

VitalNews

Heritage Club Reception

On May 29th, the Community Foundation held our annual Heritage Club Reception. We welcomed and acknowledged new and posthumous Heritage Club Members. These individuals have left a future gift to us in their estate plans.

The Community Foundation would like to express our gratitude to our now 107 Heritage Club members.

Pins were presented to the children of Vic and Helen Appleton.

The Appletons were community champions who allocated a portion of their estate to create a family fund designated to the Medicine Hat SPCA.

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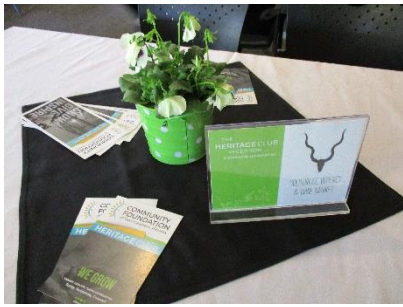
Board Chair Michael Anctil, Executive Director Chris Christie and Board member Todd O'Reilly present pins to....



...Rod and Shirley Siegle.



...Susan Pahl, Joanne Stickle and Ken Appleton



A huge thank you to our event sponsors, Suzanne Curtin and Shane Chisholm, co-owners of Southridge Whiskey and Wine Market. Suzanne is also a current Board member.

Founder's Day Picnic

Donors, community members, charities and Community Foundation supporters gathered on the roof top of the Esplanade to celebrate our annual Founder's Day Picnic. \$216,000 was distributed to local agencies across Southeastern Alberta. Since our inception in 1992, the Community Foundation has now dispersed over \$5 million in funds!

The impact stories from past grant recipients Redcliff Youth Action Society, HALO, Prairie Gleaners and McMan Community Services profoundly illustrate the positive impact these organizations have on our community.



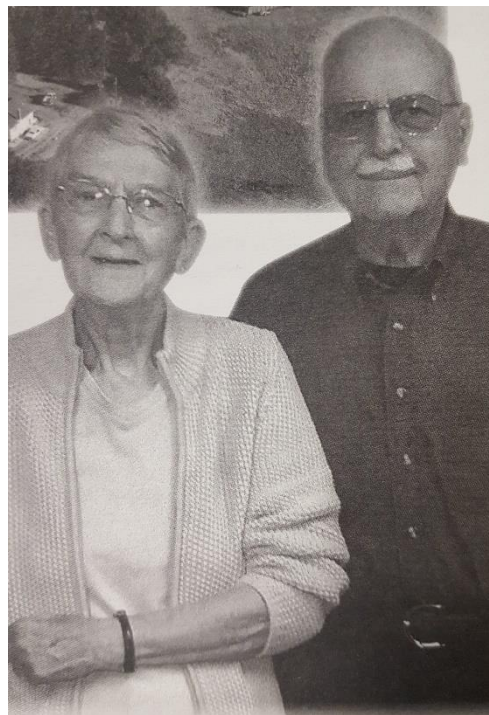
David Andrews, E.I.D. Historical Park Director and Neil Maser, Board member.



Thank you once again to Pritchard & Co Law Firm, LLP for sponsoring our Founder's Day event and to Les Scholly for his supportive words.



Major donor Marilyn Curtin (pictured center) presents funds from her endowment funds to Tricia Nardari, HALO; Tammy Vanderloh, Medicine Hat and District Food Bank; Natasha Carvalho, Women's Shelter Society and Jackie Velcoff, SPCA.



Donor Profile: Dr. V.E. (Ted) Valli

Dr. Ted Valli, a CFSEA Heritage Club member and proud supporter of the Community Foundation, was recently named a Distinguished Member of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP).

Dr. Valli, who was born in Medicine Hat and grew up in Southeastern Alberta, was

awarded a scholarship to Olds School of Agriculture and later went to the U of A before attending Veterinary College at the University of Toronto. He eventually became Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois and held that position for 11 years.

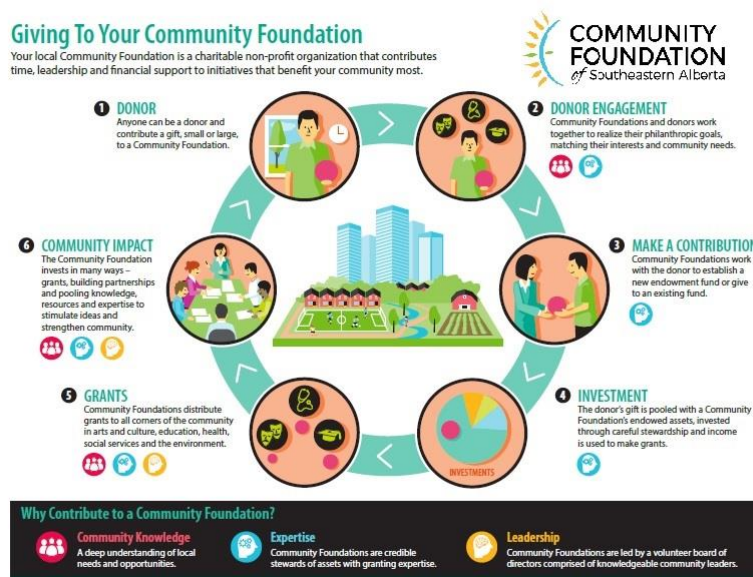
Dr Valli's colleagues describe him as an “amazing teacher whose knowledge, experience, drive, passion and mentorship are a unique and compelling combination” with a “worldwide reputation and enormous impact as a teacher, researcher, administrator and leader.”

He and his sister, Gilda, established the Valli Family Scholarship Fund in 2002, with the intent to help others gain an education and open themselves to possibilities that might not otherwise be available.

The Valli Family Scholarship Fund will continue to grow and support students as they pursue academic excellence.

To date, the Valli Family Scholarship Fund has distributed over \$30,000 to Southeast Alberta students.

Here is an excellent graphic of how your donation is managed including investment income dispersed, courtesy of Community Foundations Canada. Please contact our office for more information.



Mark Your Calendars...

August 28	Network B4 9 - CFSEA office @ 8:00am - 9:00am
October 1	Fall Grant Application Deadline
October 4	Vital Conversation
November 2	Random Acts of Kindness Day (RAK)
November 15	National Philanthropy Day
November 26	Chair's Reception

STARS

(Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service Foundation)

In the Fall of 2016, STARS received a grant from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta for its *Fund-A-Flight Program*. Here is the story of Casey who owes his life to STARS.

When Casey was six years old he was thrown through the windshield of a vehicle while travelling with his family. Thanks to STARS, he was quickly transported from the scene of the accident to the hospital. Casey suffered a significant brain injury and was in a coma for three weeks. The family was supported during this time by the 400 people who came to visit him in the hospital. Casey is now in Grade 5, his favourite subject is math, he loves to play hockey and lacrosse all while teasing his brother!

With the generous grant from the Community Foundation, STARS was able to serve Casey and his family in their time of dire need.

Thank you Community Foundation!

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