

As we wind down a very successful 2009, the ROC Board of Directors would like to inform the membership about the club's recent activities in November and December.

In November,

- \$500 was given to the North Oyster Elementary School to help fund their school Breakfast Club Program. Many kids go to school hungry and cannot learn properly and this program allows these kids to start the day with a nutritious breakfast.
- \$1968 was used to purchase 27 pairs of shoes from Frontrunners, who provided them at cost, and given to SD 68 for any students who were in dire need of proper footwear. The first pair was given to a young girl whose shoes were falling apart and the soles coming off. Her feet were soaking wet. She was very happy with the new pair of trail shoes she received.

At our last meeting of 2009, the Board approved five funding applications and allotted funds to organizations in need at Christmas.

- \$750 was given to the Nanaimo Unique Kids Organization (NUKO) for gym and pool passes for kids with neuro-development disabilities. These organizations are underfunded and lack resources for recreational activities for their kids.
- \$500 was given to the Chase River Elementary School to help fund their school running program. Money will be used to purchase shoes for those kids who lack proper footwear and the remainder spent on items like ribbons, numbers and shirts for a year end running event.

- Four shoe certificates for shoes at Frontrunner, who will sell at cost, were given to a family of four kids from Uplands Park Elementary who lacked proper footwear.
- \$500 was given to Park Avenue Elementary School to purchase warm winter clothing for six students who lack any such clothing.
- \$294 was given to a single mother in financial need to fund her daughter's gymnastic class this spring.
- \$225 was given to the Spuds and Duds Program to purchase food supplies.
- \$1000 was given to Hamperville to purchase food staples such as sugar or rice.

That means ROC Nanaimo gave out \$2468 in November and \$3269 in December for a total of \$5737. The big news however is that for the whole year, ROC gave out over \$27,000 in funding. The exact number and how the money was allotted will be given by Greg at the AGM. We were only able to donate this much money by the record amount of money ROC took in during 2009, through our members outstanding efforts at Events like the Fletcher's Challenge and by super generous donations from members such as Frontrunners, the Lairds, the Richardsons and Alex Berlingette from Carrot on the Run. Total revenue for 2009 was over \$22,000