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*Enriching community connections: Richmond Music School to bolster volunteer engagement through funding from the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund*

(Richmond, BC) Richmond Music School (RMS) Society is proud to announce the recent acquisition of a significant CAD 100,000 fund from the Government of Canada through the Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF), a historic one-time investment of CAD 400 million aimed at propelling community service organizations like RMS to adapt, modernize and become better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility and sustainability of the community services they provide.

As the largest and oldest charitable community music school in Richmond founded in 1979, RMS is immensely proud to receive this distinction. This honour significantly underscores the federal government's recognition of our enduring commitment to community enrichment throughout the years.

This funding opens new avenues for us to enhance our operational framework, empowering us to assess and strengthen our approach to volunteer recruitment, retention, appreciation, and management by cultivating a sustainable and resilient model under the new post-pandemic normal.

With the support of the fund, RMS will develop a volunteer management system to streamline our volunteer management processes and enhance volunteer engagement. The project will support RMS to combat post-pandemic volunteer retention challenges by building a resilient volunteer recruitment and retention framework; implementing relevant policies, procedures, and succession planning strategy; sourcing affordable CRM to streamline processes; recruiting, building, and training a sustainable volunteer base.

As a new school year begins, RMS is excited to introduce a new volunteer program designed to complement its range of activities, from inspiring outreach concerts and community events to the school's daily operations. We wholeheartedly invite members of the community to become an integral part of our volunteer team and contribute toward creating a positive environment driven by music and shared values.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude again to the Government of Canada for their support by way of this Community Services Recovery Fund. We endeavour to craft a transformative experience that fosters new connections, cultivates friendships, and nurtures the RMS community.

“I am continually impressed by the passion, dedication, and creativity of community service organizations, like Richmond Music School. And I am equally proud the Government of Canada has supported their important work through the Community Services Recovery Fund. By investing in these organizations, and projects like Richmond Music School, we can help to create a more just and equitable society, where everyone has opportunities to succeed. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of this investment in Richmond over the years to come.”  
– Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

About Richmond Music School

<https://www.richmondmusicschool.ca/overview>

About the Community Services Recovery Fund

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/social-development-partnerships/community-services-f>

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