

Community Matters



Fall/Winter 2011



Barbara Cavers - Board President 2011

Inspiring Community Philanthropy

45 Years • 1966 to 2011

This year, the Community Foundation is celebrating its 45th anniversary. Our success would not be possible without the tremendous contributions of the many volunteers who have served on the Board and committees throughout the years.

The Foundation was saddened by the recent loss of Mr. Ralph Thrall Jr., who, like his father, took a leadership role in building our Foundation. Ralph Thrall Sr. helped establish the Foundation and served as its first President from 1964 to 1970. Ralph Thrall Jr. served on the board from 1990 to 1998. We appreciate the commitment of both father and son in their support of our organization, and our community.

Our Community Foundation continues to work to develop a culture of philanthropy in southwestern Alberta - a way of thinking about community needs and a way of working together with individuals, families and organizations to find ways to better meet those needs.

As a centre for philanthropy, the Community Foundation concentrates on investing donations into funds that continue to build and generate more annual income which is used to support charitable activities in our region. We continue to build on the wonderful work of our founders, builders and **donors, and are confident that we'll be here serving southwestern Alberta, forever.**



His Excellency the Right Honourable
David Johnston, Governor General
Honourary Patron,
Community Foundations of Canada
***"Volunteerism and philanthropy are two of
the most important ways to elevate our
communities, collectively and individually.
Community foundations work within
Canada to strengthen our country and to
build trust among multiple stakeholders."***

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Spring 2012 Grant
Application Deadline is
February 15, 2012

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Fall 2011 Community Impact Grants

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta is pleased to announce the awarding of 26 grants to community organizations totalling \$154,650. Grants are provided through endowment funds established by generous donors and support a broad range of community services in the areas of Arts, Culture and Heritage; Human and Social Services; Health and Wellness; and Recreation, Leisure and the Environment.

A \$2,050 grant will enable the ALS Society of Alberta to purchase a bathing chair and **two bidet seats for the society's lending** program. These personal care items will be lent free of charge and in a timely manner to individuals in southwestern Alberta who are living with ALS, thus reducing the huge financial impact of the disease on family and friends.

With a \$4,000 grant, the Blackfoot Family Lodge will purchase a photocopier and literacy materials for their Aboriginal Literacy and Parenting Skills Program. This new program aims to assist both parents and children with literacy skills while covering topics such as self-esteem, healthy lifestyle, nutrition, conflict resolution, parenting, cultural and spiritual roots, and community involvement.

A grant of \$5,000 will buy 10 new radios for the Canadian Ski Patrol System – Southern Alberta Zone as part of a project to upgrade search and rescue equipment. The grant will assist many volunteers in responding efficiently to emergency situations at the Castle Mountain ski facility.

The Chinook Arch Regional Library System will apply a \$5,000 grant to the cost of creating a significant core collection of downloadable e-books. The project will assist 31 libraries in meeting the needs of library users, who have indicated in a recent survey that access to downloadable e-books is a very high priority for library service.

A grant of \$5,000 will assist the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation to offset the costs of furniture and a theatre system for the common area of the Guest House at Alberta Rose Lodge. The guesthouse provides affordable accommodations for adults from outside of Lethbridge who are receiving outpatient treatments at the hospital and Jack Ady Cancer Centre.

A \$4,450 grant will assist the Galt Museum and Archives with a special project to arrange and describe records of several local community organizations so that these important historical documents will be available to academic researchers, genealogists, media and the general public.

The Crowsnest Historical Society will use a \$3,000 grant to help with the cost of producing a promotional brochure for the museum. This is being planned in collaboration with the Crowsnest Heritage Initiative to develop a new self-guided walking tour of Coleman.

The Fort Macleod Historical Association will apply a \$5,000 grant to the purchase and development of three new animated, interactive, talking mannequins representing Haultain, Macleod and Crowfoot, Pioneers of the Wild Wild West. They will be used as a teaching tool for school children as well as an interactive exhibit within the museum.

A \$3,000 grant will assist the Galt #8 Mine Historical Site Society to cover the cost of a plexi-glass display case for a historically accurate model of the Galt #8 mine site. The case will enable transportation of a model to different locations for public viewing, creating an opportunity for learning about the beginnings of Lethbridge and its rich coal history.

A \$5,000 grant will assist the **L'Arche** Association of Lethbridge with the purchase of three washers and two dryers **for their St. Monica's Project, a new group** home for persons with developmental disabilities. This home will help alleviate the growing need for quality, accessible, permanent housing for persons with developmental disabilities in southwestern Alberta.

A grant of \$6,000 will purchase new band instruments for Lethbridge Collegiate Institute so that more students will have enhanced opportunities for learning and music making. The new instruments will improve the quality of music the band shares with the community.



Dennis Hatt, Grants Committee Chair (left) along with Barb Cavers, Board President (right) present Debbie Smith and her daughter Ashlynn, with a grant for the Village of Champion Skating Rink.

Westminster Elementary School will use a \$5,000 grant to buy specialized equipment for their new Snoezelin Room, designed to allow special needs students to engage in self-directed, sensory-oriented, hands-on activities. The calming effects of the **room's environment will help students** focus on communication, socialization and skill development.

The Lethbridge Youth Foundation will use a grant of \$3,050 to purchase up-to-date software for 40 donated, newer computers at 5th on 5th Youth Centre. The new software will make it possible to give youth entering the workforce instruction in current computer skills, and to help them prepare electronic resumes compatible with workplace software.

A grant of \$15,000 will assist the Barons School, which has no playground at present, to build a playground for children over 4 years of age. The playground will **be available to the school's 169 students and will complement the town's Tot Lot** as a community play area.

An \$8,000 grant will help County Central School, Vulcan, to purchase a grand drape, projector and screen for the **school's main stage. The upgrades will** enhance student and community participation in theatre, band, dance, local celebrations, and movie nights.

A grant of \$7,500 will assist Kate Andrews High School, Coaldale, purchase new band **instruments for the school's burgeoning band program. Building the school's** instrument inventory will enable the school to provide a wider selection of instruments to students who otherwise could not afford their own.

The Pincher Creek and District Historical Society will apply a \$10,000 grant to the 1920s Expansion Project at the Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village, Pincher Creek. Funds will be used to develop boardwalks, electrical upgrades, security, landscaping, and exhibit development.

A \$5,000 grant will help Pincher Creek Community Centre Hall Society purchase new chairs to better accommodate the many community groups using this large capacity facility.



Barb Cavers presents Jesse O'Neil and Aaron Jensen with a grant to support the Claresholm Teen Centre.

A grant of \$5,000 will assist with the renovation of decrepit showers at Southern Alcare Manor, Lethbridge, which provides programs and residential services for recovering male drug, alcohol and gambling addicts. Approximately 25 men use the three existing showers each day, and will benefit both psychologically and physically from the much-needed upgrade.

Claresholm and District Family Community Support Services will use a grant of \$3,500 to purchase furnishings for the Claresholm Teen Centre as part of an

The Rainbow Literacy Society of Vulcan will use a grant of \$5,600 to install a digital wall monitor in the Vulcan Hospital waiting area, and to buy materials for the new Alphabet Soup program. The monitor will use visual pictures, sound, and words to convey understandable information about health and health services for ESL and basic literacy learners. The Alphabet Soup Program will work with ESL children and their parents to teach about nutrition and child development.

A grant of \$2,000 will enable the Safe **Haven Women's Shelter Society, Taber,** to replace a worn carpet with new linoleum flooring in the playroom and child support office, creating a more pleasant, hygienic environment for the estimated 250 people who use the space annually.

A \$5,000 grant to the Society of the Friends of the Pincher Creek Library will assist with creating a separate but accessible multi-purpose room in the library. The new soundproof room will be used for video conferencing and small group meetings by a variety of community organizations.

A \$7,500 grant will enable the Lethbridge Community Network to reconfigure the public area of the office for easier community access to computers and for more private, efficient working conditions for staff. The organization offers public access to computers and internet for three communities in Southern Alberta, provides IT support for the not-for-profit sector, and trains people on social assistance.

upgrading project to provide a safe meeting place for approximately 550 area teens.

A \$15,000 grant to The University of Lethbridge Music Conservatory is part of a commitment to a \$25,000 sponsorship, with the remaining \$10,000 to be granted over several years from the William and Phyllis McDonnell Music Endowment Fund. The grant will be used to develop a public space within the conservatory that will assist in expanding its community outreach capacity.

Champion Skating Rink Association will use a grant of \$10,000 to get started on a complete renovation of the lobby of the facility that is shared with the swimming pool. The renovation will include new changing rooms, as well as new flooring, paint, doors, etc.

In 2011,
59 Community
Impact Grants,
totalling \$306,775
were awarded to
deserving
organizations
throughout
Southwestern
Alberta!



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1

Create your own legacy by establishing a fund with us.

2

Contribute to the Community Caring Fund to support our grants program.

3

Include a gift to the Foundation in your will or through life insurance.

4

Discover all of your options for donating: 403-328-5297.

CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUNDS: FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE

The Community Foundation helps local charities develop endowment funds to sustain organizational operations.

The *Interfaith Food Bank* has recently established a charity endowment fund. This fund will enable people to support the Interfaith Food Bank through annual donations or a future planned gift.

In addition to the Interfaith Food Bank, the following charities have established similar funds. The Foundation will issue a tax receipt for donations made to any of these funds.

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lethbridge and Area
- Claresholm Public Library
- Fort Whoop-Up
- Galt Museum and Archives
- Great Plains Railway Society
- Interfaith Food Bank
- Lethbridge and District Humane Society
- Lethbridge Family Services
- Lethbridge Public Library
- Lethbridge Therapeutic Riding Association
- Safety City Society of Lethbridge
- Southern Alberta Art Gallery

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Vision Statement

The Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta acts as a leader and catalyst in enabling community development in southwestern Alberta. The Foundation will provide expertise and opportunities to connect individuals, groups and organizations for the betterment of their communities.

Mission Statement

The Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta provides an effective, flexible method for philanthropic individuals of all means to connect to worthy causes in southwestern Alberta.