

We're Proud of our Accomplishments

- \$2 million over 12 years to the B.C. Burn Unit at Vancouver General Hospital
- \$1 million to the Children's Health Centre at Surrey Memorial Hospital
- \$310,000 to the new Surrey YMCA
- \$125,000 over five years to the splinting and casting room at South Fraser Child Development Centre
- Thousands annually to Surrey Firefighters Community Bursary Program
- Other programs we support include: Muscular Dystrophy, Junior Wheelchair Basketball, Early School Breakfast Program, Feeding the Homeless Program, Servants Anonymous Society, Surrey Family Services, summer camps for burn survivors and kids with cancer and HIV/AIDS, High School Drag Racing Program, elementary school penny drives, Good Will Youth Sport Tournaments, Special Olympics, Disabled Olympics, Firefighters Boot Camp for Teens, Family Adoptions at Christmas and the annual Chip In.



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Send to:
Surrey Firefighters Charitable Society
 8767 - 132nd Street, Surrey, BC V3W 4P1

- Yes I would like a Tax receipt
 (Tax receipts can be issued for donations over \$10.00)
- I would like my donation directed to:**
- Surrey Firefighters Charitable Society
 - Surrey Firefighters Foundation (Leave a Legacy)
 - Surrey Firefighters Burn Fund
 - I would like more information on Surrey Firefighters Charities, please add my name to your mailing list

Who We Are

The Surrey Fire Service is the largest composite department in Canada, employing more than 275 career fire fighters and 240 volunteer fire fighters. We have 17 fire halls serving a population of 354,000 covering 132 square miles. Our team consists of administration, operations, fire prevention, public education, training, communications, computer specialties and mechanical positions. These special trades all form the important support network for fire fighting operations.

Our first priority is saving lives, but fighting fire and fire prevention is only part of our job. We are the first responders at motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, trauma accidents, electrical emergencies, environmental accidents, collapses, heart attacks and hazardous material spills.

Most of us live in Surrey; many of us grew up here and are now raising our own families in this community. As active community participants, we are committed to donating our time and resources to charitable causes.

Our community initiatives and outreach programs are funded by the Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society, which is wholly operated by Surrey Fire Fighters Association Local 1271 of the International Association of Fire Firefighters.

Establishing our endowment fund will allow us to continue our focus on community support for Surrey, in Surrey, by Surrey.

Surrey Firefighters Charitable Society



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The Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society is fired up. We want to light an eternal flame that

will fund community programs for youth on an ongoing basis.

We have established an Endowment Fund that will live on in perpetuity. Surrey firefighters have demonstrated their commitment to this endeavor by igniting the campaign with a donation of \$500,000. Our employees raised these funds through payroll deductions. We hope to raise the stakes to \$1 million within the next year.

The Endowment Fund will help provide financial stability for our organization, facilitate long range planning and provide a steady stream of income. The principle is left untouched while the fund generates revenue which is used provide programs for children, youth and families in our community. Our members will be able to focus their energy on delivering programs rather than raising funds.

We seek to enrich the lives of children, youth and families by:

- Providing relief from poverty
- Providing healthy snack programs to elementary schools and breakfast programs at high schools
- Sponsoring programs that promote staying in school
- Supporting and providing programs to get kids off the streets
- Providing assistance to those affected by traumatic wounds, injuries or catastrophic episodes
- Providing funds for medical treatment
- Providing funds for pediatric medical and health care research
- Sponsoring education programs that promote healthy lifestyles
- Delivering programs that offer positive life experiences and enhance self-esteem

We are working closely with the school district, YMCA, community centres and social service groups to utilize our resources in the most productive manner possible.

We have no administrative costs or costly overheads. One hundred per cent of every donation goes directly to helping youth in Surrey.



The Surrey Fire



A History of Caring

Surrey firefighters have had a tradition of supporting the community since the association was founded in 1957. In the early days, volunteer firefighters repaired toys for Christmas. In the 1970s, when full-time paid staff were added to the volunteer contingent, firefighters expanded their community outreach. By the late 1980s, it was clear that an organizational framework was required to oversee the many initiatives undertaken by individuals and firehalls. Under the leadership of Jon Caviglia, the Surrey Firefighters Charitable Society was established as a registered charity in 1994.

We were one of the first firefighters' locals to register as a society. We are the first to establish an Endowment Fund.

The Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society is funded largely by firefighters' fundraising efforts. In 2000, 60 per cent of members responded reported that they donated 30,000 volunteer hours to the community. Their contributions included scheduling umpires for Little League; sitting on



Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society Endowment Fund

board for agencies such as the Surrey Memorial Hospital Board, the Surrey Food Bank, Surrey Hospice Society and the YMCA; the Community Bursary Program, the High School Drag Race Program, assisting with Special and Disabled Olympics, Wheelchair Basketball, athletic activities and much more.

"We see being a firefighter as more of a call than a job because it filters through all aspects of your life," says Lorne West. "The people who are willing to put their life on the line are the people who are out there for the community. "Most members don't want recognition for what they do. The rewards far exceed any effort it takes to make it work.

"At the end of the day, our objective is to be the number one community charity in Surrey."

