



## **COAST CAPITAL SAVINGS EMPOWERS YOUTH THROUGH THEIR DONATION TO CERA**

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Coast Capital Savings has shown their dedication to youth in our communities by generously donating \$10,000 to the Empowering Youth program. Coast Capital Savings is very much committed to supporting programs that benefit youth.

The Communities Embracing Restorative Action (CERA) Society expresses deep gratitude and appreciation to Coast Capital Savings for this significant community investment. The Empowering Youth program is a program that is delivered in collaboration with School District 43 and is offered in elementary, middle and secondary schools throughout the district.

Empowering YOUTH is a program of unique nature that educates children, the youth as well as school staff on the principles of restorative justice, which are highly successful in effectively resolving conflict. These days where schools have become a highly diverse environment, and one in which bullying has unfortunately become a serious issue, Empowering YOUTH is training the school community on ways to address such issues. The program encourages a peaceful and harmonious school environment, where children and youth can learn, play and build positive relationships.

“Coast Capital Savings has shown strong support for promoting positive environments for children and youth. They are an institution that embodies the values of community building. They possess a genuine belief in supporting programs that will make society a more peaceful place and one in which children and the youth can strive towards achievement”, as stated by Marjorie Staal, Chair of the Board of Directors.

CERA has served the community for over ten years. We are known as a Society that is built on the principles of restorative justice, which promote peace, harmony and repairing relationships through the use of restorative practices. The support by Coast Capital Savings will allow the Society to continue to implement the Empowering Youth program in schools, and even proceed towards establishing the program in new schools as well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Gurinder Mann, Executive Director of CERA at (604) 931-3165