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Community Builders Dinner raises \$26,000



Fran and Red Elliott respond to some of the tributes they received at the Community Builders event.

Fran and Red Elliott were honoured in fine fashion at the third annual Camrose Community Builders Dinner, held October 20. Over 400 people gathered to celebrate the couple's contributions and enjoy an evening of tribute, fundraising and the occasional light-hearted teasing of the couple being feted.

Speakers included son and daughter John Elliott and Anne Giles; business partners Rob and Liz Rolf; long-time associates Cliff Drever and Wynn McLean, and long-time friend Berdie Fowler. Praise and fond recollections were the common theme of all presentations.

An old dehorner from Red's veterinary practice was auctioned, along with wall hangings hand-quilted by Vivianne Grue and pies baked by Fran Elliott, Iris Drever and Cathy Andreassen.

In total, the event added more than \$26,000 to the Fran and Red Elliott Fund. Thanks to the people of Camrose and area for ensuring a successful event!

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Hardisty students getting the beat

From an early age, children love to make noise. They shake their rattles, bang spoons on pots and squeeze those loud squeaky toys! Making noise is part of how children learn to communicate and how they learn to make music.

“It all starts with rhythm,” explains Hardisty music teacher Jerry-Lynn Burden. “Kids bang on stuff and they begin to get the concept. It grows from there.”

Belinda Swanson and Jerry-Lynn Burden are very pleased with their school’s new instruments.

That’s why the school council and staff at Allan Johnstone School in Hardisty were so pleased to receive a grant from the Battle River Community Foundation for the purchase of a set of African drums and tone chimes.

“Our students love them,” Mrs. Burden says. “Everyone can make music with them.”

School Council Chair Belinda Swanson gets misty-eyed as she describes how a student visit with the “Grandpals” at the local care centre generated a strong response from both



students and seniors. “The kids played songs and then the residents joined in – shaking the chimes, banging the drums in time and even singing. It was really moving.”

“We hope to get funds to purchase more, until we have enough for every student in the class.”

Think tax savings

Last spring’s federal government budget included a change that benefits donors, community foundations and the local charities they support.

Canadians who donate stock or mutual funds to their local community foundation will now pay zero capital gains tax on the growth of those investments. Here in our area, the Battle River Community Foundation is one of few local charities that have a share trading account to which donations of shares can be directly transferred. The Foundation has received small donations of this nature in the past and believes these tax changes make this an even more attractive way for donors to give.

	<u>Donate Stock</u>	<u>Sell Stock, Donate Cash</u>
Market Value	50,000	50,000
Cost Base	0	0
Capital Gain	50,000	50,000
Taxable Capital Gain	0	25,000
Tax Payable (39%)	0	9,750
Savings by Donating Stocks vs Cash	9,750	0
Tax Receipt to Donor	50,000	50,000
Tax Credit Available	20,850	20,850

In this example of donating shares with a zero cost base (such as those from demutualized life insurance premiums), the donor pays no tax on the capital gain and receives a tax receipt for the full value of the donation.

Students appreciate field trip

The Alberta elementary school curriculum includes a Science unit about the environment and managing waste in our world.

Students within Camrose have often visited the City's water treatment place, sanitary landfill and recycling depot as part of their studies. The field trip leader, Vicki Cole, is an employee of the Battle River School Division who works out of the City offices and designs curriculum-based educational opportunities for students. "It's a great joint project," says City Engineer Ted Gillespie. "We have received great feedback from teachers about this program."

This fall, students from outside the City limits had the chance to take tours as well, thanks to a grant from the Battle River Community Foundation that paid their travel expenses. Students from Viking School and the Cornerstone Christian Academy at Kingman

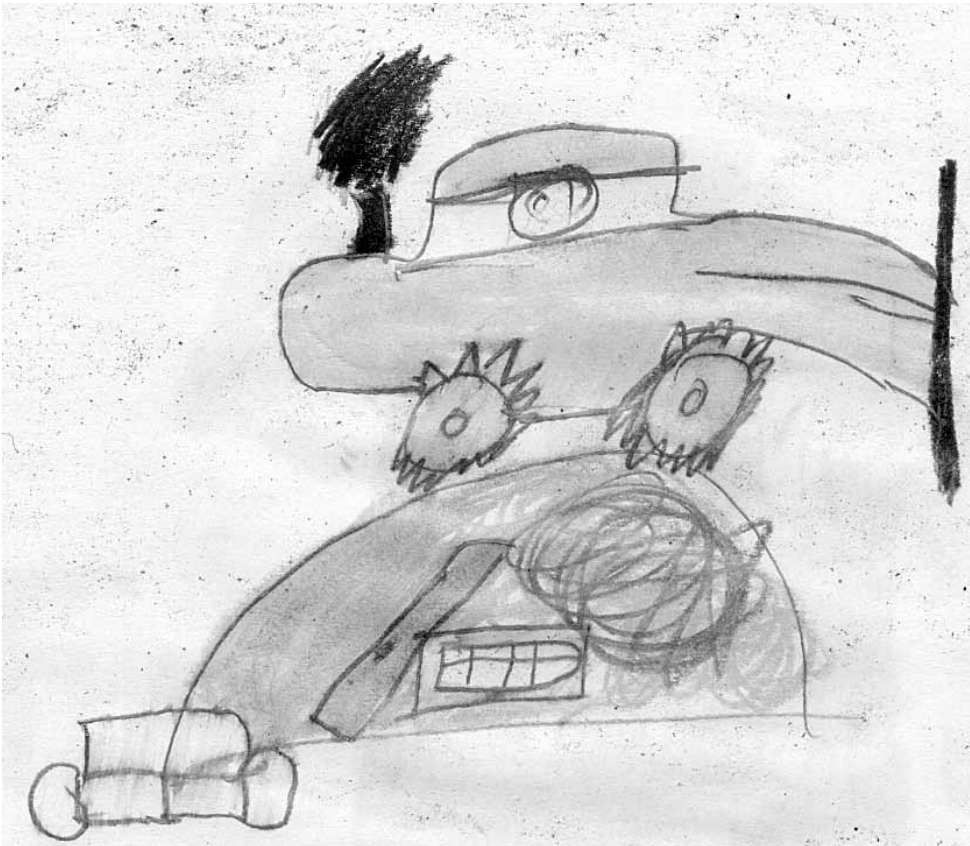


were among the first to take advantage of this opportunity.

In the words of M.E. Sitler from the Cornerstone School, "it was an impressive and educational experience."

Sharon Podula, from Viking, called the trip one of the most educational the students have ever been on and said she believes those who participated "have had the opportunity to understand the world's waste problem and will try to make our communities better places in which to live."

And that's definitely the goal of the tours, according to Mr. Gillespie. "The future health of our world's environment is in all of our hands," he says. "We all need to participate by reducing, re-using and conserving. Who better to learn that message than the future stewards of our resources? And what better time to teach them than at this early age, when they can carry their learning forward for a lifetime?"





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There are more choices than ever before for philanthropic causes to which you can direct your charitable gifts. So why choose the Battle River Community Foundation? Here are five good reasons why there's no place like home for your donation dollars.

1. The more you give, the more we all receive.

All available dollars are allocated to projects in the local area, so as our Foundation grows, so does the benefit our local area receives.

2. Battle River Community Foundation is here for the long term.

There are many short-term needs to which you could allocate your charitable gift. But by giving to the Battle River Community Foundation you ensure the principal of your donation stays intact forever. The income is allocated annually – allowing you to make a difference to your community for the long-term.

3. Our policies for giving back are flexible.

Unlike some organizations, we have great flexibility in our choices about the programs and projects we support. We can fund operational costs, capital expenses or special purchases; we can support schools, not-for-profit organizations or community groups...whatever the needs are in our area, we can respond.

4. You can have input.

As a significant donor to the Battle River Community Foundation, you may choose to establish a fund in support of a specific cause; you may designate a general area of interest to support; or you may choose to be consulted annually about what you'd like your funds to support. Your wishes will always be honoured.

5. We're the only local Foundation of this kind.

The Battle River Community Foundation was established by the people of East Central Alberta for the people of East Central Alberta. We're the only Foundation whose focus is strictly on our local area. Everyone on our Board of Directors has deep roots and strong ties to this part of the world. We all want what's best for our home towns.

To find out more about how to become a significant donor to the Battle River Community Foundation, consult your financial advisor or call any one of the Directors listed on this page.