



Annual Report

2007-2008

Building today into a better tomorrow



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History

The idea of organizing a charitable foundation for Southeastern Alberta began with rancher, John P. Ignatius. The Medicine Hat Community Foundation was then founded in 1992 through an act of the Legislature of the Province of Alberta. It is a non-government, non-political and non-religious independent organization that operates under the guidance of a diverse group/ of community minded volunteer Board of Directors.

Mission

Creating a better community: Today,
Tomorrow, Forever.

Vision

Improving the quality of life for the people of Southeastern Alberta through developing permanent endowments, making responsible grants, and inspiring community leadership.

Professional Management

Investment Manager
Jarislowsky Fraser Ltd.

Banker
TD Canada Trust

Custodian
Royal Trust

Auditor
Meyers Norris Penny

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Chair's Report

It is with mixed feelings that I write this, my final message from the Chair after completing two full terms and three years as Chair of the Foundation as I am leaving an organization I truly believe in and support whole heartedly. We've had a busy year, full of new partnerships, community events and successful publications.

Vital Signs was released in October 2007 for the first time. This annual report card on the quality of life in the Medicine Hat was a resounding success. The report was headline news in all local media on launch day and was then referred to frequently throughout the proceeding two or three weeks of the municipal election campaign. This project was initiated to help the Board as much as possible become intimately knowledgeable about Medicine Hat. This was certainly achieved and the report has greatly improved the information available to the Board to respond to the changing needs of our community. A comprehensive evaluation was completed by January 2008 and the Board overwhelmingly decided to proceed on the basis of an annual publication.

In response to the needs and desires of local agencies to develop strong endowments, and the increased financial stress upon the not-for-profit organizations in our community, we established the "Legacy Partnership" program to address these important issues. Through the "Legacy Partnership," the Foundation seeks to partner with local not-for-profits of all types and sizes to help build their long-term capacity to fulfill their missions by broadening the organizations' economic base through endowment building and related support. All endowments created through this program will be managed by the Community Foundation.

The annual Chair's reception and Founder's Day picnic both were well attended and received very favourable reviews. Both events were held at the Esplanade, the former in the Studio theatre and the latter on the spectacular rooftop terrace. Attendance for the events was in excess of 160 and we were able to announce many exciting grants, all of which are listed and some featured further in the report.

We were more than pleased to host both Mayor Garth Valley's and Brooks Mayor Don Weisbeck's roasts. Both events were enjoyed by many and resulted in two new permanent funds; the Mayor's Community Fund which will support projects in Medicine Hat and the Brooks Community Fund which will support worthwhile projects in the Brooks area. We were also the recipients of a golf tournament – a first for the Community Foundation. Many thanks to the Zelmor Group for creating a piece of Foundation history!

I would also like to thank board member Kent Walker who has fulfilled his term, serving the past two years as Chair of our grants committee. His leadership of our grants committee will be missed. Thank you also to Gary Haubrich who we were only able to work with for a few months and who resigned from the Board for work reasons. I am pleased to announce that we have three new members who are eager to learn about the Foundation and delve into our exciting activities. Janice Blair, Les Erickson and Jakob Pillibeit all joined the board on July 1st.

In closing, I am thankful for the opportunity to have served as Chair of such a dynamic, forward thinking organization. I leave the Foundation in excellent hands and I know that new Chair, Dr. Shann Snedden, is an excellent leader who has a wealth of community knowledge and experience. Things certainly aren't slowing down for the Foundation, every year we are introduced to a new idea or opportunity. I was part of so many wonderful initiatives, projects and programs inspired by the Foundation. I am proud to be leaving the Foundation as a Centennial Legacy Member (2005), Legacy Club Member 2006 & 2007 and now a Heritage Member of the Legacy Club.

Kathy Hern



Executive Director

This year brought about many interesting and challenging conversations around the Board table. In particular the concern over the state of the investment market has never been far from our thoughts. The performance of our investments is at the very core of how the Community Foundation operates. Our first priority is to our donors and to the preservation of their original gifts. We also have an obligation to our community organizations as they rely on the grants we make in order to carry out their projects and activities. In our last fiscal year, we were able to report a 12% return on investment. Because of that positive return and prudent financial management even though this year's results are poor, the Foundation was able to return 4.88% over two years. This however is not good enough. As a policy we disburse 4.5% of our fund assets but we also need to maintain reserve, account for inflation and secure an administrative fee. Our Board continues to keep a close watch on the investment markets and the performance of our investment manager. I can assure you that our Board and staff are continually monitoring all aspects of Foundation business.

Our Vital Signs launch breakfast in October 2007 was a huge success with over 80 in attendance including several of the Mayoral and aldermanic candidates. Issues including health, safety and housing which were featured in the publication were mentioned and resulted in direct questions at various election forums in the community. Proof indeed that we had successfully got 'Hatters' attention and that people were thinking and asking questions. The feedback we received was so positive that we are looking forward to our second publication of Vital Signs, which you will have received in your mailbox prior to this publication.

Mike Christie



Community Funds

\$1,500,000 Plus

John P. Ignatius

\$640,000 Plus

Donald and Milta Hawthorne

\$135,000 Plus

Anonymous

R. Hargrave and C. J. Mitchell*

\$40,000 Plus

Alex & Jean McDougald*

Dean & Edna McKelvie*

\$25,000 Plus

Vera Bracken Fund

Donna McLean Fund

G.W. & Lil Murray,

Mack & Anne Murray,

and Families Fund*

\$20,000 Plus

Jeff Peckham Family Fund

John & Matta Rinke

\$15,000 Plus

Lewall Family*

Nerland Family

Jim & Anne White Family*

Ann Yuill

\$10,000 Plus

Derbyshire Fund

\$8,000 Plus

Doug & Shirley Heine Family*

Vallely Family Fund*

\$7,000 Plus

Sandy & Jane MacKay*

\$6,000 Plus

Les & Terri Little Family*

Archie & Joan MacPhail Family*

Doug & Clara Patzer

Wutch Family*

\$5,000 Plus

Carter Family*

Dr. Murray & Beryl Cowan*

J & B David

Private Family Fund(Brooks)

Tom & Emmy Droog

Elmer & Doris Fisher*

TELUS*

Getting from Wow to Pow!

As soon as Henriette walked in I felt energized. The way she said hello, the smile on her face and the way she presented herself all assured me this was going to be a story well worth listening to. WOW! That's how I felt when she came in; later on I would discover it's a Piché family trait.

Henriette Piché, mother, wife, friend, advocate, mentor; trust me the list goes on. It was a November evening in 2006 when she was first introduced to the Community Foundation. She had been invited to attend a function by a fellow board member from the CORE Association. That evening's events certainly got her mind rolling...again. But that's not where the story starts.

On August 18, 1968, Pierre Piché was born, a fourth child of the anticipated six Henriette and Gilles Piché were planning to have. Pierre was different, he looked different, he acted different- he even slept through the night right away! For six weeks Henriette had no idea, her family keeping it from her until it was confirmed, Pierre had Down Syndrome.

Henriette's story from then to now was that of a dedicated mother who worked tirelessly in their small community of Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan to provide Pierre with the opportunities any other child would have. She was instrumental in the creation of their local workshop, group home and ensuring there was a classroom within the school system where Pierre and others like him could grow and learn. These triumphs were not hers alone however; her husband Gilles had been on the same journey, both had given their blood, sweat and tears to create the best life for Pierre and children like him.

Ending up in Medicine Hat in July of 2001 was destiny. Once here, with Pierre being settled into one of CORE's Group

homes, Henriette and Gilles had planned to continue living 'happily ever after'. Gilles had been appointed to the Board of the CORE Association but sadly his 'final' directorship was cut short when he passed away in April 2002.

"Gilles is gone to see Jésus, and it's ok."

"Now it's Pierre and Maman, and it's ok."

These were Henriette's words to Pierre when he lost his father. Even though it must have been extremely difficult, Henriette filled Gilles' shoes on the Board of CORE, as they had done with each other so many times before throughout their life together.

In 2004, Henriette published POW!, a book of her memoirs which she and Pierre have delivered through dozens of presentations. The book has produced over \$10,000 which has helped support various not- for- profit organizations.

The Community Foundation event she attended only triggered another dream of hers, to create a fund in Gilles name that would support the CORE Association and the work the organization does. In the Fall of 2007, this dream began with the creation of the **Gilles Piché Memorial Fund**. The earnings from the fund will be used in perpetuity to support educational and training opportunities for staff and staff bonuses. Her goal is to reach an endowment of \$300,000, the first \$100,000 supporting education and any funds thereafter would be added to the endowment portion that would support staff bonuses. "It is important for staff to have the tools to work with people who are mentally handicapped", she says and; "Imagine getting a small gift in recognition of the dedicated work you've been doing in a world that simply can't pay the deserved wages and doesn't have the budget to include much warranted bonuses."

"It was the only three letter word that describe

I read her book within a few hours, in it she never explained why the title - POW! So I asked her to tell me more. "It was the only three letter word that could describe the impact of this child on my life." Tell me more I asked: "POW! Like cartoon dialogue, sock it to em, like a superhero." (She made a POW! motion with her fist)

Now I understood. POW! - it must be a family trait because I think the same word would be how many would describe her impact on the people she has met in her life.

Pierre is still teaching Henriette, he is never in a rush and helps her to slow down and take life in everyday. "This is something I was meant to

do, promoting awareness of what children and adults with disabilities can do, how they can change your life."

Pierre turned 40 this year and enjoys golfing and bowling. He is a special Olympic swimmer and a weightlifter who can lift double his weight.

In her 'spare' time, Henriette is passionate about travelling, reading and music. POW! Is available at the COLES Bookstore or at CORE.

Gilles fund is open to anyone interested in supporting persons with disabilities. Contact the Community Foundation if you are interested in this endowment.

Submitted by Melissa Wannamaker



Gilles & Pierre Piché



Gilles Piché



Pierre & Henriette Piché with POW!

Community Funds

\$4,000 Plus

Roy & Peggy Archibald*
Burns Edward Schwab & BVS (formerly)

\$3,000 Plus

Bright's Prosthetic Laboratory Fund*
Dennis & Carol Comm Family*
R.Kowalchuk Family*
Kathy Mandeville & Ben Hern*
Ian & Phyllis McLaughlin*
Rotary Club of Medicine
Hat Sunrise*
Stein Family

\$2,000 Plus

Canadian Fertilizers
Gwen & Harold Congram*
Criterion Catalysts*
Feick Family*
Hargrave Ranching Co Inc
Ethel Helgeson*
Bob & Judy Herring*
Arnold & Thelma Johnston*
George & Vera Kowalchuk*
Nandy Family*
David & Jean Nitchke & Family*
Audrey & Lloyd Olsen
Bob & Donna-Lee Porter*
Short Grass Ranches Ltd.*
Thomas & Constance Sissons
Jack & Carol Snedden*
Bill & Marg Taylor & Family*
Don Weiss Family*
Wenzel Family*
Wilkinghoff Family*
Perry & Lois Yanke*

\$1,000 & Plus

JR Aitken & Family*
Albert & Yvonne Anctil*
Vance & Ruth Andreas & Family*
Art's Excavating*
Wayne & Glennis Baum & Family*
Bill & Marion Bauman
Peter Best Professional Corp.*
Bevan Family*
Biemans Family
D. Brand & Family*
Grant & Colette Bright Family*
Kelly & Barb Byers Family*

*could
the impact of this child on my life."*
- *Henriette Piché*

Community Funds

\$1,000 & Plus Continued

Don & Christa Cameron *
 Caragata/Quintin Family *
 Carpet One *
 Mark & Kathy Carry *
 Randy & Kathy Catalano
 Wayne & Bernice Chesley *
 Chinook Club of Irvine *
 Glen & Bonnie Christensen *
 Stephanie Churla & Family *
 City Plymouth Chrysler *
Classic Construction Ltd.*
 Pat & Bruce Cooke Family *
 Co-op Rainbow
 Women's Guild*
 Corporate Business Equipment*
 Couillard Families*
 Craven-Hall Fund
 Mack Higdon, Austin & Ethel Currie *
 Bill & Bobbi Dearborn*
 Dwaine & Pat Dietrich*
 Dean Dinning & Family*
 Dr. Nick Douvis Family*
 Bruce, Janice & Jayne Dynes*
 Curtis Ensminger & Jan Tate*
 C.C. & J. Evangelos Family*
 Financial Solutions-Vern Hyde*
 George & Edna Finch *
 Kevin Fischer Family*
 James C. Fisher*
 James & Kathleen Foy*
 Dr. J.P. Gallimore *
Al & Tanis Garden & Family*
 Ron & Sharon Getz*
 Hibbert & Molly Giddens*
 Emma Good*
 Meryl & Janis Goodfellow*
 Raymond Gill
 Ken & Rita Graumans Family*
 J & R Zachary/G & S Guerra*
 Cindy Guttormson*
 Fred & Heather Hall Family*
 Ada & John Hammel*
 Rick & Bonnie Hanson*
 Roy & Dianne Hanson*
 Tay Hashizume Family*
Henry Haugan Family
 Clarence & Ruth Heringer*
 Nelson & Sahron Hogg*
Ed & Bonnie Hole*
 Patty Horner *
 Paul & Judy Howe *

A Better Tomorrow

Community Grants

Alan Joys Memorial Fund	Warehouse Equipment and Supplies	\$2,061
Alzheimer Society	Purchasing resource furniture and camera	\$1,478
Brooks Food Bank Foundation	Nutricious Kids Lunches	\$15,000
Buffalo & District Agricultural	Bonanza 2008 - Annual Showmanship	\$6,500
	Livestock Event for Junior Hereford Members	
Camp McCoy Association	Camp McCoy Renovations	\$24,836
Canadian Council of Provincial Children & Youth (KidSport)	Assistance for youth in sport	\$5,000
City of Medicine Hat	2008 Summer Games - Leisure Centre Seating	\$35,000
CORE Association	Step by Step Art Awareness Program	\$7,500
CORE Association	Training First Aid Instructors	\$1,580
Fifth Avenure Memorial United Church	Washroom for Both Sexes and Physically Disabled	\$2,857
McMan Youth, Family and Community Services Association	Equipment and Furniture	\$7,500
Saamis Immigration Services	Laptop Computers for Community Workers	\$4,000
Scouts Canada - MH District	Xeriscape Landscaping Project	\$3,500
University of Lethbridge	Lake Winnipeg Watershed Eutrophication	\$3,000
Total		\$119,812

Designated Funds

Alan Joys Memorial Fund	Claude Bishop Fund	\$2,270
Big Brother/Big Sisters Assocaition	Agency Funds	\$94
City of Medicine Hat	Communities in Bloom-Donna MacLean, Bill Morrison, Peter Armstrong, Orv Kope	\$340
CORE Association	Claude Bishop Fund	\$200
Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre	Donna MacLean - School Art Awards	\$705
Friends of Medalta Society	Agency Funds	\$139
Grasslands Naturalists	Donna MacLean Fund	\$705
Grasslands Regional School	Youth Endowment Fund	\$2,500
Legal Archives Society	Alberta Legal History	\$288
Medicine Hat and District Food Bank	Alex & Jean McDougald Fund	\$1,798
Medicine Hat Family Service	Agency Fund	\$47
Medicine Hat Family YMCA	Agency Fund	\$685
Medicine Hat Public Library	Donna MacLean Fund - Art Instructional Materials	\$750
Medicine Hat SPCA	Donna MacLean Fund	\$235
Participation House	Donna McLean Fund - Resident Care	\$524
Rotary Club of Medicine Hat	Rotary Music Festival	\$4,281
Southern Alberta MedicAir Society	Donna MacLean Fund, Rescue Helicopter Support	\$1,048
The Salvation Army	Alex and Jean McDougald Fund	\$1,888
The Salvation Army	Tom & Connie Sissons Fund	\$230
The War Amps	Donna MacLean, CHAMP Program	\$1,048
United Way of Southeastern Alberta	Agency Fund	\$49
	Total	\$19,824

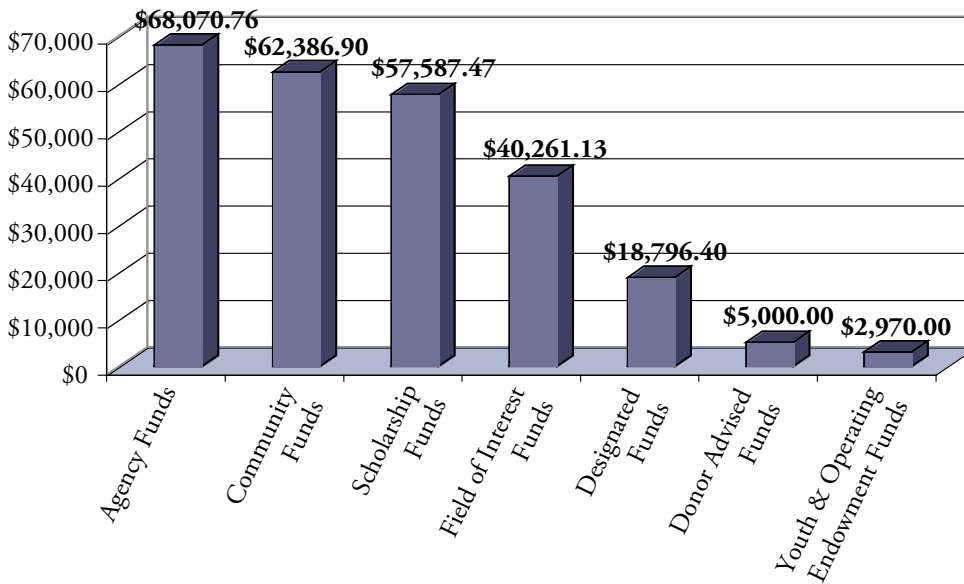
REDI Enterprises Society Fund

REDI Enterprises Society	REDI SET GO Child Development Centre	\$2,954
REDI Enterprises Society	Brain Injury Relearning Services	\$800
REDI Enterprises Society	For Artistic and Creative Classes	\$1,300
REDI Enterprises Society	Journey through the Amazing Brain	\$500
		\$5,554

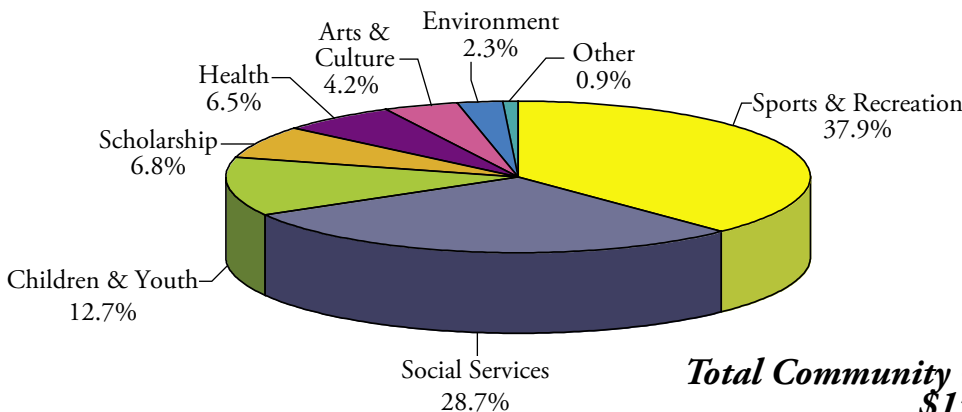
Scholarships

Cactus Country 4-H	4-H Scholarships-TX Ranches (J.Ignatius)	\$2,816
City of Medicine Hat	Big League Baseball Player Scholarships - TX Ranches (J.Ignatius)	\$2,688
Grasslands Regional School Division	Valli Family Scholarship Fund	\$1,150
Medicine Hat Catholic School District	Zirka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble Scholarship	\$500
Medicine Hat School District	Zirka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble Scholarship	\$500
Medicine Hat Symphonic Society	Gerald & Elaine Freedman, Tuition Assistance Program	\$713
Ontario College of Art	Donna MacLean Fund, Life & Portrait Study	\$1,048
Prairie Rose School Division (Irvine School)	Lions Club of Irvine, Sara Michaud Fund	\$230
Prairie Rose School Division (Eagle Butte)	Drowning Ford Grazing Association	\$1,080
		\$10,725

Total Contributions to Endowment Funds for 2007/2008



Allocation of Grants 2007/2008



**Total Community Grants
\$155,915**

Community Funds

\$1,000 & Plus Continued

- Edward & Marni Jakubowski Jeraj Family *
- Cecile & Dave Jones *
- Dr. E. LaVar & Elaine Jones *
- Sandy Kapeller Family (RE/Max)*
- Kawan Family *
- Wayne Knodel (BT Honda) *
- Shane & Michelle Kohlman & Family *
- Krickhahn Family ***
- Clem & Kathy Kuntz *
- Bryan & April Labatte Family *
- Eileen Lange (BT Honda) *
- Brad & Marlene Lay *
- Rob & Sharon Lefever ***
- Randy & Linda Lehr Family *
- K.R. (Bob) & Joyce D. Lentz*
- Leon's Schile/Towner Family*
- Jim & Anne Liboiron Family*
- Peter & Marg Mazerolle *
- Vicky & Bob McCaig Family*
- Allan & Betty McClelland*
- Dr. H. F. (Mac) McKenzie Family*
- Wilbert & Rose McKinley*
- Phyllis McLaughlin*
- Allan & Rae McLeod*
- John & Shelly McLeod*
- Marion McRoberts & Family*
- Medicine Hat Co-op
- Les Mehrer Family*
- James C. & Norah Miller*
- Don Morris Gas King**
- Paul & Kim Murray & Family*
- Harvey Neigum & Family*
- Barry & Janet Neubauer*
- Roy & Leona Neubauer*
- Kay & Roy Olsen*
- Richard & Charlene Oster & Family*
- Donald & Mry Ann Owens*
- Pahl Livestock Ltd.*
- Park City Toyota
- Patterson/Harding Family*
- Malcolm & Janis Pritchard & Family*
- Mark & Velvet Reinhardt*
- Brian, Gwen & Erin Rothwell*
- Ken & Valerie Sauer*
- Adolf, Joan & Andrea Seiler*
- Dr. Ken & Deanna Siemens Family*

Community Funds

\$1,000 & Plus Continued

Daniel J. Smith Family*
Jerry & Diane Smith*
Smittys Restaurant*
Conrad Sonntag Fund
Tony Soo Professional Corp.*
South Country Glass*
Brenda & Corrie Stolz*
Howard & Ella Stotz Family*
Suidan Family*
V. Sujani Prof. Corp.*
Bill & Marg Taylor & Family*
Tokle Family*
TransCanada Pipelines Ltd.*
Peter & Patricia Trzaska & Family*
Dr. Scott Van Dam*
Venumbaka Family*
Kent & Patsy Walker*
Marilyn & Stuart Warne Family*
Gene & Linda Weber*
Fred & Carla Weinheimer Family*
Don Weiss Family*
Peter & Evelyn Wilde & Family*
Albert & Clara Wutch*
Harry Zeller Family*
Brian Zollner
Ken & Sharon Zollner Family*

Memorial Community Funds
Bill Morrison Memorial Fund
John Ignatius Memorial Fund
Pat Valley Memorial Fund

*Denotes Centennial Legacy Club Membership

Bold denotes new fund or Contribution in 07/08

While we make every effort to be as accurate as possible, please let us know if we have made any errors or omissions.

Building Opportunities

There's a lot of things in this world that we take for granted. Like the ability to move freely, hold a regular job, and be independent. But for most of the participants in the C.O.R.E. Step by Step Art Awareness Program, these are not luxuries they get to enjoy.

The Step by Step Art Awareness Program is open to the general public but as of yet it has only been physically and developmentally disabled people supported by C.O.R.E. that have taken advantage of this fabulous program.

Deb Shaw, Manager of Community Access Program at C.O.R.E., says the main goals of the program are to introduce it's participants to the many different art mediums, help find their strengths, improve their self confidence and above all to bring enjoyment and happiness to their lives. The Step by Step Art Program has helped to draw many of it's participants out of their shell, build their self esteem and give them a real sense of self worth.

Recently the program received a generous grant from the Community Foundation that they used to purchase several easels, totes and shelving units to help organize their storage room, drying racks and art supplies. They also used some of the funds to purchase a new washer and dryer set for the main floor which has proved invaluable for staff and the individuals C.O.R. E. supports.

Before the grant, participants of the art program used to walk down to the Esplanade to use their silk screening machine which they used to put some of their original art onto t-shirts. This proved to be so popular with the art students that they decided to use some of the grant to purchase a silk screening machine of their own.

The Step By Step Art Awareness Program has roughly 60 participants who dabble in all mediums from water colours to pottery. The well supervised course often brings in local artists to introduce the students to their area of expertise and teach them the techniques of the medium.

Art Student of 3 and a half years, Peter Kolody, has built an extensive art portfolio. The vibrant young man is eager to express how much he enjoys the program. And although he says he loves all kinds of art, it's obvious by his portfolio that water colours and abstracts are his real strong suit. Peter is among the many art students who have benefited greatly from this program and everything they have to offer.

Another artist touched by the program was Jason Mauch. Supported by C.O.R.E. for 19 years, Jason was with the Step by Step Art Awareness Program right from it's inception about 9 years ago. Jason was born with a brain injury and was developmentally disabled his whole life. But that didn't stop him from living a very full life. An avid card player and bowler, Jason was always very active and social. But coming from a family who were not very artistic, Jason was never exposed to art before C.O.R.E.

When the program started up Jason was one of the first students to get involved. And low and behold an artist had been lying dormant all those years. He was introduced to art around the same time of his physical deterioration, and the classes always helped to raise his spirits. Even on days he didn't think he could get up and face the world, the thought of art class always got him motivated.

Jan Olechowski, Jason's older sister, says the art classes energized him and help him to express himself and his personality in ways that were never possible before. Jason proved to be a very good artist and was very proud of his work. So proud in fact that it was hard for family members to get any of his work for themselves. Jason wanted it all for himself and covered his bedroom walls with his various works of art.

The Step by Step Art Awareness Program was such a huge reason that Jason lived such a rich, full life. And for that reason, when he passed away, in July 2006, the family knew they had to do something to

support it. In 2007 the family set up the **Jason Mauch Memorial Fund**, through the Community Foundation, with all proceeds to the C.O.R.E Art program. Olechowski says funds raised are used to buy supplies, keep the program running or sponsor artists that may not have the money to take part otherwise.

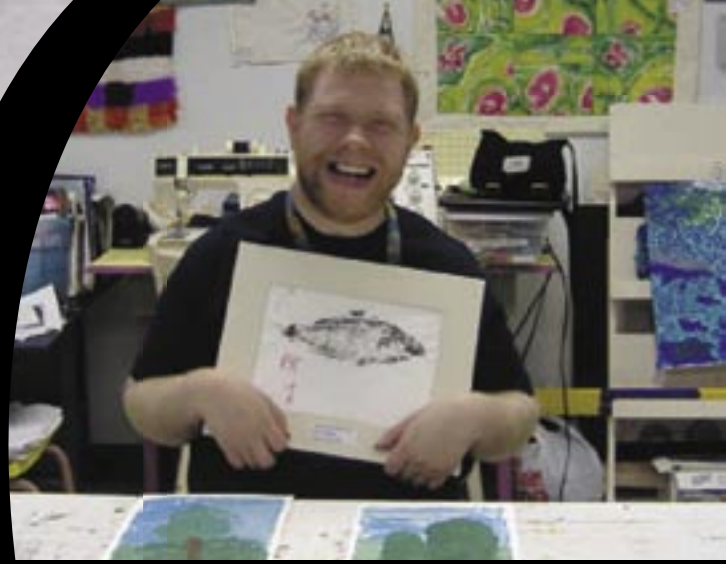
As of right now the Step by Step Art Program is a multi medium art class geared towards expanding it's students horizons and developing not only their artistic abilities but their self esteem and confidence as well. In the future they hope to expand the program and offer reproducible art like greeting cards, prints and maybe even T-shirts that the students can sell.

C.O.R.E.'s Step by Step Art Awareness Program, may seem small, in a city the size of Medicine Hat, but the degree to which is enhances the quality of life of it's participants is immeasurable. And when you see the smiles and hear the excitement in the student's voices, you know it's a program that not only touches but changes lives.

Submitted by Kelly Moore, Community Foundation Volunteer

Upper Right Picture: Peter Kolody with his ink stamp fish and 2 of his tree paintings from his extensive collection of watercolours.

Centre, lower right and watermark pictures by artist Jason Mauch



Dedicated to Tomorrow



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Chair



Shann Snedden
Vice Chair



Kelly Byers
Treasurer



Linda Lehr
Secretary



Cory Baksa



Stephanie Cleary



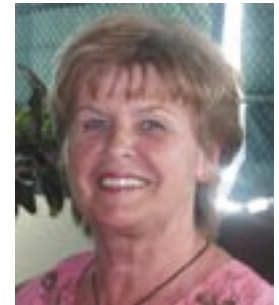
Al Garden



Ryan Jackson



Carolyn Kawan



Sharran Kungel



Ted Rodych



Gary Stimson



Clint Stromsmoe



Kent Walker



Mike Christie
Executive Director



Melissa Wannamaker
Executive Assistant



Maureen Roberts
Executive Assistant
Maternity Leave



Legacy Club 2007

Roy & Peggy Archibald
Canadian Fertilizers Ltd
CORE Association
C. James Bell
Kelly & Barb Byers
Randy & Cathie Catalano
Michael Christie
Stephanie Churla & Family
Harold and Gwen Congram
Classic Construction
Eugene & Ruth Eaton Memorial
Medicine Hat Family YMCA
Vern Hyde Financial Solutions
Melissa Frew-Wannamaker
Friends of French Immersion
Frost Family
Al & Tanis Gauthier
John Gauthier

Hargrave Ranching Co Inc
Henry Haugan
Doug & Shirley Heine Family
Kathy & Ben Hern
Bob & Judy Herring
Ed & Bonnie Hole
Uwe & Anke Krickhahn
Mark & Karen Lewall
Sandy & Jane MacKay
Lorraine Mauch
Dean & Edna McKelvie
Ian & Phyllis McLaughlin
GW & Lil and Mack & Anne Murray
and Families
Jan Olechowski
Kay Olsen
Lois Petersen
Henriette Piché

Lehann Rawleigh
REDI Enterprises
Matte Rinke
Don Wesibeck Roast
Garth Valley Roast
Patrons Rotary Music Festival
Joe Laycock Scholarship
Thomas & Constance Sissons
Jack & Carol Snedden & Family
Dr. Shann Snedden
Bill & Marg Taylor & Family
Dr. Scott Van Dam
Kent & Patsy Walker
Don Weiss
Jamie & Janet White
Wutch Family
The Zelmor Group

Heritage Membership

Bequests and other planned gifts are so important to the future of the Community Foundation that we have established a special way to recognize people who make this kind of commitment – Heritage Membership of the Legacy Club.

Heritage membership is designed to recognize and continue to honour those who have made provisions for a future gift through a bequest, life insurance, annuity, or trust agreement.

We have chosen the name “Heritage” as it is through your future gifts that the Community Foundation will endure to fulfill community needs. As you are aware, funds from the Foundation are used to support worthwhile community projects

organized by charitable organizations within Southeastern Alberta for future generations.

Now we have the great pleasure of inviting our many friends and supporters to become Heritage Members. Many donors may have already made provisions for a future gift to the Community Foundation and are therefore eligible for membership.

There are no dues or other obligations, but each Heritage Member of the Legacy Club will be invited as our guest to an annual recognition event and receive a certificate of membership and memento. With consent, names will be listed with other Heritage Members in our Annual Report and other publications.

We invite you to consider a bequest or other future gift provision and if possible, we would like to know if you have already arranged for this.

For more information about the Legacy Club, charitable organizations in Southeastern Alberta, wills and bequests, sample clauses, gifts of life insurance, or other future provisions, please contact us.

*“Commitment to Community worthy
of “Heritage” recognition”*

Designated Funds

Name of Fund	Established	Recipient Agency	Purpose
\$100,000 Plus REDI Enterprises	Jul-05	REDI Enterprises	REDI Endowment Fund
\$60,000 Plus Rotary Club of Medicine Hat Music Festival	Dec-1	Rotary Music Festival	Support Festival
\$45,000 Plus Henriette Piché	Sep-07	Gilles Piché Memorial	CORE Association
\$40,000 Plus TX Ranches Fund (John P. Ignatius)	Sep-98	Medicine Hat Big League Baseball Association	Scholarships - Graduating grade 12 baseball players
TX Ranches Fund (John P. Ignatius)	Sep-92	Cactus Country 4-H	Scholarship Awards
\$30,000 Plus Jardine Bursary	Jan-08	Special Areas Board	Scholarships
Alex & Jean McDougald Fund	Nov-03	Salvation Army	As they choose
Alex & Jean McDougald Fund	Nov-03	Food Bank & Services	As they choose
\$20,000 Plus Loretta & Joe Laycock Scholarship	Dec-07	Hanna District 4-H	Scholarships
Donna MacLean MedicAir Fund		Southeastern Alberta MedicAir	Support MedicAir Helicopter Service
Donna MacLean Ontario College of Art & Design Fund	Dec-01	College of Art & Design	Scholarship to support Life & Portrait study
Donna MacLean War Amps Fund	Dec-01	War Amps	CHAMP Program
The Valli Family Scholarship Fund	Oct-03	Grasslands School Division	Annual Scholarship
Zirka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble Scholarship*	Feb-05	School District #76 & Catholic Board	Annual Scholarship
\$15,000 Plus Donna MacLean Grasslands Naturalists Fund	Jun-96	Grasslands Naturalists	As they choose
Donna MacLean Library Fund*	Jun-96	Medicine Hat Public Library	Art Material
Donna MacLean Museum Fund	Jun-92	Medicine Hat Museum	School Awards, Art
Medicine Hat Family YMCA	Dec-05	YMCA	Agency Support
\$10,000 Plus Dr. F.W. & Harriet Gershaw Fund*	Aug-02	Local School Districts	Annual Scholarship
Donna MacLean Participation House Fund	Dec-01	Participation House	Patient Support
Megan Wahl Memorial Fund*	Aug-05	Undetermined	
Roy & Elaine Wiedemann*	Sep-05	Undetermined	
Jane & Sandy MacKay	Oct-07	Friends of Medalta	As they choose
\$7,000 Plus Communities in Bloom Fund (Donna MacLean, Orville & Theresa Kope, W.J. Morrison Farms Ltd, Peter Armstrong)	Dec-98	Communities in Bloom Committee	Beautification of City
\$5,000 Plus Alberta Legal Heritage Fund	Nov-96	Legal Archives Society of Alberta	Preserve Legal History
Big Country Allied Arts Association	Nov-07	Oyen Municipal Library	Library Operations
Sara Michaud Fund, Irvine Lions Club	Jul-04	Prairie Rose Regional Division	Most Improved Grade 6 Boy & Girl, Irvine School

*Denotes Centennial Legacy Club Membership
Bold denotes new fund or contribution in 07/08

Theresa Kope Memorial Fund(Orville Kope)	Dec-00	Rotary Music Festival	Rotary Music Festival
Donna MacLean S.P.C.A. Fund	Jun-96	S.P.C.A.	As they choose
Thomas & Constance Sissons	Dec-05	Salvation Army	As they choose

\$4,000 Plus

Eugene and Ruth Eaton Scholarship Fund	Mar-03	Rotary Music Festival	Outstanding competitor
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\$3,000 Plus

Merelie & Melodie Armstrong Memorial	May-05	Rotary Music Festival	Four hands, one piano
The Friends of Medalta Society	Nov-00	Friends of Medalta	General Operating Expenses

\$2,000 Plus

C. James Bell	Sep-07	Gilles Piché Memorial Fund	CORE Association
Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Medicine Hat & District	Dec-03	Big Brothers/Big Sisters	General Operating Expenses
Rawleigh Family	Dec-07		

\$1,000 Plus

Jack & Adele Armstrong	Dec-05	Rotary Music Festival	
Friends of French Immersion	Apr-06	Public SD #76	French Immersion Scholarship
Lorne Havard & Family	Dec-05	Rotary Music Festival	
Jenner 4-H Club (John P. Ignatius)		Jenner 4-H Club	Grand Champion Calf Trophy
Medicine Hat Family Service Fund	Mar-03	Family Service	General Operating Expenses
Jan Olechowski	Nov-07	Jason Mauch Memorial Fund	CORE Association

Field of Interest

\$150,000 Plus

John P. Ignatius Rural Youth & Recreation Fund
To support youth & recreation in rural communities

\$50,000 Plus

Claude & Terri Bishop Fund
For worthy Projects in Southeastern Alberta

\$25,000 Plus

Environmental Legacy
Environmental Issues

Growing Active Kids

To address issues related to childhood obesity

\$20,000 Plus

Methanex Social Investment Fund May-98
Health, Safety and Environment

Donor Advised

\$25,000 Plus

Niwa Family Fund*
Decided by the family on an annual basis

The Zelmor Group

\$15,000 Plus

Frost Family Fund*
Undetermined

\$10,000 Plus

Gerald & Elaine Freedman Fund*
Assist underprivileged children

Brooks Community Fund

\$2,500 Plus
Don Weisbeck Roast
Support program in Brooks & area

Lois Peterson

Support program in Brooks & area

Mayor's Community Fund

\$8,000 Plus
Garth Vallely Roast
Immediate Community

Youth in Philanthropy

\$45,000 Plus

Anonymous Donations

\$20,000 Plus

John P. Ignatius
GEL Holdings Ltd.

\$8,000 Plus

Dr. Ken Blair Professional Corporation*

\$6,000 Plus

Jim & Anne White Family

\$5,000 Plus

Bill & Berta Woolfrey & Family*

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Gary Bierback

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Building New Confidence



Cheryl Charles

Rent, bills, groceries and ever rising fuel prices. It can be tough for anyone to keep their head above water. Now imagine how tough it would be if you had extremely limited income and had no budgeting skills to speak of. Many people in this situation end up with way more month than money.

Recognizing this problem, and working together with other members of the Crisis Assistance Network, the Canadian Mental Health Association spear headed the Financial Advisor Pilot Project. The project was designed to teach financially challenged individuals the art of budgeting in order to improve their quality of life.

The Pilot Project received a \$10,000 grant from the Community Foundation that was used to facilitate staff time, purchase budgeting books for participants, aid in the evaluation process and provide incentives for the program.

Going into the project several goals were set and Lois Bourassa, Executive Director of the Canadian Mental Health Association, is

ecstatic to report that they were all not only met but exceeded. The Goals were as follows:

1. To help 20 participants – they accepted 25
2. 75% of participants would be financially stable and confident in their budgeting skills – 100% of participants finished the project being financially confident
3. 75% reduction in use of Crisis Services among participants – they achieved 95%
4. 75% of participants would be happy with the outcome – 100% finished and were more than happy with the outcome

The project used the envelope system as a method of helping participants understand how much they are allowed to spend on certain things throughout the month. For example when the envelope of grocery money is empty – it's empty. That's all there is. Participants had to learn to make a dollar stretch and really had to work on their shopping will power.

The Financial Advisor Pilot Project also featured incentives including \$25 just for signing up and continuing incentives for sticking with the program. Incentives came in the form of gift cards to the vendor of their choice. Walmart, the Post, Gas Cards, Restaurants ect. Bourassa says that throughout the program the Post Vouchers were usually the hottest ticket. They recognized that they could much more bang for their buck and that proved the program was working right there.

One Participant who has seen huge changes in her life is Cheryl Charles. Cheryl was referred to the program through Glenview Nazarene Church where she is a member. She had limited funds but was a self

proclaimed shop-a-holic. She'd never learned any budgeting skills and had no idea how to control her spending. If there was money to spend – she spent it.

After getting involved in the Financial Advisor Pilot Project, Cheryl had help creating a monthly budget she tried hard to stick to. She kept every receipt, no matter how small, to show her how much she was spending and what she was spending it on. In the past she had paid only the minimum on her credit cards and lived each month, deep in her over-draft. After a year with the project she's following a monthly budget, is more responsible with bills and money, has paid her credit card down from \$1500 to \$300 and finds herself getting through the odd month still in the black.

She has found new confidence in herself, built up some will power against her shop-a-holic tendencies and has definitely lowered her stress level. Cheryl says that although there has been a few slip ups along the way and it was a slow learning process, the help she received was educated, understanding and non judgmental. The project has changed Cheryl's life and would recommend it to anyone regardless of your financial situation. For Cheryl it wasn't about the incentives – it was about the renewed self confidence and financial stability she'd been missing so long.

Being a pilot project there is no definite plans for a 2nd installment, but participants from the first group will continue to receive budgeting help and financial counseling if they require.

Programs like the Financial Advisor Pilot Project are invaluable to our community and can make the difference for many between poverty and standing on their own two feet.

Submitted by Kelly Moore

VitalSigns®

Medicine Hat's Vital Signs was produced for the first time in October 2007. It was extremely well received. Vital Signs was front page headlines in the newspaper and the top news story on TV and radio. The feedback from those who received the publication was very supportive and generally congratulated the Foundation for bringing so much information about the quality of life in Medicine Hat to attention of so many people.

This reaction was very good news for the Foundation and for the Board of Directors. The purpose of Vital Signs is to inform the work of the Community Foundation. Since its inception in 1992 the Foundation has developed a good understanding of the many issues facing our community through strong relationships with donors, fund holders, grant recipients and committee volunteers who help guide our work. However Vital Signs goes well beyond this personal

knowledge and provides a factual database that will assist the Foundation in gaining an even clearer sense of the needs and priorities of our region. The Foundation will have an even greater impact as a funder, convenor, partner and leader as a result of Vital Signs.



Vital Activity

We quickly learned from the feedback we received after we published Vital Signs 2007 that many people were asking what to do about some of the facts we presented. People asked us what is being done now and what can we do in the future to improve our quality of life.

Vital Activity is our attempt to assist with some of these questions. Vital Activity is the "so what" of Vital Signs. We will highlight people who through their actions enhance our quality of life. We will profile community organizations from all sectors of the community who provide programs. We will provide Vital Signs related grant making

stories. We will provide some ideas about simple everyday activities that we can all participate in to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Look for the Vital Activity in all our future publications.



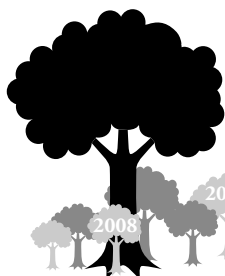
Always an Opportunity to Leave a Local Legacy

The Community Foundation's Legacy Club is yet another opportunity to create a meaningful legacy. Built on the success of the Centennial Legacy Club, the Community Foundation is now able to offer an annual Legacy Club. A Legacy Club membership can commence with a minimum of \$500 received by December 31st, of any given year.

Legacy donations will be placed in an endowment fund in the chosen name of the donor depending on the amount of the gift or pledged gift.

Donations will be remembered forever in three ways:

- A new young tree will be planted amongst the surroundings of our Centennial Legacy Monument. This tree will be joined by other trees every year thereafter.
- A plaque will be placed near each tree recognizing the annual Legacy Club each year.
- A full list of all Legacy Club members will be included on our website www.mhcf.ca and in our annual report.



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...one legacy at a time..."*

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