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Banff Rundle Playschool gets rent covered by Wim and Nancy Pauw Foundation

August 22, 2022: Banff, AB – A recent donation of nearly \$11,000 from the Wim and Nancy Pauw Foundation will cover the cost of rent for the Banff Rundle Playschool during the 2022-2023 school year. The funding aligns with the Foundation’s ongoing commitment to support affordability and quality educational experiences for local families, by providing subsidized rent for the duration of the existing lease, ending in May 2026.

Paid for through fundraising, tuition, and grants, the Banff Rundle Playschool employs two people—the teacher and an educational assistant. Everything else is done on a strictly volunteer basis, thanks to the hard work of parents and other community members. The Playschool has an enrollment of 32 three- and four-year-old students. For most of them, it is their first teacher and classroom experience.

“The Pauw Foundation is proud to support the Banff Rundle Playschool. Where would our community be without affordable, reliable and nurturing childcare programs? We have pledged to make an annual donation to help the playschool remain sustainable and affordable for years to come,” said Cathy Geisler, Executive Director, Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation.

With the plan to update and modernize the facility, the Playschool recently undertook a large renovation for the new school year. The project includes adding a new outdoor play structure with a rubber pour surface, new furniture and toys, and a fresh paint job for the classroom and activity space.

“This donation from The Pauw Foundation will give us the opportunity to reach more families that would greatly benefit from being a part of Banff Rundle Playschool, as well as stability and certainty moving forward. We are greatly appreciative of this gift and look at it as a wonderful opportunity to grow within our lovely community,” said Megan Iskauskas, Chair, Banff Rundle Playschool.

The Banff Rundle Playschool is a cornerstone of the Banff community. The partnership with the Wim and Nancy Pauw Foundation ensures generations of local children will continue to make their way through the double-doors at the back of the Rundle United Church and receive valuable early childhood education.

Space in both three- and four-year old classes is available. Please visit banffplayschool.com for more information.



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About the Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation

Established in 2013, the Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation is a private foundation in Banff, Alberta, Canada. Funded by the profits of Banff Caribou Properties Ltd. and Banff Lodging Company, the goal of the Foundation is to reinvest in Banff and the Bow Valley by supporting projects that contribute to a more active, vibrant and happy community. For 2022, a budget of \$1,400,000 was approved for disbursement to community initiatives that meet one of 3 pillars: Active Lifestyles, Education, and Community Building.

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