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## **Community Foundation announces spring grant recipients *\$65,355 in community and designated grants announced***

**Medicine Hat, Alberta (June 17, 2010)** – In continuing its rich history of supporting charitable organizations in the region, the Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta today announced a grants distribution totaling \$65,355.

Over half of the grant funds will go toward 11 community projects. Groups applied for these funds in March and the Foundation's grants committee undertook the process of choosing the grant recipients. These community groups will receive \$40,814 of the funds while the other \$24,541 is allocated to pre-determined designated grants for charitable organizations in the region.

The Community Foundation has now awarded 619 grants in its 18-year history, worth over \$2.7 million.

"We are proud to be able to help build our community into an even better place," said executive director Mike Christie. "This spring's grants enable our foundation to support many facets of the community and continue our long-standing efforts to be a 360-degree grant maker."

The grants announced today include funds to support fitness and education, mental health, community services, homelessness and ill children.

Community grants this spring include:

**Kidsport Medicine Hat/Redcliff:** Continuing program funding, \$5000.00

**Alzheimer Society of Alberta/NWT:** Technology hardware and software upgrade, \$2300.00

**Medicine Hat & District Citizen Advocacy Society:** Guide At Your Side program funding, \$5000.00

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**Habitat for Humanity:** Trailer for Habitat's ReStore, \$3500.00

**MHSD #76:** History in the Hills event, \$4966.00

**MHSD #76:** Medicine Hat Rotary Track/Soccer Complex Improvement Project, \$4000.00

**Glenview Nazarene Church:** C-Can Project (allowing the collection of more donated furniture to assist the homeless), \$4410.00

**Children's Wish Foundation:** Granting wishes in the Medicine Hat community, \$2500.00

**Medicine Hat Family Services:** Laptop for presentations, \$850.00

**SPEC Association for Children and Families:** Local LINKS booklet edition #6 (guide to community services in Brooks region), \$3300.00

**The Champion's Centre Inc.:** Compliance Assistant (to assist Medicine Hat residence in its transition to a licensed social care facility), \$4988.00

Carol Lees, regional manager of the Alzheimer Society of Alberta/NWT, said their Community Foundation grant for technology upgrades will enable them to serve the community better.

"It affects our ability to function; without it we aren't able to do as much as we can for our clients," she said. "It's incredibly important, as it ensures our services are efficient."

Lees also noted the value of a Community Foundation grant in today's difficult financial times.

"We're all doing more because of the economy," she said. "With more effective technology we become better for our clients and our community. We are so grateful."

The Foundation received applications totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars, but grant giving is limited as it is based on the investment performance of its endowments. Current endowments to the Foundation total over \$6.2 million.

"We look forward to the day when a larger endowment allows us to fund more charitable requests," Christie said. "Every year we are overwhelmed with requests that average six or seven times our capacity to provide grants. So there are many organizations in the community in need of funds and we hope to do more for them in the future."

The Community Foundation holds two grant cycles each year, one in spring and one in fall. The next grant application deadline will be September 15, 2010.

A complete list of grant recipients is attached. For more information, please contact Mike Christie at (403) 527-9038.

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
GRANT SUMMARY  
Spring 2010**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
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**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS**

➤ Kidsport Medicine Hat/Redcliff <i>Amount includes \$5000 funding from the "Rural Youth and Education Fund"</i>	Continuing Funding	\$5000.00
➤ Alzheimer Society of Alberta/NWT	Technology Hardware and Software Upgrade	\$2300.00
➤ Medicine Hat & District Citizen Advocacy Society	Guide At Your Side	\$5000.00
➤ Habitat for Humanity	Trailer for Habitat Restore	\$3500.00
➤ MHSD #76 <i>Amount includes \$373 funding from the "Rural Youth and Education Fund"</i> <i>Amount includes \$966 funding from the "Medicine Hat 2008 Alberta Summer Games Fund"</i>	History in the Hills	\$4966.00
➤ MHSD #76 <i>Amount includes \$4000 funding from the "Medicine Hat 2008 Alberta Summer Games Fund"</i>	Medicine Hat Rotary Track/ Soccer Complex Improvement Project	\$4000.00
➤ Glenview Nazarene Church	C-Can Project	\$4410.00
➤ Children's Wish Foundation	Granting Wishes in the Medicine Hat Community	\$2500.00
➤ Medicine Hat Family Services	Laptop for Presentations	\$850.00
➤ SPEC Assoc. for Children and Families <i>Amount includes \$1883 funding from the "Claude Bishop Fund"</i>	Local LINKS Booklet Edition #6	\$3300.00
➤ The Champion's Centre Inc. <i>Amount includes \$715 funding from the "Methanex Social Investment Fund"</i>	Compliance Assistant	\$4988.00
<b>Total CF Grants</b>		<b>\$40,814</b>

*\$12,937 of this total is from Field of Interest Funds as noted above*

## **DESIGNATED GRANTS**

### *Pre-determined Designated Grants*

➤ Legal Archives of Alberta	Alberta Legal History	\$214
➤ Donna MacLean, Bill Morrison, Peter Armstrong, Orv Kope	Communities in Bloom City of Medicine Hat Beautification	\$265
➤ Donna MacLean Grasslands Naturalists Fund	Grasslands Naturalists	\$523
➤ Donna MacLean Library Fund	Medicine Hat Public Library purchase of art instructional materials	\$558
➤ Donna MacLean Museum Fund	Medicine Hat Museum & Art Gallery School Art Annual Award	\$523
➤ Donna MacLean SPCA Fund	Medicine Hat SPCA Their Choice – use of funds	\$174
➤ Donna MacLean Participation House Fund	Participation House in Markham Their Choice-use of funds	\$389
➤ Donna MacLean Southern Alberta MedicAir Society Fund	Emergency medical helicopter service for Southern Alberta	\$779
➤ Donna MacLean War Amp Fund	CHAMP Program	\$779
➤ Donna MacLean Ontario College of Art & Design Fund	Scholarship to support life and portrait study	\$779
➤ Tom & Connie Sissons Fund	Salvation Army	\$171

**Designated Total**  
**\$5154**

➤ Frost Family Fund	Chosen by family	\$615
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**Donor Advised Total**  
**\$615**

**AGENCY FUNDS**

➤ Friends of Medalta Society	General Use	\$797
➤ Big Brothers/Big Sisters Fund	General Use	\$69
➤ Friends of the Family Foundation	Medicine Hat Family Service	\$34
➤ United Way	General Use	\$37
➤ YMCA	General Use	\$509
➤ CORE Association	General Use	\$34
➤ CORE Association: Jason Mauch Fund Support for program		\$90

**Agency Total**  
**\$1,570**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

➤ Dr. F.W. & Harriet Gershaw Fund	Scholarship Chosen by family	\$465
➤ Valli Family Scholarship Fund	Grasslands School Division	\$857
➤ Zirka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble	MHSD#76/MHCBE	\$747
➤ Lions Club of Irvine	Sara Michaud Fund	\$173
➤ Drowning Ford Grazing Association	Prairie Rose School Division	\$805
➤ French Immersion	MHSD#76	\$45
➤ James and John McConnell Scholarship	Chinook School Division	\$13,172
➤ Chief Gord Earl Leadership Legacy Fund	MH School Districts	\$938

**Scholarships Total**  
**\$17,202**

**Total Designated Grants \$24,541**

***Total Spring 2010 Grants \$65,355.00***