

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MEDICINE HAT & SOUTHEASTERN ALBERTA

# ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

**YOU** HELP BUILD IT BETTER



CREATING A BETTER COMMUNITY: TODAY, TOMORROW...**FOREVER**



# Welcome to our Annual Report 2009-2010

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## Immediate Assistance Fund

In June of 2009 the board of directors of the Community Foundation had a vision. They wanted to best utilize the Foundation's leadership skills, granting expertise and community knowledge to assist those in the community who had been hardest hit by the economic downturn. Thus, the Immediate Assistance Fund was born. It is a flow-through, non-endowed fund meant to provide support to front-line charities helping citizens in need.

After nine months of fundraising, the grants committee and board of the Foundation decided to grant the \$15,000 raised to various organizations in our area. Each of these organizations has worked diligently to assist those in need during the downturn. A complete list follows.

These grants did not mean the end of the Immediate Assistance Fund. The board has voted to keep the fund open for times of community crisis. Watch in next year's annual report for information on Flood 2010 assistance grants.

### **Immediate Assistance Fund Grants, March 2010:**

- Medicine Hat and District Food Bank: \$5000 to be used primarily for children in programs such as Healthy Bundles and Snack Attack.
- St. Vincent de Paul: \$5000 general assistance for those most in need.
- Dream Centre: \$2000 to be used for DC Lunch Box program.
- Salvation Army: \$1500 to be used for transportation purposes (bus passes, taxi rides to job interviews).
- Volunteer and Community Information Centre: \$1500 to be used for transportation of clients. As an information and referral centre, these funds will assist a number of people in getting to and from the centre to obtain the services they need.

### *Fund Donors*

#### **\$5,000+**

Elaine Wiedemann, Medicine Hat

#### **\$1,000+**

Kenneth Blair Professional Corp.,  
Medicine Hat

Mark & Kathy Carry, Medicine Hat

Dean & Edna McKelvie, Medicine Hat

Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto

#### **\$500+**

Janice Blair, Medicine Hat

Dietrich Brand, Medicine Hat

Brian & Gwen Rothwell, Medicine Hat

#### **\$250+**

Kelly & Barb Byers, Medicine Hat

Phil Horch, Medicine Hat

Audrey & Lloyd Olsen, Medicine Hat

Riverridge Assets Inc., Medicine Hat

Dr. Shann Snedden, Medicine Hat

#### **\$100+**

James & Sharran Kungel, Medicine Hat

Eleanor Moon, Calgary

# Welcoming Message...

Once again, this year has been most eventful for the Community Foundation. Our board, executive director, volunteer committee members, and office team have been involved, engaged, and extremely productive. We encourage you to peruse the informative pages of the annual report where many of our projects and initiatives have been highlighted.

We continue to develop our new program which encourages friends and supporters of the Foundation to become Heritage Members of the Legacy Club. Details of this program are available in the report or by contacting the office. Please consider a legacy gift to your community as an integral part of your estate planning.

As we are all acutely aware, the world and our local region continue to function in very difficult economic conditions. We are very conscious of the increased demands and pressures on the many charities and agencies in our communities, and although still not back to maximum output, we were pleased that our community grant-making was able to assist as much as possible.

The board of the Community Foundation established the "Immediate Assistance Fund" in an effort to aid in alleviating the growing needs of our community during this very specific time of financial necessity. We were delighted to announce \$15,000 of additional grants from this fund

and wish to sincerely thank all those who contributed. As a result of the devastating flood in June 2010 the Immediate Assistance Fund took on a new role to help with flood relief. At time of writing we have raised nearly \$80,000 and will ensure every cent goes to those affected by the flood and who need it the most.

As a **Community** Foundation, with board members representing all areas of our region, bringing diverse credentials and experiences, we are well positioned to understand the needs of the broader community. We appreciate your contributions and the commitment you have made as supporters of our mission. We hope we can continue to work together to provide leadership in meeting the needs of our region well into the future.

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



*Les Erickson, Board Chair (left)  
Mike Christie, Executive Director*

## 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. In 2005, the Foundation's name was changed to the Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern 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.

## Mission...

Creating a better community: Today, Tomorrow, Forever.

## Vision...

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

## Professional Management...

**Investment Manager:** Jarislowsky Fraser Ltd.

**Banker:** TD Canada Trust

**Custodian:** RBC Dexia

**Auditor:** Meyers Norris Penny





## COMMUNITY FUNDS

### \$1,500,000 Plus

John P. Ignatius

### \$640,000 Plus

Donald and Milta Hawthorne

### \$135,000 Plus

Anonymous

R. Hargrave and C. J. Mitchell\*

### \$40,000 Plus

Alex & Jean McDougald\*

Dean & Edna McKelvie\*

### \$25,000 Plus

Vera Bracken Fund

### Lewall Family\*

Donna McLean Fund

**G.W. & Lil Murray,  
Mack & Anne Murray,  
and Families Fund\***

### \$20,000 Plus

Jeff Peckham Family Fund

John & Matta Rinke

### \$15,000 Plus

### Doug & Shirley Heine Family\*

Doug & Brenda Nerland Family

Jim & Anne White Family\*

Ann Yuill

### \$10,000 Plus

Derbyshire Fund

### \$9,000 Plus

**Rod & Sharon Wutch Family\***

### \$8,000 Plus

**Sandy & Jane MacKay\***

Vallely Family Fund\*

### \$6,000 Plus

**Al & Tanis Garden & Family\***

Les & Terri Little Family\*

Archie & Joan MacPhail Family\*

**Kathy & Ben Hern\***

Doug & Clara Patzer

# Donor Profile: *Gilda Valli*

by Marlene Watson

Have you ever had a life-altering experience? At the age of 17, Gilda Valli's life was forever changed by the powerful statement "change your ideas and you can change your life." For Gilda this change came in the form of learning. By bettering her own life through learning and creating a means to allow others to learn, generations will be in the position to ***change their ideas and change their lives.***

On November 22, 1928 in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Mario and Lois Valli welcomed the first of three children, Gilda Lois Valli. Gilda lost her status of only child when her younger brother, Victor (Ted) Edwin Oswald Valli was born in December 1931. The delighted family expanded upon the arrival of baby Marion Angela Aleda many years later in 1953.

During Gilda's younger years her family moved many times. Her father's ability to change jobs and find suitable work to pro-

vide for his family was the primary reason for the moves. When Gilda reached school age, the closest school was too far for Gilda to attend. Her mother, Lois, knew the value of education and home-schooled Gilda. Correspondence lessons and the availability of her parents' books allowed Gilda to become an avid reader. At the age of 10, she enrolled in grade four when the family moved to Brooks. Gilda continued reading throughout her school years. Imagine her excitement when she received a scholarship at the age of 17. She was awarded \$300.00, from the Eastern Irrigation School District. Gilda refers to herself as an unsophisticated rural kid and she knew how lucky she was to get into university. The scholarship allowed her to attend the University of Alberta and later on the University of British Columbia. Gilda's entire life revolved around reading, teaching and most importantly, learning.

Learning has been an enormous influence in Gilda's life. She views learning as an opportunity for personal development, increased self-esteem and enabling people to rise above their circumstances. Gilda and her brother Victor (also a very active supporter of the Community Foundation) believe further education should be accessible to average people and not just the extremely wealthy or the top honour role student. After careful consideration and lengthy conver-



Left: Gilda Valli

Above: Gilda & Ted, circa 1935

*"To give others the opportunity to engage the process of becoming."*

sations, Gilda and Victor have established The Valli Family Scholarship Fund with our Community Foundation. This scholarship is available for high school graduates from the Brooks area and is available for the entire duration of the graduate's post-secondary education. By establishing The Valli Family Scholarship Fund, Gilda and her brother Victor have created a legacy for the future.

The Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta was the charity Gilda and her brother chose to guide their vision of helping people become a reality. Gilda refers to the Community Foundation as, "an absolutely magnificent organization for aiding and abating community life." She found the Community Foundation to be very helpful in many ways, especially in

ensuring the criteria for their donation was met. As well as being a philanthropist, Gilda (now retired and living in Edmonton) is an avid gardener and musician. Her green thumb never gets in the way while playing flute with the Cosmopolitan Music Society.

By establishing The Valli Family Scholarship Fund, generations to come will be in the position to **change their ideas and change their lives.**

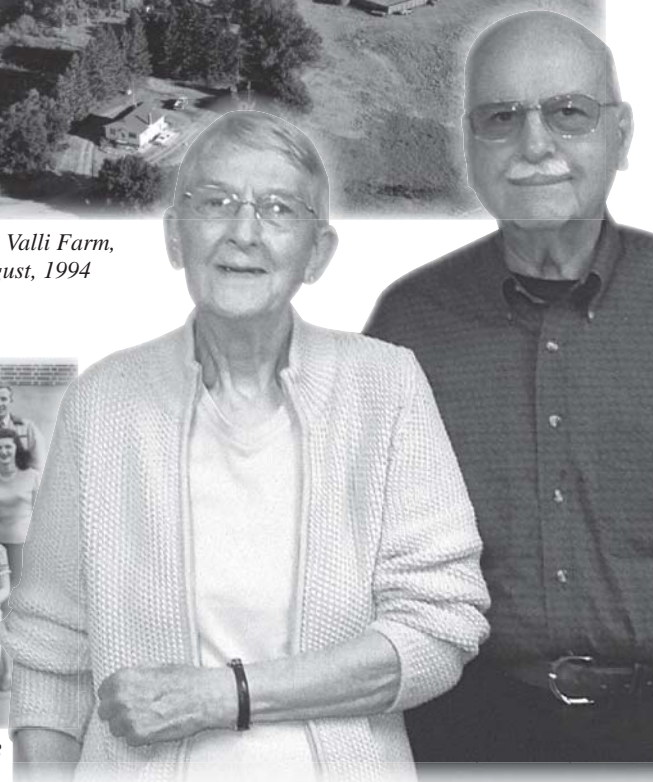
The Valli Family Scholarship Fund is available to students in the county of Newell. For more information or to apply, students should contact their school administrators. If you or your family would like to start a scholarship fund of your own and impact lives for years to come, please contact our office at (403) 527-9038.



*The Valli Farm,  
August, 1994*



*Top Left & Middle: Gilda, 1952/53 Hanna, AB  
as a first-year teacher with her Gr. 1 class,  
Bottom Left: Gilda's Gr. 12 Grad Class, 1947*



*Gilda Valli and her brother, Ted, July 2010*

## COMMUNITY FUNDS

### \$5,000 Plus

Fay & Garnet Altwasser  
**Roy & Peggy Archibald\***  
 David & Karen Carter Family  
 Canadian Fertilizers  
 Dr. Murray & Beryl Cowan\*  
 J. & B. David  
 Tom & Emmy Droog  
 Elmer & Doris Fisher  
**Bob & Judy Herring\***  
 Private Family Fund (Brooks)  
 TELUS\*

### \$4,000 Plus

Burns Edward Schwab/BVS  
 Gwen & Harold Congram\*  
 Criterion Catalysts\*  
**Arnold & Thelma Johnston\***  
 David & Jean Nitchke & Family  
**Rotary Club of Medicine Hat Sunrise\***

### \$3,000 Plus

Bright's Prosthetic  
 Laboratory Fund  
**Kelly & Barb Byers Family\***  
 Dennis & Carol Comm Family\*  
**Hargrave Ranching Co. Inc.\***  
 Richard Kowalchuk Family\*  
**Uwe & Anke Krickhahn Family\***  
**Ian & Phyllis McLaughlin\***  
 Dale Stein Family  
**Bill & Marg Taylor & Family**  
**Harry Zeller Family\***

### \$2,000 Plus

**Wayne & Bernice Chesley\***  
**Don Morris Gas King**  
 Feick Family  
 Rick & Bonnie Hanson\*  
 Ethel & Ed Helgeson\*  
 Ed & Bonnie Hole\*  
 Johnston Morrison Hunter  
 George & Vera Kowalchuk\*  
**Rob & Sharon Lefever\***  
**Phyllis McLaughlin\***  
 Dr. Nandy Family\*  
 Audrey & Lloyd Olsen\*  
 Park City Toyota  
 Bob & Donna-Lee Porter\*  
 Short Grass Ranches Ltd.  
 Thomas & Constance Sissons\*  
 Jack & Carol Snedden\*  
**Kent & Patsy Walker\***  
**Don Weiss Family\***  
 Wenzel Family\*  
 Willinghoff Family\*  
 Perry & Lois Yanke





ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
<b>AGENCY FUND GRANTS, Spring 2010:</b>		
• Friends of Medalta Society	General Use	\$797.00
• Big Brothers/Big Sisters Fund	General Use	\$69.00
• Friends of the Family Foundation	Medicine Hat Family Service	\$34.00
• United Way	General Use	\$37.00
• YMCA	General Use	\$509.00
• CORE Association	General Use	\$34.00
• CORE Association: Jason Mauch Fund	Support for Program	<u>\$90.00</u>
<b>Total Agency Fund Grants, Spring 2010</b>		<b>\$1,570</b>

<b>AGENCY FUND GRANTS, Fall 2009:</b>		
• REDI Enterprises	Endowment Distribution	\$3,473.00
• Rotary Club	Various Awards	\$4,780.00
• Rotary Club	Managed Fund	\$697.00
• CORE - Gilles Piché Scholarship	Scholarship for CORE staff	<u>\$1,734.00</u>
<b>Total Agency Fund Grants, Fall 2009</b>		<b>\$10,684</b>

<b>SCHOLARSHIPS, Spring 2010:</b>		
• Dr. F.W. & Harriet Gershaw Fund	Scholarship Chosen by Family	\$465.00
• Valli Family Scholarship Fund	Grasslands School Division	\$857.00
• Zirka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble	MHSD76/MHCBE	\$747.00
• Lions Club of Irvine	Sara Michaud Fund	\$173.00
• Drowning Ford Grazing Association	Prairie Rose School Division	\$805.00
• French Immersion	MHSD76	\$45.00
• James & John McConnell Scholarship	Chinook School Division	\$13,172.00
• Chief Gord Earl Leadership Legacy Fund	MH School Districts	<u>\$938.00</u>
<b>Scholarship Total, Spring 2010</b>		<b>\$17,202</b>

<b>SCHOLARSHIPS, Fall 2009:</b>		
• TX Ranches (J. Ignatius)	Player Scholarships	\$1,495.00
• Medicine Hat Big League Baseball		
• TX Ranches (J. Ignatius)	4-H Member Scholarships	\$1,493.00
• Cactus Country 4-H Club		
• Jardine Bursary	Scholarship Special Areas	\$1,200.00
• Loretta & Joe Laycock Scholarship	4-H (Hanna)	<u>\$788.00</u>
<b>Scholarship Total, Fall 2009</b>		<b>\$4,976</b>

## Operating Endowments

### \$500,000 Plus

- John P. Ignatius (Jan-00)

### \$180,000 Plus

- Dorothy Lehr (Sep-06)

### \$30,000 Plus

- William J. and Anne Morrison (Jan-03)

### \$14,000 Plus

- Bill & Marion Bauman Fund (Jul-94)

### \$10,000 Plus

- Gordon & Isabelle Sissons Fund (May-96)
- Ted Grimm Roast 2001

### \$5,000 Plus

- Canadian Fertilizers (Jan-98)
- Canada Trust Fund (Feb-97)
- Investors Group Fund (Feb-98)

### \$4,000 Plus

- Jim & Anne White Family Fund (Sep-00)

### \$1,000 Plus

- McCoy Safe Grad (Jan-06)
- Walt Sauve Memorial (Feb-06)

### Board and Staff Fund

#### \$5,000 Plus

- Ken Feick Family (Dec-06)
- **Mike Christie\*** (Jun-01)

#### \$2,500 Plus

- Myers Norris Penny Fund (Mar-03)

#### \$1,000 Plus

- **Frew-Wannamaker Family\*** (Dec-04)
- MacKay Family Fund (Nov-98)
- Joan & Walt Sauve Families\* (Jun-05)
- **Dr. Shann Snedden (Jun-06)**

\*Denotes Centennial Legacy Club Membership  
*Bold italic denotes new fund or contribution in 2009/2010*

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
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### COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS, Spring 2010 & Fall 2009:

• Kidsport Medicine Hat/Redcliff ( <i>Amount includes \$5,000 funding from the "Rural Youth and Education Fund"</i> )	Continuing Funding	\$5,000.00
• Alzheimer Society of Alberta/NWT	Technology Hardware & Software Upgrade	\$2,300.00
• Medicine Hat & District Citizen Advocacy Society	Guide At Your Side	\$5,000.00
• Habitat for Humanity	Trailer for Habitat Restore	\$3,500.00
• Medicine Hat School District No. 76 ( <i>Amount includes \$373 funding from the "Rural Youth and Education Fund" &amp; \$966 funding from the Medicine Hat 2008 Summer Games Fund</i> )	History in the Hills	\$4,966.00
• Medicine Hat School District No. 76 ( <i>Amount includes \$4,000 funding from the Medicine Hat 2008 Summer Games Fund</i> )	Medicine Hat Rotary Track/Soccer Complex Improvement Project	\$4,000.00
• Glenview Nazarene Church	C-Can Project	\$4,410.00
• Children's Wish Foundation	Granting Wishes in the Medicine Hat Community	\$2,500.00
• Medicine Hat Family Services	Laptop for Presentations	\$850.00
• SPEC Assoc. for Children & Families ( <i>Amount includes \$1,883 funding from the Medicine Hat 2008 Summer Games Fund</i> )	Local LINKS Booklet Edition #6	\$3,300.00
• The Champion's Centre Inc. ( <i>Amount includes \$715 funding from the Methanex Social Investment Fund</i> )	Compliance Assistant	\$4,988.00
• Kids Help Phone	SE Alberta Schools Material Mailing Program	\$600.00
• Easter Seals Society Alberta	Equipment & Support Services Program	\$1,000.00
• Roots of Empathy	Roots of Empathy, Medicine Hat Region	\$6,000.00
• Big Brothers/Big Sisters	School Based Mentoring Activity Bins	\$1,684.00
• CORE	Kids on the Block Sound System	\$4,292.00
• Canadian Mental Health Assoc. of Alberta	Men's Mental Health in the Workplace	\$4,000.00
• Grasslands Regional Family & Com. Support Services Society	Energize! Educate! Empower!	\$13,500.00
• Schizophrenia Society of Alberta	Partnership Program	\$3,960.00
• Southview Out-of-School Care	Out-of-School Care, Southview School	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Total Community Foundation Grants, Spring 2010 &amp; Fall 2009</b>		<b><u>\$77,350</u></b>

### DESIGNATED GRANTS, Spring 2010 & Fall 2009:

• Legal Archives of Alberta	Alberta Legal History	\$214.00
• Donna MacLean, Bill Morrison, Peter Armstrong, Orv Kope	Communities in Bloom	
• Donna MacLean Grasslands Naturalists Fund	City of Medicine Hat Beautification	\$265.00
• Donna MacLean Library Fund	Grasslands Naturalists	\$523.00
	Medicine Hat Public Library	\$558.00
• Donna MacLean Museum Fund	Purchase of Art Instructional Materials	
	Medicine Hat Museum & Art Gallery	
• Donna MacLean SPCA Fund	School Art Annual Award	\$523.00
• Donna MacLean Participation House Fund	Medicine Hat SPCA, Their Choice – Use of Funds	\$174.00
• Donna MacLean Southern Alberta	Participation House in Markham, Their Choice – Use of Funds	\$389.00
• MedicAir Society Fund	Emergency Medical Helicopter	
• Donna MacLean War Amp Fund	Service for Southern Alberta	\$779.00
• Donna MacLean Ontario College of Art & Design Fund	CHAMP Program	\$779.00
• Tom & Connie Sissons Fund	Scholarship to Support Life and Portrait Study	\$779.00
• Freedman Fund	Salvation Army	\$171.00
• John Ignatius Jenner 4-H Multi-Club Fund	Symphonic Society	\$370.00
• Big Country Allied Arts Association	Trophy for Grand Champion Calf	\$47.00
• Alex & Jean McDougald Fund	Oyen Public Library	\$173.00
• Alex & Jean McDougald Fund	The Salvation Army	\$1,068.00
• Redi Enterprises	Food Bank & Services	\$1,104.00
• Rotary Club	Endowment Distribution	\$3,473.00
• Rotary Club	Various Awards	\$4,780.00
• Rawleigh Family Trust	Managed Fund	\$697.00
• Lavern & Mary Kurpuweit	MHSD #76	\$86.00
• Lavern & Mary Kurpuweit	Health Foundation	\$1,750.00
• Lavern & Mary Kurpuweit	Whispering Pines Camp	\$1,750.00
• Lavern & Mary Kurpuweit	Church	\$840.00
• Brock & Brenda Millions	Church	\$840.00
• Zelmore Fund	Church	\$840.00
• CORE - Gilles Piché Scholarship	Women's Shelter	\$855.00
	Scholarship for CORE staff	<u>\$1,734.00</u>
<b>Total Designated Grants, Spring 2010 &amp; Fall 2009</b>		<b><u>\$25,561</u></b>

\*Denotes Centennial Legacy Club Membership

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# Grants Awarded







# *The Financial Times...*

The slow economic recovery and the performance of the capital markets have impacted the Foundation's finances.

Many of the major indices hit their lowest point of the past two years in 2009. The Foundation had approximately 55% of its assets in investments represented by these indices. There has been a significant rebound since then, but as at June 2010 we were still below September 2008 levels. The Foundation's discipline and rigour in setting policies and selection of investment manager has meant that we have not had to deal with the worst of swings and fluctuations in capital growth and investment income.

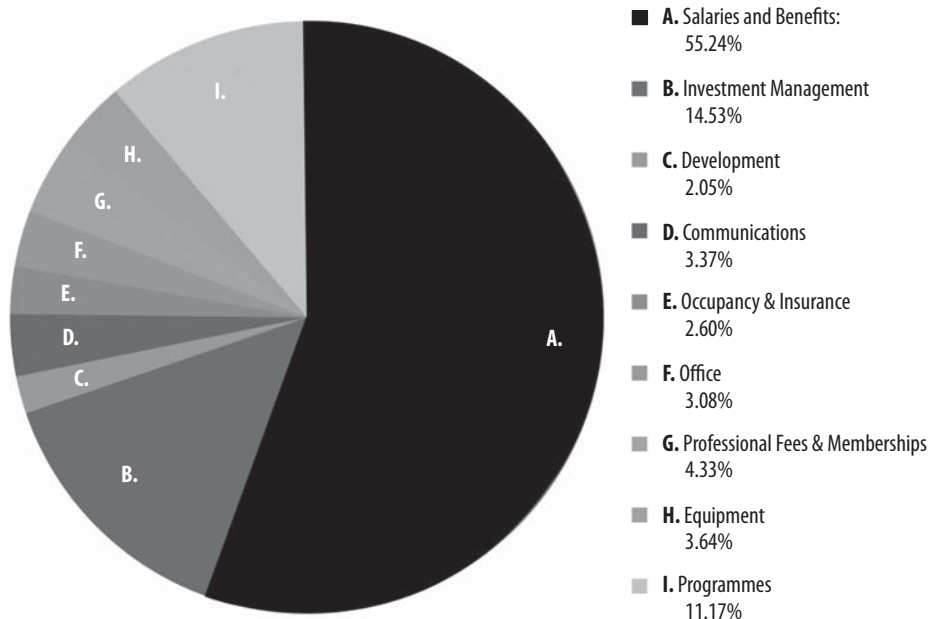
We were pleased to be able to return to our regular grants program during 2009/2010 even though it was somewhat reduced from previous levels.

Financial assistance that we provide greatly depends on charitable contributions and the per-

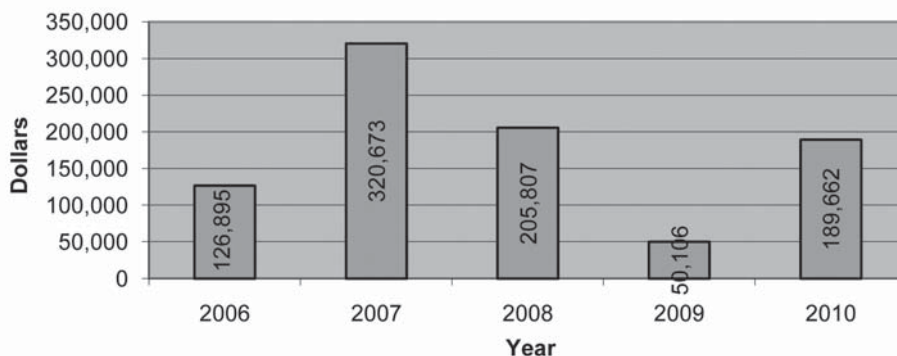
formance of endowment funds from investments in capital markets. The performance of markets affects the financial support to local charities. An environment that encourages entrepreneurs and supports business success is vital to the continued growth of the Foundation through contributions. Strong employment and a confident regional community that is open and receptive to philanthropy is a key element to the achievement of long term Foundation goals.

The tax environment also impacts the Foundation. Gifts of securities still attract a zero inclusion rate for capital gains tax, and in Alberta the tax credit of 50% for gifts of \$200 or more in any given year continues. The federal budget in March 2010 eliminated the 80% disbursement quota on non-endowed gifts made to the foundation. This provides much greater flexibility and opportunities for donors to use the Foundation's services for a wider variety of community support.

**2009/2010 Administration Costs**

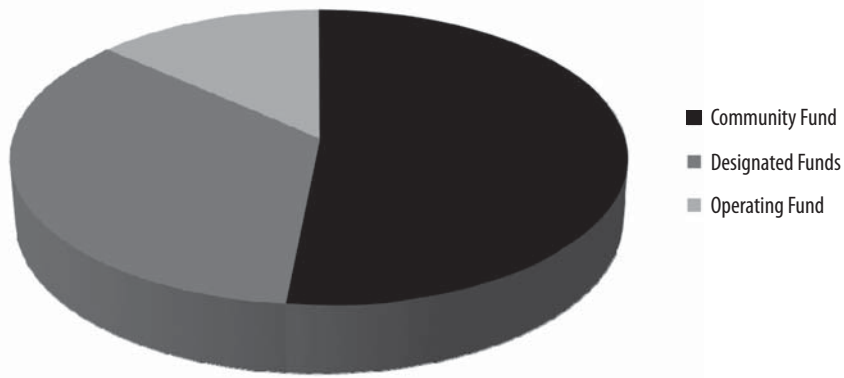


**Total Grants • June 2010**

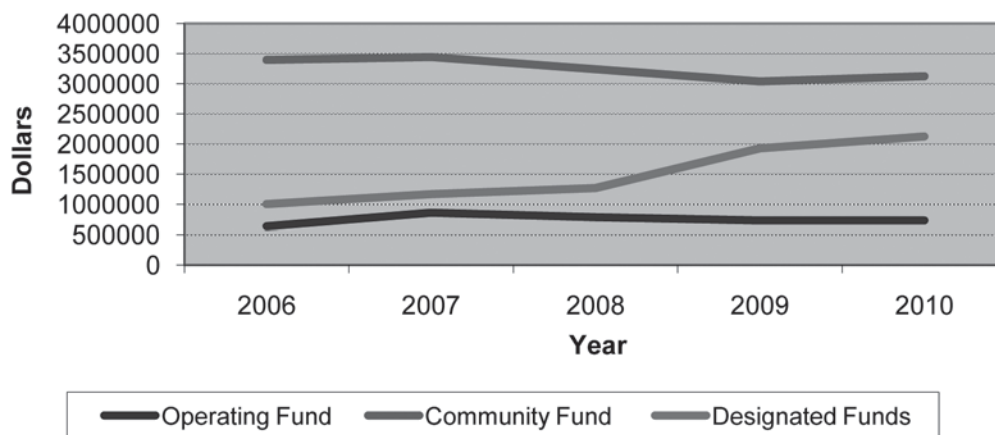




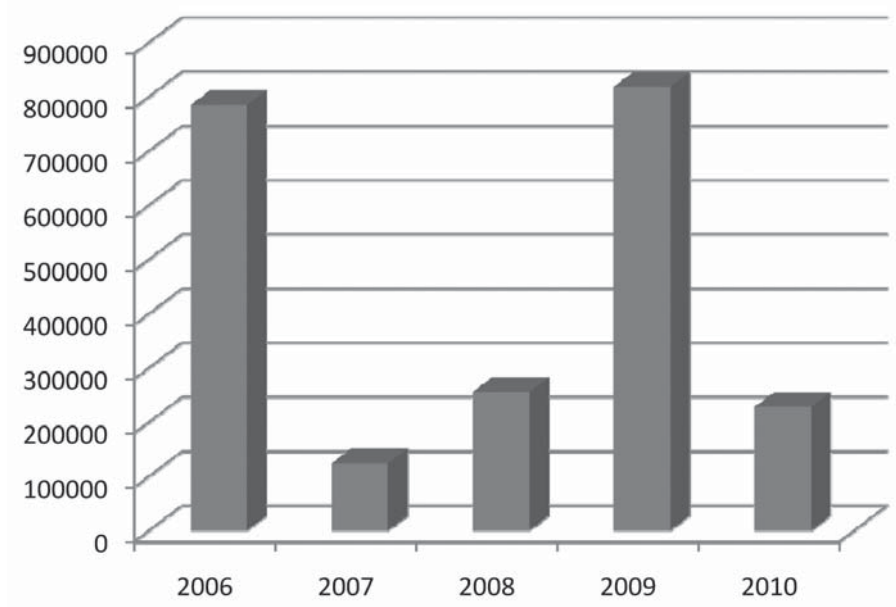
**Total Endowment Funds • June 2010**



**Market Value • Total Endowment Funds • June 2010**



**Total Donations by Year**



## COMMUNITY FUNDS

### \$1,000 Plus

Anonymous\*  
 Anonymous  
 Anonymous  
 J.R. Aitken & Family\*  
**Albert & Yvonne Ancil\***  
 Vance & Ruth Andreas & Family\*  
 Peter Armstrong  
 Art's Excavating\*  
 Wayne & Glennis Baum & Family  
 Bill & Marion Bauman\*  
 Bevan Family  
 Ken Biemans Family\*  
 D. Brand & Family\*  
 Grant & Colette Bright Family\*  
 Don & Christa Cameron\*  
 Caragata/Quintin Family\*  
 Carpet One\*  
 Mark & Kathy Carry  
 Randy & Cathie Catalano\*  
 Chinook Club of Irvine\*  
 Glen & Bonnie Christensen\*  
 Stephanie Churla & Family\*  
 City Plymouth Chrysler\*  
 Classic Construction Ltd.\*  
 Pat & Bruce Cooke Family\*  
 Co-op Rainbow Women's Guild\*  
 Corporate Business Equipment\*  
 Couillard Families  
 Century Homes Ltd. (Craven-Hall Fund)\*  
 Mack Higdon, Austin & Ethel Currie\*  
 Bill & Bobbi Dearborn\*  
 Dwaine & Pat Dietrich\*  
 Dean Dinning & Family\*  
 Dr. Nick Douvis Family\*  
 Bruce, Janice & Jayne Dynes\*  
**Elder Family**  
 Curtis Ensminger & Jan Tate\*  
 C.C. & J. Evangelos Family\*  
 Financial Solutions-Vern Hyde\*  
 George & Edna Finch\*  
 Kevin Fischer Family\*  
 James C. Fisher\*  
 James & Kathleen Foy\*  
 Dr. J.P. Gallimore\*  
 Ron & Sharon Getz\*

# Designated Funds

NAME OF FUND	ESTABLISHED	RECIPIENT AGENCY	PURPOSE
<b>\$110,000 Plus</b>			
<b>CORE Association</b>	<b>Sep-07</b>	<b>CORE Association</b>	<b>Operating Expenses</b>
<i>Gilles Piché Fund</i>			
<i>Henriette Piché</i>			
<i>C. James Bell</i>			
<i>Aime &amp; Therese Fournier</i>			
<i>T.J. Rinker Memorial</i>			
<i>Leo &amp; Jeannine Piché</i>			
<b>Jason Mauch Memorial Fund</b>			<b>Arts Program</b>
<i>Jan Olwechowski</i>			
<i>Home Depot</i>			
<b>\$100,000 Plus</b>			
<b>REDI Enterprises</b>	<b>Jul-05</b>	<b>REDI Enterprises</b>	
<b>\$80,000 Plus</b>			
<b>Rotary Club of MH Music Festival</b>	<b>Dec-01</b>	<b>Rotary Music Festival</b>	<b>Support Festival</b>
<b>\$50,000 Plus</b>			
Lavern & Mary Kurpuweit	Aug-08	Churches/ Health Foundation	
Lavern & Mary Kurpuweit	Aug-08	Churches/ Health Foundation	
<b>\$40,000 Plus</b>			
TX Ranches Fund (John P. Ignatius)	Sep-98	Medicine Hat Big League Baseball Association	Scholarships: Graduating Grade 12 Baseball Players
TX Ranches Fund (John P. Ignatius)	Sep-92	Cactus Country 4-H	Scholarship Awards
<b>\$30,000 Plus</b>			
<b>Jardine Bursary</b>	<b>Jan-08</b>	<b>Oyen 4-H</b>	<b>Scholarships</b>
Alex & Jean McDougald Fund	Nov-03	Salvation Army	As they choose
Alex & Jean McDougald Fund	Nov-03	Food Bank & Services	As they choose
<b>\$20,000 Plus</b>			
Lavern & Mary Kurpuweit	Oct-08	Churches/ Health Foundation	
Lavern & Mary Kurpuweit	Oct-08	Churches/ Health Foundation	
Loretta & Joe Laycock Scholarship	Dec-07		Scholarships
Donna MacLean MedicAir Fund		Southeastern Alberta MedicAir	Support MedicAir Helicopter Service
Donna MacLean Ontario College of Art & Design Fund	Dec-01	College of Art & Design	Scholarship to Support Life & Portrait Study
Donna MacLean War Amps Fund	Dec-01	War Amps	CHAMP Program
<b>Medicine Hat Family YMCA</b>	<b>Dec-05</b>	<b>YMCA</b>	<b>Agency Support</b>
Brock & Brenda Millions Fund	Dec-08	Church Donation	
The Valli Family Scholarship Fund	Oct-03	Grasslands School Division	Annual Scholarship
Zirka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble Scholarship*	Feb-05	School District No. 76 & Catholic Board	Annual Scholarships
<b>Chief Gord Earl Leadership Legacy Fund</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>		<b>Scholarships</b>
<b>Friends of Medalta</b>	<b>Oct-07</b>		<b>General Use</b>
<b>\$15,000 Plus</b>			
Donna MacLean Grasslands Naturalists Fund	Jun-96	Grasslands Naturalists	As they choose
Donna MacLean Library Fund*	Jun-96	Medicine Hat Public Library	Art Material
Donna MacLean Museum Fund	Jun-92	Medicine Hat Museum	School Awards, Art
<b>\$10,000 Plus</b>			
Colby Hargrave	Dec-06	Rotary Music Festival	
Dr. F.W. & Harriet Gershaw Fund*	Aug-02	Local School Districts	Annual Scholarship
Donna MacLean Participation House Fund	Dec-01	Participation House	Patient Support
Megan Wahl Memorial Fund*	Aug-05	Undetermined	
Roy & Elaine Wiedemann*	Sep-05	Undetermined	
<b>United Way of SE Alberta</b>	<b>Jul-09</b>		<b>General Use</b>
<b>\$7,000 Plus</b>			
Communities in Bloom Fund	Dec-98	Communities in Bloom Com.	Beautification of City
(Donna MacLean, Orville & Theresa Kope, W.J. Morrison Farms Ltd, Peter Armstrong)			



NAME OF FUND	ESTABLISHED	RECIPIENT AGENCY	PURPOSE
<b>\$5,000 Plus</b>			
Alberta Legal Heritage Fund	Nov-96	Legal Archives Society of Alberta	Preserve Legal History
Big Country Allied Arts Association	Nov-07	Oyen Municipal Library	Library Operations
Theresa Kope Memorial Fund (Orville Kope)	Dec-00	Rotary Music Festival	Rotary Music Festival
Donna MacLean S.P.C.A. Fund	Jun-96	S.P.C.A.	As they choose
<b>Medicine Hat Public Library</b>	<b>Dec-09</b>		<b>Organization Discretion</b>
Sara Michaud Fund, Irvine Lions Club	Jul-04	Prairie Rose Regional Division	Most Improved Grade 6 Boy & Girl, Irvine School
<b>Bill Selhorn Memorial</b>	<b>Jun-09</b>		
Thomas & Constance Sissons	Dec-05	Salvation Army	As they choose
<b>\$4,000 Plus</b>			
Eugene and Ruth Eaton Scholarship Fund	Mar-03	Rotary Music Festival	Outstanding Competitor
<b>Rawleigh Family Trust</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>		
<b>\$3,000 Plus</b>			
Merelie & Melodie Armstrong Memorial	May-05	Rotary Music Festival	Four Hands, One Piano
The Friends of Medalta Society	Nov-00	Friends of Medalta	General Operating Expenses
<b>\$2,000 Plus</b>			
Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Medicine Hat & District	Dec-03	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	General Operating Expenses
<b>Cultural Alliance</b>	<b>Jul-08</b>		
<b>\$1,000 Plus</b>			
Jack & Adele Armstrong	Dec-05	Rotary Music Festival	
Friends of French Immersion	Apr-06	Public SD No. 76	French Immersion Scholarship
Lorne Havard & Family	Dec-05	Rotary Music Festival	
Jenner 4-H Club (John P. Ignatius)		Jenner 4-H Club	Grand Champion Calf Trophy
<b>Medicine Hat Family Service Fund</b>	<b>Mar-03</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>General Operating Expenses</b>

## Field of Interest

### **\$150,000 Plus**

- John P. Ignatius Rural Youth & Recreation Fund (Dec-03)  
Support youth & recreation in rural communities

### **\$140,000 Plus**

- **Medicine Hat 2008 Alberta Summer Games (Apr-09)**  
**2008 Alberta Summer Games**

### **\$50,000 Plus**

- Claude & Terri Bishop Fund (Dec-95)  
Worthy Projects in Southeastern Alberta

### **\$40,000 Plus**

- **Medicine Hat Canada Cup Society (Nov-09)**
- **Saamis Teepee Association (Sept-09)**

### **\$25,000 Plus**

- **Environmental Legacy (May-07) Environmental Issues**  
Growing Active Kids (May-07)  
To address issues related to childhood obesity
- The Zelmere Group (Jul-07)

### **\$20,000 Plus**

- Methanex Social Investment Fund (May-98)  
Health, Safety and Environment

### **Brooks Community Fund: \$10,000 Plus**

- **Savanna Drilling (Jun-09)**  
Support programs in Brooks & area
- Don Weisbeck Roast (Dec-07)  
Support programs in Brooks & area
- Lois Peterson (Dec-07)  
Support programs in Brooks & area

### **Mayor's Community Fund: \$8,000 Plus**

- Garth Valley Roast (Nov-07)  
Immediate Community Needs

### **\$5,000 Plus**

- Dr. Robin Houlston (Mar-09)

## Youth in Philanthropy

### **\$50,000 Plus**

- Anonymous Donations

### **\$20,000 Plus**

- John P. Ignatius
- **GEL Holdings Ltd.**

### **\$8,000 Plus**

- Dr. Ken Blair Professional Corporation\*

### **\$6,000 Plus**

- Jim & Anne White Family

### **\$5,000 Plus**

- Bill & Berta Woolfrey & Family\*

### **\$4,000 Plus**

- Gary Bierback
- **Snedden/Mayer Family\***

### **\$2,000 Plus**

- DENCO

### **\$1,000 Plus**

- AADAC Medicine Hat Staff Donation
- TD Canada Trust

## Donor Advised

### **\$25,000 Plus**

- Niwa Family Fund\* (Nov-01)  
Decided by family on an annual basis

### **\$15,000 Plus**

- Frost Family Fund\* (Oct-01) Undetermined

### **\$10,000 Plus**

- Gerald & Elaine Freedman Fund\* (Dec-93)  
Assist underprivileged children

\*Denotes Centennial Legacy Club Membership, Bold italic denotes new fund or contribution in 2009/2010



## COMMUNITY FUNDS

### \$1,000 Plus

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 Emma Good\*  
 Meryl & Janis Goodfellow  
 Raymond Gill\*  
 Ken & Rita Graumans Family\*  
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 Cindy Guttormsen\*  
 Fred & Heather Hall Family\*  
 Ada & John Hammel\*  
 Roy & Dianne Hanson  
 Tay Hashizume Family\*  
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 Clarence & Ruth Heringer\*  
 Nelson & Sharon Hogg\*  
 Ed & Bonnie Hole\*  
 Patty Horner\*  
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 Edward & Marni Jakubowski  
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 Cecile & Dave Jones\*  
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 Kawan Family\*  
 Wayne Knodel (BT Honda)\*  
 Shane & Michelle Kohlman & Family\*  
 James & Sharran Kungel  
 Clem & Kathy Kuntz\*  
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 Eileen Lange (BT Honda)\*  
 Brad & Marlene Lay (Steep Rock)\*  
 Randy & Linda Lehr Family\*  
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 Allan & Rae McLeod\*  
 John & Shelly McLeod\*  
 Marion McRoberts & Family\*  
 Medicine Hat Co-op

# Our grants at work: *Kids On The Block Sound System*

by Jennifer Thompson

A recent grant from the Community Foundation's community grants program has enabled local area students to learn about social issues in a fun way – from puppets.

The CORE Kids On The Block puppet troupe was launched in 2008 with a vision of giving people with disabilities the opportunity to contribute to their community while educating children about a variety of social issues. With the help of coordinator Brenda Shaw, volunteers from both CORE and the community learn to become Kids on The Block puppeteers.

The Community Foundation's donation of funds to buy a sound system is helping deliver the program to all areas of the community including schools, Safety City programs, YMCA programs, Spectrum and many more. The need for a sound system was clear, said Shaw.

"The CORE Kids On The Block have performed for audiences of up to 50 students at a time," she said. "The puppeteers wear all black, including a hood, for a shadow effect. Because of the need to wear a hood, the puppeteers' voices can become muffled and hard to hear, so the sound system will enhance the performances."

In one instance, as Shaw pointed out, the puppeteer is unable to speak clearly enough to speak the role but can effectively move the puppet. Another individual is unable to move the puppet but can speak

the role. Especially in this instance, the group's new microphones and speakers have worked perfectly.

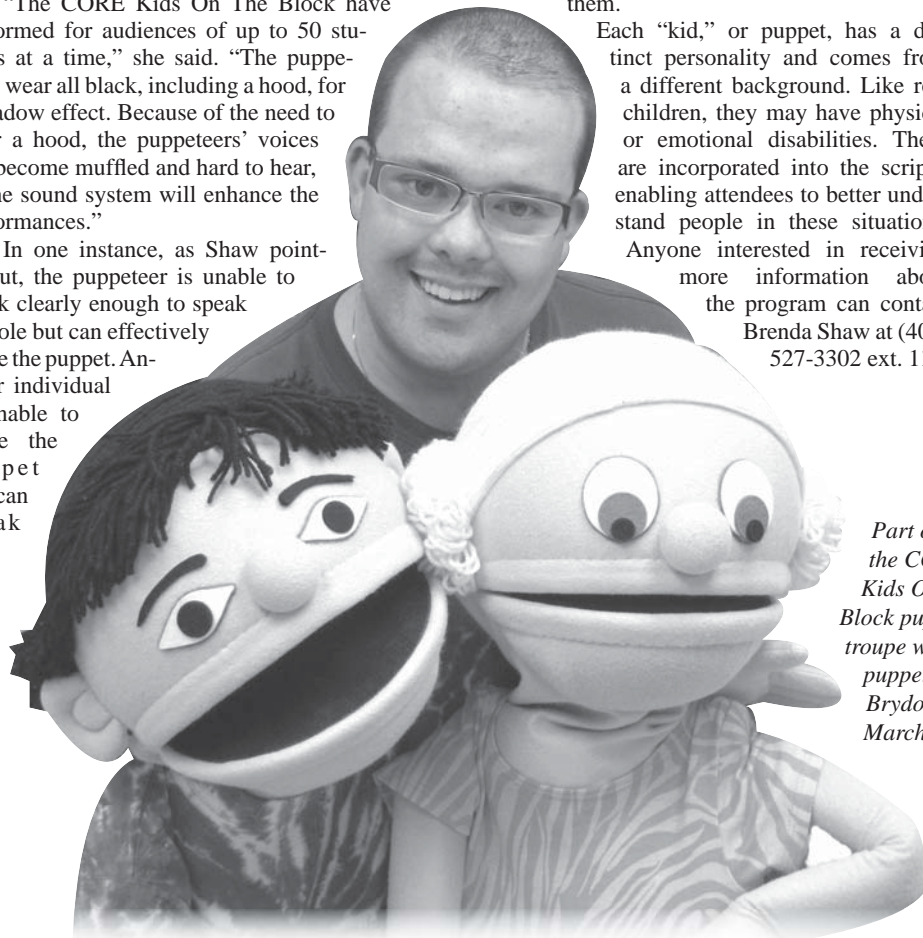
Sounds system in tow, the CORE Kids On The Block are now ready to deliver their programming to various schools and events throughout the area. Programs range from Autism or Down Syndrome, Vehicle Safety, Bullying/School Safety, Multiculturalism and Sun, Heat/Water Safety and Childhood Obesity.

Shaw says the program serves the community in two ways: "It teaches children valuable lessons about social issues that will affect them throughout their lives. It also helps the puppeteers gain self-confidence as they become contributing members of society."

The puppets are close to life-size and are well loved by those who come into contact with them.

Each "kid," or puppet, has a distinct personality and comes from a different background. Like real children, they may have physical or emotional disabilities. These are incorporated into the scripts, enabling attendees to better understand people in these situations.

Anyone interested in receiving more information about the program can contact Brenda Shaw at (403) 527-3302 ext. 117.



*Part of the CORE Kids On The Block puppet troupe with puppeteer, Brydon Marchand.*



# Legacy Club

Our **Legacy Club** provides an opportunity for everyone to create and build their own community legacy. It is a simple, unique and lasting way to make an impact in the communities we live in and provide hope for a better tomorrow.

Membership within the Legacy Club can commence with as little as \$500 received anytime from January 1st to December 31st each year. These Legacy donations are then placed in an endowment fund in the name of the donor, whether it be a family name, business name or in memory of a loved one. Any donation received for that fund is then pooled and invested with other donations. The interest is used to make local grants to charities within Southeastern Alberta. Your original gift is never touched and becomes a never-ending source of income for the community – a true legacy.

Since the Legacy Club's inception in 2005, members have been recognized for their contributions. We graciously thank the following people who decided to support their community through the Community Foundation and our 2009 Legacy Club.

## *It's easy to create your Legacy today!*

For over 18 years the Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta has been helping people create a lasting legacy for their community. The Foundation now holds over 260 endowed funds that support a large array of charitable causes.

**Donors know** that we provide a simple solution. Using our services, an endowment fund is quick and easy to open and at no cost. Our expert administration makes your fund both time and cost efficient.

**Donors know** that we provide flexibility. There are a number of ways to create and name a fund that meets your needs. You can designate a specific charity or identify an issue area for support, such as the environment or youth; the choice is yours. Many donors choose to support the community through the discretionary fund which allows the Foundation to respond to evolving needs. We offer other types of funds to meet the needs of all donors.

**Donors know** we are effective. There are a number of ways to make a gift to the Foundation either to existing funds or the creation of named funds. Gifts can be cash, publicly traded securities, bequests, life insurance policies or other assets.

**Donors know** we offer impact. Our annual research report, "Vital Signs" is a good platform base to identify the issues and for informing priorities for action. It can be used to assist you in creating the most impact from your fund. Many charities struggle to deal with increasing financial pressures, and perpetual steady flow of revenue from an endowed fund is of utmost importance.

### ***Impressed? Gift now or later?***

By creating a fund now you can see your dollars at work. For families it provides an opportunity to discuss giving with their children around causes that have touched their lives.

By becoming a Heritage Member of the Legacy Club you can join others who have allocated a future gift. Your fund is established through your estate at the time your will is realized. Your fund continues your charitable goals based on guidelines you have provided.

For more information on how to create your own legacy call 403-527-9038 or go to [www.mhcf.ca](http://www.mhcf.ca).

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### **\$1,000 Plus**

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Ann Warhaft  
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Marjorie Saunderson  
Dr. Shann Snedden  
Bill Roberts  
Lavina Roberts

*\*Deceased*

Giving might be rooted in our prairie tradition and history, but it is an act of foresight – a tangible demonstration of hope for the future.

Southeastern Alberta as a whole benefits from the Community Foundation, which serves the needs of an entire region. Donors from all across this region come together as one at the Community Foundation, where gifts are pooled into permanent, income-earning endowment funds that benefit nearly 100 different hamlets, villages, towns and cities within Southeastern Alberta through charitable grants.

So how can you help to make a difference and impact your community? The solution is simple. As a donor, you have complete freedom of choice regarding the use of income from your endowment fund. There are a wide range of options available to suit your needs.

The Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta is a single, trusted vehicle you can use to address the issues you care about. There is no safer, more efficient or more cost-effective way to carry out your philanthropic goals.

In an effort to help our donors further achieve their philanthropic goals and leave a lasting legacy, the Community Foundation of Medicine Hat & Southeastern Alberta created an extension of the Legacy Club. That extension is our Heritage Membership.

Heritage Membership is exclusive to those who have included the Community Foundation in their future plans with a gift through a bequest, life insurance, trust arrangement or other asset of choice; they have made a conscious decision to build today into a better tomorrow. They believe in the core values and potential of our community. They further believe that a structured gift in a Community Foundation endowment fund will ensure an even better, more vibrant future for generations to come.

We honour and recognize our Heritage Members for their foresight and planning and would like to salute these individuals for making this decision.

*A Gift of Heritage*



# VitalSigns®

In October 2010 the Community Foundation proudly released Medicine Hat's Vital Signs for the fourth straight year. Now known as our community's report card, the report serves several valuable functions in Medicine Hat. Many community leaders turn to it daily to assist in their jobs. There is no better way to get a broad spectrum look at how Hatters live and play.

Vital Signs is important to the Community Foundation because it assists us in our community leadership role. It enables us to be better grant makers and therefore means we are putting your donated dollars to better use in our community. Matter of fact, we even ask Medicine Hat-area grant applicants to relate their grant application to Vital Signs.

Vital Signs enables us to ask questions. We can take a look at the indicators and ask "what can we as a foundation, or you as a resident, do to make a difference?" To further explore these questions, we created the Vital Activity program.

Throughout the year the Foundation hosts Vital Munches where community members can gather and hear from the experts regarding subjects covered in Vital Signs. A fairly new addition to our Vital Activities is the Vital Kids program. In this facet of the program, Foundation staff members take Vital Signs out into the community and present it to school children.

Community leadership is something we at the Community Foundation do not take lightly. We are proud of Vital Signs and excited to share with you another year of Vital Activities and helping build community. Please join us as we try to make our community an even better place to live.



## Meet our Board...



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Front: Janice Blair (Vice Chair), Les Erickson (Chair), Sharran Kungel (Secretary), Ryan Dorton (Treasurer)

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Missing: Cory Baksa, Patrick Knight, Gerry Labas, Todd O'Reilly, Rick Redmond, Dr. Shann Snedden (Past Chair)

### Community Foundation Staff:

Mike Christie, Jennifer Thompson, Marlene Watson, Melissa Wannamaker\*, Lisa Kowalchuk\*, Maegan Sewell\*  
(\*Former)

## COMMUNITY FUNDS

### Charitable Remainder Trust

Matta Rinke Charitable Remainder Trust

### Memorial Community Funds

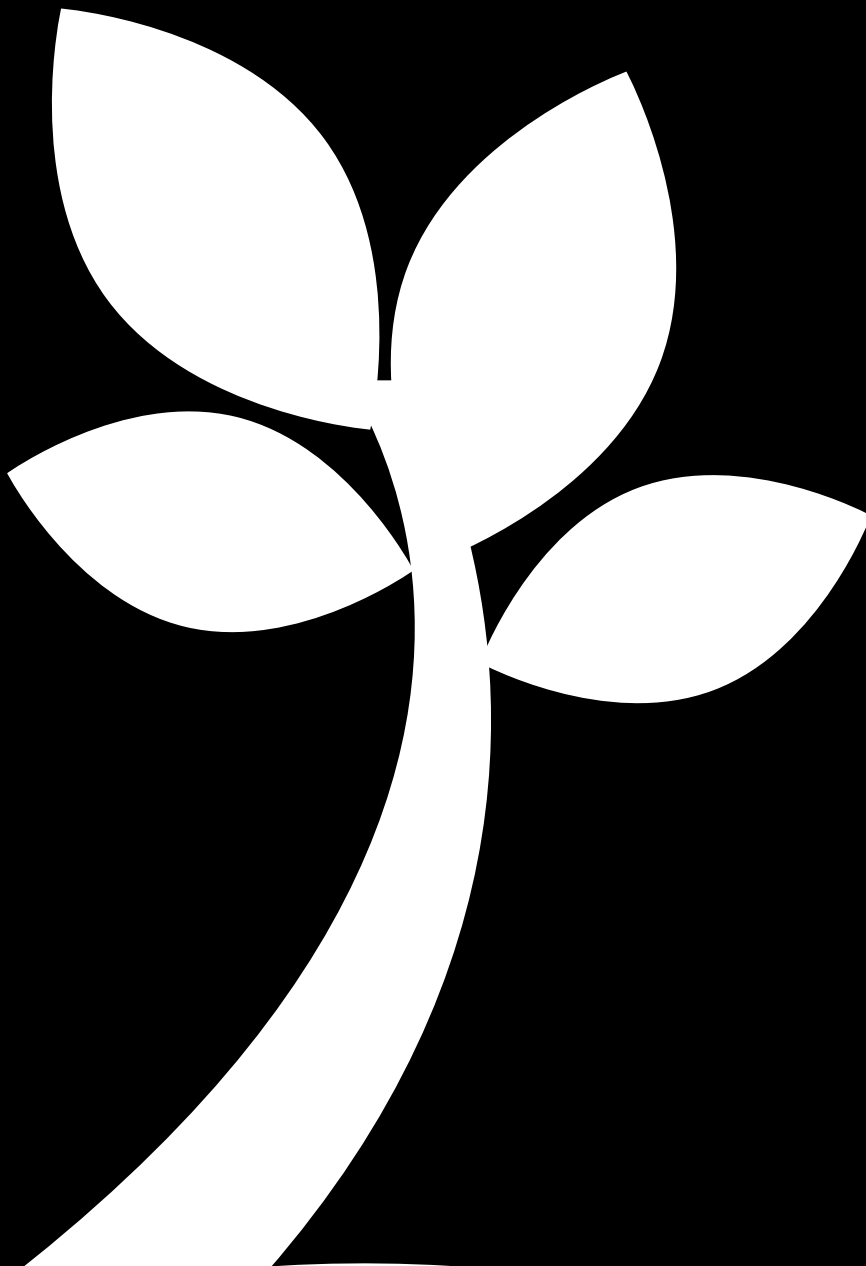
Bill Morrison Memorial Fund, Sept-99

John Ignatius Memorial Fund, Jan-00

Pat Valley Memorial Fund, Feb-00

Hon. H.A. Bud Olson, Dec-05

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