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YOUNG PEOPLE HELPED BY TELUS

Good Neighbours
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The Telus Victoria Community Board has supported 11 organizations in its latest round of funding for groups making a difference in the lives of young people around the region.

Board chairman Mel Cooper said he and the other board members were once again impressed by the sheer number of organizations running worthy programs for children and youth.

Funded agencies included the Artemis Options Society, which received \$15,000 for the project Technology to Teach Troubled Teens. Artemis offers life skills and counselling to teenaged girls who have been traumatized, have serious mental-health issues or have extensive learning disabilities.

The Victoria READ Society was given \$12,960 for using multimedia devices to get marginalized 13-to 26-year-olds involved in learning, and the Young Parents Support Network received \$10,000 for its efforts to bring community-based support to parents aged 13 to 24.

Also supported were the International Institute for Child Rights and Development, St. John Ambulance, SWOVA (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse) Community Development and Research Society, the Braefoot Community Association, the Canadian Heritage Arts Society, the CNIB, the Hearing Foundation and the Child Abuse & Counselling Society of Greater Victoria.