

Foundry Kelowna Appreciates Club Donation and Support

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Drawing from funding gained from the 2017 Interior Savings Sunrise Rotary Ribfest, the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise made a donation of \$10,000 to Foundry Kelowna, a new program of Canadian Mental Health Association Kelowna. The donation was made on January 19, 2018 during the club's tour of Foundry Kelowna.



L to R: Corrine Johnson (ISCU), Andy Griffine (RCKS), Shari Slattery (CMHA Kelowna) and Mark Gawliuk (CMHA Kelowna)

The cheque for \$10,000 was presented to Shari Slattery, the Philanthropy Officer for Canadian Mental Health Kelowna, who was joined by Mike Gawliuk, the Director of Service Delivery and Program Innovation with CMHA Kelowna. Club president Andy Griffin made the presentation on behalf of the club, along with Corrine Johnson, Manager of Community Engagement from the Interior Savings Credit Union, the 2016 and 2017 title sponsor of the Ribfest.



The funds will be used to support the expansion of the Youth Navigation Program, in particular, the funding of direct staff wages and program supplies. The Foundry is a new integrated youth and family centre designed to provide critical mental health and substance use support for young people and their families. Easily accessible, Foundry is a welcoming space for young people, overcoming the barriers created by stigma that prevents many from seeking help. The program connects young people to the right services at the right time. Navigators assist in building social and life skills so vulnerable youth can thrive.