



Issue: Spring 2024

# **Community** News



# A Message from our Executive Director

It is so wonderful to be back at the Community Foundation! The past three and a half years of retirement have been full of grandchildren (finally!), travel, volunteering and more time with friends and family. But I have missed the staff, donors, agencies, and being connected

to what is happening across our SE region - so I was excited for the opportunity to fill in for Niki on her parental leave. Much is wonderfully the same – and the young 'uns help me with all the new fandangled technological advancements!

If you ever want to stop by for a visit, the coffee is always on – and I hope to see you eventually at one of our many community events over 2024.

Gratefully,
Chris Christie
Interim Executive Director

#### What's Inside

- Donor and Fund Highlights
- Grants Now Open
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#### Important Dates

March 15th - Community
Grants Deadline

March 29 & April 1st - Closed

for Easter

**April 15th** - Community Impact Award Deadline

**April 15th** - Board Member

Application Deadline

May 28 - Founder's Day Picnic

& Grants Distributed



**Board Recruitment** 

#### **CFSEA's Board Recruitment**

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta is seeking **volunteer Board Members** who can commit to approximately five (5) hours a month and serve a minimum three (3) year term. Applicants are requested to email a letter of interest outlining their passion for community involvement and business knowledge that will contribute to the mission and operations of CFSEA to:

Kyle Pudwell at board@cfsea.ca by Friday, April 15.

# **Grants - Community Grants**

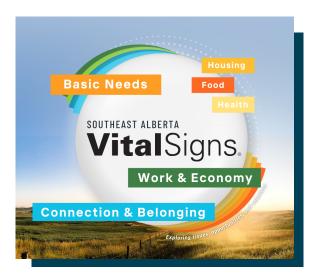
Community Grants support communities across Southeastern Alberta by enhancing the belonging of all citizens and strengthening the nonprofit and voluntary sectors. CFSEA must grant to a qualified donee or a non-profit group partnering with a qualified donee (including registered charities, municipalities, and school divisions). CFSEA prioritizes impact and regional support when reviewing grant applications. Additionally, they consider the alignment with CFSEA's Vital Signs Priority areas

- Up to \$25,000 in funding per grant
- Funding available for programs and projects that support a vibrant, healthy, and caring community
- Equipment or construction based projects up to \$10,000 of funding available



Deadline: Friday March 15th 2024

# **Grants - Community Impact Award**



Are you a registered charity with a game-changing idea that has the potential to create positive, lasting change in our region? The CFSEA's Community Impact Award is one, \$25,000 grant, designed for agencies with innovative project ideas that show creativity and leadership in supporting a vibrant, healthy, and caring community. Projects that address the Vital Signs priority areas are invited to apply.

Opens: March 18th, 2024
Webinar: March 19th at 11am
(Register by emailing admin@cfsea.ca

Deadline: April 15th, 2024



# Grants - Lanfine Wind Community Grants

Established by Pattern Energy Group LP, a leader in renewable energy and transmission infrastructure. Charities and Non-Profit groups are invited to apply for one grant each cycle. Organizations MUST be located within the boundaries of Special Area 3, the Town of Oyen, or the MD of Acadia.

Grants may be used to support capital, operating, programs, or special one-time costs within the following priority focus areas: First Nations and Metis, Local Communities, Environmental, Youth and Education, Health and Wellness.



#### **Grant Application Timeline:**

• Opens: June 1st 2024

• Deadline: July 2nd at 12:00 pm

Questions about grants? Connect with Sydney at grants@cfsea.ca

# **Agency Fund Highlight**

CFSEA is grateful to have received an initial donation of \$5,000 from Dunmore Equestrian Society's (DES) President, Kelly Creasy, and his wife Sandy. **The Dunmore Equestrian Society Legacy Fund** was established with this donation.

The Dunmore Equestrian Society is a non-profit organization with a Board of Directors consisting entirely of volunteers. DES is committed to building a world-class agricultural / equestrian facility. To ensure Dunmore Equestrian's financial sustainability, the Board of Directors recognized the importance of establishing a Legacy Fund with the CFSEA.

To learn more or donate to the DES Legacy Fund, connect with CFSEA by calling 403.527.9038 or donate here: https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/99284



Sydney and Helene (CFSEA Staff), Kelly and Sandy Creasy (DES Legacy Fund donors), Gerald Sept (Cypress County Fund Representative) – Photo by Susan Rex, The Buckin' Photographer

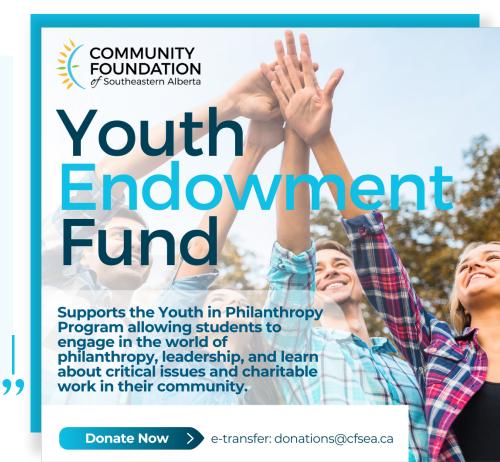
Sandy and I are proud to be the first contributors to the DES Legacy Fund. We encourage the community to support the Dunmore Equestrian facility with ongoing funding. It is our dream that the Fund will keep the facility operating, improving, and providing community programs and services forever.

- Kelly Creasy, Dunmore Equestrian President

# **Fund Highlight**

The Community Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy (YiP) program engaged 7 schools and distributed over \$10,000 across Southeastern Alberta last year! We could not have run this program without the forethought of our donors, who chose to contribute to the Youth Endowment Fund. Thank you! Consider helping us grow this fund so even more youth groups can participate in the coming years.

 Sydney Ratzlaff, Community Engagement Coordinator



#### Rural Development & Volunteer Highlights

#### Thank you to our Committee Members!

Clint Thacker – Chair Curtis Gouw John VanTryp Joseph Eisenlohr Larry Robinson Nathan Kiffiak Stephanie Hlady Tyson Ormann Seeking more Committee Members!



\$167,697

CFSEA and the Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile has distributed \$167,697 since 2019! Rural Community
Fund of Forty Mile

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Helene Nicholson - Regional Development Coordinator | 403.866.8901



#### Thank you to our Committee Members!

Cindy Goodine - Chair Allison Stammers Elaine Michaels

Linda Bingeman Lois Bedwell Lucille Hertz Jenifer Heeg Michelle Haag

\$215,494

CFSEA and the Prairie Crocus Community Fund has distributed \$215,494 since 2019!

Helene Nicholson - Regional Development Coordinator | 403.866.8901

#### Thank you to our Committee Members!

David Andrews - Chair Ahmed Kassem Brian Petersen Debbie Piper Inge Ellefson Joe Chomistek Karen Kallen Leona Ferguson Lisa Tiffin Matthew Lofgren Nicole Gardner Zane Shaw



\$324,205

CFSEA and the Brooks and District Community Fund has distributed \$324,205 since 2019!

Nicole Nichols - Community Fund Coordinator | 403.403.376.8884





#### Thank you to our Committee Members!

Gerald Sept – Chair Audrey Skoog Barry Neubauer Cathy Schnell Colton Weisgerber Dan Hamilton Della Burkitt Don McLennan Gerald Maser Richard Oster

\$47,575

CFSEA and the Cypress County Community Fund has distributed \$47,575 since 2021!

Helene Nicholson - Regional Development Coordinator | 403.866.8901



# **Introducing Top 7 Over 70**

CFSEA is the first community in Alberta to follow in the footsteps of the Calgary Top 7 over 70 Awards program. The **Top 7 Over 70** program recognizes the remarkable achievements of 7 individuals from across Southeast Alberta who have started a new adventure or reprised an existing one **after the age of 70**. These individuals will have accomplished a milestone or vision that inspires Albertans of all ages while defying age norms and shaping our world!

Each award honours a diverse range of talents, from groundbreaking scientific discoveries to influential literary works or exemplary humanitarian efforts. The Top 7 Over 70 Awards not only applaud remarkable accomplishments but also serve as an inspiration for generations to come, emphasizing that age is not a barrier to innovation, creativity, and positive societal impacts.

Nominations for outstanding individuals from across Southeast Alberta are now being accepted through the Community Foundation with an **Awards Gala** to be held **October 10th, 2024** at Medalta in the Historic Clay District.

**Nominate worthy candidates** and learn more here: <a href="https://cfsea.ca/top-7-70/">https://cfsea.ca/top-7-70/</a> Questions? Email **70ver70@cfsea.ca**.

For Sponsorship Opportunities, call Todd O'Reilly 403-548-5410.

#### Gearing up for Vital Conversations

In 2023, CFSEA released the Vital Signs publication, offering a comprehensive overview of Southeast Alberta. Covering seven key areas—Health and Wellness, Housing, Work & Economy, Food Security, Safety, Connection & Belonging, and Creative & Active Living—the report aimed to present a holistic snapshot of the region. In 2024, Vital Conversations will **build upon this foundation**, focusing on recognizing the **unique needs in rural areas**.

We are seeking feedback from rural residents on the most critical issues in your area. If you wish to participate in the 2024 Vital Conversations in YOUR rural region or share your thoughts, please reach out to Lauren Friesen, the Vital Signs Research & Project Coordinator.







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