

## Building a stable future, free of violence, starts with a dream... And help from you.

The BCSTH Bursary Fund provides one time grants to help women who have experienced violence achieve financial independence.

Funds may help build a start-up or support education and training goals.



### About the Fund

For women who have experienced violence and accessed services from BCSTH member organizations across British Columbia.

- Given without expectation or requirement of repayment
- Creates education and training opportunities
- Increasing women's capacity to support themselves

### Freedom to Choose

The BCSTH Bursary Fund gives women the autonomy to use funds as they see fit to fulfill their goals. This freedom to choose is central to the women-centred support BCSTH offers.

### Impact to Date Since 2019

Awarded  
**\$399,862**

**146**  
Fund  
Recipients

**12**  
Businesses  
Supported

**206**  
Children  
Indirectly Benefit

Recipients reported feeling empowered, both by being a successful applicant and by fulfilling their stated goals.

### Meaningful Support is Key to Developing Women's Economic Security

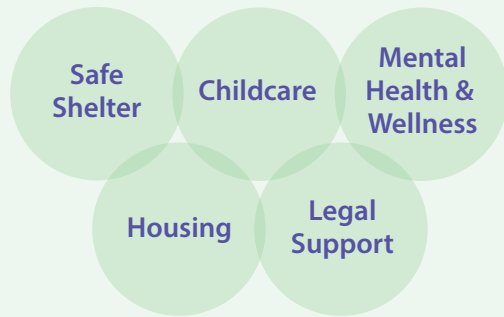
**55%** of children living in poverty in BC are in lone-parent families

**62%** of minimum-wage earners in BC are female

**Women leaving abusive homes and re-establishing themselves face dramatic financial barriers.**

A low paying job without benefits is not enough to ensure women and their children can transition to a new home and live free from poverty.

## Opportunities = Independence



The Bursary Fund is just one of the many ways BC Transition Houses support women in establishing long-term stability. All are needed.

*“Not having to worry about how to pay for childcare was incredible. It took a major stress off my back, allowing me to focus on my studies and being a great mom.”*

*“It has helped me gain a career that I love and be able to show my daughter that anything is possible if you put your mind to it.”*

*“Thank you sincerely for helping me to achieve my career goals and making my dream of becoming a pilot come true.”*

## Charting a New Path

*“Thanks to the help of this fund, I completed my private pilot license July 2019, and was able to start my commercial pilot license immediately thereafter. I am now preparing for my commercial pilot exams and will be done most of my training by January 2021, which will allow me to begin my first job as a pilot.*

*Thank you sincerely for helping me to achieve my career goals and making my dream of becoming a pilot come true.*

*I will be forever grateful to the BC Society of Transition Houses for their contribution to my education. I hope other women can benefit from this program as much as I have.”*

**Bursary Recipient**

The Bursary Fund opens up new opportunities for women to determine their own futures. Here are some of them:

- Carpentry Credentials
- Community Support Worker
- Education Assistant
- Health Care Assistant
- Accounting / CPA
- Doula / End of Life Doula
- Community Mental Health Program
- Pilot License
- English classes
- Specialized Tutor Training
- Criminology
- End of Life Doula
- Nursing Degree
- Graduate Degree
- University Discovery Program
- Music production
- Jewelry production
- Starting Foodtruck business
- Real Estate Diploma
- Starting a Yoga Studio



29 applications went unmet in 2019 due to limited funds.

Funds go directly to helping women move toward a better future.

**Your contribution is needed.** For more information please contact [amy@bcsth.ca](mailto:amy@bcsth.ca)