



Community
Foundation
of Southeastern Alberta

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**Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta Grants a Total of \$2100 to
Habitat for Humanity – Medicine Hat Society through the Youth in Philanthropy
(YiP) Program**

Medicine Hat, Alberta (June 8, 2012) – The Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta launched the Youth in Philanthropy program in the late 1990's. The Youth in Philanthropy program is funded by the Youth in Philanthropy Endowment fund. The fund was established to create a sustainable flow of funds for charitable grants to youth projects on the condition that the decisions are made by youth themselves. In other words, “philanthropy by youth for youth”.

Over the years the program has transformed from a single committee to a school based model. The Foundation is very pleased to have two school districts participating this year; Grasslands Public Schools and Prairie Rose School Division – Eagle Butte High School.

Each of the committees followed a similar approach; overview of philanthropy, researching local charitable organizations and consensus for the distribution of the funds allocated to them, \$2100 for each committee. The schools are very pleased to award their funds to the following organizations:

Grasslands Public Schools:

Newell Community Action Group, Transitions Program (\$1050)

Brooks & District Women's Safe Shelter Society, General Operations (\$1050)

Eagle Butte High School:

Habitat for Humanity – Medicine Hat Society, General Operations (\$2100)

“The Foundation is very proud of the work done by this year’s YiP committees.” said Mike Christie, the executive director. “We are very excited to announce that for the 2012/2013 year the program will expand to include four school districts, thanks to the generous donations to the Youth in Philanthropy Fund.”

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta made its first grant in 1995 for ‘Flood Relief’ and continues to be leaders in the community by developing permanent endowments, making responsible grants and inspiring community leadership.

On June 22nd, 2012, the Board of Directors, Chair, staff, volunteers, donors and grant recipients will celebrate with pride, 20 years of improving the quality of life for the people of Southeastern Alberta at the annual Founder’s Day Celebration.

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