

VitalNews

Fall 2018 Grant Cycle

October 1st, 2018 was the grant application deadline. We had twenty one (21) applications submitted which is up from previous fall grant cycles. We are excited to see that more organizations are hearing about the opportunity to have their projects and programs funded through CFSEA. Our grants committee consists of eight community volunteers who have specialties in a variety of industries. They have been working closely to review the applications and will have their recommendations ready to present to the Board of Directors for approval by the middle of November.

With the help of our donors, the Community Foundation is able to fund a variety of charities in Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta. We support Health, Education, Justice, Social Services, Arts/Culture/Heritage, Sports/Recreation, Animal and Environmental Protection, Safety and other areas.

A total of over \$5 million has been awarded back to our community since 1992. Our endowment is currently at \$13 million. The more it grows, the more CFSEA will be able to give back to our community.



Meet our Grants Committee Chair!

Cheryl made the move to Medicine Hat in 1976 after graduating from high school in Port Hawkesbury, NS. She attended the Medicine Hat College and Garbutt's Business College, obtaining a business administration certificate. In 1994 she obtained her Chartered Financial Planner designation and has recently retired from Servus Credit Union. Cheryl worked in the financial industry for 39 years.

In 1979 Cheryl married Glenn, "a born and raised Hatter", they will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in June 2019. Glenn and Cheryl have two wonderful children, a daughter Dana (married to Blake) and a son Drew (engaged to Lisa). Cheryl feels very fortunate to have both of her children living and working in Medicine Hat. Glenn and Cheryl have also been blessed with two beautiful granddaughters, Quinn and Chloe. Cheryl says that these two girls are her true pride and joy. Cheryl's favorite things to do are spending time with family and friends, traveling, camping, and quilting.

Cheryl has sat on many parent councils while her children were in school. She also has been a part of parish council and confirmation preparation with her church community. Cheryl has been an active member of Beta Sigma Phi, a local Sorority since 1993.

Cheryl was looking for a way to give back to the community that has offered her family so much. When she phoned the CFSEA office and asked about volunteer opportunities Cheryl was invited to join the grants committee. She participated in the spring and fall grant cycles in 2016 and was appointed to the Board of Directors the fall of 2016. Cheryl was then appointed Chair of the grants committee prior to the spring 2018 grant cycle.

"I love being a part of this organization and the grants committee specifically. It gives me the opportunity to review, discuss and understand some of the needs within our community. Listening to the impact stories of the grant recipients, is very inspiring and leaves you with a warm feeling knowing that CFSEA was able to help. I have met some wonderful people, and have reconnected with others during my time with this organization. I look forward to the next few years contributing to the success of this foundation." – Cheryl

CFSEA is honoured to have such a knowledgeable and dedicated volunteer who always goes above and beyond her volunteer description.



Glenn and Cheryl Pocsik

Meet our Grants and Administration Coordinator

Niki was raised on a farm in Saskatchewan and moved to Alberta in 2005. She has been in Medicine Hat for eight years and has been with the Community Foundation for just over a year.

Niki has two children, eight and five and enjoys spending her time with them. She is also a part time art instructor for children's programs at the Esplanade. Niki loves volunteering in the community, kayaking and the outdoors.

"I am certain that the Community Foundation is Medicine Hat and Southeast Alberta's best kept secret. I am happy to have the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful organization. As a representative of the millennial generation, I believe it is important to encourage all ages to be active in their community and have an understanding of the philanthropic needs in our area." – Niki

Niki is the Grants and Administration Coordinator and is at the office to greet anyone who would like more information about the Community Foundation.



Website Launch

The Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta has a sparkly new website! Please check it out here! cfsea.ca

KidSport Society of Medicine Hat & Redcliff Fund

Wow! An anonymous donor has established a permanent endowment fund for KidSport Medicine Hat & Redcliff with a \$30,000 initial commitment! This is an open fund, meaning anyone wanting to support KidSport in a meaningful and lasting way can donate.

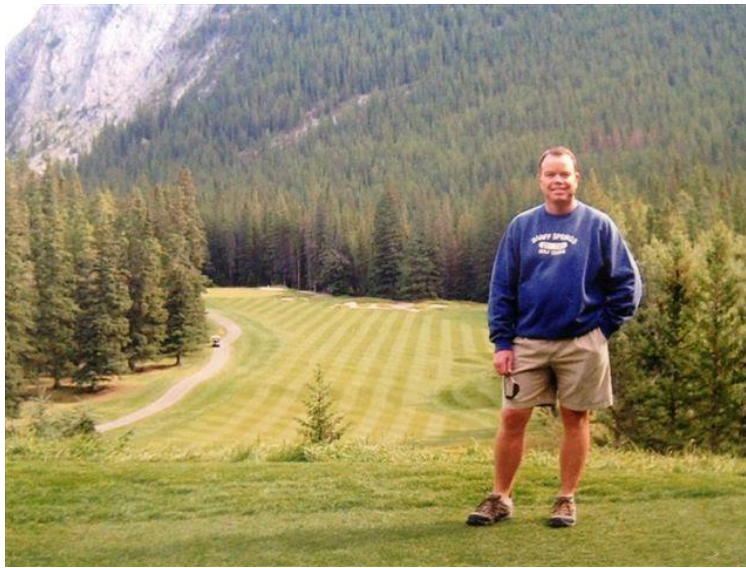
Providing a steady stream of annual investment income allows KidSport to serve more youth and reduces the constant pressure for fundraising.

"We were absolutely thrilled to be notified of this endowment being established for our organization's benefit! Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the donor of these funds. This is an individual or family that has a strong desire to make sure as many local kids get the opportunity to play and receive the benefits that organized sports provide. Our organization is 100% volunteer driven, which means every dollar received from this endowment will be used to help local kids get in the game. This new source of funding continues to build and strengthen KidSport's long-standing partnership with the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta. KidSport's plan is to continue to grow the endowment and we encourage anyone considering a charitable contribution, whether a cash gift or estate bequest, to contact us (medicinehat@kidsport.ab.ca) to find out more about our organization and how careful and efficient we are with our donor's money." – Connelly



Connelly Sherwick, Chair/Executive Director of KidSport Society of Medicine Hat & Redcliff;
Chris Christie, Executive Director of CFSEA

Donor Profile



Stephen Hawthorne was born and raised in Medicine Hat. He was married to Glenda, the love of his life and best friend, for 29 years when he passed away in September of 2014.

Growing up, Stephen was involved in a number of sports and became a passionate and avid golfer. Glenda and Stephen travelled to a number of destinations to golf and attend PGA tournaments. They had the opportunity to travel to New Zealand, Thailand, Hawaii, Bermuda and many places in the United States. They attended the British Open and the 2013 Masters in Hawaii despite Stephen's ongoing fight with cancer at that time.

Stephen was a dedicated employee with Good Year for 36 years. He was also a member of the YMCA and Riverview Golf Club for many years. Stephen loved life to the fullest and enjoyed taking pride in his home, yard and vehicles. He always put others before himself, loved kids and was a kid at heart. His family and friends were extremely important to him and they knew Stephen for his hospitality, kindness and honesty.

Stephen had a strong faith in God and enjoyed volunteering at his Church. His positive attitude during his battle with cancer was an inspiration to many.

"He had an infectious smile and was always positive even when he was fighting cancer and having to endure surgeries and treatments. He loved me dearly and was my best friend." – Glenda.

In the summer of 2018 Glenda contacted the Community Foundation to inquire about leaving a lasting legacy for Stephen. Glenda decided to establish a designated fund to go towards youth and sports in Medicine Hat and Southeast Alberta known as The Stephen Hawthorne Memorial Fund.

"He would be honored to have a legacy in honor of him that supports the community he grew up in, lived his life and loved." - Glenda

Mark Your Calendars:

November 2	Random Acts of Kindness Day
November 15	Leith Wheeler Investment Presentation
November 15	National Philanthropy Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12	Office Closed (Remembrance Day)
November 29	Chair's Reception

Leith Wheeler Investment Presentation

Interested in learning more about the investment side of our endowment fund?

WHEN: Thursday, November 15th from 4:00pm - 5:00pm

WHERE: 430 - 6 Avenue SE Medicine Hat

Jerry Koonar, Vice President and Portfolio Manager with Leith Wheeler Investment Counsel will be on site to provide insight and answers to your investment questions!

Please join us!

RSVP: admin@cfsea.ca or 403.527.9038



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BOARD AND STAFF RETREAT 2018

Our Board of Directors and staff spent Saturday, October 27th strategic planning at Desert Blume Golf Course. The venue was great and the discussions were even better. The passion and enthusiasm that our volunteers bring to the Community Foundation is truly valued.



Community Foundation Board of Directors are working together on our strategic plan.

Brooks Music Festival Association

Jessie Seo was the winner of the Piano Composition session at our festival in 2016. She was registered in the “Under 16” category. Jessie and her family are from Bassano, AB. As new Canadians who dreamed of opportunities in Canada, the Seos hoped for their children to study and pursue music. The crowning achievement for the Seo family was when Jessie was recommended for the Provincial Music Festival held in Edmonton, AB with her entry fee paid for by the Brooks Music Festival Association. Jesse and her family express their gratitude for such a wonderful experience.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Random Acts of Kindness Day is November 2nd this year.
We try to encourage and inspire acts of kindness all throughout the year!



Please help us spread the word about our donors, their impact and the work of the Community Foundation by forwarding this newsletter to your family and friends.

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