



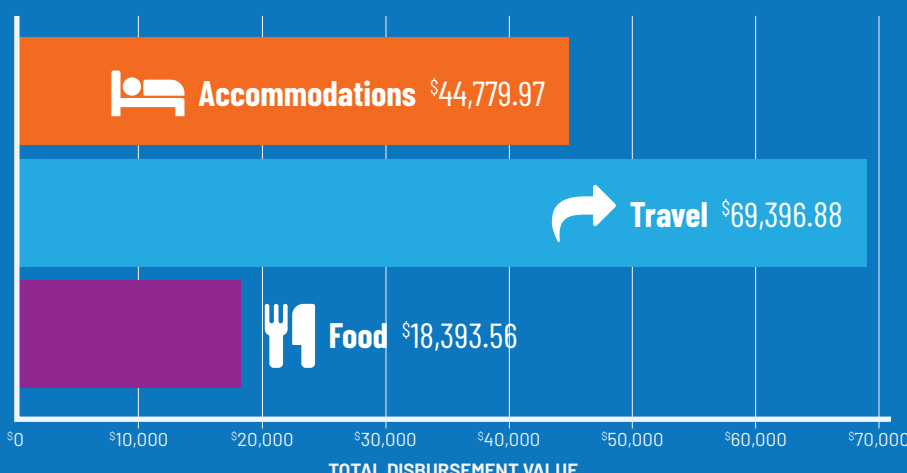
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Northern BC Friends of Children Society (FoC) 2024 Supports Overview

From January to December 2024

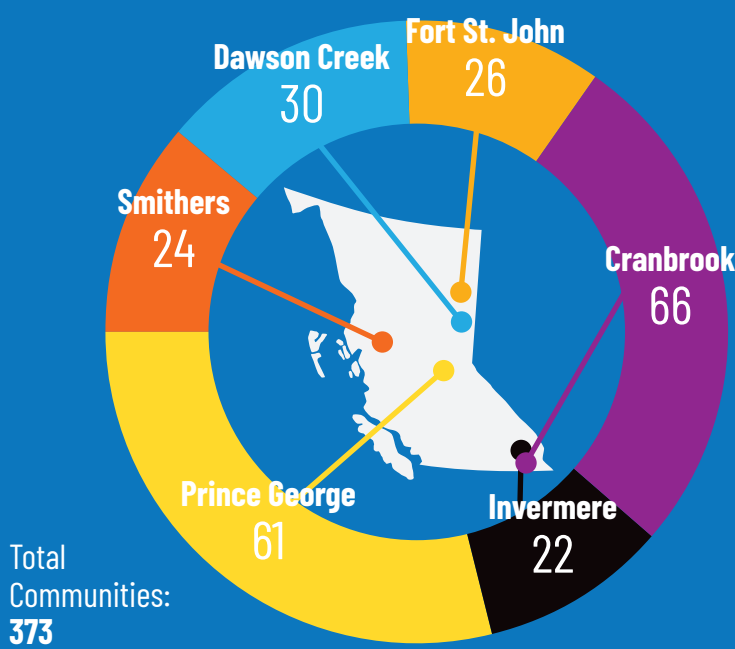
In 2024 we processed 288 requests for a total of \$132,570.41, an increase of 22% over 2023. The breakdown of expenditures were: 34% for accommodation, 52% for travel and 14% for food. There was an increase of 42% in travel supports and 21% in food costs, meanwhile accommodation costs were down by 3%.

Total disbursements for 2024:
By Type
Total = \$132,570.41



Total disbursements for 2024: Count By Community

Top 6 Communities



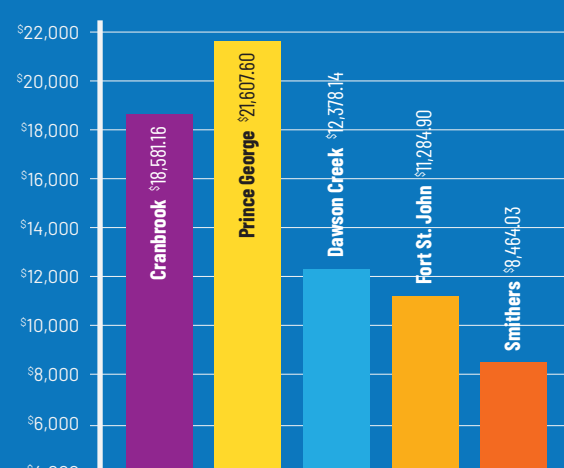
Families Served

288

New: 193
Returning: 90
Closed: 10
TOTAL: 288



Total Disbursement Value (\$) by Community



Top 4 Illnesses Recorded



1. Accident



2. Autism/ASD



3. Brain Injury



4. Cancer



Top 4 Hospital Expenditures*

- BC Children's Hospital (Vancouver)
62 requests totaling \$22,660
- Alberta Children's Hospital (Calgary)
28 requests totaling \$6,120
- UHNBC (Prince George)
14 requests totaling \$4,480
- Kelowna General Hospital
10 requests totaling \$3,275



Top 4 Accommodation Providers*

- Ronald McDonald House
19 requests totaling \$10,004
- Other
Totaling \$7,080
- Econolodge (Alberta)
7 totaling \$4,260
- Pomeroy
4 totaling \$2,860

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

Recent issues in 2024 that will carry over into 2025:

In 2024, Alberta Health Services issued a directive requiring out-of-province patients to be referred to their home province for medical care.



This directive has eased a bit and we see more patients being admitted back, but we did see an increase in trips to Victoria and Kelowna in 2024.



Other issues expected to increase demands and services are economic impacts to the forestry sector and other industries impacted by tariffs, layoffs, rising food prices which make it harder for families to afford costs incurred travelling for medical care.



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We are a small but mighty team that are passionate about helping our community. Many on staff, volunteers, and the board have been with the organization 10+ years. They have worked in the front lines of health care or are professionals that donate their time and energy to making a difference.

Staff:

- Tracey McBride, General Manager
- Sheila Hall, Family Support Coordinator
- Celia Vandenberg, Financial Administrator

Disbursement Committee Members:

- Kim Aydon
- Beth Carter
- Korri Maloney

Board Members:

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- Jackalin Lightfoot, Vice President
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- Krystal Oleson, Director
- Shelley Anderson, Director
- Patricia Whalen, Director
- Jackalin Lightfoot, Director
- Gordon Abernethy, Director

