



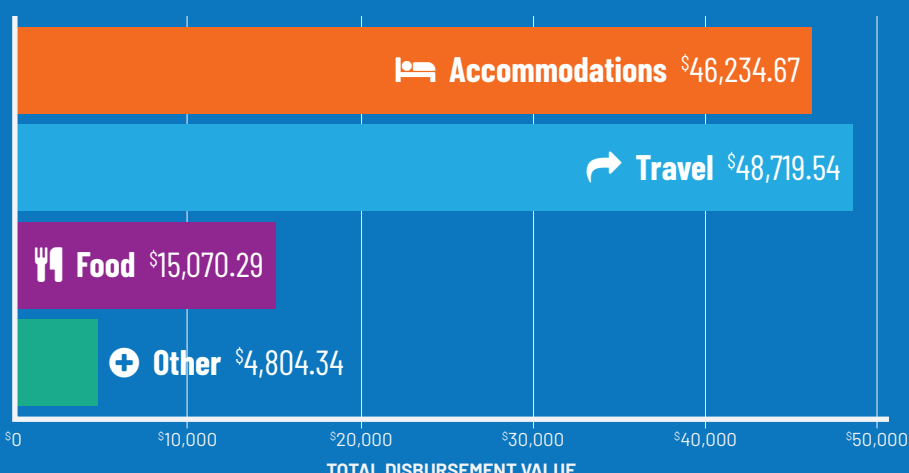
Northern BC Friends of Children Society (FoC)

2023 Supports Overview

From January 2023 - December 2023

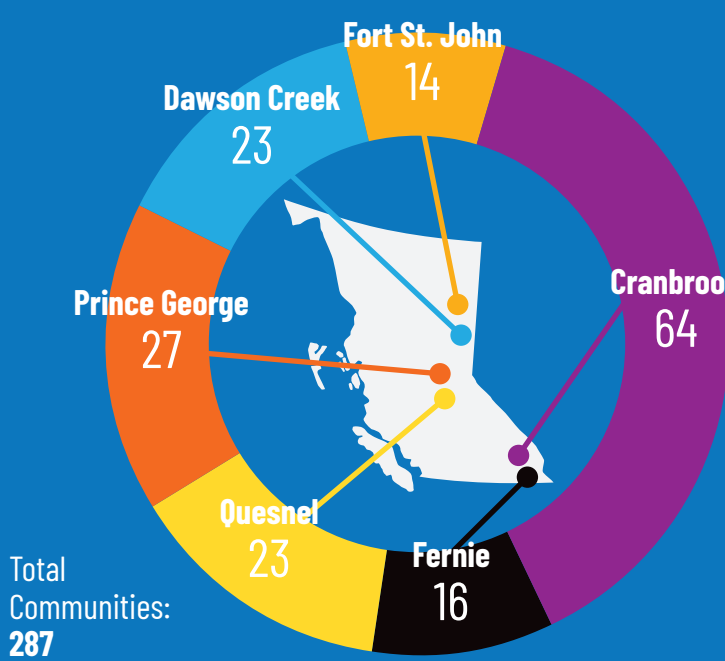
FoC served 235 requests with \$114,828.84 in supports with 42% towards travel, 41% in accommodation, 13% in food and the rest in supplies and therapies. We are up by 20% overall in the travel and accommodation categories, food supports are a 5% increase and a 20% decrease in other supports from 2022.

Total disbursements for 2023:
By Type
Total = \$114,828.84



Total disbursements for 2023: Count By Community

Top 6 Communities



Families Served

235

New: 166
Returning: 69
Closed: 1
TOTAL: 235



Interactions

850

Travel Request: 371
Other Request: 9
Confirmation: 1
Receipts: 9
Disbursements: 287
Status Change: 172
Other Interactions: 1
TOTAL: 850

Top 4 Illnesses Recorded



1. Mental Health



2. Respiratory



3. Cancer



4. Premature Birth



Top 3 Hospital Expenditures*

- BC Children's Hospital (Vancouver)
76 requests totaling \$36,245
- Alberta Children's Hospital (Calgary)
74 requests totaling \$12,900
- UHNBC (Prince George)
20 requests totaling \$7,620



Top 4 Accommodation Providers*

- Ronald McDonald House
35 requests totaling \$24,965
- Accent Inn
4 totaling \$1,350
- Super 8
1 totaling \$3,000
- Easter Seals House
1 totaling \$2,040

*Please note some families have extended stays and this does not reflect total number of families just requests

Recent issues in 2023 that will carry over into 2024:

Recently, Alberta Health Services issued a directive requiring out-of-province patients to be referred to their home province for medical care.



This directive will have a significant and detrimental impact on our community. East Kootenay residents have long relied on accessing medical care in Calgary, which is significantly easier to access compared to other options.

However, with this directive in place, the only alternative would be to travel to Vancouver or Kelowna, which are considerably farther away and pose substantial challenges for many individuals and families.



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