



Spring Grants of nearly \$60,000 Announced

Kathy Mandeville Vice Chair of the **Community Foundation** was pleased to announce charitable grants of nearly **\$60,000** to community organizations at the annual Founder's Day Picnic on June 13th, 2006.

In December of last year the Foundation received 27 applications for funding. The total requests came to just over \$600,000. "This situation is not unusually for the Community Foundation" said Mike Christie Executive Director of the Foundation, "We have 2 grant cycles Spring and Fall and almost every time there 10 times the amount requests than we are able to fund. There is a lot of need and lots of very good worthwhile projects".

Since it's inception in 1992, the Community Foundation has **awarded 349 grants** for a total of over \$2.1 Million. The Foundation has been able to support several different projects among various communities in Southeastern Alberta ranging from Brooks to Irvine and Bow Island to Oyen among others.

Some of the recipient organizations this spring were the Hanna Performing Arts Association for a Performing Arts Festival this summer. The Nature Conservancy of Canada also got a grant for a project in the Peigan Creek area and the Village of Foremost Community Hall project. In addition the Hill Seniors group will be happy with the grant to Westminster United Church, to improve their furnishings.

This year the Founder's Day Picnic was held at the Moose Lodge Picnic area. Donors, Board members and friends of the Foundation had the opportunity to meet and hear from local organizations who have received funds from the Foundation. The Founder's Day Picnic is named in honor of the late John Ignatius who was largely responsible for establishing the Foundation and who left a community legacy with the Foundation in excess of \$2.2 Million.

For more information on your local Community Foundation and other grants awarded in this cycle please call 527-9038.