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COVID-19 RELIEF FUND INVESTMENTS - \$356,342**



Basic needs and supplies

Ensuring people have access to life's essentials, such as food and shelter.

- Desert Sun Counselling & Resource Centre* - Oliver .. Mid-day meals for vulnerable people
- Habitat for Humanity – Kelowna..... Housing payment coverage for families suffering job loss
- Mamas for Mamas – Kelowna..... Provision of poverty relief services for at-risk moms
- North Okanagan Friendship Centre – Vernon..... Food and support package for indigenous families
- Ooknakane Friendship Centre* – Penticton..... Care packages for indigenous families and elders
- School District 67 – Penticton..... Weekly grocery hampers for food-insecure families
- South Okanagan Women in Need Society* –Penticton. Personal Sanitization Kits for people with limited access
- Starfish Backpack Program – Penticton..... Weekend meals program for in-need families
- The Salvation Army* – Kelowna..... Extended provision of emergency food and shelter services
- Whitevalley Community Resource Centre*..... Grocery package for in-need rural families



Help for Seniors

Ensure that while vulnerable people are isolated, they are also supported.

- Good Food Box North Okanagan* – Vernon..... Food security of seniors and families in isolation
- Lake Country Health Planning Society*..... Capacity support for local health and senior support hub
- NeighbourLink Summerland*..... Continued virtual community support for seniors
- Seniors Outreach Services Society* – Kelowna..... Ready-made meals for seniors in isolation
- Seniors Wellness Society* – Penticton..... Meal program for isolated seniors



Capacity for Community Services

Ensure that local charities can continue to do their vital work.

- Canadian Mental Health Association* – Penticton..... Self-care items for individuals with diagnosed mental illness
- Community Connections* – Revelstoke..... Meeting increased demand for vital community programs
- Community Dental Access Centre* – Vernon..... Overhead cost support for program delivery
- CRIS Adaptive* – Kelowna..... Support for virtual recreations for persons with special needs
- Elizabeth Fry Society – Kelowna..... Capacity support for women and children counselling services
- Enderby & District Community Resource Centre*..... Tech investment for community resources and referrals
- Independent Living Vernon*..... Computer access to provide service to clients with disability
- Kelowna Gospel Mission Dental Clinic*..... Re-opening of low-barrier dental clinic
- Kindale Developmental Association* – Armstrong..... PPEs in facilities servicing developmentally disabled clients
- Peachland Wellness Centre*..... Virtual provision of community well-being programs
- Princeton Family Services Society..... Extended support for marginalized women and seniors
- Princeton Foodbank*..... Continuous provision of food security program



Mental Health Support

Enable and support system navigation services.

- BrainTrust Canada* – Kelowna and Vernon..... Plexiglass barriers for safe provision of services
- Canadian Mental Health Association* – Kelowna..... Support for early intervention mental health program
- Connect Counselling & Therapy Society* – Kelowna..... Virtual clinical counselling services for families



Support for Volunteers

There are amazing people rallying to support others. They need our help too.

- Canadian Mental Health Association* – Vernon 24/7 crisis line training for recruited volunteer responders
- HOPE Outreach – Kelowna & Vernon..... Continuous outreach and support for vulnerable women
- Kelowna Community Resources*..... Increased volunteer capacity for local crisis hotline
- SOS Volunteer Centre Society* – Penticton..... Volunteer database for community services
- South Okanagan Immigrant & Community Services.... Digitized language tutoring program for newcomers

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** In partnership with the local community foundations, over \$430,000 in relief funds were invested across the region.



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COVID-19 Relief Impact



35

local charities supported as they navigate through the new normal



75

crisis hotline volunteers trained, addressing increased volume and intensity of phone calls



200+

groceries and meals delivered for families in need



1,604

local seniors connected to volunteers via the Safe Seniors, Strong Communities program



9300+

people in need helped across our region



Community and Provincial Initiatives

PROJECT.....HOW WE HELP

Safe Seniors, Strong Communities.....Helping seniors remain independent and connected to community

PPE Day of Caring..... Providing local charities with PPE

Rethinking your Strategy SeriesSupport network meetings for not-for-profit leaders

Sustainable Recovery Grant..... Sustainability and resiliency management grant for charities

- HOPE Outreach (Kelowna & Vernon)
- IndigenEYEZ (entire Okanagan)
- Kelowna Women's Shelter
- Okanagan Fruit Tree Project (Kelowna & Penticton)
- South Okanagan Recope Society (Summerland)
- Vernon and District Association for Community Living: Venture Training



For more information about the United Way COVID19 local relief fund and recovery efforts, visit unitedwaysibc.com/covid19.

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