



"AARON NEEDS VERY LITTLE DIRECTION. HE'LL MOVE A WHOLE ENSEMBLE WITHOUT BEING ASKED. WE HAD TO RAISE \$170,000 TO GET THIS BAND FLOWN OUT TO CALIFORNIA, SO CN'S GIFT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED; IT BROUGHT TEARS TO OUR PRESIDENT'S EYES. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE LIKE AARON AROUND."

**BILL LARSCHEID,
MET FORCE LEAD, PULASKI
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MUSIC BOOSTERS**

RRITC \$5,000 contest winners 2016

What can a grassroots community organization do with an extra \$5,000?

These four CN employees will share the impact: each won this amount for the charities they volunteer with in the 2016 *CN Railroaders in the Community* contest. The prize money is on top of the grant CN already provided to the organizations on behalf of the employees' valuable volunteer work.

Hitting all the right notes for the Pulaski Community Schools Music Boosters

AARON KNUTH, TECHNICAL TRAINING OFFICER
GREEN BAY, WI

Thanks to **Aaron Knuth's** dedication and that of other local volunteer parents, 240 young band members got to march in the 128th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA, in January alongside bands from Japan and Mexico.

"That's a huge honour for them," says Aaron, who joined CN in 1995. "I

played trumpet in high school there, so I wanted to help."

Last summer, Aaron organized a golf event that raised over \$10,000.

"We constantly need money to move the instruments, and for hotels when the students are on the road. Receiving my first *CN Railroaders in the Community* grant was incredible, and then I was ecstatic to win this contest."



Mr. Fix-It

**DENNIS HRUDA, RETIRED BOILERMAKER AND LOCOMOTIVE EMPLOYEE
WINNIPEG, MB**

For more than 25 years, **Dennis Hruđa** has been the go-to guy whenever something needs fixing at the Transcona Memorial United Church, which was built in the 1950s by CN employees.

"I'm not a sit-around guy who watches TV; I like to be active," says Dennis, who retired in 2004 after 28 years of service. "They always have

something for me to do, because I'm a jack-of-all-trades."

Dennis's church had received three CN Railroaders in the Community grants before he won the contest.

"CN's program is unbelievable; here in Transcona, they've been extremely community-oriented. This bonus grant could not have come at a better time, because we're expanding our church."

"DENNIS HAS SERVED ON COMMITTEES, DONE HANDS-ON WORK, AND OFFERED SAGE WISDOM AND LEADERSHIP. EACH GIFT FROM CN HAS BEEN A CONTRIBUTION TO OUR BUILDING FUND AND, THANKS TO CN, WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO MAKING OUR SPACE ACCESSIBLE, WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME."

**CAROL FLETCHER,
TEAM MINISTER AT TRANSCONA
MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH**



Kicking up support for the sport

JORDAN HARRIS, MECHANICAL SUPERVISOR, ABBOTSFORD, BC

For the past six years, Jordan and his wife, Jessica, have practically lived at the Abbotsford Judo Club – all four of their children participate in programs and also volunteer there.

“We’ve done fundraising, helped set up mats when we host tournaments, and do timekeeping, plus Jessica’s on

the board,” says Jordan, who joined CN six years ago.

“We give back because the dojo has done a lot for us and our kids. We need new mats, so CN’s grant will make a big difference. I’m not just donating my time, but my company is providing financial help to my chosen organization, which is awesome.”

“FROM THE BEGINNING, THE HARRIS FAMILY HAS EXEMPLIFIED AN ATTITUDE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS. JORDAN HAS BEEN A TIRELESS VOLUNTEER WITH OUR ORGANIZATION, ALWAYS THERE TO HELP, OFTEN WITH THE ENTIRE HARRIS CREW IN TOW. HE SETS A TREMENDOUS EXAMPLE AS A FATHER, A LIFELONG ATHLETE, AND AN ENGAGED VOLUNTEER.”

**CHRIS ASTORIA, MANAGER
ABBOTSFORD JUDO CLUB**

"RHEAL HAS SET UP AND PACKED AWAY TENTS, GAMES, TABLES AND CHAIRS AT EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS AS OUR 'KIDSPORT ROADIE,' AND CAN ALWAYS BE COUNTED ON TO STICK AROUND AND HELP MAKE HORNEPAYNE AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE."

LISA STEWART,
PRESIDENT, KIDSPORT
HORNEPAYNE



Making sure kids have access to sports

RHEAL BROSSEAU (LEFT, WITH PAUL STEWART, SECRETARY OF KIDSPORT HORNEPAYNE), CARMAN, HORNEPAYNE, ON

Even though he has no kids in organized sports, **Rheal Brosseau** felt compelled to help KidSports, which provides registration fees and equipment for organized sports activities to children whose parents cannot afford them.

"I got involved last year because I saw a need for what they did, and my daughter Melodie used to play hockey

thanks to similar programs in the past," says Rheal, who joined CN three years ago.

"Whenever they call me, I'll set up for their events. I appreciate CN's grant program, and am happy to give back. KidSport was so excited about CN's gift, and I think everyone should help small organizations like theirs."



Apply for a CN Railroaders in the Community grant by November 30, 2018, and get automatically entered in the 2018 contest to win an extra \$5,000 for your charity.
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