



2013 ANNUAL REPORT



SMART & CARING
COMMUNITIES



Vision

At the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta we are passionate about building smart and caring communities. We inspire philanthropy by providing a way for anyone to leave a lasting legacy. We are dedicated to improving community vitality, which has been our purpose, promise, and passion since 1996 when we became part of Canada's Foundation family of 191 Foundations.

We connect donors with community needs and opportunities. We believe your community makes you, and you make your community

Mission

The Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta inspires philanthropy by providing a way for anyone to leave a lasting legacy to our community through permanent endowment building, responsible grants and leadership to meet our community's needs for today, tomorrow and forever.

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*Until April 1, 2013 the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta operated under
Community Foundation of Greater Grande Prairie.*

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At the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta, our belief is that our strength comes from our supporters. Every year, our Foundation continues to grow stronger due to our many community members who are willing to give: Time, resources and/or financial support.

Our success is also a result of our diverse Board of Directors. Their efforts and energy focus on long-term solutions for our communities' needs. They recognize the value and are committed to increasing the asset base of the Foundation to \$10 million by 2019 as this provides a promise for our future.

This past year, the Board approved direction to use surplus administrative/operational funds to re-invest into the community via Impact Grants and Community Foundation funds that were facing difficulty reaching the threshold for granting due to harsh market conditions in the past five years. This was not only an investment in the community via granting funds, it also represented a bold step in investor trust and community partnership, demonstrating the flexibility and willingness of the board and administration to respond to market dynamics and keep in perspective terms of reference, governance, and community partnerships.

This report includes examples of positive initiatives that impact our region such as our annual granting program, Vital Signs report and Random Act of Kindness Day. Vital Signs is a tool we use to understand strengths and weaknesses which in turn guided our 2013 granting program. The impact is felt in each and every charitable area of our community.

Our Foundation continues to build on the vision of building smart & caring communities. With the creation of two 'Smart & Caring Communities Funds' we are able to prioritize in community engagement and youth areas with a goal of finding solutions. These are the tools to help a connected community achieve its integrated goals.

As one of the 191 Community Foundations across our country, we have proudly adopted the Community Foundations of Canada's awareness program. See examples on our website, in the media and on the back cover of this report.

"As I depart, I reflect on my personal growth and the level of where the Foundation is today. I have the utmost confidence in the Board and Staff to continue with this growth in all areas of the Foundation from the internal governance structure, community leadership, impact investing with grants in response to community priorities and needs, to donor relationships. I know the Foundation will continue to strengthen northwestern Alberta as result of the relationships and commitment of all parties involved," says outgoing board chairman Leonard Scharbach.

Thank you to each and every one of you who share our dedication and commitment in strengthening our communities.

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This May at our AGM we say goodbye to our Chair Leonard as he has served the last year of his term and thank him for his six years of dedication and leadership.

Leonard Scharbach
Chair of the Board



Leonard Scharbach

Tracey Vavrek
CEO



Tracey Vavrek

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Ryan Blais

Steven Hinkley

*Departing member 2014 – Thank you for your passion and your leadership.

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My Community Foundation is ...

Who are we?

Community Foundations are so called because we invest in a variety of ways in building communities, we are the foundation. We are unique because we encompass ALL areas of community. Everything we do is designed to help build more vibrant, healthy and resilient communities across the entire Northwestern Alberta region. We accomplish our work by harnessing the gifts of energy, ideas, time, and donations of caring residents to make meaningful and lasting impacts. We work at developing relationships with communities and individuals and their families, creating a measure of trust and investment of faith.

We are all one community. We are trusted for our work and we maintain a strong focus in maintaining this trust. We survive as a result of community; we are trusted with change within our community. There are numerous opportunities in leading our communities through change and complexity. Each community has unique experiences and challenges and it is our job to listen and respond to them, creating a smart and caring community.

Accountability

To be responsive and accountable to our donors, our grantees and our community, community foundations operate with policies and practices that reflect clearly-articulated values, vision and mission, that inspire trust, and that stress fairness, flexibility and inclusiveness.

Governance

One of the most valuable assets of any Community Foundation is its Board of Directors. This diverse group of community leaders brings vision, commitment and energy to making a difference in our community.

The Board is the governing body of the Community Foundation which is accountable for the operation of the Foundation, within the parameters established by law; its overall responsibility is that of governance. This includes providing leadership, setting direction, establishing policies and ensuring sound management.

The overall management and daily operations is the responsibility of the CEO. The CEO is the first person below the Board. The CEO implements the goals and plans of the Community Foundation, follows set policies, develops procedures and management systems, attends to the priorities established by the board, and supervises staff and volunteers.

The Board met twelve times throughout 2013 as well as a strategic planning and development session in January 2014. The three-year strategic plan focuses on meeting the following four priorities:

- Increasing the Foundation's impact in the community
- Building an optimal mixture of legacy funds
- Increasing the Foundation's role as a community leader and knowledge center
- Building organizational capacity at all levels of the Foundation

Privacy Policy

The Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta is committed to protecting the privacy of the information of its employees, members, volunteers and other stakeholders. We value the trust of those we deal with, and of the public, and recognize that maintaining this trust requires we be transparent and accountable in how we treat the information that donors choose to share with us. During the course of our various projects and activities, we frequently gather and use personal information. Anyone from whom we collect such information should expect that it will be carefully protected and that any use of or other dealing with this information is subject to consent. Our privacy practices are designed to achieve this.



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... providing brighter tomorrows.

Vital Signs®

On October 2, 2013 our 2nd Edition Vital Signs® report launched with several community members in attendance.

This year's focus for the Vital Signs® Report, food security taught us many things about our region. Why Food? Food is a staple that means many things to many people. It can nourish the body and the soul. Canadians are becoming more and more concerned with what they eat whether too much or too little. Through our report we determine what needs are being met in our community and what needs to address.

One of this year highlights we discovered is that with planning and preparation the northwest region of the province, which includes Grande Prairie, could grow enough food to feed its population a balanced diet without relying on any food transported from outside the region's borders.

Random Act of Kindness Day®

Random Act of Kindness Day returned for its second year to the Peace region on November 1st, 2013. This day is about encouraging others in simple acts of kindness. We believe you can change your community with one simple act of kindness.

We set a goal of 10,000 for our Kindness meter and were inspired by the 14,000 responses we received on Facebook and e-mail.

Annual Gala & Auction

September 14, 2013 was a truly magical night. Our Annual Gala & Auction, with the support of sponsors and auction items, raised over \$100,000 resulting in additional resources available to strengthen our region.

Friends & colleagues came together to enjoy great wine & food in support of our community.

Regional Funds

Regional Community Funds are led by a local Fund Advisory Committee, which is comprised entirely of people who either live in the area, or who have meaningful connections to it. These dedicated individuals ensure that the fund supports their communities' current priorities along with its emerging needs and future opportunities.

North Peace Community Foundation Fund Richard Rhodes / *Co-Chair*, Frank Lovsin / *Co-Chair*, Bill Hirtle, Larry Hryniuk, Tanin Behnke, Tanya Bell

West County Community Foundation Fund Roger Arcand / *Chair*, Darlene Isley, Jim Drabble, Monica Shaw, Rick Willey, Trudy Hodges, Christina Ketchum

Sexsmith & District Community Foundation Fund Dennis Milligan / *Chair*, Arlen Brown, Claude Lagace, Flo Blais, Aaron Anderson, Jeanette Beyer

Thank you!

Thank you to our sponsors and supporters for your continued dedication. Your help ensure our projects are successful.

Thank you!

We would like to express our warmest gratitude to all those who volunteer their time and talents in the work we do.

Your community makes you. And you make your community.



A group of people, including children and adults, are sitting on the ground in a circle, engaged in an activity. The background is a grassy area. The text is overlaid on the image.

2013

Invested more than **\$20,125.00** to support
local post-secondary students.

Saw our total endowment funds
grow by **\$983,658.**

"My Community Foundation
is ... **an integral
part of our
community** that
provides support and
guidance and gives back in
a way that strengthens the
structures that make Grande
Prairie what it is: a kind and
caring community."

Ashley Driedger

"My Community Foundation is
... a source of resources for our
organization. The resources
have been monetary, materials
and support when we needed
someone to talk to. The
Community Foundation has also
been a forum where as an agency
we can bring concerns that we
face as an agency, issues that are
happening in the community
especially with regards to youth
issues and an advocacy forum for
the concerns and issues."

Helen Ficocelli

"My Community Foundation is ... **an
organization of diversity** that
supports a huge variety of community causes"

Ken Truhn

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At A Glance

Over **13,500** students & staff and **80** businesses were empowered to participate in our **2nd Annual Random Act of Kindness Day®**.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Provided support to **bring the project Community Builders to our area.**

Residents have the opportunity to **participate** in this innovative project and **learn** about becoming leaders in our communities.

"My Community Foundation is... **the way to leave a legacy.**"

Kylee Haining

A total of **\$72,150.00** was disbursed to local projects and programs.

Partnered to help **2 local organizations,** Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities and Sir Alexander Mackenzie Historical Society in Peace River **receive grants totaling \$7500.00** from the Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program

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Supporting Young Persons & Families with Cancer Society Fund

Imagine hearing those terrifying words 'Your child has cancer'. Your heart stops and you drop everything to seek immediate treatment. When Peace Country children are diagnosed with cancer, approximately 90% of the families are sent off to Edmonton or Calgary within 24 hours for the best pediatric cancer care. They are often told to quickly throw together a suitcase of belongings and head out. Parents are unsure of how many days, weeks or months they may be gone from home.

Through the Community Foundation, the Grande Prairie Keg Steakhouse & Bar developed the Supporting Young Persons & Families with Cancer Society Endowment Fund as a way to support those who hear the devastating diagnosis. Through this Fund our Foundation has helped by providing ongoing support for purchasing 'Comfort Bags' which include various toiletries and gifts to help these families leave home during this overwhelming time.



Providing Community Leadership – Telus Day of Service

On the last Saturday of each May, the TELUS Day of Giving brings together team members, retirees, family and friends nationwide to make a powerful positive impact on their local communities. From coast to coast, volunteers gather to lend a hand, from serving food at a local shelter to landscaping for care homes to freshening facilities for animal shelters.

Each year we provide the support and leadership to help the local TELUS team with their 'Day of Giving'. The Community Foundation works with local charities to facilitate the process and help them give back to their community.

Ed Boyce Memorial Fund

Long time Grande Prairie resident Ed Boyce was a firm believer that where you live and play, it is your responsibility to support your community and your neighbours.

When Ed unexpectedly passed away in April 2010 at the age of 75, wife Joyce, daughter Cindy and son-in-law Brent wanted to find a way for Ed's legacy to live on. At the time Brent was the incoming chair at the Community Foundation and thought establishing a donor advised fund in Ed's name would be the perfect solution.

The Community Foundation worked closely with Ed's family in finding areas the Ed Boyce Memorial Fund can offer help. Cindy says her mom Joyce found comfort and care from the local 'Seniors Outreach' Centre when Ed passed on and for the last couple of years have directed the grants from their fund to help support their organization in Ed's legacy.



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... changing lives.

Play it Forward

Local musician Tenille spent 2013 touring across Canada visiting schools and encouraging students to give back to their communities.

The Play It Forward School tour is a 50 minute in-school presentation that uses music and storytelling to spark interest, ignite change, and fuel passion while recognizing positive leadership efforts of our nation's youth! Particular emphasis given to selfless, community-minded behavior that helps others; essentially, PLAYING IT FORWARD!

The Community Foundation was proud to support Tenille in her efforts by providing grants to the students totaling \$26,950.00.



Community Impact Funds – Working together

Community Foundations recognizing that communities are complex and that many things are needed to make them the best they can be. Our donors are the people who believe things can get better, and who demonstrate that belief by helping us invest in local charities. They all share a love for their community.

In 2013, the Foundation invested \$3,600 in grants from the Community Impact Funds. This is as a result of many families, individuals, and corporations who established funds under the umbrella of the Community Impact Fund knowing that the Board of Directors annually will ensure the grants are directed to where it is needed most. Disbursements from the following Community Impact Funds were pooled to provide the greatest impact for five local initiatives:

Ainsworth Community Fund, BP Canada Energy Company Fund, Canadian Tire Grande Prairie Community Fund, Clyde and Mary Blackburn Family Fund, Community Impact Endowment Fund, Kevin and Karen Willsey Family Fund, Merv & Dawn Marie Crouse Family Fund, Pete and Lori Merlo Family Fund, Ric's Grill Grande Prairie Community Fund, Rotary Club of Grande Prairie Memorial Fund, Simpson-Philips Family Fund, Vincent and Tracey Vavrek Fund

Constructing Agencies from their Foundation up

Our Foundation is based on the concept of philanthropy. Every year we include a 'Philanthropy' package at our Gala & Auction; the successful bidder is named the 'Ultimate Philanthropist' and gets a chance to present the items to the organizations.

We work with local charities determining items they need to help them with day to day operations, and then we approach businesses and organizations to help us fulfill these needs. This year we were able to provide much needed supplies to 11 local charities and organizations. One organization, the Society for Support to Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program received a flat of OSB to help them with their Annual Playhouse fundraiser.

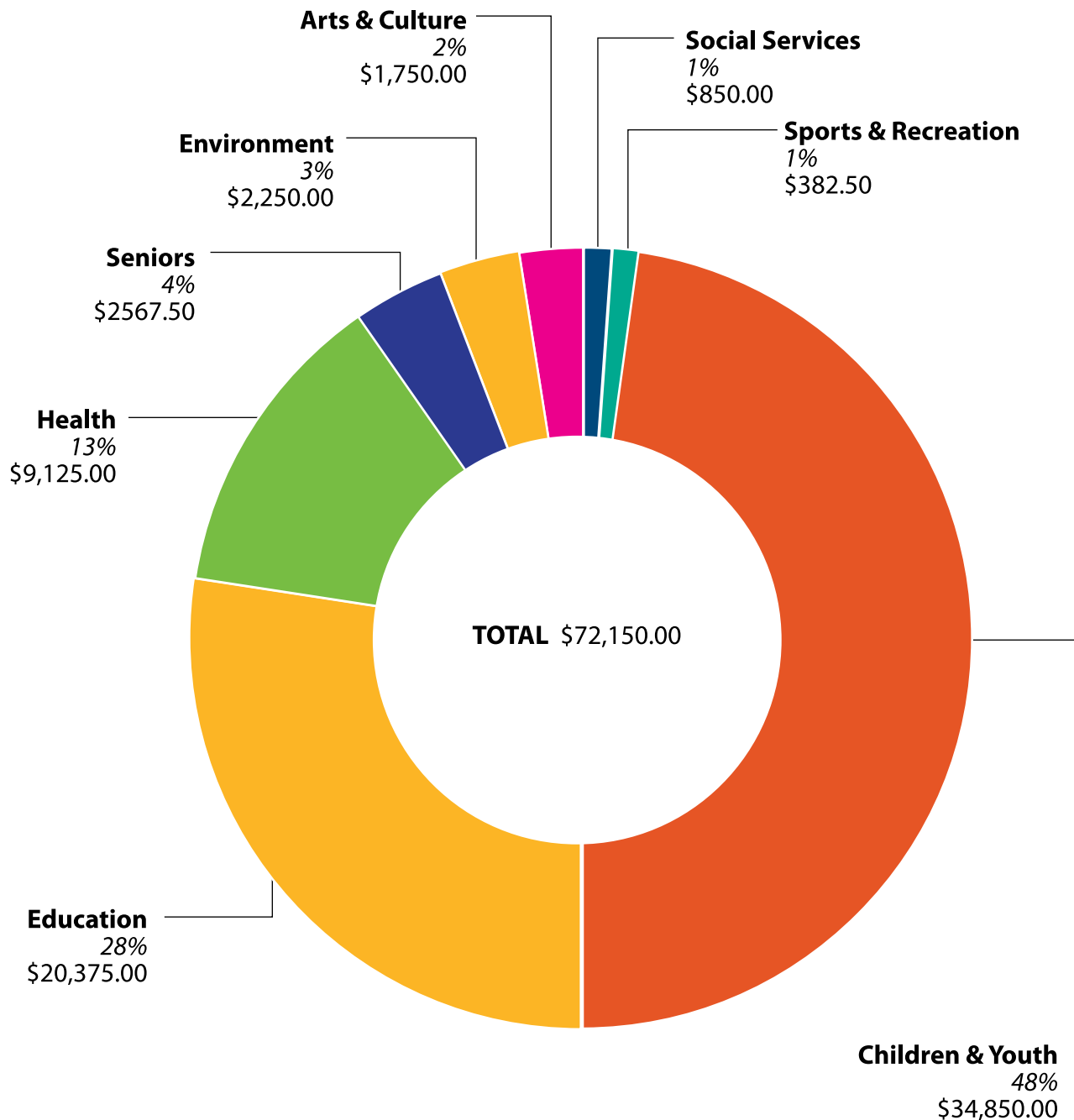
The Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program is a community based, child centered and family focused service that help the youth make choices which builds positive futures. The organization believes that safe and healthy families are the cornerstones of safe and healthy communities.



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2013 Community Impact Grants, reaching into all areas of the community.



**many projects fit into more than one category which is not reflected in this chart.*

Every year, in partnership with our donors, we fund numerous innovative charitable projects - large and small. Since inception, we have invested just under \$4 million to the region, touching each and every area of the charitable community.

Working together to provide a lasting impact in our communities

... completely inspiring.

Investing in Community

The Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta knows the charitable sector is the heart of our community and enhances virtually every aspect of our lives. Our annual granting program is focused to support all areas of the community with a goal of creating smart and caring communities.

2013 Charitable Groups and Projects

Arts & Culture

Grande Prairie Live Theatre

Contributed to theatre operations as they provide live entertainment to local residents and visitors. *\$750.00*

South Peace Regional Archives Society

The archival Film Reformatting and Preservation Project is designed to preserve and provide better access. *\$1,000.00*

Children & Youth

Cool Aid Society of Grande Prairie

To offer tween drop in programs two nights a week at both centres. Program focuses on life skills, prosocial behavior and psychological behavior in a fun and safe environment. *\$750.00*

Grande Prairie Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 28

Supported programming of two Interact Clubs in the Grande Prairie Catholic School District. *\$200.00*

Grande Prairie Youth Emergency Shelter

The Steps to Success program will run 4 nights a week focusing on offering and building on life skills that will help the youth beyond their stay at sunrise house. *\$750.00*

John Howard Society

Designed to promote the healthy growth and development of adolescent males. Aims to promote belonging and value by providing avenues to connect, develop healthy relationships and engage in the community. *\$3,000.00*

Stepping Stones Daycare Society - Parent Link

Provide a series of facilitator training sessions in Grande Prairie, Peace River, and High Level. Offering this valuable programming to the families with girls ages 9-12 in their communities. *\$3,200.00*

Various Canadian Schools

Inspired youth to become leaders and conduct acts of kindness and philanthropy that would benefit their classroom, school and communities. *\$26,950.00*

Education

Grande Prairie Public Library

To provide library services and programs to people of all ages in the northwestern region. *\$250.00*

Grande Prairie Regional College Alumni Foundation

These awards focus on the Electrical and Millwright program, helping students achieve their career goals through the trades. *\$5,000.00*

Student Awards

These funds enable deserving local students to continue their education and are particularly beneficial to students in light of the rising costs of post-secondary education. They help offset the cost of books and tuition. *\$15,125.00*

Environment

Camp Tamarack Association

Provided programming support that enabled youth aged 6-17 to attend summer camps from June to August. *\$1,100.00*

City of Grande Prairie

In support of maintaining the City of GP parks and trail systems. *\$350.00*

Health

Young Persons and Families with Cancer Society of Northern Alberta

Providing help in support of purchasing 'comfort bags' which include various toiletries and gifts to help families who need to leave home quickly when their child is diagnosed with cancer. *\$250.00*

Suicide Prevention Resource Center

Research has shown that the vast majority of individuals experiencing mental health problems will turn to a friend or may not disclose to anyone. Utilizing community capacity building we can bridge the gap between peer knowledge on mental health and professional help. *\$3,375.00*

Suicide Prevention Resource Center

The Suicide Prevention Resource Centre provides coordination, outreach, presentations, training research and information, mental health promotion, referrals and services after suicide. *\$500.00*

Grande Prairie Regional College Alumni Foundation

Offers the students a consistent and approachable Elder that can help them incorporate traditional life into their life as a student. *\$5,000.00*

Seniors

Elders Caring Shelter Society of Grande Prairie

To assist with shelter renovations that 15 elders call home. *\$500.00*

The Grande Prairie and Area Council on Aging

Provided programming support to the Seniors Outreach office which offers crisis intervention support to area seniors and addresses the questions of the over 8,000 annual visits from seniors and their families on all aspects of a senior's life. *\$1,457.50*

Grande Prairie & District Golden Age Centre

Supported programming activities to provide opportunities for seniors to remain connected to their community. *\$200.00*

Town of Sexsmith

To host a seniors dinner where seniors were able to come together. *\$400.00*

Social Services

Grande Prairie Regional College Alumni Foundation

Responds to the educational needs, including books and tuition, of students who are under financial stress. *\$400.00*

The Salvation Army Grande Prairie Community Church

Contributed to the City of Grande Prairie's food bank and soup kitchen to assist them in feeding the cities hungry. *\$200.00*

Society for Support to Pregnant and Parenting Teens

Provide support to counsel and educate pregnant and parenting teens. *\$250.00*

Sports & Recreation

The Grande Prairie School District #2357

Supports the Grande Prairie Composite High School Football program. *\$382.50*

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Community Foundation Fund Listing

THANK YOU to all of our fund holders for investing in our communities. Together we are working for the future of Northwestern Alberta communities – the places where we all live, work, play and raise our children.

The places we call home – all for community forever.

Agency Funds

These Funds are established by charitable organizations to provide them with a sustainable source of long-term funding.

Alberta Legal Heritage Fund
Golden Age Centre Fund
Grande Prairie Live Theatre Fund
Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities Fund
Grande Prairie Public Library Fund
kidSport Grande Prairie Fund

Donor Advised Funds

These funds enable donors to be actively involved in recommending grant recipients on an annual basis.

Alex Brooks Memorial Fund
Anodyne Community Enrichment Fund*
Aquatea Environment Fund
Calvin and Evelyne Dobish Fund
Chomik Family Trumpeter Hotel Fund
David and Susan Ainsworth Fund
Ed Boyce Memorial Fund
Gib Popkey Legacy Fund
Grande Prairie Auto Group Legacy Foundation Fund
Hope Today Tomorrow: The Side/Munro Family Fund
Jeff Toews Memorial Foundation Fund
KMSC Law LLP Fund
Morris Financial Group Fund
northernSPIRIT Fund
Opdahl Michaud Family Fund
Peace Country Land Ltd. Fund
Pearcy Family Fund
Prairie Villa Legacy Fund
Q-99 Brian Nash Memorial Fund
Simpson/Phillips Family Fund
Stanford Hotels & Resorts Community Fund
Woronuk Legacy Fund*

Designated Funds

These funds provide support to specific charities, forever.

Carmen and Gail Haakstad Family Fund
Come Fly with Me Foundation Fund
Firewalk Fund
GP Keg Steakhouse & Bar PARDS Fund
GP Keg Steakhouse & Bar Pregnant Teen Program Fund
GP Keg Steakhouse & Bar Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Foundation Fund
GP Keg Steakhouse & Bar Supporting Young Persons and Families with Cancer Society
Hannah Ouellette Memorial Supporting Suicide Prevention Resource Centre Fund
Henderson Family Fund
Professional Advisors Endowment Fund

Community Impact Funds

These funds allow the Foundation's Board of Directors to address the most pressing needs of the community both now and in the future.

Ainsworth Community Fund
Atkin/Curtis Family Fund
Beal - Roy Family Fund
BMO Bank of Montreal Fund
BP Canada Energy Company Fund
Brick Shopik Family Fund
Canadian Tire Grande Prairie Community Fund

Cardon Homes Fund
Chrenek & Dion Investment Advisors Fund
Christine and Wayne Ayling Family Fund
Clyde and Mary Blackburn Family Fund
Community Impact Endowment Fund
Darrell and Joan Radbourne Family Fund
Drs. David and Karen Chung Fund
Fletcher Mudryk & Co. LLP CA's Fund
Gilbert and Kiela Girard Family Fund
Grande Prairie River Rats Association Fund
Haberman Family Fund
Ness Family Fund
Ken and Cyndy Halbert Family Fund
Kevin and Karen Willsey Family Fund
Kevin and Wendy Szakacs Family Fund
McLevin Family Fund
Menzies Family Fund
Merv & Dawn Marie Crouse Family Fund
Northey/Wiebe Family Fund
Pat and John Reid Family Fund
Pete and Lori Merlo Family Fund
RBC Peace Country Staff Fund
Ric's Grill Grande Prairie Community Fund
Rotary Club of Grande Prairie Memorial Fund
Sheehan Flint Family Fund
Vince and Tracey Vavrek Family Fund

Field of Interest Fund

These funds support specific charitable areas of interest as identified by the donor.

Children & Youth

Beattie Family Fund
Fukushima Family Fund
Logan Family Fund
Smart & Caring Communities Youth and Children's Fund

Education

Peace Wapiti Education Foundation Fund

Environment

Marcotte Family Fund
Nurcombe Family Environmental Fund
Stan and Helen Neufeld Environmental Fund
The Fund for Environmental Purposes

Health

Palliative Care Fund

Housing

Evaskevich Family Fund
Grande Prairie & Area Association of Realtors Fund

Recreational

Anonymous Donor Fund
Greg Lancaster Memorial Fund
Mike Vavrek Memorial Fund
Underwood Fund

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... investing in my future.

Social Services

Terry and Darrel Dola Fund*
Happy Trails R.V. Fund
Smart & Caring Communities Community Engagement Fund
Spirit of the Peace Entrepreneurial Women's Fund

Student Awards

Funds support post-secondary student education and training opportunities.

2000 Alberta Summer Games Legacy Fund
Andrea Vavrek Memorial Fund*
Beaverlodge Community Band Fund
Brent Sears Memorial Fund
Bryden Sparks Arts Family Fund
Devonne Norman Legacy Fund
Gilson Pride Scholarship Fund
Grande Prairie and District Chamber of Commerce Legacy Fund
GS Minhas Family Education Fund
Hayley Gardner Memorial Fund*
Horse Lake Education Fund*
Jean Duplessis Family Legacy Fund
Joseph F. Reder/Hansen Fund
Lorne Lind Memorial Fund*
Mohiner Singh Memorial Endowment Fund
North Kleskun Student Scholarship
Q-99 Student Awards Fund
Ronald W. Clarke Fund
Ryan R. Blais Legacy Fund
Storm Stay in School Junior A Hockey Scholarship Fund
Swan City Breakfast Lions Club Fund
Swan City Rotary Club Community Service Above Self
Tissington Family Fund
Travis Pierlot Family Education Fund
Vision for the Future Fund
Wolves Minor Basketball Fund

Flow Through Funds

These are charitable donations that are disbursed within a period of time, not endowed in perpetuity.

David and Susan Ainsworth Fund
Jeff Toews Memorial Foundation Fund
Play it Forward Fund
Ryan R. Blais Legacy Fund

Regional Funds

These funds provide an opportunity to give back to a specific region in Northwestern Alberta forever.

Sexsmith

North Kleskun Community Club Fund
Sexsmith Elks Community Fund
Sexsmith Community Foundation Fund
Sexsmith Insurance Limited Fund
Sexsmith Legion #60 Community Fund

West County

West County Community Fund

North Peace

North Peace Community Foundation Fund

Community Foundation Operating Funds

Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund
Community Foundation 20/20 Vision for the Community Fund

* Denotes funds established in 2013.

Future Gifts (Life Insurance)

Life insurance is a popular, practical way you can make a significant gift to charity. Thank you to the following who have committed to a life insurance policy gift.

Anonymous Community Donor
Brent and Cindy Oilund
Don Meador
Dwight Logan
Fukushima Family
Glenn and Judith Keddie
Gordon Percy
Grant and Jamie Menzies
Jason Lainchbury
Jodi Winnicky and Owen Lewis
Pete and Lori Merlo
Vincent Vavrek Family

Anyone Can Develop a Fund

Anyone can develop a fund or contribute to an existing fund. At the Community Foundation, funds have been created by people like you: families, companies, charities and community organizations.

To learn more please visit our website:

www.buildingtomorrowtoday.com or

phone our office (780) 538-2820.

Memorial and In Honour Gifts

Gifts are made to the Foundation to recognize achievement's, mark milestones and keep memories alive. In 2013 the Foundation received gifts in honour of the following or in tribute to special individuals.

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| Albert Biegel | Kathleen Garner |
| Alex Grotkowski | Kelly Labrecque |
| Angele McConkey | Ken Sutherland |
| Archie Petrone | Lawrence Sanregret |
| Ben Novlesky | Leslie Smith |
| Bruno Sonnenberg | Lisa Chrenek |
| Cathy Hansen | Lloyd Hansen |
| Cecile Lefebvre | Loretta Thompson |
| Cecilia Ovakporaye | Louis Marceau |
| David Woodward | Mary Jones |
| Dennis Norman | MarySiebert |
| Derek Lavalley | Maxine Peters |
| Donald Guerin | Michael Desfosses |
| Donna Tink | Michael Gourlay |
| Dorothy McDonald | Monica Roy |
| Eileen Orysiuk | Norbert Brick |
| Ellen Bredeson | Owen Oliver |
| Ernest Radbourne | Robert Hill |
| Esther Botheras | Robert Simigan |
| Fernande Fortin | Robert Smith |
| Frances Elizabeth (Beth) Sheehan | Rod Morrison |
| Gurdev Minhas | Roselene Lobban |
| Gwenith Patterson | Ruth Carlstad |
| Harold Ashmead | Sam Drader |
| Harold Johnson | Sharon Tranter |
| Hayley Gardner | Shirley Morton |
| Helen Bartsch | Terry Lewis |
| Helen Gobin | Theresa Pritchett |
| Helen Trenaman | Tjeerd Vanderveen |
| Henry Kamphuis | Tony Luck |
| Herb Wilcox | Tyler Skoglund |
| Huguette Cormier | Victor Krupka |
| Jean Norton | Wayne Campbell |
| Joan Pol | Wilma Seabrook |
| Joseph Cronk | In honor of Bernd Manz for his |
| Karen Reber | leadership at Aquatera Utilities |
| Katherine Flemming | |

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Financial Statement

For the year ended December 31, 2013

Summary of audit opinion

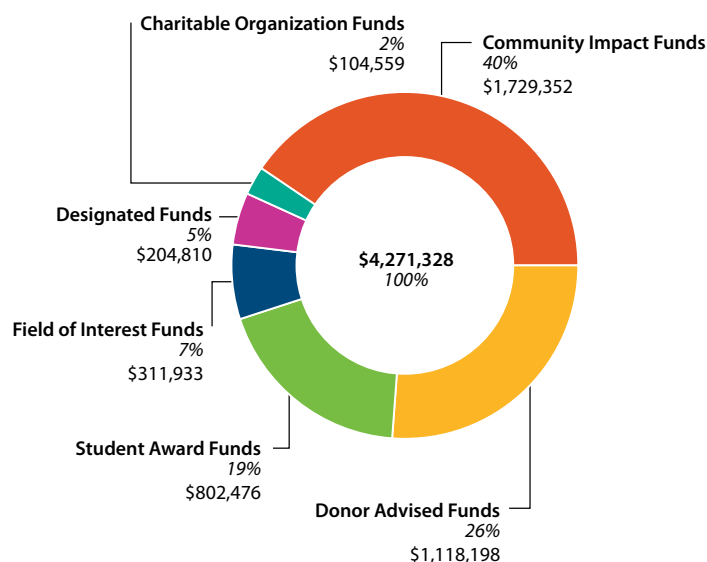
As is common with many non-profit organizations, the Foundation derives some revenue from cash donations, the completeness of which is not determinable through audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded by the Foundation. We were not able to determine whether any adjustments may have been necessary to contributions, excess of revenues over expenses, current assets, and net assets.

Except as noted in the above paragraph, in our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as December 31, 2013 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations

Our understanding and testing of internal controls did not reveal any significant deficiencies.

Catalyst LLP - Accountants

Endowment Assets By Funds



Summary of Financial Information

| | 2013 | 2012 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Assets | 5,801,887 | 4,608,937 |
| Total Liabilities | 22,111 | 17,921 |
| Fund Balances | \$5,779,776 | \$4,591,016 |

| 2013 | Operating Fund | Flow Through Fund | Endowment Fund |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Opening balance | 349,326 | 1,190,854 | 3,050,837 |
| Revenue | 437,037 | 62,223 | 983,658 |
| Expenses | (412,711) | (24,210) | (66,904) |
| Transfer between funds | (50,091) | | 50,091 |
| Gain / (Loss) | - | 170 | 281,071 |
| Grants | | (44,150) | (27,425) |
| Closing balance | \$323,561 | \$1,184,887 | \$4,271,328 |

Balance consists of:

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Restricted funds (Note 1) | 250,000 |
| Unrestricted funds | 73,561 |

| 2012 | Operating Fund | Flow Through Fund | Endowment Fund |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Opening balance | 260,845 | 1,205,063 | 2,707,740 |
| Revenue | 425,013 | 131,375 | 374,602 |
| Expenses | (336,532) | (24,182) | (55,370) |
| Transfer between funds | | | |
| Gain / (Loss) | - | 22,323 | 38,114 |
| Grants | 0 | (143,725) | (14,250) |
| Closing balance | \$349,326 | \$1,190,854 | \$3,050,836 |

Balance consists of:

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Restricted funds (Note 1) | 250,000 |
| Unrestricted funds | 99,326 |

(Note 1) in 2012 the board has internally restricted funds within the operating fund as a contingency for funding future operational expenditures as required. Catalyst LLP Accountants

Operating costs include asset development, charitable activities, special projects, administration and governance.

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