

VitalNews

Youth in Philanthropy (YiP)

This June, the Community Foundation once again distributed grants from our Youth Endowment fund to five schools and youth groups participating in our Youth in Philanthropy (YiP) program. These students researched various charities as part of learning about philanthropy, community need and challenges faced by the not-for-profit sector. Recipient charities (see below) were then selected by the students to receive grants made possible through the Youth Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation.

This year, the five schools and youth groups participating in the program selected nine different charities to receive funds totalling \$10,000 - here is a list of the participants and lucky recipients:

<u>YiP Participants</u>	<u>Selected Charity(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brooks Composite High School	<i>Brooks and District Child Development Society</i>	\$2,000
Duchess School	<i>Brooks and District Child Development Society</i>	\$1,000
	<i>Brooks and District Victims' Assistance Association</i>	\$1,000
Crescent Heights High School	<i>Medicine Hat SPCA</i>	\$ 500
	<i>Medicine Hat & District Food Bank</i>	\$ 300
	<i>Medicine Hat Youth Action Society</i>	\$ 200
	<i>Heart & Stroke Foundation of Alberta, NWT & Nunavut</i>	\$1,000
Medicine Hat High School	<i>Medicine Hat & District Health Foundation</i>	\$2,000
Redcliff Youth Action Society	<i>Medicine Hat SPCA</i>	\$1,500
	<i>Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Society</i>	\$ 500



Medicine Hat High School



Crescent Heights High School



Brooks Composite High School



Crescent Heights High School



Duchess School



Redcliff Youth Action Society



Thank you to our Retiring Board Members!

We have a wonderful Board of Directors here at the CFSEA and are sad to be seeing four of them retire this year.

Huge thanks to **Luke Day, Todd O'Reilly, Darren Folkerson and Warren Stark.**

All combined, these four men have served 26 years on our Board!

Join us as we thank them for their commitment and dedication to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta!

Five new Board members will be taking the place of these great men - watch next month's newsletter for profiles on these new community-minded volunteers!



Donor Profile: Anonymous Donor

We have many CFSEA donors who wish to remain anonymous and not have their names published in our annual report, on social media or in publications such as this.

A wonderful option for those looking to support their community discretely, being an anonymous donor still includes the administrative support, flexibility and respect for your wishes the CFSEA is proud to offer.

That flexibility is one of the many reasons one of our Anonymous Donors give to the CFSEA. "The Community Foundation allows our family to give to the many different charities we want to support and to do so in a way that makes a lasting, significant impact."

That impact is what drew this donor to the Foundation and its work. "We had been giving a lot of smaller donations to organizations over the years but were eager to make a significant difference and see our donations grow every year through the expertise of the Foundation."

The choice to stay anonymous is done for a variety of reasons. This donor family, in particular, wanted to remain anonymous because of their higher profile in the community. "We wanted to make sure people didn't think we were giving to create "good PR" around our work in the region. We simply wanted to help those who need it."

Sharing a story about one of their child's friends who could not afford soccer registration, this donor speaks to the importance of being an ambassador for the Community Foundation and the charities it serves. "We have always directed people to local charities that can help them and have told many about the lasting impact their donations can have when given through the CFSEA. In this instance, we shared the positive work Kidsport has always done in our community and this family had their son registered for soccer the next season. That year, one of our charities of choice was Kidsport and the whole family was happy to know they'd be helping many kids in the years to come.

That lasting impact is "the deal-changer", this donor says. "On top of our yearly donation to our Fund, last year the investment income alone from previous donations allowed us to give a large amount out to three different charities! And their Designated Donor-Advised Fund just continues to grow, creating an opportunity for their children to keep giving as time goes on. "We hope that as our kids get older, they will start to consider that impact and consider giving back on their own, but we've also tried to teach them that, even if you don't have money, you always have time. And that is just as valuable."

This anonymous donor in particular volunteers for many Boards and committees in our region, including the CFSEA. "There are so many ways to give and to be socially conscious. Every small amount makes a huge difference."

With our recent Rural Community Fund Feasibility study complete, we have had a lot of questions about what a Community Fund is and how you can establish one. Here is an excellent infographic that explains the process in detail. Please contact our office for more information.

Community Foundation and Community Fund

Community foundation or geographic-based community fund? What is the best solution for our community?



What is the Difference Between a Foundation and Fund?

Community Foundation
A non-profit corporation registered as a public foundation with the Canada Revenue Agency.

Governed by a Board of Directors.
 Responsible for financial records and reporting, tax filing and audit, administrative infrastructure and resources, investment management, granting administration, organizing joint meetings, entering into fund agreements with donors.
 Has liability for all activities and volunteers.

Community Fund (geographic-based)
A component of a Community Foundation that may or may not be a separate legal entity.

Run by a local Advisory Committee in liaison with the Community Foundation board and support from Community Foundation staff. Adheres to the Community Foundation's policies and practices.
 May or may not implement own application process; provides grant recommendations to the Community Foundation.
 There can be multiple geographically-based Community Funds partnered with one Community Foundation.

How Does a Foundation and Fund Work Together?

- 1 COMMUNITY FUND COMMITTEE**
 A committee of local citizens works with a partner Community Foundation to establish the Community Fund.
- 2 DONOR**
 Anyone can be a donor and contribute a gift, small or large, to a Community Foundation designated for their community.
- 3 INVESTMENT**
 Community Fund gifts are stewarded by the Community Foundation and added to its investment pool. Income is used to make grants.
- 4 RECOMMENDATIONS**
 The Community Fund assesses funding priorities and applications from community organizations that are qualified donees. Recommendations are made to the Community Foundation.
- 5 GRANTING**
 The Community Foundation approves and in partnership with the Community Fund distributes funds to the Community Fund's geographic area.

Mark Your Calendars...

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| 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 |

Persian Dreams & Canine Themes Rescue Society

In the Fall of 2016, Persian Dreams & Canine Themes (PDCT) Rescue Society received a grant from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta for its Grey Muzzle Launch & Programming. Here is the story of Archie, a cat who was helped by this program:

PDCT was created on the philosophy that all life is precious and deserves to be lived to the fullest with appropriate shelter, food and care. To date we have assisted many animals with medical conditions, behavioral challenges and very young animals requiring around the clock care.

Because of this funding, Archie, an 11-yr-old cat with a lot of love left to give, received emergency surgery to remove a stuck hairball and had all his teeth extracted. After these procedures, he quickly gained weight (as his mouth and stomach were no longer bugging him) and is living life to the fullest in a foster home! We love to celebrate these animals and the long and loving relationships they create with their owners.

Thank you Community Foundation!



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