

## *2018: Betting on the Rock Pays Off!*

Thanks to your support, things got even lighter and brighter around RVCC this year, while we further reduced our carbon footprint through our “Green Initiative, Too” projects. Some highlights:

- ✓ Completion of our 44-panel “**Rock & Sol**” solar array in March, allowing us to reduce electricity purchases significantly and saving thousands on our annual light bill;
- ✓ **Brand-new bookshelves** for the Treasure Chest book room, greatly increasing capacity and making book browsing easier and more fun than ever;
- ✓ The **best-ever “Save SK8 Nelson”** event, thanks to the tireless efforts of the SK8 Nelson Committee and despite the loss of our title sponsor;
- ✓ Another whirlwind year packed with events, meetings and classes, including House Concerts, pancake breakfasts, orchestra practices, rehearsals and performances, art exhibits, Winter Markets, dance, exercise and educational classes and public meetings, all filling our public spaces with non-stop activities;
- ✓ Another hugely-successful “**Rescue Runway**” fashion event, benefitting both RVCC and the SPCA’s Almost Home Pet Adoption Center, headed up by TC volunteers and staff;
- ✓ Introduction of **hi-speed internet** service to Rock U and our offices, with expansion to tenant rooms to be available soon;
- ✓ Expansion of the walking trail, grooming of the wildflower meadow, trimming of foundation plantings and new paint for the auditorium and pavilion, thanks to 34 volunteers from **United Way “Day of Caring”**;
- ✓ **Re-painting** of the front roof of the main building, upgrading of the **attic insulation** throughout the annex building, replacement of fluorescent lighting throughout the building with **energy-efficient LED bulbs**, **expanded electrical service** and **central air conditioning** of the front rooms of the main building, **re-finishing the floors** in the Dining Room, **new carpet** in the conference room hall, and completion of our multi-year “**Blind Ambition**” project, with new energy-saving accordion blinds now installed in all the rooms of the main building – all components of our “Green Initiative, Too” campaign;
- ✓ Another amazing unrestricted gift from **John Stewart**, along with other financial and in-kind gifts that swelled the ranks of our *Rock Legends* to nine donors;
- ✓ Replaced **water heaters** in the janitor’s closet and in both public bathrooms; and
- ✓ Completion of fundraising for **outdoor lighting** of our basketball court, skate ramp and parking lot, and grant applications for upgrading the wildflower meadow walkway and gravel parking lot - with project completion anticipated in early 2019.