

Inspiring Community Philanthropy 45 Years • 1966 to 2011



Board President 2011
Barbara Cavers

On April 18, 2011, we celebrated the 45th Anniversary of the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta. The Lethbridge Foundation was established in 1966 by a special act of the Alberta Legislature. In 2010, the Act was amended to change the name of the Foundation to reflect our vision and practice of serving all of southwestern Alberta.

The nine founding members of the Foundation envisioned their community made stronger through philanthropy - gifts of time and money. To make that vision a reality, they initiated a permanent endowment that would provide funding to charitable organizations far into the future. Donations, small and large, would be pooled together and invested. The investment income could then be used for annual grants that were responsive to the ever-changing needs of the community. People from all walks of life would help to create a legacy that would make a difference in their neighbours' lives.

The Foundation started small, but over the past 45 years, it has gained the confidence of donors from diverse communities, backgrounds, and interests. The Foundation now has a permanent endowment that exceeds \$13 million in assets. Investment income is returned to the community each year in the form of annual grants to registered charities so that important community issues may be addressed.

In addition to these community grants, other funds are distributed through Designated Funds. These endowment funds are established by individual donors and community organizations who are able to specify how their money is to be used over time. We are grateful for the work of the nine founders and the many builders of the Lethbridge Foundation. Through their foresight and commitment, they established the organization that has, since 1966, given over \$5.8 million in grants to charitable organizations in southwestern Alberta.

In April, we celebrated our 2011 Community Impact Awards, recognizing 33 community organizations from southwestern Alberta who shared \$152,125. These grants are featured on pages 2 and 3. We expect to distribute an equal amount in the fall of this year.

The Foundation not only makes effective grants; we also work to develop networks across all sectors. We help to identify opportunities in many fields and build on existing community strengths. We are well placed to make simple, but often powerful, connections between people and organizations in the community.

We are proud of our past and excited about our future. We look forward to working with new donors to assist each of them in making a lasting difference in their community through endowed gifts to the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta.

UPCOMING.....

May 10

Leave a Legacy Lethbridge
Lethbridge Lodge

September 15

Fall Grant Submission Deadline

Wednesday, September 21

**Friends of the
Foundation Dinner**
Lethbridge Lodge

The Community Foundation will celebrate its 45th anniversary with a special presentation by Dennis Shigematsu of Lethbridge. Dennis is a well known presenter of travel programs that feature his superb photography and adventures in challenging locales throughout the world.

"I have a renewed outlook on what we have at home and how it compares to the rest of the world. I see the valuable work the Community Foundation does and how it's changed lives in Southwestern Alberta."

Tickets are \$45 each. Contact the Foundation at 403-328-5297.



Dinner speaker Dennis Shigematsu at the Simien Mountains in Ethiopia with an Amhara tribesman in December 2009.

Community Impact Grants 2011

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta is pleased to announce the awarding of grants to 33 community organizations totalling \$152,125. Grants are provided through endowment funds established by generous donors and support a broad range of community service in the areas of Arts, Culture and Heritage; Human and Social Services; Health and Wellness; Recreation and Leisure; and Environment and Conservation.

A grant of **\$2,000** will assist volunteers of the **Allied Arts Council of Pincher Creek** to upgrade the entrance and gift shop area of the historic Lebel Mansion. This venue includes a gift shop specializing in local art and space for art classes for all ages.

A **\$3,000** grant will assist the **Boys and Girls Club of the Crowsnest Pass** with the purchase of 30 sets of ski equipment to be used in after school programs, especially on early dismissal days. Through collaboration with the schools and the Cross Country Ski Club, this service will promote a healthy lifestyle for students with limited opportunities.

A **\$5,000** grant will enable the **Canadian Mental Health Association** in Pincher Creek to cover the cost of printing surveys to inform students, school staff, and parents in the Pincher Creek, Crowsnest Pass, and Brocket region about the warning signs of teen suicide. Aimed at teenagers, the surveys are part of a proactive teen suicide prevention program.

A **\$7,500** grant will help the local volunteers of the **Canadian Search Dog Association** purchase new GPS systems

to improve the accuracy of location information conveyed by the search dog team to rescuers. The association's primary goal is to save lives at no cost to communities or requesting organizations, and to support the RCMP and local police.

A **\$2,000** grant will assist **Le Touche à Tout Daycare** purchase age-appropriate playground equipment. The daycare, located within the French cultural centre/school in Lethbridge, provides an early opportunity for children to learn French in a natural play environment.

A **\$5,000** grant will assist with the purchase of a lift to enable staff and volunteers of the **Empress Theatre Society** to safely access lighting, props, and the event marquee at the historic Fort Macleod theatre. This popular venue features a variety of musical and theatrical events throughout the year.

A **\$5,000** grant will assist **G.S. Lakie School** purchase an expandable lighting/dimmer panel for a planned Convertible Space Arts Centre. The West Lethbridge centre will be an arts hub where a variety of arts groups and schools will be able to present music, dance, and theatre productions and camps.

A **\$3,500** grant will enable **Galbraith School** to provide seating for approximately 70 volunteers and students to use during paired reading time to promote literacy. The chairs will also be used for community and special events at the school.

A **\$2,400** grant to repair the roof of the **Granum Museum** will assist volunteers in the preservation

of the community's history at the Veterans Memorial and museum.

A **\$5,000** grant will enable the **Granum United Church** to install security doors, outdoor security lighting and safe entry stairs and landing. This will improve access to the hall which serves as Granum's community centre for a variety of recreational activities.

A **\$5,000** grant will enable the volunteers of the **Great Canadian Plains Railway Society** at Stirling to restore the roof of a 1920's CPR wooden caboose. The caboose will be turned into an educational resource centre for the heritage park, bringing to life the importance of the railways to the settlement and commerce of southern Alberta.

A **\$7,500** grant will enable the **Interfaith Food Bank** to purchase a fuel-efficient vehicle for pickup and delivery of food and donations. This will help the food bank manage the 88% increase in demand since 2008.

A **\$2,000** grant will assist the **Lethbridge and District Japanese Garden Society** with the development of an audio tour program to enhance visitors' experience of the Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden.

A **\$3,300** grant will assist the **Lethbridge and Region Community Housing Corporation** with the replacement of aging TV's and stands, and with the purchase of Nintendo Wii's for the community areas of three seniors' highrises. The goal is to promote socialization and physical fitness for the residents.

A **\$7,500** grant will assist **Lethbridge Family Services** purchase ceiling tracks and lifts for the DaCapo program. This equipment will enable staff and volunteers to safely help clients who are unable to bear or transfer their own weight to fully access the programs and facilities at the centre.

A **\$3,000** grant will purchase a 21 foot portable tipi to be available to all 19



Board President Barb Cavers presenting host organization Lethbridge Therapeutic Riding Association's Will Crust with a plaque.

schools in **Lethbridge School District #51** for use in the locally developed program Niitoyis: The Blackfoot Tipi Program. The tipi will provide hands on learning for students and community members to experience traditional Blackfoot knowledge about the tipi and the people who lived in these homes.

A **\$6,500** grant will help the **Lethbridge Therapeutic Riding Association** renovate its outdoor horse boarding pens to improve drainage and repair aging pens. The revenue from the boarding pens will provide ongoing support for the association's riding programs for the disabled.

A **\$10,000** grant will assist the Culture and Recreation Department of the **Municipality of Crowsnest Pass** develop a safe bicycle, wheelchair and pedestrian railway crossing for the 23 km non-motorized trail being developed to connect the communities of Crowsnest Pass.

A **\$5,000** grant will assist the volunteers of the **Nobleford Parks and Recreation Society** purchase and install the water spray apparatus for the new family-friendly recreation and fitness area being developed for all ages. The Village of Nobleford will match all funds raised by the society.

A **\$1,800** grant will enable **Park Meadows School** to purchase risers and performance rights for a musical production in 2011/2012, staged with the collaboration of University of Lethbridge drama students. The risers will provide a multi-use stage for ongoing school and community use.

A **\$1,725** grant will complete bathroom renovations for the **Pincher Creek Women's Shelter** which serves families in crisis, and will enable mothers to bathe children more easily.

A **\$6,000** grant will be combined with donations from local residents, service clubs and businesses to enable the **Ladies Auxiliary of the Prairie Rose Lodge** (Milk River) to purchase and install a walk-in bathtub for indepen-



Grants Committee Chair Dennis Hatt (left) along with Board President Barb Cavers (right) present Juran Greene, Council Field Executive of Scouts Canada - Chinook Council with a grant.

dence and accessibility for senior residents.

A **\$4,000** grant will enable **R.I. Baker Middle School** in Coaldale to purchase two treadmills and two exercise bikes for a fitness centre to complement the school gym. The fitness centre will add to the number of activities available at the school during noon hour and team practice times.

A **\$10,000** grant will assist the **Southern Alberta Self-Help Association** to install a new flooring in one of its Lethbridge houses that provides transitional and long-term housing for adults with mental illness.

A **\$6,000** grant will assist **Scouts Canada - Chinook Council** with the purchase of a new high efficiency furnace for the Scouting Service Centre in Lethbridge.

A **\$4,000** grant will assist **St. Michael's Foundation** purchase an unlimited software licence for computer access to the Brain Training Rehabilitation Program. This program will be available to residents, clients and the community for

brain recovery treatment of stroke and other injuries.

A **\$2,000** grant will assist the **Taber Public Library** purchase items for its reference, graphic novel, and children's

fiction collections.

A **\$5,000** grant will assist the **Wilderness Ranch of Claresholm** to purchase a small hitch trailer to move stock between the camp's two locations which provide a back country riding and camping experience to over 200 young people every summer.

A **\$5,000** grant will assist the volunteers of the **Coaldale and District Soccer and Football Associations** with construction of a perimeter fence for two new dual-use sports fields of the Town of Coaldale Sports Complex.

A **\$3,000** grant will assist the **Town of Granum Library** replace water damaged carpet and collections in the Young Readers' Room.

A **\$4,000** grant will assist the **Town of Raymond** construct a concession/restroom building for the sports field complex used extensively by town and area residents, and by those who will attend the Alberta Summer Games in 2012.

A **\$4,000** grant will assist the **Village of Warner** complete the Athletes' Fitness Centre at the Warner Community Hockey School. The exercise room is available to the community-at-large, as well as to students and minor hockey players.

A **\$7,500** grant will enable the **Warner School** to purchase two ride-glide playground pieces to help upgrade the school's aging playground.

FALL GRANT APPLICATIONS
September 15, 2011
Deadline

See the Foundation's website (www.cflsa.ca) for application forms or call 403-328-5297 for more information.

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2010: A Successful Year

The activities of community organizations throughout southwestern Alberta were assisted by the Foundation through the awarding of grants totalling \$210,524. The Foundation collaborated with several other community partners to present the Buck Starts Here Conference that provided over 100 local charities the opportunity to meet face to face with a variety of funders. Conference attendees were also able to learn about the importance of storytelling in promoting the work of a charity through a presentation by one of Canada's leading authorities, Norma Cameron.

A revised and updated Act was proclaimed on April 22 by the Alberta Legislative Assembly through the sponsorship of MLA Greg Weadick. This enabled the name change to the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta which better reflects the geographic region served by the Foundation.

The Community Foundation received contributions of \$358,739 that increased the invested capital of the Foundation to \$13,815,624. In addition to financial contributions, the Foundation had positive investment returns of 7.99% which added to the distributable earnings of the endowment funds. The Alberta Community Spirit Program provided \$25,000 in 2010 to assist with the endowment building objectives of the Foundation. In addition, the operations of the Foundation were assisted with an anonymous donation of \$50,000.

The 2010 Financial Statements, audited by BDO Canada, are available through the Foundation's website www.cflsa.ca. Printed copies are available upon request by contacting the office at 403-328-5297.



Lethbridge's First Ever LEAVE A LEGACY event May 10, 2011

Leave a Legacy is a national program to encourage people to leave a charitable gift during their estate or will planning.

When Creating or Updating Your Will Exercise Your "Will" Power and Leave a Legacy in Your Community

Keeping your Will current is just as important as making one in the first place. Having a Will helps you look after your family and friends and ensures that your final wishes are carried out in the way you want. If you're creating or updating your Will, and after you've looked after your family and friends, please consider exercising your "Will" power to make a difference in the lives of others in your community.

An approach that has worked for others is to think of the community foundation as additional child, or a "charity" child, by naming them in their Will. By doing so, this gift may result in a tax benefit for your estate.

To learn more please contact your legal advisor or George Hall, Executive Director of the Foundation, in confidence at 403-328-5297 or ghall@cflsa.ca.

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.

A Library Legacy

An endowment fund to provide funding for books at the Claresholm Public Library was established in 2011 through a legacy gift by Mr. Fred McNeil.

It was important to Mr. McNeil that permanent funds be established to assist community organizations through ongoing investment income.

The Claresholm Library Endowment Fund is open to all who wish to make a permanent gift to assist the library - forever.

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.