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Immediate Assistance Fund accepting donations for flood assistance

Medicine Hat, Alberta (June 23, 2010) – Sixteen years ago, the Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta proudly made its inaugural grant, one of assistance to the City of Medicine Hat after 1995’s devastating flooding.

Today, the Community Foundation reminds those in our region that the foundation is available to assist charitable organizations through the Immediate Assistance Fund.

“The Immediate Assistance Fund began a year ago to collect donations for those affected by the economic downturn,” said executive director Mike Christie. “And although we made disbursements this spring, we have left the fund open for emergencies such as this.”

Anyone interested in donating money to those left devastated by the recent floods in the region can give to the Immediate Assistance Fund. Money will then be distributed to charitable organizations in the region that are providing assistance in the flood recovery process. In a departure from the foundation’s normal endowed funds, this fund is non-endowed and immediately benefits the community.

“Our grants committee did an amazing job of using the Immediate Assistance Funds available to best benefit local organizations this spring,” said Christie. “We look forward to the chance of helping those most in need again.”

Charitable tax receipts will be issued for all donations to the fund. Donations can be made at the Community Foundation office located at 430-6th Ave. SE, room 104. Online donations can also be made through the Canada Helps icon on the foundation website, www.mhcf.ca.

For more information, please contact the office at (403) 527-9038.