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**August 2020 News**

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**Chinook Fund Dinner Takes a Pandemic Pause**

The Chinook Fund Advisory Committee has made the difficult decision to not host any events in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic is causing too much uncertainty for us to proceed with planning one or more events this year.

Although we considered different options that might satisfy public health requirements, none seemed appropriate for us. We consistently hear from you that your favorite part of every Chinook Fund event is the opportunity to socialize with long-time and new friends. This year, none of the event options would make for a very congenial event. A series of small outdoor gatherings of no more than ten masked socially-distanced donors at a time might prevent transmission of the virus... but it doesn't sound like fun. And though Zoom meetings were new and exciting in April, we've all grown a bit tired of them as well.

While we take a pause on hosting events, organizations in our local LGBTQ community may be particularly vulnerable this year, which is why the pause on events should not equate to a pause in building the fund for today and the future

Although taking a pause on hosting a dinner, we are proceeding with what ultimately matters--issuing the Chinook Fund Grants for the year!

We will be accepting applications shortly and will select the recipients this Fall.

### **Risk-Free Philanthropy**

COVID-19 has changed everything, including how we will fund raise for the Chinook Fund this year. Watch for a campaign that does not expose anyone to the virus in the Fall, when we normally host the dinner, in an effort to continue to build our endowment.



### **Give Like There is a Tomorrow**

...because the community need continues.

We are extremely grateful to TD Canada Trust for their continued support of the Fund. We are in the last year of our three-year sponsorship agreement with TD and, despite the fact that we will not be hosting any events this year, TD is honoring their commitment to the fund and the monies that would ordinarily defray the costs of our events will be donated to the Fund directly.

Our ask is that we follow TD's lead and still give like there is a tomorrow. Details to come.

#### **Chinook Fund Facts**

Our endowment with the Calgary Foundation, at the time of writing, is valued at **\$535,000**.

**As the result of your ongoing generosity, the Chinook Fund is able to issue over \$22,000 of grants in 2020.**

[Donations to the Chinook Fund](#) help support organizations in Calgary and surrounding area that provide services, programming, education or support for or about the LGBTQ+ community.

Please send us your feedback at [info@calgarychinookfund.ca](mailto:info@calgarychinookfund.ca) or reach out to any of the Advisory Committee members. Your current Chinook Fund Advisory Committee members are: **Michel Bourque, Tony Hailu, Chris Post, and Gordon Sombrowski.**



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