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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES FALL GRANT RECIPIENTS **Over \$290,000 distributed to 31 charitable organizations throughout Southwestern Alberta**

Lethbridge, AB (December 4, 2018) – The Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta is pleased to announce funding for 31 projects through two major granting programs, for a total of \$294,669.

The Community Priorities Fund will provide \$214,155 in grants to 27 projects and organizations throughout Southwestern Alberta. This fund exists as the result of private donations received from generous individuals since 1966. Gifts to the Community Priorities Fund are unrestricted, and serve the most pressing needs of our community. Twice a year, the Community Foundation accepts proposals for grants from the Community Priorities Fund, supporting the work of many worthy charitable causes throughout Southwestern Alberta. This fall's grants from the Community Priorities Fund are supplemented by an allocation of \$10,075 from various Field of Interest Funds. These funds are established to support different areas of interest, causes, or geographical regions, as chosen by the donor.

The Community Foundation extends special thanks to the Lethbridge Auto Dealers Association (LADA) for contributing a total of \$16,439 to four of the projects supported by the Community Priorities Fund.

The Henry S. Varley Fund for Rural Life will provide \$54,000 to four projects from areas of rural Southwestern Alberta. Established by Pincher Creek-area rancher Bill Long and named in honour of his uncle, this granting program works to enhance the quality of life for residents of rural communities throughout Southwestern Alberta.

A variety of important projects in many communities throughout Southwestern Alberta are receiving funding. Grants will support necessary renovations to community buildings, enhancements to learning environments, and increased options for physical activity. In total, eleven communities will benefit from Community Foundation grants given out today. **A list of grant recipients and brief project descriptions is attached.**

"It's always a great pleasure for us to host our community for a Grants Celebration," said Charleen Davidson, Community Foundation Executive Director. "As much as one-third of annual giving occurs in the month of December, and we're delighted to be able to help our donors achieve their charitable goals by supporting Southwestern Alberta with their gifts. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of our donors, we are able to continue to build a healthy, vibrant, and inclusive community."

Through our granting programs, donors can be confident that the Community Foundation continues to identify and support a wide range of community initiatives throughout Southwestern Alberta.

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About the Community Foundation

It's right there in our name: community. For over 50 years, building a stronger and more vibrant Southwestern Alberta has been the motivation behind our work. Every year, we connect generous donors with causes that are close to their hearts, which helps us award over \$800,000 in grants annually to qualified groups throughout our region. Learn more about us at www.cflsa.ca.

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Projects receiving grants from the Community Priorities Fund, Fall 2018

Arrowwood Restoration Society, \$4,000:

To facilitate the completion of renovations to the ceiling of the Arrowwood Museum's main showroom.

**Blackfoot Family Lodge Society,
\$13,939 (\$3,939 from the LADA):**

For conversion of a building on the society's property into a community centre, including installation of washrooms and kitchen facilities.

**Canadian Mental Health Association,
Alberta South Region, \$15,000:**

The Lethbridge Asset Mapping Project will track and provide information on social services available in the City of Lethbridge.

Cardston Junior High School, \$7,000:

This grant will provide for the development of a school sensory room for students.

**Coalhurst Parks and Recreation Society,
\$10,000 (\$2,500 from the LADA):**

This grant will help to fund the Town of Coalhurst's planned Spray Park.

Coutts Municipal Library, \$8,500:

This grant will facilitate a series of renovations to modernize the library, including new paint and carpeting.

**Dr. Gerald B. Probe Elementary
School, Lethbridge, \$10,000:**

This grant will provide for the development of a school sensory room for students.

Family Centre Society of Southern Alberta, \$6,000:

For replacement and upgrading of information technology.

Father Leonard Van Tighem School, Lethbridge, \$7,500:

To upgrade the school's audiovisual equipment.

**Friends of the Claresholm & District
Museum Society, \$5,000:**

For restoration and preservation of a World War II-era Link Trainer, used for instructing pilots.

Harbour House School, Lethbridge, \$2,370:

To provide furniture and technology for Harbour House School, part of Lethbridge School District No. 51.

John Davidson School, Coaldale, \$7,500:

For the construction of a school foods lab.

**Lethbridge and District Music and
Speech Arts Festival Society, \$6,000:**

Purchase of additional music stands and carts for storage and transportation.

Lethbridge Family Services, \$10,000:

For renovation three kitchens at Lethbridge Family Services' main office, used to help clients build real-world skills.

Lethbridge Pregnancy Care Centre, \$2,500:

This grant will fund a project to teach financial literacy to expectant mothers.

Lethbridge Symphony, \$13,360:

To purchase a replacement for the Symphony's custom-built stage extension.

**Oldman River Antique Equipment
and Threshing Club, \$8,500:**

To renovate existing space in order to facilitate demonstration and practice of "heritage arts," including butter churning and grain milling.

**Pincher Creek & District Agricultural Society,
\$10,000 (\$5,000 from the LADA):**

To renovate and repair the roof of the Pincher Creek Arena.



Prairie Winds Clubhouse Society, \$10,000:

For renovations to the clubhouse kitchen, used by the society's Healthy Meals Program.

Shaughnessy Community Association, \$15,000:

To replace the roof of the community centre.

Taber Food Bank Society, \$10,000:

For replacement of food storage appliances and maintenance equipment.

Town of Taber, \$10,000:

This grant supports the construction of an accessible playground.

Town of Vauxhall, \$15,000 (\$5,000 from the LADA):

In partnership with the Vauxhall Academy of Baseball,

the town will use this grant to upgrade Vauxhall's Community Hall.

Vulcan Lions Club, \$15,000:

To purchase a hot tub, as part of ongoing plans for the replacement of community pool facilities.

Vulcan Spock Days Committee, \$3,500:

This enterprising grant will go toward acquiring storage space for the annual event's equipment and supplies.

Willow Creek Ag Society, \$10,000:

For the completion of an indoor riding arena, which will serve residents in the Claresholm area.

Wilson Middle School, Lethbridge, \$5,000:

To purchase a set of choir handbells.

Projects receiving grants from the Henry S. Varley Fund for Rural Life, Fall 2018

Chinook Regional Foundation for Career Transitions, \$15,000:

This grant supports the expansion of a career exploration program for grade 10 students throughout Southwestern Alberta. Rural youth tend to have limited access to career exploration activities, and this program will help students plan for their futures by introducing them to a wide range of career pathways and possibilities.

Foothills Special Needs Association for Parents and Siblings (FSNAPS), \$6,000:

FSNAPS provides support, education, and information to families who are living with or are connected with someone with special needs. This grant will help them expand supports to the community in the Claresholm area. The outreach program will enhance participants' abilities to manage critical decisions, be better informed, and build capacity as a member of their community.

Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta, \$25,000:

This project will give families in Pincher Creek an opportunity to own an affordable home. Habitat for Humanity will use the grant funding for a duplex build project in Pincher Creek. This project is both an innovative response to this rural community's Housing Needs Assessment as well as a collaborative community initiative, and is Habitat's first build project in Pincher Creek.

Parkinson Association of Alberta, \$8,000:

This grant will expand the Parkinson Disease Outreach Program for those affected by Parkinson Disease outside of Lethbridge. Many people with the disease live in isolation, with limited access to specialized healthcare and psychosocial supports vital to living well with Parkinson disease. This initiative will help foster healthy communities and community connections by reaching out to outlying communities through a variety of in-person and technological channels.