



# THANK YOU UBUNTU FOUNDATION!

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# INTRODUCTION

The Ubuntu Foundation made a donation of **\$23,500 CAD** to the *Gamechangers Fund for Youth at Risk*, a campaign held by the Women of Options 2022 on behalf of Options Community Services, a Canadian non-profit. This is the first gift ever given to a Canadian non-profit by Ubuntu Foundation. Thank you, Carolyn Vincent and Ubuntu Foundation!



# ABOUT

Options Community Services is a large, multi-service agency that has provided programs and supports for the South Fraser communities in British Columbia, Canada, for the past 50 years. Our experienced staff operate more than 80 programs agency-wide – a significant number is youth-oriented. These programs provide services to young people and their families across the South Fraser region. In 2022, Options helped over 3,500 youth in Surrey alone. While these programs meet the needs of many youth, many other individualized needs are not met. Many foundations, including Ubuntu, have donated to us.





# WOMEN OF OPTIONS

The *Women of Options 2022: Gamechangers* campaign began in April and ran through September 30. Options has raised \$1 million to develop a long-term discretionary fund to assist youth who need the kind of support that cannot otherwise be provided in a timely manner. This fund will ensure resources are there for youth in the immediate and foreseeable future. Anyone wishing to donate can go to the website

[www.womenofoptions2022.ca](http://www.womenofoptions2022.ca)

Ubuntu's gift was brought to us through Louella Mathias, Vice-Chair of the Options' Board, who was one of our Women of Options in 2021 and again in 2022.

Louella was on a trip to Australia to see her grandchildren for the first time. They had been born during

COVID when travel was impossible.

*"I had not seen Carolyn for thirty years! She heard I was in Adelaide and called me. When we met and she heard about our campaign, she offered to help. I was astounded and happy!"*



# LOOKING AHEAD

Ubuntu founder, Carolyn Vincent, a philanthropist and environmentalist, shares our collective concern about young people in need of a helping hand. *“We need to create a more sustainable world for our children. In order to do that, we also need to create the conditions under which those children can thrive. We are thrilled to be able to assist Options Community Services to provide funds to those young people who desperately need our help.”*

Gamechangers is about to be open to the public, and a year from now there will be a formal report as to how the funding has been expanded. We would like to thank Ubuntu Foundation for positively contributing to this project, as well as supporting and promoting the virtues of humanity.



Jennifer Temple, one of our Women of Options, and Anoop Khosla, Board Member and member of Entrepreneurs of Options.