



## Press Release

### **Coastal Community Credit Union Donates Funds to Schools Foundation for Four Salad Bars**

For Immediate Release - **Nanaimo, BC – May 10, 2012** The Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation (NLSF) was recently the recipient of Coastal Community Credit Union's \$5000 Coastal Spirit Fund. The fund went towards purchasing two salad bars for Georgia Avenue Schools and two for Park Avenue to equip the monthly salad bar program, which was previously using borrowed equipment. The Foundation supports breakfast and food programs throughout the district.

"Our donors, like the Coastal Community Credit Union, help ensure vulnerable students in our community have access to regular healthy meals and are on the right track for learning," said Erin van Steen, Executive Director, Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation. "There are many schools that are in need of support for their food programs and donations of equipment are critical to making those programs happen."

Coastal Spirit Fund is Coastal Community Credit Union's largest Funding Program. Applications for requests over \$1000 from local Charities and recognized not-for-profit groups located, or benefitting communities on Vancouver Island and applications are reviewed annually. The CCCU ensures that the funds available remain local and go towards making a meaningful and visible difference on Vancouver Island. These funds are meant to mobilize community partners to make their projects happen.

"The Spirit Fund is designed to help local programs in our community," said Melanie Emmerson, Community Experience Specialist, Coastal Community Credit Union. "Enabling the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation to purchase the salad bars for local elementary schools to help them educate students about the benefits of eating healthy is a key way the fund is used."

The Nanaimo-Ladysmith School Foundation works with School District 68 to bring programs that better the lives of students, through support programs and scholarship programs. Supplies and programs that are not covered by the school board budget can be supplemented through the Foundation.

There are many other schools in Nanaimo and Ladysmith that are in need of equipment to help improve the quality of life of their students. If you are interested in donating to the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation please visit our website at [www.nlsf.ca](http://www.nlsf.ca) or contact the office directly at (250) 753-4074.

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