



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

**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.

9 computers were delivered to various organizations in Smithers 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, 18 persons residing in the northwest region received Peer Programming and InfoLine Services.*

- 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, 91 persons residing in the northwest region received Rehabilitation Services, 17 of these people resided in Smithers.*



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- 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, 1230 crisis calls were responded to from the northwest region, 59 of these calls were from persons in the communities of Smithers, Houston and Telkwa.*

- 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, 11 contacts were made by Active Support Against Poverty with persons from the northwest region, 1 of these people were from Smithers.*

- Positive Living North - Actively supports those infected and affected with HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C; PLN also provides education and prevention information to the community at large. For further information call (250) 562-1172 or visit [www.positivelivingnorth.ca](http://www.positivelivingnorth.ca)

United Way of Northern British Columbia will support the work of Positive Living North for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 in their endeavor to provide the Member Services Support Program to persons infected and affected with HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C in the North.

The Member Services Support Program supports a Peer Support Worker in providing informal counseling and modeling of healthy choices and lifestyles to others at risk of getting or currently living with HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C, the ability to network locally, provincially and federally, advocate on behalf of people living with HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis C and develop and initiate Member Services programming.

*Stats: In 2009, 4142 contacts were made with people residing in the northwest region through the Peer Support Worker Program, 1700 of these contacts were with people from Smithers.*



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- High Road Services Society - Provides services to adults with developmental disabilities - vocational, recreational, residential, and independent living skills acquisition. For further information call (250) 847-2285 or visit [www.highroadservices.org](http://www.highroadservices.org).

United Way of Northern British Columbia will support the work of HIGH ROAD Services Society *for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011* in their endeavor to provide a Low Cost Food Outlet (Innovation Foods) to low income individuals and families, and employment and training opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in the North.

The Low Cost Food Outlet has a two fold purpose: (1) to make low cost food available to low income individuals by working with suppliers to have food items donated that can be sold at a reduced price, buying in bulk and selling items in smaller

*Stats: In 2009, 729 contacts were made with persons residing in the communities of Smithers, Telkwa, Moricetown and Hazelton.*



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