



2017 Annual Report

May 2018

To: American Friends of Whistler

As my first year as AFOW President draws to a close, I am writing to send greetings and to offer a brief organizational overview of the past year.

I begin by relating that it has been an honor to represent such a great group of Whistler supporters. Your generosity has, once again, allowed our organization to contribute significantly to the betterment of our mountain community. Following our mandate, AFOW has donated funds to improve the areas of health and human services, culture and the arts, environmental protection and outdoor recreation.

More than \$150,000 was donated in 2017 to the following organizations:

- Audain Art Museum for the permanent endowment of the museum's foundation.
- Whistler Writing Society supporting workshop series during 2017 Writers' Festival.
- Whistler Remembrance Place to build new home for the Whistler Cenotaph to provide a prominent and honorable location for this monument.
- Whistler Mountain Ski Club supporting the USA Team at the 25th Annual Whistler Cup, one of the largest international youth ski races.
- Whistler Animal Galore for installation of stone fence around dog run.
- Whistler Community Services Society for their Food Bank and outreach programs.
- Spearhead Huts Society for the Kees and Claire Memorial Hut for building supplies.
- Whistler Adaptive Sports Program for a highly specialized adaptive mountain bike for individuals with low mobility.
- Whistler Search and Rescue for equipment.



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Needless to say, we are only able to continue providing our valuable support efforts by receiving the generous financial contributions from our mountain loving supporters. I would encourage you to visit our updated website www.afow.org to view a comprehensive outline of all that we have accomplished over the last 14 years.

AFOW is a U.S. registered 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization incorporated in Washington State. All contributions are fully tax deductible. Along with your donations, AFOW is also looking to add board members. If you are interested please contact me at gerrycdnusa@gmail.com.

This past President's Day in Whistler, AFOW held our annual get together at the wonderful Audain Art Museum. We were fortunate to have as our guest speakers Mr. John Grills, Councilor, Resort Municipality of Whistler and Mr. Pete Sonntag, Sr. VP, COO, Whistler Blackcomb. Following the speakers' presentations, our members and guests enjoyed private tours of both the museum's permanent and visiting collections. It was a terrific evening of information exchange, Mountain insights and camaraderie.

In wrapping up, on behalf of the AFOW Board, I thank you sincerely for your interest and generosity over the last year. Your participation in our non-profit organization is invaluable.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerry Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gerry Brown
President, AFOW



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AFOW Financial Statement, Calendar Year 2017

<i>Beginning Fund Balance</i>	\$165,653
Income	
Donations and Grants	\$326,643
Interest Income	\$22
Foreign Exchange Gain/Loss	(\$8,276)
Total	\$318,389
Expenses	
Grants Made*	\$153,647
Administrative Expenses	\$1,249
Total	\$155,076
<i>Ending Fund Balance</i>	\$328,965

****Grants Made***

Audain Art Museum Foundation (CAD 20000)	\$14,728
Whistler Community Foundation (CAD 5000)	\$3,819
Spearhead Hut Society (CAD 34000)	\$26,079
Whistler Adaptive Sports Program (CAD 32300)	\$23,907
Whistler Animals Galore (CAD 10000)	\$7,651
Whistler Arts Council (CAD 14000)	\$10,913
Whistler Community Services Society (CAD 15000)	\$11,252
Whistler Learning Center (CAD 20000)	\$15,041
Whistler Mountain Ski Club (CAD 25000)	\$18,690
Whistler Rotary Foundation (CAD 10000)	\$7,483
Whistler Search and Rescue (CAD 3750)	\$2,863
Whistler Writing Society (CAD 15000)	\$11,223

The board seeks to maintain a balanced portfolio of grants supporting 1) arts and culture, 2) health and human services and 3) environmental protection and outdoor recreation. We are volunteer-run; over 98% of your donations are directed to grants. To support us, visit afow.org/donate.



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