



Giving Back

with the Battle River Community Foundation

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Celebrating true Flagstaff Community Builders

Every community has citizens who spend their lifetimes making their community a better place to live.

They care about their neighbours and the quality of life and opportunities available now and for future generations.

They have helped build and grow their communities into the beautiful and supportive places we live in today, and want to leave the community strong for those who will follow.

In this way they are doing very much what the Battle River Community Foundation is doing: providing strong and healthy environments for children; being flexible and positive in helping the community grow; and offering help to those facing a difficult time.

To highlight the importance of strengthening community life, the Battle River Community Foundation has begun a series of Community Builders' Dinners to honour the people who characterize the values we hold dear and to build endowment funds in their names that will continue to strengthen the community forever.



The first such Community Builders' Dinner to take place in the County of Flagstaff will be held on Saturday, April 1, in the Forestburg Community Centre, celebrating the contributions of Harry and Fredella Anderson. Friends and neighbours are invited to join in recognizing Harry and Fredella for all the ways in which they have made Flagstaff County a better, stronger community. The program after the dinner will include tributes from friends, music by the Walter Jahns Singers and a live auction.

Honoring Harry and Fredella Anderson Saturday, April 1, 2006 Forestburg Community Centre

Tickets are available at:

- Alliance - Village Office
- Forestburg - Forestburg Agencies
- Galahad - Paul Schorak and Frank Herle
- Hardisty - Hardisty Bulk Sales
- Killam - Guardian Drugs
- Lougheed - Losness Drilling
- Sedgewick - Conrad's Video

Tickets are \$45.00 or \$450.00 for a table of ten. A charitable donation receipt for \$250.00 will be issued when a full table is purchased by one individual or company. Dinner proceeds will support worthwhile community projects in the County of Flagstaff forever.

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Introducing Harry and Fredella Anderson

Harry and Fredella Anderson feel like they live in the centre of the universe. Their home is located in the middle of a number of east central Alberta communities and the Andersons say “we’re lucky to have gotten to know people from all around us.”

Their universe has included decades of community involvement. Both partners have a long history of contributing their time, talent and funds to a wide range of local causes, from church and school to sports and family violence prevention.

The Andersons are honoured to be chosen as the Battle River Community Foundation’s first Community Builders to be highlighted in the Flagstaff area.

“It’s a wonderful organization,” says Fredella. “I’m really impressed with the drive and the ambition of the people who got it started. And we share their commitment to supporting the local area.”

“We all need to support our local communities,” says Harry. “Anything that gets done out here involves volunteers. And every project needs money. We all need to pitch in.” Plus the Andersons like the fact that, although the Foundation supports local projects,



donors themselves don’t have to choose one particular cause to support. “The Foundation is flexible, so it can respond to needs. I like that,” says Harry.

Harry was born about a mile and a half from where he and Fredella have

lived, farmed and raised their family together for over 50 years. Fredella was born in Swalwell but came to the area with Harry after they wed in 1953.

The couple, both former students of Canadian

Union College in Lacombe, still laughs fondly about how they first met in Calgary. Harry can describe in detail the black 1951 Meteor convertible that made him “irresistible”. (Fredella just smiles).



In addition to Harry’s partnership in Anderson Brothers with his four older siblings and Fredella’s work raising the couple’s three daughters (a fourth daughter died of cancer when she was a toddler); the couple have always made time for community projects.

Between them, Harry and Fredella have played a role in the development of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and School, and the Valley Ski Club at Alliance; participated in hockey, golf, ball, curling; and sang or played at literally hundreds of local events, celebrations, weddings and funerals. Both Harry and Fredella are long time members of the Walter Jahns Singers and say their involvement with the group has been very rewarding.

These days, although Harry no longer “chases oil companies” as he did for 40 years and the couple’s daughters are grown with families of their own, Harry and Fredella remain busy.

“We go to coffee shops in Alliance, Forestburg, Killam and other places to visit and catch up on the news,” says Harry.





The couple also enjoys visiting their seven grandchildren, ranging in age from 7 to 20 years. They've traveled to far-away places like Sweden, Israel, Egypt, and Hong Kong and enjoyed more than one tropical cruise.

But no matter where they go, the Andersons are convinced there's no place like home. And they're thrilled to be part of the upcoming tribute event.

"It's a real fabulous thing to be honoured this way," says Harry. "Our lives are centred right here and we're happy to raise funds for local projects. It's a privilege to help your friends."



What the Foundation has done in the County of Flagstaff

Since it was established in 1995, the Battle River Community Foundation has given more than \$50,000 to support projects in the County of Flagstaff. Grants have supported a wide range of projects throughout the County, including:

- restoration at the historic Amisk-Park Lutheran Church
- scholarships in Hardisty and Sedgewick
- drums for the Hardisty School
- playground at Daysland School
- renovations to the Palace Theatre in Daysland
- renovations at the Hardisty Lake Camp
- new computer and support for a workshop on bullying to F.I.R.S.T.
- environmental presentation and recycling education in Flagstaff County
- furnishings for Big Knife Villa
- improvements to Flagstaff Lodge in Sedgewick
- furnace replacement at the Forestburg Museum
- markers for unmarked graves in the Galahad Cemetery
- handivan services at Hardisty Health Care Centre
- handivan at Killam Health Centre
- therapeutic hot tub at the Killam Agriplex
- support for the Killam library
- support of Sodbusters Museum in Strome
- restoration of St. Peter's Church at Strome
- support for Strome Community Church from the Frank and Mabel Lindsay Angus Robson Fund
- first aid kits and air compressor for Hardisty Fire Department
- hydrogeophysical feasibility study at Hardisty
- community projects and arena at Hardisty
- books for the Alliance library
- fire trucks at Alliance, Strome and Heisler
- playground equipment, park development at Alliance
- cemetery maintenance at Alliance
- kitchen range hood in the Forestburg Arena

A brief Foundation history

The Battle River Community Foundation was established in 1995 by a group of volunteers who were interested in creating a means of supporting the local area for years to come.

The Battle River Community Foundation offers the opportunity for donors to give financial gifts that will remain intact, with the interest being used annually to enhance the area in which we all live and work. Donors can give their funds to a general endowment fund; name a fund in honour of themselves or a loved one; have input into the use of funds each year or designate their gift in support of a particular cause.



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Since its inception, the assets of the Battle River Community Foundation have grown to more than \$2 million, in a variety of funds. More than \$480,000 has been granted to communities in East Central Alberta, including more than \$50,000 in Flagstaff County.

Included in the Foundation's assets are eleven Endowment Funds, with a total value of more than \$120,000, that have been established specifically to benefit projects within the County of Flagstaff. They include:

Cyril and Marguerite Drever Memorial Fund is a donor advised fund.

Hardisty Community Fund supports community projects in the Town of Hardisty.

Betty and Gordon Rombough Memorial Fund is a donor advised fund.

Ian Harrison Memorial Fund supports projects in the Hardisty area.

Frank and Mabel Lindsay Angus Robson Fund is designated to support the Strome Community Church and Strome and District Historical Society.

Flagstaff Creative Writers' Fund supports cultural projects in Flagstaff County.

Robert and Ruby Moro Fund supports projects in Alliance, Galahad, Merna or Camrose.

Cecil and Art Peacock Fund is designated for care and maintenance of the Alliance Cemetery.

Dick and Annie Drever Fund supports projects in the Hardisty area.

Cliff and Jean Saville Fund supports projects in the Hardisty and Irma areas.

Donald Spady Memorial Fund is designated for care and maintenance of the Alliance Cemetery.

Each year the assets of the Battle River Community Foundation grow and make it an ever more significant source of funds for projects in support of our local communities. To find out more about establishing a fund, contact any one of the Foundation board members listed, or talk to your own financial advisor.

As part of our tribute to Harry and Fredella, we wish to make a gift of

\$2,500

\$1,000

\$500

\$250

\$100

Other _____

to be permanently invested in The Harry and Fredella Anderson Fund,
to support projects in Flagstaff County forever

Name _____

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Box 1122, Camrose, AB T4V 4E7, or see any of the board members

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