



2011 marks the 10th year for the RSP Community Builder Campaign

Bulkley Valley Credit Union will once again offer a **Community Builder Special** for Registered and Non-Registered funds. For every dollar that is invested in your Community Builder Term Deposit between January 1 and March 1, 2011, Bulkley Valley Credit Union will make a donation to the following community group in your area:



- **The Hazeltons: The Hazelton Figure Skating Club**
- **Houston & District: HSS Community Wellness Space**
- **Lakes District: The Mother Millie Fund**
- **Smithers: Northwest Animal Shelter Society**

The featured Term will be a **3Year Re-investable Deposit** with a preferred interest rate so that both the members and the communities benefit. Visit your branch today to find out more about the details of this deposit campaign and the beneficiaries of our Community Builder Special for 2011.

The Hazelton Figure Skating Club offers children a chance to learn skating skills with coach Stacey Brown. The season runs from October to March and there are about 30-40 club members each year. The Houston Secondary School is planning to install a fitness facility in the gymnasium that would be available to students and to the community. The Mother Millie Fund is operated in conjunction with the Burns Lake Vet Clinic and funds raised go towards the spaying/neutering and other medical care of the stray animals that find their way to the clinic. The Northwest Animal Shelter continues to move closer to its goal of building an animal shelter to service the Bulkley Valley. NWASS is a local group of volunteers who are actively involved in promoting responsible pet ownership.

A total of \$157,542 has been donated to the beneficiaries of the Community Builder Campaigns since 2002. The 2010 beneficiaries were the Bulkley Valley Search & Rescue, the Salvation Army, the Burns Lake Curling Club and the Topley Community Club

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Call for Nominations

An election will be taking place to fill **three** positions on the Board of Directors (**two positions for the Smithers** area, and **one for the Hazelton** area).

To be eligible to vote, you must be over the age of 19 and a Bulkley Valley Credit Union member in good standing as of **January 1, 2011**. Candidates for the Board must be nominated by at least three members in good standing with BVCU who are over the age of 19. Written submissions for proposed candidates may be forwarded to the Nominating Committee, which determines whether the nomination complies with the Financial Institutions Act and Bulkley Valley Credit Union Rules. Submissions must be received by **Tuesday, February 15, 2011**. The Nominating Committee will inform each candidate of the provisions with respect to the conduct of the election and provide each candidate with a copy of the Bulkley Valley Credit Union Rules.

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Candidates must complete a personal information return, a requirement of the Superintendent of the Financial Institutions Commission.

Candidates may submit a photograph, a resumé and a policy statement (250 words or less) with biographical information, occupation, Credit Union affiliation, experience and qualifications. The Nominating Committee will forward a photograph, resumé and policy statement, if submitted, along with clear and precise voting instructions, to eligible members.

This information will be sent at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on **April 26, 2011**. Voting will take place at the branch or by a requested mail-in ballot. Election results will be announced at the AGM and posted for a minimum of three days in the appropriate branches. If you are interested in becoming a candidate and wish to know more about provisions and requirements for doing so, contact any of the four branches for further information.

Celebrating 70 years of Community Service in 2011

The Bulkley Valley Credit Union's 69th AGM will be held **Tuesday, April 26, 2011** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Ferguson Room at the Hudson Bay Lodge in Smithers.

The meeting will review financial statements and other activities of the past year, as well as the election results of directors for the upcoming year.

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A Gift to the Canadian Cancer Society

The Board of Directors voted unanimously in favour of gifting \$50,000 to the Canadian Cancer Society to build the Northern Lodge in Prince George, BC. The CCS will name a residential room ***The Bulkley Valley Credit Union Room*** once the project is complete. This gift is in addition to the Bulkley Valley Credit Union being included in the funding commitment from all seven Northline credit unions to sponsor the Library in the Northern Lodge as well.

The Northern Lodge is a home away from home for individuals and their caregivers travelling to Prince George for treatment at the BC Cancer Agency Centre for the North. In 2009 nearly 1200 people from Northern BC stayed in CCS Lodges in Vancouver, Kelowna and Victoria. Construction is scheduled to commence in June of 2011 with completion planned for late fall of 2012 to coincide with the opening of the BC Cancer Agency Centre for the North.



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The Lodge is a 36 Bed, 25,000 square foot facility which will provide accommodation and full meal services as well as all sorts of supportive facilities including family rooms, spiritual and meditation rooms, rehabilitation rooms, library, lounges, exercise facilities and around the clock care.

Supporting the Cancer Society in more ways than one

Bulkley Valley Credit Union has been a very strong supporter of the Canadian Cancer Society for many years and 2010 was no exception. The local Relay for Life events that took place in Burns Lake, Houston and Smithers were not only sponsored by BVCU but staff participated in the walks as well. Sponsorship of the events totaled more than \$6,000 and this does not include the funds raised by any of the teams.

The Cops for Cancer Tour de North event was a huge success in 2010. The northern credit unions became more involved this year and hosted a number of events along Highway 16 during the week of September 10th to September 17th. There was a community breakfast in the Mall parking lot in Burns Lake, another community breakfast served in the parking lot of



the Smithers branch and then a bar-b-que lunch at the branch in New Hazelton. The Houston branch staff held a fundraising bar-b-que lunch earlier in the month. These events were in addition to the support offered by the same group of credit unions who agreed to a three year commitment to purchase the bikes for all of the riders.



The power of membership

During 2010, the Bulkley Valley Credit Union contributed over **\$230,000** to more than **175** local groups through in-branch donations, the RRSP Community Builder Campaign and donations from the Economic Development Committee and the Community Support Committees. Our local Community Support Committees meet on a regular basis throughout the year to review donation requests. The request form can be picked up at your local branch or by visiting www.bvcu.com.

In addition to donations made to local groups and organizations, six High School Bursaries of \$1000 each were awarded to students in our communities in 2010.

4-H Youth Exchange	Hagwilget Village Council	Relay for Life
Affordable Recreation	Hazelton Figure Skating Club	Robert Gerow Memorial Golf Tournament
April Showers Bazaar	Hazelton for Hockeyville Committee	Rose Lake Community Hall
Aqua North Novice Hockey Team	Hazelton Minor Hockey	Rotary Club of Burns Lake Tweedsmuir
BC Books for Babies	Hazelton Secondary School Grad 2011	Royal Canadian Legion - Smithers
BC Book Prizes	Hazelton Secondary School Drama Club	Rural Writers Network
BC Children's Hospital	Hazelton SS - Junior "A" Girls Volleyball Team	Salmon Art Project
Bella Coola Farmers	Hazelton Wolverines	Salvation Army Food Bank - Smithers
Burns Lake Kidney Walk	Hazelton Women's Day Committee	Salvation Army Food Bank - Houston
Burns Lake Mountain Biking Association	HCS - Senior Boys Volleyball Provincials	Salvation Army Food Bank - Hazelton
Boston Pizza Foundation	HCS - Senior Girls Basketball Team	SCSA-Neighbourhood Kitchen
Bulkley Valley District Hospital Auxiliary	HCS - Senior Girls Volleyball Team Provincials	SCSA-Summer Step Up Moricetown Campus
Bulkley Valley Exhibition	Heart and Stroke Foundation	Serving HAT
Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society-Midsummer Festival	Heart of the Valley	Sik-E-Dakh Athletics
Bulkley Valley Historical and Museum Association	Honor Your Health Program - GWES	Silverthorne Elementary
Bulkley Valley Hospice Society	Honor Your Health Program - Hagwilget	Silverthorne Elementary - Missoula Children's Theatre
Bulkley Valley Regional Pool - Tri-it Triathlon	Honor Your Health Program - Kispiox	Smithers Art Gallery
Bulkley Valley Search and Rescue	Honoring Your Health Program - Moricetown Band	Smithers Art Gallery- Summer Art Camp
Burns Lake Braves	Houston & District Curling Club	Smithers Bridging Committee
Burns Lake Community Charity Garden - Lakes Economic Development Association	Houston Christian Youth Hockey Program	Smithers Junior Softball Society
Burns Lake Curling Club	Houston Figure Skating Club	Smithers Minor Hockey Atom Tournament
Burns Lake Minor Hockey- Peewee Team	Houston Luckies	Smithers Motocross Association
BV Brain Injury Association	Houston Minor Hockey Association	Smithers Navy League
BV Child Development Centre	Houston Ringette Association	Smithers Public Library
BV Childcare Society	Houston Secondary School	Smithers Salts Gymnastics Club
BV Christian School	Innovations Foods	Smithers Steelheads Hockey
BV Community Resources Board	John Field Elementary School Gr. 5/6/7	South Hazelton Elementary School
BV Concert Association	Karate Team 2010 Portugal	South Hazelton Kids Club
BV Historical and Museum Society	Kispiox Valley Community Centre	South Hazelton Women's Institute
BV Hospice	Kispiox Valley Rodeo Club	Southside Volunteer Fire Department
BV Back Packers	Lake Kathlyn School	Sparrows Christian Housing Society
BV Remote Controlled Flyers	Lakes District Arts Council	Special Olympics Canada
Canada World Youth/ZoieRosolek-Glanz	Lakes District Food Bank Coalition	SSS Aboriginal Education Program
Carpathian Ski Company	Lakes District Kennel Club	SSS 'Anything Goes' Musical Production
Christian School Society of Smithers - Telkwa	Lakes District Theatre Society	SSS Boys Rugby
College of New Caledonia Lakes District- Mining Industry Certificate Program (MINE)	LOGS	SSS DAF Grad 2010
Community Futures of Nadina	Moricetown Arrows	SSS Jazz Combo
Community Garden BBQ - Houston Linked to Learning	Moricetown Health Centre	SSS Music Department - Cuba Tour
Cops for Cancer	Moricetown Beggars	SSS Ski and Snowboard Team
Credit Union Foundation of BC	Moricetown Elders	SSS Wrestling Team
Cut Loose Quilters	Moricetown Grizzlies	SSS Young Women's Project
District of Houston - 13 th Annual Kids Triathlon	Moricetown Raiders	Starting Smart - Breastfeeding Challenge
District of New Hazelton	Mother's Day Bazaar	Story Teller's Foundation
Eagle Down Collective	Movers & Shakers Walk Club	Telkwa Community Initiatives - Woodland Playground
Evelyn 4-H	Myriad Dance Projects	Telkwa Elementary School PAC
Eye Candy Custom Cycles	New Hazelton Skate/Bike Park	The Kidney Foundation of Canada
French Immersion Senior Students	Northern BC Winter Games	Three in One Open Breed Show Society
Friends of the Houston Public Library	Northern Cancer Lodge	Topley Community Club
Gitanmaax Band Council	Northern Health Authority - Bulkley Lodge	Treehouse Housing Association
Gitsegukla Christmas Tree Committee	Northern Society of Domestic Peace	Two Mile Community Association
Gitwangak Youth Team	Northwest Animal Shelter	Village of Hazelton
Gitxsan Chief's Summit	Northwest Premium Meat Co-op	Village of Hazelton - Pioneer Day Wagon Rides
Gitxsan Novice Minor Hockey	Office of Wet'suwet'en	Vipers Fastball
Glen Kerr/Heavy Horse Pull	Operation Keyhole	Walnut Park Grade 4 Fort St. James Trip
Go2 CarShare Cooperative	Pacific Northwest Science Fair	Walnut Park School
Granisle Lions Club	Passage House/Transition House	Westcoast Chuckwagon & Chariot Association
Granisle Visitor Information Centre	Phil Lacerte Jr. Youth Camp	World Cup Soccer Camp
Ground Breakers Collective/8th Ave Garden Project	Pleasant Valley Horse Club	YES Camp
	Positive Living North - Aids Walk	Youth Leadership Conference
	Quick 4-H	