

## What is the Haida Gwaii Community Foundation?

The Haida Gwaii Community Foundation (HGCF) was established by the Gwaii Trust Society in the fall of 2016 as an opportunity to receive funds and issue tax receipts to donors.

There are three funds currently accepting donations:

### Carl Hart Legacy Fund

Launched in 2016, the Carl Hart Legacy Fund is building an endowment to support youth-oriented programs at Rediscovery T'aalan St'ang in perpetuity. Rediscovery gives young people on Haida Gwaii a chance to reconnect with the land, their culture and their communities. Gwaii Trust has agreed to match the first \$250,000 in donations.

### Gwaii Animal Helpline Fund

The Gwaii Animal Helpline Fund was launched in November, 2023. Donations support the well-being of companion animals on Haida Gwaii on a long-term basis. Gwaii Trust has agreed to match the first \$50,000 in donations.

### General Fund

Donations made to the General Fund are unrestricted and used at the discretion of the Board of Directors to meet future priorities and ever-changing needs in our community. Past donations have gone to support medical travel for Haida Gwaii residents through Hope Air.

In addition, the Foundation houses the **Green Shield Canada Community Impact Fund**. Launched in 2022, the fund invests in local organizations dedicated to improving oral and mental health on Haida Gwaii. This includes an investment of \$290,000 for flow-through granting over two years (2022-2024), as well as a permanent endowment of \$200,000.

**Are you interested in establishing a new fund with the Haida Gwaii Community Foundation?** Visit our website at [gwaitrust.com/about/hgcf](http://gwaitrust.com/about/hgcf) for more information, or contact Carla Lutner at [carla.lutner@gwaitrust.com](mailto:carla.lutner@gwaitrust.com) / 250 559 5807.

## Welcome Our New Chief Operations Officer

Hello, my name is Latasha Williams. My Haida name is Chaaw Salee Jaadaas (Beach Girl), given to me by the late Naanii Mary Swanson. I am from the Sangalth Sdast'a.aas Eagle Clan. I was born and raised here on Haida Gwaii. I reside in Masset with my husband, our three sons, two dogs, and two kittens. I am very privileged to be able to raise my family in their culture, surrounded by friends, family, and the beaches.

*My goal is to continue with the work of enhancing the quality of life in all communities on Haida Gwaii.*

I left for Victoria, BC at the age of 17 to pursue my post-secondary dreams of getting educated so I could return home to make a positive impact. I completed areas in: Exercise and Wellness, Indigenous Family Support, Indigenous Studies, and Sport Management.

Shortly after moving back home in 2014, I started working at the Youth Centre, under the Old Massett Health Centre/ Niislaa Naay Healing House Society. After almost a decade of connecting with families, hosting community events, and helping to eliminate barriers within our community, I felt ready to bring my passions to a grander platform.

It is an honour to be the new Chief Operations Officer at the Gwaii Trust Society. Their values align perfectly with mine, both personally and professionally. My goal is to continue with the work of enhancing the quality of life in all communities on Haida Gwaii.

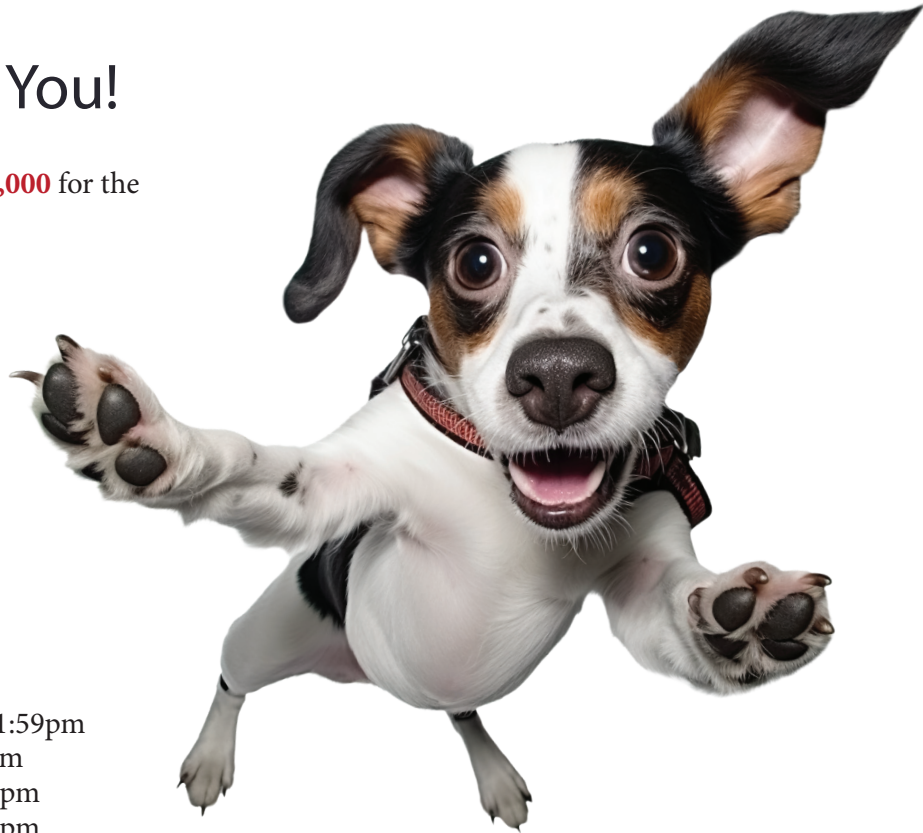


# Haawa, Haw'aa, Thank You!

In less than two weeks you helped raise over **\$25,000** for the **Gwaii Animal Helpline Fund!**

But wait, it's not over! Donate now and we'll continue to match your donations, up to a total of **\$50,000**.

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## 2024 Grant Updates

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Youth Grant	Feb 1, Oct 1 by 11:59pm
Youth Centred Communities	April 1 by 11:59pm
Major Contributions	March 1 by 11:59pm
Food Sovereignty	March 1 by 11:59pm
Arts Grant*	June 1, Oct 1 by 11:59pm
Community Innovation	Feb 1, April 1, June 1, Sept 1, Nov 1, by 11:59pm

### OPEN CALL

Continuing Education	Applications accepted throughout the year
Travel Assistance Grant	Applications accepted throughout the year
Community Events	Applications accepted throughout the year until Dec 1 by 11:59pm
Winter Holiday	Applications accepted throughout the year until Dec 1 by 11:59pm

For more information or to apply for funding, contact our office or visit [www.gwaiitrust.com/grants](http://www.gwaiitrust.com/grants)

\*deadline subject to change

### MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS GRANT

The Major Contributions Grant is designed to support larger projects in community infrastructure and planning. Our goal is to help build safer, healthier, and more attractive communities. Major Contributions is designed to help enhance the lives of all islanders and make our island a more desirable place to live, work, play and visit. The maximum application amount has been updated to \$200,000 for 2024.

### REPORTING PROCESS

In 2024, individuals or organizations with overdue grant reporting, where an extension has not been approved, will need to finalize their reporting before they can apply for a new grant.

### UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

**Travel Assistance & Continuing Education:** Open throughout the year, visit [gwaiitrust.com](http://gwaiitrust.com) for details

**Youth Grant:** Feb 1 by 11:59pm

**Community Innovation:** February 1 by 11:59pm

**Major Contributions:** March 1 by 11:59pm

**Food Sovereignty:** March 1 by 11:59pm



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