



The Vanderhoof Community Foundation is so very pleased to announce another Family Fund, this one donated by John and Karen Andros.

Karen Andros tells us about their decision to set up a Fund in their name.

“John Andros is a direct descendent of 2 of the original families that came to Vanderhoof by covered wagon, the Reid’s and the Armishaw’s. They arrived in 1913 and settled the Chilco area.

His father’s parents Jack and Frances Andros moved to Vanderhoof in 1928. Jack and Frances raised a family of three boys (Jack Jr. and Ralph who were twins and Clifford) and two girls (Norma and Shirley). All 3 boys enlisted for World War II but only welcomed back 2 sons as Jack Jr. was killed in action in Sicily.

Jack and Frances were both great supporters of the community. Jack held office on the Prairiedale School Board, Nechako Farmers Institute, Vanderhoof Board of Trade and the Nechako Senior Citizens Home and was Warden of the Anglican Church. For 27 years he was on the Board of Directors of the Vanderhoof Co-Op, being president for the last 10 of the 27 years. Frances was a charter member of the Northside Women’s Institute.

Upon Ralph’s return from war he courted and married Mary Reid. Ralph and Mary eventually settled on a farm across from Ralph’s father on Northside road and they had 2 children John and Linda. Ralph was killed in a logging accident in 1956 and Mary worked for the Village of Vanderhoof until her death in 1977.

John has lived and worked in Vanderhoof his whole life. He married Jo Anne Mork and they had one son, Clint, who now lives in Williams Lake. John also has a daughter, Colleen Pope, who lives in Abbotsford, as well as a grandson, Ty Quinlin, and a granddaughter, Shelby Pope and he helped raise numerous step children. Eventually he moved back to the family farm where he raised cattle and horses. During this time he also worked driving truck hauling cattle for the auction mart and then logs for West Fraser Sawmill in Fraser Lake.

John has always been a supporter of the Nechako Valley Saddle Club and to this day he still supports the Vanderhoof 4H Club at their annual auctions.

John and I met in 2005 when I lived and worked in Fort St. James and we married in February 2008. While I was working there, I was on the Board of Directors for their Community Foundation. When I retired I was asked if I wanted to be on the Board of Directors for the Vanderhoof Community Foundation which I gladly accepted.

Now we are both retired and living out on Braeside and still own the farm on Northside Road. We have been thinking about our future and are happy to give back to the community that has been good to us.

Like the LaForge's, we have decided that the income from our donation, will be added to the general grant funds so that the Foundation can help more organizations provide more programs and services in the community to help them achieve their goal of Building Community, Today, Tomorrow and Forever!"

