



Community
Foundation
of Southeastern Alberta

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1992-2017

GROW. GIVE. INSPIRE.

Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta
2016 / 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

WE GROW

CFSEA engages donors with causes they are passionate about to build permanent endowments

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WE GIVE

CFSEA distributes investment earnings to a broad range of community initiatives

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WE INSPIRE

CFSEA connects issues, convenes partners and develops community-based solutions

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HISTORY, VISION & MISSION

TODAY, TOMORROW, FOREVER...

The original idea for the Community Foundation came from a local area rancher, Mr. John Ignatius, who had supported other Community Foundations and sought to have a local organization provide similar community benefits. John made the first endowed donation of \$25,000 and encouraged his many family, friends and colleagues to follow his example. The Medicine Hat Community Foundation was then founded in 1992 through an act of Legislature of the Province of Alberta. John passed away in January 2000 and, true to his word, left the vast majority of his estate to the Foundation. John's financial contribution was in excess of \$2.4 million but his biggest legacy was the original creation of the Foundation which will continue to support Southeastern Alberta forever. The CFSEA 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.

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

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

VALUES

Stewardship – Collaboration – Proactivity – Permanency

As the Chair and Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta, we are proud to present the accomplishments from the 2016-2017 year of our donors, volunteers, staff, grant beneficiaries and community leaders. In this year of change and transition, all have given their time, treasures and talents to vitalize our communities across the region and move the needle on significant social issues. Here are a few of our highlights:



WELCOME

CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

MICHAEL ANCTIL

Board Chair

CHRIS CHRISTIE

Executive Director

CFSEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael Anctil - Board Chair
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Sean Blewett
Tyson Halmrast
Tracy Stroud
Robert Belau
Todd O'Reilly
Cheryl Pocsik
Warren Stark

- Jarislowsky Fraser, our long time investment managers, achieved an annualized rate of return of 5.75% in 2016. As per our policy, we issued a Request for Proposals for firms to manage our Endowment Funds. After a lengthy process, the Board approved the selection of Leith Wheeler, a firm based in Vancouver with an office in Calgary. Leith Wheeler have considerable experience and a solid performance record in managing endowment funds for community foundations.
- At June 30, 2017 our total assets were \$12,038,072
- We kicked off our 25th anniversary in June with a special \$25,000 Community Catalyst Grant to THRIVE: Medicine Hat and Region Strategy to End Poverty & Increase Well-being.
- Our Vital Signs Report, Impact Grants and People, Random Acts of Kindness Day, and the Community Knowledge Network continue to be an integral part of our community leadership activities.
- Total distribution of funds was \$399,356, including Smart and Caring (\$200,268) and Designated (\$199,088). 71 agencies received funding this year.

This year, we thank the dedicated board members who retired: Ryan Dorton, Dennis Egert, Gerry Labas and Nora Way and extend a warm welcome to new board members: Robert Belau, Gregory Niwa, Cheryl Pocsik and Tracy Stroud.

The Board would also like to acknowledge Trish Richard for her dedication to CFSEA and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

In addition to Chris Christie, who commenced February 1st as our Executive Director, we also welcome our new staff, Barbara Kenworthy (Finance Administrator), Lisa Kosolofski (Community Engagement Coordinator) and Niki Gray (Administration Coordinator). The energy and enthusiasm of this team is contagious and bodes well for the future of the CFSEA.

Our board has set the CFSEA's strategic direction for the next three years and have identified four main priorities with ambitious goals:

- Increase the Community Foundation's profile and visibility across Southeastern Alberta
- Using evidence-based practices, increase endowments and donor engagement
- Through knowledge and data, focus on sound and responsive grant making and strategic, forward-thinking community leadership
- Ensure effective and efficient governance, leadership and operations

We are honoured donors believe in our vision and choose to support our communities with gifts through the CFSEA. This year, those gifts totaled \$440,361. Funds disbursed carry out the wishes of donors, past and present and support a wide variety of charitable organizations and causes across our region. This is only possible through our donors' support, both large and small. As most gifts to the Foundation are endowed, the impact and benefit will continue Today, Tomorrow, Forever...

KICKING OFF OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

ON JUNE 26TH, 2017, THE CFSEA CELEBRATED OUR 25TH YEAR AS A FOUNDATION. SINCE 1992, WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED OVER \$4.8 MILLION IN FUNDS ACROSS SOUTHEASTERN ALBERTA.



Donating to the CFSEA endowment is like planting seeds that grow today, tomorrow, forever! Celebration attendees each received a pack of lunaria seeds (The Money Tree).



Recipient of the \$25,000 Community Catalyst Grant is THRIVE (Poverty Reduction Initiative).
L to R: Michael Ancia (CFSEA); Denise Henning and Chris Hellman (THRIVE CO CHAIRS) and Chris Christie (CFSEA).



Heritage Club Members Wanda Ancia and Doug Heine explore the CFSEA 25th Anniversary timeline banner.

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY, WE ANNOUNCED A SPECIAL \$25,000 COMMUNITY CATALYST GRANT RECIPIENT AT OUR FOUNDER'S DAY EVENT.

The successful applicant was “THRIVE”, an initiative that is designed to end many areas of poverty in our region by 2030. Spearheaded by a group of individuals and organizations within Medicine Hat, THRIVE has 13 target areas they are addressing,

including leadership and systems change, income security, business innovation and many more. The CFSEA is proud to support this initiative! We look forward to learning how THRIVE moves the needle on these significant poverty issues.



LOOKING BACK

1996

The first grant was given out in 1996 to the City of Medicine Hat for the amount of \$2000 to help with the communities flood relief efforts.

2002

The Foundation's 200th grant was issued to the Medicine Hat Public Library for \$675. Total assets reach \$3 million.

2005

The Centennial Legacy Club was created, for donations made over \$500, to celebrate the province of Alberta turning 100.

2007

Over 400 grants have been issued for more than \$2.2 million. The Foundations first Vital Signs was officially launched. The Centennial Legacy Monument is unveiled.

2008

The Heritage Club is created to celebrate those who have gifted the Community Foundation in their future plans through their estate.

2012

Over \$3 million in grants has been awarded supporting over 159 different agencies. The first Youth in Philanthropy grant was disbursed.

2013

Random Acts of Kindness Day was officially launched in November. Over \$250,000 was distributed to the community for flood relief efforts.

2016

CFSEA Vital Signs releases their 10th publication.

WE GROW

DONOR RELATIONS AND PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS

CFSEA engages donors to build permanently endowed funds which are prudently invested for the long-term benefit of Southeastern Alberta. Our donors' initial gifts are never spent and provide a continuous stream of charitable revenue for worthy causes.

DONATE & BE PART OF OUR LEGACY CLUB

Legacy Club members donate a minimum of \$500 in the current calendar year. Members of the 2016 Legacy Club are:

INDIVIDUALS

Mike & Wanda Anctil
Ajit Atwal
Drew & Frances Barnes
Marion Bauman
Dean & Keri Bradford
Dietrich Brand
C. Yanosik/ R. Earl
Natasha Carvalho
Joe Chacko
Suzanne Curtin
Austin Curtin
Marilyn Curtin
Winnifred Davidson
Gillian Digman
Ryan Dorton
Estate of Eleanor Rutledge Moon
Curtis Ensminger
James Hargrave
Doug & Shirley Heine
Brad Isfield

Larry Johnson
Heather Koch
Uwe & Anke Krickhahn
Rob Larkham
Mark Lewall
Katherine Lincoln
Lou Conforti
Ian & Phyllis McLaughlin
Bill & Marilyn Milroy
David & Jean Nitchke
Todd & Darlene O'Reilly
Steve Pahl
Les Pearson
Kevin & Marlene Semrau
Murray & Margaret Sihvon
Jerry & Diane Smith
Shann Snedden
Wayne Stigter
Bill Taylor
Daniel & Barbara Thompson
Ted Vander Hoek

Kent & Kathy Wang
Gene Weber
Linda Weisbeck
Jeff & Miriam Welling
Elaine Wiedemann
Tara Williams
Harry & Eleanor Zeller

ORGANIZATIONS

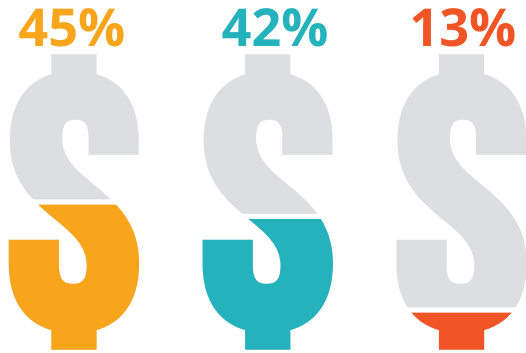
David J. Carter Professional Corporation
Unisource
John Bekkering Holdings
Sunshine Greenhouse
Turk
CH Robinson
Vis Electric
John Bekkering Holdings
United Way of Greater Toronto
Bevo Farms
Westrock

Charitable tax receipts are issued for any donations \$25 and over.

There are many ways to give and it's easy! Drop in to the CFSEA office or call us at 403.527.9038

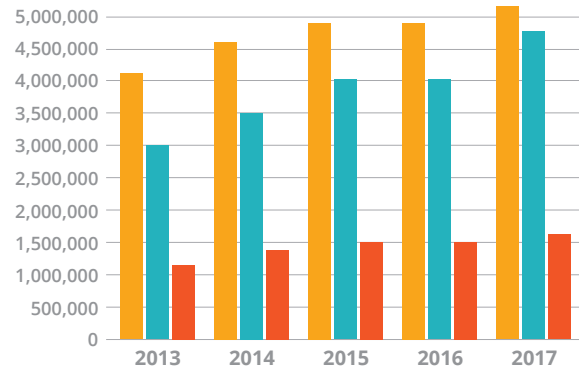
STATISTIC FIGURES

TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS \$11,509,519

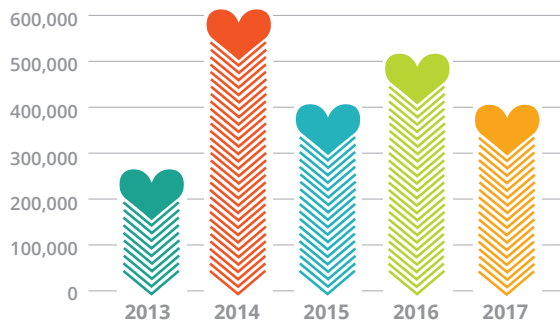


● SMART & CARING COMMUNITY ● DESIGNATED FUNDS ● OPERATING FUNDS

MARKET VALUE



TOTAL GRANTS



OPERATING COSTS \$300,044

Salaries & Benefits 27.8%
 Vital Signs 4.5%
 Legacy Partnership 8.3%
 Investment Management 18.8%
 Professional fees & membership 7.1%
 Community Enhancement programs 20.9%
 Office 7.2%
 Communications & Marketing 2.9%
 Occupancy & Insurance 1.0%
 Professional Development 1.6%



TOTAL ENDOWED DONATIONS BY YEAR





WHY WE GIVE

ROD & SHIRLEY SIEGLE, HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS

Rod and Shirley Siegle love Medicine Hat, the city they've lived in since 1975. "Medicine Hat has been very good to us, and we want to give back to such a great city." And give back they do. As members of the CFSEA's Heritage Club, the Siegles have committed to leaving a future gift to the CFSEA, with the intention that some of it be used to create a scholarship fund to encourage the importance of education and the rest be distributed to any charity that works with animals. The Siegles are huge animal lovers who admittedly spoil their cat Moses. With no children of their own, leaving a legacy for their community was a priority in their estate planning. "We can't leave it to our cat, as we'll probably outlive him," Rod jokes.

"It's wonderful to have an organization like the Community Foundation to gather a Board who helps determine the needs of the region and ensures that all the funds stay local, without a huge administrative cost," Shirley says. They are happy their endowment will create a legacy gift, with the estate funds invested and the capital never touched.

"WE LIVE IN SUCH A GREAT COMMUNITY, WITH SO MANY OFFERINGS FOR ITS CITIZENS OF ALL AGES, AND WE HOPE TO LEAVE A LASTING GIFT AS A THANK YOU FOR ALL WE'VE ENJOYED WHILE LIVING HERE."

HERITAGE CLUB MEMBERS

Heritage Club Members are donors who have included our Community Foundation in their future plans with a gift through their estate.

Heritage Club Members give the gift of cash, a percentage of their estate or other assets such as land, jewelry, securities, life insurance, retirement funds. Their foresight and generosity will continue to ensure funds to vitalize communities and create impact across Southeast Alberta will be available for generations to come.

Michael Ancil
Wanda Ancil
Yvonne Ancil
Anonymous 11
Ajit Atwal
Otto Bernhardt
Ann Bernhardt
Debra Best
Keri Bradford
Anne Christie
Chris Christie
Michael Christie
Karen Cunningham
Dr. Suzanne Curtin
Dr. Al Garden
Tanis Garden
Eleanor Grona
Doug Heine
Shirley Heine
Ben Hern
Kathy Hern

Nelson Hogg
Sharon Hogg
Dr. Robin Houlston
Dan Kammerer
Kimberley Knight
Penny Krassman
Bill Lloyd
Fay Lloyd
Sandy MacKay
Jane MacKay
Elizabeth Mueller
Barry Neubauer
Janet Neubauer
Todd O'Reilly
Darlene O'Reilly
David Panabaker
Debbie Panabaker
Les Pearson
Rob Renner
Mata Rinke
Bill Roberts

Lavina Roberts
Ted Rodych
Donna Rodych
Brian Rothwell
Gwen Rothwell
Donald Saunderson
Marjorie Saunderson
Kevin Semrau
Marleen Semrau
Cheryl Shabatura
Rod Siegle
Shirley Siegle
Murray Sihvon
Margaret Sihvon
Dr. Shann Snedden
Gary Stimson
Anita Stimson
John Summerbell
Freddie Summerbell
Dr. William Taylor
Marg Taylor

Ken Torrance
Gilda Valli
Dr. Victor (Ted) Valli
Jeff Welling
Miriam Welling

THE ESTATE OF

Adele Armstrong
Nicolas Bachmeier
Marion Bauman
William Bauman
Dr. Timothy Clugston
Marianne Kurpjuweit
Donna MacLean
Alex McDougald
Eleanor Moon
Louise Pearson
Manuel Raber
Walter Sauve

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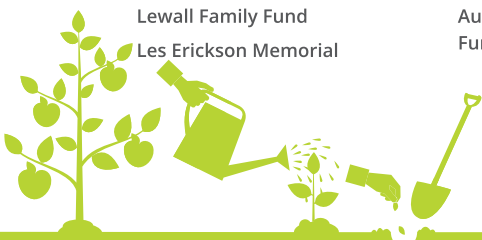
DESIGNATED FAMILY FUNDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Alex & Jean McDougald
Big Country Allied Arts
Brenda & Brock Millions
Gerald Grant Memorial
Jamie & Stephanie Roach
Memorial
John Ignatius Jenner 4h Multi
Club Fund
Lavern & Mary Kurpjuweit
TX Ranches John Ignatius
Freedman Fund
Lewall Family Fund
Les Erickson Memorial

Rose and Henry Dola Fund
Chacko & Zeller Fund
Jardine Bursary
Joe Laycock Scholarship
Rawleigh Family
Austin Curtin Fund
Ajit Singh and Manjeet Kaur
Atwal Fund
The Legal Archives Society of
Alberta
Austin Curtin MHC Enactus
Austin Curtin MHC Foundation
Fund

Communities in Bloom
Donna Maclean - various Funds
Marilyn Curtin- various Funds
Peggy Archibald Memorial
Kevin and Marlene Semrau
Thomas and Constance Sissons
Terry and Darrel Dola Fund
Phyllis McLaughlin
Ian and Phyllis McLaughlin
Zirka Ukrainian Dance
Lyle Aleman Scholarship Fund
Sara Machaud - Lions Club of
Irvine

Dr. F.W. & Harriet Gershaw Fund
Valli Family Scholarship Fund
Drowning Ford Grazing Assoc.
Friends of French Immersion
James and John McConnell
Scholarship
Kidus Ketema Mulugeta
Memorial Scholarship Fund
Baseball Canada Cup
SAAMIS Teepee Association
Chief Gord Earl Leadership
Legacy Fund
Rose & Henry Dola



WE GIVE

GRANTS, GIFTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

We focus on connecting donors' philanthropic goals with charitable organizations to build long-term sustainability in all facets of the community. The Community Foundation operates as a 360 degree grant maker. We distribute funds to all areas including: human services, health, education, justice, environment, arts, culture, recreation and community development.

In awarding grants, we conduct a comprehensive procedure to determine the most crucial community needs from data and evidence-based practice. Grants are then awarded based on potential impact and fund availability. Within our Designated Endowment Fund (including Field of Interest, Donor Advised and Scholarship), donors direct the investment income to their specific charities or school divisions. This year, Community Foundations Canada (CFC) provided additional matching funds for projects that celebrated Canada's 150th birthday.

COMBINED DESIGNATED GRANT TOTALS FALL 2016/SPRING 2017

TOTAL DESIGNATED GRANTS	\$36,215
TOTAL FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS	\$10,445
TOTAL DONOR ADVISED GRANTS	\$19,440
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	\$40,795
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	\$44,018
TOTAL FLOW THROUGH	\$26,543
TOTAL CFC150 FUNDS	\$11,750



YiP

Duchess School students voted to grant \$2,000 to the Brooks Champion Centre

YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY

Youth in Philanthropy is a program that allows high school students to learn about philanthropy by giving them the opportunity to experience the granting and giving process – from choosing areas of focus, researching the work of a variety of charities and making grant recommendations. Five schools participated in YiP this year, distributing \$10,000.



SMART & CARING COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

FALL 2016/SPRING 2017

KIDSPORT SOCIETY OF MEDICINE HAT & REDCLIFF

\$1,485 from Growing Active Kids

\$1,070 from Roy and Elaine Wiedeman Community Fund

\$11,000

REDCLIFF YOUTH ACTION SOCIETY

Youth Centre Supper Program

\$8,250

SHOCK TRAUMA AIR RESCUE FOUNDATION

Support a flight

\$5,940

BROOKS AND DISTRICT SENIORS OUTREACH OPERATING

\$300 from Margaret Houlston Hydrocephalus Fund

\$5,500

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

Computer Upgrades

\$5,346

MIYWASIN SOCIETY OF ABORIGINAL SERVICES

Youth Development Program

\$3,960

CANADIAN RED CROSS

Equipment for Lending Library

\$3,850

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT ALBERTA PROGRAM FUNDING

\$535 from Mayor's Community Fund

\$3,850

ROSEMARY COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE SOCIETY

Canada Day Activities (CFC150)

\$2,750

PRAIRIE PIONEERS CLUB

Renovations

\$2,750

TOWN OF OYEN

Canada Day Activities (CFC150)

\$2,750

BROOKS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Music Festival Event

\$740 from Megan Wahl Community Fund

\$2,750

PRAXIS OUTREACH SOCIETY

Operation

\$2,310

TWENTY MILE POST

Historical Site Enhancements

\$2,200

MEDICINE HAT SPCA

Renovations

\$2,200

EASTERN IRRIGATION DISTRICT HISTORICAL PARK

Planting 150 Trees (CFC150)

(\$1,750 from Environmental Legacy Fund)

\$1,925

KIDS HELP PHONE

Live Chat Expansion

\$1,650

PERSIAN DREAMS AND CANINE THEMES RESCUE SOCIETY

Grey Muzzle Launch for Senior Pets Forever Homes

\$1,100

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ALBERTA

2017 Special Olympics (\$5,000 from CFC150)

\$10,500

PRAIRIE GLEANERS

Commercial Dicer (\$1,015 from Frost Family Fund)

\$8,400

YMCA

Get Active (\$3,200 from Claude Bishop Fund)

\$8,400

COVENANT FOUNDATION

Bariatric Bed for St. Joseph's Hospice

(\$1,185 from Methanex Social Investment)

\$8,200

CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Volunteer Coordinator

\$7,875

SAFETY CITY

Ready to Bike Program

(\$915 from TransCanada Mainliner)

\$6,825

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY OF AB AND NWT

Alzheimer's Café for Caregivers

\$6,384

CANADIAN NATURAL INSTITUTE OF NATURAL AND INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

Breathing Room App for Young Adult Anxiety Coping Skills

\$5,250

DR. KEN SAUER SCHOOL

Universal Playground Equipment

\$5,250

MEDICINE HAT & DISTRICT HEALTH FOUNDATION

Safe and Secured Carseats

\$4,200

MEDICINE HAT AND DISTRICT FOOD BANK ASSOCIATION

Technology Upgrade

\$3,675

MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Software Updates

\$2,150

REDCLIFF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Community Meeting Room Renovations and Equipment

\$2,100

LYLE ALEMAN SCHOLARSHIP

To celebrate a pillar of our community whom we lost in 2015, the CFSEA is proud to hold the Lyle Aleman Scholarship Fund. This scholarship was created to honour Lyle and pass on his passion for education, particularly business and economics.

Lyle was the beloved general manager of Redhat Co-op, where he worked for over 17 years. His family, friends and colleagues created this legacy to honour Lyle's work ethic, generous spirit and love of his community.

"Lyle had an impact on the community around him and of course with his family and friends. His smile, laugh and words of encouragement are missed by all who loved him. He was a leader in many aspects of life, including in his work life and he also selflessly gave his time and expertise in his school and church community as well. We hope that this scholarship will help worthy recipients further their education and enable them to make a difference in their community. Whether it be in future work endeavours or selflessly in the community at large around them."



Scholarships from this fund will be awarded to several students annually at Medicine Hat School Division #76 and Prairie Rose School Division.

VITAL PEOPLE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Charities operating in the not for profit sector are key to the vitality of Southeast Alberta. The effectiveness and efficiency of these organizations is highly dependent on the dedication, skill and talent of the staff they employ. The Vital People program applauds the staff working in front line program delivery or junior management positions for local charities. Two \$500 awards are given annually to agency employers to assist with further training and skill development that best suits the needs of the individual selected to receive the award.



JENNIFER OTTENBREIT

Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society

Jennifer has worked for the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter for 10 years and is described as "an invaluable member of the team...innovative, creative, forward-thinking and resourceful." As Manager of Administration, she ensures that the finances reflect the needs of the organization and helps with fundraising events, staff support and program delivery. Congratulations Jennifer!



CAROL SYMINGTON

Redcliff Public Library

Carol has been with the Redcliff Public Library since 2008 and was a volunteer library board member for almost 10 years prior to that. As Head Clerk, she goes above and beyond to offer support for members and is described as "organized, creative, and a strong team leader, always supporting and encouraging staff and patrons alike." Congratulations Carol!

VITAL IMPACT GRANTS

Vital Impact Grants utilize the information in the CFSEA Vital Signs Report, leading research and evidence-based practice to seed, nurture and/or support a broad range of community initiatives. Programs must foster cooperative, collaborative and innovative approaches to community issues and address an identifiable community need. Projects may receive multiple year funding.

VITAL IMPACT GRANT RECIPIENTS

MEDICINE HAT WOMEN'S SHELTER SOCIETY

Messaging and education for men and boys to prevent family violence

\$4,000

MCMAN YOUTH FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Outdoor BBQ and Community Gathering area for YOUTHOPIA homeless youth apartment building

\$2,000

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

Take away items for distribution to children and families attending Fresh Start to School event

\$5,000

NO STONE LEFT ALONE

Elementary students honour fallen soldiers with poppies on gravestones

\$1,000

MEDICINE HAT AND DISTRICT FOOD BANK

Contribution to wages of their Systems Navigator

\$10,000

SPEC ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

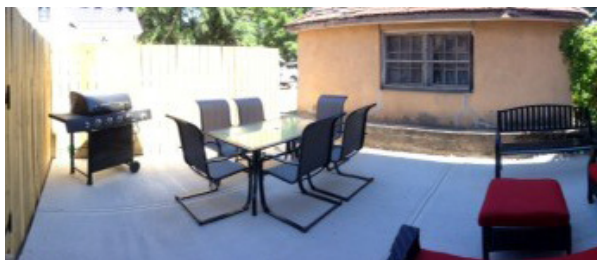
Multi-Cultural Arts project to help integrate Brooks' newest citizens from around the world

\$8,038

MEDICINE HAT EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION

Play Guides

\$2,700



MCMAN'S YOUTHOPIA

Creating belonging and community for homeless youth and those aging out of the foster care system

WE INSPIRE

LEADERSHIP, KNOWLEDGE, COLLABORATION AND IMPACT

Each community in our southeastern region has unique experiences and challenges. Our role is to listen and to gather information, so as a region we are best able to help create vital, smart and caring communities. We encourage and provide opportunities for collaboration among charitable agencies. We are a knowledge hub, connecting donors with needs, and providing education and insight to the whole community on issues – current and emerging – that are impacting their quality of life. We link all sectors of the community, so that we can work together to create healthy and vibrant communities. And we provide the opportunity for people to convene, have a voice and become engaged in the place they work, live and call home.

VITAL SIGNS

Vital Signs is a “check-up” of our region that provides a snapshot of the quality of life in Medicine Hat and our southeast corner of Alberta.

This report serves as a tool to guide citizens to understand our greatest successes and most pressing issues to effectively mobilize change and action. In-depth data collection and citizen interviews help us dive deep into our communities and priorities. The Vital Signs® initiative helps the entire community stay informed so together we can best address the needs of today and prepare for the needs of tomorrow.

Celebrating our tenth edition of Vital Signs this year, the CFSEA was eager to present the facts and findings that reflect our community. Once again, members of the Southeastern region gathered to launch this publication and were inspired by the impact stories shared. One of the goals of Vital Signs is to offer a better understanding of the triumphs and challenges this community faces as we continue to grow and move forward. As we wrap up our tenth consecutive year of Vital Signs reports, we look to our 2017 report with excitement, as our team shares the stories and statistics that reflect our community in a new way.

To access a copy of all of our Vital Signs reports, visit cfsea.ca/vital-signs/



Trish Richard and Warren Stark of the Community Foundation look on as Natasha Carvalho of the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter shares a story of how the CFSEA's grants have made an impact in the work they do.

RAK DAY 2016

In the midst of our hectic, busy lives, Random Act of Kindness Day gives us the “nudge” to remind us to take a few moments and reach out to friends, family, coworkers, neighbours – even strangers - with some act of kindness. Every year, RAK Day grows and we’d like to thank everyone who participate this year.



Stark's Plumbing & Heating Ltd. gives back to Medicine Hat College trades students with a barbeque on RAK Day.



St. Louis Elementary students thanks Medicine Hat Firefighters for all they do.

Go. Be.
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Remember to
GO BE KIND
everyday, not just
the first Friday of
November!

COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

VISIT THE CKC
CKC.CFSEA.CA

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 over 70 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. CONNECT. GIVE.

BOARD LEADERSHIP EVENT

CFSEA is proud to be a sponsor of Board Leadership Southeast Alberta. Board Leadership Southeast Alberta is a one-day training event for board members (and potential board members) in Medicine Hat and Southeast Alberta . It provides participants the opportunity to network, engage, and gain knowledge/skills on various topics related to board governance, which only strengthens our valuable voluntary and not-for-profit sector.

Next year's event is scheduled for March 3, 2018. **For more information:** www.boardleadershipsouth.com



SMART & CARING
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