



➔ Kamloops Community Fund: \$500,000

**Poverty To Possibility**

ASK Wellness.....	SHOP Program
Elizabeth Fry Society .....	Operational
New Life Community Kamloops.....	Operational

**All That Kids Can Be**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kamloops & Region.....	In-School Mentoring Program
Boys and Girls Club of Kamloops.....	Operational
Children’s Therapy and Family Resource Centre .....	Early Intervention, Supported Child Development, and Kamloops Autism Program
Chris Rose Therapy Centre for Autism .....	Operational
Interior Community Services .....	Youth Street Outreach Team
Kamloops Arts Council.....	Crossing Bridges Youth Outreach Program
Kamloops YMCA-YWCA.....	Children Who Witness Abuse Program

**Strong Communities**

Canadian Mental Health Association - Kamloops Branch .....	Operational
Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society .....	Life Skills Facilitator
Kamloops Brain Injury Association .....	Operational
Family Tree Family Centre.....	Operational
Kamloops Food Policy Council .....	Operational
Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre.....	Operational
School District #73 - Street School.....	Literacy Outreach Worker

➔ Community Initiatives: \$228,000

**Community Collaborations**

Interior Community Services .....	A Way Home - Youth Homelessness Manager
John Tod Centre .....	Capital Campaign
Elizabeth Fry Society .....	Match Savings Program

**Emerging Needs**

Kamloops Immigrant Services, Refugees and Friends Together (RAFT)....	United for Refugees
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**Regional Partnerships**

Interior Health Authority.....	Cook it, Try it, Like it Program
School District 73 .....	Health Promoting Schools Program
bc211.....	Online Resource Directory

## ➔ 2016 Impact – Street School

First he graduated from Street School — then, he graduated from post-secondary.

“It took many years of work, but he’s doing amazing,” says Tonia Gillespie, Literacy Outreach Worker for School District 73’s Street School program.

It’s a proud moment for Tonia knowing how far the student has come. He battled addiction, secured housing and acquired his Métis status. In his 50s, he graduated with his Grade 12 education from Street School and, eventually, Thompson Rivers University’s heavy-duty mechanic program.

Tonia brings unique skills and expertise to the role of Literacy Outreach Worker which is a partnership between Interior Community Services and School District 73.

“My job with our students is not the school work piece but advocating and supporting them through social, emotional needs. Housing, child care, post-secondary, employment — all that kind of stuff,” Tonia says. “We think if we give them support, they’re more likely to increase their literacy levels, graduate, find work and come off assistance.”

Not only have many students overcome life barriers, but they went back to school to further their education by choice.

“Everyone who is here wants to be here,” Tonia says. “They’re very invested. It’s rewarding to see.”

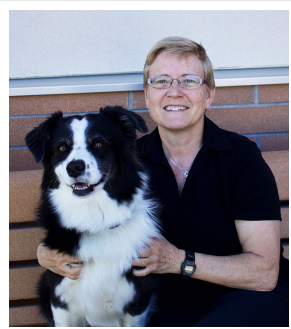
United Way invested \$30,000 in Street School’s Literacy Outreach Worker. What would the program look like without Tonia?

“I mean would students be successful? Of course they would,” Tonia says. “Would some of the marginalized students we have be successful? Perhaps not, because part of the feedback we’ve got from them and successes we’ve seen is that connection and relationship piece to the school is what makes them comfortable and want to be here.”



## ➔ Community Impact Council

At United Way, the money raised in a community stays there and is invested by **Community Impact Council** members who serve as local United Way champions and donors. They let us know emerging community issues, emergencies, connect us with leaders and resources and give us context when working locally.



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I was honoured to be asked to assist with this important job. It was extremely interesting to meet all of these people and to find out the important things that they do. They are great people with big hearts doing amazing things for the Kamloops community! The process was thought provoking, challenging and at the same time very rewarding. I was also curious about the process of how the United Way funds were allocated to the community groups and I now have a better understanding of the services available in our community.

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— **Cathy Hall-Patch, Thompson Rivers University**  
Kamloops Community Impact Council 2016