

Winter 2022

VitalNews



Message from the Board Chair

Do you have your Christmas tree up yet? How about your lights? When my family was young I would have everything up no later than December 1st, now however, without my kids at home, I don't feel that motivated. I will start with a Christmas candle and some Christmas music and see how I feel.

This is a busy time of year for many, but it is a fun time for us at the Community Foundation. Many of you stop into the office to drop off your year end donation and have a visit, and the staff absolutely love it! Economic uncertainty has made things tight for many. This is when we award our full grants to help ease that uncertainty.

Our annual report is out and what a year we had. The stock market felt like a roller coaster without a seat belt! This has meant that we need to laser focus our granting to the areas that were emphasized in our Vital Conversation document. November 15th was National Philanthropy Day and we are so grateful to all of you and also realize that you aren't a philanthropist only one day a year. This is a mindset you take with you every day. Thank you for making Southeastern Alberta and Medicine Hat a better place to live.

I hope you have a wonderful season of celebration!

Sincerely,

Frances Barnes

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 all the stories on our [website blog](#)*



REMEMBERING THE RINKES

"Mata and John were always good to us, their family and friends. Auntie Mata's home was a safe haven for us to sop in anytime, knowing coffee and tea would always be on. John was always a busy but never too busy to take the time to visit with those closest to him. It warms our hearts knowing their legacy will live on forever through the community Foundation supporting the communities that meant so much to John and Mata."

—Anne Srubowich & Linda Norrish

LIVING LEGACY

The Community Foundation supports donors who include CFSEA in their future plans as well as donors who chose to leave a living legacy. Rod and Shirley Siegle do both! They are Heritage Club members and have a Community Fund to support the communities greatest needs. Rod and Shirley are active volunteers in our community. They encourage the importance of education and have a passion for helping animals.



FOREVER REMEMBERED

Together since Grade one, Heather and Danny Koch built a life, a family and a business together until the passing of Danny in March of 2016. Heather Koch and her three children fondly remember Danny 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.



"Success in life is not measured by how much money is left behind, but rather of the life lived and the impact it has." —Danny Koch

FUND HIGHLIGHT: MH NEWS SANTA CLAUS FOREVER FUND

The Medicine Hat News Santa Claus Forever Fund is an Agency Endowment Fund that provides an option for donors to contribute a lasting gift to support the Medicine Hat News Santa Claus Fund, forever!

“We are thrilled to launch our Santa Claus Forever Fund in partnership with the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta. Established in 1984 the Medicine Hat News Santa Claus has provided Christmas to thousands of local families in their time of need. The Santa Claus Forever Fund will ensure that we can continue to provide the magic of Christmas to local families for years to come!”

—Deanna Doerksen



The Medicine Hat News Santa Claus Fund is a charitable organization serving Southeast Alberta. We support children, families, and individuals in need during the holiday season. Their mission is to bring the spirit of community and message of hope to children and families in need.



Donate Today



<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/75717?v1=true>

Agency Endowment Funds are a safe and simple way for non profits to establish their own endowment. Donors can be sure that the endowed fund's principal will not be spent and can grow over time providing a source of lasting support.

2022 FALL COMMUNITY GRANTS

Community Grants support communities across Southeastern Alberta.

Donors can choose this fund as a way to allocate their contributions to support the community's greatest needs. A comprehensive procedure to determine the most crucial community needs are gathered through annual Vital Events. Grants are then awarded based on potential impact and fund availability. These grants are awarded twice a year, in the spring and fall.

Congratulations to the **13** organizations who received a total of **\$262,000.00**

“Our recent Vital Focus highlighted the current grant priorities and the importance of working together to create change. The fall grant recipients demonstrate just that - representing collaborations and fostering connections between diverse groups across the region. Each one of these initiatives shows promising impact for their communities.”

– Niki Gray, Acting Executive Director

Congratulations to all of the 2022 Fall Community Grant Recipients

\$2,500
Vegetable Mix Bags



\$7,000
Food Bank Support

**Hanna
Food Bank
Association**



\$13,000
Elder Abuse Case Management



\$10,000
Affordable Homeownership

\$5,000
Enabling SEAB Youth
to Take on the Future



\$10,000
Emergency Food Pantry



**North 40 Mile Recreation
Society**

\$2,400
Jubilee Park Playground



\$3,000
Free Public Skating & Curling

\$12,500
Y Fusion



\$19,582
Couples Counselling



\$6,750
Local LINKS Booklet

\$5,000
Outreach & Community
Relations



\$4,000
Baby Starter Kits

***The Community Grant Cycle will open
in early February 2023. Connect with
the CFSEA office to learn more!***

Community Services Recovery Fund



**Canadian
Red Cross**



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATIONS
OF CANADA



**United Way
Centraide**
Canada

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million that will help charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies to acquire the tools they need to adapt and modernize so they can better support pandemic recovery in communities across Canada.

January 6: Official Launch

The application portal will officially open, and applicants can submit applications.

“Charities and non-profits are at the forefront of addressing communities’ needs, However, many of them are struggling to recover and adapt their services to the changing needs of Southeast Alberta communities. Through the community Services Recovery Fund CFSEA will be able to support both charities and non-profits across the region to work on projects to support their organizational structure.”

--Niki Gray



CANADA 150

Canada

QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL

This year the CFSEA was selected by the Government of Alberta to award five Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medals to community members in Southeastern Alberta. The medals are to honour the outstanding service of many Albertans who have dedicated themselves to the service of family, community and country, just like the Queen.



Congratulations to **Michael Ancil**, **Dr. Reagan Weeks**, **Melissa Mullis**, **Les Little** and **Jaime Rogers**, on receiving the Platinum Jubilee Medals!



The commemorative medal was created this year to mark the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne as Queen of Canada. This Jubilee year will see 7,000 Medals awarded to worthy recipients from across Alberta.

To be eligible for a medal the person must:

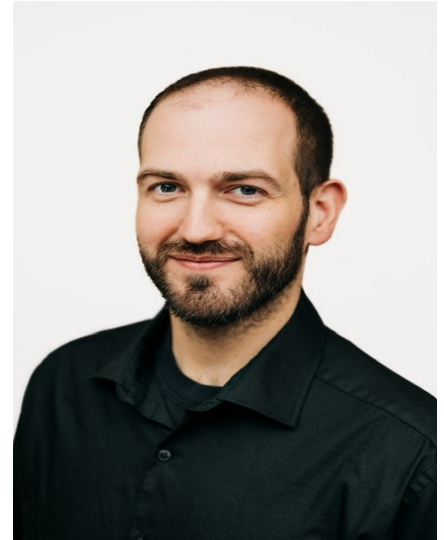
- be a Canadian citizen or has permanent resident status in Canada
- have been alive on Feb. 6, 2022, and
- have made a significant contribution to Canada or a particular region of Alberta, community or field.

VOLUNTEER AND NEW STAFF HIGHLIGHT

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much” —Helen Keller

Kyle Pudwell - Board Member/Governance Committee

“ Born and raised in Medicine Hat, I feel very fortunate to have grown up in such a wonderful community. My family owned and operated a small business in downtown Medicine Hat for almost 40 years, and we enjoyed every minute of it. I have a passion for both community and education, and I believe it is these passions that have led to my involvement in a variety of non-profit organizations throughout Medicine Hat. I first heard of the CFSEA during a presentation at Medicine Hat College, where the presenter gave an incredibly engaging presentation about everything the CFSEA does, and how the organization is able to help in the community. I am looking forward to my time on the board, and feel very lucky to be able to give back to a community that has been so good to my family over the years.”



Lauren Friesen- Vital Signs Research and Project Coordinator

“I was born and raised in Medicine Hat. I am a recent graduate of MHC where I received my Bachelor of Applied Arts in Visual Communications. I found my passion towards community when I began working for non-profits in 2020. Over the past two years I have worked on various projects that support newcomers including community assessments and marketing which has broadened my perspective on what it takes to be a supportive and welcoming community. With experience in visual design, community research and data analysis I look forward sharing my knowledge and skills through working on the 2022 Vital Signs Report!”

Jamie Nelson- Community Engagement Coordinator

“Good Day Everyone!! My name is Jamie Nelson and I am originally from Lethbridge, AB. I moved to Medicine hat in 2013 with my family. My background education and experience is in Criminal Law, management and law enforcement. I have always had a huge passion for non-profit organizations and the work they do, as well as for the vulnerable population. It gives me great pleasure to be a part of a team that gives back to the non profit sector and is able to support their charitable needs and passions. I am honored to be a part of CFSEA and very much look forward to what's ahead!!”



HOLIDAY HOURS:

DECEMBER 24 -27: CLOSED

DECEMBER 28-30: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

DECEMBER 31, January 1 & 2 : CLOSED

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THE CHARITIES YOU
LOVE
WHEN YOU SUPPORT
THE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**



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30 years **COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
of Southeastern Alberta

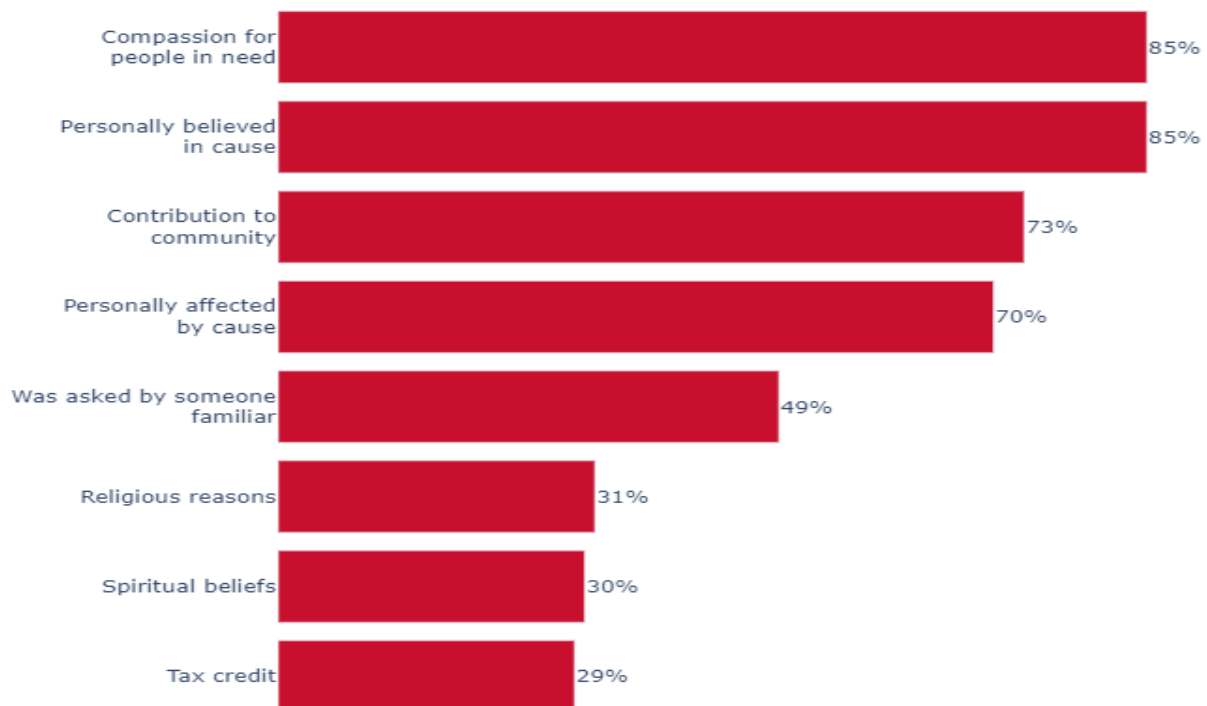
PHILANTHROPY: WHY WE GIVE



According to the Canadian Knowledge Hub for Giving and Volunteering, "Donors are most likely to donate because they personally believe in the cause of the organization and out of a sense of compassion for those in need."

According to a General Social Survey done by the **Canadian Knowledge Hub for Giving and Volunteering**, on Giving, Volunteering, and Participating, just over two-thirds of Canadians (68%) donated to a charitable or nonprofit organization during the one year period prior to the survey.

Motivations reported by donors, CA



Nationally, roughly seven in every ten donors donate in order to make a contribution to their community or because they are personally affected by the cause or know someone else who is. About half donate because they have been asked by someone they know and just under a third because of their religious and/or spiritual beliefs. They are least likely to donate because they will receive tax credit for donating.

http://app.givingandvolunteering.ca/Why_do_Canadians_give