eve Steveston Santa Claus Parade garnered \$2,100 and a van-load of food in donations for the Richmond Food Bank.

What does Nixon want in 2018? "I hope that we can keep helping one another. I hope that the community continues to support our neighbours in need and continues to

donate food and money to ensure that we're able to keep providing nutritious groceries to the people we serve."

And what is Nixon's wish list for the future?

"Well, I guess, setting aside peace and goodwill amongst folk, obviously high quality non-perishable food items and money that allows us to purchase what we need, when we need it, including milk and fresh vegetables."

On Nixon's big wish list, he'd love to show people around the food bank, give them a tour, show them how their support helps neighbours in need, and how they're able to help so many.

"If you want a tour, call or e-mail me. We can set up a time when they can stop by and I can show them around."

Nixon's suggestion offers the people of Richmond a chance to see where their donations go and how they help. It also offers people a chance to see how volunteering can make a difference.

"It's really wonderful to work with a group of volunteers. We have 230 volunteers who care, who are here to help, who are willing to help out any way they can. It's such a joy to work with them."

With only a paid staff of seven, "It's really because of our volunteers that we're able to help so many," he says.

"It's really heart-warming to get up each day and come to work at a place where so many people care."

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# Firefighters chip trees and collect donations

By **DON FENNEL**  
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Keep the holiday spirit going into the New Year by bringing your Christmas tree, and a donation, to the Richmond Firefighters Association's annual chipping event on Saturday, Jan. 6 and Sunday, Jan. 7 at Garry Point Park.

The event, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, is just one of the ways to support fire prevention, reduce waste and safely dispose of your tree. Weather permitting, there may be a burn demonstration to display the critical need to keep Christmas trees properly hydrated during the holiday season.

The City of Richmond also offers

other recycling options, including green cart collection or dropping your tree off at either the recycling depot or Ecowaste Industries.

Those using green cart service are reminded to cut up, bundle the pieces to a maximum of three feet by two feet and four inches in diameter, and place the tree at the curbside on their regular collection day.

The recycling depot, located at 5555 Lynas Lane, will accept trees between 9 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday.

It will be closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and statutory holidays.

Ecowaste is located at 15111 Williams Rd. Call 604-277-1410 or visit [www.ecowaste.com](http://www.ecowaste.com) for hours.

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Inspired by the ABC-TV series *Once Upon A Time* filming in Steveston, Candy Dish owner Shirley Hartwell set out to help make sure fairy tales really can come true. To date, she's collected \$6,000 in donations from her self-guided walking tour brochure to help those less fortunate.



# Candy Dish owner makes fairy tales come true

By DON FENNELL  
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**O**nce Upon A Time inspired Shirley Hartwell to make fairy tales come true.

In 2011, soon after Moncton Street became Main Street in the fictitious town of Storybrooke, the Steveston entrepreneur set out to promote her community as the film site for the new ABC-TV series. At the same time, she recognized her pink walking tour brochures—directing an ever-bur-

geoning fan base to Granny's or Mr. Gold's—could help those less fortunate. All funds collected from a \$2 donation is directed to the Richmond Food Bank and other local charities.

"The \$6,000 we have collected to date represents about 9,000 fans," says Hartwell, owner of Steveston's Sweet Shoppe, the Candy Dish. "In the beginning I donated the funds to the Richmond Food Bank. Then the idea of a 12 Days of Christmas to give back to the local community came to mind.

I researched some to see what was needed most, as someone also had to buy these things."

Hartwell has always been inspired to give back. She recalls as a young girl canvassing on behalf of the March of Dimes with her mom.

Today, she enjoys shopping and extending the value of the dollars at sales for items such as cosmetics, toys, socks and baby products.

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# Country Meadows golfers share goodwill

By DON FENNELL  
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Thanks to the generosity of the Country Meadows Senior Men's Golf Club, 11 more local families were able to have a merry Christmas.

The group of players raised more than \$4,000 during the holiday season to help purchase gifts and supply meals, said club captain Chuck Dunn.

Each year, the club hosts a Christmas Charity Breakfast at which food and funds to spend on gifts for the families is generated. The charity began as a private initiative in the late 1990s by Roger Weseen, a club golfer who passed away in 2005. Initially, a group of Monday morning winter golfers that included many of the club members would put a box in the pro shop and collect food. They would then host a Christmas lunch and each

donate money. The food and gifts purchased would then be distributed to one or two under-privileged families at Christmas.

"Our motto is golf is our passion, giving is our mission," said Dunn, adding the club also aids in prostate cancer research.

Each September, the club hosts a tournament that specifically raises funds for prostate cancer research. It has generated an average of \$100,000 for the cause each of the last several years, with the total now exceeding \$13 million. The 2018 charity classic is set to tee off Sept. 7 at Country Meadows.

Dunn says since 2000 funds have gone to support Marianne Sadar, program leader for prostate cancer research at the BC Cancer Agency, to purchase much-needed equipment.

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## CANDY DISH

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"It was quite a learning experience, but so gratifying," says Hartwell, adding she was motivated to purchase a rainbow-coloured umbrella and stand for Maples residents after noticing seniors walking in the rain. Later, she learned they enjoyed puzzles.

In another instance, she discovered a shelter needed a new can opener and potato peeler as well as dish cloths and towels.

"Women and children that end up in shelters over the holidays need everything, so to receive a wrapped gift of mittens, slippers, cosmetics and treats is a nice surprise for them," she stresses.

She also made cash donations to Christmas fundraisers organized by Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives, BC

Children's Hospital, and Make-A-Wish Foundation as well as Wigs for Kids.

A former tourist guide, who spent 25 years showing others the country, Hartwell's own fairytale came true in late 2010. At Halloween that year, she and her husband purchased the Candy Dish.

"I'd been waiting 30 years for my candy store," she laughs. "One of my first jobs as a teen was in the candy department at a Metropolitan store where we weighed the candies on a little scale. I've also always been a bit creative (she introduced a special creation Snow White Fudge as a tribute to *Once Upon A Time*)."

Now, however, she and her husband are looking at selling the shop to "semi-retire."

"I'd like to have more time do some more work with the charities," explains Hartwell.

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# Family embraces Richmond Christmas Fund, sponsors single mother and four children

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL  
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Richmond's Shabnam Goto and her family have the Richmond Christmas Fund to thank for making the past two holiday seasons especially memorable.

As much as they gave, they received so much more in return.

Last year, Goto and her family sponsored a single mother with three children, and this year, they increased their support by sponsoring a single mom with four kids.

Doing something special for complete strangers during the Christmas season brought the family even closer together, and it presented the opportunity for the younger members of the family to get involved while following the amazing example set by the adults.

Goto shared her story with *The Richmond Sentinel* in the hope that other families will be inspired to help out the Richmond Christmas Fund next year.

While the family did many of the usual tasks involved in sponsoring a family, they also went above and beyond in showing their enthusiasm for what they were doing.

"Christmas is a time to give and share love and joy," Goto said. "What made me so proud was to see all my kids including their boyfriend and girlfriend were so thoughtful and amazing with volunteering to buy their gifts that were on their We Wish lists."

Last year, Goto's friend told her about the Richmond Christmas Fund and her family signed up and were assigned a family.

This year, Goto, her parents and children as well as her step brother and other friends, bought gift cards, clothes, makeup and toys and then wrapped them all up.

Truly in the spirit of the season, dressed up in Christmas-themed onesies, the Goto team dropped off the presents on Dec. 23, just in time to fill those empty spots under the Christmas tree.

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Submitted photo

The Goto family sponsored a single mother and her four children through the Richmond Christmas Fund.

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*Photo courtesy Hugh McRoberts Secondary*

McRoberts Secondary's Grad Legacy campaign collected more than 5,000 items and created more than 200 care packages.

## Schools share holiday cheer

By **DON FENNELL**  
@DFSentinel

Aside from its original purpose, the shoebox has many uses. One of the best is Matthew McNair Secondary School's Holiday Shoebox project.

Organized by the student-led Marlinaires, the annual event facilitated by teacher Kenneth Liu sees donors fill boxes for the less fortunate with toques, gloves, toiletries, crayons, pens, pencils and other school supplies.

"We had over 50 boxes created and delivered to an elementary school downtown," said McNair principal Jason Leslie.

Student council at McNair has also been busy.

"Under the guidance of teacher Natasha Blair, they held their annual canned food drive as a fundraiser for the Richmond Food Bank. Equally impressive were the efforts of the school's carpentry and law classes. The apprentice carpenters, taught by Derek Wong, made wooden toys for students to take to a school in downtown Vancouver. Organized by teach-

er Ranj Sangra, the law students took part in the Ignite the Warmth fundraiser raising money and bringing blankets for homeless people in the Downtown Eastside.

Students in McNair's mini-school program hosted their annual parent pot-luck meal which attracted more than 400 people to the school. Overseen by teacher Theresa Watts, students in each grade, from 8 to 12, made raffle baskets that parents purchased tickets for. Proceeds from the raffle netted over \$1,500, all of which was donated to BC Children's Hospital.

### Burnett hosts seniors brunch

J.N. Burnett Secondary School's Leadership Club made sure some Richmond seniors enjoyed the start of the holiday season.

The club's annual seniors brunch attracted 130 senior citizens, who were treated to a delicious meal of soup, sandwiches and dessert all served up by the students. They were also entertained by the school jazz band under the direction of Ms. Freeman, the glee club (Ms. Zuccolo)

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# SCHOOLS

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and a visit from Santa Claus.

“The students also got to know the seniors through conversation, singing, and even some dancing,” said Burnett principal Wennie Walker.

Walker added a big “thank you” is due teachers Ms. Musani, Ms. Cain and Mr. Thompson who worked with the leadership students to organize the event. Grade 12 student Elizabeth Li and a team of dedicated students canvassed local businesses for donations of door prizes, with the following groups stepping up: London Drugs, Nature’s Path, Smokehouse Restaurant, Vancouver Whitecaps, Pizza Hut, Vancouver Canucks, David’s Tea, Safeway, Starbucks, Tommy Hilfiger, Banana Republic Factory, Polo Ralph Lauren, BC Lions, Sunglass Hut, Mountain Warehouse, Crabtree and Evelyn, and Calvin Klein.

At the conclusion of the brunch,

each senior received a snowman ornament prepared by Ms. Taylor and her art students. Photos from the school’s JNB photography class captured moments from the day.

“We are looking forward to continuing the fabulous Burnett tradition in years to come,” said Walker.

## McRoberts launches Grads for Pads

For two weeks last November, students at Hugh McRoberts Secondary held a hygiene-based drive for its first Grad Legacy Campaign. Grads for Pads was held in part to raise awareness for accessibility, particularly among homeless or impoverished women.

All told, some 5,000 items were collected including pads, tissues, soap, deodorant, dental products and hand warmers.

The items were organized into 200 care packages and distributed in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside.

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Dressing up as Santa, Richmond Devils' coach Tony Cheema is surrounded by uniformed players Byrnley Ross, Natalie Korenic and Kaarina Swinburnson who donned elf costumes for the annual Santa Breakfast Dec. 9 at Richmond Family Place and Hydi Sham and Ruth Taverner of Family Place.



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## Hockey Devils host breakfast with Santa

By DON FENNELL  
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The Richmond Devils senior AA women's hockey team has made it a holiday tradition to volunteer at the annual Santa Breakfast at Richmond Family Place. This past year was no exception.

With coach Tony Cheema playing the lead role of Santa, and some of the players (Brynley Ross, Natalie Korenic and Kaarina Swinburnson) serving as elves, the 2017 event was a memorable occasion.

Prior to the event, other players set up and decorated the venue to welcome many new families to Richmond.

"It was a lot of fun," said first-time Santa Cheema. "Seeing the surprise on the kids' faces was awesome."

Cheema says it equally warms his heart to see both the generosity and commitment of the players to lend a helping hand.

"They take it very seriously but they also all get a lot of joy from it," he says.

There were two seatings for a pancake breakfast that also included crafts, holiday carolling and a photo and gift session with Santa.

Lending a helping hand is nothing new for the Richmond Devils. During the course of the year, the team helps to organize and participate in many activities at Family Place.

Richmond Family Place's mission is to ensure that every child in Richmond reaches their full potential.

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Since 2004, the Richmond Auto Mall has hosted Windows of Hope, a fundraising event in support of the Richmond Christmas Fund. Each year, teams of volunteers paint holiday scenes on the windows of car dealerships, who show their gratitude by making a donation. Auto Mall vendors and suppliers contribute as well, along with dozens of sponsors. The end result is the Christmas Fund's single largest fundraising initiative, which, in 2017, set a new record: \$36,275! Over the past 14 years, Windows of Hope has generated over \$250,000, so families in need can celebrate the holidays with a festive meal and gifts under the tree.

Our sincere thanks to the Auto Mall for their Santa-sized contribution to our community! Thanks also to the many other organizations and groups for their generous donations:





# Schools get into Christmas spirit

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL  
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The spirit of giving was evident in local elementary and high schools, with many students, teachers and staff collecting food, clothing and gift

donations earmarked for those in need.

At HJ Cambie Secondary, the necessity of keeping warm during the cold winter months, was top of mind.

During a two-week period, staff and students collected new socks as well

as gently used sweaters and cash donations for the homeless who turn to the emergency ward at St. Paul's Hospital in Downtown Vancouver, as well as homeless youth shelter Covenant House, the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, and Kidsafe Vancouver.

So many homeless enter the doors of these facilities with wet socks with holes in them, or no socks at all.

Through donations in class, a samosa sale, and a locker wrapping fundraiser, Cambie raised more than \$650, as well as 576 pairs of new socks, and 134 sweaters. The effort was led by Cambie's first responder team, the Health Sciences 12 class, Interact Club and Key Club.

Band students from Grauer Elementary School played some sweet music for customers as a show of thanks for

a generous donation by Ironwood's Save-On-Foods toward their playground fundraising campaign.

On Dec. 16, the school's Grade 6 and 7 students, under the leadership of teacher Ryan Naso, played for a couple of hours, and in the process raised a few more dollars for sharing their music.

At Hugh Boyd Secondary, students participated in Project Ignite the Warmth, where they collected gently used blankets, quilts, sleeping bags, pillows, sheets, duvets and clothes including jackets and mittens, all destined for the Downtown Eastside.

Hugh Boyd students and staff also hosted a holiday brunch on Dec. 19, where they invited area seniors for a Christmas meal.

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## COMMUNITY COMMENT



### DEAR RICHMOND CONSTITUENTS,

I would like to recognize my constituent, Corporal Kevin Krygier, who was recently awarded the prestigious 2017 Crime Prevention and Community Safety Award by the Province of B.C. – and for good reason. The award recognizes exemplary leadership through the development of innovative projects to promote safe communities—and Corporal Krygier came up with winner.

He partnered with BCIT to develop a smartphone alert from the Richmond RCMP on matters of public interest. This tool was used to spread the word about missing people or to advise motorists about closures affecting their route. Although this app is no longer available, it assisted the RCMP to move forward. They are currently working with the City and a third party to develop a new app that will be fully comprehensive. It is expected to be available in late spring.

Cpl. Krygier also spearheaded a 20-member volunteer team to combat auto-theft, break and enter, and mail and bike theft locally. He has also worked to build positive relationships between the RCMP and students, Jewish and Muslim communities, and the community at large.

Through all of these measures, he has facilitated good communication between the RCMP detachment and the people it serves, and improved safety and peace of mind for local residents. Superintendent Will Ng of the Richmond RCMP notes Corporal Krygier has shown a great deal of innovation, hard work, perseverance and commitment to public safety in Richmond.

His work reminds us that through building partnerships and working together, we can come up with creative solutions to solve local problems.

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Photo courtesy Cambie Secondary School  
Students at HJ Cambie Secondary launched their Sock Wars fundraising by wearing their most colourful seasonal and unique socks to school.



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# Townline donates \$46,485 to city's housing fund

By **DON FENNELL**  
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Giving back is firmly rooted in the story of Townline Homes.

Since Rick Ilich started the Richmond company in 1981, developing a social conscious has been on par with building quality homes. Now, Townline is assuming another lead role by becoming the first developer to donate assignment fees.

Recognizing the ongoing housing affordability crisis in Metro Vancouver, Townline has made it corporate policy to donate the assignments fees the company collects from purchasers to various social needs groups and affordability programs.

The first donation of \$46,485 was made Tuesday to the City of Richmond's Affordable Housing Reserve Fund from its sold-out Calla at the Gardens project.



Photo by  
Chung Chow  
**Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie (centre) with Townline Homes vice-president Chris Colbeck (left) and president Rick Ilich (right).**

"We've always made a conscientious effort to always be aware of affordability issues, and came to the conclusion we were going to look at doing something contrary to what the development industry (has done)," said Chris Colbeck, vice-president of sales and marketing

for Townline Homes.

Being involved in the community is a mindset at Townline, he said, be it at the corporate or personal level.

"We try to walk the talk in a sense," he said. "We don't just talk about helping our communities, we're involved. This is just a small step, but if we can

get other developers doing the same then it means big steps."

Townline doesn't see a large number of assignments, but sees collecting fees from purchases as a way to monitor the pace of assignments. Colbeck said Richmond is the first municipality to receive such a donation, but envisions other communities where Townline has developments will benefit as well.

Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie said Townline's contribution will further support "our mutual objectives of ensuring Richmond is a great and affordable place to live for everyone."

Brodie said affordable housing is an urgent priority within the community and across the region. He said city council has made significant financial and policy commitments to ensure development of a broad spectrum of new affordable housing units.

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**Chimo Crisis Services**, 604-279-7077 [chimo@chimoservices.com](mailto:chimo@chimoservices.com)

**Chimo crisis line**: 604-279-7070 (8 a.m. to midnight)

**TASA program info**: 604-279-7100

**Touchstone Family Assn. info**: 604-279-5599

For support around street harassment:

[vancouver.ihollaback.org/](http://vancouver.ihollaback.org/)

If you have any doubt about what is/isn't consent, check out this brief but humorous video [tinyurl.com/teametoo](http://tinyurl.com/teametoo)

## Study

**KNEE PAIN OR OSTEOARTHRITIS** in your knee? Richmond's Arthritis Research Canada (ARC) is recruiting patients like you for a scientific study. Contact Johnathan Tam at 604-207-4027 or email [supra.activity@arthritisresearch.ca](mailto:supra.activity@arthritisresearch.ca).

## Donations

**YOUR DONATIONS** can be matched this holiday season through the Peterson Donation Drive! Visit [richmondfoodbank.org](http://richmondfoodbank.org) to find out how. Please "Like" us on Facebook- Richmond Food Bank Society [www.facebook.com/RichmondFoodBank](http://www.facebook.com/RichmondFoodBank)

## Events

**ROBBIE BURNS DAY LUNCHEON.** You needn't be named MacCleod or even Scottish to be welcome at the Clan MacLeod's Annual Burns celebration at the Richmond Curling Club. Featuring: traditional Scots buffet, including haggis with neeps and tatties, traditional music with piping and dancing, plus stories and toasts. Call Ian by Jan. 15 at 604-273-4238 or check [clanmacleodgv@gmail.com](mailto:clanmacleodgv@gmail.com) for tickets or information.

**RICHMOND KAJAKS TRACK AND FIELD CLUB** is hosting the 2018 Steveston Icebreaker Walk/Run Jan. 21. The 8K event is an annual New Year's tradition and just the tonic for that cookie and eggnog hangover. Register at [www.kajaks.ca/Icebreaker](http://www.kajaks.ca/Icebreaker).

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## MID-DEC ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD

#### Across

- Theway
- Cranberry
- Carolling
- Jesus
- Santaclaus
- Eggnog
- Christmaslights
- City
- Presents
- Turkey
- Frosty
- Charliebrown

24 Mistletoe

25 Candiedfruit

#### Down

- Jackfrost
- Chocolate
- Christmasdinner
- Christmaspudding
- Stuffing
- Holly
- Brusselsprouts
- Christmascard
- Midnightclear
- Adestefideles

14 Crackers

15 Christmastree

18 Candycane

22 Snow

### SUDOKU

5	9	3	4	2	6	8	1	7
4	7	6	5	1	8	3	2	9
8	1	2	3	9	7	6	5	4
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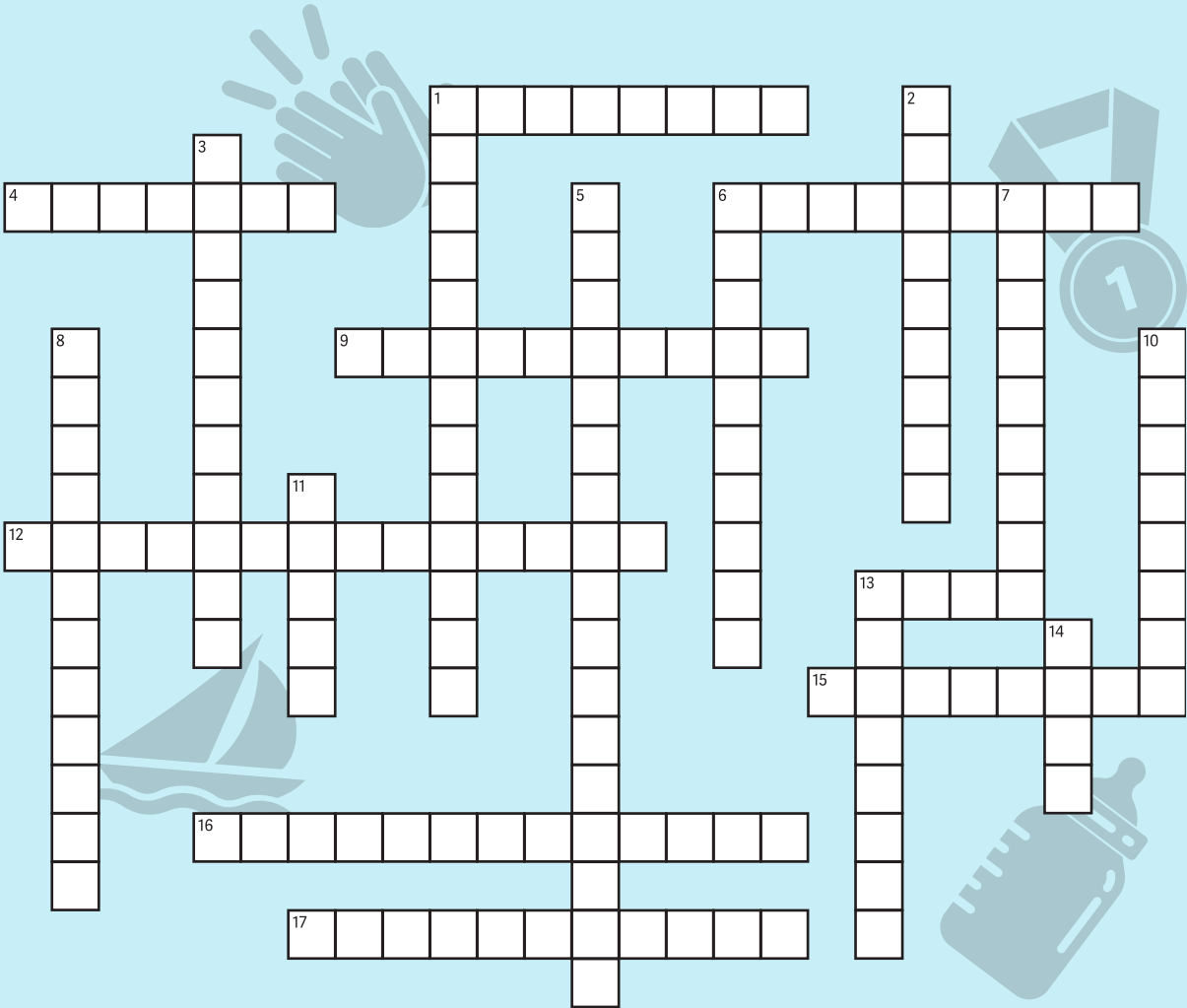
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# Fun & Games

## GOOD STUFF



### ACROSS

- 1

Without burden
- 4

Inspiring Educator
- 6

Winners of tournament
- 9

Two days before Easter
- 12

Grade A
- 13

Bonus, bona, bonum meaning in English
- 15

Tire company: respectable plus wealthy
- 16

Level waters
- 17

Gone, upright

Answers will be posted in the next issue in Mid-Jan.



## SUDOKU

The goal of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3x3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

2		1			9			
						4	1	2
	5		1	6	9		3	
7	6				3			
			6	7				
		2				6	5	
6		9	8	3		7		
3	1	5						
			5		1		6	

### DOWN

- 1

If you're happy & you know it\_\_
- 2

TV Show: delightful dates
- 3

TV Show: noble spouse
- 5

Pleasant Climate Amigo
- 6

Unblemished firmaments
- 7

Excessively ecstatic
- 8

Beneficial absence
- 10

Uppermost indentation
- 11

Positive facial gesture
- 13

Tire company: positive plus starts Jan 1
- 14

Natural goodness from a cow

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