



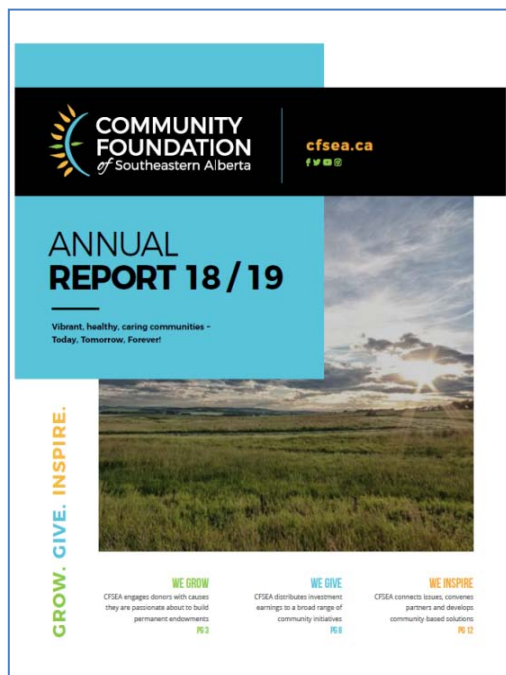
Vital News

Fall/Winter 2019

*Warmest holiday wishes to all of our donors, volunteers and community partners.
From the Board and Staff of CFSEA*



2018/2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Hot off the press!

Our 2018/2019 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements are now posted.

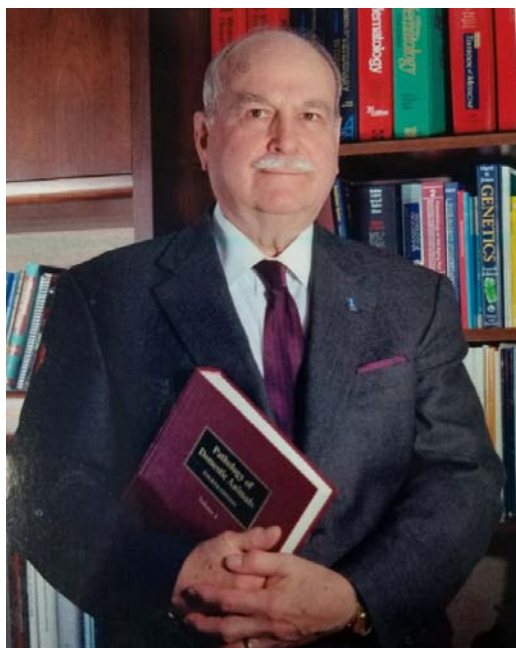
**This year's Total Funds Dispersed:
\$417,013 to 76 charities!**

Visit <https://cfsea.ca/publications/>, or stop by the office to pick up your printed copy of the latest Annual Report.

Please note: Fund Statements will be mailed out by Dec. 31st.

REMEMBERING HERITAGE CLUB MEMBER

DR. VICTOR "TED" VALLI



The CFSEA would like to acknowledge the passing of one of our Heritage Club members, Dr. Victor "Ted" Valli. Ted was born in the Brooks, Alberta area and was a loving husband to Carol, a proud father of three, grandfather and even great-grandfather.

As a veterinary pathologist and eventually Dean of CVM at the University of Illinois for 11 years, he was a hard worker and true academic. A colleague described 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."

His sister, Gilda, and his friends described him as a very generous man, always smiling and ensuring everyone felt welcome and comfortable. He and Gilda, a retired teacher from the Brooks area, established the Valli Family Scholarship Fund at the CFSEA in 2002, with the intention to help others gain an education and open themselves to possibilities otherwise unavailable.

He loved to teach and to write, creating a transformative classification system for animal lymphomas that is still in use today. His graduate students described him as "a top-notch mentor, always generous with his time and enthusiastic for everything science, medicine and pathology". Another student said, "Ted was funny, practical and brilliant - a wicked combination for an educator."

In 2017, the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) bestowed its highest honour - Distinguished Member - on Ted for his contributions and exemplary manner to veterinary pathology. By then, he had retired to Visalia, California where he kept busy spending time with his family, restoring cars, reading, sailing, and listening to jazz. His family and friends remember him as a man who "loved life and people and will be dearly missed." Our condolences to Ted's family, friends, and all who knew him.

Thanks to Ted and Gilda's generosity, the Valli legacy will continue to help those pursuing the academic path for years to come.

DONOR MARG SIHVON INDUCTED INTO SASKATCHEWAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Join us as we congratulate CFSEA supporter Marg Sihvon, who was recently inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame (basketball)!

Marg began her basketball career in Moose Jaw, SK, then played for the University of Saskatchewan. Among the many highlights of her basketball career, Marg competed for Saskatchewan at the inaugural Canada Winter Games in 1967 and again in 1971 and 1975. She also played on the Canadian National Team from 1966-1972 and competed in the Pan Am Games in Columbia and World Basketball Championships in Brazil.

Marg would go on to teach and coach in Swift Current, where her high school teams won four provincial championships. She also spent five years as coach of the women's basketball team at Medicine Hat College, winning Bronze medals at the Canadian CCAA Championships in two of those years.



Currently residing in Medicine Hat, Marg and her husband Murray are community-minded leaders, whose annual donation to the CFSEA supports multiple charities.

Congratulations Marg!

IMPORTANT DATES

December 24, 25, 26 - closed for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day

January 1 - closed for New Year's Day

February 14-20 - RBC Future Launch Vital Conversations for Youth ages 15-29

2019 FALL GRANT EVENTS

2019 Fall Grants Events were held in four communities across our Southeast region.

\$232,638 distributed! Including: \$75,190 Smart & Caring Grants; \$60,000 RBC Future Launch Community Challenge Grants

Smart & Caring grants are awarded to charitable applicants that reflect their community's most pressing needs through our bi-annual granting process. CFSEA and our three rural Community Funds were also selected as RBC Future Launch Community Challenge sites. In partnership with Community Foundations Canada, the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge is a call to action for youth and an opportunity to bring young leaders to the decision-making table as we build strong and vibrant communities for the future.

Each were provided with \$15,000 to fund youth-led projects that will respond to one central question:

What is your boldest idea to respond to an urgent local need?

An additional \$12,000 has been generously provided by RBC Foundation to host Youth Vital Conversations in each site in February 2020. Stay tuned for more information on this event.

Please see below for photos and a list of grant recipients from all four of our events. Our rural communities have also now reached their initial \$10,000 goal for donations - congratulations! This \$10,000 was matched by CFSEA for a total of \$20,000 in each fund in less than a year. The investment income will continue to build these vibrant, healthy, caring communities long into the future.



CFSEA Board Chair Michael Ancil (far left) and RBC Community Manager Jessica Boyd (far right) present the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge Grant to members of the Youth Advisory Council.

MEDICINE HAT GRANT RECIPIENTS

RBC Future Launch Community Challenge Grant Recipients:

- \$5,000 to Medicine Hat College for Project Bee-Lieve (Environmental reclamation)
- \$5,000 to Medicine Hat Public Library for Teen Mental Health Initiative (Tic Tac Youth Group)
- \$5,000 to City of Medicine Hat Youth Advisory Council for Tradworm Project (Worms eating plastic - two schools)

Smart & Caring Grant Recipients:

- \$15,000 to Kidsport for Core Funding
- \$2,690 to Irvine & District Agricultural Society for Public Skating & Curling Program
- \$15,000 to Gas City Canine Cruisers for Westview & Good Year Dog Parks



Representatives of Canine Cruisers receive their Smart & Caring Grant from CFSEA Grants Committee Chair Cheryl Poscik.

BROOKS & DISTRICT GRANT RECIPIENTS

Left to Right: Tace Sewall with Brooks & District Music Festival, Community Fund Coordinator Nicole Nichols, Amy Dyck with Crossroads Clinic, Stuart Cameron with Brooks MakerSpace, Anne Muraya with Brooks & District Victim's Assistance Association, Brooks Advisory Committee Chair David Andrews, Ralph Bander with Brooks & District Museum and Historical Society.



RBC Future Launch Community Challenge Grant Recipient:

\$15,000 to SPEC Association for Sea-Can Garden/MakerSpace Farming Project

Smart & Caring Grant Recipients:

\$2,500 to Brooks & District Music Festival for Festival costs

\$2,000 to Crossroads Clinic Association for Computer Equipment Upgrades

\$2,500 to Brooks & District Victim's Assistance Association for Volunteer Management Program

\$10,000 to Brooks & District Museum and Historical Society for Historical Video Project

PRAIRIE CROCUS GRANT RECIPIENTS

RBC Future Launch Community Challenge Grant Recipient:

\$15,000 to Town of Oyen for "Breaking Barriers" - Youth Mental Health & Addictions

Smart & Caring Grant Recipients:

\$10,000 to Hanna Roundhouse Society for Building & Safety Upgrades

\$3,000 to Cereal Golden Centre Group for Roof Repairs & Sterilizer for Kitchen



Hanna Roundhouse Society (HRS)

representatives accepting their \$10,000 Smart & Caring Grant from the Prairie Crocus Fund Advisory Committee.

Back row, L-R: John Van Otterloo, Advisory Committee Member; Ed Kurbis, Director - HRS; Elaine Michaels, Advisory Committee Member; Lois Bedwell, Advisory Committee Member Front, L-R: Maureen Tyers, Secretary - HRS; Carol Kurbis, Director - HRS; Linda Bingeman, Advisory Committee Chairperson; Sandra Beaudoin, President/Founder - HRS

COUNTY OF FORTY MILE GRANT RECIPIENTS

RBC Future Launch Community Challenge Grant Recipients:

\$5,000 to Foremost Evangelical Free Church for Mennonite Youth Engagement (Re-Create Youth Program)

\$5,000 to Prairie Rose School Division for a Silk Screen Machine for in-house printing/business training (Foremost School)

\$5,000 to Town of Bow Island for the Bow Island Swim Club - Youth Leadership & Equipment

Smart & Caring Grant Recipients:

\$5,000 to North 40 Mile Recreation Society for a Barrier-free Washroom

\$10,000 to Bow Island & District Tourism & Historical Society for Blues at the Bow - Electrical and A/C Building Repairs

\$5,000 to Bow Island Municipal Library for Shelving



Left to Right: RBC Future Launch Community Challenge Grant Recipients Re-Create Youth Program - Jordan Kurtzweg & Kamryn Yancie; Angela Hazel – Foremost School; Dorothy Scott (Foremost RBC Branch Manager); Youth Swim Club - Darian Macdonald, Jessica Andreas & Tina Mcilmoyl (Town of Bow Island); Clint Thacker, Chair, Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile.

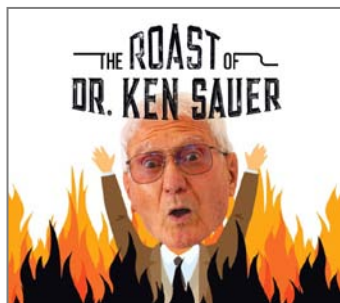


Representatives from the Forty Mile Community Adult Learning Association Society donate \$10,000 to members of the local Advisor Committee (Left to Right): Clint Thacker (Chair), Larry Robinson (Committee member), Tyson Ormann (Deputy Mayor of Foremost); Donors Betty Van Staalduin and Erma Schnee, Jodi

Cassell, Janet Strom, Lorne Buis (Mayor of Foremost), Jill Bernhart, Stephanie Hlady, Michelle MacLean (Community Fund Coordinator).

ROAST OF DR. KEN SAUER

Thank you to everyone who joined the CFSEA and Roast Medicine Hat for the "Roast of Dr. Ken Sauer" this past November!



The event was a great success, with proceeds benefiting the CFSEA.

Special thanks to CFSEA Board member Gregory J. Niwa and Niwa Crane for their support of this event and to Dr. Ken Sauer for being such a good sport.

Watch our social media for the total funds raised!

NEW FUNDS

Two new charities have opened endowment funds at CFSEA:

- HALO Medevac Air Rescue
- The Mustard Seed (formerly the Champion Centre).

Please consider donating to these worthwhile charities that impact the lives of many across southeastern Alberta!



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in joining our Community Leadership Committee (CLC).

The CLC is responsible for providing direction and support to CFSEA staff in these areas: promotion and public awareness of the foundation and the activities within the "We Inspire" pillar of our work, which includes identifying community need, addressing impact, and oversight of special initiatives.

The time commitment is approximately 4 hours/month. If you enjoy working with an amazing group of people and want to help move the needle on issues facing our area, please contact our office for more details.

CAUSE – COMPASSION – COMMUNITY
YOU CAN LEAVE A LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

ONLINE: www.cfsea.ca **IN PERSON OR MAIL:** #104, 430 – 6th Avenue SE, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 2S8

Please detach and complete information to be provided with your donation. Charitable tax receipts are issued for any donations \$25 and over.

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Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____

Donor name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Email: _____

Postal Code: _____ Signature: _____

I HEREBY DIRECT MY GIFT TO

My current fund _____ % CFSEA Operating Fund _____ % Smart & Caring Fund (greatest future needs) _____ %

RURAL COMMUNITY FUNDS

Prairie Crocus Fund (Special Areas 3 and MD of Acadia) Brooks & District Community Fund Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile

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Cheques made payable to: Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta
Charitable Registration # 136030285RR0001
Thank you for your generosity!

The season of giving is upon us and 2020 is almost here!

We are happy to provide a 2019 charitable receipt for donations received
prior to December 31st!

There are lots of options for you – donate online at cfsea.ca; complete the above form and mail it in with your cheque – or better yet, stop by the office for a coffee. Our staff love to engage with our amazing donors – and thank you in person for your generosity!

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