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### **Coquitlam Foundation marks National Philanthropy Day on November 15**

The Coquitlam Foundation is joining with community foundations and other charitable organizations from across Canada to celebrate National Philanthropy Day on November 15.

National Philanthropy Day's slogan, "Change the World with a Giving Heart," speaks to the power and importance of charity, not only in the community, but also around the globe.

National Philanthropy Day is celebrated by thousands of fundraisers, government leaders, businesses and individuals who wish to honour the innumerable contributions philanthropy has made to the development of the country.

To mark National Philanthropy Day, the Coquitlam Foundation has joined with four other community foundations in the North Fraser region [to promote the concept of philanthropy](#), which is "The effort or inclination to increase the well-being of humankind, through charitable aid or donations."

Members of the Coquitlam Foundation's board of directors appeared before Coquitlam City Council on October 20 to promote National Philanthropy Day and also to report on the foundation's successful year, including its just-completed Kickstart Campaign.

Founded in 1992, the Coquitlam Foundation is a federally registered charity, whose purpose is to act as a catalyst and resource for philanthropy throughout the community.

The Coquitlam Foundation has distributed some \$475,000 to charitable organizations and individuals since its establishment. As well, it currently manages funds in excess of \$1.4 million. Over the last fiscal year, the Coquitlam Foundation distributed \$91,000 in grants and bursaries.

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