



District of Saanich  
and  
The Saanich Legacy Foundation



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Mayor of Saanich Frank Leonard and Councillor Vic Derman, Chair of the Saanich Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee, are pleased to announce that the District of Saanich has entered into a partnership with the *Saanich Legacy Foundation* (SLF) which will be a designated public fundraising partner for the *David Foster Arts Centre* at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre.

The *David Foster Arts Centre* will serve as a community arts and cultural venue for Saanich and Greater Victoria offering specialized, energy-efficient spaces to develop affordable arts programs and events for all ages. The Arts Centre will have recording, dance, art, and pottery studios, performing and gathering spaces, and visual and display areas in approximately 7,500 square feet of renovation and new construction at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre. It will profile local artists, entertainers, sculptors and writers, and will employ arts instructors, programmers and contractors.

The *Saanich Legacy Foundation*, founded in 1999 and led by a volunteer Board of Directors, recognizes the efforts of many grassroots groups and organizations that need financial assistance. The Foundation supports community-based projects that continue to make Saanich a vibrant and caring community. "The Saanich Legacy Foundation serves as a vehicle for citizens to leave a legacy in the place we call home," Mayor Frank Leonard said.

Since its inception, the SLF has assisted with a number of projects, including:

- Rudd Park Mural & Beckwith Water Park
- Saanich Police Community Van & Dive Boat
- Alpine Club Trail Rider
- Saanich Strawberry Festival
- Goward House Garden Restoration
- Kelly Meyer Memorial – Cadboro Bay
- Elementary School Dance Programmes
- RiverSong at Colquitz Park
- Victoria Children's Museum
- Glendale Gardens Lighting Project

Paul McKivett, President of the Legacy Foundation, invites citizens who are interested in working on the SLF David Foster Arts Centre Committee to contact him at [paulmckivett@shaw.ca](mailto:paulmckivett@shaw.ca) or 250-477-3806. President McKivett noted that "we want to provide a vehicle that allows everyone who has appreciated the outstanding work of 15 time Grammy Award winning writer, producer and composer David Foster to participate in this unique public venture."

"Foster is also the creator of the **David Foster Foundation** which is dedicated to providing financial and emotional support to Canadian families with children in need of life-saving organ transplants. In addition to helping families with their non-medical expenses, the David Foster Foundation strives to increase public awareness about the importance of becoming a registered organ donor."

"The SLF will focus its efforts on the recording studio and display areas with a target of raising \$400,000," McKivett said. "In the fall, the SLF will announce ways the public can participate in this project."

Further information about the David Foster Arts Centre fundraising, you should contact Paul McKivett at [paulmckivett@shaw.ca](mailto:paulmckivett@shaw.ca) or 250-477-3806.