



United Way
Central & South
Okanagan Similkameen

For immediate release – Central Okanagan

Gorman Bros. Lumber gives back in a big way



Pictured above (left to right): Helen Jackman, David Pazdziński, Nicole Arkle, Nick Stulberg, Brad Gilbert, Robert Blackhall, and Justin Sharko

August 7, 2018 (West Kelowna) - In 1951, John and Ross Gorman and their wives started a small business making apple boxes. The business has grown to five forest products divisions employing 1200 people. It started as a small community based, and focused operation and has never lost that core value of understanding the importance of the relationship between business and the communities it resides in.

"The United Way is an important partner that enables us to 'give back' in an organized and efficient manner ensuring the biggest impact for donated support," says Nick Arkle, co-CEO of Gorman Group. "It is an expression of a community working together to ensure that 'the whole is greater than the sum of its parts'."

Gorman Bros Lumber continued their incredible philanthropy by investing big in United Way in 2017. Employee donations totaled around \$30,000 and Gorman Bros 100% corporate match brought the total to exceed \$60,000. This propelled them to 2nd (in terms of total donated) out of over 110 workplaces in our region.

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Nicole Arkle accepts the 2017 Community Appreciation Certificate from United Way Board members, Jennifer Robins and Jennifer Kilback along with Helen Jackman, Executive Director.

This generous investment enables United Way to change the lives of 2603 individuals and families in our community. Thanks to Gorman Bros. employees and management, children, families and seniors are able to overcome poverty and build a better life right here in the Central Okanagan.

Thanks so much to these amazing Community Rock Stars!

About United Way CSO

For 67 years, the United Way of the Central and South Okanagan/Similkameen has served the region from Lake Country in the North, to Osoyoos and Princeton in the South. Our mission is to improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action. The United Way invests in three focus areas that support all that kids can be, move people from poverty to possibility and building healthy people, strong communities.

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