



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION *of* Southeastern Alberta

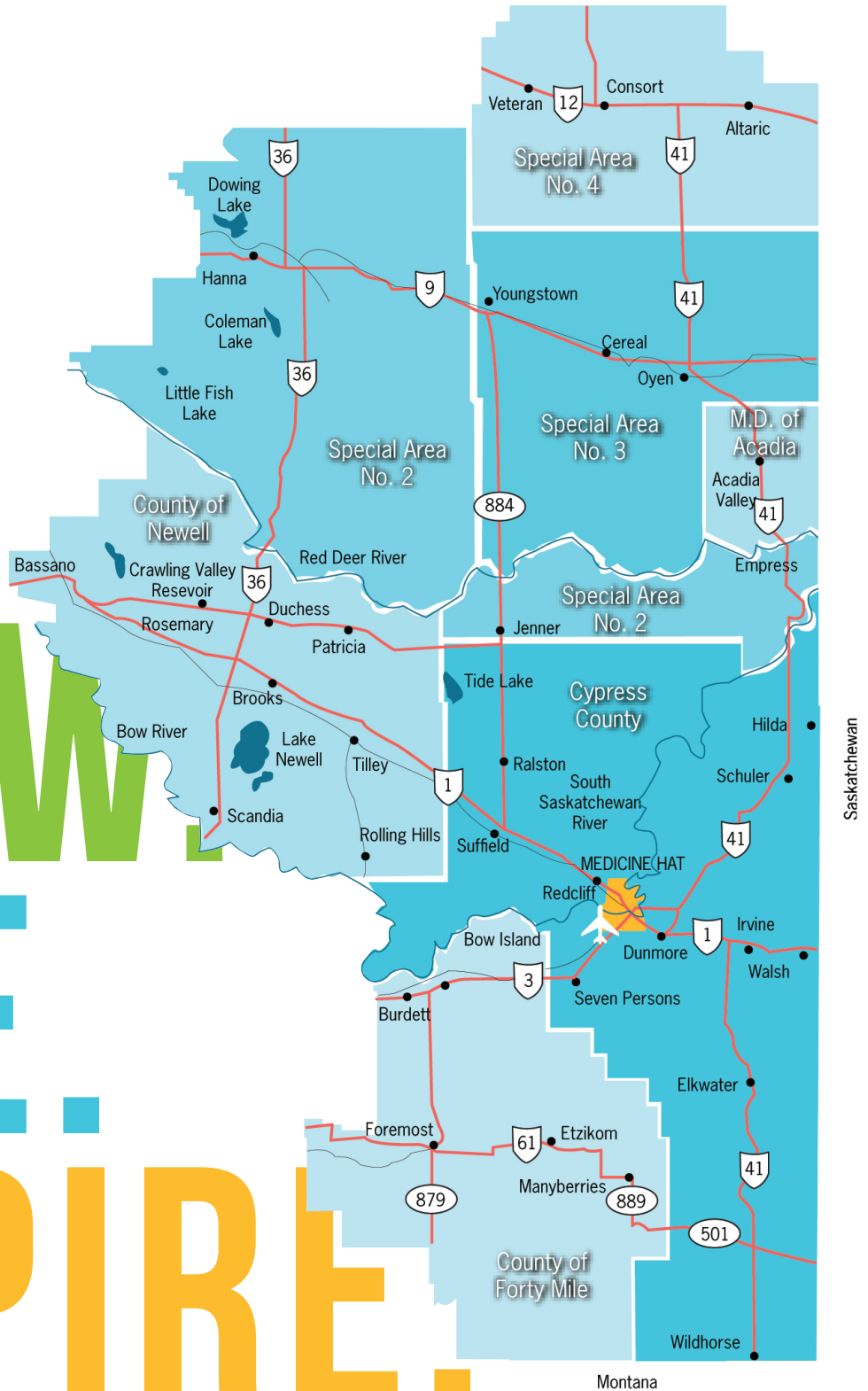
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2017/2018
ANNUAL REPORT



GROW.
GIVE.
INSPIRE.



OUR MISSION

We create meaningful connections between donors and local charities for the permanent benefit of Southeastern Alberta.

OUR VISION

Vibrant, healthy, caring communities ~
Today, Tomorrow, Forever!

OUR VALUES

INTEGRITY

We are trustworthy, transparent and accountable

INNOVATION

We respond quickly and creatively to local needs and issues

INCLUSION

We embrace diverse perspectives and experiences

LEADERSHIP

We support community conversations and collaboration as a catalyst for change



JOHN IGNATIUS FOUNDER

Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta

WELCOME

CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

2017/18 was a remarkable year for CFSEA. We celebrated our 25th anniversary, set a bold but nimble strategic plan and strengthened our leadership and operational capacity in a dedicated way. Our donors, charities and communities across the region depend on us to be meticulous in the decisions we make, to spend prudently and be diligent with the funds we manage. This is a huge responsibility but one that we are well suited to undertake.



We are deeply grateful for the many community builders who believe in the vision of a vital community for everyone and invested in this work over the past year. In this report, we're excited to profile some of the philanthropists who partner with us, several of the charities we've granted to and the organizations, individuals and businesses that work hard to make our region a better place.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our retiring Board members Todd O'Reilly, Darren Folkersen, Warren Stark, Luke Day and Tyson Halmrast for their leadership and sage advice.

We are proud of our progress and successes but are still mindful that many challenges remain. Creating the conditions for vibrant, healthy, caring communities - inclusive of everyone - is seldom easy, never completed but always the right thing to do.

These are exciting times ahead. As we embark on our next quarter century of operations - as an organization and a region - the future is encouraging and the potential is infinite!

Michael Anctil – Chair, CFSEA Board of Directors

Chris Christie – Executive Director

CFSEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2018-2019

Michael Anctil – Board Chair

Ajit Atwal – Vice Chair

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DIRECTORS:

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Marlene Watson, Regional Development Manager

Lisa Kosolofski, Community Engagement Coordinator (maternity leave)

Shannon Bergstreser, Summer Intern

WE GROW



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

DONATE & BE PART OF OUR LEGACY CLUB

Legacy Club members donate a minimum of \$500 in the current calendar year. Members of the 2017 Legacy Club are:

INDIVIDUALS

Aleman, Carisa
Ancil, Michael & Wanda
Ancil, Yvonne
Atwal, Ajit
Barnes, Drew & Frances
Bradford, Dean & Keri
Brand, Dietrich & Kitt
Christie, Andy & Chris
Cunningham, Karen
Curtin, Austin
Curtin, Marilyn
Curtin, Suzanne
Dorton, Ryan
Elder, Craig
Ensminger, Curtis
Garden, Al & Tanis
Heine, Doug & Shirley

Johnson, Larry
Kirckhahn, Uwe & Anke
Koch, Heather
Kosolofski, Lisa
Lewall, Dr. Mark
Lincoln, Katherine
McLaughlin, Ian
McLaughlin, Phyllis
Milroy, Bill & Marilyn
Niwa, Gregory J.
O'Reilly, Todd & Darlene
Pearson, Les
Perret, Christopher
Rodych, Ted & Donna
Semrau, Kevin & Marlene
Siegler, Rod & Shirley
Sihvon, Murray & Marg
Snedden, Shann
Thompson, Dan & Barb

Weber, Gene
Wiedemann, Elaine
Zeller, Harry & Eleanor
Zorn, Donna Lee

ORGANIZATIONS

Burns Valkenburg & Associates
Community Foundations of Canada
Corporate Clowns Hockey Club
Estate of Dr. Timothy Clugston
Estate of Vic & Helene Appleton
Hargrave Ranching
Hillcrest Church
Precision Label Ltd.
Red Hat Co-op

\$ AT A GLANCE

RETURN ON INVESTMENTS:

7.4%

DONATIONS:

\$488,029

ENDOWMENT FUND:

\$12,249,766 (2017: \$11,472,461)

TOTAL ASSETS:

\$13,004,823 (2017: \$12,038,072)

– includes Managed Funds

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

\$45,065 was distributed to agencies through their endowment funds with CFSEA



REDI Enterprises created an agency endowment fund at CFSEA in 2005. From that investment income each year, the REDI Board of Directors issue grants to individuals, groups or non-profit organizations that promote inclusion, create opportunities and build a better understanding of the needs of people with disabilities.

My Generation is an international conservation project intended to find solutions for protecting the Little Brown Bats (currently on the endangered species list due to White Nose Syndrome and wind turbines). Hudson, a local grade two student, had a dream to save the bat population. Enactus Medicine Hat College initially worked with Hudson and, as the project grew, they partnered with other local businesses to design a bat box that could be assembled by individuals supported by REDI Enterprises.

The International Partnership Network (a global education and business network) recently awarded Hudson, Enactus MH College and REDI Enterprises with the North American 2018 Gold Global Best Award in the Innovative and Creative Partnerships category for their brown bat box project.

This year, the REDI grant provided travel funds to receive the prestigious award in Houston, Texas. What an inspirational example of solution-focused collaboration across sectors – and how an agency endowment can provide an annual source of revenue to its special projects!

RURAL COMMUNITY FUNDS

To determine the feasibility and appetite of establishing local community funds outside of Medicine Hat, CFSEA contracted former staff member, Marlene Watson in the spring of 2018. Marlene tackled the project with energy and expertise – travelling numerous times to Brooks, Oyen, Bow Island/Foremost and surrounding areas. Local surveys, focus groups, one to one conversations and endowment presentations were held in each area. The overwhelming response was the same – people want to give where they live and they want donations to benefit their local communities. Volunteer Advisory Committees have now been established in those three areas to determine how best to grow their community funds and distribute investment income locally.

The CFSEA Board has approved matching contributions up to \$10,000 for each community fund, as well as \$10,000 for each to disperse as grants to their local charities in Spring 2019.

Brooks & District Community Fund

Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile

Prairie Crocus Fund (Special Areas 3 and MD of Acadia)

Contact Marlene at [403.527.9038](tel:403.527.9038) to learn more about these exciting new funds!

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 or retirement funds. Their foresight and generosity will continue to ensure funds to vitalize communities and create impact across Southeastern Alberta will be available for generations to come.

Anctil, Michael
Anctil, Wanda
Anctil, Yvonne
Anonymous 13
Atwal, Ajit
Barnes, Drew
Barnes, Frances
Bernhardt, Otto
Bernhardt, Ann
Best, Debra
Bradford, Keri
Christie, Andy
Christie, Anne
Christie, Chris
Christie, Michael
Cunningham, Karen
Curtin, Suzanne
Dynes, Bruce
Dynes, Jan
Garden, Al
Garden, Tanis
Grona, Eleanor
Hawthorne, Glenda
Heine, Doug
Heine, Shirley
Hern, Ben
Hern, Kathy
Hogg, Nelson
Hogg, Sharon
Houlston, Robin
Kammerer, Dan
Knight, Kimberley
Lloyd, Bill
Lloyd, Fay
MacKay, Sandy
Mackay, Jane
Mueller, Elizabeth
Neubauer, Barry
Neubauer, Janet
Nittel, Jim
Niwa, Gregory J.
O'Reilly, Todd

O'Reilly, Darlene
Panabaker, David
Panabaker, Debbie
Pearson, Les
Porter, Mark
Renner, Rob
Rinke, Mata
Roberts, Bill
Roberts, Lavina
Rodych, Ted
Rodych, Donna
Rothwell, Brian
Rothwell, Gwen
Saunderson, Donald
Saunderson, Marjorie
Semrau, Kevin
Semrau, Marlene
Shabatura, Cheryl
Siegler, Rod
Siegler, Shirley
Sihvon, Murray
Sihvon Margaret
Snedden, Shann
Stimson, Gary
Stimson, Anita
Summerbell, John
Summerbell, Freddie
Taylor, William
Taylor, Marg
Torrance, Ken
Valli, Gilda
Valli, Victor (Ted)
Way, Nora
Welling, Miriam

THE ESTATE OF

Appleton, Vic and Helen
Armstrong, Adele
Bachmeier, Nicolas
Bauman, Marion
Bauman, William
Clugston, Timothy

Hargrave, Thomas Colborne
Hawthorne, Donald
Hawthorne, Milta
Kurpjuweit, Marianne
Lehr, Dorothy Joan
MacLean, Donna
McDougald, Alex
Moon, Eleanor
Morrison, William
Pearson, Louise
Raber, Manuel
Sauve, Walter
Welling, Jeff

** list is current to date of printing*

DID YOU KNOW?

You can make a donation directly into an endowment fund for the charity of your choice!

Follow the link to see which charities are planning for their future with an endowment fund at CFSEA.

cfsea.ca/we-grow/agency-endowments/



The Estate of Vic and Helen Appleton left a lasting legacy for one of their favourite charities, the Medicine Hat SPCA.

Supported by their children and families, their \$20,000 contribution will grow and provide an annual source of funding to support animal welfare in their community.

PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Todd O'Reilly, Board Member; the Appleton's children: Susan Pahl, Joanne Stickle and Ken Appleton.

HERITAGE MEMBER PROFILE

Dr. Timothy Clugston (1970-2016) was a son, brother, physician, entrepreneur and community builder. Tim was born in Medicine Hat to proud parents, Keith and Sharon Clugston. After high school, he attended Medicine Hat College and after two years of pre-med, was accepted to medical school at the University of Saskatchewan. Being accepted to medical school after only two years is extremely rare and speaks to Tim's work ethic and intelligence. Upon graduation, Tim returned to Medicine Hat to open the Carry Drive Medical Clinic for his family practice. It was in 1996, one month after he started working as a physician, Tim received the terrible diagnosis of cancer.

Realizing his time on earth was limited, Tim lived with an infectious zest for life. He was loyal to his community and the people around him. Tim worked hard and at times, played harder! He was funny, generous, hard-working and fun-loving with an unwavering willingness to help. An avid car enthusiast, Tim enjoyed a number of fast, quality engineered sport cars. He liked nothing better than tossing the keys for his McLaren 650S to a friend telling them, "Let's see what she'll do!" He wasn't materialistic and sharing life experiences with everyone around him was of the utmost importance. Tim is fondly remembered for being the "fun committee" - a role he took VERY seriously! Quiet about his extravagant generosity, Tim often financially supported others in the pursuit of business or entrepreneurial dreams, no matter how lofty. Tim's work ethic was his motivation to give people a hand-up rather than a hand-out. He continued to practice medicine within our community until his illness returned.



Philanthropy is another legacy Dr. Timothy Clugston has left behind. Tim was careful and considerate about his estate planning and included a bequest to the community he loved. The Dr. Timothy Clugston Foundation has been established at the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta. Investment income from the Dr. Timothy Clugston Foundation will support a number of health related charities, as well as the CFSEA Operating Endowment.

Tim lived his life whole-heartedly. His generosity and vision will continue giving back to the community he loved, forever.

WE GIVE



CFSEA distributes investment earnings to a broad range of community initiatives.



CHARITIES
\$19,060

OUR DONOR ADVISED FUND HOLDERS:

Niwa Family Fund
Freedman Family
Lewall Family
Sunrise Rotary Club (Les Erickson Memorial)
Rose & Henry Dola
Chacko Zeller Fund
Terry & Darrel Dola
Phyllis McLaughlin
Frost Family



CHARITIES
\$39,260

OUR FIELD OF INTEREST FUND HOLDERS:

AB 2008 Summer Games
Rural Youth & Recreation
Claude Bishop
Methanex
Growing Active Kids
Brooks Community
Megan Wahl Memorial
Roy & Elaine Wiedeman
Margaret Houlston
Environmental Legacy

ALLOCATION OF GRANTS BY SECTOR

Arts and Culture: 8%
Education and Learning: 16%
Environment: 2%
Health and Wellness: 7%
Social and Community Service: 53%
Sports and Recreation: 9%
Other: 5%



DESIGNATED & FLOW THROUGH GRANTS:

\$61,654

TOTAL GRANTS ALLOCATED:

\$332,004

CANADA 150 GRANTS



Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada created a nationwide fund for projects that would celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation. The purpose was to engage Canadians from all walks of life in a wide range of local projects that would build community, inspire a deeper understanding of Canada and encourage participation in a wide range of activities.

In Southeastern Alberta, Canada 150 grants were awarded to:

- **Eastern Irrigation District Historical Park** – planted 150 trees at the campground (\$3,500)
- **SPEC Association** – multicultural activities to promote inclusiveness (\$7,500)
- **Special Olympics** – Medicine Hat 2017 (\$10,500)
- **Rosemary and Oyen** – Canada Day celebration activities (\$2,750 each)



DROWNING FORD GRAZING ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta is the vehicle many donors choose to establish an endowment to support on-going scholarships. CFSEA works closely with donors to ensure that their wishes are reflected in the award guidelines, and in turn, makes the funds available to school districts and post-secondary institutions for the amount of the scholarship annually.

The Drowning Ford Grazing Association Scholarship Fund was established in 2006. Eligible scholarship recipients are from rural families in Cypress County, have good academic achievement, volunteerism, community involvement and pursuing post-secondary education in a field related to agriculture.



Scholarship recipients Eric and Ethan Lust – now studying Agricultural Enterprise Management at Lethbridge College.

\$45,310
SCHOLARSHIPS

PROVIDED BY THESE
DONORS/FUNDS:

Loretta and Joe Laycock
Jardine Family
Rawleigh Family
Zirka Ukrainian Dance
Lyle Aleman
Sara Machaud/Lions Club
of Irvine

Dr. FW & Harriet Gershaw
Valli Family
Drowning Ford Grazing
Association
Friends of French
Immersion
James and John McConnell

Mulugeta Memorial
Friends of MH Youth
Baseball
Saamis Teepee Association
Chief Gord Earl Leadership
Legacy

\$145,924 SMART & CARING COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

These grants are made possible by donors who wish their gifts be allocated to our region's greatest needs through the fall and spring granting process.

KIDSPORT SOCIETY OF MEDICINE HAT & REDCLIFF

\$15,000 Operations

BROOKS MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

\$2,500 Operations

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS MEDICINE HAT & DISTRICT

\$15,000 GoGirls! Program

MEDICINE HAT SPCA

\$4,360 Equipment

SE AB SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COMMITTEE

\$8,000 Healing House Group

MEDICINE HAT JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY

\$11,000 Remand Centre Healing Circle

DUNMORE EQUESTRIAN SOCIETY

\$15,000 Hypo Therapy Program

BROOKS ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY

\$10,000 Equipment

MEDICINE HAT & DISTRICT FOOD BANK

\$15,000 Food Reclamation

MEDICINE HAT FAMILY SERVICE

\$8,500 Seniors Grief Counseling

MIYWASIN SOCIETY OF ABORIGINAL SERVICES

\$8,000 Youth Camping Gear

MCMAN YOUTH, FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

\$7,500 Inn Between Van purchase

EID HISTORICAL PARK

\$6,864 Wheelchair Ramp/Upgrades

REDCLIFF YOUTH ACTION SOCIETY

\$6,800 Supper Program

PARALYMPIC SPORT ASSOCIATION

\$5,000 Youth Summer Camps

SAAMIS IMMIGRATION SERVICES

\$3,000 Laptops for classes

HOPE STREET COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY CENTRE

\$2,300 Food Cooler

BRIDGES FAMILY PROGRAMS ASSOCIATION

\$2,100 FASD Sensory Supplies

HEALING HOUSE

SARC (SEXUAL ABUSE RESPONSE COMMITTEE)

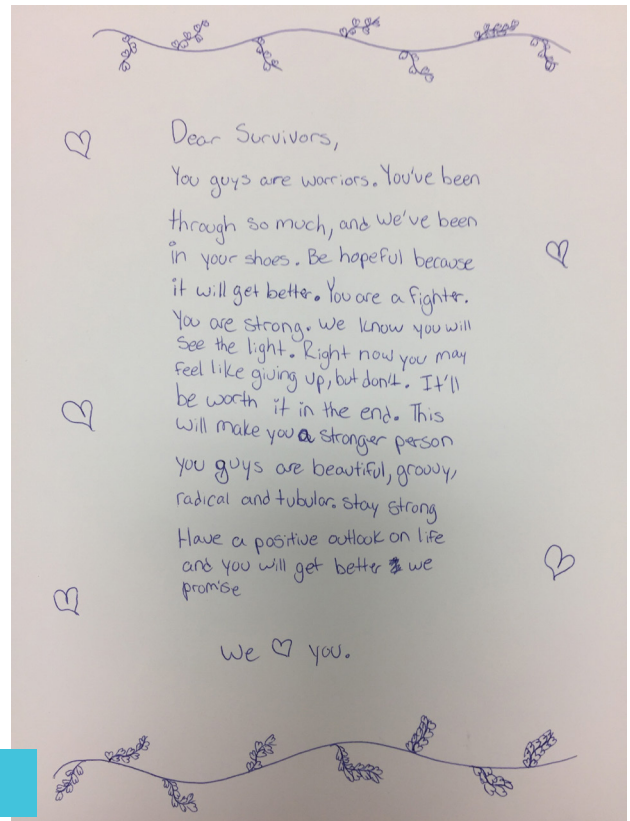
SARC offers sexual trauma-specific therapy services for survivors and those affected by sexual violence, victim's navigation services and numerous school education programs to prevent sexual violence.

SARC received a Smart and Caring Grant of \$8,000 in the fall of 2017 to help fund their Healing House program.

Healing House is a safe space for young women between the ages of 12-17, who have experienced sexual trauma. Healing House empowers youth in the recovery process by offering weekly therapeutic group sessions for seven consecutive weeks. Healing House has provided 40 sessions to 31 clients since starting up in the fall of 2017.

A young client named Julie, who had been kicked out of her home and was suicidal, experienced remarkable improvement once she joined Healing House. She had already been participating in one-on-one counselling, but during Healing House her school grades improved, and she began participating in extracurricular activities. Julie was even demonstrating leadership initiative in Healing House group discussions.

Julie's letter of encouragement and hope written to the new participants in Healing House.



25TH ANNIVERSARY

\$25,000 COMMUNITY CATALYST GRANT

Through the Community Catalyst Grant, THRIVE South Eastern Alberta was able to establish the framework for our organization and start our work in ending poverty and increasing wellbeing in Southeastern Alberta. Part of our role is to connect the community organizations in Medicine Hat & Region to the public.

The launch of HelpSeeker earlier this year provided an excellent opportunity to coordinate community responses to community needs. This web-based and mobile application helps instantly match individuals and families of Medicine Hat & Region by using search words and filters to connect with programs and services in housing, domestic violence, bullying, recreational services, counseling services, mental health supports and much more.

The response from Medicine Hat has been tremendous with 75 service agencies and 61 programs signed on to the free app to date. Since HelpSeeker updates in real-time, these agencies can update community members on their program availability and new programs immediately. We are excited about the growth of HelpSeeker in our community because we end poverty by building systems that support and provide opportunities for people to thrive.

Karen Danielson,
Executive Director of THRIVE

THRIVE



WE INSPIRE



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

2017 VITAL SIGNS

VitalSigns.

Behind the numbers there are always people

Our 11th edition of Vital Signs was released to a sold-out crowd on October 4th. The theme “Belonging...Exploring Connection to Community” looked at many aspects including safety, housing, poverty, addictions, discrimination and access to services. The statistics are compelling – the stories inspiring!

Vital Signs is a driving force – not only for the work that the Community Foundation does, but also for the communities across our region. Find the issues that light a fire in you – the aspects that give you purpose – and act. Help move the needle in a positive direction.

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

FOOD SYSTEMS MAPPING PROJECT

Loblaws Canada and Community Foundations Canada recently came together to fund five food systems enhancement projects across the country – and CFSEA was one of them! This partnership focused on supporting community foundation leadership in creating more healthy and resilient communities in the area of food systems.

In consultation with a number of agencies and the literature review of food security issues in Medicine Hat, CFSEA embarked on a Food Systems Mapping Project that would assist all organizations to work more collaboratively and provide information of where and how to allocate their resources to best meet the needs of our community's most vulnerable citizens.

Have fun and learn much about the swamps and deserts of food security programs and services in Medicine Hat, Redcliff and Dunmore.

www.cfsea.ca/we-inspire/food-systems-mapping-project/

VITAL CHARITIES

Are you a donor looking for an amazing cause? Or are you looking for a place to volunteer?

Visit our website to find a comprehensive listing of registered charities in our region with links to their respective websites:
cfsea.ca/we-inspired/charity-hub/

RAK DAY

The sudden dump of snow could not stop our community from getting out and spreading kindness this year! On November 3, countless residents across the region came together to perform random acts of kindness, both large and small. The impact of RAK is impossible to measure – and we encourage you to #GoBeKind every day, not just the first Friday of November!



VITAL PEOPLE

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Charities operating in the not for profit sector are key to the vitality of Southeastern 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 aims to acknowledge, recognize and encourage the staff working in front line program delivery, coordination or junior management positions for local charities.

The program offers two \$500 awards to assist with the training or skill development that best suits the needs of the award recipient. Vital People Awards recognizes and supports these up and coming leaders in our community by investing in their success through professional development opportunities.



MELISSA PEARL

Melissa Pearl is the Wellness Coordinator for the Medicine Hat Youth Action Society. Her colleagues call her the “glue that holds the centre together and propels them forward”. She was a teacher for six years before becoming a Success coach at the Youth Action Society in 2014. She is described as knowledgeable, organized and prepared. Passionate and unwavering in her commitment to young people, Melissa is a deserving recipient of this award. Congratulations Melissa!



SERENA PENNINGS

Serena Pennings has worked at the Brooks Animal Protection Society for over 10 years. Serena started as a volunteer and has worked her way up to Shelter Manager. She is described by her colleagues as having a “true passion for the rescue world, showing never-ending compassion to each and every animal.” She is always researching, communicating with vets and other shelters to increase her skills and has a knowledge base “beyond compare”. Congratulations Serena!

YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY (YiP)

Philanthropy is generosity and good will in action.

YiP is an opportunity for students to experience the granting and giving process. They choose areas of focus, research the work of a variety of charities and then make their granting recommendations. \$10,000 was distributed to the following charities:

- Brooks and District Child Development Society
- Brooks and District Victims' Assistance Association
- Medicine Hat SPCA
- Medicine Hat & District Food Bank
- Medicine Hat Youth Action Society
- Heart & Stroke Foundation
- Medicine Hat & District Health Foundation
- Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society



Leadership group from Duchess School presenting grant to Brooks and District Victim's Assistance Association

CAUSE – COMPASSION – COMMUNITY

YOU CAN LEAVE A LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

ONLINE:

www.cfsea.ca

IN PERSON OR MAIL:

#104, 430 – 6th Avenue SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 2S8

Please detach and complete information to be provided with your donation.

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



Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____

Donor name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Email: _____

Postal Code: _____ Signature: _____

I HEREBY DIRECT MY GIFT TO

☐ My current fund _____ % ☐ CFSEA Operating Fund _____ % ☐ Smart & Caring Fund (greatest future needs) _____ %

RURAL COMMUNITY FUNDS

☐ Prairie Crocus Fund
(Special Areas 3 and MD of Acadia) ☐ Brooks & District
Community Fund ☐ Rural Community Fund
of Forty Mile



Cheques made payable to: Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta

Charitable Registration # 136030285RR0001

Thank you for your generosity!



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