

What better way to kick off the holiday season than Christmas in November? Local internet host Ryan From Kamloops got the festive feelings to flourish in downtown Kamloops on November 22nd with a fundraiser for the Christmas Cheer Fund.

The event was held at Pizza Pi in partnership with owner Greg Smith, as well as local Kamloops acts LooPs and the Soundwriters. Overall, the fundraiser was a success in raising \$1,025 for the fund.

Ryan's internet presence started at the beginning of the year and his efforts have not gone unnoticed. After releasing 22 episodes, he aims to bring the positive light back to the Kamloops community. "You can scream into Facebook comments as much as you want, it will affect no change. I just started thinking, how can I flip the script and be the kind of change that I want to see?" Now, Ryan is able to boast the success and positivity with his weekly guests and videos.

He continued this enthusiasm with the Christmas in November event. After being given the role to pick the charity for the fundraiser, Ryan saw no better fit than to raise money for the Christmas Cheer fund. "We're hosting Christmas in November, Christmas is right there in the title and is a deserving fund for deserving people that has been around for a long time. It's also nice to be a small part of this kind of legacy."

On December 3rd, Ryan was able to present the large cheque to the executive director of the BC Interior Community Foundation. While their fundraiser was aiming to raise \$2,025, Ryan only sees this as another goal to pursue for their next event.

The upcoming year is looking different for Ryan as he gets back to work, but his only hope is to continue helping out in the community whenever he can. "I'm hoping through whatever job I get, I can continue doing community service and continue to be a presence to bring the community together. I just want to do as much as I can possibly do."