



November 2023

We are thrilled to announce our 9<sup>th</sup> year of Festival of Trees happening on **December 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>**, 2023 hosted at Glacier Toyota in Smithers with online bidding at <https://smithersfestivaloftrees.com/>

This popular fundraising event has raised more than \$230,000.00 for Bulkley Valley Salvation Army and the Northwest Child Development Centre. We are incredibly grateful and appreciate the generosity of our communities!

Thank you for making a difference to our organizations. These funds have supported various community programming, resources, and specialized equipment for children, youth, and families over the years.

Our Festival of Trees committee includes the commitment of the Glacier Toyota Management & Staff, Community Members, as well as Team Members from the Northwest Child Development Centre and the Bulkley Valley Salvation Army.

This year the Salvation Army has experienced some changes and is unable to participate in the Festival of Trees, with the hope of returning next year. Community members can support the Salvation Army by contacting Lara Niessen at 250.643.4688 or [Lara.Niessen@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:Lara.Niessen@salvationarmy.ca) or Kessa Daniels at [Kessa.daniels@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:Kessa.daniels@salvationarmy.ca)

The Northwest Child Development Centre's team is excited about this year's event. The funds raised will help increase our accessibility resources for children and youth, as well as program enhancements at the Regional Centre in Smithers. This center supports various group activities (i.e. playgroups, life skills and parenting supports) for children, youth and their families. Further information will be shared throughout the Festival of Trees.

If you have any questions about Smithers Festival of Trees, please contact [info@smithersfestivaloftrees.com](mailto:info@smithersfestivaloftrees.com)

If you have any questions about Northwest Child Development Centre, please contact Kerri Bassett, Executive Director at 250.876.8740 or [director@nwcdc.ca](mailto:director@nwcdc.ca)

Thank you for supporting the Festival of Trees and our communities!