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Dan is the perfect example of a regular community member who has the ability to make a huge impact. He has played an integral part in spreading the Y's message and helping the organization to grow in ways that make him a true Y Champion.

### ***An unexpected bond***

After graduating from UNBC in 2003, Dan went south to Vancouver to pursue his post-university career. He soon combined his passion for good corporate citizenship with a rewarding career path when he entered the Credit Union movement. After living and working in downtown Vancouver for four years, Dan returned to the North and joined Integris Credit Union in 2007.

As part of his role with Integris, Dan connected with the Y in 2008 when he got involved with the Y's Healthy Kids Day. Integris had recently signed on to be the Presenting Sponsor and Dan was asked to lead the Integris side of the project. Inspired by his son Ryder, Dan jumped at the chance to be involved in Healthy Kids Day, knowing that it would be a remarkable partnership between the Y and Integris. He continues to be inspired not only by his son, but by the thousands of healthy kids and families that benefit from this unique community event.

### ***More than just a bank, more than just a gym***

Seeing both sides of the partnership, Dan observed a number of similarities that made it easy for him to relate to the Y. He noticed several parallel characteristics as both Integris and the Y are 'member' based. They each have created a sense of community that fosters growth and giving. Dan believes that their presence "enhances the quality of life that exists in Prince George." For example, Integris' dedication to funding causes such as Youth Leadership Conferences, the Ancient Forest and the Carney Hill Elementary School's library mirrors the Y's commitment to sustaining a number of community initiatives. Dan became passionate about the Y's mission: he saw an opportunity to build a relationship that would transcend event sponsorship and continue to positively affect everyone involved.

### ***Close to his heart***

Not only does Dan work for a business that supports the Y's efforts; he is also a personal advocate for the range of valuable programs offered by the organization. He says that when referring friends or contacts to a child care provider or gym facility, the Y is "always the first place that comes to my mind." Receiving quality early childhood education and keeping fit, especially at a young age, are issues that resonate deeply with Dan. When involved with a project that matters to him, Dan exudes an unparalleled energy that is infectious and genuine. By personally promoting the benefits of a stronger Y partnership with Integris, he assisted in the growth of Healthy Kids Day from 4500 participants to over 6000 in 2010. Because of his association with the Y, Dan has been able to touch thousands of people both directly and indirectly in this community.