

February 4, 2010

MEDIA ALERT

Event: Community Impact Grant Celebration
Date: Tuesday February 9, 11:00 a.m.
Location: Gem of the West Museum,
1306 20 Street, Coaldale, AB

The Lethbridge Community Foundation will be celebrating its **2009 Community Impact Grant awards** with a media event to recognize 43 southwestern Alberta community organizations that will share a total of \$156,715 on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Gem of the West Museum in Coaldale. This event also recognizes the \$25,000 contribution of the Alberta Government to the grant total through the Community Spirit Program.

The event is being held at the Gem of the West Museum, one of grant recipients receiving support to improve the museum's stage lighting. The presentation is expected to take approximately one hour. Interview opportunities with Foundation officials and representatives of grant recipients will be available prior to and following the presentations.

The Community Impact Grants program impacts four major areas of community support and there will be short presentations by a community organization in each of these areas:

- The Lethbridge Community Foundation has provided **\$27,031** in grants to 11 organizations supporting **Arts & Culture** initiatives. Duncan Lloyd of **Gem of the West Museum** will outline the museum's efforts in developing sustainability and enhancing cultural services in Coaldale.
- In the area of **Environmental Conservation & Recreation** the Foundation has provided **\$16,639** in grants to 5 organizations. A representative of the Town of Raymond will describe how the Foundation's grant will assist in the completion of the **Raymond Outdoor Aquatic Centre**.
- The Foundation has provided **\$26,900** in grants to support 5 organizations with **Health & Wellness** initiatives. Donna Bier will discuss the impact the equipment funded by the Foundation will have on the **Health Centres of Fort Macleod, Crowsnest Pass and Pincher Creek**.
- In the area of **Human & Social Services**, the foundation has provided 21 organizations with **\$86,145** in grants. Mandy DeCecco-Kolebaba and Danielle McIntyre of **Lethbridge Food Bank** and **Interfaith Food Bank** respectively, will describe their cooperative project to implement software to support the multiple functions of a food bank.

A complete listing of community organizations receiving grants is attached.

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