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Coastal Community Credit Union Announces Recipients of 2009 Coastal Spirit Fund

VANCOUVER ISLAND, BC CANADA - Fifty one non-profit organizations are a little richer thanks to Coastal Community Credit Union—and that means they'll be able to help more Vancouver Islanders in need. They are the recipients of the Credit Union's 2009 Coastal Spirit Fund, through which \$144,900 is being awarded to fund worthwhile community initiatives across Vancouver Island.

Over 170 community groups applied to the 2009 Coastal Spirit Fund, representing \$1.7 Million in requests. "There is considerable need in our communities," says Joe Cristiano, Coastal Community's Senior Vice President of Marketing. "The Coastal Spirit Fund helps us to meet the unique needs of Vancouver Island communities. We have Community Connection Councils in each region to help direct funding to make a tangible difference in the communities we serve."

Coastal Community formed the Coastal Spirit Fund in 2006 to meet the diverse needs of Vancouver Island communities. In the three years since the program's inception, more than \$450,000 has been awarded to help fund over 150 community initiatives. With the help of the Credit Union's volunteer Councils, funding decisions are made locally and funds are distributed regionally in the areas of the Environment, Health, Community Service, Youth & Education, Sports & Recreation, and Arts & Culture.

In addition to the funds awarded through the Coastal Spirit Fund, Coastal Community provided over \$200,000 in 2008 to Vancouver Island communities through a variety of initiatives. "Our community investment programs help support the well-being of the communities where we do business," adds Cristiano, "and when our communities thrive, so do we."

Coastal Community congratulates the 2009 Coastal Spirit Fund recipients:

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| Abbeyfield Port Alberni | Facility Upgrade |
| Alano Club | Facility Enhancement |
| Alert Bay Seafest Society | 27 th Annual Seafest |
| Anderton Therapeutic Gardens Society | Facility Equipment |
| Bard to Broadway Theatre Society | Lighting Project |
| Boys and Girls Club – Central Vancouver Island | Passenger Van |
| Brechin Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee | Playground |
| Campbell River Dragon Boat Society | Equipment |
| Campbell River Beacon Club | Fit and Fun Program |
| Campbell River Hospice Society | Angel Rock Benefit |
| Cedar Community Schools Financial Awards Society | Rainbows Program |
| Clay Tree Society | Facility Upgrade |
| Comox Valley Boys and Girls Club | Golf Tournament Sponsorship |
| Comox Valley Literacy Learning Society | Adult Literacy Tutoring Program |
| Cowichan Family Life Association | Equal Access to Opportunities Program |
| Cowichan Food Connection | Bread Van Program |
| Cowichan Valley Intercultural and Immigrant Aid Society | Inclusive Leadership Program |
| Denman Conservancy Association | Walks on Denman: Conservation Lands Guide |
| Errington Volunteer Fire Department | Equipment |
| Errington War Memorial Hall Association | Facility Improvements |
| Filberg Festival | 27 th Annual Filberg Festival |
| Gabriola Island Women's Institute | Building Upgrade |
| Georgia Basin Ecological Society | Nest box Program |
| Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North | 2008/2009 Build – Maple Place |
| Heritage Place (Port Alberni Assisted Living) | Equipment |

Kiwanis Hilton Children's Centre
Ladysmith Family and Friends
LUSH Valley Food Action Society
Milner Gardens and Woodland Society
Morrell Sanctuary Society for Environmental Education
Mountainaire Avian Rescue Society
Nanaimo and District Hospital Foundation
Nanaimo Blues Society
Nanaimo Family History Society
Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society
Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre
Nanaimo Unique Kids Organization
Nanoose Bay Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee
North Island Community Services
North Island Dragon Boat Society
North Island Supportive Recovery Society
Pacific Rim Arts Society
Parksville/Qualicum Friends of the Library
Raincoast Education Society
Santa's Workshop Society
Sointula Recreation Association
St. Joseph's Hospital
Strathcona Wilderness Institute
Tidemark Theatre Society
Ucluelet Aquarium Society
Vancouver Island Symphony

Facility Upgrade
Food Security Program
Comox Valley Food Security Hub
Facility Upgrade
Park/Facility Upgrade
MARS Educational Bird Program
Trauma Stretcher
Summer Time Blues 2009
Computer Replacement
Engine Replacement
Dad's Resource Handbook
Therapeutic Recreation and Arts Program
Playground
Community Link and Operation Trackshoes
Dragon Boat Festival
Second Chance Support Group
Community Outreach
Youth Seating Area
Living with Wildlife Program
Santa's Workshop
Sointula Community Fitness Centre
Palliative Care Re-model
Wilderness Centre
Tidemark Youth Theatre Arts
Ucluelet Aquarium Phase 2: Site Survey
Vancouver Island Symphony Education Program

Coastal Community Credit Union thanks all who applied to the 2009 Coastal Spirit Fund. Community Groups interested in applying to the 2010 Coastal Spirit Fund, or other sponsorship programs for 2009, are invited to visit our website at www.cccu.ca.

About Coastal Community Credit Union

Serving Island communities for more than 60 years, Coastal Community Credit Union is Vancouver Island's largest regionally-based credit union. With more than 80,000 members, 650 employees, and \$1.5 billion in assets, Coastal Community offers smart financial services and solutions through a growing network of personal banking, insurance, investment and business services centres across Vancouver Island. Coastal Community supports the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the communities it serves through various community investment programs. For more information, visit us on the web at www.cccu.ca.

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