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Bringing Out the Best in Kids. **That's what the Optimist Club of Abbotsford has been doing for almost 25 years. Our positive approach, our upbeat outlook, and our commitment to creating a more optimistic future for kids is our main purpose. Our Club members come from all walks of life but we share one common trait. We know that we make a difference in the lives of others. We have seen this happen through such programs as the Optimist Oratorical Contest. Children age 16 to as young as nine standing at a podium, developing confidence beyond their years. The Annual Family Fun Festival, funded by our club and hosted by the MSA Museum, is a popular venue bringing approximately 2000 people to the site. The Fair is completely free so that inner-school children and their families are able to enjoy a day of fun without worrying about their finances. One of our larger contributions to the City was the Skateboard Park near Mouat School. Our Annual Youth Skate brings in donated items for the Food Bank. At Christmas, we adopt a family and provide what we can to the Christmas Bureau. We do a Pancake Breakfast on Canada Day and provide pizza to the Historica contestants. We also have our own Optimist Junior Curling League. Optimist Club Members receive as much, if not more, as they give their time and energy for kids. A smiling face is worth it all. Please visit our website www.abbotsfordoptimists.org.**

Kids doing their own thing at the Optimist Family Fun Festival, June 20, 2009

Optimist members volunteering at the Youth Skate, November 11,

Junior Curlers and Coach Carson (an Optimist Member)

Our (Junior) Optimists like to help too at the Canada Day Pancake

Historica project by Quinn "THIS IS HOW WE WELD." Our Club provided pizza to 150 students.

Submitted by President Gerry Morrison, October 2,2009