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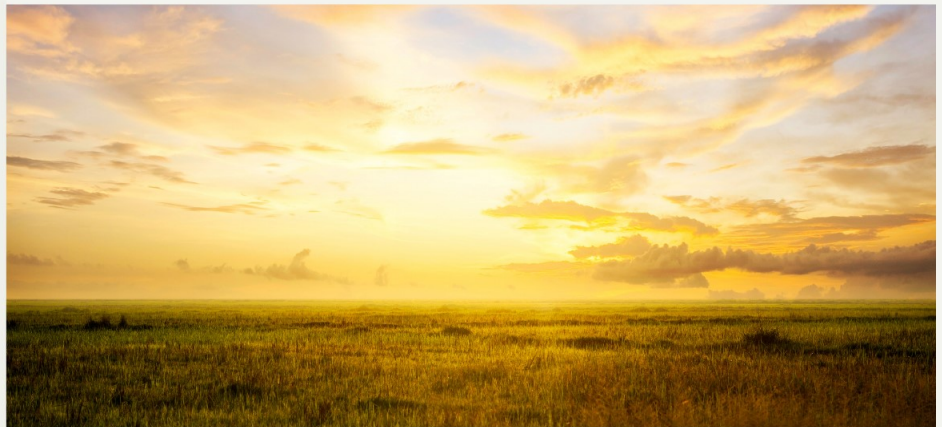
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Message from the Board Chair

Hello everyone,

Hopefully you and your family are well.

This will be my last newsletter as the Chair of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta. I'm pleased to announce that Frances Barnes has been voted in as the next Board Chair. Frances will do a fabulous job. She has a great Executive Committee and Board to assist her in this new role.

Neil Maser and myself will be retiring from the Board at the end of June. Neil and I joined the Board at the same time in 2014. We've seen a lot of changes in the seven years that we have served on the Board. The most notable change was the creation of three rural funds. This was created with an anonymous donor that believed in our vision to help our rural communities raise their own funds that would be distributed to their community through grants.

It's been an honor to serve as a member of the Foundation Board of Directors. I've met so many wonderful community minded people that have made my time on the Board very enjoyable and rewarding. Thank you to past and present Board members for all that you have contributed and many still contribute on sub committees to make our Foundation what it is today.

My sincere thank you to donors, staff, past and present Board members, all the volunteers that sit on our sub committees, all the communities in our region, and all the agencies that we have provided funding to so that they can carry on their good work serving our communities.

Thank you for the privilege of serving on the Foundation Board and the trust from the Board to serve as the Chair for five years.

The Foundation has and will continue to have a major influence on all the communities in our region.

Sincerely,

Michael Anctil

DONOR STORY: ALEXANDER MCDUGALD



Alex and Jean McDougald

“Alex was an energetic person who had a wide range of interests. There was always something on the go. Including others and making new friends along the way came naturally to him.” – John McDougald, nephew

Alexander “Alex” Paul McDougald was born in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan on January 8, 1929. He was the youngest of three boys, born to James and Florence (Cumberland) McDougald. Alex and his brother Jack, ranched together south of Maple Creek until 1965 when Jack purchased Alex’s share of the ranch. At that time, Alex purchased the Augie Sauer Ranch south of Suffield and established McDougald Livestock Ltd.

Alex married Jean Forbes on October 3, 1976, and they lived on the ranch until 1988. In 1998, Alex sold half the ranch to John McDougald (nephew) and half to Gordon Forbes (Jean’s son). John established his half as Park Livestock, while Gordon operates as Cottonwood Livestock.

Alexander was driven by physical fitness and was an active and dedicated member of the Medicine Hat YMCA for over 20 years. He enjoyed volunteering for the Special Olympics as a swim coach and was a serious cyclist with many years of tours covering thousands of kilometres. Alex and Jean enjoyed many winter trips to Surprise, Arizona to escape the Alberta winter. The McDougalds were very social and were often the hosts to many social gatherings.

“Alex believed that being a leader in the community included building successful businesses and philanthropic giving. He was committed to making our community a better place.” – Todd Beck, Chartered Accountant/Business Advisor

In 1997, the Alex and Jean McDougald Fund was established at the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta. Alexander’s philanthropic journey guided him to launch two of his initial legacy projects in support of the Maple Creek Skating Rink and the SW Saskatchewan Oldtimers’ Museum in the early 2000’s. Alexander passed away in 2010 which inspired Jean to establish the Alex McDougald Memorial Fund which annually contributes to the Smart and Caring Community Fund.

Alex became a Heritage Club member in 2009, making a conscious decision to build today into a better tomorrow. **The Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta is extremely grateful for Alexander’s bequest of \$2.8 million. Alexander and Jean will live in the hearts of many, and our community will feel their presence forever from the kindness, generosity, and impact of their legacy.**

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.” – Muhammad Ali

This June, the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta says farewell and thank you to Michael Anctil and Neil Maser. Both individuals have served on the board for seven years, contributing to our vibrant, healthy, and caring community.

Neil Maser, now retired from the Insurance business, joined the Board in 2014. For the past three years, Neil has served on the Grants committee, reviewing numerous applications, spending countless hours in meetings, and assisting with the decisions on who will be receiving funding. Neil’s methodical and analytical rationale has been an asset to CFSEA and will be missed.

For the past seven years, Michael has devoted countless hours to the Board of Directors, five of them as Chair. He is a humble and hardworking individual who contributed daily to making our community a better place. Michael carries his philanthropic attitude with him everywhere he goes. As a local business owner and volunteer within our community, Michael continues to give back daily.

CFSEA has experienced many changes and experienced remarkable growth in the time Michael and Neil served on the Board. Through their time on the Board, the Community Foundation witnessed the growth of the endowment from \$10,500,000 in 2014 to \$23,600,000 in 2021.



Board of Directors, David Andrews and Neil Maser



Board Chair, Michael Anctil

2021 SPRING SMART & CARING COMMUNITY GRANTS

Smart and Caring Community Grants support communities across Southeastern Alberta by enhancing belonging of all citizens and strengthening the non-profit and voluntary sectors. Donors can choose this fund as a way to allocate their contributions to support the community's greatest needs.

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.

"We are so grateful to work alongside the Rural Advisory Committees in Brooks & District, the County of Forty Mile, and Special Areas 2, 3 & MD of Acadia, to ensure the greatest needs in our communities are being supported. Our funding priorities this grant cycle focused on Mental Health, Work & Economy, and Vulnerable Populations. Thank you to our incredible group of volunteers who make up our Grants Committee."

– Cheryl Pocsik, CFSEA Grants Committee Chair

\$1,300
New Copier



\$2,500
Playground Upgrade

\$10,000
Tractor

Foremost Agricultural Society



\$5,000
Vegetable Container Growing



\$2,400
Playground

\$3,650
Daycare



\$2,600
Online Organizational Strategy & Program Development

\$3,500
Crossroads Museum

Oyen & District Historical Society

\$10,000

SAFE Summer Adventure Fun & Education Program



\$3,000
Virtual Life Skills Classes

\$10,000
Washer & Dryer



\$3,016
Generation to Generation

\$6,500
Equine Interaction Program



Congratulations to the 13 organizations who received a total of \$63,466!

The Fall Smart & Caring Community Grant Cycle will open in August, 2021. Connect with the office to learn more!

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

The Community Impact Award is a **\$25,000** grant designed for agencies with innovative project ideas that show creativity and leadership in supporting vibrant, healthy, and caring communities.

\$25,000 was awarded to a partnership consisting of the **Cypress View Foundation** and **Bike Medicine Hat** in support of the new chapter of **Cycling Without Age**. Cycling Without Age helps to alleviate isolation, and physical & mental health challenges of the senior & disabled population living in care facilities. This grant will assist in purchasing two trishaw electric bikes (piloted by youth & adult volunteers) that will allow riders to experience bike riding, nature, their community, and to reconnect safely with their family and friends.



Kim Swanson (Cypress View Foundation), Myrna Stark (CFSEA Board), Carter Gramlich (Bike Medicine Hat Board), Julie Lacasse (Cycling Without Age)



Myrna Stark (CFSEA Board), Rick Armstrong (Our Collective Journey), Ryan Oscar (Our Collective Journey)

Our Collective Journey received a \$25,000 award for Recovery Coaching. This program will help increase system capacity while providing hope to individuals and loved ones. A professionally trained Recovery Coach's primary goal is to act as a personal guide, mentor, and role model for individuals seeking recovery from substance abuse.

"The Community Leadership Committee reviewed many worthy applications for the Community Impact Award and were impressed by the innovation and creativity of the local organizations. Thanks to our donors and community supporters, we are able to present two awards this year to projects addressing mental health and vulnerable populations!" - Myrna Stark, CFSEA Community Leadership Committee Chair

YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY



St. Luke's Outreach, Brooks Presenting to BAPS

Congratulations to the **15** unique agencies who received a combined total of **\$19,800** from our Youth in Philanthropy Fund.

- Medicine Hat Mustard Seed
- Medicine Hat SPCA
- Canadian Mental Health, SE Region
- Alberta Pound and Rescue Centre
- Medicine Hat & District Food Bank
- Ronald McDonald House, Medicine Hat



St. Mary's School Presenting to The Mustard Seed

Youth in Philanthropy (YiP) is a leadership development initiative which is designed to introduce motivated young people to philanthropy and local community development. Students research the community's greatest needs and then select an organization whose mandate may address those needs to receive a grant through the program.

Thank you to the **11** school groups who participated in Youth in Philanthropy this year!



Eagle Butte High School Presenting to Paws for Strength

- Paws for Strength
- HALO Air Ambulance
- Medicine Hat Women's Shelter
- Kale Porteous Memorial Splash Park
- Prairie Gleaners
- Brooks and District Victims Assistance
- Brooks and District Women's Shelter
- Brooks Animal Protection Society
- Redcliff Action Youth Society

"We were so grateful to have participated in YiP! CFSEA could have simply given this money out to charities through regular grants, but instead they gave students a sense of ownership over their community by researching the greatest needs and letting them choose a tangible cause to give the money to."

- Mrs. Janzen, St. Mary's Teacher

CANADA HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (CHCI)

The **Healthy Communities Initiative** is a **\$31 million investment from the Government of Canada** to support communities as they create and adapt public spaces to respond to the new realities of COVID-19. We are proud to be working with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada alongside other Community Foundations across **Southern Alberta** to provide **\$1,267,320** of funding to support organizations who are showing creativity and resourcefulness in creating solutions that enable people to connect and access public spaces safely while still respecting public health measures.

Please visit healthycommunitiesinitiative.ca to see the Healthy Communities Initiative projects from the first round who have received funding from coast to coast to coast

The second round of the Healthy Communities Initiative opened on May 14. The CHCI is funding projects between \$5,000 and \$250,000 that help create **safe and vibrant public spaces**, **improve mobility options**, and provide **digital solutions** to help their neighbourhoods or communities navigate the pandemic and look to build back better in the COVID-19 recovery. A variety of community-led organizations have been eligible to apply, including local governments, charities, Indigenous communities, and registered non-profit organizations.

A total of 14 groups across Southern Alberta were recipients in round one of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative. Congratulations to two organizations from the Southeastern Alberta region for their successful submissions.

Digital
solutions.



REDI ENTERPRISES SOCIETY
Digital Access to Community for
Persons with Disabilities
\$65,600



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COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE**

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Digital
solutions.



Brooks & District Museum and Historical Society
WiFi Hotspot Lending Project
\$20,821



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"Public spaces are the glue to our communities and enable a feeling of belonging and social cohesion. They are a big part of what makes communities safe, vibrant, and connected. As Southern Alberta faces increased isolation due to COVID-19, these projects from the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative will help our community to connect safely and will benefit the mental and physical well-being of our residents."

– Niki Gray, Community Engagement Coordinator

REGIONAL COMMUNITY FUND DONOR HIGHLIGHTS

PRAIRIE CROCUS COMMUNITY FUND

Elaine Michaels was born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta. In 1971 she moved to Calgary with her family and lived and worked there for ten years.

In 1981 she met her husband and moved to Cereal. Shortly after moving to Cereal, she got involved in various community organizations, including the **Prairie Crocus Community Fund Advisory Committee**. She was also on the Village Council for 18 years, and she continues to serve on a number of local and regional groups.



RURAL COMMUNITY FUND OF FORTY MILE



John & Natalie Vantryp, along with their children Adriana, Karsten, and Anka-Marie, live and farm in the Burdett area within the County of Forty Mile. They strongly believe in supporting their community and despite John's busy schedule, he still agreed to join the local Advisory Committee for the **Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile**. Like many other active community members in the County of Forty Mile, he knows the importance and value of contributing to the community, and that '**volunteers** do not necessarily have the **time**; they just have the heart.' John and Natalie were both eager to learn more about our rural endowment fund, and soon made a donation. When we asked why they decided to donate, they had the following to say:

"We donate to empower our community to do more, while helping to secure our communities' future, and invest in a legacy for our community."

BROOKS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FUND

David Andrew's first experience with the Community Foundation was a grant writer for the EID Historical Society located in Scandia. After learning more about how CFSEA can benefit our area and the creation of the **Brooks & District Community Fund**, they decided to establish a Family Fund that will continue to support our local charities for years to come.

"A donation to the Community Foundation of Southeast Alberta endowment fund becomes part of a PERMANENT LEGACY as only the revenue generated by the endowment fund is ever spent."

– David & Cheryl Andrews



ADVISOR MANAGED ENDOWMENT FUND

When you make a donation to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta, it is never spent. It is invested into an endowment with Community Foundation's professional wealth advisor. The investment earnings from those donations are the funds we grant back out into our community, supporting local agencies across Southeast Alberta, today, tomorrow, forever.

For the first time at CFSEA, donors are now able to work with the Community Foundation and their investment advisor to build a stronger community. **Advisor Managed Endowment Funds** allow donors to maintain the trusted relationship with their investment advisor while creating a platform to accomplish their philanthropic wishes.

How it Works...

Together with their financial advisor, donors may choose their portfolio makeup, within the guidelines stipulated by the Community Foundation and other terms within the Investment Advisor Agreement.

The Community Foundation will be the owner and only beneficiary of the portfolio as is required by Canada Revenue Agency to comply with the Community Foundation's ability to provide a charitable receipt for stock contributions.

Contact your investment advisor for more information, advice, and assistance with next steps.



“Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”

- Warren Buffett

MOST COMMON TYPES OF GIFTS

Working alongside the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta to fulfill your philanthropic goals allows you to have an impact on community both now and into the future. We work with you to determine the type of gift you would like to give.

GIFT OF CASH

Gift Example - Cash, cheque, credit card, online.

Benefits to the donor - Donation receipt, straightforward transaction, see the gift at work today.



GIFT OF PUBLICLY LISTED SECURITIES

Gift Example - Bonds, mutual funds, employee stock.

Benefits to the donor - Donation receipt for fair market value, no capital gains tax, see gift at work today.



BEQUEST BY WILL

Gift Example - Cash, securities, real estate, property, retirement funds (RRSP).

Benefits to the donor - Donation receipt at final tax return, satisfaction of providing future gift while retaining full control of property, tax savings.



LIFE INSURANCE

Gift Example - Any whole life policy, term policy by naming CFSEA the beneficiary.

Benefits to the donor - Donation receipt for cash value and any future premiums paid, small current gift leveraged into larger future gift.



If you are looking to give a type of gift not listed, please contact us to discuss options.
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