

'Concrete support' for Centrepoint

UNDER EMBARGO until Thursday February 13, 2014

Cardinal Concrete ⁽¹⁾ has joined Sea to Sky Community Services ⁽²⁾ in its efforts to build Centrepoint ⁽³⁾ by making a \$50,000 donation.

"At Cardinal Concrete, we know how important a strong foundation is. We believe Centrepoint creates a strong foundation for the *community*. We're happy to be involved in a project that will help so many people, for such a long time," says Bob Fast, founder and owner of Cardinal Concrete.

"We're very thankful for this wonderful donation from Cardinal Concrete, which helps us to help others," says Lois Wynne, executive director, Sea to Sky Community Services.

"This donation really starts the year off right. 2014 is a big year for the campaign; this support strengthens our confidence we'll have a successful year. This great show of generosity is what we've come to expect from a company and a man, Bob Fast, who have been strong community supporters for decades," says Owen Carney, co-chair of the volunteer fundraising team ⁽⁴⁾.

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Notes to editors

A photograph is attached. A higher-res version is available:
(Left to right) Owen Carney, Lois Wynne and Bob Fast

(1) Cardinal Concrete is the leading supplier of ready-mix concrete in the Sea to Sky Corridor and has been involved in building the communities of Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton for over 40 years. Cardinal Concrete has a strong commitment to customer service and supplies top-quality, ready-mixed concrete to both commercial and residential projects. Cardinal Concrete is a proud member of the Squamish community, and has a long history of supporting community projects throughout the Sea to Sky Corridor.

(2) Sea to Sky Community Services is one of the most impactful charities in the Corridor, strengthening communities and individuals through an unmatched breadth of vital

programs, helping people through a crisis and with everyday challenges. The organization offers more than 40 programs, helping 4,000 people a year, in the areas of childcare, child development, parenting and family development, youth services, Community Living (for children with special needs and adults with developmental disabilities), counselling and assistance, addiction recovery and affordable housing. www.sscs.ca

(3) Centrepoint is a planned new building on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Victoria Street in downtown Squamish. The project is a partnership between Sea to Sky Community Services and Squamish United Church, where the church is donating the land for Centrepoint. While this is a collaborative partnership, the two organizations are running separate fundraising campaigns and, once Centrepoint is built, will continue to operate separately and run separate programs.

Centrepoint will contain community rooms, a preschool, programming rooms for a wide range of social services, a floor of affordable housing and office spaces. This project also includes the construction of a new church for Squamish United. An image of Centrepoint is available upon request.

(4) Sea to Sky Community Services is working to raise \$3 million through the Building Opportunities Capital Campaign in order to build Centrepoint. The campaign has received leadership gifts from the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation, Squamish Savings - a division of Vancity, and the District of Squamish. A team of volunteers is leading the fundraising efforts. The team is comprised of co-chairs Owen Carney and Anne Carney, vice-chair Ron Anderson, Paul Lalli, Sonja Lebens, Corinne Lonsdale, Drew Meredith and Jen Schorz.

With today's donations of \$50,000, Sea to Sky Community Services has raised \$1.15 million of its \$3 million target, from companies, foundations and governments. www.buildingopportunities.ca.

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