



# Giving Back

with the Battle River Community Foundation

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June is the time of year the Battle River Community Foundation invites donors, friends and stakeholders to join them at an Open House, to hear how the previous year has gone. Foundation members share updates and welcome speakers to share their perspectives on the impact of the Foundation's work in our communities.

The second Open House will take place at **Thursday, June 22 at 7 p.m. at the United Church Hall in Hardisty.** Ricci Matthews, a Board Member for the Hardisty



*Diane Hutchinson*

Two Open House events are taking place this year. The first will be on **Wednesday, June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Norsemen Inn, Camrose.** Speaking from the perspective of a grant recipient will be Patrick Whittleton of the Battle River School Division's Reading

University program. Brian Austrom will share his thoughts as a donor to the Foundation and acting as guest speaker will be long-time community advocate Diane Hutchinson.



*Brittany MacMillan*

Library, will speak as a grant recipient, while Bob Coutts will offer his thoughts as a donor. Guest speaker will be Brittany MacMillan, owner of Bam Fitness, on the topic of philanthropy's part in healthy communities.

See you there!

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# BRCF participating in the Community Services Recovery Program

## Community Services Recovery Fund



Canadian Red Cross



COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA



United Way Centraide Canada

The Battle River Community Foundation is taking part in the Community Services Recovery Fund along with Community Foundations of Canada, Canadian Red Cross, and United Way Centraide Canada.

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies as they focus on how to adapt their organizations for pandemic recovery.

Now more than ever, community service organizations (charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies) are playing a key role in addressing persistent and complex social problems faced by all Canadians. The Community Services Recovery Fund is responding to what charities and non-profits need right now and supports organizations as they adapt to the long-term impacts of the pandemic.

Projects funded under the Community Services Recovery Fund will assist community service organizations in the following areas:

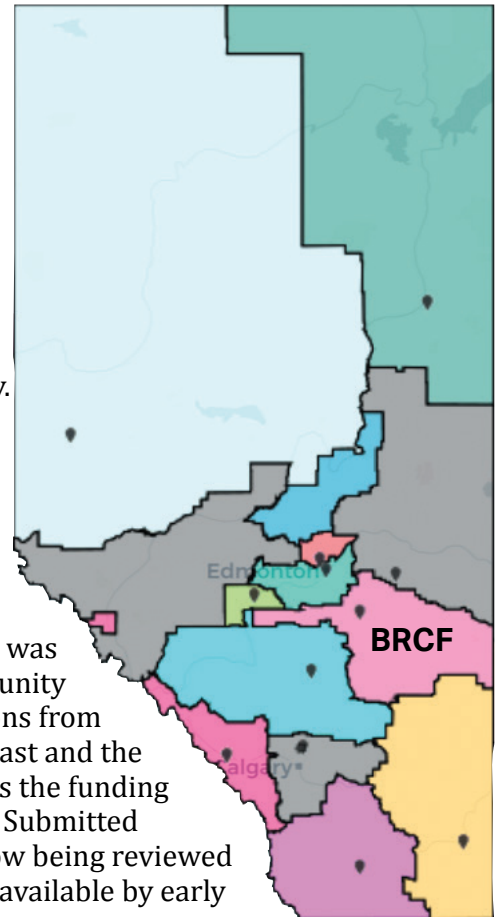
- **Investing in People:** One-time projects that focus on how organizations recruit, retain, engage and support their personnel, including staff, volunteers and boards of directors.
- **Investing in Systems and Processes:** One-time projects that invest in the systems and processes involved in creating the internal workings of an organization's overall structure.
- **Investing in Program and Service Innovation and Redesign:** One-time projects primarily focused on program and service innovation and redesign using information gained during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the Battle River Community Foundation, the focus for grants is on the second category of support – investing in systems and processes which will help local organizations recover and build resilience through enhancing their strategic planning, donor support systems, accounting functions, and more.

The territory that BRCF is overseeing for this process is larger than what the Foundation usually covers, including all or portions of Beaver County, Camrose City / County, Flagstaff County, Paintearth County, MD of Provost, MD of Wainwright and Wetaskiwin County.

The application deadline for the Community Services Recovery Fund was February 21, 2023. Significant interest was shown from community service organizations from coast to coast to coast and the demand far exceeds the funding amounts available. Submitted applications are now being reviewed and results will be available by early summer 2023.

We thank all organizations for taking the time to apply to the Community Services Recovery Fund. We know the need for this recovery-based funding is great and are grateful for the work that you do in our communities every day.



Funded by the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund

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# You can support Alberta's Wildfire Recovery

As you know, Alberta has recently been in a state of emergency due to multiple wildfires.

Tens of thousands of people have been evacuated, several communities have lost homes, buildings and businesses, and countless hectares of forests, fields, livestock and wildlife have been impacted.

Disasters such as this can strike in a moment, but the repercussions will last for years. That's why the Battle River Community Foundation is standing in solidarity with two local Foundations that serve these areas, and who are working together with their communities to rebuild and make sure no one is left behind during these very challenging days.

We hope you will also consider donating to support the important efforts of these groups. Funds they receive will allow their communities to decide what they need most and make decisions that best benefit the local residents. At this moment in the crisis, monetary

donations, rather than donations of goods or services, are ideal as they allow communities to be flexible in their response.

Here's how you can help:

- Donate Directly to either the:
  - o Drayton Valley Community Foundation Emergency Relief Fund; or the
  - o Northwestern Alberta Foundation Emergency Response Fund
- Make a flow-through donation to the Battle River Community Foundation (indicating your preference of which of the two above Foundations you'd like to support)

Community Foundations, like Albertans, have a long history of being there to support their neighbours in times of need. Together we can help connect people and communities to the resources that will help them recover and thrive once again.



## Tributes

Since we began in 1992, the Battle River Community Foundation has been privileged to have several great community leaders represented on its Board of Directors. In this newsletter, we'd like to pay tribute to two of those past Board members.

**Robert Borth**, of Killam, who served on the BRCF Board in 1999, passed away in March 2023.

**Gerry Davis**, of Camrose, served four terms (totalling 12 years) on the BRCF Board between 1998 and 2010. Gerry passed away in November 2022.

We remember the contributions of these community-minded people and extend our sympathies to their families. Their legacy lives on.



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## Your donations make good things happen!

Thanks to the support of donors, the Battle River Community Foundation is able to make good things happen in east central Alberta communities.

The featured grant recipient at our upcoming open house in Hardisty is the Hardisty Library. BRCF was honoured to be able to provide a grant of \$6,500 from funds allocated in support of the Hardisty area, which was used to renovate the library's entrance to include a wide sidewalk and automated door; and the facility's washroom areas, making the library accessible for all users.

**Town of Hardisty Public Library**  
5027-50 Street, Hardisty  
780-888-3947  
Email: hardistylibrary@prl.ab.ca

**Hours:**  
Tues. .... 11 am - 5 pm  
Wed. .... 1-8 pm  
Thurs. . . 11 am - 5 pm  
Fri. .... 1-5 pm  
Sat. .... 1-5 pm

*"WE ARE MORE THAN JUST BOOKS"*

The featured grant recipient you will hear from at the Camrose open house is Reading University. Now in existence for 15 years, Reading University has been supporting the Battle River School Division students to raise their literacy levels and become more confident readers and learners.

With the funding for RU being generated through BRCF grants and flow-through donations, donor support is more



**reading**  
UNIVERSITY  
Augustana Campus

important than ever. Recently the Chase the Ace program presented by the Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak contributed \$2,500 toward Reading University. Your support is critical to the program, too!

Although this newsletter is not specifically intended to be a fundraising initiative, in accordance with the Alberta Charitable Fund raising Act, we are pleased to provide the following information:

“With this newsletter, the BRCF hopes to raise \$25,000, with costs of \$2,000.”

### Looking at Buying or Selling?

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