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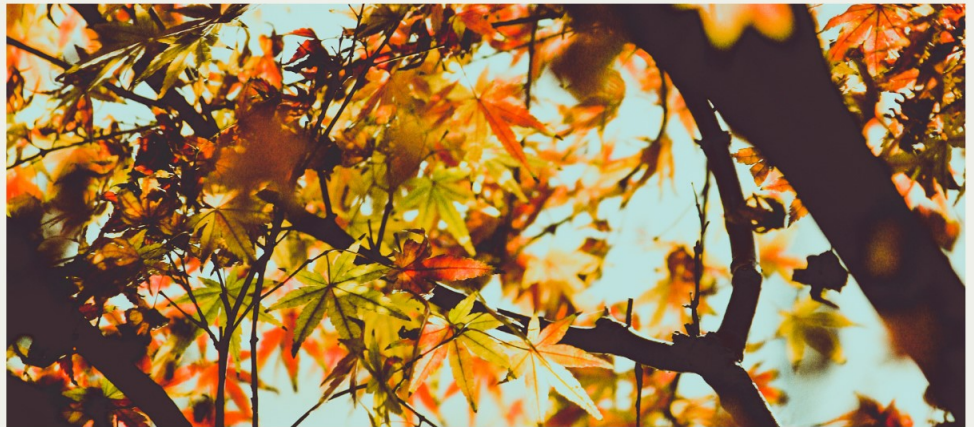
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Message from the ED, Niki Gray

Our Southeast Alberta communities continue to inspire compassion through resiliency and passion-driven community initiatives. The need for sustainable funding for organizations has never been made so clear. Our fund holders and donors continue to lay the foundation for us to provide ongoing support for the greatest needs across our region.

I know these last few years have been trying for many residents in Southeast Alberta. It has been challenging for our communities and has created overwhelming burnout in the charitable sector. The annual grants provided by our funds, supported by you, have given our charities cause to breathe easier. This past year we distributed over \$780,000! Thanks to our incredible donors, stakeholders, volunteers, and community partners, CFSEA has now provided more than \$8 million in grants since 1992. Time and time again, we are reminded of the generosity of the community champions across our region and it fills me with gratitude.

Message from the Chair, Frances Barnes

What a glorious summer we had! I grew up in central Alberta so I love this hot, dry weather. My only wish is that fall could be longer, but “you can’t always get what you want.” :)

September is unofficially the start of the Community Foundation’s year. For the next 10 months we are busy with meetings, events, and conversations. September 1st is like your January 1st. It’s a time to set a direction and the goals needed to get there. Our first board meeting in September will give us the opportunity for this discussion. Our five new board members will bring new perspectives to this conversation, as well as some added enthusiasm. (No pressure!)

Stay tuned for more on what our vision will be for this coming year. In the meantime, here’s hoping for a long fall with lots of evenings on the deck.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

This June, the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta welcomed four new individuals to our Board of Directors: Ahmed Kassem, Doug Little, Jennifer Mah, and Josh Hudson.

Welcome to CFSEA!

Ahmed Kassem— Board Director

"I have lived in Brooks for over 30 years, and as a result, have seen the dramatic growth and change of the Brooks/Newell region. I am an immigrant that understands the unique pressures faced by those new to Canadian culture and help immigrants to become successful, contributing members of Canadian society. As a parent of three, I'm committed to the continuous empowerment of families and youth by fostering a culture of inclusion.

Currently, I am the Executive Director of the Global Village Centre, Executive Producer of the Global Village Show and Global Village Podcast, a Director for the Brooks Chamber of Commerce, and the Vice President of the Newell Expo Society. I'm committed to building a more inclusive region and facilitating a safe and vibrant region that we can all be proud of!"



Doug Little— Board Director

"Born in Drumheller and raised here, I'm proud to call Medicine Hat home! Sheri and I have raised our three boys in this community and could not think of a better place to do so. I am a pilot for WestJet Airlines and have been there for the last 22 years. Along with my WestJet duties, our family operates Super T Aviation Academy, a flight school and aircraft charter company. With a partnership with Prairie Rose School District 8, Super T has also helped create the Dave Rozdeba South Alberta Flight Academy, a high school flight program.

Being involved with various clubs and organizations in and around Medicine Hat, I had always heard of the great work that the CFSEA does for Southeastern Alberta. I had always hoped to be able to repay my community by giving back where possible."



VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



Jennifer Mah— Board Director

“I am a mother, partner, sister, friend, shepherd, co-coordinator of the Medicine Hat Local Immigration Partnership, one of the leaders of the Medicine Hat Junior Forest Wardens, and a person who dedicates time and energy to help people connect more with the earth and each other. I am passionate about building stronger neighbourhoods and communities, and am excited to continue this work as a new CFSEA board member!”

Josh Hudson— Board Director

“Born and raised mostly in Calgary, I relocated to Medicine Hat in 2000 to raise a family, and have remained ever since. Starting in IT Sales and Marketing, and then moving into Operations Management, I have about 2 decades of management and leadership experience, the last 8 of which is in the non-profit sector. On the side, I have nearly 15 years of history serving on the boards of local minor sports associations.

My dealings in the non-profit world have shown me what an important role these organizations play in filling service gaps in the community. I hope that by serving the Community Foundation, I can lend my own strengths to ensuring the continued success of the CFSEA.”



“Volunteers don’t necessarily have the time; they have the heart.” – Elizabeth Andrew

30 STORIES FOR 30 YEARS

This year we are highlighting donors, supporters, and grant recipients through “30 Stories for 30 Years.” Follow along and read about our incredible donors and community champions on our [website blog](#).



Danny Koch Memorial Fund...

His wife and children remember Danny fondly and tell stories of a kind and generous man who loved his community and left a lasting impact in his 54 years. Because of the Danny Koch Memorial Fund, his legacy will continue to shape this community, forever...

Play Ball...

“If I had a choice at the time, I would have probably spent the funding on something else with immediate results and not have been patient for long term gain. However, I thank John for his vision in the formation of the Community Foundation and his contribution to our baseball program...” - Lovell McDonnell



For the Love of the Community: Donald and Milta Hawthorne...

The Community Foundation has received several generous bequests over the past 30 years. Milta and Donald Hawthorne's gift was no exception. Together, they gifted over \$600,000 to the Community Foundation through their estate in 2004...

FUND HIGHLIGHT: KIDSPORT MEDICINE HAT & REDCLIFF

KIDSPORT SOCIETY OF MEDICINE HAT & REDCLIFF FUND



MEDICINE HAT & REDCLIFF

KidSport Medicine Hat and Redcliff provides grants to help cover the costs of sports registration fees so that all kids aged 18 and under in Medicine Hat and Redcliff can play a season of sport.

KidSport's Agency Fund was established in late 2018. Donors interested in supporting KidSport are encouraged to consider contributing a gift to the KidSport Society of Medicine Hat and Redcliff Fund to help get kids off the sidelines and into the game!

The Medicine Hat and Redcliff chapter of KidSport was established in 1997 and has reinvested over \$800,000 back into the community in the form of sports registration costs! Help them ensure all kids can play— today, tomorrow, forever!

"KidSport's Agency Fund provides our organization with unrestricted funding annually to make sure local kids get the opportunity to play a season of sport and receive the benefits that organized sports provide. We've helped over 4,300 local kids play a season of sport and our Agency Fund will help us continue to grow that number for years to come!"

- Connelly Sherwick, Board Chair

BOARD LEADERSHIP



Board Leadership Southeast Alberta is a collaboration of partners working together to promote and offer board training opportunities for non-profits in Southeast Alberta.

Board Leadership Southeast Alberta will be publishing a newsletter filled with information and various resources related to Board training and governance. To keep up to date with additional resources, visit their [Facebook page](#).

STAFF UPDATES



The Community Foundation would like to welcome **Bailee Richardson** to the CFSEA team as our **Administrative Coordinator**. She was raised outside of Seven Persons and now resides in Medicine Hat with her husband, children, and three-legged cat. She is excited to be taking on this new chapter at the Community Foundation. You will always see her with a smile on her face willing to take on any new challenge that comes her way. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time outside adventuring with her family in any season and being at the lake!

This fall we say farewell to **Hannah Minor** as she follows her passion towards a new and exciting career. Hannah was instrumental in launching the 2021 Vital Focus publication and leading our team through the 2022 Vital Conversations. We will miss Hannah's quick wit, creativity, and dedication to the Community Foundation. The energy she brought into the office was always bright and infectious. Our team would like to wish her all the best in the next stage of her career!



CFSEA would also like to welcome **Della Burkitt** as our **Regional Development Coordinator**. Della was raised on a cattle farm north of Schuler and now resides in Dunmore with her husband, children, and dogs. In her spare time, she loves to go camping, play board/card games, dog train, and volunteer. Della was a volunteer on the Cypress County Community Fund's Advisory Committee— from meetings to events, her time on the committee was enlightening, constructive, and a blessing. She is most excited about being able to visit different communities, meet new people, listen and learn about each community, build relationships, and help educate the public about CFSEA!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming events— *more information to come.*



Annual General Meeting

CFSEA is hosting an AGM on Thursday, October 20th from 5:30 PM—6:00 PM at the Medicine Hat Chamber of Commerce Board Room (413 6 Ave SE). Please RSVP to admin@cfsea.ca by October 19th.



Heritage Club Reception

Heritage Club members are individuals who have included CFSEA in their estate plans. The event provides information for potential Heritage Club members, celebrates current members, and welcomes new members.



Chair's Reception

CFSEA's Chair's Reception highlights the Fall 2022 Community Grant recipients, our dedicated donors, and impact stories from various grant recipients.



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You are invited to our HERITAGE CLUB RECEPTION

An evening to connect with community-minded individuals and hear about the impact our donors are having on Southeast Alberta communities.

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

The Esplanade: Studio Theatre
401 1 St SE, Medicine Hat, AB

Please **RSVP by November 1**
to (403) 527-9038 or admin@cfsea.ca
*If you need a ride, please **let us know!***



CANADA'S CHARITIES & NONPROFITS

WELCOME TO
CANADA'S
SOCIAL SECTOR

POPULATION 170,000+

The sector
represents

8.7%

of Canada's
GDP...

...which is approximately

\$189B

Charities & nonprofits come from
3 different areas of the economy:

Households

Nonprofit Institutions Serving Households provide goods and services to individuals & groups of people at minimal to no cost.

For example:

- youth & family services
- housing assistance
- places of worship
- food banks
- recreation & social clubs
- museums
- foundations

Business

These include chambers of commerce, business & professional associations, airport authorities and some amusement and recreational organizations.

Government

These include hospitals, residential care facilities, universities and colleges.

In addition to their social contributions, charities & nonprofits are a large and vital part of the economy. They contribute to strong & healthy communities.

From 2007 to 2019, GDP from nonprofits serving households and business grew at a rate of

4.80%

The overall economy grew by

3.22%

The sector employs approximately
2.5 million people
which makes up 12% of the economically active population.

41% of Canadians
are volunteering their time to charities and nonprofits—that's
13 million volunteers!

Volunteers contribute almost
1.7 billion hours
of their time each year to organizations and causes they believe in.

Canadians give
\$14+ billion annually
to registered charities.

More than ¾ of donations go to the
"Big Four" causes
Religion, Health, Social Services
and International organizations.

Our sector has a good reputation.
4 in 5 Canadians
said they have a lot or some
trust in charities.

An average volunteer contributes
131 hrs per year OR **2.5 hrs per week**
This is equal to
860,000 full-time jobs

**More information at
imaginecanada.ca**

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