

BFLF DECEMBER 2010 UPDATE

Dear Friends of Brooke,

I'm writing to let you know that we have chosen the 2010 recipient of the Brooke Forbes Legacy Fund. It is the Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA) in Vancouver.

We chose UNYA because they have an excellent reputation working with urban native youth, they were enthusiastic about providing this opportunity to their community and CBC was interested in working with them to provide native youth with audio production skills and to broadcast their stories.

UNYA's mandate is to provide meaningful opportunities for Native youth in the urban setting. Its goal is to be a safe place for Native youth to come and find out about programs and services available to them. UNYA offers more than 20 programs, works with more than 100 volunteers and 160 community partners and has a staff of almost 100 full and part-time employees.

As you know, the Brooke Forbes Legacy Fund was established to share the joy of making radio with minority youth so we feel that the fit with UNYA is a very good one.

We're attaching a picture of the day that Joan and Sheila Peacock (the CBC producer who'll be working with the native youth on our project) handed over the cheque to Lynda Gray, the Executive Director of UNYA, and Lindsay Gibson, the Coordinator of UNYA's Native Youth Learning Centre.

One more thing. This being that time of year when you may be thinking of giving gifts and/or donating to charities, we'd like to let you know that you can now donate online to the Brooke Forbes Legacy Fund. Donations can be made through CanadaHelps. Just click on http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=s71280. This link will take you directly to the Vancity Community Foundation donation page, and once you select the "donate now" button, there will be a drop-down option where the Brooke Forbes fund can be selected.

Thank you for supporting the Legacy Fund. The work of the recipients of the 2010 award will actually be done and broadcast in 2011. We'll let you know the broadcast date when we have it.

All the best in 2011 to all of you.

Regards,

Joan Andersen, Joy Crysdale, Karen Levine and Sid Sawyer