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Awards Celebration 2023

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Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF) is thrilled to be the presenting sponsor of National Philanthropy Day 2023. We love to celebrate the amazing people who make this city a better place. Thank you to the National Philanthropy Day committee for the time and effort you gave to make this day a success. Events like this help to create a culture of giving that inspires others to dedicate their time, resources, and talents to the causes they care most about. ECF's goal is to be a resource to both donors and charities and to build sustainability in the charitable sector through endowments. As the largest non-government funder in Edmonton, we are so proud to support this event and so many of the organizations here today. Congratulations to all those being recognized for your outstanding work this afternoon. You deserve it!"

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Welcome and Greeting

President of AFP Edmonton & Area Chapter



Welcome to the 25th Anniversary of our community's National Philanthropy Day celebration! On behalf of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Edmonton & Area Chapter, I'm honoured to welcome all award recipients, nominating organizations, sponsors, volunteers, and guests to today's event.

For another year we are excited to partner with the Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF) as the Presenting Sponsor of National Philanthropy Day. ECF continues to be a collaborative partner in our community, striving to enhance the quality of life for all Edmontonians and building connections to create change. Thank you to all our sponsors who invest in this celebration of philanthropy and join us in growing this event year after year.

Thank you to the Board of our chapter and committee volunteers, who give of their time and talents to ensure that our membership of professional fundraisers have opportunities to build connections and continuously improve our professional practice. Today we are especially appreciative of the hard work of the 2023 National Philanthropy Day committee to coordinate this

outstanding gathering to celebrate some truly amazing stories of philanthropy.

Each year we have the privilege as a community to hear about the many small and large acts of kindness that have tremendous impact. The ripple effect of sharing these stories inspires more people to get involved and contribute to causes they care about. Philanthropy has the power to drive positive social change and to foster empathy and compassion.

Overall, philanthropy serves as a powerful force for good, inspiring individuals, communities, and society as a whole to come together and create a brighter, more compassionate, and more equitable future.

Thank you for being builders of change in our community.

With my utmost respect,
KELLY HOSKINS, CFRE
President, AFP Edmonton & Area Chapter

Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year

Olivia Terry and Megan Heximer

Youth Sector | Nominated by: Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation



The Glenrose Hospital Foundation is thrilled to recognize Olivia Terry and Megan Heximer with a National Philanthropy Day Award.

Olivia is a young Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital patient who has been using a new technology, called brain-computer interface (BCI), to engage with her environment, using only her mind. With BCI, Olivia can drive her wheelchair, play video games, and create art.

Together with her respite worker, Megan, Olivia developed a plan to sell merchandise that has been printed with her BCI-created artwork. The duo started selling hats, t-shirts, and other items to then donate the proceeds back to the Glenrose Hospital BCI program that Olivia has benefitted from.

Their creative endeavour has turned into a powerful force for positive change so that even more kids have access to life-changing technology.

Celebrating Philanthropy in 2023!

National Philanthropy Day is a special day that highlights the power of giving, the importance of volunteerism, and the positive change that can be achieved when individuals and organizations come together to support charitable causes. It encourages people to reflect on the difference they can make in their communities and society at large through acts of kindness and generosity.

NPD is a day close to my heart, and I know it holds a special place in the hearts of many of you. It's a day when we come together to celebrate the incredible impact of giving, and it fills me with immense pride to see the generosity and compassion that abounds in our community.

Serving as this year's director of NPD for a second year, I find myself overwhelmed once again with a profound sense of gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of this cherished annual tradition that celebrates the remarkable individuals in our community.

I'd like to take a moment to express my immense gratitude to the exceptional NPD planning committee, whose tireless efforts, creativity, and significant time investment have made this event possible. I could not have orchestrated this event without your invaluable support and hard work.



FELICIA HODGSON

Director of
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Arts & Culture

Recognizes people, companies and groups who have impacted the arts and culture community through acts of charity, and in giving of their time, talent and resources.



Audreen and Peter Yaremchuk

Nominated by University of Alberta Library and Museums

Audreen and Peter Yaremchuk are visionary donors. They appreciate and understand the importance of the arts to positively change society and impact people on the individual level by changing the way they think and see the world. The Yaremchuk's generous donation to the Gallery Project has enabled the University of Alberta Library and Museums to proceed with the preliminary design work for this exciting new initiative. They have also generously shared their story in the newsletter, further inspiring others to give back and galvanizing support for this transformative project. The University of Alberta Library and Museums would like to recognize Audreen and Peter Yaremchuk for their generous support of the arts, culture and education, through which they are helping to enrich people's lives in Alberta.

"We are grateful to the University of Alberta and a system that allowed us, the children of poor families, to receive an education. We have had experiences over our life that would have been impossible without it. By giving back to the University we are able to enjoy paying it forward and making a difference to the next generation."



Barb Koshman

Nominated by Edmonton Symphony Society

The Edmonton Symphony Society (ESS) proudly acknowledges Barb Koshman for her contributions as a founding member and dedicated volunteer of the Youth Orchestra of Northern Alberta (YONA). For more than a decade, she has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the children, families, and teachers of the YONA program.

Barb's impact goes beyond volunteering; her passion for baking has developed into a heartwarming tradition. Every Wednesday, she bakes and shares over eight dozen muffins, a treat eagerly anticipated by YONA students. These sweet gestures deeply enrich YONA and the community.

The ESS recognizes Barb's exceptional efforts to nurture and nourish the children and families of the YONA program.

"The students are really special to me. I have the privilege to see this tight group of kids, from all different ages and backgrounds, working together and making music together."



Richard & Anna Fahrion

Nominated by Fort Edmonton Foundation

Anna and Richard Fahrion have been passionate supporters of the Fort Edmonton Foundation since 1999, choosing "to give to happy places like Fort Edmonton Park." Originally supporting the Millennium Capital campaign, they have since become integral members of the Fort Edmonton family and the Foundation. Their generous donations have since funded numerous capital projects, including the Midway, Capitol Theatre, and Indigenous Peoples' Experience. Their philanthropic spirit has enabled countless youth facing intersectional barriers to enjoy transformative experiences at Fort Edmonton Park. In 2018, they received the prestigious Samuel A. Dickson Award for their unwavering commitment to the Foundation. Always present at Foundation events like the FortStock Festival and Chief Factor's Breakfast, the Fahrions are cherished mainstays. Their ongoing support has made a significant impact on creating joy at the park.

"We choose to give to happy places, like Fort Edmonton Park. The impact of giving goes to helping people enjoy places that help their overall wellness."

– Richard & Anna Fahrion



Rock'n August Organizing Committee

Nominated by
Alberta Diabetes Foundation

In 1996, Rock'n August created an event to celebrate cars and music while raising money to support diabetes research and education in Alberta. By investing in research, Rock'n August is investing in a cure for diabetes. Now, twenty-seven years and \$1.2 million later, Rock'n August has demonstrated over and over again their unending support for diabetes research and funding a cure for diabetes.

Rock'n August's donations support the world-class diabetes research teams at the Alberta Diabetes Institute. Their support means researchers hoping to improve the lives of people living with diabetes and find the cure will not have to pause their work while they wait for funding. Rock'n August has embraced the idea of a world without diabetes and is a trailblazer in their fundraising efforts!

“Everyday, advancements are happening in the field of diabetes research. To date, with the support of the car owners, the spectators and the efforts of the volunteers, we have contributed over \$1,400,000 to the Alberta Diabetes Institute through our partnership with the Alberta Diabetes Foundation.”



Sheryl Bowhay

Nominated by
The Francis Winspear Centre
for Music and the Edmonton
Symphony Orchestra

The Francis Winspear Centre for Music (FWCM) and the Edmonton Symphony Society (ESS) extend their appreciation to Sheryl Bowhay. Her contributions as a donor, fundraiser, Board member, and volunteer are truly profound.

Sheryl's distinguished reputation as a leader and teacher makes her a cornerstone of the fine arts community. Sheryl serves on committees and boards at all levels of the arts community, including with the Alberta Band Association and the JUNO Awards. In 2023, she was awarded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal.

For the past 10 years Sheryl has worked tirelessly to support the completion of the Winspear Centre for Music. Because of Sheryl's perseverance and vision, the campaign is now poised for success and the community will be home to one of the world's premier community music centres.

“We support the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and the Winspear Centre for Music, and I volunteer my time because everyone deserves music. The expansion of the Winspear Centre for Music is creating access and opportunity for everyone in our community to learn about and experience the joy of making and sharing music. I am excited for the future of music in our community!”



Community Enrichment

Recognizes people, companies and groups who have engaged in acts of charity, and in giving of their time, talent and resources to ensure that the services that enrich our community continue to grow and flourish.



Avison Young

Nominated by
YWCA Edmonton

In 2022, YWCA Edmonton, one of the oldest non-profits in the capital region, moved offices from downtown to 124 Street to achieve their vision of building a modern, inclusive space that would be a safe, welcoming hub for the community. They partnered with Avison Young to renovate and customize the space to this vision, and Avison Young went above and beyond finding creative, innovative solutions to make it more accessible and enjoyable to YWCA clients and staff. They provided cost-saving and environmentally conscious design suggestions and repurposed materials from other clients, which ultimately saved YWCA hundreds of thousands of dollars. This incredible space allows YWCA to support their work to create a brighter future for women and their families in a colourful, fully accessible environment in the heart of community.

“Community support is essential to a healthy society because when people come together, diversity of experiences and opportunities can abound. The YWCA is the perfect example of what happens when a safe and accessible environment is created establishing a community hub for the empowerment of many.”

– Scott Varga, Project Management & Advisory, Avison Young

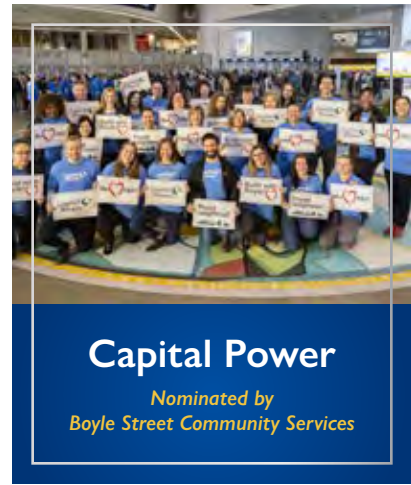


Bart Yachimec

Nominated by
Little Warriors

From the very beginning, Bart Yachimec has been a devoted supporter of Little Warriors. As one of our earliest and most significant donors, his generosity was crucial in launching our advertising campaign – raising awareness about Little Warriors and our vision of building the Be Brave Ranch. In recognition of Bart’s extraordinary support, the Yachimec House was named on the Ranch premises, serving as a lasting testament to his philanthropy and leaving behind a profound legacy for years. His remarkable contributions have played a pivotal role in reshaping the lives of children and teens who receive vital treatment and care at the Be Brave Ranch. Bart’s commitment has truly altered the course of their futures, offering them newfound hope, healing, and a brighter tomorrow.

“When Glori shared her vision, supporting Little Warriors was a natural choice. Knowing Glori and her passion to help kids, I knew what she could do. She’s created a great and loving place for the kids; she is an amazing ambassador for these children and their families; building the only place like this in the world.”



Capital Power

Nominated by
Boyle Street Community Services

Capital Power has been a vocal and steadfast supporter of Boyle Street Community Services and the vulnerable Edmontonians who access the organizations’ services for over 10 years.

Capital Power continues to be heavily involved in many aspects of the organization, whether it be monetary contributions, in-kind donations, education for its staff, or volunteerism. Capital Power has encouraged its staff to join the Build with Boyle Campaign, and they have consistently gone above and beyond their 2-million-dollar contribution to the campaign.

Boyle Street Community Services is tremendously grateful for the unwavering support shown to the organization by Capital Power and is honoured to have them as a partner and neighbour in downtown Edmonton.

“We’re honoured to support Boyle Street Community Services in their mission to end chronic homelessness in Edmonton. Their work to provide cultural, mental health, and family supports is critical for many of our neighbours in the downtown core. The Capital Power team is immensely proud to help bring the okimaw peyeseew kamik facility to fruition.”



Champion Petfoods

Nominated by
Edmonton Humane Society

Being a partner to the communities that surround them is a top priority for Champion Petfoods. They have supported the Edmonton Humane Society (EHS) for over 20 years by donating pet food, sponsoring adoption events, and the Champion Kids Program, which recognizes the leadership of young philanthropists, providing them with opportunities to learn and encourage others to give their time and talent to support the EHS mission. As the title sponsor of Run/Walk for Pets at Pets in the Park, Champion Petfoods supported EHS to raise over \$25,000. Hometown Hockey is another community event that they sponsor to benefit EHS. In 2022, they matched \$10,000 for Giving Tuesday donations. Thanks to Champion Petfoods' philanthropic spirit, EHS continues to help connect animals and people through advocacy, education, and community engagement.

“Champion believes strongly in supporting our communities, and we’ve partnered with EHS to support the great work they do ... to improve the lives of pets and Pet Lovers every day ... we are proud to be the lead sponsor for important initiatives including Pet Adoption Events, Pets in the Park event, and the Champion Kids Fundraising Initiative.”

– Champion Petfoods



Co-op

Nominated by
Mental Health Foundation

After seeing their neighbours, friends, colleagues, and members struggling with isolation and a lack of mental health supports in their rural communities, Co-op wanted to find a way that could bring their staff and members together. The “Communities in Mind” till campaign began in Vermillion, AB with one participating Co-op trading area and 16 stores.

Since 2020, the campaign has expanded to include 5 Co-op regions, over 85 stores, and has raised over \$135,000 for mental health resources and programs in rural communities across the province from Valleyview to Carstairs. With plans to continue growing this campaign, the Mental Health Foundation is inspired by their growth in fundraising, commitment to improving mental health resources in their communities, and desire to make life better where they live, work, and play.

“We’re inspired by the generosity of our communities towards our Communities in Mind campaign. We’re grateful for the dedication of our team, sister Co-op’s, owners, and MHF for their dedication towards the campaign’s success. We can’t wait to see what’s possible as the campaign grows provincially and increases support for mental health initiatives.”

– Jordyn Prior, Marketing Manager,
Cornerstone Co-operative



David J. Cooper

Nominated by
Bissell Centre

David and Liz Cooper are dedicated supporters of many local and international charities. Bissell Centre is honoured to be one of the beneficiaries of their philanthropic activities. Hailing from post-war England and later settling in Canada, David and Liz personally encountered hardships, sparking their dedication to supporting organizations that focus on alleviating poverty and supporting youth. Notably, David, an accountant, has selflessly volunteered his skills with Bissell Centre to help hundreds of people file taxes and connect with financial supports. David persevered alongside Bissell Centre during the COVID-19 pandemic—a period of constant change and uncertainty—and continues to support the organization today. He exemplifies the values Bissell Centre holds at its core—namely integrity. Through this nomination, Bissell Centre would like to recognize David and Liz Cooper for their years of service and support.

“Once I had retired, I wanted to offer my skills and time to help those facing poverty and homelessness. Given my accounting and finance background, helping low-income people with their taxes seemed an excellent fit. Bissell provided solid training and support. Staff have provided enduring, dedicated and well-informed support that has enhanced my volunteer experience, especially during the covid lockdown.”



Don and Jacqui Smith

Nominated by
CASA Mental Health

Don and Jacqui Smith are long-time supporters of CASA Mental Health, donating both their time and money to various initiatives through the Smith Family Foundation. Since 2012, they have donated over \$500,000 in support of CASA, and often exceed their fundraising goals through matching gifts. Don and Jacqui's generosity supports many priorities, like the FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Program, which aligns caregivers with trained peer support staff who have lived experience navigating mental health services. In addition to their financial contributions, Don and Jacqui often volunteer in their local community and their commitment to giving back and making a difference in the lives of children and youth is evident in all they do. Through this nomination, CASA would like to recognize Don and Jacqui Smith for their generosity to improving the mental health of children, youth and families in Alberta.

“Supporting children’s mental health is not just an act of compassion, but a commitment to nurturing resilient minds and brighter futures. Every donation to the Children’s Mental Health Charity is an investment in the emotional well-being of our youngest generation, helping them overcome challenges and thrive in a world that needs their potential.”



Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation

Nominated by Boyle Street Community Services

The Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation has contributed time, energy and effort to create a city that is an accepting, caring community for all Edmontonians through its support of charities across the province.

A critical partner in the Build with Boyle Campaign, EOCF stepped forward with an amazing 10-million-dollar contribution to ensure that vulnerable Edmontonians experiencing poverty and homelessness would have a beautiful and dignified space to receive services.

Boyle Street Community Services is profoundly grateful to partner with the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation to build a downtown core inclusive to all.

“Thanks to the unwavering generosity of Albertans, the EOCF has invested over \$37 million over the past two seasons alone - changing thousands of lives across Oil Country. The unmatched passion and community spirit of the fans and charities across the province has made me forever grateful to be the EOCF Board Chair and truly proud to be an Albertan.”



Financial Services Group

Nominated by
Edmonton Community Foundation

In 2017, the owners of Financial Services Group, Gary, Myrna, and Scott Kwasnecha established the Financial Services Group Community Trust Fund at the Edmonton Community Foundation. Their goal was to create a sense of community involvement for both their staff and the clients they serve in the greater Edmonton area. The company would match staff contributions to the fund and actively promote philanthropic conversations with their clients as part of their overall financial planning. The fund has grown very quickly since it was established and has already provided cumulative grants nearing \$22,000 to very worthy charities in our community. Not only that, but these philanthropic conversations have also inspired many of their clients to create their own funds to further impact our community for generations to come.

“It’s been a real pleasure working with Gary, Myrna, Scott and everybody else at FSG over the last several years. This company truly cares for the community and the people in it. The Financial Services Group Community Trust Fund is going to make a huge difference for a very long time. It’s a wonderful legacy for great people.”



Impactica

Nominated by
Wellspring Alberta

Since the inception of Wellspring Alberta's Edmonton House, the Brown family under the banner of Impactica (formerly Heron Printing) has been an unwavering pillar of support. Their in-kind printing donations are the cornerstone of Wellspring's marketing and communications efforts. This partnership extends Wellspring's reach, effectively promoting resources and events. Impactica's printed materials, including resourceful posters and outreach brochures, help the organization achieve cost savings. This collaboration enhances Wellspring's impact, offering a comforting hand to those facing cancer in the community. Through their generosity, Impactica enriches the narrative of compassion and philanthropy, leaving an indelible mark on Wellspring's mission to provide a warm and welcoming community so anyone living with cancer and the people who care for them can improve the quality of their lives.

"Like so many, our family has been touched by cancer. We want to support others who are going through the challenges and difficult emotions that can happen after a cancer diagnosis. We see how Wellspring is integral to the wellness of those going through cancer, how it enriches lives. We're honored to be nominated for the National Philanthropy Day Award."



Jarred Chipchura

Nominated by
Boyle Street Community Services

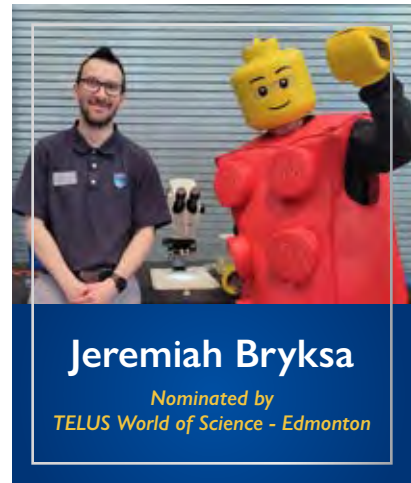
Jarred Chipchura was one of Boyle Street's first volunteers after the 2022 relaunch and was integral in helping to roll out a new volunteer program.

Every Sunday, as a volunteer within the Managed Alcohol Program, Jarred brings something new and fun to share with our community. From ice cream to board games, Jarred always seems to go the extra mile.

Not only does he engage in fun unique programming he has also tried to learn brew tasks and cleaning steps for the program. Jarred has built important relationships with Edmontonians experiencing poverty and homelessness and treats everyone with respect, patience and understanding.

Boyle Street is grateful to honour Jarred for his community spirit.

"I continue to dedicate my time with Boyle Street because I am grateful for the opportunities and support I am given in building enriching relationships with and learning from our community members. The generosity and graciousness I have seen from staff and volunteers at Boyle Street sets the standing for building respecting and accepting communities."



Jeremiah Bryksa

Nominated by
TELUS World of Science - Edmonton

TELUS World of Science Edmonton (TWOSE) is honored to nominate Jeremiah Bryksa, an esteemed 2023 Science Fellow, for a National Philanthropy Day award. Jeremiah's profound impact on the community is unmistakable. As an applied chemist on NAIT's Clean Technologies team, he leads pivotal research on microplastics in the North Saskatchewan River. Demonstrating exemplary philanthropy, Jeremiah decided to donate his Science Fellowship honorarium to TWOSE, allowing under-served students to attend TWOSE's science education programs. His gift inspired NAIT and InterPipeline to make matching donations. Jeremiah's dedication also shines in his volunteer commitment to public science outreach at TWOSE events, educating about microplastics, and supporting the Walking Together fundraiser for TWOSE's Indigenous Access Fund, exemplifying his award-worthy passion for philanthropy and community enrichment.

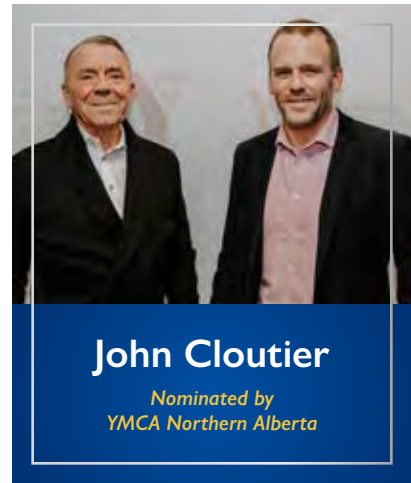
"Through collaboration with TWOSE, I have witnessed the amazing work that goes on behind the scenes. Everyone is passionate about science, which is expected, but they are also very inclusive and caring. Supporting the Susan Peacock Student Access Fund and the Indigenous Access Fund are amazing ways to remove barriers for youth to celebrate science and ignite curiosity at TWOSE."





Jennifer Mikula and Jan Wallace are an inspiring reminder of the power of giving. They motivate others to live generously and contribute to the community's greater good. These two neighbors started a business and philanthropy partnership to raise \$10,000 for CASA's Minds Over Mountains Cycle tour, but they surpassed that goal, raising more than \$250,000 for CASA through their company, JJ Wool Company. Children and youth at CASA have benefited from JJ Wool's contributions over the past seven years. Donated funds have supported CASA's Indigenous Wellness Program, which provides Indigenous-informed mental health care for children, youth, their families and community residing on their nation or in Edmonton. Through this nomination, CASA would like to recognize this pair of enthusiastic cyclists for their generous contributions to CASA and to many other worthy causes and organizations in our community.

"...with Every Child Matters as our focus every day, we rode with heavy hearts as more children's graves were discovered in unmarked graves during the week of the (2021) ride. All funds raised will go towards the Indigenous programming at CASA."



John Cloutier has a particular passion for the healthy development of young people in the community and gives generously of his time, support, and talents as a champion of the YMCA Northern Alberta. Both personally and through his business, Nordic Mechanical Inc., John has been a generous and consistent partner since 1997 supporting YMCA golf tournaments, the Welcome Village Capital Campaign in 2010-12, numerous community outreach programs and the YMCA Opportunity Fund.

In 2009 John created the Youth and Community Endowment Fund, which provides support each year for youth and families in need. Collectively, his support has exceeded \$1.2 Million, which has been transformational for the services and programs the YMCA provides. As a business leader and philanthropist, John exemplifies what it means to be a true community builder.

"The YMCA holds a special place in my heart because they truly get what it means to build community. A society only thrives if everyone succeeds, and the Y works hard at that every single day."



Lloyd Sadd Insurance Brokers

Nominated by
Edmonton Humane Society

For almost 30 years, Lloyd Sadd Insurance Brokers has supported the Edmonton Humane Society (EHS), and together, they have created a long-term partnership that fosters success. Lloyd Sadd hosts fundraisers such as Puttin Fore Paws: Drive, Dine and Dogs, participates in EHS events by selling cotton candy at the Pets in the Park Festival, and matches their employee donations. Their collaboration has grown over the years, and EHS is proud to be one of Lloyd Sadd's charities of choice. Through their efforts to support animal well-being, Lloyd Sadd has combined their love of animals and generosity, inspiring others to do the same. These two organizations have formed a cherished relationship and EHS is honored to continue the path to being a model of excellence in the advancement of animal welfare with their support.

"...EHS has a very soft, furry place in our hearts...animals are an important part of our lives and we want to support a future where the love they provide is reciprocated and expanded to others. EHS fills in a great need for our community...providing a conduit for recovery, shelter, and adoption..."

– Chris Smith, Lloyd Sadd Insurance Brokers



Pet Valu

Nominated by
Edmonton Humane Society

Pet Valu, Canada's leading retailer of pet food and supplies, has earned the trust of pet parents for over 40 years. They are deeply committed to giving back through their Companions for Change Program. In 2022, this program donated \$100,000 to the Edmonton Humane Society (EHS) to fund the PALS (Prevent Another Litter Subsidy) mobile surgical unit which travels into neighborhoods to make low-cost spay/neuter services more accessible. Thanks to their donation, over 300 surgeries were conducted with a mobile unit. Their belief in helping pets (and people) in need aligns with the objective of the Humane Society's PALS program. Pet Valu dedicates significant efforts towards fundraising for pets and pet parents in need. The collective love of animals and concern for their welfare is what bonds Pet Valu and EHS together.

"Since 2018, Pet Valu has been supporting animal organizations achieve larger capital projects with Companions for Change grants."

– Pet Valu



Picture This! Framing & Gallery

Nominated by
Wellspring Alberta

For over a decade, Carol and Rollie LaMarche of Picture This! Framing & Gallery have woven a remarkable tale of support for Wellspring Alberta. Since 2009, their commitment to the cause has shone brightly. Through their Masterpieces in Miniature art show fundraiser, they have orchestrated a symphony of giving, raising over \$40,000. With a brushstroke of generosity, Carol, along with the Picture This! Team, has united artists from across North America to donate their artworks towards the fundraiser. Their gallery becomes a canvas where creativity meets compassion. Carol and Rollie's philanthropic spirit, a tapestry woven with care, inspires the community. Their masterpiece of generosity echoes through Wellspring, an ode to the unwavering strength that blooms when hearts unite for a greater good. Through this nomination, Wellspring Alberta would like to recognize Carol and Rollie LaMarche for their generosity and compassion.

"We're committed to community giving, with Wellspring Alberta being one of our supported charities. Their vital programs restore dignity and control often lost after a cancer diagnosis, aiding confidence, coping, willpower, and spirit. Picture This! Framing and Gallery, along with our artist community, have contributed over \$46,000 to this cause through the Masterpieces in Miniature Art show."



Rohit Group of Companies

Nominated by Edmonton Mennonite Center for Newcomers

The Rohit Group of Companies has been a prominent player in residential and commercial development for thirty-seven years, earning recognition for its charitable contributions in Edmonton.

In 2019, during expansion plans, the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN) moved to a more prominent downtown location. Seizing an opportunity to make a difference, the community-oriented Rohit Group of Companies swiftly acquired the building after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Drawing from their immigrant experience, they emphasized the importance of aiding newcomers and committed a generous \$2.5 million donation to EMCN over five years.

This funding ensures uninterrupted EMCN services, facilitating a smooth transition for immigrants and refugees as they settle into Canadian life. The Rohit Group's dedication to enriching the community is an inspiring example of corporate philanthropy.

“While many countries face scarcity, Canada thrives with abundance. At Rohit Group, we’ve learned that by inviting more people to the table, we can achieve success. Understanding the benefit of giving is the true path to receiving.”

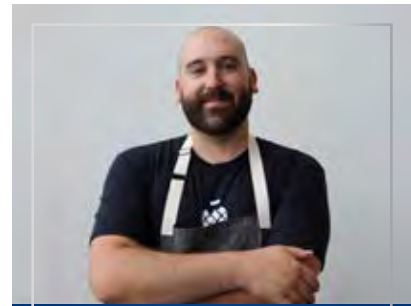


Servus Credit Union

Nominated by Catholic Social Services

Catholic Social Services is pleased to recognize Servus Credit Union's generous contributions to our community. Servus builds strength and prosperity in our province by working with more than 400 Alberta organizations, including CSS. They approach partnerships the same way they approach everything – by establishing relationships that benefit their members and communities. Servus has partnered with CSS for the last 38 years through event sponsorships and their Employee Payroll Campaign, supporting mental health initiatives and immigration support programs. Servus is a Sign of Hope for those in our community who benefit from their generosity.

“Servus approaches partnerships the same way they approach everything – by establishing relationships benefitting their members and communities.”



Steven Brochu Owner of Milkcrate

Nominated by Boyle Street Community Services

Steven Brochu, the owner of Milkcrate in EPCOR Tower, has been a staunch supporter of Boyle Street Community Services and an engaged neighbour dedicated to creating an inclusive community for all citizens.

Steven and his team at Milkcrate are advocates for Edmonton's most vulnerable and continue to show immense compassion towards people from all walks of life. Steven has created a culture of community responsibility and kindness amongst his staff that is exemplary for local businesses.

Boyle Street Community Services is proud and extremely grateful to have the friendship and support of Steven and the community he has created at Milkcrate.

“Boyle Street Community Services is doing important work. They are willing to roll up their sleeves and have hard conversations and share even harder moments with Edmonton’s most vulnerable. While others look away or take the easy way out Boyle Street is a constant staple. They care so much for their community and are striving to make our city stronger.”



The Brick

Nominated by
Boyle Street Community Services

The Brick has been a constant and caring neighbour to Boyle Street Community Services for over 50 years. The relationship between The Brick and Boyle Street is one of deep respect and compassion. As a staple in the downtown community, The Brick has been an unyielding advocate for Edmontonians experiencing poverty and homelessness.

The Brick has worked with Boyle Street to welcome staff and community as their new neighbours as a part of the Build with Boyle Campaign and made a significant contribution of 500,000 dollars to the project.

The Brick has stood beside Boyle Street at every turn throughout this campaign, showing support when needed, and celebrating successes and achievements along the way.

Boyle Street is grateful to honour The Brick for its role in creating a thriving and welcoming space for everyone in Downtown Edmonton.

“For over 50 years, The Brick has taken immense pride to call Boyle Street Community Services our neighbours, it’s important we foster a safe, respectful and healthy environment for all community members, especially those most vulnerable. As supporters of okimaw-peyese-w-kamik we’re thrilled to have the opportunity to help make this vision possible so all Edmontonians can share a brighter future.”



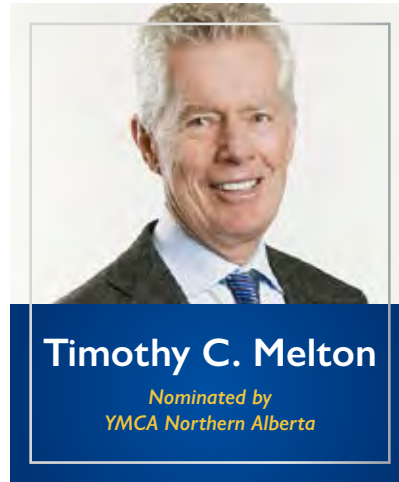
The Gupta Family

Nominated by Edmonton
Mennonite Center for Newcomers

The Gupta Family, founders of Rohit Communities and the Rohit Group of Companies, exemplify the true spirit of giving back and creating solid foundations for families to thrive. With a remarkable journey that began as newcomers to Canada, Radhe and Krishna Gupta have shown unwavering gratitude towards the community that welcomed and supported them for over 35 years.

The Gupta Family’s commitment to empowering and uplifting newcomers reflects their deep understanding of the transformative impact of community support. Their dedication to making a difference inspires others, and their generosity will continue to positively impact the lives of countless individuals as they begin their journey in a new country.

“Giving back to the community connects our employees and family members to a deeper sense of meaning and purpose. We always aim to serve the needs of individuals while adhering to our own values. In doing so, we try to set an example for the next generation. That is our basic duty—and, ultimately, liberating.”



Timothy C. Melton

Nominated by
YMCA Northern Alberta

Tim Melton has forever shaped the YMCA of Northern Alberta through his many decades of generous commitment to empowering our community. Tim served on the YMCA Board of Directors for many years and was also Chair of the Board. Serving as Board Advisor since 1992, Tim officially stepped back from his role this year.

Tim has led many critical capital and community campaigns, including the “Shape Up Your Future” campaign in 1986-87, the “Partners for a New Tomorrow” campaign in 1995-97 and the “Straight from the Heart” campaign in 2003-05. Tim’s leadership resulted in over \$18.4 Million raised through these campaigns.

Tim also served as Honorary Chairman of the YMCA Welcome Village Capital Campaign in 2010-12. The facility was named the Melcor YMCA Village in recognition of the generous lead gift of \$1.5 Million he dedicated to the project.

“I think the YMCA is an organization that is very good at responding to community needs at the grassroots level I find that the more that you put into this organization, the more you end up getting out.”



TransAlta Corporation

Nominated by United Way of the Alberta Capital Region

TransAlta has supported the United Way for more than 50 years, raising approximately \$5 million dollars locally. They engage staff as well as retirees, vendors, and contractors, hosting events throughout the year, including during shutdowns when they can engage a larger group of individuals.

Year-round engagement with United Way in Parkland County increases participation and awareness of community impact. TransAlta recently organized two successful events. Firstly, they hosted a poverty simulation for their staff to educate them on the significance of community support and how United Way helps people living in poverty. Secondly, they organized a first annual golf tournament that will be aimed at raising funds and awareness for the United Way.

“It gives us purpose and allows us to get in front of people to connect with them for a good cause. We enjoy the public speaking, individual conversations and unique challenge every year’s campaign brings. It is seeing our leaders come together with staff to support the neighboring communities and individuals and families in their time of need.”



VETS Group

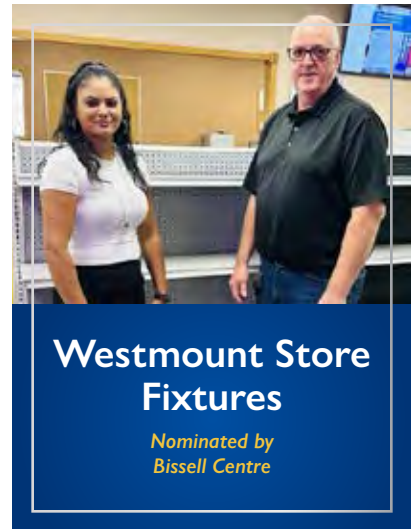
Nominated by Little Warriors

To keep operational costs down at the Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch, Little Warriors relies on companies that donate their time, talent, treasure, and expertise. VETS Group is a treasured partner that steps up year after year to donate the service work on the camp’s furnaces, hot water tanks and air conditioners. Additionally, the VETS Group team volunteers for work/clean-up days at the Be Brave Ranch and donates the proceeds from their annual golf tournament.

Little Warriors values this partnership with this community-minded company that, by giving back, is making a tremendous difference in the lives of children, youth and families impacted by child sexual abuse.

“The fact that the Be Brave Ranch NEEDS to exist hurts me. The work they do at the Ranch with kids to overcome the trauma of childhood sexual abuse is hard work for the staff and the kids. Supporting Little Warriors and the ranch at our expense with our services, is an easy choice.”

– Sean Rayner, President and CEO



Westmount Store Fixtures

Nominated by Bissell Centre

Westmount Store Fixtures and Bissell Thrift Shop share a commitment to people-centred services and collaborative community impact. With over 62 years of experience providing fixtures to Canadian businesses and organizations, Westmount Store Fixtures reached out to forge a meaningful partnership with Bissell Centre.

In a significant show of support, Westmount Store Fixtures has generously pledged \$100,000 in store inventory to Bissell’s Thrift Shops. These programs play a vital role in providing free basic necessities such as clothing and hygiene products to those experiencing poverty and houselessness through voucher programs, hampers, and Community Closet initiatives.

Westmount Store Fixtures has also improved the shopping experience by installing new shelving units, creating a dignified and welcoming atmosphere. This support enhances the impact of both organizations in the community.

“Westmount Store Fixtures and Bissell Thrift Shop share a commitment to people-centred services and collaborative community impact.”



Education

Recognizes people, companies and groups who have engaged in acts of charity, and in giving of their time, talent and resources to improve the overall level of education and knowledge in our community.



Altus Group

Nominated by
REET Institute

As the presenting sponsor and scholarship sponsor for the REET Institute's 8-week program supporting racialized youth in the field of commercial real estate, Altus Group has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to advancing diversity and inclusion within the industry.

Notably, Altus Group's support extends beyond financial contributions, as they have actively engaged with the program's scholars by offering mentorship and summer internships. This proactive involvement creates valuable opportunities for hands-on learning and professional growth, ensuring that these young individuals are well-prepared for success in any career they choose to pursue.

Altus Group's dedication to fostering a diverse and inclusive future in the commercial real estate field is commendable. Their contributions have had a profound impact on the lives of these aspiring professionals, equipping them with the essential tools, experiences, and guidance needed to excel and make a lasting positive impact within the industry."

"Altus Group is committed to cultivating nontraditional community partnerships. The REET program allows us to partner with an organization that is focused on building a new generation of future BIPOC leaders within the CRE industry."

– Ernestine Julue, Manager - Talent, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Altus Group



Butler Family Foundation

Nominated by Boys & Girls Clubs
Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Edmonton & Area Society

The Butler Family Foundation has been a supporter of Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters (BGCBigS) since 2008, most recently providing a grant of \$20,000 to support the Educational Supports programming, which is focused on tutoring and reading programs that ensure children living in poverty have the tools, resources, and supports needed to graduate high school and achieve success into adulthood. Their funding directly supports their value of education and the life-long pursuit of knowledge. It provides necessary educational curriculum and tutoring support to the children and youth who need it most, all while enabling BGCBigS to offer support, direction and leadership to enhance all current program planning through educational frameworks. BGCBigS is honoured to nominate the Butler Family Foundation for this 2023 National Philanthropy Day Award.

"Thank you for the nomination. Complex community issues rely on leaders like Liz O'Neil and the capacity-building and collaborative spirit of BGCBigS. Their motivational work inspires and engages citizens, such as myself, to join together and try to make the Edmonton community a better place for children and families."

– Shannon Butler



Catherine Vu

Nominated by
NorQuest College Foundation

Catherine Vu is a true pillar of generosity and dedication to NorQuest College. Her longstanding support and selfless commitment have significantly enriched the lives of students on their educational journey. As the devoted chair of the 1000 Women Movement, Catherine has exemplified the spirit of empowerment by working tirelessly to dismantle barriers hindering students' pursuit of education. Her leadership has ignited hope and opened doors for countless individuals, fostering a transformative impact that resonates throughout the 1000 Women community. Catherine's unwavering advocacy and voluntary contributions are a testament to her profound belief in the power of education to shape brighter futures. With heartfelt gratitude, Norquest College honors Catherine Vu for her remarkable contributions and dedication to creating a world of possibilities for NorQuest College students.

"My life's goal is to make an impact. I believe we all have it in us to do this every day. Leading and supporting the 1000Women movement means I can help to remove barriers for women who may not have access to education. As an immigrant to Canada, I am deeply moved to "pay it forward" so others can succeed."



Dr. Pat McCormack

Nominated by University of Alberta

Dr. Pat McCormack is a University of Alberta Professor Emeritus of Native Studies whose philanthropy mirrors her career. Pat's scholarly body of work reflects her life-long commitment to the meticulous and nuanced study of the ethnohistory of the Indigenous communities she has worked with, and she has always encouraged the multiple perspectives of diverse viewpoints and voices of those in and outside the academy and from a broad spectrum of life experiences. This commitment can continue through Dr. McCormack's generous creation of an endowed lecture that invites speakers to the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta to further the scholarly study and dissemination of knowledge about the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in their complex, storied relationships with land, animals, spirituality, and more.

“Pat’s endowment will contribute to continued learning inside and outside of the academic, while retaining a commitment to scholarly rigor that, ultimately, will benefit Canadian society as a whole.”

– Chris Andersen, PhD, CEC
Professor and Dean
Faculty of Native Studies



Enbridge

Nominated by NorQuest College Foundation

Enbridge's invaluable support has transformed NorQuest College, serving as a beacon of inspiration and empowerment for students. Their generosity as a donor and title sponsor of 1000 Women - Inspiring Possibilities, demonstrates an unwavering commitment to education and the impact it has on one's life. By championing NorQuest College, Enbridge has illuminated pathways to success, enabling students to reach their fullest potential. Their partnership not only fosters academic growth but also nurtures a culture of possibility, shaping leaders and change-makers for the future. Enbridge's dedication to the college's aspiration to be a place where people come to transform their lives and find a place to belong resonates deeply, and their contributions create a lasting impact that will continue to uplift the lives of countless students.

“Enbridge recognizes the importance of industry leadership in advancing diversity within the workplace and is proud to partner with Norquest College on the 1000Women4Stem Program. We strive for diversity in our workforce because we understand that different backgrounds, abilities, and perspectives will help keep us innovative and dynamic and we invest in programs that empower people to achieve their potential!”



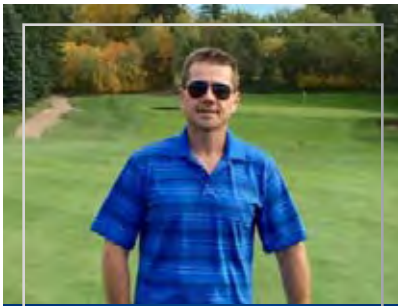
Javed Sommers

Nominated by The Faculty of Native Studies – University of Alberta

Javed Sommers is a wonderful friend, ally and advocate for the Faculty of Native Studies. Since Javed completed his MA in Native, he regularly draws on his knowledge when participating and engaging with religious, political, and activist communities to which he belongs. He also lives an active volunteer life and is deeply enriched and informed by his learnings from Native Studies.

Javed also established a “Javed Sommers Treaty 6 Bursary in Native Studies” Awarded to a student who is a Treaty 6 First Nation person of Canada enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree in the Faculty of Native Studies.

“As a settler student at the Faculty of Native Studies, I received mentorship and instruction that has been instrumental in pursuing my life’s passion of dismantling colonialism. Giving back to the Faculty is a way to say “thank you,” and more importantly to contribute in a small way to other students benefiting from their time at the Faculty too.”



Lakusta Family and Janice Hansuk

Nominated by NAIT - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

Ervin Lakusta strongly believed in the power of education and was eager to help students achieve their educational goals. After the tragic passing of his two sons in 2018, Ervin established a memorial bursary at NAIT in each of their names. His sons, Todd and Mark Lakusta, lived on in the students aided in their names in Engineering Design Technology and Chemical Technology. Ervin was heartened by students' messages of thanks and enjoyed reading each year how his donation helped others, so much so that when Ervin passed in 2022, his niece, Janice Hansuk, was committed to continuing this legacy. Janice established an endowment at NAIT to provide the Ervin Lakusta Memorial Bursary supporting a Geomatics Engineering Technology student each year. Through this nomination, NAIT would like to recognize Ervin Lakusta and his family for their generous support of education.

"[Setting up my Uncle's Memorial Bursary] was my first priority with his estate. Ervin delighted in getting cards from students and was so happy to support them in their education."

— Janice Hansuk



Lloyd Sadd Insurance

Nominated by NorQuest College Foundation

The NorQuest College Foundation is honored to recognize Lloyd Sadd Insurance for its vision, leadership, and philanthropic support of a new and inclusive, educational pathway into the insurance industry. Lloyd Sadd played an instrumental role in partnering with NorQuest on a new type of insurance training program designed to be more accessible to NorQuest's growing, diverse community. Lloyd Sadd also generously invested their time and expertise, as well as opened their network, allowing several other insurance industry partners to confirm their philanthropic support for the program. Thanks to Lloyd Sadd, a new, affordable, inclusive, and effective insurance professional training program is available at NorQuest College, providing a tangible pathway to a rewarding career in a growing industry here in Alberta.

"We're weirdly passionate about insurance and our goal is to inspire others to explore insurance as a rewarding career choice. As devoted brokers, we prioritize forging enduring partnerships, earning trust as advisors, and driving positive change. It's an honour to be nominated for NPD Award and it validates our purpose-driven commitment to creating lasting impacts within the communities we serve."



Michael Mountford

Nominated by MacEwan University

Throughout his enduring relationship with MacEwan University, Michael Mountford's generosity has translated into a lasting gift, dedicated to supporting students across the Alberta community. Michael started a bursary designed to provide critical financial aid to students from Northeast Alberta pursuing an accounting degree or CPA designation. Over the past two decades Michael has funded over 55 bursaries for MacEwan students while also building an endowment that will fund bursaries everlastingly.

The Michael Mountford Bursary is rooted in Mr. Mountford's passionate belief that creating impact rests on the principle of change through education. Michael's story exemplifies the extraordinary impact that everyday individuals can have when they embrace the role of change makers within the MacEwan community.

"Driving home from MacEwan from an evening group project session, I was t-boned at an intersection, where I sustained many fractures, and a brain injury. A year later, with MacEwan's aid, I resumed courses, adapted to my injuries, and attended Accounting Bootcamp, leading to CMA Entrance Exam success. Grateful for their help, I now support fellow accounting students at MacEwan as a token of my appreciation."



MIC Medical Imaging

Nominated by NAIT - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

MIC Medical Imaging is Alberta's largest radiology partnership. Since 2019, MIC Medical Imaging has offered NAIT the use of their Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) space, equipment and staff oversight to give students firsthand experience generating MRI diagnostic images. This generous gift-in-kind has provided hundreds of invaluable hours for students' experiential learning. "Not only did [having the opportunity to gain experience at MIC Medical Imaging] accelerate my capability as a student technologist, but it made the transition to a fast-paced, real-world setting smooth and comfortable," says MRI student Austin Harrison. The partnership between MIC Medical Imaging and NAIT enriches students' training, builds their confidence, and provides workforce ready graduates that make an immediate impact in our province. Through this nomination, NAIT would like to recognize MIC Medical Imaging for their commitment and generous support of student education.

"For us, this gift aligns with our organizational values and demonstrates support for our educational partners," says Brian de Haan, Director of Operations, MIC Medical Imaging. "It's a way we can make a meaningful contribution using our resources to help provide a more life-like experience for NAIT's MRI students."



Mr. Prakash Mullick

Nominated by University of Alberta

Prakash is a community crusader. An engineer by profession, Prakash came to Canada in 1962 with a Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship. While pursuing his career, Prakash spent his spare time volunteering – at one point working on 13 different community service organizations and activities. His endowments at the University of Alberta focus on Indigenous women in land conservation studies and dentistry, which are a result of his pursuit of education equality and environmentalism. Prakash's mother had only a Grade 4 education. She raised nine children, all of whom acquired at least two university degrees. Prakash's father was a dentist who ensured his children could pursue university education without financial hardship. Prakash considers education as the best equalizer and that giving back is the best way to express his sincerest thanks to Canada and to honor his parents.

"Supporting education creates a ripple effect across our community for generations. Nobody can take away your education. My journey started with generosity made many years ago, now I can pay it forward to keep the momentum going. Thank you very much Canada and please continue to welcome immigrants and provide them opportunities to succeed in life."

– Mr. Prakash Mullick



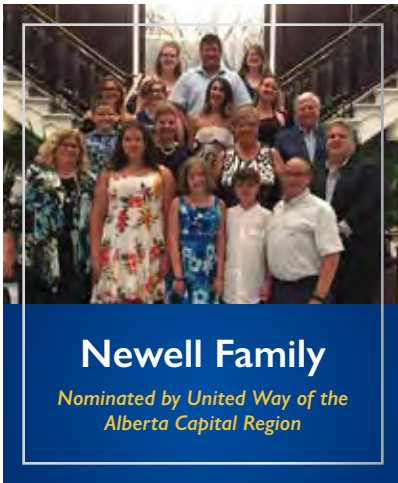
Myshak Group of Companies

Nominated by NAIT - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

The Myshak Group of Companies is a family owned and operated service group, supplying crane and equipment rentals and other services across Canada. Over the past 20 years, Myshak has provided support to help NAIT students gain firsthand experience. Recently they donated the use of a boom truck and a rough terrain crane valued at \$1.2 million, as well as assisted NAIT with the procurement of an all-terrain crane. Myshak is also supporting students by donating \$10,000 to create scholarships for a boom truck apprentice and a mobile crane apprentice. The scholarships are one way the company is encouraging more people to complete the training needed to become job ready. Through this nomination, NAIT would like to recognize Myshak Group of Companies for their long-standing commitment to investing in training the next generation of skilled trades workers.

"We need to know there is a good group of people coming behind us, not only for our business growth but also for succession planning as the workforce ages. Myshak values the training provided by NAIT."

– Jeremy Sparks,
Myshak Vice President
and General Manager



Newell Family

Nominated by United Way of the Alberta Capital Region

The United Way of the Alberta Capital Region proudly recognizes the Newell family's exceptional contributions and unwavering support towards vulnerable youth and education through its All In For Youth initiative. The Newell family are exemplary philanthropists, embodying the spirit of giving and making a tangible difference in the lives of vulnerable youth.

In addition to their financial contributions, they share their insights and seek opportunities for collaboration and programming enhancements. Their dedication to improving the lives of vulnerable youth is inspiring. Their advocacy and philanthropy have profoundly affected countless individuals in our community.

“We believe in the connection between education and poverty and how graduating from high school makes a substantial difference in a person’s future. We love the adaptability and uniqueness of AIFY as the resource team assesses the individual support required for each child and family, whether it’s through access to food, recreation, emotional support, or education.”



Patti Hergott

Nominated by NorQuest College Foundation

NorQuest College Foundation would like to recognize Patti Hergott for her long-standing dedication and support of the Shine Campaign. Established in 2001, NorQuest College's internal fundraising campaign Shine has raised over \$1.2 million in support of student scholarships and bursaries, emergency assistance, and program funds. Patti has been supporting Shine for almost 20 years through donations to the college as well as volunteering her time. She has been heavily involved with the Shine Committee, sitting as the Shine Chair for multiple years, helping drive internal fundraising and awareness of the campaign. Patti knows the difference this makes in Norquest students' lives by easing their financial burden and building confidence for their success. Patti is a NorQuest difference-maker!

“Education can change your path and open new doors. NorQuest’s Shine campaign lifts students in a non traditional manner, recognizing strengths they bring into our classrooms and community, providing them additional strength and recognition of what they can and will accomplish. Being a small part of that lift assures me our communities and families are stronger with these students succeeding.”



Pembina Pipeline Corp.

Nominated by TELUS World of Science - Edmonton

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton (TWOSE) is proud of the partnership with the Pembina Pipeline Corporation. Pembina has shown a remarkable commitment to the community by supporting the Pembina Indigenous Garden, *nêhiyaw’kiscikân’sihk*, at TWOSE. This unique space, developed with Indigenous stakeholders, opened in 2022 and reconnects Indigenous and non-Indigenous guests with ways of knowing while igniting a passion for natural sciences through land-based programs. Furthermore, Pembina's dedication to fostering relationships with Indigenous communities is evident in their support of TWOSE on National Indigenous People's Day, generously providing food and staff for the BBQ for the past two years. Their invaluable contribution promotes the intertwining of science and Indigenous ways of knowing and greatly impacts the vitality of our community.

*“Pembina works alongside Indigenous communities to promote Indigenous values, support spiritual, social and economic well-being, and advance reconciliation. Supporting the Pembina Indigenous Garden, *nêhiyaw’kiscikân’sihk*, at Telus World of Science – Edmonton is allowing for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to learn about the connections between science and ways of knowing and creating moments for cultural exchange in our community.”*



Shoppers Drug Mart continues demonstrating their dedication to pharmaceutical primary care through pharmacy education, students, and research. With their recent contribution of \$1.44 million dollars to the University of Alberta Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science, they established the Shoppers Drug Mart Research Primary Care Fund. This investment in research will help create opportunities for significant advancements and contributions for pharmacists and the high-quality care they provide. Shoppers Drug Mart has also supported pharmacy students in rural placements and primary care initiatives within the faculty.

“Investing in the future of healthcare in Canada means investing in pharmacy education and research” “We are honoured to be among the nominees for this years National Philanthropy Day Award from the University of Alberta. As a company, our hope is that our contribution towards primary care research here at the University of Alberta Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will lead to better health outcomes for Canadians.”

Stephen M.L. Anderson has orchestrated a remarkable story of philanthropy, inclusivity, and transformation. In an act of generosity, he established a visionary endowment with MacEwan University, the Stephen M.L. Anderson Award. This award is dedicated to supporting 2SLGBTQ+ students at MacEwan and encouraging the award recipients to contribute to a more inclusive society. Stephen’s dedication goes beyond financial support. He is also an active and influential member of MacEwan’s Centre for Sexual Gender and Diversity Campaign Cabinet. In this role, he has magnified the reach and impact of the Centre, enabling it to encourage the full and equitable participation of sexual and gender minorities on campus and in society. A trailblazer in his commitment to fostering social change, Stephen’s actions echo with purpose and have left an enduring mark on MacEwan and the wider community.

“It is important to me to support 2SLGBTQ+ students as they continue their journey of enlightenment, and gain tools to articulate themselves in meaningful ways. People are the heartbeat of a civilized society. Creating space where the next generation feels safe to explore, and expand on the ideas of those who came before affords students the liberty to share their unique gifts.”





Environment

Recognizes people, companies and groups who have engaged in acts of charity, and in giving of their time, talent and resources to better our environment.



For more than 10 years, Mission Building Supplies, a locally owned and operated contractor lumber company, has been supporting Habitat for Humanity Edmonton ReStores, with donations totalling over \$100,000. Supporting and giving back to the communities that they help build is a passion for Mission Building Supplies. The company regularly donates quality building supply products that are sold in ReStores to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity’s charitable work. Profits from ReStores support Habitat for Humanity’s mission to bring communities together to help families build strength, stability, and independence through affordable homeownership. Through this nomination, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton would like to recognize Mission Building Supplies for their reliable and generous support over the years, and for helping Habitat for Humanity Edmonton to fulfill their vision of a community where everyone has a decent place to live.

“A key member of our staff pushed really hard for us to think about supporting Habitat and the ReStores. You don’t want to ignore good people on your team. It is the “helping people help themselves” aspect of Habitat that keeps us donating year after year.”

– Don Clements, President – Mission Building Supplies



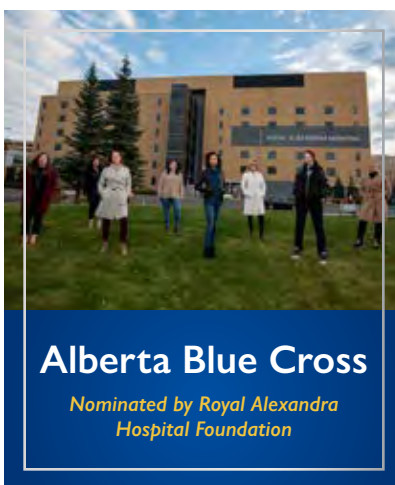
Health

Recognizes people, companies, and groups who have engaged in acts of charity, and in giving of their time, talent and resources to better their community and the health of others.



United Way of the Alberta Capital Region is thrilled to nominate Alberta Blue Cross for their exceptional dedication to promoting menstrual equity through their support of United Way's *Period Promise* initiative. As the inaugural sponsor of *Period Promise*, Alberta Blue Cross (ABC) showed leadership on this critical issue and was also an early signatory of the *Period Promise Pledge*, a commitment to ensuring free menstrual products are readily available onsite for staff and stakeholders. They didn't stop there: the ABC team kickstarted the first-ever *Period Promise LinkedIn Challenge*, encouraging local workplaces to get involved by signing the pledge and hosting drives for menstrual products. Alberta Blue Cross has been a partner of United Way for 30 years and wholeheartedly supports the entire community.

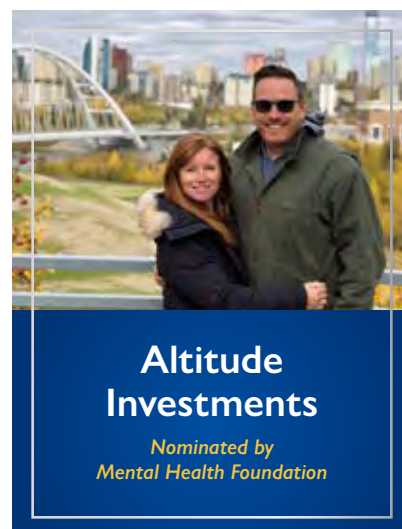
“Alberta Blue Cross is pleased to sponsor Period Promise, an initiative led by the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region. Period Promise aligns with our commitment to advancing wellbeing and gender equity across Alberta, by ensuring free access to menstrual products in the school system, through social service agencies and other organizations as well as employers.”



Alberta Blue Cross' 75-year dedication to healthier lives extends far beyond insurance, and also supports many community well-being initiatives throughout Alberta. The organization's relationship with the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation runs deep, cemented through a vital partnership in 1999, and now touts many achievements—particularly around women's health. In collaboration with the Lois Hole Hospital Women's Society, Alberta Blue Cross played an integral role in expanding “What The Health,” a women's health lecture series that has since grown into a province-wide platform for crucial healthcare discussions reaching hundreds of viewers each month. Their support also bolstered the Alberta Women's Health Foundation's launch in 2021, driving essential research and funding at the Women and Children's Health Research Institute. Their legacy is one of advancing women's health, fostering healthcare equity, and enhancing access.

“As an organization focused on positively impacting the health and wellbeing of our customers and communities, Alberta Blue Cross applauds the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation's commitment to improving the health of Albertans. We proudly support numerous initiatives including the Access 24/7 mental health centre, the women's health lecture series, and advocacy efforts to support women's health.”

— Brian Geislinger,
Senior Vice-President, Corporate Relations and Community Engagement



The Mental Health Foundation (MHF) is pleased to recognize the leadership of Altitude Investments. After two years of cancelled events, and last-minute virtual event changes, Altitude Investments remained steadfast in their commitment to being the presenting partner of the Foundation's largest fundraising event, the Annual Breakfast. They are an organization who truly lives their values. For Altitude, making an impact means lifting people up, from employees and shareholders to our businesses and city.

Chris and Lisa LaBossiere of Altitude Investments gave lift to MHF's 2023 Annual Breakfast by executing a personal appeal within their network to source underwriter donors to cover event costs. Their efforts led to the Foundation's most successful Breakfast event of all time, raising over \$425,000. The Mental Health Foundation is incredibly lucky to have the generous support of Altitude.

“Everyone experiences mental health. Promoting mental wellness and standing by each other during adversity are essential for building a more resilient and compassionate society.”

At Altitude, our core purpose is to create lift. A future where everyone's struggles are acknowledged and comprehensive support leads to healing and hope is the best investment we can make.”

— Chris LaBossiere,
CEO Altitude Investments



Assiff Family

Nominated by
Make-A-Wish Canada

The Assiff family first became involved with Make-A-Wish Canada in 2017 when their daughter, Lila Assiff, rallied her school to raise funds for the organization. Through Lila's student leadership, the school raised \$10,000 that year. Since then, the Assiff family has supported wishes through a variety of initiatives. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Lila organized a mask fundraiser and Assiff Law Office matched her sales. In 2022, when Lila's younger sister Sarina attended school, she was inspired to follow her sister's footsteps and rallied the school to raise over \$10,000 again. In spring 2023, mom Angie Assiff became a Women for Wishes participant and raised over \$15,000. In 2023, to celebrate 10 years of business, Assiff Law Office made a \$100,000 gift to grant ten wishes. Through this nomination, Make-A-Wish Edmonton would like to recognize the Assiff family for their generous support.

“Make-A-Wish brings hope and joy to children and their families in the hardest times. It’s an honour to play a small role in granting wishes. Supporting our community is important to our family! Over the past decade, we’ve had the privilege of meeting families and be inspired by their strength and perseverance. It’s truly a blessing to work with Make-A-Wish.”



Ben Stelter Foundation

Nominated by
Stollery Children's Hospital

The Stollery Children's Hospital is honoured to recognize the Ben Stelter Foundation for their incredible commitment to improving the lives and outcomes of children living with cancer.

The legacy of Ben's big heart and generosity has inspired and connected our community. In his honour, the Ben Stelter Foundation supports innovative, outcome-based oncology research and has recently launched the Ben Stelter Equipment Program, which aims to reduce the financial burden for families who require specialized equipment to safely return home from the hospital.

The Stollery Children's Hospital is a proud partner of the Ben Stelter Foundation and is grateful to recognize them with this award on behalf of all children and families experiencing pediatric cancers.

“The Ben Stelter Fund was created to continue the legacy of Ben's big heart and generosity. Our goal is to help children fighting Glioblastoma and other cancers and to make a positive difference in the future of pediatric cancer.”

– Mike Stelter



Canadian Blockchain Consortium

Nominated by Glenrose
Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation

The Canadian Blockchain Consortium brings together the diverse community of blockchain business owners, developers, adopters and those interested in exploring this technology's transformative potential. As strong supporters of the innovation ecosystem, they committed to raise \$100,000 towards the Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) program at the Glenrose Hospital. BCI technology allows children with communication and mobility challenges the chance to interact, play and engage in ways that were never thought possible. The Canadian Blockchain Consortium's annual summit raised \$30,000 for the campaign, including proceeds from raffle items and NFT sales. Programs like BCI rely on community support, and we are beyond grateful to all the Canadian Blockchain Consortium members for helping us to fuel further advancements in rehabilitation.

“Supporting the first hospital foundation accepting donations in Bitcoin was an incredible honour. As parents ourselves, experiencing our children being able to communicate with us is something we know the impact of, being able to support transformational technology giving other families that impact is near and dear to our hearts!”



Caron Transportation Systems

Nominated by Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) Foundation

Since 1993, Caron Transportation has been a committed supporter of STARS. In 1997, Caron Transportation played a critical role in early aircraft initiatives for STARS, providing support for the BK139 helicopters. In 2006, Bruno Muller, the owner of Caron Transportation, provided significant leadership for STARS' Vision Critical Campaign for the AW139 helicopter in Edmonton. At the time, this helicopter was transformational for STARS operations. Since then, Caron Transportation has remained committed to STARS' critical care. As the first fleet in Western Canada to be ISO certified, Caron Transportation values the safety of its employees and the community. Caron Transportation has showcased excellence in business practices, philanthropy, and community engagement, and STARS deeply appreciates its continued support.

"It was an easy choice for me to begin supporting STARS years ago, and it continues to be an easy choice today. It's our privilege to support STARS in their excellent work of delivering help and hope directly to those who need it."

– Bruno Muller



Cathy Roozen

Nominated by University Hospital Foundation

Cathy Roozen is a recognized financial and business sector leader who has served the province through her work with the Allard Foundation and through the careful guidance she has offered to numerous community, educational and health care organizations. For more than 35 years, Cathy has been a generous supporter of the University Hospital Foundation. During her tenure, Cathy has supported nearly every area of health care including multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, stroke, prostate and urology care, cancer research and osseointegration. The University Hospital Foundation is grateful for Cathy's contributions as an active and inspiring philanthropic community leader to support health care advancements in Alberta and beyond.

"I support the University Hospital Foundation as they strive for excellence in patient care, support of translational research and attracting the best and brightest talent to our healthcare system."



Cure Cancer Foundation

Nominated by Alberta Cancer Foundation

The Alberta Cancer Foundation is proud to recognize the work of the Cure Cancer Foundation (CCF).

The CCF is a new grassroots movement that was founded by a group of people who each have decades of experience in raising funds for cancer research and treatment here in Alberta. The CCF is passionate about finding a cure and enhancing the lives of Albertans dealing with the disease.

One of the CCF's most notable and long-standing partnerships, is with the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation, contributing over \$1,000,000 from the playoff 50/50.

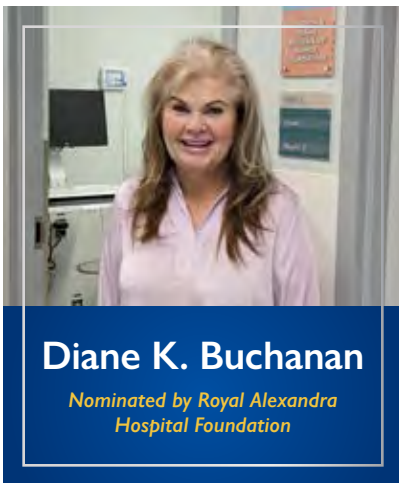
Through events like the Glen Anderson "Day of Golf", The World's Longest Games, and Toast the Town, the CCF has raised nearly \$20,000,000 to push the pace of progress in cancer research and treatment.

"We want to bring awareness to the great work the Cross Cancer Institute is doing. The doctors, researchers, everyone is doing incredible work and making huge progress."

– Barrie Stafford

"It began as a bunch of old guys having coffee. We all had cancer or knew someone close to us with cancer, and we thought we should do something."

– Brian Anstice



Diane K. Buchanan

Nominated by Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation

It would be hard to describe the history of the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation without recognizing the contributions of Diane K. Buchanan. Her unyielding commitment to enhancing healthcare in Alberta has taken various forms, from her role as a Foundation board member and event sponsor to a dedicated philanthropic donor—such as supporting a pivotal campaign to procure a state-of-the-art PET/CT scanner, which significantly augmented the province’s PET/CT scanning capacity and capabilities toward diagnosing and treating many patients. The range and depth of Diane’s commitment to supporting both patients and healthcare providers was particularly evident during the challenging times of COVID-19. She personally financed the distribution of thousands of coffee gift cards to each staff member at the Royal Alex Hospital, showing her genuine concern for their well-being and morale.

“For me, supporting the Royal Alex— one of Canada’s busiest hospitals—is both a responsibility and a privilege. It’s my way of giving back to a community that has given me so much. Every donation feels like a step for health and compassion, and I am truly honoured to be part of the journey towards better healthcare for all Albertans.”



Donald Hunter

Nominated by University Hospital Foundation

In addition to his own significant, personal donations, Donald Hunter has volunteered his time to help raise much needed funds to support advancing Alzheimer’s research at the University of Alberta Hospital. Don has sent hundreds of letters to those in his community who have a connection to someone affected by Alzheimer’s disease. Don is an advocate for the importance of research, and he hopes to inspire people to contribute to help alleviate the burden that this devastating condition places on the individual, their families and loved ones, and our society. Through this nomination, the University Alberta Hospital Foundation would like to recognize Don Hunter for his generous contributions to making a difference in the lives of those impacted by Alzheimer’s disease in our province and beyond.

“My daughter Leslie and I are donating and volunteering to help raise funds to support the dedicated researchers, in the development of a drug that treats Alzheimer’s Disease. My wife, Sophie, has this terrible disease. I hope people are as inspired as I was and can find a way to contribute to help alleviate the burden of this devastating condition.”



Drayton Valley Kin Club

Nominated by Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) Foundation

The Drayton Valley Kin Club has hosted an annual golf tournament, raising funds and support for STARS Air Ambulance in the Drayton Valley area for many years. They are a small but mighty group that has given much of their time and efforts to organize this important community event, with first-hand knowledge of how STARS’s services can make the difference to a patient in their worst moments. When they speak of STARS, it comes from a place of deep love for the organization, and we are so grateful to have amazing partners such as them.

“They (STARS) are the reason that our grandchildren are able to know and love their Grandpa. We can never do enough to thank them and will do all we can to make sure they are there for other families.”

“STARS saved my life and I will do everything I can to make sure they are able to save other lives.”



Dr. Lalith Satkunam

Nominated by Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation

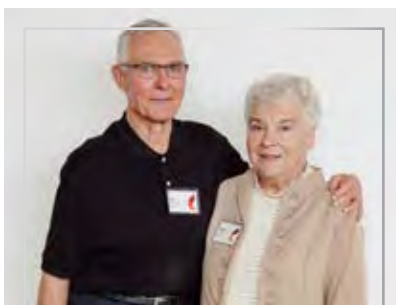
Dr. Lalith Satkunam is the medical lead for the Spasticity Program at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, where he demonstrates genuine concern for his patient's welfare and works tirelessly to ensure that they receive the finest care.

Dr. Satkunam is a shining example of how a dedicated individual can create profound change. His exceptional contributions to the Glenrose Hospital Foundation have not only enriched the lives of those he directly cares for but have also created a ripple effect of positivity throughout the Glenrose community.

Through his compassionate actions, Dr. Satkunam embodies the philanthropic spirit, leaving an enduring mark on both his patients and the field of rehabilitation healthcare.

The Glenrose Hospital Foundation is proud to recognize Dr. Satkunam on National Philanthropy Day!

"My desire to help patients with chronic conditions achieve their goals with the outstanding service the Glenrose Hospital offers, drives me to work closely with the foundation to be innovative in raising dollars that otherwise are a challenge. I am a strong believer of 'Stay strong, Stay positive and Never give up' and this has helped with my initiatives."



Ed & Irene Hawryluk

Nominated by University Hospital Foundation

Ed and Irene Hawryluk and their family are generous supporters of several causes in the community. In 2018 Ed Hawryluk shared that "he 'enjoyed' a five week stay at the UAH back in 1969 and was helped by the dedicated Dr. Garner King. Health care has come a long way and there seems to be no limit to the advances that we see." Ed and Irene have become dedicated supporters of the work being done in Alzheimer's disease research. A generous pledge from the couple generated nearly \$100,000 through a matching campaign. Few donors have had such an incredible impact on health care in the province in such a brief time. Through this nomination, the University Hospital Foundation would like to recognize the Hawryluks for their generous and long-standing contributions to health care in Alberta.

"We have been fortunate and with a little bit of hard work, we have been able to financially support the good efforts of dedicated people that are able to achieve the excellent results that come from their work. We get great satisfaction in contributing in a small way to the excellent results that come from ongoing research that continues."



Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star Foundation

Nominated by Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories

The Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories would like to recognize the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star Foundation, for their past and ongoing support.

Since 2013, The Grand Chapter of Alberta, Order of the Eastern Star Foundation, has donated over \$466,000 to AS AB/NT to support programming for people living with dementia and their care partners. The dedicated members of the Order of the Eastern Star have raised this money through casinos and other fundraising events. These gifts support programming delivered to the thousands of people living with dementia, their families, and care partners in remote, rural and urban communities. With programs being offered in-person and online, The Order of the Eastern Star Foundation has made an impact across the province and beyond.

"The Order of the Eastern Star is a non-profit organization of diverse individuals dedicated to improving the lives in our communities through the charities we support as well as fellowship, social enjoyment and charitable works."

The members sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together by giving their time to meaningful projects."

– Lorna Richmond



Hunter Family Foundation

Nominated by
Mental Health Foundation

The Hunter Family Foundation focuses on finding solutions for complex health and social issues and has partnered with the Mental Health Foundation. A significant challenge our society is facing is the mental health and wellbeing of our young people. The Hunter Family Foundation's recent gift of \$100,000 towards the continued expansion of Kickstand services, provides Alberta's young people with the mental health and substance use support that they need, in an easy to access, integrated delivery model.

Kickstand is an Alberta-wide effort that co-locates and coordinates existing care providers and agencies to simplify the way youth, ages 12 to 25, and their caregivers/families access a full spectrum of health services. Centralized access to holistic care makes it easier for youth to find the care, connection, and support they need. Partners like the Hunter Family Foundation make progress possible.

“Working with organizations & helping to develop mental health supports in our community has been one of our main goals since 1984. Input from hundreds of staff & volunteers in these endeavours creates strong caring bonds that unite us together, ensuring continued community support. Kickstand's focus on youth is the key to this continuation.”

– Dani Hunter,
Hunter Family Foundation



Jeff & Joanne Granberg

Nominated by
Alberta Diabetes Foundation

Jeff and Joanne Granberg have shown immense generosity towards diabetes research over many years, donating several thousand to date.

Profoundly affected by type 2 diabetes and its adverse mental health effects and social stigma, Jeff and Joanne have decided to make a positive change to erase the disease so nobody else must suffer.

Jeff and Joanne's donations support the world-class diabetes research teams at the Alberta Diabetes Institute. Their support means researchers hoping to improve the lives of people living with diabetes and find the cure will not have to pause their work while they wait for funding.

The Granberg's are leaving a lasting legacy by embracing the common goal of creating a world without diabetes. The Alberta Diabetes Foundation is thankful for donors like Jeff and Joanne.

“I am one of those people that have diabetes. I'm type 2. I was honoured to be introduced to ADF, to go through the labs, see the dedication, and what it takes...what I want to do is make a difference by finding people that can help with donations. That's my mandate and something I am very committed to.”



Jo Ann Molloy

Nominated by
Covenant Foundation

Jo Ann Molloy has been a tremendous supporter of Covenant Foundation for many years. She is a long-time donor and acts as a community ambassador through her role as the Senior Operating Officer at the Misericordia Community Hospital. Most recently, Jo Ann played a vital role in the redevelopment of the Misericordia's Emergency Department and the Foundation's fundraising campaign to enhance the new facility. Jo Ann's passion for patient-centred, high-quality care is demonstrated through her leadership. Whether educating other donors about the impact of their gifts, working with the Foundation to support its campaign, or giving back with donations, Jo Ann continues to exemplify and advance the Covenant Family's Mission to help support leading-edge programs and services, research and education, and state-of-the-art equipment at 21 Covenant facilities across Alberta.

“I value Covenant Foundation's role as a partner in the Covenant Family to raise funds that support programs and services that advance our Mission. I donate as I, and many members of my family, have received health services in a Covenant facility. It is a small way to express gratitude for the outstanding, compassionate and dignified care we have received.”



Kim Falconer

Nominated by
Covenant Foundation

Kim Falconer experienced exceptional care at the Misericordia Community Hospital. Grateful for the care she received, Kim expressed her appreciation by making a generous donation to support the work of the Obstetrics & Gynecology (OB/GYN) team as they look to bring in new specialized equipment and technology to improve care for individuals dealing with complex gynecological health issues. This act of kindness highlights Kim's gratitude towards the hospital and her commitment to improving health care for others in need. Kim's donation will undoubtedly have a profound impact for years to come, enabling the OB/GYN surgical team to continue providing exceptional care to patients like herself. Through this nomination, Covenant Foundation would like to recognize Kim Falconer for her kind and generous support towards transforming health care.

"I am extremely grateful for the life-changing surgery I received at the Misericordia. When I learned that the OB/GYN team was aiming to bring new technology to Edmonton, I wanted to help. My hope is that their amazing surgical teams will have the best treatment options available to help other patients living with complex and painful gynecological conditions."



Leslie Bangamba

Nominated by Stollery Children's
Hospital Foundation

The Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation is honoured to recognize Stollery mom, Leslie Bangamba, as part of National Philanthropy Day 2023.

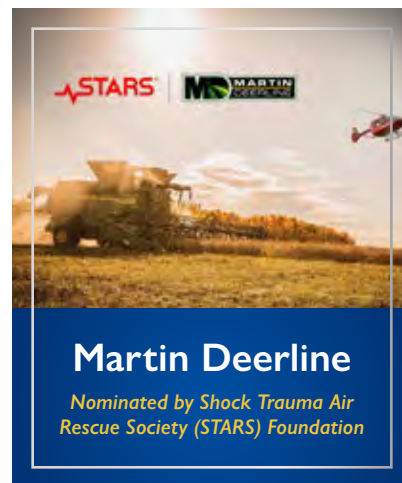
In the spring of 2020, a tragic accident saw Leslie's daughter Amélie collapse after swallowing a lithium coin battery. This defining moment was the catalyst for Leslie's commitment to kids' health.

A fierce Stollery advocate, Leslie has shared her story at Foundation events, through local and national media opportunities and more, inspiring Canadians to show their Stollery support. Since April 2020, Leslie has raised more than \$15,000 in support of the Stollery Children's Hospital through both personal donations and Amélie's annual birthday fundraiser.

The Foundation would like to thank Leslie for her strength, commitment and dedication to giving all kids the best chance at a long and healthy life.

"I choose to support the Stollery Children's Hospital because they helped give my daughter the gift of a second chance at life. They see the magic of all children and give families hope even in the darkest moments."

— Leslie Bangamba



Martin Deerline

Nominated by Shock Trauma Air
Rescue Society (STARS) Foundation

Since 1995, Martin Deerline has been an committed and dedicated partner for the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) Foundation. The organization's humble beginnings are rooted in agriculture, where hard-working families work long hours alone in fields with heavy equipment. This means that safety is paramount. Because of this priority, they have provided an unwavering commitment to STARS.

Martin Deerline's support has impacted critical care for patients affected by agricultural and recreational incidents across the province – two sectors closely aligned with their business. In addition to their significant corporate contributions, STARS recognizes Merrill Martin for their tremendous personal contributions.

Thank you, Martin Deerline, for your outstanding contributions to STARS critical care in Alberta; working hard and playing hard is a way of life.

"We believe that supporting the rural community that supports our business, is critical. Everyone should have access to life saving resources, no matter where they are located. STARS is unwavering in their mission to accomplish that. Several Martin Deerline clients, friends, families and employees have been saved by STARS. It truly is a local initiative that benefits so many people."



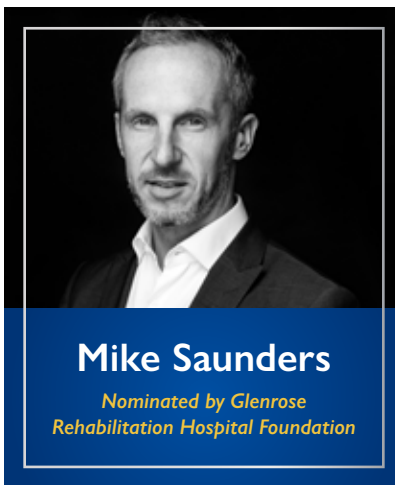
MHCare Medical

Nominated by Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation

The relationship between the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation and MHCare Medical—an Edmonton-based global healthcare solutions provider—is rooted in gratitude. After MHCare Medical principal Sam Mraiche’s elderly father received compassionate, lifesaving care at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, the entire Mraiche family was impressed. MHCare Medical expressed their gratitude with a significant gift in 2021 toward respiratory care (like their father needed) and, after visiting several times and learning about various improvements the hospital hoped for, stepped up and made a second significant gift the very next year. The new devices MHCare helped fund demonstrate the organization’s vision for health and care for its local community—giving care teams more confidence, improving education, and increasing efficiency for a hospital that serves a massive volume of patients each year. The Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation is honoured to nominate MHCare Medical for this award.

“Our team is driven and passionate about investing in our community, through sponsorships, donations and investing in the advancement in healthcare. We are always looking for opportunities to support innovation in health solutions and particularly to helping increase patient care and outcomes. This is why our partnership with the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation is so important.”

– Sam Mraiche, Owner

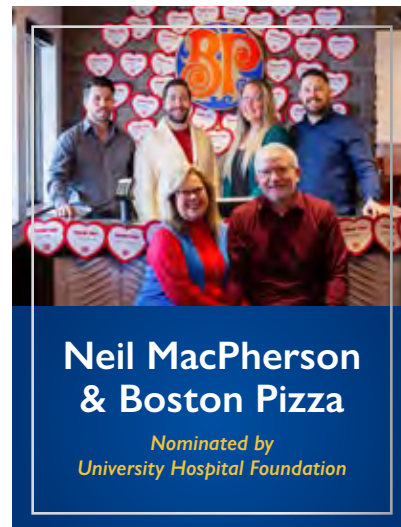


Mike Saunders

Nominated by Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation

Mike Saunders, Senior Vice President at Qualico Properties, is a dynamic leader dedicated to cultivating thriving communities. Committed to enriching Edmonton, Mike contributes his time and expertise to various community boards, showcasing his genuine drive for positive change. He extends his support to a diverse range of organizations, having assumed roles like vice-chair of the Mental Health Foundation Alberta and president of NAIOP-Commercial Real Estate Development Association. Mike’s significant commitment to the Glenrose Hospital is demonstrated through ongoing event sponsorship and dedicated committee engagement. As a longtime donor to the Circle of Courage, Mike’s contributions have played a pivotal role in enabling the hospital to acquire cutting-edge rehabilitation technology.

“Early in my career, I thought cities were built by engineers, architects, and construction professionals. That’s true, but it’s only half the story. I’ve found that giving when you can, where it matters, to the organizations committed to the well-being of us all is one of the most powerful ways to build a city we can all be proud of.”



Neil MacPherson & Boston Pizza

Nominated by University Hospital Foundation

Neil MacPherson and Boston Pizza have been advocates and generous supporters of the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute (Maz) for more than four years. Philanthropy has always been a focus for Neil’s family. The family started Boston Pizza’s annual paper hearts fundraising initiative and expanded it to all of Boston Pizza’s franchises 30 years ago. For the 30th anniversary of the Boston Pizza Paper Heart Fundraiser, more than 60 franchise owners across Alberta came together to support the Maz as part of their heart month fundraising activities. Neil is a dedicated, selfless, and passionate fundraiser for the Maz, and has made a major impact on cardiac care through his hard work and dedication. Through this nomination, the University Hospital Foundation would like to recognize Neil MacPherson and Boston Pizza for their generous and long-standing contributions to health care in Alberta.

“The University Hospital Foundation has been a part of my family since the day I was born. Everyone in my immediate family has had life saving measures to save our lives. The UHF has also been a major pillar in medical innovation throughout the world. It is important to me to help continue supporting that and help save more lives.”



New Horizon Co-op

Nominated by Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories

Over the past five years, New Horizon Co-operative Ltd has demonstrated a dedication to supporting the Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories, people living with dementia, care partners, families, friends, and communities through the Coin Box donation program, BBQ events, and their unwavering support for Alzheimer's Walks and staff volunteering. Their financial and volunteer support marks a comprehensive approach to supporting Alzheimer's care in Alberta. The Coin Box Program has expanded to 21 northern Alberta stores and offices. Co-op's board recognizes the growing need for Alzheimer's care, adding a personal dimension to their assistance. Through genuine connection to the cause, Co-op's support goes beyond financial assistance. The Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories is pleased to recognize New Horizon Co-operative Ltd. for their compassion, creativity, and dedication.

"We were pleased to bring the Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories on as a recipient of the program. We were thrilled by the amount raised and thank our members and customers who supported such a great cause."

– Holly Winsor



Norma Kennedy – Cheryl's Run for Aplastic Anemia

Nominated by Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation

The Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation is honoured to recognize Norma Kennedy, organizer of Cheryl's Run for Aplastic Anemia, for giving kids from backyards across Western Canada the best chance to live a long and healthy life.

Established in 2017, Cheryl's Run has raised more than \$40,000 for the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation while also raising awareness for Canadian Blood Services and the need to donate blood.

For the past two years, Cheryl's Run has supported the Awasisak Indigenous Health Program at the Stollery, a program that serves and supports Indigenous patients and their families throughout different stages of their hospital stay and beyond discharge.

The Foundation is proud to recognize the impact and ongoing efforts of Norma Kennedy and Cheryl's Run for Aplastic Anemia.

"It's been a labour of love organizing Cheryl's Run. It started as a tribute to Cheryl Boyle, who was a nurse at the Stollery, and raising awareness for Canadian Blood Services. Over the years, it's become more about supporting Stollery kids and the special bond created with the Stollery Children's Hospital."

"Even a tiny ripple can turn into a wave."



Park Derochie

Nominated by Alberta Diabetes Foundation

Park Derochie is an Alberta-based company that sees diabetes in its community and workforce. They understand the physical and mental toll diabetes puts on its employees and their families, and they want to make a difference. By donating to diabetes research, they are demonstrating their desire to improve the lives of those living with diabetes both within the organization and around the world.

Park Derochie's contributions support the world-class diabetes research teams at the Alberta Diabetes Institute. This support means researchers hoping to improve the lives of people living with diabetes and find the cure will not have to pause their work while they wait for funding.

Park Derochie is proving to its community that they are committed to seeing a world without diabetes. Alberta Diabetes Foundation is proud to have such a partner in the fight for a cure.

"Our labor force peaks at 600 people, which means between 60 and 120 people are affected by diabetes. That's a lot of good people who we expect to do good work, and addressing diabetes is a big deal to us. Alberta is our home, Edmonton is our core, what the ADF is doing is changing the world from Edmonton."



Patrick and Elaine Merrick

Nominated by Wellspring Alberta

Inspired by their own battle with breast cancer, Elaine and Patrick Merrick volunteer at Wellspring Alberta, with Elaine as a peer support volunteer and receptionist, and Pat assisting during evening programs. Their shared philanthropic journey aids patients, caregivers and families. The couple cherishes the peaceful and positive environment provided by Wellspring, enabling them to make a difference in the lives of people with cancer and their loved ones. They believe these places remain vital post-cure, addressing lasting effects. Recognizing volunteers' importance, Pat and Elaine not only dedicate their time and skills but also contribute as long-term monthly donors, ensuring sustainable programs. Fueled by their journey, they are grateful for received support. Through this nomination, Wellspring Alberta would like to recognize Pat and Elaine Merrick for their driving commitment to a strong Wellspring Cancer Support community.

“Wellspring is important to us because Cancer affects all of us, that’s why we need to stand together.”



Peavey Industries

Nominated by Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) Foundation

As one of Canada’s Best Managed Companies AND Most Admired Corporate Cultures in Canada, Peavey Industries knows what it is to be a leader. STARS is honoured to nominate Peavey Industries for this year’s Philanthropy Day awards. Peavey Industries has been a longstanding partner whose support has helped extend our reach into countless Alberta communities through its retail stores and STARS merchandise partnership. They have stepped up as an early adopter of new initiatives like the Critical Care on the Air radiothon. In addition, their President and CEO, Doug Anderson, volunteers his time and expertise as a valuable STARS board of directors member. Peavey Industries’ breadth of support to numerous charities, in addition to STARS, demonstrates its dedication to making a lasting and positive impact in Alberta communities.

“Peavey Mart proudly stands with STARS. Our cherished customers, dedicated staff, and families could one day rely on STARS. It’s not just about business or philanthropy, but the safety net of our extended Peavey family. In supporting STARS, we pledge to keep that safety net strong, because everyone deserves access to lifesaving care when it matters most.”

– Doug Anderson, CEO

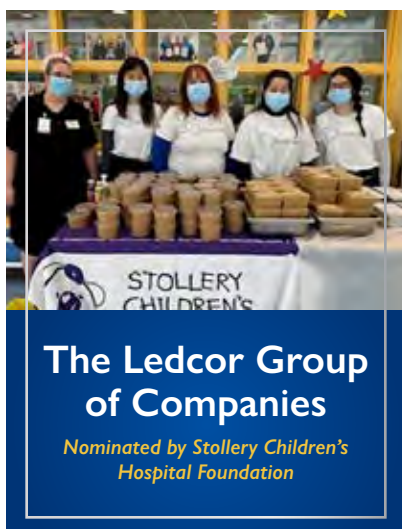


The Dodd Family

Nominated by Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation

The Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation is honoured to recognize the Dodd family (Lindsay, Deb, Michael and Alexis) for their efforts toward advancing kids’ health. The family’s Stollery story began in 2001 when Michael needed emergency care. Upon witnessing the extraordinary care Michael received, the Dodds were moved to support the Foundation. Lindsay has been on the Stollery Board of Trustees for over ten years and recently held the leadership positions as Vice Chair, Chair and Past Chair. Deb sits on the advisory committee of the Stollery Women’s Network, and Michael and Alexis have participated in many fundraising events. In addition to their annual gifts and investing their time, the Dodds joined the Great Bear Society and plan to leave a legacy gift to the Foundation. They recognize the specialized care children need and are helping secure care for future generations.

“After seeing first-hand the care our son received at the Stollery, we want all children and their families to receive the same incredible care. We’ve been able to see just how much the Stollery counts on the support of generous friends in the community, and we’ve been able to see how well they use every donation that they receive.”



The Ledcor Group of Companies

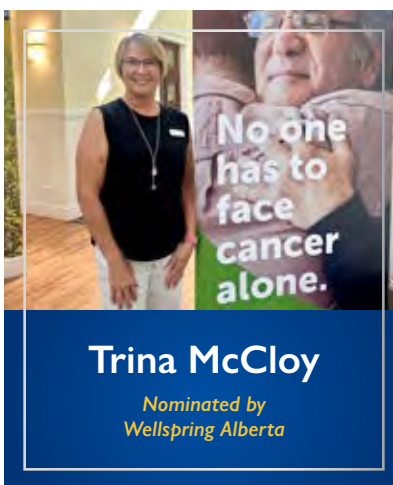
Nominated by Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation

The Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation is honoured to recognize Ledcor Group of Companies as part of National Philanthropy Day 2023.

Ledcor has been a long-time supporter of the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation. Their organization has a very active employee-giving group, and in celebration of Ledcor's 75th Anniversary, they generously provided the Foundation with a \$100,000 donation. This anniversary gift allowed the Stollery Children's Hospital to provide a hot Easter meal to more than 250 families.

The Foundation is incredibly grateful for Ledcor's commitment to giving kids in Alberta and across Western Canada the best chance to live a long and healthy life.

"For over 75 years, Ledcor and its employees have been caring for each other, our families and our communities. This 'Ledcor Cares' spirit comes from a belief that assisting others in need and supporting organizations helps move our communities forward. We are proud of our longstanding relationship with the Foundation and of our support for their mission."



Trina McCloy

Nominated by Wellspring Alberta

Trina McCloy's journey of volunteerism echoes her mother's legacy; her mother was also a dedicated volunteer. Trina's volunteering began at the age of 14 at the Children's Hospital in Halifax and has extended across various fields and causes. Describing herself as compassionate, caring and enjoyable, Trina truly embodies the spirit of volunteerism. Introduced to Wellspring Alberta by her oncologist in 2016, Trina serves as a multi-faceted volunteer, greeting and welcoming people at the front desk, providing peer support, assisting with administrative tasks, coordinating fellow volunteers, and even conducting interviews. Trina's contributions nurture Wellspring's volunteers and communities, leaving an indelible impact on Wellspring's mission and embodying kindness and compassion to all who seek support in dealing with cancer. Through this nomination, Wellspring Alberta would like to recognize Trina McCloy for her outstanding commitment of time and talent to the Wellspring community.

"The people I meet bring me so much joy and fill my heart. Through my own cancer experience, I aim to convey "I understand" and "I get it", fostering connections with members. I feel I get more out of my volunteering experiences."



William K. Robbins

Nominated by Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation

While Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation members were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of cherished Patron William K. Robbins—affectionately known as "Uncle Bill"—his legacy lives on at the hospital. A proud Texan with close ties to Alberta, Bill and his wife Mary Jo regularly visited the Royal Alex. Bill and Mary Jo's support for the Alex began with its operating suites but extended to every corner of the hospital's campus—the Robbins Pavilion, Robbins Learning Centre and Lecture Theatre were all created and named for their contributions, and the Robbins Chapel, Walkway of Hope, and Belltower all stand as a reflection of Bill's enduring impact. Through their foundation, The Robbins Foundation Canada, Bill and Mary Jo continue to sustain healthcare facilities and programs located on-site and inspire others.

"Bill took great pride in his philanthropic efforts at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and truly enjoyed meeting with staff. Alberta was a second home to Bill, and he was honoured to be able to help improve healthcare and outcomes for so many people across the province, particularly supporting cardiology, women's health, and inner-city health initiatives so crucial to the community."



William & Mary Rachwalski

Nominated by
University Hospital Foundation

In 2017, after a routine appointment, William's doctor told him that his heart was on the brink of giving out. He needed triple bypass surgery and, at 83 years old, there was no guarantee he would make it through surgery. Thanks to cardiac surgeon Dr. Michael Moon and the healthcare teams at the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute, William received the care he needed. To show gratitude for the care they received at the Mazankowski, William and his wife Mary made a generous gift to the University Hospital Foundation for the purchase of a replacement echo machine with probes – a state-of-the-art piece of equipment that helped save William's life. Through their altruistic gesture, William and Mary not only showcased their gratitude but also contributed to the betterment of healthcare for others.

"It was a simple decision to pay it forward, to assist the thousands of people that will encounter similar situations as William's. To have a facility such as the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute in our own city, with leading-edge technology, really is life changing!"



360 Fitness

Nominated by
Little Warriors

Since 2018, the fantastic team and community at 360 Fitness in Sherwood Park has raised over \$100,000 for Little Warriors and the Be Brave Ranch. Their team has organized unique and engaging fundraisers, including KM for Kids, Trainer Revenge, and an annual Client Gala. This group of passionate individuals has worked closely with their clients and community to raise these funds to give back to the children, teens and families at the Be Brave Ranch to allow them to heal from the trauma of child sexual abuse. Little Warriors is honoured that 360 Fitness uses their strength to bolster the work of Little Warriors to make a difference in the lives of child sexual abuse survivors.

"We are so proud to support the Be Brave Ranch. Our youth need our help and we are glad to answer the call in a way we can help. Our kids deserve every positive opportunity they can get and with the Ranch they have the path to recovery and healing."

– Jack Wheeler,
Founder and CEO of 360 Fitness



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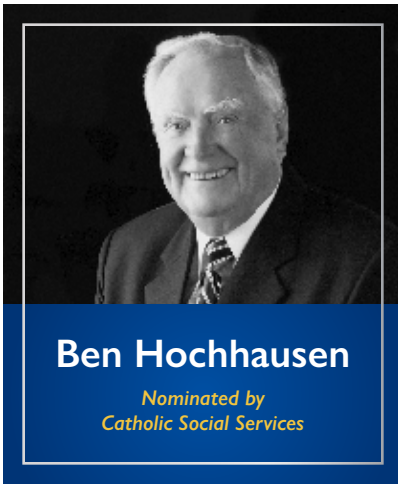
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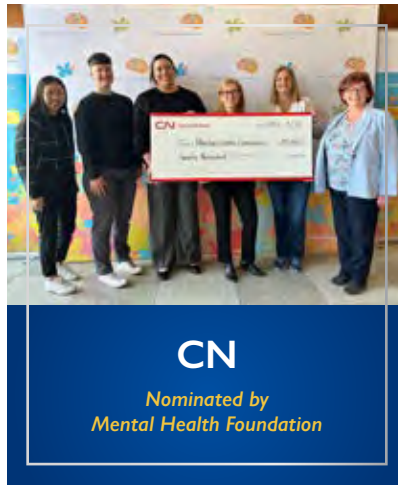


Ben Hochhausen

*Nominated by
Catholic Social Services*

It is with great enthusiasm that Catholic Social Services recognizes Ben Hochhausen. A lifelong Albertan, Ben has shown extraordinary commitment, dedication and leadership to Catholic Social Services and the Edmonton community. Supporting the organization for 39 years, he raises much-needed funds for Sign of Hope programs and services that support vulnerable members of our community. CSS is thankful to Ben for being a Sign of Hope, an inspiration of philanthropy for generations to come, and for supporting when or where it is most needed. CCS is grateful for his longstanding commitment.

“There is Joy in Giving.”



CN

*Nominated by
Mental Health Foundation*

The Mental Health Foundation is proud to recognize CN as a donor who understands that supporting mental health services for young people improves their overall health and safety. Their recent gift of \$20,000 towards Kickstand addresses the health, wellbeing, and safety of Alberta’s youth, a traditionally underserved population in terms of mental health care & addictions recovery.

Kickstand is an Alberta-wide collaborative effort that co-locates and coordinates existing care providers and agencies to simplify the way young people, aged 12 to 25 years, and their caregivers/families access a full spectrum of health services. Centralized access to holistic care makes it easier for youth to find the care, connection, and support they need. The Foundation is truly grateful for CN’s generosity towards building safer & stronger communities across the province.

“CN thanks the Mental Health Foundation of Alberta for honouring the Company with this award. We are proud to partner with the Foundation in support of the health, wellbeing and safety of Alberta’s youth. Together, we will help build safer and stronger communities across the province.”

– Suzanne Dalzell, Executive Director,
CN Community Boards



Dale Wishewan

*Nominated by Dogs with Wings
Assistance Dog Society*

Booster Juice, a beacon of community commitment, has illuminated the path for Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society through their sponsorship of dogs and transformative events. Their steadfast partnership has propelled the mission of Dogs with Wings, infusing life-changing possibilities into every endeavor. As devoted collaborators, Booster Juice has lent their vibrant energy to numerous fundraising initiatives, intertwining their brand with Dogs with Wings’ cause. Their resolute dedication echoes through the avenues of support they’ve paved, casting light on essential promotion and rallying assistance that empowers both Dogs with Wings and those they serve. Through Booster Juice’s unwavering advocacy, their shared vision for a better world has flourished, becoming a testament to the boundless impact that emerges when purpose and compassion unite.

“My initial involvement at Dogs With Wings was because I’m an animal lover and think that in general canines are therapeutic for any individual. The cost of raising and training the dogs is very expensive and I feel fortunate to be able to help out financially to better the life of someone in need of one of these amazing dogs.”



Donna Saskiw & Hal MacDonald

*Nominated by
Little Warriors*

Hal MacDonald and Donna Saskiw are brother and sister who have volunteered countless hours to help Little Warriors. Since 2019, they have planned several innovative fundraisers that have raised over \$120,000, including a Grappling Challenge, Songs for the Brave, Jiu Jitsu Rollathon, bottle drives, and so many more FUNdraisers along the way. Because of their hard work and determination rallying their network, family and friends to rise to the challenge to give back, the trajectory of many children, teens and families has been impacted as they got much-needed healing support.

*“I am a survivor and I believe **“EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHILDHOOD”** Little Warriors gives love, support and a soft place to land. I wish the Be Brave Ranch existed when I was a child. With more awareness, together we can save that one child from the devastating trauma it brings.”*

– Donna Saskiw



Edmonton & Area Tim Hortons Franchisees

*Nominated by
Bissell Centre*

Since 1996, the annual Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign has raised over \$92 million across North America to support charities and community groups. A friendly social media exchange led to Bissell Centre's selection as the feature 2023 Smile Cookie charity for participating Edmonton and area Tim Hortons locations. Bissell volunteers and staff danced at drive-thrus, and decorated cookies while the Edmonton and area Tim Hortons raised over \$460,000 for Bissell's Child and Family Supports program. These funds will be used to remove barriers for families facing poverty by offsetting childcare fees so caregivers can continue to work, increasing available free diapers, formula and clothing, and adding educational field trips and parent support groups. Through this nomination, Bissell Centre would like to recognize the Edmonton and Area Tim Hortons Franchisees for their generous support of children and families in our community.

“What inspires me to give is seeing what a difference it makes when you can help someone carve a path towards a better future. When you can give someone an opportunity to make healthy and positive choices, it can lead to a life where they can make a difference in someone else's life.”

– Anna Marshall

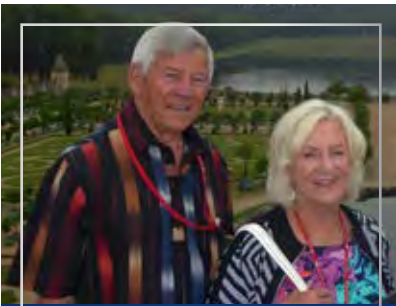


Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable (ECECAF) Assistance Fund

*Nominated by
Terra Centre for Teen Parents*

Terra Centre for Teen Parents would like to recognize the Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable Assistance Fund (ECECAF) for their generous contribution toward the Parent and Child Engagement Space in Terra Centre's new facility in west Edmonton. For over 80 years, ECECAF has been impacting lives and promoting healthy communities by giving to organizations that support community members and their families. In the past 25 years alone, ECECAF has donated over \$20.5 million to various community organizations. Through ECECAF's generous gift, Terra Centre is one step closer to realizing its vision of teen parent families thriving and enriching our community by providing them with increased opportunities to participate, learn, and grow as citizens and parents in a dynamic and inclusive hub. Through this nomination, Terra Centre would like to recognize ECECAF for their outstanding contribution to our community.

“The Edmonton Civic Employees Charitable Assistance Fund represents over 11,000 members from nine City of Edmonton unions and associations. Our members are very proud to support the Terra Centre family and to help create the Parent and Child Engagement Space to support families and our community.”



Eileen Smith and Posthumously her husband George Smith

Nominated by Chrysalis: An Alberta Society for Citizens with Disabilities

Eileen and George have a 50+ year history of giving back to the community. Their grandson Corey was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and hydrocephalus at birth, so they focused their benevolent efforts on supporting the University of Alberta Hospital and Chrysalis: An Alberta Society for Citizens with Disabilities after he graduated from high school.

Unfortunately, George passed away in 2023; however, their involvement in Chrysalis continues to be a blessing. They've donated auction items for fundraisers and furniture for our program areas and are major gift contributors to support the services and programs provided to the individuals we serve. They've hosted tables at our fundraising breakfasts, and George shared their family's story with guests in 2017. Their company, Allwest Furnishings, also employed a person in service from Chrysalis for years.

“Chrysalis has been a gift to our family and we are delighted to provide in-kind and financial support to benefit all the people accessing service. We are grateful for the care and attention Corey receives from staff, and appreciate that he is in a safe environment with access to recreational experiences, resources, programs, and meaningful volunteer opportunities.”



FortisAlberta

Nominated by Chrysalis: An Alberta Society for Citizens with Disabilities

Chrysalis: An Alberta Society for Citizens with Disabilities is privileged to recognize FortisAlberta for 30+ years of providing in-kind donations, sponsoring events, making generous contributions, and gainfully employing several individuals with extraordinary abilities. FortisAlberta is acknowledged as a Top Employer in Alberta and is respected for its commitment to giving back to the communities it serves. Strongly investing in supporting mental health, food sustainability, victim services, and inclusive employment. FortisAlberta employees also receive paid time off to volunteer in the community.

Currently, five Chrysalis individuals work at the Acheson Service Centre, led by Shawn Petty, building containers, fixing pallets, testing transformers, sorting recycling items, and attending other assigned duties. Individuals arrive eager to learn and apply their skills, and feel acknowledged, appreciated, and included as part of the FortisAlberta Family.

“The success of FortisAlberta’s community investment program is based on our guiding principle to support the well-being of the communities in which we operate. We focus on investing in underrepresented groups, and empowering and mentoring diverse abilities in our workplaces. We are proud to employ individuals from Chrysalis and our staff thoroughly enjoy working and sharing stories with them.”



Gertie Groeneweg

Nominated by Christmas Bureau of Edmonton

Christmas doesn't just happen – someone makes it happen! At the North Pole, that someone is Mrs. Claus. For many years, Gertie Groeneweg has volunteered as the First Lady of Christmas in support of the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton. When called upon, she never hesitates to volunteer her time and arrives in a red velvet jacket with white fur trim to help spread joy and awareness of Christmas Bureau services. Whether she is decorating cookies, airbrushing, leading a sing-a-long, judging gingerbread houses, or simply talking to kids (of all ages), Gertie embodies the spirit of the holidays and the mission of the Christmas Bureau. It just simply wouldn't be Christmas without her! The Christmas Bureau of Edmonton is honoured to recognize Gertie Groeneweg for this 2023 National Philanthropy Day award. Congratulations Gertie!

“Christmas is meant to be a time of fun and happiness; it can be so hard for anyone struggling financially. I’m so pleased that Mrs. Claus can help charities like the Christmas Bureau to raise funds so everyone can experience some holiday cheer.”



James H. Brown & Associates

Nominated by
630 CHED Santas Anonymous

James H. Brown and Associates demonstrate an unrivalled commitment to philanthropy, including their long-standing support of 630 CHED Santas Anonymous. Their involvement in Santa's Day on 630 CHED and the Gary Draeger Memorial Golf Tournament provides essential financial support and motivates others to join in and make a difference. Additionally, through their Fill the Net campaign, they donate \$100 for every goal scored by the Edmonton Oilers. By aligning their philanthropic efforts with Edmonton's passion for hockey, they have created a genuinely impactful collaboration that combines the joy of sports with the spirit of giving. Their philanthropic efforts extend beyond the holiday season, benefiting charities in Edmonton and beyond. James H. Brown's far-reaching impact helps improve the lives of countless individuals, leaving a lasting legacy of compassion and support.

"Being a father of three, I appreciate how important it is for kids to receive new toys at Christmas. We never want to see kids in our community fall through the cracks, and one thing that makes Edmonton the City of Champions is how we rally around and help those in need."

– Trent Brown



Janice and Gary Michaud

Nominated by Dogs with Wings
Assistance Dog Society

Gary and Janice Michaud are truly exceptional volunteers at the Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society. Their dedication extends far beyond typical volunteer roles, as they actively contribute to various aspects of the organization. They are instrumental in raising puppies, participating in fundraising events, and even providing crucial care to a young puppy during his post-surgery recovery.

Their unwavering support mirrors the organization's core mission of elevating the service dog sector and creating a profound life-changing impact. This commitment resonates deeply with their fellow Dogs with Wings volunteers and the entire team, garnering them widespread recognition and respect. Gary and Janice's selfless generosity and dedication stand as a shining example of the impact that dedicated individuals can have within the Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society.

"We jumped into this endeavour with both feet albeit being newbies to puppy raising, we soon discovered the steep learning curve. With the great support we receive from the DWW community we soon relaxed. Many hands go into the raising of a Service Dog. We like to support this anyway we can. This service has the potential to transform lives."



Janice Kent

Nominated by Dogs with Wings
Assistance Dog Society

A long time volunteer of Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society, Janice Kent embodies the essence of true support, standing as a dedicated donor and a hands-on volunteer puppy raiser, boarding home, and board member. Her unwavering commitment has left an indelible mark on their cause. For countless years, Janice has actively engaged as a volunteer, sharing her time and passion with their dogs, fostering connections that resonate deeply. Her contributions extend further as she has also held the vital role of Treasurer on their board, guiding their financial stewardship with diligence and care. Janice's multifaceted dedication exemplifies the impact that comes from a genuine love for the mission. Her presence ignites inspiration and exemplifies the power of commitment, illustrating how a single individual can weave a tapestry of positive change through both generosity and active involvement.

"From childhood I have experienced the amazing qualities of dogs. Their intelligence, sensitivity, unconditional love and intuitive anticipation of our needs is amazing. The dogs trained by DWW simply, change lives. I knew I wanted to give back and what better way than through my passion for dogs. I love working with the dogs and seeing how they enrich lives."



Jason Gregor

*Nominated by
Christmas Bureau of Edmonton*

Jason Gregor is no stranger to philanthropy. Each December, Jason launches a Month of Giving through his popular radio show, raising funds for several local charities, including the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton. Jason works with his own personal network to secure matching funds and phenomenal auction items to maximize the amount raised during the month. Jason’s Pyramid of Giving encourages listeners to text in varying donation amounts to complete a pyramid totalling \$7,500. Two Fridays are dedicated to the Christmas Bureau to raise funds for each program. Plus, he gets a large corporation to match the donation, totalling more than \$15,000 each Friday. In the past decade, Jason and his listeners have raised over \$445,000, helping numerous families in Edmonton to experience joy during the holidays. Congratulations, Jason, on this 2023 National Philanthropy Day award nomination!

“I have always believed in helping wherever you can. Charities are working hard to meet the needs in our community, and I’m happy to use my public platform to shine on a light on organizations like the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton, who make a significant impact to people’s lives.”



Mammoet

Nominated by Chrysalis: An Alberta Society for Citizens with Disabilities

Chrysalis is a proud partner with Mammoet because inclusive hiring is integral to their company’s philosophy. Recognizing a diverse work environment is beneficial to both society and its business, Mammoet approached Chrysalis in 2014 to develop a mutually beneficial partnership that offers employment opportunities to some of the individuals with disabilities that we serve.

Today, three of our people in service are excited to work at Mammoet regularly! Despite working outside through cold winters and hot summers, they take great pride in their functions within Mammoet’s waste management unit. Mammoet staff include Chrysalis individuals in their culture, workplace safety, and environmental stewardship, ensuring they are appreciated and recognized for their valuable contributions to the business.

“At Mammoet, one of our core values is to Perform as a Team. We believe excellence is only achieved through team effort when we all contribute our best, and that diversity is key to our performance. Our relationship with Chrysalis is closely tied to our emphasis on teamwork and supporting the environment and communities in which we live and work.”



McTague Family

*Nominated by
Habitat for Humanity Edmonton*

The McTague family recently donated a property to Habitat for Humanity Edmonton to honour the memory of Orest Myckan, a longtime volunteer who passed away in January of 2022. Orest left a strong legacy of volunteerism in Edmonton as well as in the many developing countries in which he built Habitat homes. Initially, Eugene and Elfrida McTague did not want to be recognized for their donation. Habitat for Humanity Edmonton is so pleased that through this nomination Eugene and Elfrida have agreed to be recognized for their generous contribution to Habitat Edmonton. On June 1, 2023, Habitat for Humanity Edmonton supporters gathered to celebrate the official start of the Orest Myckan Legacy Build. When completed, the build will be a duplex serving two Edmonton families in need of affordable home ownership.

“My family is solid. My children are solid. I can’t take it with me and there were some tax benefits that made this the right way to honour a good friend. To honour his work with Habitat. Orest took action. He didn’t sit around doing nothing. He made the world a better place with his actions.”

– Eugene McTague



North Central Co-op

Nominated by
Christmas Bureau of Edmonton

If life is about the meaningful connections we make, then North Central Co-op is living their best life! Not only do they support a multitude of community initiatives through financial and in-kind gifts, but their team goes the extra mile by volunteering their time too.

The Christmas Bureau of Edmonton is grateful to partner with North Central Co-op all year long. Some fundraising and supporter events include bottle drives, barbecues, movie nights and gingerbread building. They are always willing to help! But during the holiday season, the team at North Central Co-op go the extra mile and provide the best price possible to fill 1500+ food hampers. They also coordinate the delivery and bring some amazing volunteers to unload the trucks.

It just wouldn't be Christmas without North Central Co-op.

“North Central Co-op is committed to the communities we serve and value our ongoing partnership with the Christmas Bureau of Edmonton. We’re so grateful to play a small role in preventing families from missing out on a traditional holiday meal, especially during the already challenging festive season.”



RBC Foundation

Nominated by
Mental Health Foundation

RBC has demonstrated a true passion and commitment to improving young people's access to mental health care. As an early supporter of Kickstand, RBC is one of the Mental Health Foundation's largest and longest contributors. Acknowledging that mental health impacts how you think, feel, and act, their support for Kickstand represents an investment in our most valuable asset and the future – our youth.

The Mental Health Foundation is proud to have RBC as a partner improving the mental well-being of youth across the province. Kickstand is a collaborative initiative across Alberta that brings together and organizes existing care providers to streamline access to a wide range of health services for youth aged 12 to 25 and their caregivers. This centralized approach ensures that young people can easily access the care, connection, and support they require.

“We value our partnership with Kickstand, and the work they do providing mental health care for youth. The unique services and resources they offer align with our Future Launch Program that’s targeted to youth, and reflects our commitment to meaningful employment through practical work experience, mental well-being supports, skills development opportunities, and networking solutions.”

– Jerilynn Daniels,
RBC Regional Director



Rotary Club of Edmonton Glenora

Nominated by
Terra Centre for Teen Parents

Terra Centre for Teen Parents would like to recognize the contributions of Rotary Club of Edmonton Glenora. Founded in 1990, Rotary Club of Edmonton Glenora was the first club in North America chartered by professional women – only one year after the Supreme Court of the United States decision permitted to admit women as members of Rotary Clubs around the world. Since 2008, Rotary Club of Edmonton Glenora has been a steadfast supporter of Terra Centre through donations for scholarships, Child and Parent Support Centre, Youth Leadership program and Resilient Families Fund and, most recently, through volunteering in various capacities, including sorting and cleaning community donations for the Clothes Closet and cooking meals at Braemar School. Through this nomination, Terra Centre would like to recognize Rotary Club of Edmonton Glenora's contribution to help teen parents in our community thrive.

“Rotary Club of Edmonton Glenora members are delighted to work with the Terra Centre. We look forward to working with Terra to build on our vision of women and children achieving their potential in local and international communities and achieving the goal of seeing increased impact through strategic partnerships with organizations like the Terra.”



Sheila McCarthy

Nominated by
The Mustard Seed

The Mustard Seed Edmonton would like to recognize Sheila McCarthy for her compassion and outstanding financial contribution to their housing program, particularly Prairie Manor, a permanent supportive housing building that offers residents affordable housing with wrap-around supports. Sheila understands homelessness and addictions and appreciates the difference that wrap-around supports make in a vulnerable person's journey towards wholeness. Sheila also recognizes that everyone, regardless of their current situation, is worthy of dignity and respect as well as the support needed to improve their quality of life.

"I realize how much help a person who struggles with addictions needs in order to have a good quality of life again. Being housed at Prairie Manor gives them respect, a lock on the door and a clean room to start their lives again. I like the more hands on approach and the well rounded program of The Mustard Seed."



Tetra Tech

Nominated by United Way of the
Alberta Capital Region

Since 1979, Tetra Tech has partnered with the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region to support our local community. In that time, they've raised over \$1,000,000 through employee donations, special event fundraisers and corporate donations. Additionally, Tetra Tech has donated hundreds of in-kind items (such as quality winter clothing and school supplies for our neighbours in need), volunteered countless hours where they were most needed, and participated in special skill-based engineering projects annually through United Way's Engineering Challenge. Thank you, Tetra Tech, for your commitment to supporting our community to help ensure no one is left behind.

"Tetra Tech's Edmonton office aligned with the United Way forty years ago to advance a core value: we improve our communities. The United Way's extensive network of programs provide the best charitable platform for us to pursue that ambition. We are proud of the milestone that our staff reached this year with a cumulative donation total of one million dollars."



The Stahl Family

Nominated by Dogs with Wings
Assistance Dog Society

For 20 years, the Stahls – Paige, Ed, Eddy and Greg – have been unwavering pillars of support for Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society. Their steadfast dedication has touched the lives of many. In a heartfelt tribute to Paige's enduring commitment, DWW's Canine Operations Centre proudly bears her name. The Stahl family's profound impact resonates deeply within the organization, shaping the path they tread and the lives they touch. Their remarkable generosity and unyielding belief in the mission have propelled DWW forward, enabling them to make a difference in the lives of dogs and those they serve. As their most ardent advocates, the Stahl family's legacy of compassion and devotion continues to inspire Dogs with Wings, reminding them that the bonds they share reach beyond words – they're woven into the very fabric of their purpose.

"I have been associated with Dogs with Wings for over 20 years, and over the course of those years, Ed, Eddy, and now Greg have joined on as supporters. Together, and with Stahl Peterbilt, we have sponsored upwards of 50 dogs. DWW is a special organization, with great staff and forward thinking leadership. Together we can transform lives."



Twyla and James Gibson

Nominated by Bissell Centre

Bissell Centre would like to recognize the contributions of Twyla and James Gibson. Their dedication to Bissell has been nothing short of exceptional since 1997. Through their generosity, kindness, and commitment, they have made a significant impact on the lives of countless individuals in need. They are the second generation of Gibsons to support Bissell – and have had an impact on programs varying from housing, to childcare, to FASD support services. Thanks to their support, more members of our community have been provided with essential resources and opportunities for a brighter future.

“We have supported Bissell for many years. Sunday lunches were very enjoyable—meeting so many face to face and taking communion with them was special. We are the second generation Gibson family that has supported this very special mission.”



Vans

Nominated by Youth Empowerment and Support Services

Youth Empowerment & Support Services (Y.E.S.S.) is honoured to recognize The Vans Community Fund and the local Vans store in West Edmonton Mall for their continuous lead with their dedication to supporting homeless youth in Canada.

Through their monthly donations of clothing and footwear, the dedicated staff has shown immense positivity when engaging customers on the impact they can have on the youth accessing Y.E.S.S. programming.

In March of 2023, the Vans Community Fund generously donated over \$16,000 to Y.E.S.S. Thank you to Vans and the Vans Community Fund for being a pillar of change and breaking the cycle of homelessness.

“We support YESS because we see it as a positive institution delivering real change in the lives of youth experiencing homelessness in our community. The community is who supports us, so we need to do the same for them.”



WINGS Special Events Committee

Nominated by WINGS of Providence

The WINGS Special Events Committee has been instrumental in helping WINGS of Providence since its early days, providing shelter and support to women and children fleeing domestic violence. As an organization that receives just 35% of its operating budget from government funding, WINGS depends heavily on fund development efforts to keep its doors open to help over 300 women and children annually. Through the work of a dedicated group of volunteers, the Committee has raised more than \$1.3M since 2006 through its annual Mother’s Day Tea, Make Believe Ball, casino events and numerous other initiatives. WINGS is so honoured to have community members who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring WINGS can meet its mission to save lives and create futures for women and children fleeing domestic violence.

“I am very dedicated to helping Wings as much as possible. I see the daily struggles of the women and children at Wings as they heal from family violence. It is just the right thing to do. It is a privilege to see them flourish and experience their potential.”



Youth

Recognizes youth and youth groups, under the age of 23, who have engaged in acts of charity, in giving of their time, talent and resources, to better our community and who, by example, encourage others in the community to create or join in philanthropic activities.



Automated Aquatics

*Nominated by Boys & Girls Clubs
Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Edmonton & Area Society*

Darrel and Edith have run Automated Aquatics Canada Inc. in Edmonton for over 35 years. During that time, they have also become generous donors and leaders to many community organizations in their local community and across the Province of Alberta, Canada, and internationally. Since 2009, they have supported the Boys & Girls Clubs of Edmonton (now Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton & Area (BGCBigS)) through a yearly donation of \$30,000. Edith and Darrell always ensure their substantial donation is put towards the highest needs of the organization. Edith and Darrell's contributions to BGCBigS go directly to club programming needs, ensuring children have safe and fun places to go after school and during the summer. BGCBigS is honoured to nominate Darrel and Edith for this 2023 National Philanthropy Day award.

"I'm very grateful to be nominated for Philanthropy Day by BGCBigS. Although Automated Aquatics supports several local charities, BGCBigS has been our primary target for many years. They do amazing work in the community! Our support has been made possible because of the ongoing efforts of our dedicated staff."

– Darrel Martin



Bellerose Composite High School

*Nominated by Stollery Children's
Hospital Foundation*

The Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation is honoured to recognize Bellerose Composite High School for its fundraising efforts to support oncology at the Stollery Children's Hospital.

The Bellerose Bikeathon began in 2004 with ten teams and, over the past twenty years, has grown into a school-wide event that involves the entire community. While the Bikeathon itself supports the Alberta Cancer Foundation and Kids with Cancer Society, during each Bikeathon, Bellerose hosts a head-shave event in support of the Stollery.

Bellerose has raised over \$3.2 million for cancer research and treatment and more than \$58,000 for the Stollery. The Foundation is proud to recognize the impact and ongoing efforts of Bellerose Composite High School toward advancing children's health care in northern Alberta and beyond.

"For the past 20 years, Bellerose students, staff, and community members have come together to support the Albertans who will hear the words "you have cancer." This annual event teaches students about leadership, volunteerism and allows them to make a real difference in the lives of those impacted by cancer by supporting cancer research in Alberta."



Bill Daye

*Nominated by Boys & Girls Clubs
Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Edmonton & Area Society*

Bill Daye has gone far beyond a call for support, having supported Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters (BGCBigS) not only as a donor, but as a former Board Member and Board Chair. He has gifted Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters countless hours of his time and much of his wisdom and continues to support the Agency through monetary gifts. While he has supported the flagship events, including the golf tournament and gala event, he also has had a longstanding commitment to providing meals to the children and youth that are served to ensure they can achieve their full potential. Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sister is pleased to recognize Bill Daye for this 2023 National Philanthropy Day award. Congratulations, and thank you, Bill!

"The outstanding leadership and direction provided by Liz O'Neill and team made BGCBigS the pre-eminent matching agency in Canada. Liz and her team made the role of the Board easy as they brought strategic focus to all of their initiatives and implemented programs and policies effectively. Their focus was always on the kids and their families that were being served."



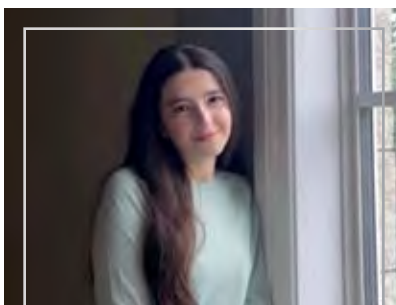
Bird Construction

*Nominated by Boys & Girls Clubs
Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Edmonton & Area Society*

Bird Construction, a trusted builder in the Canadian construction industry for over 70 years, is a stalwart representative of the Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters (BGCBig) Third Party Fundraising program, having contributed all the funds raised from their annual golf tournament to BGC Strathcona County and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Strathcona County for the last two years. These two tournaments total a gift of over \$90,000 to support mentoring, after-school programming, rigorous tutoring, and youth employment programs, ultimately enriching the lives of children and youth in Strathcona County. Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters is honoured to recognize Bird Construction for a 2023 National Philanthropy Day award for their generous support. Thank you to the leadership and employees of Bird Construction, and congratulations on your award!

“I am grateful for the honor of being nominated by Liz O’Neil and BGCBig for my years of service to BGCBig and the non-profit sector in Edmonton. This recognition not only celebrates my effort but also reinforces my commitment to creating positive change through impactful fundraising.”

– Bill Hefford



Lila Assiff

*Nominated by
Make-A-Wish Canada*

Lila Assiff became involved with Make-A-Wish Canada in 2017 when she rallied her school, Edmonton Islamic Academy, to raise over \$10,000 for the organization. When the COVID-19 pandemic started, Lila reached out to Make-A-Wish Canada to ask how she could help. Lila organized two mask fundraisers with her dad’s law firm, Assiff Law Office, matching her sales. In 2022, Lila’s younger sister, Sarina, wanted to follow her footsteps and rallied the school to raise over \$10,000 again. Inspired by her daughter’s enthusiasm for wishes, Angie Assiff became a participant in the Women for Wishes campaign, raising over \$15,000 in 2023. Her dad’s law firm, Assiff Law Office, commemorated ten years of business in 2023 with a \$100,000 gift to impact wish granting. Through her spirit, passion and tireless efforts, Lila’s total impact to Make-A-Wish Canada is over \$187,000.

“I believe strongly in the power of youth philanthropy. Over the past decade, I’ve had the opportunity to work with Make-A-Wish to help grant wishes. I am so inspired by the resilience of wish families. It’s an honour to be part of a child’s wish journey and to witness the hope and joy that a wish can bring.”



Maureen Cush

*Nominated by Boys & Girls Clubs
Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Edmonton & Area Society*

Maureen Cush has generously supported the Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters (BGCBig) through monetary gifts and the gift of time throughout her multi-decade involvement with the Agency. Maureen has supported BGCBig through countless fundraisers while also garnering support for the Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters across her network, contributing thousands of dollars to fundraising efforts. She has also served on the BGCBig Board of Directors and Governance Committee, contributing her knowledge and time to improving the lives of children and youth in our community. Boys & Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters is honoured to recognize Maureen for this 2023 National Philanthropy Day award for her invaluable support and dedication to the children supported by BGCBig. Thank you, Maureen, and congratulations on this award!

“Thank you to Liz O’Neill and BGCBig for the nomination. It is an honor to have been a small part of this organization for over 20 years. Led by Liz O’Neil, the work of BGCBig has made a significant contribution to the wellness of youth in the Edmonton community.”

– Maureen Cush



Meadowlark Christian School

Nominated by United Way of the Alberta Capital Region

The Grade 4, 5 and 6 students at Meadowlark Christian School (MCS) proudly support the Work on Loving Vulnerable Edmontonians Supportively (W.O.L.V.E.S.) initiative. The school led over 100 students through United Way’s Make Your Mark program, where students learned how some people in their neighbourhood were struggling with basic needs. After further investigation, students chose to create and stock two food hampers for neighbours in their immediate community. They also made 150 sandwiches for The Mustard Seed to help community members in our inner city.

Thanks to their generosity and actions, these classmates have achieved their goal of promoting happiness, health, and meaningful participation in their communities among citizens. Several students expressed their joy in being able to help and acknowledged the significant impact they were making on others.

“Participating in the Make Your Mark program allowed us to partner with LoveGood Food Exchange, to stock food boxes and one class also made sandwiches for the Mustard Seed to further extend our community outreach. We want to demonstrate love in action by serving our neighbours in need and look forward to continuing our mission.”



Westminster School

Nominated by Little Warriors

Westminster School is a proud champion of Little Warriors. Since 2019, Little Warriors has been the school’s charity of choice for Hockey Helps Kids, a partnership with the Edmonton Oilers. What came out of that competition was a beautiful relationship that has continued to this day. The next generation of students at the school continues to fundraise for Little Warriors, and they have completed donation drives each year for much-needed items and supplies at the Be Brave Ranch. Little Warriors is grateful to this group of amazing teens and administration who continue to support the children, teens and families receiving treatment at the Be Brave Ranch.

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