

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the Education Foundation is 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.

*And His Name shall be called
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace*



For the past 17 years, the Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation has been a loyal partner and supporter of the Catholic school division. The directors, all volunteers and residents of the community, are committed to Catholic education and meet regularly to consider how the Foundation can benefit the Division.

Some highlights from the past year (more detailed information in this newsletter):

- Development of Education Foundation Servant Leadership Scholarship
- 11th Annual Golf Tournament a successful fundraising event
- Grants awarded to support unfunded school projects and Christian leadership initiatives
- Updates to the Constitution and revised purpose statement to better support schools and benefit our donors

I would like to sincerely thank all who have contributed and become partners with us in supporting Catholic education. We are very grateful for your provision!

At this special time of year as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, let's reflect on how fortunate we are to live where we do. We have so many opportunities for our children and ourselves. I encourage you to take a step back and count your blessings.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas Season and New Year!

Bernie Lyczewski, Chair
Rob Stroh, Vice Chair
Natalie Van Tryp, Trustee Rep
Greg MacPherson, Secretary Treasurer
Herb Durda, Director
Byron Martin, Director
Allan O'Byrne, Director

CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION

Over the past year, the Foundation has been wrestling with how to work within the guidelines set out for charities as well as benefit donors with a tax receipt. A change has been made to the constitution which opens up more possibilities. Specifically, we have expanded our purpose statement to now encompass supporting educational opportunities in the Division schools as well as enhancing Catholic Christian leadership initiatives. This means schools can now submit project requests to the Foundation for consideration and donations received which are earmarked for that project may be eligible to receive a tax receipt.

** The Foundation can only disburse funds to other registered charities or to their own projects.*

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.

AVAILABLE SPRING 2014

Joe Stroh Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Stroh was first and foremost an educator. He taught numerous classes throughout his career at McCoy including Social Studies and German. "Herr Stroh" as he was known to many of his students always had a smile and a "Guten Morgen" for everyone in the school hallways. Joe was known for his Christian values and his community spirit, volunteering for numerous events with different organizations. This scholarship is the family's way of carrying on their father's legacy.

Tom Anderson Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - available to a Grade 12 student who is planning to pursue a career in Business and is registered in business related post-secondary program.

Agriculture Incentive Scholarship (\$250) - available to Grade 12 student at St. Michael's School in Bow Island who has registered in agricultural related post-secondary program.

Archie MacPhail Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - available to Grade 10-12 students to promote spiritual growth, Christian lifestyle, and development of religious leadership skills.

E.L. Brosz Scholarship (\$1,000) - available to Grade 12 student at St. Michael's School in Bow Island who displays balanced strengths in academics, volunteer activity, leadership and general attitude.

James Michael (Mickey) Lynch Memorial Scholarship (\$200) - available to Grade 12 student at Monsignor McCoy High School who was a graduate of St. Louis Elementary School. Chosen based on demonstrated skills in English grammar and must be registered in post-secondary education program.

Pat Cullen Memorial Scholarship - Math awards available to St. Mary's students. \$200 each to Gr. 7,8,9 highest achievement; \$100 each Gr. 7,8,9 second highest achievement.

Sister Joan Burns Memorial Scholarship - Religious Studies Awards available to St. Mary's students. \$200 each Gr. 7,8,9 highest achievement; \$100 each Gr. 7,8,9 second highest achievement.

Stan Gill Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - available to Grade 12 student at Monsignor McCoy High School with highest mark in Biology 20 & 30 combined.

Troy Knibbs Memorial Scholarship (amount varies) - Awarded to a Grade 12 honour student at St. Michael's School Bow Island. Candidate must be attending a post-secondary program.

Winter Games Legacy Scholarship (2 x \$500) - Available to Grade 12 student at Monsignor McCoy High School or St. Michael's School Bow Island. Candidate must have displayed leadership in their chosen sport and be enrolled in a post-secondary program.



Winter Games Legacy Scholarship presented by Herb Durda, Foundation Director, to Monsignor McCoy student Dakota Schacher

NEW in 2013

EDUCATION FOUNDATION SERVANT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

\$500 annually

*For even the Son of Man came not to be served
but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Matth 10:45

The Catholic Education Foundation wishes to partner with parishes and schools in the Division to identify the next generation of leaders—for our school, our pulpits, our pews, our cross-cultural missions and the workplace. We believe that Catholic Christian education has the power to transform the hearts and minds of the next generation of Christ followers.

We hope to make this scholarship available each year to a student who consistently demonstrates a servant's heart combined with the ability to lead others in a service-oriented manner. Volunteer activities in a school, church, mission or social setting will qualify for scholarship consideration.

If you would like to contribute financially to ensure the longevity of this scholarship and partner with us by investing in the lives of students, please complete the form on the back of this newsletter and send your donation. A tax receipt will be issued.

*For more information about this scholarship visit our website at www.mhcbe.ab.ca (Education Foundation tab)

11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are pleased to report the **11th Annual Golf Tournament held on Friday, June 14th** was once again positively supported by community businesses and individuals. The tournament is our major fundraising event each year and **just shy of \$14,000 was raised** to continue supporting Foundation projects.

Our sincere thanks goes to all volunteers, participants, financial and prize sponsors who contributed to the success of this event!

Mark your calendar for next year!
12th Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, June 13, 2014
at Cottonwood Coulee Golf Course



Summer is coming!!

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2013

Grade 6 Retreat (École St. Thomas) - \$500
 Funds used to transport students to Camp McCoy to participate in activities to develop their leadership skills and strengthen their relationship with God.

WE Day (Monsignor McCoy) - \$875 Funds 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.

AB Student Leadership Convention (St. Michael's BI) - \$1620 Funds used to cover the cost of transportation and registration fees. The aim of the conference was to foster leadership skills in Alberta's youth.

Science Program (St. Mary's) - \$7,500 Donated funds used to purchase 'hands on' equipment to enhance the existing science programs.

SPICE Conference (Religious Ed) - \$3,000 'Shared Purpose in Catholic Education' Conference. Funds used to cover cost of registration.

Spring Sing (St. Michael's, École St. Thomas, Mother Teresa & St. Francis) - \$700 A choral workshop with the aim of bringing school choirs together to build community and share the love of singing. Funds used to cover the cost of facility rental and transportation of students.

Woodworking (St. Michael's BI) - \$2000 Funds donated to purchase a 'stop-saw' to enhance safety in woodworking component of curriculum.

PAYROLL 50/50 DRAW WINNERS



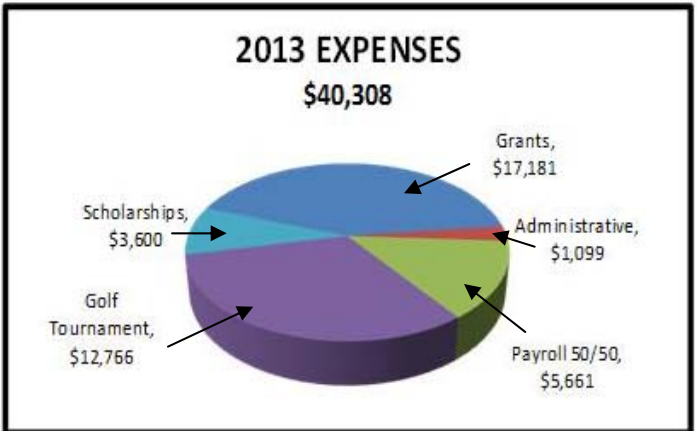
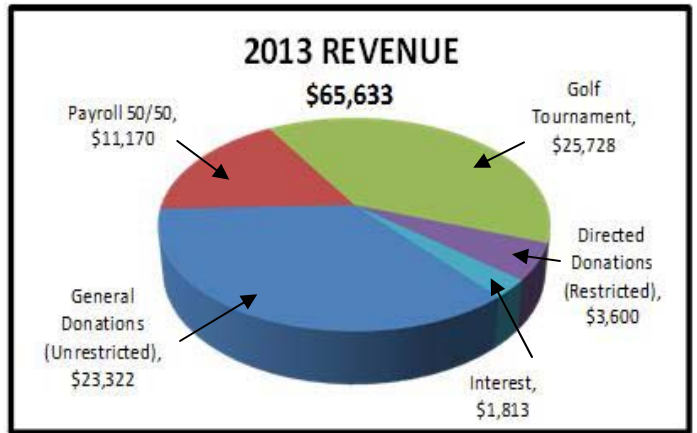
This past year **over \$5,500** was invested in the **Foundation** to further Catholic Christian leadership development of our staff and students. The following employees were pleased to have their name drawn to win!

Winners in 2013:

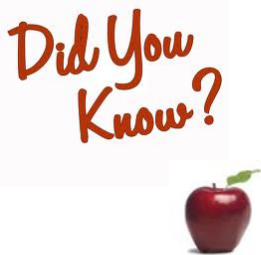
- January** Shannon English (St. Mary) - \$472.50
- February** Carolyn Zimmer (Mother Teresa) - \$477.50
- March** Barbara Babyn (St. Patrick's) - \$480.00
- April** Shannon Lewry (St. Patrick's) - \$480.00
- May** Gwen Hodgins (St. Patrick's) - \$480.00
- June** Chuck Hellman (St. Mary's) - \$477.50
- July** Wanda Simmons (McCoy) - \$432.50
- August** Lori Frelick (St. Mary's) - \$432.50
- September** Patricia Swan (St. Louis/SMMH) - \$447.50
- October** Tina Steinke (Central Office) - \$462.50
- November** Charlotte Eresman (St. Louis) - \$452.50
- December** TBA


FINANCIAL REPORT

Year ending August 31, 2013



More detailed information available on the Foundation website:
www.mhcbe.ab.ca (Education Foundation tab)





2003—2013
SCHOLARSHIPS
\$47,399
 awarded to students
 in the Division

2003—2013
\$125,833
 awarded

= 89
GRANTS
 To improve classroom experience

Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education
 serves **2,653** students (ECS to Grade 12)

KELLY VAN HAM *Trustee Representative Retires*



Our sincere thanks goes to Mr. Van Ham for his service as Trustee Representative to the Foundation from 2007 to 2013.

Kelly was a great supporter of the Foundation and an active participant in the annual golf tournament. His participation and influence will be missed.

We wish him well in all his future endeavours!

Newly Appointed Trustee Representative

NATALIE VAN TRYP



Natalie grew up at Medicine Hat. Her schooling includes a Bachelor of Arts -Sociology (1992) and Bachelor of Education (1996). She is married and has three children. Natalie enjoys volunteering her time within her community to help keep it vibrant.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation will hold their Annual General Meeting **Tuesday, January 28, 2014—7:00 PM** at the Board Office (1251—1st Avenue SW) *Public Welcome*

CHANGING LIVES FOR THE BETTER



THANK YOU TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITY BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY AND DONATED PERSONAL TIME TO FURTHER THE WORK OF THE FOUNDATION

Yes! I wish to support Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

Name _____

Address _____

City/Prov _____ P/Code _____

Phone _____

Donation enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Receipts will be issued for all donations. Thank you!

Method of Payment Cheque Visa Mastercard Cash

Credit Card # _____

Expiry Date _____

Signature _____

Please mail your donation to:

Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' EDUCATION FOUNDATION
1251—1st Avenue SW
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 8B4

Phone: 403-502-8351
Fax: 403-529-0917

Thank you!
Every gift has the potential to change a life!