

CORY'S CORNER

Hard to believe six years have gone by since my first meeting as a board member for the Community Foundation. I have been involved with many boards and committees during my life none have given me the good feelings this board has. Learning the true meaning of philanthropy has been very gratifying. The generosity of the people in our area is truly amazing.

Twenty years ago, in 1992, John Ignatius left a large bequest that started this amazing charity. Since that time, with the help of many donors, over \$7,000,000 has been placed into endowment funds that enable forever gifts. Numerous charities have received grants that have truly enhanced the lives of many.

I have enjoyed my time on the board and would encourage each and every one to get involved. Imagine the changes we can make in the next 20 years!

A sincere thanks to all the great folks I have had the privilege to work with during my term.

Fond thoughts and gratitude,

Cory Baksa

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Founder's Day Celebration June 22nd Monarch Theatre 7 pm - 9 pm Feature Film "The Ultimate Gift" & Spring Grants Presentation
- Fall Grant Application Deadline September 15th, 2012
- Vital Signs Launch October 2nd, 2012
- Vital Signs Lunch Event October 4th, 2012

We would like to say farewell to our outgoing Board Members: Chair, Cory Baksa (6 years), Secretary, Les Erickson (4 years) Abbe Barton (3 years), Jacquie Penner (2 years), Jason Melhoff (1 year)

STAFF

Mike Christie, Executive Director

Jayne Halladay, Community Impact Coordinator

Marlene Watson, Donor Relations Coordinator



BOARD MEMBERS 2011-2012

Cory Baksa - Chair	Jacquie Penner	Gerry Labas	Elaine Beierbach
Dr. Nora Way - Vice-Chair	Patrick Knight	Todd O'Reilly	Jason Melhoff
Ryan Dorton - Treasurer	Jeff Welling	R.W. Rick Redmond	
Les Erickson - Secretary	Abbe Barton	Dennis Egert	

Since 1992, the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta has been creating customized philanthropic solutions. This occurs, by bringing together people who care about our community, regional charities, while building and sustaining a strong and vibrant community. In the simplest terms we focus on improving the communities in our area by pooling charitable gifts to create permanent endowment funds and making responsible grants with the investment income. In this way the gift is never spent and provides a continuous stream of charitable revenue for the community.

THE FOUNDATION

- Provides a wide range of donor choices ensuring the desired charitable and financial goals are achieved, taxable benefits are provided and funds are safely and professionally invested.
- Applies its broad focus which enables us to convene the community to build partnerships and inspire collaboration to address emerging issues with the goal of ensuring that Southeastern Alberta continues to be a strong, thriving and healthy community.
- Is a 360 degree grant maker which means, grants support local charities in human services, health, education, environment, arts, culture, recreation and community development initiatives, in fact any charitable endeavour.

Generosity is rooted in our prairie tradition and history, and giving an endowed gift is an act of foresight – a tangible demonstration of hope for our future. In 1992, the founders of the Community Foundation believed Southeastern Alberta as a whole, could benefit from a Foundation that would serve the needs of an entire region. For the last 20 years, the Foundation has clearly demonstrated an ability to fulfill its promise and potential by providing over \$3 Million in charitable grants.

VISION

Creating a better community: Today, Tomorrow, Forever.

MISSION

Improving the quality of life for the people of Southeastern Alberta through developing permanent endowments, making responsible grants and inspiring community leadership.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS



Community
Foundation
of Southeastern Alberta

TWENTY YEARS AND COUNTING

By Mike Christie

On 26 June 1992, Royal assent was given to a Private Bill of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and the Community Foundation of Medicine Hat & Southeastern Alberta came into existence. Of course it had taken nearly two years of meetings and planning to get to that stage, but for the volunteers who made the petition for the Private Bill to be created, it was the start of an exciting new venture.

I have been fortunate, on a number of occasions, to have had an opportunity to speak with many of those original petitioners. I am sure you can imagine the sheer scale of the task they were undertaking. The idea of creating a multi-million dollar permanent pool of money, that would be invested and the earnings used to provide charitable support to the local community forever, must have seemed very daunting. John Ignatius who inspired the whole idea, chaired the volunteer board of directors for the first year, Bill Bauman then applied his incredible business acumen for the next three years, followed by former Mayor, Garth Valley who was in the chair for the next four years. Leadership is of course vital and we have been fortunate to have had some amazing and very dedicated people guide the Foundation over the years. In those early days all the very necessary paperwork was run out Don Saunderson's basement, until an office was opened in late 1995.

Coincidentally in 1992, about the same time our Foundation was created, a group of just over 20 older community foundations gathered in Calgary to create a national organization. This new organization would help to connect and support the growing network of Canadian community foundations. Today there are over 180 community foundations in Canada and assets managed for their respective communities has grown from \$500 Million in 1992 to over \$3 Billion.

I joined the Foundation in February 2000, as Executive Director. John Ignatius had just passed away in January and while many people were upset and grieving at that loss, true to his word, he left the majority of his estate to this community. After much effort and a lot of generosity the foundation's assets had grown, since 1992, to approximately \$800,000. John's estate gift increased those assets to over \$3 Million!

Today we have developed a number of different programs and we support our community in a wide variety of ways thanks to the gifts provided by our generous donors. Much of this growth is outlined elsewhere in this newsletter.

The current board has a clear vision: create a better community, today, tomorrow Forever. We want to ensure future generations of local people are able to lead as high a quality of life as possible. I am often asked how big an endowment does the Community Foundation believe, our regional community needs. The board has set a goal of securing future total assets sufficient to cover the demands it faces today, which means a long term goal of approximately \$40 Million.

So as we celebrate 20 years of community support, our sights are set on what we know we need to do now for the future. I hope you will consider joining us in whatever way you can to continue to make Southeastern Alberta one of the best places to live.

BY THE NUMBERS (OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS)

Total Assets **\$7.4 Million** Charitable Grants **over \$3 Million**
of Grants over **800** # of agencies supported **159**
of Board Members **99**



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COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

ALBERTA EASTER SEALS

~\$430 from the Megan Wahl Fund
Equipment and Support Services
\$5500

BROOKS FOOD BANK FOUNDATION

~\$970 from the Growing Active Kids Fund
Kids Lunch Program
\$10,000

BROOKS & DISTRICT SENIORS OUTREACH SOCIETY

~\$375 from the Brooks Community Fund
Seniors Outreach Brochures
\$600

FOREMOST MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

~\$545 Wiedeman Family Fund
Children's Area Upgrade
\$5375

PARTNERS FOR THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVER BASIN

~\$1030 from the Environmental Legacy Fund
Educating Youth about Fish Habitat
\$5000

THE CHAMPION CENTRE (BROOKS)

Affordable Supportive Housing for Men
\$2500

NATURE CONSERVANCY

Community Outreach and Awareness
\$2500

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM (BROOKS)

Restorative Forest Project
\$6500

AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

Client Services
\$6650

TOTAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

\$44,625
\$3350 of this total is from Field of Interest Funds as noted above

2011 LEGACY CLUB MEMBERS

Kenneth Blair Professional Corp.

Kelly Byers

David & Karen Carter

Wayne & Bernie Chesley

Michael Christie

William & Bobbi Dearborn

Ryan Dorton

Craig Elder

Al & Tanis Garden

Doug & Shirley Heine

Ben & Kathy Hern

Bob & Judy Herring

Thelma Johnston

Patrick Knight

Uwe and Anke Krickhahn

James & Sharran Kungel

Mark Lewall Professional Corporation

Sandy & Jane MacKay

Phyllis McLaughlin

Ian & Phyllis McLaughlin

Bill & Marilyn Milroy

David & Jean Nitchke

Lloyd and Audrey Olsen

Jacquie Penner

Tom and Cathy Peter

Rawleigh Family Trust

Ted & Donna Rodych

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Murray & Margaret Sihvon

Jerry & Diane Smith

Shann P. Snedden

Jeff and Miriam (Snookie) Welling

Jim & Anne White

Elaine Wiedemann

Harry & Elenore Zeller

Bill Taylor

Rod Wutch

Alberta Chambers of Commerce

All Nations Optimist Club

Canadian Fertilizers Limited

Canadian Western Bank Group

Criterion Catalysts & Technologies Canada Inc.

Gas King Oil Co Ltd

Hargrave Ranching Co. Inc.

Murray Cattle Co

River Dental Clinic

Source for Sports

Sun Life Financial

Telus



BILL BAUMAN
February 13th, 1924 – February 6, 2012

Founding Member and Past Chair of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta

We are saddened by the loss of such a great community leader.

The Foundation would like to thank all the generous donors who have donated to the Bill Bauman Memorial Fund to date. For more information on how to donate to this fund please contact the office at 403-527-9038.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1992

- Foundation was created by an Act of Legislature on June 26, 1992
- John Ignatius (the Founding Member) makes his first donation of \$25,000

1995

- Claude Bishop makes a \$60,000 donation

1997

- The Youth in Philanthropy program is created

1993

- Bill Bauman (another Founding Member) takes his turn at the Chair of the Board
- Honourary Board Member Vera Bracken (John Ignatius' sister) makes a \$25,000 donation

1996

- The first Foundation staff are hired, an Executive Director and an Administrative Assistant
- The first grant is made to the City of Medicine Hat for Flood Relief for \$2000
- Total Assets exceed \$300,000

1999

- The first Chair's Reception is held to make the Fall Community Grant Presentations

1998

- Total Assets reach \$500,000

2000

- The Foundation receives a bequest from John Ignatius for \$2,300,000
- The first Founder's Day Picnic is held to make the Spring Community Grant Presentations
- The Foundation launches the first of seven annual Mardi Gras fundraising events
- Total Grants awarded exceeds \$900,000

2001

- The Foundation hires investment manager Jarislowsky Fraser Ltd
- Foundation grant to AADAC establishes community detox program
- Foundation grant for a Performing Arts Feasibility Study. Years later the Esplanade is built.

2002

- The Foundation celebrates it's 10th Anniversary
- The Foundation creates the Community Leadership Program
- Total Assets reach \$3,000,000

2003

- A bequest from the Hawthorne estate is received in the amount of \$617,231

2004

- The Funder's Forum is created with the Foundation Executive Director as the Chair

2005

- The Centennial Legacy Club is created
- Community Leadership Program comes to a close
- Total Grants awarded exceeds \$2,000,000

2006

- Annual Legacy Club is created
- The final Mardi Gras celebration is held
- Total Assets reach \$5,000,000

2007

- The Centennial Legacy Club Monument is unveiled
- Vital Signs is launched
- Legacy Partnership Program is created
- Growing Active Kids Fund is created
- Environmental Legacy Fund is created

2008

- The Heritage Membership of the Legacy Club is created
- Vital Activity is created

2009

- Vital Kids is created
- First Annual Heritage Members event is held
- Over 500 grants awarded worth in excess of \$2,600,000

2010

- Executive Directors Network is established with the leadership from the Foundation
- Over \$80,000 raised for Flood Relief
- German Honorary Consul makes a \$21,000 donation to Flood Relief on behalf of the City of Grima
- Total Assets reach \$6,000,000

2011

- Vital Signs is produced for it's 5th year with a focus on the trends over the last 5 years
- Over 640 grants awarded worth in excess of \$2,800,000.

2012

- The Foundation celebrates its 20th Anniversary
- New branding (including logo) launched
- New website launched
- Vital Impact Grant Program created
- Total Assets reach \$7,000,000