



Backgrounder

Vancouver Foundation was a sponsor of the 2008 Metro Vancouver Homelessness Count.

Vancouver Foundation is Canada's largest community foundation (there are 160 in Canada) and one of the oldest in North America.

Established in 1943 with a single gift of \$1,000, Vancouver Foundation today holds endowments of almost \$800 million. This dollar figure represents more than 1,100 endowment funds that have been established by individuals/families, organizations and corporations both large and small.

Vancouver Foundation enables people to build legacies for their community. We help them set aside money for philanthropy by establishing an endowment fund. We also help them to give conveniently, through one place, to hundreds of charities and projects that address community needs.

Some foundations/charities specialize in one particular area of interest. Vancouver Foundation knows there are many factors that help create a healthy, vibrant, livable and equitable community. That is one of the reasons why we distribute funds in nine "fields of interest":

- animal welfare
- arts and culture
- children, youth and families
- education
- environment
- health and social development
- health and medical research
- homelessness, and
- youth philanthropy.

Here are a few other select facts about Vancouver Foundation (VF):

- amount donated to VF in 2007
- amount distributed to organizations by VF in 2007
- total number of grants given in 2007

\$52 million
\$60 million
3,029

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