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Hello from Foundry Kamloops!

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter to keep you in the loop about youth wellness, community events, and supports available through Foundry Kamloops.

What Is Foundry?

Foundry is a BC-wide network offering free, integrated health and wellness services for youth ages 12–24 and their caregivers. At Foundry, young people can access mental health care, substance use support, physical and sexual health care, peer support, and social services—all in one place. Learn more at **foundrybc.ca**.

This Month's Highlights

Demolition beginning the first week of September!

Upcoming Events

Foundry Booth at Overlanders Day - July 20, 10:00am - 3:00pm 2470 Fleetwood Ave

Foundry Smash! Event – August 21, 11:00am - 4:00pm At 540 Seymour St.

Youth Voice of the Month:

"Being a part of Foundry Kamloops has helped me feel heard and supported."

- Youth Advisory Member

Got something to say? DM us on Instagram or email FoundryKamloops@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca — we love spotlighting youth voices.



Get Ready to SMASH for a cause!

Foundry Smash is happening August 21st from 11:00am to 4:00pm at 540 Seymour Street, and you're invited to help us break stuff for good!

This unique fundraising event gives folks a chance to let off some steam and smash parts of our current space before we start building the new Foundry Kamloops.

Bring your energy, your friends, and your appetite! We'll have burgers sizzling on the BBQ to keep you fueled!

Let's break down the old to build up something amazing for youth in Kamloops!

Click **HERE** to register!



Capital Build Updates:

Our first capital build meeting took place in May, with our construction team **A&T** now in place things will start ramping up over here at **Foundry Kamloops**! Demolition is slated to begin the first week of September following our **Foundry Smash** event on August 21st!

Our amazing youth advisory committee has been working closely with our design and architectural team, **Ron Hart Architecture**, and is deciding on some of the last design elements that will go into the new Foundry Kamloops space!



Fundraising Highlights:

Big News for Foundry Kamloops!

We're thrilled to share that **The Stollery Charitable Foundation** has donated **\$400,000** to support the Foundry Kamloops Capital Campaign. This brings us another big step closer to our \$4.5 million goal to build a centre that will offer mental health care, primary care, peer support, and more for youth and their families—all in one place.



We also received an amazing donation of **\$1000** from the amazing **Pay it Forward** Crew! Who were kind enough to pose for a picture with their Foundry sunglasses!







Specialist and Primary Care Dinner:

On June 24th, **Foundry Kamloops** hosted our first-ever Specialist and Primary Care Dinner, welcoming local psychiatrists, general practitioners, nurse practitioners, and community health specialists for an evening focused on collaboration and integrated care for young people. This event was supported by the fantastic folks at the **Thompson Region Primary Care Network**.

The evening began with a warm welcome and a chance for guests to explore the future Foundry Kamloops space. Attendees connected over shared goals and had a bit of fun with a paper airplane competition (with prizes, of course!). Presentations highlighted the Foundry model, the progress of Foundry Kamloops, and the vision for primary care services.

The night wrapped up with great conversations, and new connections. A big thank you to everyone who joined us to help shape the future of youth health and wellness in Kamloops!

What are you most excited too see at Foundry Kamloops?

A Courtyard Mural

A Doodle Wall

Lots of Cozy Nooks

Stay Connected:

Follow us on Instagram: @foundry kamloops

Visit our website: <u>foundrybc.ca/kamloops</u>

Share this email with anyone who supports youth mental health





Thanks for being part of the Foundry Kamloops community.

Together, we're creating a space where every young person feels safe, supported, and empowered.

– The Foundry Kamloops Team



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