

The Bridge Educational Society introduces

THE EARLY YEARS CENTRE



THE PROBLEM

There is a critical need for childcare in the North Okanagan. The lack of childcare is challenging for existing families as well as employers who cannot attract skilled workers with families of their own.

THE SOLUTION

Thanks to a \$500,000 Major Capital Grant from the BC Ministry of Child & Family Development, and further supported by a \$250,000 Community Gaming Grant, the Bridge Educational Society has undertaken the task of building the Early Years Centre.

- Located in the North Okanagan, it will serve Lumby, Coldstream, Vernon, and beyond.
- 63 spaces will be created for infant, daycare, preschool and school-aged care. Serving children from birth to 12 years.
- Scheduled to open in Summer 2019, it will operate as a not-for-profit.

WHY US

The Bridge Educational Society is uniquely specialized to operate this facility. We have years of proven experience in early childhood education.

- Our focus is on providing a nurturing environment that fosters wonder and imagination, where children can connect with nature and are immersed in a culture of community and have daily farm to table experiences - all which will allow children to thrive and will build a solid foundation.
- We have designed a centre that will put our area on the map - a choice for quality child care that will make our region an even more desirable place to live.

WHY YOU

This is a community-wide endeavour. We need your support to make this happen. You can take us one step closer.

- You realize the importance in investing in the children today for the benefit of tomorrow.
- You are a parent, parent-to-be, community member, employer who knows that exceptional childcare is critical for our children and area to prosper.
- You want your investment to have a meaningful impact and know that this facility will serve many families for many years.

THE ASK

Invest in this important addition to the North Okanagan. Your financial support is needed to reach our \$750,000 fundraising goal and build the game-changing Early Years Centre.