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## **Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta Rises to the Governor General's Challenge**

**Medicine Hat, Alberta (August 2, 2012)** – True to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta's Vision "Creating a better community...Today, Tomorrow, Forever.", the Foundation is announcing a new name for its community grants fund, Smart & Caring Community Fund.

The Foundation is a member of a nationwide movement – Community Foundations of Canada. For more than 90 years, Canada's community foundations have dedicated themselves to building better places to live, work and play. Nationwide there are more than 180 community foundations. In 2011, Canada's Governor General, the Right Honourable David Johnston was declared the patron to the Community Foundation network.

As we approach our country's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Right Honourable David Johnston, has challenged Canadians to imagine our country as it could be – a smart and caring nation that holds promise for all. The Governor General's call closely mirrors the aspirations of our foundation and as part of our commitment to community we have announced our Smart & Caring Community Fund.

"...Join me in imagining our country as it could be...a smart and caring nation, where all Canadians can succeed, contribute, and develop their talents to their fullest potential." His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada

The Foundation is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year this year. As part of the celebration many announcements have been made over the months; new image, name and website, Vital Impact Grants and now the Smart & Caring Community Fund. The Smart & Caring Community Funds are used to support local charitable organizations with undesignated fund income for Smart & Caring Community Grants.

Each year the Foundation accepts applications from local charitable organizations for projects in Southeastern Alberta. The applications are accepted in the Fall (deadline September 15<sup>th</sup>) and the Spring (deadline May 15<sup>th</sup>). To access an application visit [www.cfsea.ca](http://www.cfsea.ca)

Continuing with the Smart & Caring challenge put forth by the Governor General, the Foundation has enhanced the Smart & Caring Community Grants application process. “We respect the local charitable organization’s time and resource restrictions.” says executive director, Mike Christie, “In an effort to assist fellow organizations we have streamlined our grants process and enhanced our applications.”

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the Foundation will hold a Grant Seminar for local organizations seeking funding from the Smart & Caring Community Grants Fund. The seminar will take place at the Medicine Hat College, Brooks Campus (Rm 107) over the lunch hour (12 pm – 1 pm). Please RSVP to [marlene@cfsea.ca](mailto:marlene@cfsea.ca) by Friday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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.

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