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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PAACF

and Happy Birthday to the Donors, the Grant recipients, the Board members and all our Community Partners.

This is the 20th Birthday for all of us!

THANK YOU

In February, 1999, a special meeting was held in Prince Albert, attended by Leaders from business and community organizations. The Agenda focused on looking at the resources and needs of Prince Albert and considering the creation of a Community Foundation. And it happened!! *The Prince Albert & Area Community Foundation Inc. was born.*

1999 - 2019

We especially thank the Founders of PAACF. In 1999, these men and women agreed on a Mission for a new Community Foundation – *'To encourage philanthropy and fund charitable activities that will contribute to an improved quality of life in our region'*. Thank You for your vision and dedication, showing that *"Together we will build a better future"*

- Merv Bender
- Don Blocka
- John Bodnarchuk
- Colleen Bowerstock
- John Boyd
- Eleanor Caldwell
- Bette Desjarlais
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- Bernice Sayese
- Jim Scarrow
- Merv Schneider
- Daryl Snider
- Brent Zabarashuk

HIGHLIGHTS OF 20 YEARS

OUR GROWTH LINE

1. 1999 - Incorporation of PAACF
2. 1999 - LaRoche Scholarship created
3. 2000 - Millennium Fund established
4. 2002 - Moffat Family Fund comes home
5. 2003 - John G Diefenbaker Fund transferred to PAACF
6. 2010 - United Way becomes our Partner
7. 2012 - Prince Albert Community & District Scholarships developed
8. 2014 - Established a relationship with "Just In Case" workshops
9. 2014 - Hemstad Fund established
10. 2016 - Canada 150 fund is offered
11. 2017 - MNP Community fund created
12. 2017 - Gail Hartsook Fund created
13. 2019 - RBC Future Launch Community Challenge offered

GRANTING HISTORY OF PAACF

2002 - 2019

- Total Groups/Organizations funded - 117
- Total Projects funded - 233
- Total granted - \$ 1,268,561.90

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA

1992 - 2019

- Number of Community Foundations in Canada - 191
- Community Foundations combined assets - more than \$5.8 billion
- Communities served by a community foundation - 90%

BOARD MEMBERS - the LEADERS, the INNOVATORS, the WORKERS

52 Community Leaders! There were 22 individuals who created the PAACF in 1999, 30 more who joined our Board - and left our Board.....



And 7 who STAYED!

SCHOLARSHIP #1 - 2001

Collin LaRoche Memorial Scholarship

The LaRoche family suffered a tragic loss with the passing of Collin, only 24 years old. They do not want to forget who Collin was and how he “Paid it Forward” in so many important ways. An Annual Scholarship is granted to a Birch Hills graduate, someone who demonstrates similar qualities that Collin had.



COLLIN'S STORY – as told by his family. “Collin was really an old soul at heart”

Losing Collin was a tragedy our family has been learning to live with over the past 20 years. Losing a loved one changes your life forever. The dynamics of your family changes and your lives going forward take on new meaning to life itself. You move ahead with the hope of becoming a better person, one that will leave a footprint or trademark or make a difference in the life of someone else.

Collin grew up learning how to love, be honest, be compassionate, be respectful, have fun, work hard, be accountable for his actions and treat others as he would like to be treated himself. Collin impacted many people by the way he chose to live life himself. He possessed strong personal attributes that contributed to his very purpose in life.

His mother, Shannon, shares a compelling story that happened when Collin was in grade three. He came home from school and told her that he helped out one of his classmates that was being bullied in the school yard. Collin said that other kids were making fun of Tim because he didn't have any hair. Collin said, “I think he is sick or something”. The older kids were laughing and telling Tim how stupid he looked with no hair. Then they grabbed Tim's ball cap and threw it on the ground and ran away taunting him. Collin said he walked over, picked up the ball cap, took Tim's hand, told him I will be “your friend” and walked him home.

We want the Collin LaRoche Memorial Scholarship to reflect Collin's life, what he believed in and what he stood for. We did not want the scholarship to be based on academics. We want to encourage graduates to be kind, to give a compliment, a smile, a hug, listen, or thank someone for a job well done. We want the recipient of the scholarship to be a witness to love, respect, compassion and friendship. We want the recipient to be a light and lamp to others by living this example within their family, community and workplace.

Collin gave up his own life trying to save two others in a work-related accident.



PAACF first awarded community grants in 2002 worth a Total of \$ 4000.00. In 2019, PAACF awarded community grants and scholarships worth a Total of \$ 114,731.90.

FUND #1 - 2000

The Millennium Fund

This is the fund that began PAACF. 39 individuals and businesses made donations in the initial fundraising effort to celebrate the Millennium, honoring our past and building for the future. The Board came up with a Millennium Club concept whereby individuals would commit \$1/day or \$30/month for a total of \$2000.00. The individual would then designate what cause their fund would go to. To get the Foundation off the ground, the Prince Albert Credit Union agreed to underwrite \$1 million in loans, interest-free, to provide an immediate benefit to the Foundation from individuals' long-term commitment.

STILL GOING STRONG!!

Grant Recipients - 2011



SHARE Trailer - 2006



Rotary Trail - 2003 - 07



PAACF Board Member
1999 - 2019 Bryan Rindal



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

1. FAMILY FUND

This Fund carries YOUR Family name, in perpetuity.

2. DONOR ADVISED FUND

YOU decide what kind of project you would like to support, on a year-by-year basis.

3. COMMUNITY FUND

If not designated, your fund will be used to respond to the changing needs of Prince Albert and area

4. DESIGNATED FUND

YOU specify one or more charities as perpetual beneficiaries of the annual income from your gift.

5. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Helps students pursue their dreams.

6. AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUND

A Charitable organization creates an Endowment Fund to which anyone may contribute, such as Board members or other supporters.

Contact a Staff or Board member to help decide which Fund is best for you and your family

'Together we will build a better Future'

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