

# MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016

As I bring you Greetings from all the board members of the Foundation, it seems hard to believe that a year has almost passed since being elected to the chair position of the Foundation.

I would like to thank all the board members, the school board trustees, staff at the board office and our many volunteers for all their support and input to the Foundation in helping us fund Catholic Christian leadership initiatives as well as opportunities to enhance education within our schools.

In closing on behalf of the board I wish you Joy, Peace and Good health throughout the New Year and look forward to seeing you at our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

Rob Stroh, Chair

on behalf of:

- Gordon Rice, Vice Chair
- Regina Durst, Trustee Rep
- Greg MacPherson, Secretary Treasurer
- Herb Durda, Director
- Byron Martin, Director
- Jeff Neumann, Director



## SCHOOL PROJECT ENHANCEMENT GRANT

The Foundation has established a School Project Enhancement Grant to provide Medicine Hat Catholic Schools with the opportunity to apply for funding for their own unique priorities.

Objectives:

- Each year the Foundation may award a grant to a division school up to a maximum of \$5,000.00.
- All projects and programs must be compatible with the objectives of the Foundation.
- The objective of the School Project Enhancement Grant is to enhance school programs/projects/initiatives that are not funded by Alberta Education.



Priority will be given to:

- Projects that demonstrate innovative practices, initiative and sustainability.
- Projects that incorporate community partnerships (other schools, parent organizations, local parishes and community groups).
- Projects that can demonstrate direct impact on students.
- Projects which assist students, teachers and staff achieve a new level of excellence.

For more information visit the Foundation website - [www.mhcbe.ab.ca](http://www.mhcbe.ab.ca) (Programs & Services tab)

### OUR PURPOSE

“To enhance and fund Catholic Christian leadership initiatives as well as opportunities to enhance educational activities within the schools of the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education.”

The Foundation is a registered non profit organization and registered charity with CRA.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships can be established to support students as they venture out into post-secondary education. Criteria can be specified to target particular areas of interest or in memory of a loved one. Tax receipts available for donations.

**Archie MacPhail Memorial Scholarship (\$500.00 annually)**  
Available to a Grade 10 to 12 student to promote spiritual growth, Christian lifestyle, and development of religious leadership skills.

**Education Foundation Servant Leader Scholarship (\$500.00 annually)**  
Available to all grades at all schools to students who demonstrate a servant heart and is active in making a positive difference in the world.

**James Michael (Mickey) Lynch Memorial Scholarship (\$200.00 annually)**  
Available to a Grade 12 student who was also a graduate of St. Louis School. Chosen based on demonstrated skills in English grammar and must be registered in post-secondary education program.

**Joe Stroh Memorial Scholarship (\$500.00 annually)**  
Available to a Grade 12 student selected for outstanding citizenship and service within the school and church community.

**Mook Giesinger Awards (\$300.00 annually)**  
Diligence Awards (\$50.00 each) given to students in Grades 1 to 6 at St. Louis School who work hard, show improvement, and exhibit an excellent attitude and effort.

**Pat Cullen Memorial Scholarship (\$900.00 annually)**  
Math Awards available to St. Mary's students. \$200.00 each to Grades 7 to 9 highest achievement; \$100.00 each to Grades 7 to 9 second highest achievement.

**Sister Joan Burns Memorial Scholarship (\$900.00 annually)**  
Religious Studies Awards available to St. Mary's students. \$200.00 each Grades 7 to 9 highest achievement; \$100.00 each to Grades 7 to 9 second highest achievement.

**Stan Gill Memorial Scholarship (\$500.00 annually)**  
Available to a Grade 12 student with highest mark in Biology 20 & 30 combined.

**Tom Anderson Memorial Scholarship (\$500.00 annually)**  
Available to a Grade 12 student who is planning to pursue a career in Business and is registered in business related post-secondary program.

**Winter Games Legacy Scholarship (\$500.00 annually)**  
Available to a Grade 12 students. Candidates must have displayed leadership in their chosen sport and be enrolled in a post-secondary program.



Tom Anderson Memorial Scholarship awarded to Mama Sumo, Grade 12 - Monsignor McCoy High School



Sister Joan Burns Scholarship awarded to Jayden Snortland (l) & Annika Gerl (r) Grade 9 - St. Mary's School



Pat Cullen Scholarship awarded to Olivia Hordos Goyer Grade 7 - St. Mary's School

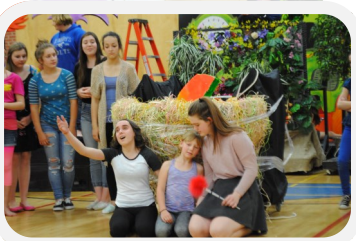
## GRANTS AWARDED

**St. Louis School - Christmas Hamper Program** (\$1,000.00) - Funds were used to purchase 2 Christmas hampers for families at St. Louis School.

**St. Louis School - Breakfast Program** (\$350.00).

**Notre Dame Academy - Partition Curtain** for Gymnasium (\$160.00).

**Religious Education Congress** (\$1,500.00) - Grant was used to cover cost of registration and resources for 3 teachers to attend a variety of sessions concerning ministry, teaching and faith development.



**St. Mary's School - Seussical, Jr.** (\$1,000.00) - Grant was used to support the musical production by covering cost of printing and transportation to and from event location.

**École St. Thomas d'Aquin - Grade 6 Retreat** (\$500.00) - Funds used to transport students to Camp McCoy to participate in activities to develop their leadership skills and learn more about their faith.

**St. Patrick's School - Caring Kids Campaign** (\$400.00) - Funds used to create Caring Kids Kits to share with individuals at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen.

**S.P.I.C.E. Retreat** (\$3,000.00) - Funds were used to enable 3 teachers to participate in a catholic school community conference which focuses on nurturing faith seeds to take root in others.

**Music Monday Spring Celebration** (\$1,000.00) - Funds used to cover the cost of transportation and facility rental for schools involved in this community based music ministry event.

**Food-Focus initiatives at Schools** (\$3,600.00) - Funds were dispersed to all schools to support food-focused initiatives for their breakfast/lunch programs, before and after school care programs wellness teams or directly to students in need.



**Mother Teresa School - Playground Gravel Upgrade** (\$2,200.00) - Funds were used to help offset costs of upgrading gravel in playground to safety codes.

**WE Day - Monsignor McCoy High School, Notre Dame Academy and St. Mary's School** (\$2,640.00) -



Funds were used to transport students to Calgary to attend a day of celebration and inspiration with a focus on young people leading local and global change.

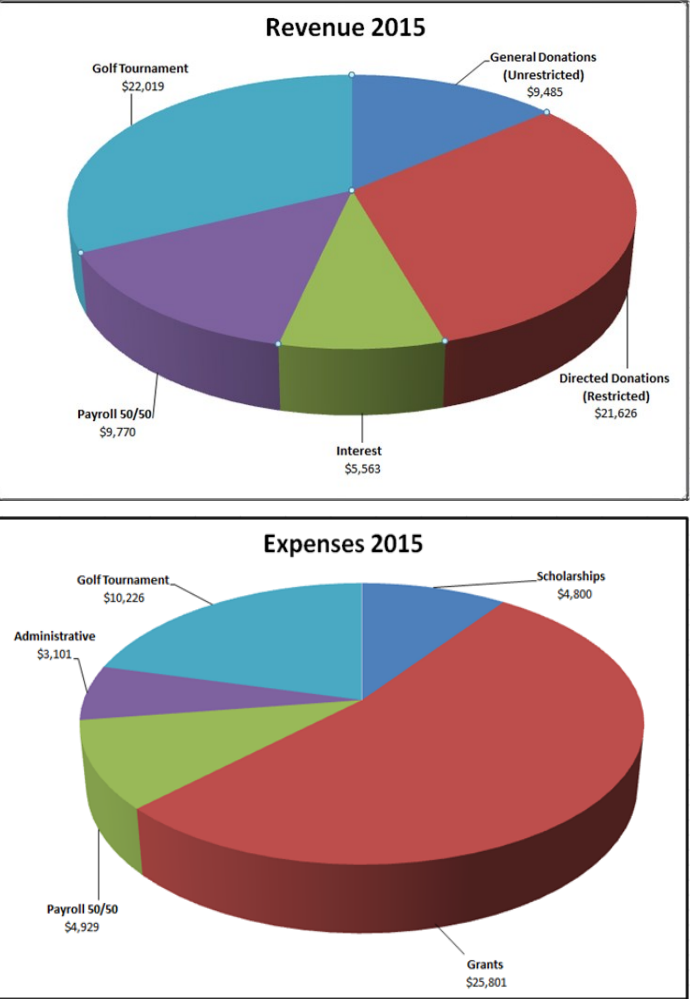


Thank you to all individuals and community businesses who supported financially and donated personal time to further the work of the Foundation.



If you would like more information about partnering with us in the work of **Changing Lives**, please contact us to discuss options for involvement. Thank you for your interest!

### FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2015



More detailed information is available on the Foundation website: [www.mhcb.ab.ca](http://www.mhcb.ab.ca) (Programs and Services tab)

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**  
**MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' EDUCATION FOUNDATION** will hold their Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. at the Board Office (1251 - 1st Avenue SW)  
*Public Welcome*

### GOLF TOURNAMENT NEWS

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament was held on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Cottonwood Coulee Golf Course in Medicine Hat.

Due to a fast moving storm, the tournament had to be cancelled after only 9 holes, but the event was still a wonderful success and we could not have done it without the support of all who participated, from the faithful volunteers, to our loyal sponsors and many community golfers. The generosity of all has helped necessary for Christian leadership initiatives, scholarships, and support of unfunded school projects.

With the golf season fast approaching, we are pleased to announce exciting plans for the **Education Foundation 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** scheduled to take place on **Friday, June 10, 2016** at Cottonwood Golf Course in Medicine Hat. Join us for a relaxing afternoon of golf with other business and community participants! Registration brochures, sponsor flyers and tournament details will be available in February.

The golf tournament continues to be a major annual fundraising event and has been very successful to date. We welcome your participation and invite you to join with us as we work it encourage and changes the lives of students in the Catholic school division.

**14th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament**  
**Friday , June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Cottonwood Coulee Golf Course**

### NEW DIRECTOR - JEFF NEUMANN

(APPOINTED SEPTEMBER, 2015)

I am married to Candy and have a daughter Heather and son-in-law Les. We have two grandchildren, the oldest of whom is in kindergarten at St. Patrick's School.

I am a member of St. Patrick's Parish and involved with the Knights of Columbus and have been a lawyer at Niblock and Company for over 20 years.

It is a privilege for me to be able to serve on the Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation Board. I am proud and excited about the Foundation's contributions to support current and future students in their education and development.

### PAYROLL 50/50 DRAW WINNERS

Catholic School Board Employees graciously donate on a monthly basis through Payroll 50/50 to support the work of the Foundation.

This past year **nearly \$5,000.00 was invested in the Foundation** to support Foundation initiatives. During 2015, the following employees were pleased to have their name drawn to win!

<b>January</b>	- Glen Barth (Monsignor McCoy High School)	\$412.50	<b>July</b>	- Della Dewald (Central Office)	\$400.00
<b>February</b>	- Lorene Stenhouse (St. Louis School)	\$412.50	<b>August</b>	- Monica Braat (St. Michael's School)	\$402.50
<b>March</b>	- Guy Lanigan (Notre Dame Academy)	\$407.50	<b>September</b>	- Dominique Hirsch (Central Office)	\$410.00
<b>April</b>	- Roxanne Gjerlaug (St. Mary's School)	\$410.00	<b>October</b>	- Sarah Kukurudza-Dzikowski (St. Patrick's School)	\$412.50
<b>May</b>	- Dianna Anderson (St. Patrick's School)	\$425.00	<b>November</b>	- Bev Fune (St. Michael's School)	\$412.50
<b>June</b>	- Michelle Devine (Mother Teresa School)	\$415.00	<b>December</b>	- Monica Braat (St. Michael's School)	\$410.00

### Monsignor McCoy High School - Modernization -

The Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation is pleased to be a partner and support our Catholic High School modernization project. The Foundation will issue tax receipts for eligible donations. Make a donation and join the legacy and help build a better high school to enhance the educational experiences for our students for years to come. Your name and dedication will be placed on our Investor Wall of Fame.

**Ways to invest:** "Be a Friend of Monsignor McCoy", "Purchase a Brick", or through "Sponsorship". Log onto the modernization website @ [www.mccoymodernization.ca](http://www.mccoymodernization.ca)

to view the Modernization Floor Plan with the interactive map; watch the Video Footage describing the modernization plans and learn about donating to the modernization project. Pick up a fundraising brochure at any Catholic School or School Board Office or call (403) 527-2292 for more information.