



**FIRST  
UNITED**



# 2024 Annual Report

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024



# Message From Leadership

**Change is possible.** We can say that with confidence because we've seen change happen here in the community. As we write this, we're celebrating our 140th year as an organization, and have been reflecting on all that has brought us to where we are today. What's kept us going throughout the changing decades is an ability to adapt to the times and needs of the community, and a heartfelt pursuit of our vision of a neighbourhood where everyone's worth is celebrated and all people thrive.

In a year when we saw systemic injustice continue to play out—through events like forceful decampments in the neighbourhood, and the reversal of drug decriminalization during the ongoing overdose crisis—we persisted with our work, continuing to serve and stand in solidarity with our neighbours in the Downtown Eastside.

As we continued our frontline and systems change work to break cycles of poverty, we caught glimmers of hope along the way (as you'll read in the coming pages), and that's what kept us going.





We saw that it *is* possible to influence and work with government to change laws that perpetuate injustice. It is possible to transform lives through our frontline work, helping folks access their basic needs and human rights, so they can go on to experience a life where they're not just surviving but thriving. It is possible to mobilize communities, to leverage our collective voices, and advocate for justice.

We're inspired by future possibilities and that fills us with incredible hope for what's ahead. As construction on our building is progressing, we move closer to our dreams and plans becoming a reality: a transformative space where community members can access essential services and a place where they can experience dignity, belonging, and justice; along with seven storeys of affordable housing for Indigenous folks.

And that's just the beginning of what's possible for the DTES. We have hope for an equitable society. To see the end of poverty and homelessness. We know this is possible because we're not alone in our pursuit of justice. We're joined by a community of supporters, you, who share our values and are every bit a part of the change that is happening in the neighbourhood today.

Thank you for showing us what is possible. Your support of our mission and vision fills us with hope for the future.

**Amanda Burrows**, Executive Director

**Dr. Heather F. Clarke**, Chair, Board of Directors



# We're on the Frontlines

For 140 years, **FIRST UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY MINISTRY SOCIETY** has sought to build better futures in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside by providing essential services, community connection, and healing. Shoulder to shoulder with our community, we operate from a harm reduction perspective. As a faith-based service provider, we welcome and affirm every individual from all walks of life without exception. At our core is the mission, ministry, and call to social justice of the United Church of Canada.

## FIRST UNITED Board of Directors 2023-2024

- ▶ Dr. Heather F. Clarke, *Chair*
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- ▶ Colin Phillips
- ▶ Aaron Wilson (*through March 2024*)
- ▶ Chris Wrightson
- ▶ Treena Duncan (*non-voting member*)

## Leadership Team 2023-2024

- ▶ Amanda Burrows, *Executive Director*
- ▶ Natalie Gobis Cutayne, *Director of Human Resources*
- ▶ Keely Hale, *Director of Community Services*
- ▶ Katie Bricknell Koncan, *Director of Development and Communications*
- ▶ Dr. Sarah Marsden, *Director of Systems Change and Legal*
- ▶ Rob Vandermey, *Senior Director of Finance and Administration*

# Dignity.

We believe that everyone has equal value and deserves to be treated with dignity.

# Belonging.

We create and facilitate a space where all are welcome and can feel a sense of belonging.

# Justice.

We continue to fight for justice to break cycles of oppression.



# Vision & Mission

Our vision is a neighbourhood where every person's worth is celebrated and all people thrive.

We seek a just society by nurturing each person's spirit through ministry, housing, advocacy, and community services.



# Programs and Services



**112,397**  
nourishing meals  
and snacks

## Meals

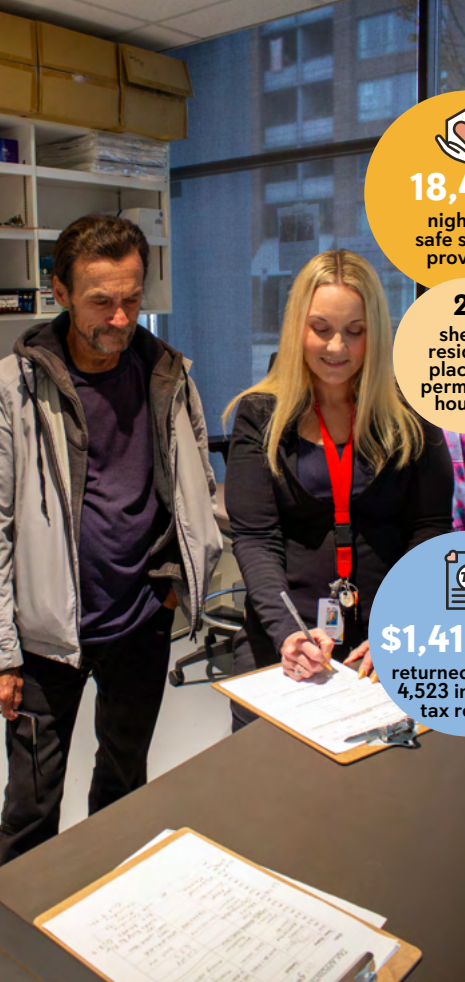
Our Community Meal Program is one of our longest running and most well-known programs. We've maintained consistency over the year providing over 1,000 meals per week to Downtown Eastside community members from our food truck, and three meals a day to residents of our shelter. On occasions like Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, we serve special holiday dishes to add some festivity and cheer. Outside of our regular meal service, we continued to serve snacks and refreshments such as hot chocolate, freezies, oatmeal, and more for community members to enjoy.



**9,301**  
Help Desk  
visits

## Community Help Desk

Our Community Help Desk continued to be a central hub for community members to access essentials like toiletries, socks and underwear, harm reduction supplies, and more. Hundreds of folks also stop by to use our Mail and Phone program if they don't have a fixed address or access to a telephone, so they can keep connected and access critical services that they wouldn't be able to otherwise. This year, we started a new ID pilot program at the Help Desk, helping folks apply for and access crucial government ID. We also continued our community engagement, taking a wagon of items and refreshments to the streets, reaching folks who don't know where we are or are unable to get to us.



**18,453**  
nights of  
safe shelter  
provided

**26**

shelter  
residents  
placed in  
permanent  
housing



**\$1,413,974**  
returned through  
4,523 individual  
tax returns

## Shelter

Our emergency shelter has 51 warm and dry beds and is one of the most low-barrier and inclusive shelters in the neighbourhood. We accept folks who are gender-diverse, in active addiction, have pets, and those who have needs that can't be helped at other shelters. The Case Planner works with shelter residents to help find suitable long-term housing. This fiscal year, we helped house 26 shelter residents in permanent housing.

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## Taxes

Every year, thousands of low-income individuals and families come to us for tax support so that they can access their pension, housing, benefits, and social assistance programs. Our trusted tax clinic has been around since the 70s, and because of our reputation in the community, additional service providers are referring to us for support. As a result, we had our biggest tax year on record, returning over \$1.4 million to the pockets of low-income individuals.



## Legal Advocacy

As Vancouver maintains high eviction rates, our legal advocates continued to work hard, taking on low-income clients who were fighting unfair evictions and other tenancy-related issues. This year, we took on over 900 housing-related cases. The team of legal advocates also help folks with other issues like income security, immigration, human rights, debt, and more, because everyone deserves equal access to justice.

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## Spiritual Care

Our Spiritual Care services are available to anyone in the community for culturally safe and trauma-informed care. The Indigenous Spiritual Care Chaplain continued to build relationships with shelter residents through expressive arts sessions. Each session is an opportunity for residents to experience the healing power of art through activities like beading, painting and textiles; and create opportunities for conversations, and seek spiritual support if needed. The Indigenous Spiritual Care Chaplain also incorporated art practices into the Lenten Art Challenge, working through grief via the art of pour painting. In August 2024, Lauren Sanders, the Indigenous Spiritual Care Chaplain was ordained as a reverend in the Presbyterian Church USA.



**1,578**  
advocacy  
cases  
completed





## Systems Change

Systems change work is crucial to our mission and vision, working to break the cycle of poverty by changing systems of oppression. This year, we released our law reform platform with recommendations to the BC government on how to reduce homelessness, prevent displacement, and create stronger protections for tenants. The government took steps on six of our recommendations, including releasing the Landlord Use Web Portal. We also continued to host housing workshops for Indigenous and other community organizations, including workshops on rights in supportive housing, how to fight eviction, and repairs and maintenance.

When the province announced free air conditioning for low-income tenants, we created AC cooling and tenants rights outreach materials to help folks understand their rights as renters.



# Community Outreach

This summer, we increased our presence at neighbourhood events, taking opportunities to expand our reach in the community.

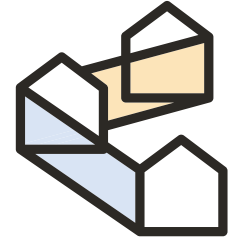
The Indigenous Outreach Coordinator, plus other staff and volunteers, set up booths at various events, including the Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day Powwows, the Summer Solstice event at Lu'Ma Klahowya Tillicum Shelter, the National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration, and the Union Gospel Mission Summer Connect.

Each event presented the chance to connect with members of the public and other community organizations to share about the work we're doing in the neighbourhood and provide resources that might be helpful to those attending.

With booths at multiple Indigenous events, the Indigenous Outreach Coordinator had the opportunity to connect specifically with folks who might have been interested in attending our Indigenous Housing Justice Circles. We also had the opportunity to distribute other resources like eviction information cards with steps on what to do if being evicted and how to get in touch with our legal advocacy team.



# The Impact of Our Law Reform Work



This year, we got to see the impact of our public advocacy and law reform work when the BC Government announced Bill 14, the Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act. Our work was first mentioned in BC Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin’s throne speech in February 2024, when she addressed the issue of no-fault, bad-faith evictions in the province. This was the focus of our systems change work for over a year prior.

We had been advocating for stronger tenant protections through our law reform platform “Everyone Needs a Home: Solutions for Preventing Homelessness, Evictions, and Displacement”, and through our online letter-writing campaign with over 600 participants calling on Housing Minister Ravi Kahlon to prioritize the reduction of bad-faith evictions in the province.

At the time, Amanda Burrows, Executive Director, shared: “We’ve been working tirelessly through our BC Eviction Map project and our law reform platform to affect this type of change. Protecting renters from eviction, displacement, and homelessness has been the core of our systems change work over the past year. Today, we see that advocacy and collective action work.”

The platform highlighted findings from our BC Eviction Map Survey and was based on data from nearly 700 tenants across BC who had been evicted. The reports illustrated that over a quarter of respondents became homeless after eviction and that the majority of reasons for eviction fell under the “Landlord Use” category. This was highlighted in the post-throne speech press conference when Minister Kahlon reiterated the findings of our

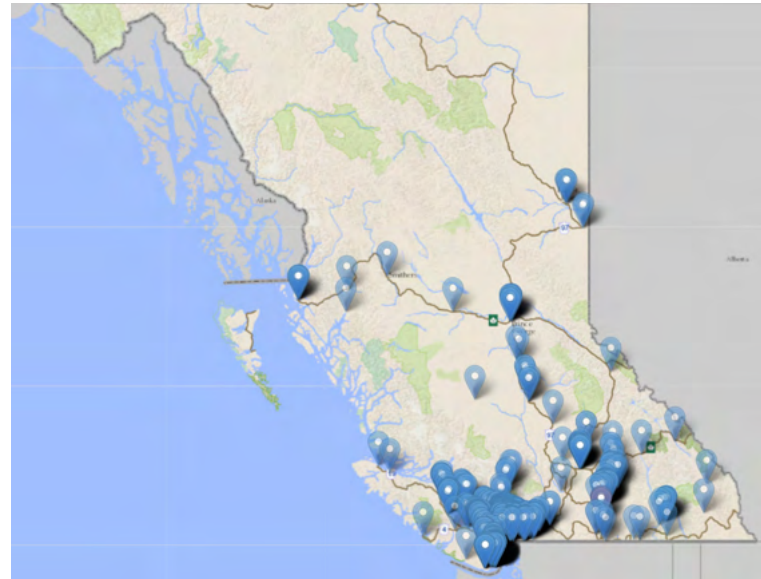
research: that landlords were evicting tenants in bad faith and for financial gain.

So far, the provincial government has taken steps forward on areas of our platform, taking action to:

- ▶ prohibit landlords from charging more money for children and babies of tenants as “extra occupants”;
- ▶ improve protections for tenants facing “Landlord Use” evictions;
- ▶ make the appeal timelines longer for tenants facing “Landlord Use” evictions;
- ▶ prohibit landlords from issuing eviction notices without a factual basis;
- ▶ pave the way for stronger penalties for landlords who breach the Residential Tenancy Act;
- ▶ commit to prohibit no-pet clauses;
- ▶ create guidelines clarifying that disallowing air conditioning could be an unconscionable term if it affects the health of a tenant; and
- ▶ reduce the use of 48-hour order of possession.

This tremendous victory for FIRST UNITED and for tenants across the B.C. wouldn't be possible without the hundreds of eviction survey respondents who shared their experiences with us, and the hundreds of people who participated in our letter-writing campaign.

These changes are only just the beginning, and we continue to advocate for evidence-based policy that prevents homelessness and displacement.





# Weathering Storms Together

Extreme weather takes a dangerous toll on the safety and health of our unhoused neighbours in the Downtown Eastside. So, when the city was hit with a cold snap and snowstorm in January 2024, during a time when the City was displacing people who were sheltering outside in tents and removing their possessions, we asked for help from our community of supporters.

We put out a call for winter essentials that would help keep our DTES neighbours safe, warm, and alive—and the response that we got was phenomenal. Individuals, communities of faith, businesses and other organizations answered the call, bringing survival essentials like blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, toques, scarves, winter jackets, and more. Within a week, we received over a thousand cold-weather survival items and were able to quickly distribute them to our DTES neighbours.





Clothes and other items were given out at CRAB Park, Oppenheimer Park's Field House, and warming centres in the area. To extend our impact, we collaborated with other organizations that do great work in the neighbourhood, including Overdose Prevention Society, Aboriginal Front Door, The Nest and Watari.

As one of the oldest service providers in the DTES, we were able to leverage our network to support smaller organizations that might not have the same reach or supporter base. These organizations also have deep roots in the community and were able to widen the distribution of items we received, helping more folks access them sooner.

It was an honour to coordinate the distribution of these essential items, and to experience the power of coming together with other organizations that are all working towards the same goal.

This was a collective effort between so many that couldn't be done without our supportive community that swiftly jumped into action to gather and drop off in-kind donations. Thank you for keeping people warm during such a cold—in the literal and figurative sense—time.







# Using Our Collective Voices to Inspire Change



Public advocacy continued to be an integral part of our work this year, helping to raise awareness about issues affecting the community we serve, and to inspire collective action to affect systemic change.

In early 2024 we organized a letter-writing campaign, calling on BC Minister of Housing Ravi Kahlon to prioritize the six law reform recommendations outlined in our platform “Everyone Needs a Home: Solutions for Preventing Homelessness, Evictions, and Displacement.” Over 600 letters were sent, and we know our voices were heard when the BC Government announced Bill 14, addressing some of the issues outlined in our law reform platform.

Following the success of this letter-writing campaign, we were moved to mobilize to speak up against injustice when Premiere David Eby announced plans to recriminalize substance use in BC in April. In total, close to 240 people

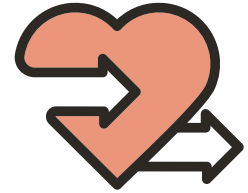
joined us to send letters to Premiere Eby saying that the decision to recriminalize would be deadly, asking instead for decriminalization and safe supply to save lives.


We ended the fiscal year with a postcard advocacy campaign ahead of the BC General Election, focusing on two key issues: vacancy control and safe supply.

FIRST UNITED’s Social Justice Committee invited 145 United Churches in the province to participate. We sent out packages with drug policy postcards asking for safe supply, and housing policy postcards asking for vacancy control. Each participant was asked to sign cards to each provincial party leader.

In total, 1,149 postcards and online letters were addressed to provincial party leaders of the BC NDP, Conservative Party of BC, and Green Party of BC, encouraging them to act on housing and drug policy.

# Setting the Foundation for the Future of FIRST



 *FIRST UNITED Executive Director Amanda Burrows (centre) pictured with Vancouver City Councillors Lenny Zhou, Rebecca Bligh, Lisa Dominato, Mike Klassen, and Christine Boyle, Lu'ma Native Housing Society President Dave Baspaly, and Vancouver-Mount Pleasant MLA Joan Phillip. Photo by Maxine Bulloch.*

By the start of our fiscal year, demolition and excavation work at 320 East Hastings was complete and construction imminent. As part of our commitment to putting reconciliation into action in our work and in our redevelopment, we worked with our housing partner Lu'ma Native Housing Society to plan a special ground blessing and copper plate foundation ceremony that would honour the lands and traditions of the unceded and ancestral homelands of the ɣʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), and Sḵwx̱wú7mesh úxwumíxw (Squamish Nation) and sə́lilwə́təl (Tseil-Waututh) peoples.

On Monday, November 6, 2023, we were joined on site by 70 witnesses including representatives from Lu'ma, all three levels of government, media, FIRST UNITED staff and board members, project partners, and transformative and leadership donors.




Musqueam Elder Shane Pointe performed a ground blessing, letting tumuxw (the land) know what was going to be built on the site. He then buried a copper plate in the ground, along with the medicines red ochre and eagle down.

Historically, copper has been placed under the support pole of a longhouse to conduct good spirits and good energy to the site. For our site, copper was placed beneath the location of one of the main footings in order to surround the leləm (the house) with positive energy to uplift and protect the builders and future occupiers of the space.

After the ceremony, representatives from all levels of government formally announced combined funding of over \$40 million to support the construction of seven floors of below-market housing above the new FIRST UNITED. The housing portion of the project includes 35 supportive housing units and 68 affordable rental homes prioritized for Indigenous residents of the DTES and will be operated by Lu'ma Native Housing Society. Tenants will have access to FIRST UNITED services.

Following the ceremony, construction work got underway. The foundation was poured and levels began to rise. By March, we caught our first glimpses of concrete and steel rising above street level, and by May the structure had

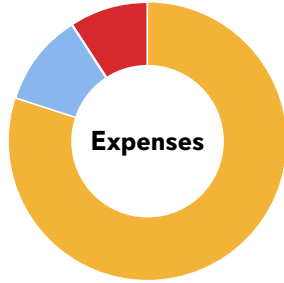


 Musqueam Elder Shane Pointe addressed the crowd at 320 East Hastings before offering a ground blessing and copper plate burial ceremony. Photo by Maxine Bulloch.

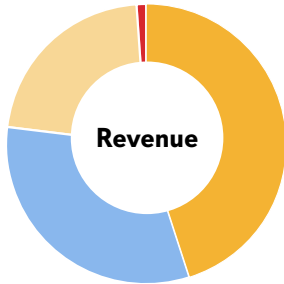
climbed past our “First Forward” site signage making its way into the sky. With levels progressing at a rate of one every few weeks, our fiscal year closed with the building at level 8 and less than \$8 million in funds left to raise.



# Financial Statements



|                                |           |                  |              |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|
| ● Charitable activities        | \$        | 4,215,627        | 80 %         |
| ● Fundraising & communications | \$        | 587,170          | 11 %         |
| ● Admin & facilities           | \$        | 475,035          | 9 %          |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$</b> | <b>5,277,832</b> | <b>100 %</b> |



|                            |           |                  |              |
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| ● Government               | \$        | 2,393,125        | 45 %         |
| ● Donations & sponsorships | \$        | 1,710,000        | 32 %         |
| ● Grants                   | \$        | 1,151,839        | 22 %         |
| ● Other                    | \$        | 58,010           | 1 %          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$</b> | <b>5,312,974</b> | <b>100 %</b> |



## Shelter Financials

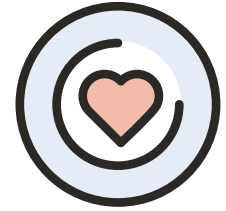
Our shelter provides immediate, emergency, and life-saving support to hundreds of community members each year. The shelter is exclusively funded by BC Housing and represents 95% of our government revenue as part of our financial statements.



The shelter surplus is due to a payment by BC Housing for previous years of operation. BC Housing's payment schedule for our shelter operations varies from our fiscal years and as such don't always match. We continue to work with them as a trusted partner to review the financial needs and reimbursement schedule for this service.

We're pleased to have a total surplus for the fiscal 2024 year of \$35,143, including the shelter surplus, indicating a strong financial position that we continue to hold.

# Doing Something Ordinary for the Extraordinary



Our Food Truck Sponsorship program is a unique and hands-on way for corporations and communities of faith to join us on the frontlines and experience the work we do in the Downtown Eastside. This year, in addition to eight corporations and three other communities of faith, we were joined on two occasions by volunteers from Canadian Memorial United Church.

Canadian Memorial has been a long-time supporter of FIRST UNITED, often topping the leaderboard of our Coldest Night of the Year fundraisers in support of our programs and services in the community.

Iris Paradela-Hunter, a Canadian Memorial volunteer who joined us in December 2023, shared: “I volunteered with the Canadian Memorial United Church to serve lunch at the First United Food Truck. During the orientation at their office, I was chomping at the bit, extremely eager to get started. However, I quickly realized how valuable that orientation was! While dishing out vegetables onto the plates, there were moments when I looked into the eyes of the folks we were serving and exchanged a few words with some of them. This experience evoked many emotions: excitement, sadness, joy, worry (about whether we had enough food for everyone), hope, grief, guilt,



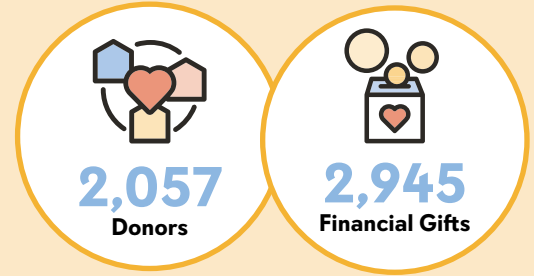
and a deep sense of gratitude. Meeting the men and women in the area beyond the labels of ‘less fortunate’ or ‘the other’ was transformative. I felt grateful and humbled to have the opportunity to do something ordinary for the extraordinary community in the DTES.”



*Photo: Volunteers from Canadian Memorial at the food truck in March 2024.*

# Thanks to You

We would not be able to pursue dignity, belonging, and justice without the support of individuals, businesses, communities of faith, foundations, partners, and volunteers who help us fulfill our mission. Your collective support has made a significant impact in the lives of thousands of Downtown Eastside community members. Thank you for believing in our work and helping make it happen.



## Frontline Monthly Donors

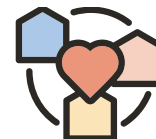
Frontline Monthly Donors play a crucial role in providing a stable foundation for our work. That's why we call them "frontline" because their monthly support helps us meet the needs of the community while providing the reliability to help us plan for the rest of the year and the future ahead.





# Community Donors

Community Donors are values-aligned individuals whose gifts support our programs that bring essential services, community connection, and healing to the DTES. About 50% of our revenue comes from donations and makes a significant contribution to the work that we do. Below is a list of Community Donors in the Leadership Circle; generous donors who have given \$5,000+ in the fiscal year. Thank you for the support and belief in our work.



- ▶ 8 Anonymous Donors
- ▶ Robyn Brasell
- ▶ Florence Brownridge
- ▶ Bob & Joan Burrows
- ▶ Michael Cormack & Jennifer Drake
- ▶ Ellis Foundation Inc.
- ▶ Fletcher Family Foundation
- ▶ Sally Felkai
- ▶ Philip Holton & Isobel James
- ▶ Ian Housego
- ▶ David Jiles & Carol Denny
- ▶ Heather & Trevor Johnstone
- ▶ Elizabeth & Rudy Kerklaan
- ▶ Sandi McIntosh-Kocaba & Jan Kocaba

- ▶ Phyllis Lester
- ▶ Urszula Lipsztajn
- ▶ Mary & Gordon Christopher Foundation
- ▶ Terry & Kathy Mullen
- ▶ Patricia & Rudy North
- ▶ Christopher Oram
- ▶ James Pond
- ▶ Donald & Jane Shumka
- ▶ Joanne Skeates
- ▶ John Lane & Diane Slimmon
- ▶ Ian Tate & Alison Minto
- ▶ Pentony-Woolwich & Siemens Family Fund, *held at Nicola Wealth Private Giving Foundation*

- ▶ Soh Lim Po Paul Foundation
- ▶ The Alma Van Dusen Fund, *held at Vancouver Foundation*
- ▶ The Antle/Mears Charitable Foundation
- ▶ The Crosby Family Fund, *held at Nicola Wealth Private Giving Foundation*
- ▶ The Lightburn Family Fund, *held at Vancouver Foundation*
- ▶ The McGrane-Pearson Endowment Fund, *held at Vancouver Foundation*
- ▶ The Robert J & Susan K Burns Fund
- ▶ The Ruby Fund, *held at Vancouver Foundation*
- ▶ The Shewan Foundation
- ▶ The Stonkus Foundation

# Communities of Faith

Communities of Faith have long been supporters of our work, responding faithfully to the call to bring dignity, belonging and justice to the neighbourhood. Local congregations have used their influence and funds to make a lasting change in the community. Thank you for putting your faith into action! Below is a list of Communities of Faith that have given \$1,000+ in support of our programs and services this fiscal year.



- ▶ Aldergrove United Church
- ▶ Brighthouse United Church
- ▶ Cawston United Church
- ▶ Dorcas Unit – Osoyoos United Church Women
- ▶ Gilmore Park United Church
- ▶ Highlands United Church
- ▶ Jubilee United Church
- ▶ Mt. Seymour United Church
- ▶ Richmond United Church
- ▶ Sicamous United Church
- ▶ St. Andrew's United Church and Centre for Peace
- ▶ St. Andrew's United Church (North Vancouver)
- ▶ Trinity United Church Women Port Coquitlam
- ▶ Tsawwassen United Church
- ▶ United Churches of Langley
- ▶ Vancouver Unitarians
- ▶ West Point Grey United Church
- ▶ West Vancouver United Church Women



# Community Partners

Community Partners are values-aligned businesses that want to make an impact in the DTES and have chosen to support our work with their resources. Thank you for believing in our mission and vision, and giving back to the DTES community.



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## Leadership support for First Forward





# Community Funders

Community Funders are partners at foundations and within government that support our programs and services. Thank you to our Community Funders that help provide essential services, community connection, and healing for thousands of DTES community members.



1 Anonymous Community Funder | Charles Johnson Charitable Fund | Lotte & John Hecht Foundation | Reaching Home  
 Sant Jalaram Charitable Foundation of North America | The Hamber Foundation | The McLean Foundation  
 University of British Columbia

# Friends of First

Friends of First are donors who put **FIRST UNITED** in their will. This commitment to supporting our work is an investment in the future of the Downtown Eastside and will have a lasting impact for generations to come. Thank you for demonstrating your life's values in this way.

- ▶ 22 Anonymous Friends of First
- ▶ Bill Booth & Tom Hutchinson
- ▶ Florence Brownridge
- ▶ Bob & Joan Burrows
- ▶ Heather F. Clarke
- ▶ Eileen Cole
- ▶ Judith Donaldson
- ▶ Jan & Joan Drabek

- ▶ Colleen Dunn
- ▶ Don Evans
- ▶ Doreen Gardner Brown
- ▶ Ian Housego
- ▶ Sharon Johnson
- ▶ Diana Matrick
- ▶ Lawrence & Jean Matrick

- ▶ Bob Miller & Barbara Rendell
- ▶ Janet Reid
- ▶ Brian W. Smith
- ▶ Robert & Ellen Smith
- ▶ Gordon & Daphne Squire
- ▶ Gordon Tolman
- ▶ Floyd Wartnow

## Realized Bequests

We would like to honour the Friends of First who have left us this past year. Although they are no longer with us, their spirit of compassion lives on through their legacy gift that continues to impact the DTES.

- ▶ 1 Anonymous Friend of First
- ▶ Lois M. Bewley
- ▶ Kenneth Fowler
- ▶ Ruth Houle
- ▶ Shirley Mason
- ▶ Ronald Wilkinson







# Thanks for Moving First Forward

Over 200 donors contributed to our capital campaign during our 2024 fiscal year. They joined an incredibly passionate group of individuals, businesses, foundations and communities of faith who collectively helped us raise over \$29 million by September 30, 2024.

Their generosity is helping us to build new purpose-built services and facilities that will enable us to expand our reach and support the Downtown Eastside for decades to come. Your commitment to building the future of FIRST, and to helping the Downtown Eastside become a neighbourhood where everyone's worth is celebrated and all people thrive, is truly inspiring.

## Leadership Gifts

- ▶ 625 Powell Street Foundation
- ▶ Pacific Mountain Regional Council
- ▶ Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy
- ▶ Sandstorm Gold Royalties
- ▶ St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church
- ▶ Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.

## Transformative Gifts

2 Anonymous Donors  
Aldergrove United Church  
Bob & Barb Atkinson  
B2Gold  
Carol Smallwood  
The Comart Foundation  
Connor, Clark & Lunn Foundation  
The Denny-Jiles Family  
Gilmore Park United Church  
Dr. Heather Clarke  
The Hieros Foundation  
Jubilee United Church  
Rudy & Elizabeth Kerklaan  
The Krogseth Foundation  
The Lightburn Family Fund, *held at Vancouver Foundation*  
The McGrane-Pearson Endowment Fund, *held at Vancouver Foundation*  
Pacific Spirit United Church  
The Pejman Family  
Randy Smallwood  
Shaughnessy Heights United Church  
The Sullivan Family  
United Church of Canada  
Y.P. Heung Foundation

## Inspirational Gifts

2 Anonymous Donors  
Amanda Burrows  
Bill & Pat Sexsmith  
The Rev. Brian Thorpe  
Bruce & Elizabeth Frankard  
The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne  
Carol & Paul Rennie  
Chuck Lew, K.C.  
David Munroe  
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Scott & Lynda Griffin  
Sharon Kim  
The Shewan Foundation  
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## Champion Gifts

6 Anonymous Donors

Aaron Wilson

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