



Community
Foundation
of Southeastern Alberta

2015/2016
SMART & CARING
COMMUNITY

Annual Report

*Communities flourish
through generosity!*

Today, Tomorrow, Forever...



CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As the Chair and the new Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta, we are proud to present our 2015-2016 Annual Report. Throughout the year, we continue to focus on growing the endowment funds, making responsible grants and building leadership capacity. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Although there were significant fluctuations in the market, our portfolio managed to exceed the benchmark by over 1.4% and provided a total annual return of 3.89%. Our annualized return over the past five years has been 9.97%.
- Grant distribution was a total of \$399,805.
- Our Vital Signs report, whose national theme was Sense of Belonging, is an annual community check-up in key areas that highlights the quality of life we enjoy as well as pressing issues that still need to be addressed. This important information guides our grant-making decisions, including Vital Impact and Vital People, as well as the work of our many agency partners.
- The Community Knowledge Centre grew from 26 agencies to 68 from all over southeast Alberta – and activities during our Random Acts of Kindness Day in November exceeded all expectations.

This year, we thank the dedicated board members who retired – Eric Springman and Jeff Welling and extend a warm welcome to new board members Ajit Atwal, Sean Blewett, and Suzanne Curtin. We are also very grateful for the work of Trish Richard this past year and our amazing volunteers who participated as various committee members and who supported our many activities.

We are looking forward to our 25th anniversary in 2017! Under the leadership of our experienced and enthusiastic Executive Director and the oversight of a dedicated board who are extremely committed to their communities, the future of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta is robust and promising.

We invite you to join us in our work moving forward. Giving to the Community Foundation is flexible, effective, and secure. Donors who choose to support the Foundation can do so with the confidence that their donations will be effectively managed and their particular charitable interest will be respected – forever.



MIKE ANCIL
Board Chair



CHRIS CHRISTIE
Executive Director

LEGACY CLUB 2015

Donations of \$500+

Individuals

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Bill Taylor
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Rob Van Dam
Ted Vander Hoek
Dirk Vis
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Nora Way
Gene Weber
Linda Weisbeck
Jeff and Miriam Welling

Organizations

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Freestone Produce Inc
Oppenheimer
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SDMG
Soufan Reality Inc
Star Produce
Vgrove Inc.
Westrock
Yardstick Technologies Inc.

WHY I GIVE

I moved to Medicine Hat and opened my Canadian Tire Store in 1980. The community's commitment to supporting local businesses was apparent from the beginning and I knew that my family and I had found our home. We have had a wonderful life in this community, and I am thankful to have had the opportunity to live and build a successful career here. I choose to give to CFSEA because it allows me to give back to the community, and to help provide support for the local priorities of Medicine Hat. I am passionate about education, and by creating funds through the CFSEA, I am able to invest in our College. When people in the community have the opportunity to obtain their goals and dreams through education, then not only do they succeed, but the community flourishes and grows as well. This is why I give.

Austin Curtin



MR. AUSTIN CURTIN



COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta



Visit Southeastern Alberta's **Community Knowledge Centre** to explore your community and connect with programs and projects that excite you. Explore innovative and effective solutions that 68 charitable organizations are undertaking to address issues raised in *Medicine Hat's Vital Signs*® report. Learn how charitable organizations are helping to make **YOUR** community the perfect place to live.

Discover – Search for organizations by the regions, people or Vital Signs issue areas that you are passionate about.

Connect – Read Stories, watch videos and connect with the people and organizations who understand where the gaps are and work hard to fill them.

Give – Donate directly from a CKC profile page, or contact the Community Foundation for assistance with how to make your money last forever.

Visit the CKC

CKC.CFSEA.CA

Random Act Of KXndness Day®



15,080

ACTS OF KINDNESS REGISTERED
and countless not reported!

Vital People

Each agency receives \$500 for their Vital People's professional development

Brandie Taylor

As a Supervisor of McMan's Inn Between Youth Shelter, Brandie demonstrates a dedication to serving both the youth in McMan's care and youth in the community. She is always raising the bar when she provides an exceptional level of service, working hard to forge stronger relationships with funders and community partners. Brandie educates her staff on leading practices and seeks out evidence based research that will impact the level of care that is provided. Brandie is innovative, creative, and extremely resourceful. She applied for a \$25,000 Home Depot grant to renovate the Inn's Kitchen which led to the Inn Between being selected as Home Depot's Charity for their Orange Door campaign for the past two years. Brandie is passionate about the Inn Between, always looking for ways to make her work more efficient and more effective but her passion doesn't stop there. The staff at McMan appreciate Brandi's positive attitude, she goes the extra mile and really "walks the talk" when it comes to ensuring her programs are strength-based, youth-centered and effective. The Inn Between has met a real need in Medicine Hat for a wide range of youth's individual circumstances, which is largely due to Brandie's leadership. As a self-proclaimed "McMan Lifer", Brandie has recently taken on additional management responsibilities as part of her professional growth plan. The work that Brandi does positively impacts the lives of community members everyday. She is a vital asset to both McMan and the community of Medicine Hat.

Louisa Clapper

Louisa is currently employed with Bridges Family Programs in the Children's Fetal Alcohol Services program since 2010, as a CFAS Clinic Coordinator/Consultant. In addition to being employed full time, she is working on her Masters of Counselling Degree. She is an exemplary employee and has a passion for ongoing learning and helping people. She is conscientious, reliable, forward thinking, a very hard worker and extremely knowledgeable in the field of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and the human services field. She is a team player and has for many years, facilitated a group of multidisciplinary professionals to coordinate the Regional FASD Diagnostic Clinic for children in Medicine Hat. This past year she developed and implemented the Regional FASD Diagnostic Clinic for Adults, delivering exceptional outcomes for adults with FASD. This role allowed Louisa to grow in her management skills. Louisa is a team player who is always willing to help, her sense of humour is contagious and her dedication to Bridges is remarkable.

ONE OF MANY IMPACTS!

The Duchess Mennonite Church Hockey Club, established in 2010, makes hockey possible for children in Duchess who would otherwise not get to play. The program has grown from 11 participants the first year to close to 60 in the past year.

For too many families in our community, enrolling their children in minor hockey is not possible due to insurmountable obstacles. The cost of registration, equipment and travel is huge. Many children are not able to compete physically at the regular minor hockey level. The time commitment is not realistic for many families, especially single parent families. Some children at age 4 or 5 are not interested in competitive hockey, but at age 10 or 11 would like to give it a try, but at this point are often too far behind in skills to be accepted into minor hockey. There are families in our community that adhere to religions that do not make allowances for sports on Sunday. The list goes on.

Because there are many equipment items that families do not own, or are unable to purchase, we established a Lending Library. Equipment is on loan to players for the season at no cost. This past year, many of our helmets were outdated and no longer meet CSA requirements. With the new evidence surrounding concussions, DMC Hockey Club wanted to use every measure to prevent head injuries. We were also in dire need of another set of goalie equipment.

Last spring, we were put in touch with CFSEA and the potential of applying for a Vital Impact Grant. Trish Richard was a huge help to us in making the application process straightforward and enjoyable. We felt so very fortunate to receive a Vital Impact grant of over \$4000. The club now owns 30 brand new helmets and a set of quality, used goalie equipment. The smiles on our kids' faces says it all! Thank you CFSEA!



SUBMITTED BY SHANE AND CINDY GROVE

HISTORY

The idea of organizing a charitable foundation for Southeastern Alberta began with rancher John O. Ignatius. The Medicine Hat Community Foundation was then founded in 1992 through an act of Legislature of the Province of Alberta. It is a non-government, non-political and non-religious independent organization that operates under the guidance of a diverse group of community-minded volunteer Board of Directors.

VISION

*Creating a better community
Today, Tomorrow, Forever...*

MISSION

Improving the quality of life for the people of Southeastern Alberta through the development of permanent endowments, responsible grant making and inspiring community leadership.

CFSEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Anctil: President	Ajit Atwal	Dennis Egert
Nora Way: Vice-President	Sean Blewett	Tyson Halmrast
Larry Johnson: Treasurer	Suzanne Curtin	Neil Maser
Darren Folkersen: Secretary	Luke Day	Todd O'Reilly
Gerry Labas: Past President	Ryan Dorton	Warren Stark

STAFF
Chris Christie, Executive Director and Trish Richard, Philanthropic Services Coordinator

VITAL IMPACT GRANTS

Project Connect (\$1,500)
Project Connect, now in its seventh year, is a one day outreach to those in our community who are facing economic and social challenges, providing a chance to connect with agencies and service providers who can assist them in meeting a variety of needs, both short term and longer term. The Project Connect network includes over 20 local agencies and organizations which provide support in areas of health care, housing, employment, addictions, tax preparation and education along with professionals who provide free services on the day (e.g. haircuts, medical foot care, photographs, flu shots) churches, college students, businesses and service clubs help provide on-site hospitality and give away items, including a free lunch, winter clothing plus many other personal and household items. Project Connect fosters a “cooperative and collaborative approach” to community issues including poverty, hunger, homelessness and unemployment.

Duchess Mennonite Church Hockey Club (\$4,150)
For too many families in the Duchess community, enrolling in minor hockey is not possible due to insurmountable obstacles. The cost of registration, equipment and travel is huge and many children are not able to physically compete at the minor hockey level. There are many other reasons for a child to miss out on a hockey experience but the DMC Hockey Club ensures all children in the community get a chance to play.

SMART & CARING COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS FALL 2015/SPRING 2016

Kidsport Society of Medicine Hat & Redcliff Kidsport Medicine Hat/Redcliff Operations \$9,900
Redcliff Youth Action Society Youth Centre Supper Program \$8,250
Crossroads Clinic Association ~\$580 from the Brooks Community Fund First Responder to Sexual Assault Training \$4,892
Medicine Hat Women’s Shelter Society Safe Families Intervention Team \$9,900
Medicine Hat and District Food Bank ~\$755 from the Megan Wahl Fund Computer Upgrades \$8,903
Canadian Mental Health Association ~\$580 from the Mayor’s Community Fund Marketing & Operations Improvement at The POST \$7,664
Schizophrenia Society of Alberta, Medicine Hat Peer Support Program \$8,250

Hanna Volunteer Centre Multi Media Equipment \$440
Medicine Hat Youth Action Society ~\$1415 From the Growing Active Kids Fund 2016 Summer Program \$8,108
Medicine Hat Family YMCA Camp Elkwater - Revitalization \$2,310
Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Medicine Hat Technology Upgrades \$2,860
Brooks & District Womens Shelter Safe Society Technology Upgrades \$8,800
Prairie Gleaners Society Automated External Defibrillator & Training \$1,991 \$330
Town of Bow Island – Forty Mile Community Resource Centre - Upgrades \$2,200
Easter Seals Society of Alberta Equipment \$25,300

Medicine Hat Family YMCA Get Active \$22,000
Medicine Hat and District Food Bank Core Funding \$15,400
Twenty Mile Post Historical Society Historical Site Upgrades \$1,760
SE AB Safety Alliance Society Car Seat Program \$5,500
E.I.D. Historical Park ~\$2740 from Claude Bishop Fund Upgrades \$4,400
SE AB Search and Rescue ~\$1120 from Methanex Equipment \$6050
Fort McMurray Disaster Relief \$5000

Total Smart & Caring Grants
\$170,208

COMBINED DESIGNATED GRANT TOTALS FALL 2015/SPRING 2016

Total Designated Grants \$33,535
Total Field of Interest Grants \$280
Total Donor Advised Grants \$14,960
Youth in Philanthropy \$15,100
Total Agency Funds \$32,993
Total Scholarship Funds \$31,943
Total Flow Through \$4,433

Total Grants Disbursed
\$399,805

YMCA/Medicine Hat Early Childhood Coalition - Play Guides (\$3,875)
Play Guides is a community engagement project similar to the YMCA's Roving Gyms; however, Play Guides operates throughout the summer months and is offered at various parks and outdoor play spaces within the community. Play Guides provides families with children aged 0-6 the opportunity for unstructured play in a social setting, which helps them to develop social skills and gives parents the opportunity to interact with one another. Roving Gyms and Play Guides encourages families to build connections and relationships with each other that may not otherwise be created.

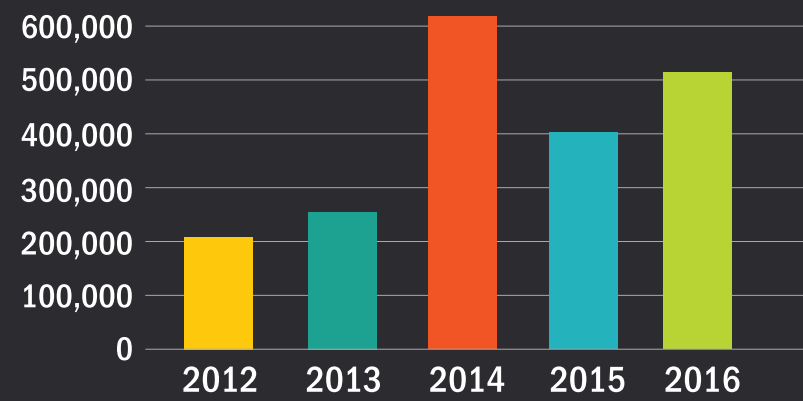
Fresh Start to School (\$10,000)
A one-day event (to serve all 3 School Districts, held at the end of August) where an invited group of parents and children can access a wide range of health, school administration, recreational and personal care services to help prepare for the upcoming school year. The focus of this event is on “wellness” and connecting children and families to partners in the community so they access resources, as well as pick up some necessities to ease the financial burden of the back to school season. This event also focuses on assuring families feel that it is a celebration, and not a designated event for “needy” individuals.

Medicine Hat & District Food Bank (\$15,000)
The Food Bank is continuing their specialized project that aims to make 10 low income families food secure within 1 year. The carefully selected families will receive equipment, resources and education to achieve improved food security. Families will be able to demonstrate greater knowledge about food safety, growth, preparation, preservation, hygiene in the kitchen, reading food labels, whole foods, meal planning, budgeting, and more. The next phase of the project will include involving a broader base of our clients in the community kitchens, gardening and canning classes.

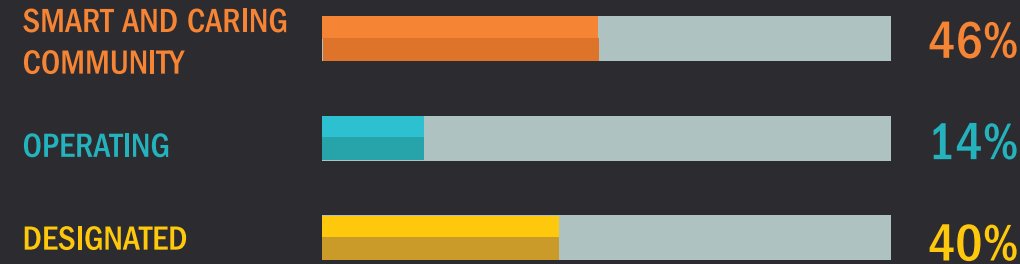
Fort McMurray Disaster Relief (\$4,475)
The Board of the CFSEA recognizes the terrific difficulty facing the City of Fort McMurray and its residents who are trying to cope with the fire disaster in that community. To lend its support, the Foundation established a Special Fort McMurray Disaster Fund at its bank to collect funds from those wishing to help the City of Fort McMurray. Any funds collected will be sent to the regional municipality of Wood Buffalo or other qualified charities providing disaster relief in and around the city of Fort McMurray.

TOTAL GRANTS

JUNE 2016

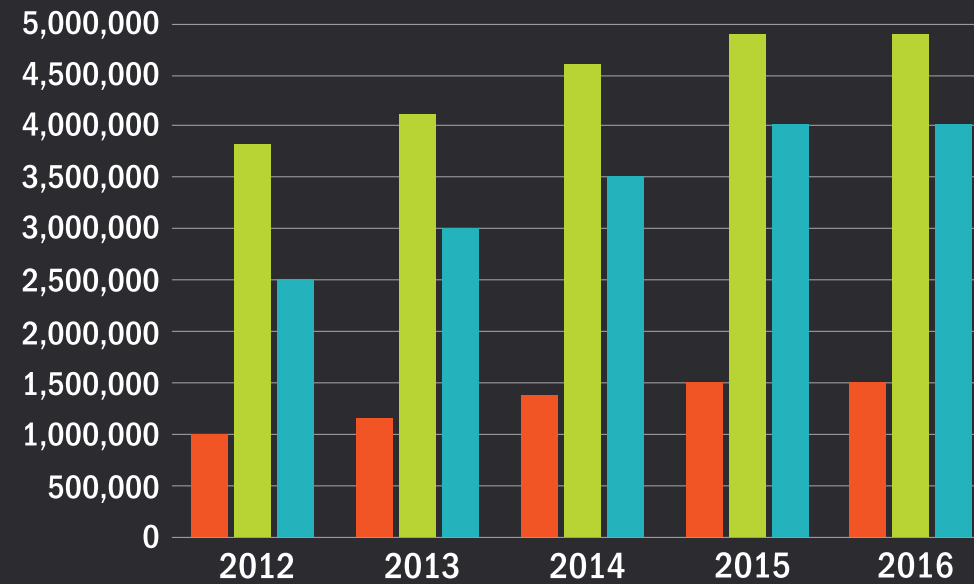


TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS 2016: \$10,652,958



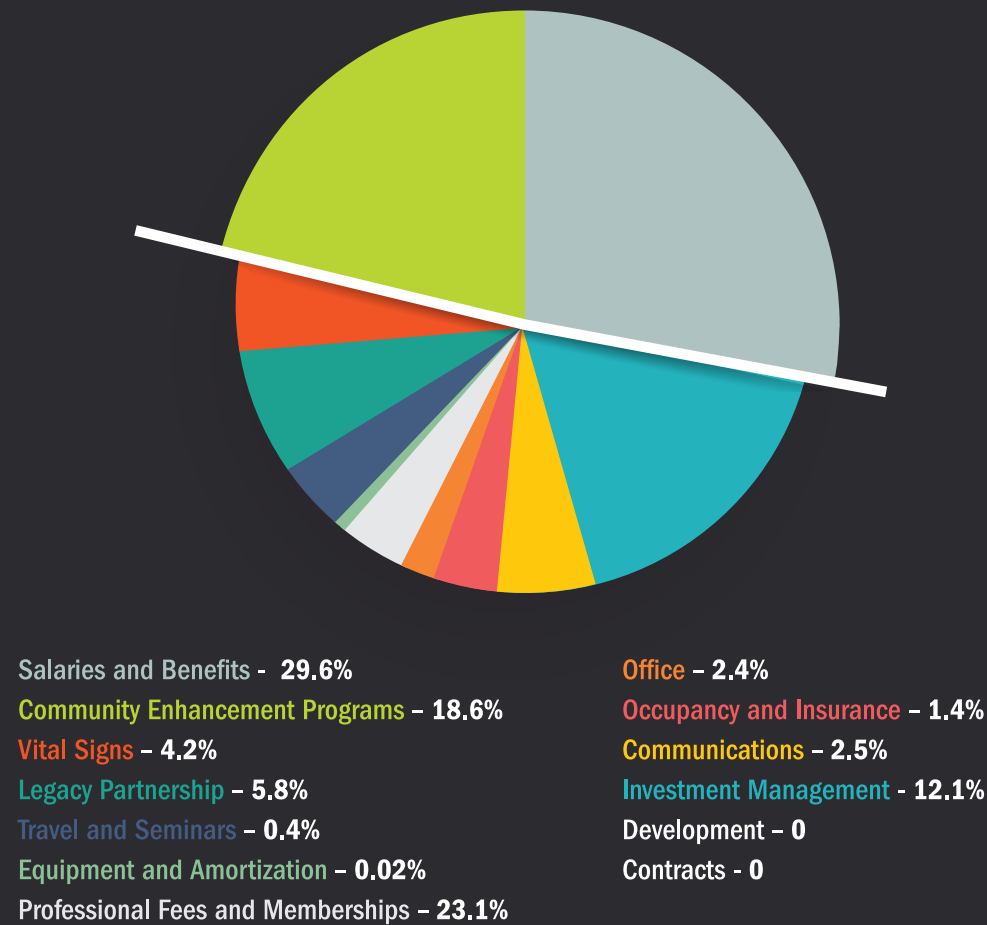
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JUNE 2016

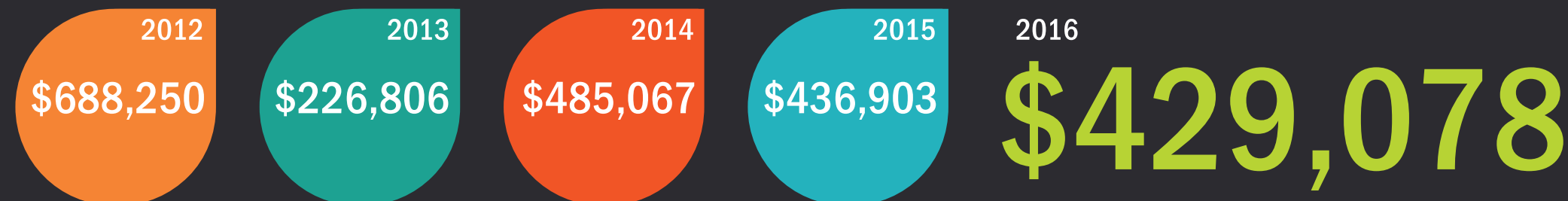


OPERATING FUNDS SMART & CARING COMMUNITY DESIGNATED FUNDS

2015/2016 OPERATION COSTS = \$479,421



TOTAL ENDOWED DONATIONS BY YEAR



HERITAGE MEMBERS

Donors who have included our Community Foundation in their future plans with a gift through their estate

Kathy Hern	Eleanor Moon*	Anonymous 7
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* denotes deceased

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Custodian: RBC Investor Services
Auditor: Burns Valkenburg & Associates
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Founders Day Picnic 2016



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