

# VitalNews

## Meet our Board of Director Chair!

Michael Ancil is well known as a true community champion in Medicine Hat and area. Michael and his wife Wanda are the owners of Medicine Hat Monumental Company Ltd. He also volunteers with many other great organizations. Michael currently serves as the Alberta/NWT Communications and Public Relations Director with the Knights of Columbus and has been the President of Camp McCoy Association since 2010. He was the Venue Manager for the 2008 Alberta Summer Games, Facilities Director for the 2016 Alberta Winter Games, 2017 Alberta Special Olympics and now 2019 55 Plus Games. Michael received the 2005 Civic Recognition Award for Sport and Recreation. CFSEA is honoured to have Michael as our Board Chair. Michael was nominated to sit on the Board of Directors in 2014. He was then elected as Board Chair in 2016 and continues to serve in that capacity today.

"I find it very humbling to chair such an amazing organization like CFSEA. We have a dynamic and diverse board that is committed to our donors, staff and the residents of Southeastern Alberta. The dedicated and energetic staff of CFSEA are always prepared to help any way they can. They are a pleasure to work with. It's exhilarating to be involved with CFSEA and witness its growth and impact on the Communities of Southeastern Alberta."

Michael and Wanda have three daughters and five grandchildren. When they aren't spending time with their family, Michael and Wanda are both dynamic volunteers in the community and extremely hard workers with their business.

Michael is happy to meet with anyone who may have questions or would like more information regarding the Community Foundation.



# Meet our Executive Director!

Many of you may know our Executive Director, Chris Christie, from her years of working in the non-profit sector, including Manager of the YMCA Community Learning Centre and Executive Director of McMan Community Services – South Region. Chris started at CFSEA in February 2017 and loves it.

“I think the Community Foundation is one of the best kept secrets in our region. Growing a permanent endowment that will support charities for generations to come is brilliant – and I didn’t realize the huge tax advantages to making a donation or leaving a future gift! I have been so moved by the warmth and generosity of each donor. They are making such a huge impact across SE Alberta”.

Chris has been busy learning the inner workings of the Foundation, building a solid staff team and working with an incredible board and committees. “It’s all about relationships and communication. Be good stewards of donors’ money, express gratitude and be nimble to changing environments. And, make your corner of the world a better place”.

Chris and her husband Andy have three grown children, now spread across the country. She regularly treks to BC to help care for her elderly parents and in her spare time enjoys a variety of outdoor sports, reading and travelling.

Chris is happy to meet with anyone interested in learning more about the Foundation and how they can leave a gift for the lives that follow. “The coffee is always on!”



Founder's Day Picnic 2018

Photo: Bobbi Elaine Photography

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## Mark Your Calendars:

October 1	Fall Grant Application Deadline
October 4	Vital Conversation
November 2	Random Acts of Kindness Day
November 15	National Philanthropy Day
November 29	Chair's Reception

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## Donor Profile



Bill and Bobbi Dearborn have been supporters of the Community Foundation since 2005. After being introduced to the Foundation during a Sunrise Rotary Club presentation, the Dearborns decided to establish a family fund where their contributions would go to the community's greatest needs. CFSEA values Bill and Bobbi's continued support.

Bobbi and Bill were both raised on Saskatchewan farms in hard working, community driven families. In 1967, Bobbi obtained her Bachelor of Art Degree and Teaching Certificate. She then began teaching high school in Eatonia, SK at the age of 19 while Bill pursued his agricultural career at the University of Saskatchewan as well as obtaining his private pilot's license by the age of 20. The Dearborns were married in 1968, raised two boys on their family farm and are now proud grandparents to their five grandchildren.

Bill and Bobbi were very active in their farming community serving on Municipal Council and the local school board, as executive on the local curling club and community hall, working within the provincial Community College organization, and coaching minor hockey. Bill was a Saskatchewan Wheat Pool (the largest company in the province) delegate for several years. In 1998, Bill was the founding chair and CEO of Great Sandhills Terminal, located near Leader, Saskatchewan. Today it is the nearest commercial grain delivery opportunity to the northeast of Medicine Hat.

Bill and Bobbi arrived in Medicine Hat in 1998. Bill joined the Sunrise Rotary Club and began his ongoing community dedication. Bill was an active Board member with many service clubs and organizations within Medicine Hat and area. He was a Board member and financial agent for M.P. Monte Solberg, M.L.A. Rob Renner and M.P. LaVar Payne. While working closely with Rob Renner, Bill was appointed to the InterBasin Water Review Committee where he devoted his work to a major project in SE Alberta and SW Saskatchewan; The Meridian Dam. Bill was also a Board Director with the Medicine Hat Co-op and was involved with expanding to Oyen, Northlands and Dunmore.

Mr. Dearborn and the family dog Bishop, volunteered with the Saint John's Therapy Dog program at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital. After over seven years of service, Bishop passed away and Bill was awarded the highest humanitarian award in Alberta; The Order of Saint John at the Alberta Legislature by Lieutenant Governor Norman Kwong.

Bill was appointed to the Policy and Advocacy Committee with the Chamber of Commerce in Medicine Hat and was awarded the Chamber of Commerce Centennial Service Award as well as the Ambassador of the City and area Award in 2006.

For several years, Bill and Bobbi travelled to many different cities as volunteers promoting the City of Medicine Hat Tourism.

For many years Bill has been a member of the Echo Dale Farm Society and the Medicine Hat Stampede where he volunteers as a Blacksmith. Bill and Bobbi currently volunteer their time at the Medicine Hat Salvation Army soup kitchen.

Bill volunteered as a Big Brother for many years; his first "Little Brother" was awarded "Little Brother of the Year" in 2007 and Bill was awarded "Big Brother of the Year" in 2008. He continued with the organization for several years following those awards.

That new arena that our Medicine Hat Tiger's call home; Bill played a big part in making that dream come true for our city. He was the only private individual who was appointed by City Council to the Adhoc Committee, the Steering Committee and the Fundraising Committee with Bill Yuill as Chairman. Bill always promoted a "P3" arrangement – that being a "public/private partnership".

The Dearborns are a wonderful example of what our community is made of. Hard working volunteers are what keep Medicine Hat and area thriving.

Thank you for all that you do for our community Bill and Bobbi.

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## Grant Writing Workshop

On September 7th we hosted a grant writing workshop for organizations planning to apply for a grant this fall.

We reviewed the grant application process and provided tips on how to submit an ideal application.

If you have any questions or would like more information on what was covered in the workshop, please contact the office. **Grant application deadline is October 1st at 12:00 pm.**



## Upcoming News and Events

MEDICINE HAT'S

# Vital CONVERSATIONS

*exploring issues, opportunities and solutions*

A Vital Conversation gathers residents together from across our community for a big, broad consultation and brainstorming event. Vital Conversations 2018 will explore community issues, opportunities, and solutions related to these nine pillars:

- **Gap Between Rich and Poor**
- **Health**
- **Safety**
- **Learning**
- **Housing**
- **Getting Started/Belonging**
- **Creative and Active Living**
- **Business, Employment & Economy**
- **Community Builders**

The information and data gathered at Vital Conversation 2018 will help support the strategic planning and service delivery of many of our community's service providers and charities, as well as guide our Community Foundation for future granting priorities.

A Vital Conversation Report will be distributed throughout the area in early 2019.

**October 4, 2018 • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Beveridge Landmark Events**  
**620 2 St SE, Medicine Hat, AB**

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vital-conversations-luncheon-tickets-42428089558>

Cost to register is \$25.00. If you require financial assistance to attend this event, please contact the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta at [admin@cfsea.ca](mailto:admin@cfsea.ca) or call 403.527.9038.



***Your feedback is vital! Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey: <http://bit.ly/VitalConversationsSurvey>.***

***Please register here to join us on October 4<sup>th</sup> for our Vital Conversations event.***

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**A special thank you to Shivonne Berger, Michelle Haukeness, Ashleigh Schneider and Treena Klassen with Palliser Primary Care Network for all of their hard work and collaboration with this event.**



Are you interested in creating a fund? We have a number of options that can be suited to you and your family's philanthropic endeavors.



## Types of Endowment Funds

There are a number of options for your donation to be allocated within CFSEA's Endowment Fund:

### Smart & Caring Funds

Smart & Caring Funds respond to the ever-changing needs of our region now and for generations to come. Investment income is distributed through a granting process. Any size donation is welcome, however you can create a named fund with a minimum gift of \$1,000.

### Designated Funds

Choose your favourite registered charitable organization(s) and each year the investment income will be dispersed to that organization(s). A Designated Fund may be created with a minimum gift of \$5,000.

### Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest Funds support your charitable areas of interest, while still responding to our region's greatest needs. Examples of Field of Interest include: the arts, youth, seniors, health, the environment, etc. CFSEA Grants Committee allocates these funds to the most suitable area identified by the donor. Field of Interest Funds may be created with a minimum gift of \$10,000.

### Donor Advised Funds

Donors advise the Foundation each year as to which charitable organization(s) are to benefit from the investment income from their fund. Donor Advised Funds allow the opportunity for the donor to match their philanthropic wishes each year. Donor Advised Funds may be created with a minimum gift of \$15,000.

### Scholarship Funds

Donors can establish specific Scholarship Funds to support Southeastern Alberta students in their educational pursuits. Donors determine the scholarship criteria, including student characteristics and specific school district(s). CFSEA issues the scholarship amount annually to the school district(s) as directed by the donor. The school district in turn selects the recipients based on the donor's criteria. Scholarship Funds may be created with a minimum gift of \$15,000.

### CFSEA Operations Endowment Fund

CFSEA has ensured its ongoing administrative operations with the establishment of a specific Endowment Fund. Secure funding is crucial to the continued growth, leadership and impact of our Foundation, but also provides the administrative support to managing all of our Funds and activities. We invite every donor to consider allocating a portion of their gifts to the sustainability of the Foundation in the range of 10-15%.

### Agency Funds

CFSEA manages two streams of Agency Funds:

- 1) *Agency Endowment* – Investment income from their permanently endowed funds are issued back to the agency. [Click here for more information.](#)
- 2) *Agency-Managed Funds* – CFSEA holds agency funds on a temporary basis, allowing agencies to benefit from our investment management and administrative support.

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WE GROW

## Brooks and District Seniors Outreach Society

The Brooks and District Seniors Outreach Society provides meaningful programs to seniors that promote a healthy lifestyle and allow them to enjoy their lives while remaining independent for as long as possible.

They provide meals on Christmas Day and on one Christmas, an elderly gentleman who was never married or had a family asked for a meal. When it was delivered at noon, he had obviously forgotten he was getting Christmas dinner and was planning to have a glass of milk and soda crackers. To say there were tears would be an understatement. Stories like these make you thrilled to know they are making a difference.

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