

YOUR GUIDE TO

Giving



Why give through Nanaimo Foundation? Because you care about this place.

Giving through Nanaimo Foundation is about investing in the Central Island region, today and for future generations. Whether it's supporting local students, strengthening food security, uplifting Indigenous leadership, or protecting our natural environment, your gift creates lasting value right here at home.

You might be giving in gratitude. In memory. In hope. Or in celebration of a life well-lived. Whatever your reason, we make giving easy and can accept almost any type of gift, including securities, real estate, art or other assets, helping you turn your generosity into meaningful, measurable impact, with care and accountability.

Each year, donor support helps strengthen dozens of local initiatives, improving lives and building a more connected Central Island region.



Rooted in community.

We are your local foundation. Since 1982, Nanaimo Foundation has worked alongside donors, non-profits, and community leaders to strengthen Nanaimo, Gabriola Island, Cedar, Lantzville, and Ladysmith.

We do more than expertly manage funds; we help guide thoughtful giving. With local insight, strong relationships, and a deep understanding of evolving needs, we ensure your generosity reaches where it's needed most.

Whether you're contributing to an existing initiative or starting something new, we'll help you shape a giving plan that reflects your values, and supports your vision for community well-being.

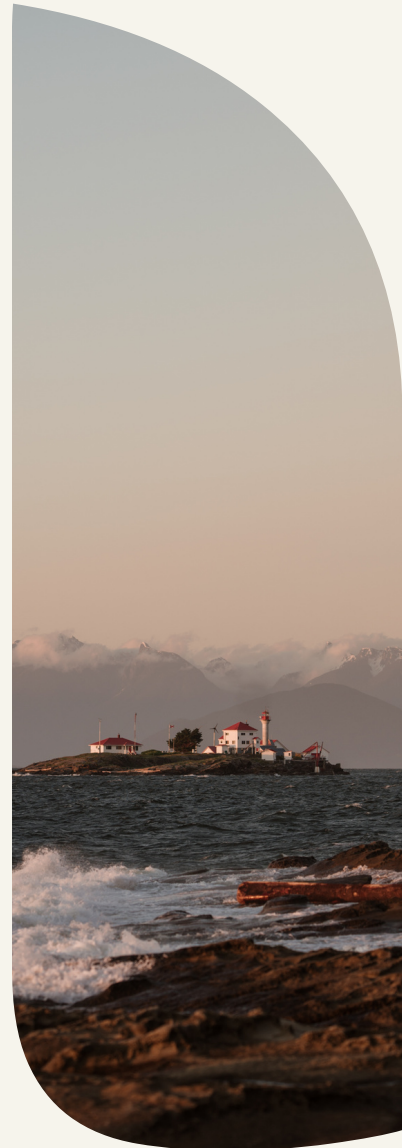


The power of endowment

In a harbour city like Nanaimo, even the smallest ripple travels with purpose. An endowment works the same way. One thoughtful gift continues to move through the community over time. While those ripples expand outward, your gift stays grounded, anchored with care to support the Central Island region for generations to come.

Your donation is invested responsibly. The income it generates is granted annually to address local needs, while the original gift remains intact, ensuring your generosity continues to grow and make an impact over time.

At Nanaimo Foundation, your trust is our priority. We steward each gift with care, transparency, and a long-term view. Through this ongoing support, donors help strengthen dozens of local initiatives.



Getting started

Beginning your giving journey can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to. We're here to guide the way.

Whether you're considering a one-time gift, planning your estate, or exploring the idea of starting a fund, we'll walk you through your options and help shape a giving approach that reflects your values and goals. You don't need all the answers to get started. We're here to support you.

The endowment cycle



YOUR FUND IN ACTION

When a ripple becomes a wave

When Rugged Coast Research Society (RCRS) needed a vessel to expand its coastal cleanup work, the Stanley de Vos Fund stepped in to help. "We received donations to purchase a landing craft vessel that is absolutely key to our operations," shares the RCRS team. "It means so much more than just the money that goes into that initial one. We use it year after year. It's building momentum and building our capacity to do good work."

For fundholder David Stanley and his wife, Marie De Vos, supporting local environmental causes is a natural fit. "A couple of years ago, Rugged Coast needed a large boat to clean up plastic waste and debris along Vancouver Island's coast," David explains. "We started with a smaller boat, but it wasn't enough for their needs. So we got them a second one, a landing craft they now use to haul massive amounts of debris off the shoreline. With it, they can go almost anywhere on the Island."

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FOUNDER/BIOLOGIST, RUGGED COAST RESEARCH SOCIETY

Based in Nanaimo, RCRS works in partnership with Coastal First Nations and other organizations to restore marine habitats, remove debris, and build local capacity for conservation. Their landing craft is now a cornerstone of that work. It's tangible proof of how donor generosity fuels long-term impact.

For David and Marie, that's the power of giving through the Nanaimo Foundation: supporting causes they care about without the administrative burden. "Almost all of our charitable giving now goes through the Foundation," David says. "We can give to a diversity of charities, the Foundation handles the details, and we know the impact is real."

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Ways to give

Whether you're making a one-time donation or planning your legacy, we offer flexible, personalized giving options:



Start a named fund to support a specific cause or community



Contribute to an existing fund aligned with your interests



Leave a legacy through a bequest, RRSP/RRIF, TFSA, life insurance, or a gift of stock



Donate now via cheque, credit card, securities, or other eligible gifts

We're here to walk you through your options and work alongside your financial or legal advisors to ensure your gift has the impact you intend.



Building on your gift

Once your fund is established, it can continue to grow, and so can your impact.

- **Add gifts at any time, whether through cash, securities, or other eligible contributions**
- **Leave a future gift through your will, life insurance, RRSP, or RRIF**
- **Support annual community grants from the income your fund generates**
- **Create a succession plan to involve your family or ensure your wishes are carried forward**

We'll help you build a fund that reflects your values today and creates meaningful impact for years to come.





DANIEL & TASHA'S STORY

Inspiring the Next Generation

For Daniel and Tasha Martinez, giving is about more than writing a cheque; it's about building a family legacy. Seventeen years after moving to Canada, Daniel describes charitable giving as "a fundamental value" he wants to share with his children. Together with his wife Tasha, the couple established a fund at the Nanaimo Foundation with a plan to grow it steadily over ten years. Their two kids are part of the journey too. "We want them to understand the needs in our community and to see giving as part of who we are," Tasha explains.

"By educating our children about community needs and grant requests, we're building a legacy of giving that we hope will inspire future generations."

Daniel Martinez

DREGER- MARTINEZ FAMILY FUND

Working with Nanaimo Foundation has helped the Martinez family identify local organizations that align with their values, and weave philanthropy into their annual budget. "We're not just building a fund," Daniel says. "We're creating a tradition of generosity for our family."

Make Your Impact, Today and Forever

Giving should feel accessible, meaningful, and connected to community. Nanaimo Foundation makes it easy to turn generosity into action, whether you're giving today or planning for the future. We provide local knowledge, thoughtful stewardship, and trusted administration so your philanthropy can respond to real needs and support the people and places you care about across the mid-Island.

Legacy giving is one of the most powerful ways to support the future of your community, and many people choose to begin that journey during their lifetime. Starting a fund now allows you to be actively involved in your philanthropy, learn about local needs, support causes you care about, and see your impact as it unfolds.

When you establish a fund with Nanaimo Foundation, we honour your vision and ensure your wishes are upheld, even as community needs evolve. We offer the flexibility, guidance, and personal service to help you explore your philanthropic impact now and for generations to come.

Your Gift at Work

Every dollar you give through Nanaimo Foundation supports our region, and the people in it. We take care of the administration, investment oversight, and community grantmaking, so you can focus on what matters most: making a meaningful difference. Our team offers trusted guidance every step of the way, and we stay accountable through public reporting, independent audits, and regular donor updates. We're more than a charitable partner. We're your neighbours, working together to make this region stronger, more inclusive, and more resilient for everyone.

Visit nanaimofoundation.com, stop by our office at 60 Wharf Street, or contact caroline@nanaimofoundation.com to start the conversation.

A woman with dark hair, wearing a white textured sweater and blue jeans, is smiling and carrying a young child with curly hair on her shoulders. The child is wearing a denim jacket and colorful patterned boots. They are standing in a field of tall grass with a forested mountain in the background. The text "Your legacy lives here." is centered at the top.

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