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## **Community Foundation luncheon “A Community Conversation” will discuss Vital Signs 2011**

**Medicine Hat, Alberta (September 27, 2011)** – Medicine Hat’s annual community report card will be released on Tuesday, October 4 but it’s time to get tickets to take part in the discussion.

The Community Foundation will hold its annual “A Community Conversation” on Thursday, October 6 at a luncheon in Chinook Village’s Terrace Room. The event, which goes from 12-1:30 PM, will feature a panel of local media figures discussing their personal highlights of the report. Hatters attending the event will also have a chance to review and evaluate the report with those in attendance.

“Medicine Hat’s Vital Signs 2011 will inspire intriguing community conversation at this luncheon,” said Community Foundation executive director Mike Christie. “This year is our fifth edition and we are taking a look back to help us to look forward. The issue will feature the trends from the last five years of reporting Vital Signs.”

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 each and include a hot lunch. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Community Foundation office at 430-6<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Room 104 during office hours of 8:30-4:30 (closed at lunch). For other ticketing options, please call the office at (403) 527-9038.

Medicine Hat’s Vital Signs will be issued for the fifth straight year by the Community Foundation. The reports are mailed out to many residents but are also available in the office or online at [www.vitalsignscanada.ca/local/medicinehat](http://www.vitalsignscanada.ca/local/medicinehat). The community conversation typically draws over 100 people.

Vital Signs is an annual community check-up that measures the vitality of our community, identifies significant trends, and assigns grades in 11 areas critical to the quality of life in Medicine Hat. There are 22 Community Foundations across Canada releasing such reports on October 4.