



## EDGE SCHOOL

### Establishment of Endowment Fund a Big Step for the Legacy of Edge School

As long as he can remember, Edge alumni parent, Tim Harvie (right) has had a desire to support causes that he believes in. Along with serving on the Edge School Foundation Board, Tim serves on the Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation and Park Board. He also is Board Chair of the Cochrane Foundation – an organization that currently has an endowment fund of \$1.5 million and has donated over \$1 million to Cochrane charities since 1993. It was his experience and ongoing success with the Cochrane Foundation endowment fund that inspired him to start a similar fund at Edge School.



*Tim says that an endowment fund will contribute to the long-term financial health of Edge*

Tim's son, Ian, is an Edge School alumnus (class of 2008). Seeing his son thrive in the Edge environment is what initially motivated Tim to join the school's Foundation Board over 10 years ago, and do what he could to see the school succeed.

"Edge offers a wonderful education, and it launched a lot of opportunities for Ian," Tim says. "I never had to kick him out of bed once in five years. He couldn't wait to get there every day. If Ian hadn't gone to Edge, I don't think that would have been the case."

Interestingly, it wasn't his son's experience at Edge that drove Tim to bring the idea of an endowment fund to his fellow board members a few years ago. "The school has a lot to offer kids from all walks of life and backgrounds. Edge is a place that turns out good people with a good education," Tim adds. "However, in order for Edge to remain a top level, first-class school, we need a sustainable plan in place that will contribute to the long-term financial health of the school."

Like any large facility, Tim knows that Edge will always need funds for improvements to the gymnasium, rinks, dance studios, and classrooms. Plus, continue to provide the opportunity for students from all economic backgrounds the chance to attend.



*Edge alumnus Ian (left) and dad, Tim (right) out for a family skate with Ian's daughter, Murphy*

"An annual mandated endowment fund contribution will ensure regular growth of the fund, and eventually, will make a significant impact on the quality of the Edge experience," Tim says. "These contributions are going to help pay for the longevity of the school by covering wear and tear on the facility, and help provide financial assistance to those who may not otherwise be able to attend the school."

With the establishment of the Edge School endowment fund, Tim is happy to see his vision come together and provide a chance for more student-athletes like his son to reap the benefits of being a Mountaineer.

"I really do believe that Ian would have fallen through the cracks had he went to a different school," Tim explains. "He would do anything to play hockey, so the Edge model of driving a kid's passion for education through their passion of sport was a game changer."