

VitalNews

2018 Chair's Reception

A total of **\$156,105** was distributed to local organizations across Southeast Alberta this Fall 2018 Grant Cycle.

Community supporters, donors and grant recipients gathered together for the 19th Annual Chair's Reception in November. Michael Ancil, our Board Chair and Cheryl Pocsik our Grants Committee Chair presented grants to the following charities;



Cheryl Pocsik presents a Smart & Caring grant to Brooks Senior Outreach Executive Director Daphne Anstey-Martin



Holly Stadnicki Executive Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters Medicine Hat and District accepts a \$10,000 Smart and Caring Grant from Cheryl Pocsik

Community Foundation Grant Summary – Fall 2018

SMART & CARING COMMUNITY GRANTS

Including Field of Interest Funds

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Medicine Hat and District	Teen Mentoring <i>\$725 from Megan Wahl Memorial Fund & \$550 from the Mayor Community Fund</i>	\$10,000
Grasslands Regional School Division No. 6 (Eastbrook School Parent Advisory Association)	Playground Equipment	\$2,500
Brooks and District Senior Outreach	Wellness Teas	\$6,000
Easter Seals Alberta Society – Medicine Hat Region	Equipment and Support	\$15,000
KidSport Society Medicine Hat and Redcliff	Core Funding <i>\$1,575 from the Growing Active Kids Fund</i>	\$12,500
Nature Conservancy of Canada	Power Grazer <i>\$2,130 from the Environment Legacy Fund</i>	\$2,130
Medicine Hat John Howard Society	Indigenous Healing Circles	\$8,000
Brooks Music Festival Association	Music Festival <i>\$267 from the Brooks and District Community Fund and \$380 from the Savanna Drilling Fund</i>	\$1,500
Twenty Mile Post Historical Society	Repainting of Historical Buildings	\$6,000
South Eastern Alberta Safety Alliance (Safety City)	Summer Safe Program	\$6,000
Total Smart and Caring Grants		\$69,630

DESIGNATED GRANTS	\$20,125
DONOR ADVISED GRANTS	\$14,400
AGENCY FUND	\$22,125
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	\$2,135
FLOW THROUGH TOTAL	\$27,690

Designated Funds

Community Foundation donors were also given the opportunity to present cheques from their family funds to their charities of choice. Praxis Science Outreach Society, KidSport Society of Medicine Hat and Redcliff, Medicine Hat Rotary Music Festival and the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society were a few of the organizations who received grants from designated and donor advised funds at our Chair's Reception.



Frances Barnes presents a grant to Connelly Sherwick
Executive Director for KidSport Medicine Hat & District



Mark Lewall and Karen Saffron present a cheque to
Praxis Science Executive Director Tracy Sopkow

Thank you to **Johnston, Morrison, Hunter and Co. Chartered Professional Accountants** for sponsoring our Chair's Reception once again. We couldn't have done it without you!



Ryan Dorton, CPA, CA with the JMH sponsor address

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HERITAGE CLUB



ESTATE PLANNING

When planning your funeral or a loved one's, please consider leaving a lasting legacy to your community.

HERITAGE PROGRAM

Individuals who have included the Community Foundation in their estate plans become members of our Heritage Club. This is a simple yet meaningful way to make a difference in the lives that follow.

There are also numerous tax benefits to including a charitable bequest in your will.

The CFSEA accepts:

1. OUTRIGHT GIFTS

A gift of cash or other appraised assets such as appreciated securities (any amount) will help build the endowment immediately. Pay no capital gains on gifts of listed securities. Cash gifts can be in a lump sum or pledged over a period of years.

2. WILLS

(Consult your lawyer)

A gift of a percentage of estate assets or a specific sum of money can be made in your will.

3. LIFE INSURANCE

(Consult your Insurance Agent)

Complete a "change of beneficiary form" for an existing policy.

Transfer ownership of an existing policy or purchase a new policy and make the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta the owner and irrevocable beneficiary.

4. RETIREMENT FUNDS

(Consult your Investment Advisor)

Complete a "change of beneficiary form" for an RRSP or RRIF.

CFSEA staff are not professional advisors. Please consult yours to decide which route is best for you.

HOW IT WORKS

- You include the Community Foundation in your will as a bequest; we can help you or your lawyer with recommended language
- We can work with you to determine the type of fund you would like to establish with your gift
- Upon your death, we set up a special fund in your name, in the name of your family or in honour of any person or organization you choose
- Your charitable gift is eligible for a tax credit for estate tax purposes
- Our professional staff considers your charitable wishes and determines the areas of community need that would benefit the most through grants from your gift
- Our board issues grants in the name of the fund you establish (*if you prefer, grants can be made anonymously*)
- We handle all of the administrative details
- Your gift is placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Investment earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing local and regional needs. Your gift – *and all future earnings from your gift* – is a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work - forever!

New Heritage Club members were presented with a pin at the Chair's Reception. If you would like to know more about how you can leave a lasting legacy for our community, please contact our office and we would be happy to answer any of your questions.

Executive Director Chris Christie and Endowment Development Committee member and Heritage Club member Barry Neubauer present pins to Frances Barnes, Glenda Hawthorne, Janice Dynes and Bruce Dynes.



Meet our Financial Administrator!

Barb Kenworthy is well into her second year with the Community Foundation as our Financial Administrator. She brings years of experience and enjoys the variety that her job entails!

In 1999 an opportunity to transfer from Calgary to Medicine Hat was made available to Barb and her husband Brian. Making the transition from the "big city" living was something they both looked forward to. Twenty years later, they still love to call Medicine Hat their home.

"I cannot think of a better way to finish my working career than with the best job I've ever had. I am so thankful for the opportunity to work with a great team. We get to share the joy from both sides - the donor and the donee. Giving and receiving - it's like Christmas every day!"



CFSEA Regional Development

Recognizing the needs of the residents' vary from area to area three community funds were recently established. The Brooks & District Community Fund, Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile and The Prairie Crocus Community Fund (Special Area No 3 and MD of Acadia) will benefit the people and organizations in each of the regions and will receive on-going operational and administrative support from CFSEA.

"The Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta and its board are committed to the regions outside the City of Medicine Hat," says Marlene Watson, Regional Development Manager. The first \$10,000 donated to each of the community funds will be matched with a further \$10,000 from the board of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta. Donations to the funds are never spent and charitable receipts will be issued. All donations will be invested with a professional investment company and the investment income from the funds will be dispersed through a granting process. The board is also providing another \$10,000 in granting money for each of the community funds, which will be dispersed by local advisory committees in each of the regions. The community funds will allow donors to give where they live and benefit the region they call home...forever.



Donor Profile

Terry and Darrel Dola were both born and raised in the Medicine Hat area. They made a move to Grande Prairie, Alberta in 1978. During their time in Grande Prairie they became involved with the Little Theatre, established yearly education scholarships for various school boards, worked with youth groups and were major donors for the Shock Trauma Rescue Society (STARS).

While in Grande Prairie Terry and Darrel explored many ways to work within their community. After some intense research they came across the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta. Community Foundations work closely with their donors on an individual basis and respect those who wish to remain anonymous.

Once Terry and Darrel started to learn the impact that the Foundation had on their area they decided that working with a Community Foundation was their best avenue to give back to the community. At that time they set up a designated fund with the Foundation in Grande Prairie.

Prior to moving back to the Medicine Hat area in the summer of 2014, the Dolas were introduced to Mike Christie at the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta. They decided to establish a donor advised fund, the Rose and Henry Dola fund and in time they also established the Terry and Darrel Dola Fund.

Those two funds combined have disbursed a total of \$36,160 back into Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta!

"We wanted to give back to the community in some way that would make the lives of people affected by hardships to be a little bit more bearable. We now work with the Community Foundation in both Grande Prairie and Medicine Hat. We have learned over time that working within a Community Foundation gives us the best possible exposure to the organizations in need and ensures that they receive this ongoing support through the source of sustainable funding that the Community Foundations do so well." explains Darrel.

"We liked the idea of supporting the community with legacy gifts - gifts that will always be giving." says Terry.



Darrel and Terry Dola present funds from the Rose and Henry Dola Fund to Alariss, Regional Lead for Alzheimer Society of AB & NWT at the 2018 Chair's Reception

Annual Report

Our 2017/2018 Annual Report is available on our website at www.cfsea.ca
If you would like a copy to hold, please call our office and we will get one out to you as soon as possible!



From our Board of Directors and staff we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Medicine Hat & District Food Bank Association

The Medicine Hat and District Foodbank is extremely grateful to receive a grant from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta to pilot a new program allowing us to pick up from grocery stores more often. Food waste sends \$6 billion of good and perfectly edible food to landfills all over our country every year. This program allows us to pick up that food from local grocery stores and distribute it to families through the foodbanks emergency program and community partnerships. So far we have been able to cut our milk bill in half every week and have been able to remove canned vegetables and fruit from our shelves all summer because we had such an abundance of fruits and vegetables. This does sound like a big impact but for our organization the cost savings from more than doubling the amount we are picking up is significant... just milk costs our organization \$500.00 a week. Long term, we feel this program will sustain itself in the savings we see from purchasing less food. This kind of innovation is a perfect example of how we can make considerable gains with our environmental footprint by targeting problems like food waste and working together to provide extra capacity within the not for profit sector. We are so incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to be innovative because of grants from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta.

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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