



## UNITED WAY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA (UWNBC) -- COMMUNITY IMPACT IN DAWSON CREEK

### Community Development Investments

- The Community Action for Seniors Independence (CASI) project, a three-year pilot project focused on the community-driven design and delivery of non-medical independence supports for seniors, is being lead in partnership by the United Way of the Lower Mainland and the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport.

United Way of Northern British Columbia is supporting Dawson Creek, which has been chosen as one of the first two communities to design, create and implement an "independence support" program, under the banner of the CASI Project.

This demonstration project will be one of the models viewed and evaluated as an example to be used in other, similar communities throughout British Columbia. The hope is that it will be a project with a long life, finding creative ways to provide non-medical independence supports to seniors.

### Organizational Strengthening Investments

- 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.

14 computers were delivered to Dawson Creek as a result of this partnership, 6 to the Kiwanis Enterprise Centre and 6 to the Nawican Friendship Centre.

### 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, 19 persons residing in the northeast region received Peer Programming and InfoLine Services, 3 of these persons resided in Dawson Creek.*



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.

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- **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.

*Stats: In 2009, 56 persons residing in the northeast region received Rehabilitation Services, 25 of these people resided in Dawson Creek.*

- **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, 435 crisis calls were responded to from the northeast region, 79 of these calls were from persons in the communities of Dawson Creek, Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge.*



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