



**UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA (UWNBC) -- COMMUNITY IMPACT IN VANDERHOOF**

**Organizational Strengthening Investments**

- In partnership with the Vancouver Foundation, UWNBC is undertaking a broad exploration of the feasibility for specific shared human resource service models to meet the unique human resource needs of both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal non-profit social service organizations operating in north-central British Columbia. Overall, the goal of this project is to identify shared HR service models that can address the particular HR needs of small non-profit organizations serving a large geographic area (Prince George), small non-profit organizations operating in a rural community (Vanderhoof), and Aboriginal non-profit organizations operating in an urban area (Prince George).
- UWNBC plays a facilitative role in connecting businesses that have excess new or used resources, be it technologies, furniture, employees or other resources, with charities throughout the region that would benefit from the resources. An example of this is a partnership with TELUS whereby 39 northern BC region charities and non-profits received new computers from TELUS to help them continue providing important community services. UWNBC coordinated the initiative by distributing the information on the opportunity, and delivering the computers to charities throughout the northern BC region.

4 computers were delivered to various organizations in Vanderhoof as a result of this partnership.

**Program & Service Impact Investments - July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011**

- BC Paraplegic Association - Promotes conditions within society which minimize barriers faced by persons with disabilities enabling them to live as full a life as possible within the limits of their disability. For further information call (250) 563-6942 or visit [www.bcpara.org](http://www.bcpara.org).

United Way of Northern British Columbia will support the work of the BC Paraplegic Association *for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011* in their endeavor to provide regional Peer Programming and InfoLine Services to persons with spinal cord injuries, persons with physical disabilities and their families in the North.

*Stats: In 2009, 54 persons residing in the north central region received Peer Programming and InfoLine Services, 2 of these people resided in Vanderhoof.*

- cnib - Provides resources and services for blind and visually impaired people and their families. For further information call (250) 563-1702 or visit [www.cnib.ca](http://www.cnib.ca).

United Way of Northern British Columbia will support the work of cnib *for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011* in their endeavor to provide Rehabilitation Services to persons with vision loss and their families in the North.

Rehabilitation Services include: Orientation and Mobility, Independent Living Skills, Career and Employment and Low Vision Services.



The United Way's planned approach is a constant cycle of effort to ensure critical needs are identified, cooperative strategies are developed, and donations are invested in a way to have the greatest impact on the community.



*Stats: In 2009, 215 persons residing in the north central region received Rehabilitation Services, 6 of these people resided in Vanderhoof.*

- Crisis Prevention, Intervention & Information Centre for Northern BC - Operates a Crisis line, youth support line and provides community education workshops and information on community resources. For further information call (250) 564-5736 or visit [www.northernbccrisissuicide.ca](http://www.northernbccrisissuicide.ca).

United Way of Northern British Columbia will support the work of the Crisis Prevention, Intervention and Information Centre for Northern BC for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 in their endeavor to provide Crisis and Youth Support Line services to persons in crises in the North.

*Stats: In 2009, 3292 crisis calls were responded to from the north central region, 30 of these calls were from persons in the communities of Fort St. James, Tachie and Vanderhoof.*

- Active Support Against Poverty - A self-help, volunteer based agency which acts as guides for the empowerment, education, and self-determination of the financially poor. For further information call (250) 563-6112.

United Way of Northern British Columbia will support the work of Active Support Against Poverty for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 in their endeavor to provide support to the financially poor in the North.

Services provided are wide ranging and can be divided into two separate streams: General and Legal. General services reflect clients accessing phone, fax, message, income tax, clothing etc.; Legal services reflect clients accessing legal services that include: information and referral, summary advice and full representation.

*Stats: In 2009, 8124 contacts were made by Active Support Against Poverty with persons from the north central region, 1 of these contacts was made with a person from Vanderhoof.*

- Surpassing Our Survival (S.O.S) Society - Promotes awareness and support for sexually abused victims and their families. For further information call (250) 564-8302.

United Way of Northern British Columbia will support the work of Surpassing Our Survival (S.O.S) Society for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 in their endeavor to provide the Circle of Truth Program to sexual abuse victims and their families in the North.

The Circle of Truth Program provides counselling services and educational awareness programs to men and male serving organizations; these services are also offered to teens, addressing issues such as recent sexual assaults, prevention and education.

*Stats: In 2009, 2 persons from Vanderhoof received services through the Circle of Truth Program.*



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