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## **Community Foundation Celebrates \$4 million dollars of grants into the community at Founders Day Picnic**

**Medicine Hat, Alberta (June 11, 2015)** – Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta distributes \$151,850 to deserving social profit organizations in Brooks, Redcliff and Medicine Hat.

“The Community Foundation provides Hatters with the means to support their community through grants to local charities,” said Gerry Labas, Chair of the CFSEA Board of Directors. “The Founder’s Day Picnic is an important event where we can share accomplishments with our donors, without whom our work could not continue.”

In continuing its rich history of supporting charitable organizations in the region, the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta announced a grants distribution totaling \$151,850. Eight community groups will benefit from the Foundation’s Smart & Caring Community Grants Program. Groups applied for funds in March and the Foundation’s grants committee managed the process of choosing the grant recipients. These community groups will receive \$63,977 of the funds while the remaining \$87,893 is allocated to pre-determined designated grants for charitable organizations in the region.

The Community Foundation has reached a pivotal milestone today, celebrating just over 1100 grants in its 23-year history, totaling more than \$4,152,131.24.

“We are proud to help build our region into a Smart & Caring community,” said executive director Mike Christie. “This 4 million dollar sum has enabled our Foundation to support many facets of the community in the past as we continue to make every effort to improve the quality of life for people in Southeastern Alberta.”

The grants announced today include funds to support Youth, Health & Social Services, Arts & Culture, Community Development and Education.

Smart & Caring Community Fund Spring Grants for 2015 include:

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<b>SMART &amp; CARING COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS</b>		
<b>Family YMCA of Medicine Hat</b>	<b>Get Active Program</b>	\$22,000
<b>Hope Street Compassionate Ministry</b>	<b>Resources Management Trailer</b>	\$5,500
<b>Redcliff Library</b> <i>~\$1015 Methanex Social Investment Fund</i>	<b>New Shelving Project</b>	\$2,098
<b>Schizophrenia Society of Alberta</b>	<b>Family Support</b>	\$9,900
<b>Medicine Hat Public Library</b>	<b>Re-upholstery for the MHPL's next 100 years</b>	\$5,500
<b>Miywasin Society of Aboriginal Services</b>	<b>Archery Project</b>	\$4,950
<b>Ashtons Place Youth Centre</b> <i>~\$2740 from the Claude Bishop Fund</i>	<b>Foodie Tuesdays</b>	\$10,726
<b>Parkinson Alberta Society</b>	<b>Positive Thinking Through Art Therapy</b>	\$3,300
<b>TOTAL SMART &amp; CARING GRANTS - Includes \$ 3755 from Field of Interest Funds as noted above</b>		<b>\$63,977</b>

The Foundation received applications totaling thousands of dollars, but grant giving is limited as it is based on the investment performance of its endowments. Current endowments to the Foundation total over \$11 million.

“We look forward to the day when a larger endowment allows us to fund every charitable request that we get,” Christie said. “Every year we are overwhelmed with proposals that average six or seven times our capacity to provide grants. There are many organizations in the community in need of funds and we hope to do more for them in the future.”

The Community Foundation holds two grant cycles each year, one in spring and one in fall. The next grant application deadline is September 15, 2015.

A complete list of grant recipients is attached.



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## Community Foundation Grant Summary – Spring 2015

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## DESIGNATED GRANTS

<b>Legal Archives Society of Alberta</b>	Alberta Legal History	\$310
<b>Donna McLean, Bill Morrison, Peter Armstrong, Orv Kope</b>	Communities in Bloom/Brooks Communities in Bloom	\$628
<b>Donna McLean Grasslands Naturalist Fund</b>	Grasslands Naturalist	\$760
<b>Donna McLean Museum Fund</b>	Medicine Hat Museum/Art Gallery Annual Award	\$785
<b>Donna McLean Esplanade Education Fund</b>	Art Education Costs	\$730
<b>Donna McLean Library Fund</b>	Medicine Hat Public Library for purchase of art instructional materials	\$810
<b>Donna McLean SPCA Fund</b>	Medicine Hat SPCA	\$255
<b>Donna McLean Participation House – Toronto Fund</b>	General Operations	\$565
<b>Donna McLean Southern Alberta MedicAir Society Fund</b>	Emergency Medical Helicopter for Southern AB	\$1,130
<b>Donna McLean War Amp Fund</b>	The War Amp – CHAMP Program	\$1,130
<b>TX Ranches (John Ignatius)</b>	MH Big Leagues Baseball Association	\$2,130
<b>Marilyn Curtin Health Foundation</b>	Medicine Hat & District Health Foundation	\$350
<b>Marilyn Curtin SPCA Fund</b>	Medicine Hat SPCA	\$850
<b>Marilyn Curtin HALO Fund</b>	Southern Alberta MedicAir Society	\$850
<b>Thomas and Constance Sissons</b>	Salvation Army	\$260
<b>Donna McLean Ontario College of Art and Design Fund</b>	Scholarship to support life and portrait study	\$1,130
<b>Peggy Archibald Memorial</b>	St Pats Church	\$240
<b>Rose and Henry Dola</b>	Canadian Mental Health Association – Care Givers Coalition	\$4,500
<b>DESIGNATED GRANTS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$17,413</b>

## FIELD OF INTEREST

<b>Medicine Hat 2008 Alberta Summer Games</b>	The 2016 Alberta Winter Games	\$7,000
<b>Rural Youth and Recreation Fund</b>	The 2016 Alberta Winter Games	\$7,200

## YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY

<b>Medicine Hat School District 76</b>	Crescent Heights – Canadian Mental Health Association	\$3,000
	Medicine Hat High School – The Salvation Army	\$3,000
<b>Grasslands Regional School Division #6</b>	Brooks Composite School – Ashton’s Place Youth Centre	\$1,500
	Bassano High School – Bassano Agricultural Society	\$1,500
<b>Prairie Rose School Division</b>	Eagle Butte School – Big Brothers Big Sister of Medicine Hat and District	\$1,000
	Summit Art & Sport Centre	\$1,000
	Redcliff Youth Centre	\$1,000
<b>The Family YMCA of Medicine Hat</b>	Youth Leaders – Canadian Mental Health Association	\$2,300
	YMCA Young Moms	\$700

**TOTAL FIELD OF INTEREST** **\$26,200**

## AGENCY FUNDS

<b>Friends of Medalta</b>	General Operating Expenses	\$1,640
<b>Big Brothers/Big Sisters</b>	General Use	\$100
<b>Medicine Hat Family Service – Friends of the Family Foundation</b>	General Use	\$50
<b>United Way</b>	General Use	\$55
<b>YMCA</b>	General Use	\$3,400
<b>CORE</b>	General Use	\$65
<b>CORE – Jason Mauch Scholarship</b>	Support for Art Program	\$300
<b>City of Medicine Hat</b>	Arts & Heritage Fund	\$70



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<b>Medicine Hat Public Library</b>	General Use – Harry & Lucy Cyster Trust	\$260
<b>Canadian Mental Health</b>	General Use	\$505
<b>Medicine Hat Regional Hospice Palliative Care Society</b>	General Use	\$95
<b>Medicine Hat Womens Shelter Society</b>	General Use	\$2,700
		<b>\$9,240</b>
<b>AGENCY TOTAL</b>		
<b>DONOR ADVISED GRANTS</b>		
<b>Frost Family Fund</b>	Selected by Family	\$900
<b>DONOR ADVISED TOTAL</b>		<b>\$900</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>		
<b>Zirca Ukrainian Dance Ensemble</b>	MHSD#76/MHCBE	\$1000
<b>Lions Club of Irvine</b>	Irvine School	\$250
<b>DR. F.W. &amp; Harriet Gershaw Fund</b>	Scholarship recipient TBD	\$660
<b>Valli Family Scholarship Fund</b>	Grasslands Public Schools	\$4775
<b>Drowning Ford Grazing Association</b>	Prairie Rose School Division	\$1000
<b>French Immersion</b>	MHSD#76	\$65
<b>James and John McConnell</b>	Chinook School Division – Nursing and Trades	\$18,400
<b>Baseball Canada Cup</b>	To be awarded in September	\$4,020
<b>Saamis Teepee/Rick Filante Scholarship</b>	Medicine Hat College Scholarship	\$2,200
<b>Chief Gord Earl Leadership Legacy Fund</b>	Scholarships to all Medicine Hat Area School Districts	\$1,770
<b>SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL</b>		<b>\$34,140</b>



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<b>Archibald</b>	<i>Saint Patrick's Church</i>	\$1,000
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**FLOW THROUGH TOTAL**

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TOTAL DESIGNATED GRANTS

\$87,893

**TOTAL SPRING GRANTS = \$151,850**