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Airdrie & District
**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

Welcome to our End of 2024 Newsletter, it has been an amazing year and we couldn't be more excited to share the highlights with you!

Foundation Surpasses \$1 Million Milestone

The Airdrie and District Community Foundation's permanent fund has now passed the \$1 million mark. Starting with just \$11,000 less than 10 years ago, the fund was valued at \$1,022,563 on August 31st.

For the community, it means the Foundation can provide more or larger grants to local charities. The first grants were awarded in 2017 for \$5,500 and grants reached \$30,000 this year.

Board Chair Dale Rathgeber said, "It is a real credit to the people of Airdrie and area that the permanent fund has grown so much. Thanks to them, we have been and continue to be, one of the fastest growing community foundations in the country."

Vice Chair Kelly Boudreau added, "The need never stops, so we're not stopping either. The charities we support add immeasurably to the strength and character of Airdrie and district. Their contributions are especially important in taking care of the vulnerable. Everyone can contribute, even a few dollars can make a difference. And donors also benefit by receiving tax receipts that reduce their income tax."

awarded as grants to local registered charities. For donors, it provides a way to support the community forever.

In 2024 alone the Airdrie & District Community Foundation brought in over \$238,600 - this has been one of our most successful building years yet and this momentum will take us far and allow us to help the community forever. Join us in our cause!

Learn more or donate at airdriefoundation.ca



Foundation Teams Up with Professional Advisors

As part of its drive to help the citizens of our area, the Airdrie and District Community Foundation is forging ties with professional advisors. It began with a lunch on October 22, 2024 when the Foundation explained how it would like to work with them to help donors make informed decisions about wills, estates, and other financial issues. The advisors were receptive and indicated they were interested in pursuing this alliance. Thank you to all who attended!

Next, the Foundation will create a Professional Advisors page on its website, listing local individuals and firms that can help donors. It is coming soon.

planners, investment professionals, life insurance agents, and others.

Professional advice is especially helpful when donors are planning their estates, arranging bequests, and dealing with other significant life events. Using an advisor will help ensure you receive tax receipts that will lessen what you or your beneficiaries must pay in taxes.

Watch for the Professional Advisors page, coming soon at the Foundation's newly updated website. And watch for events with advisors in the coming months and year.



Ideas for How & When to Donate

Is someone that's important to you reaching a milestone or a significant life event?

You can gift them a permanent legacy by contributing to the Airdrie & District Community Foundation. Some examples include:

- * Put their name permanently on display by making a donation to our permanent fund. It's a way to let them know how important they are to you. See the good company they will be in by visiting our [Legacy Tree page](#).
- * In Memoriam provides a permanent legacy for someone you've lost, but you want their name to live on, to recognize the impact their lives had on you or others. See how their name would be displayed by visiting our [Special & Memorial page](#).

that were important to your loved one.

How can you donate? Visit our [Donate page](#) where you'll find details on donating by cheque or credit card, on a monthly or a one-time gift, through a gift in your will, through life insurance, and by way of your RRSP or RRIF.

Our New Website

Earlier this fall, we were thrilled to publish our new website, which brings new colour, enthusiasm, and professionalism to our purpose.

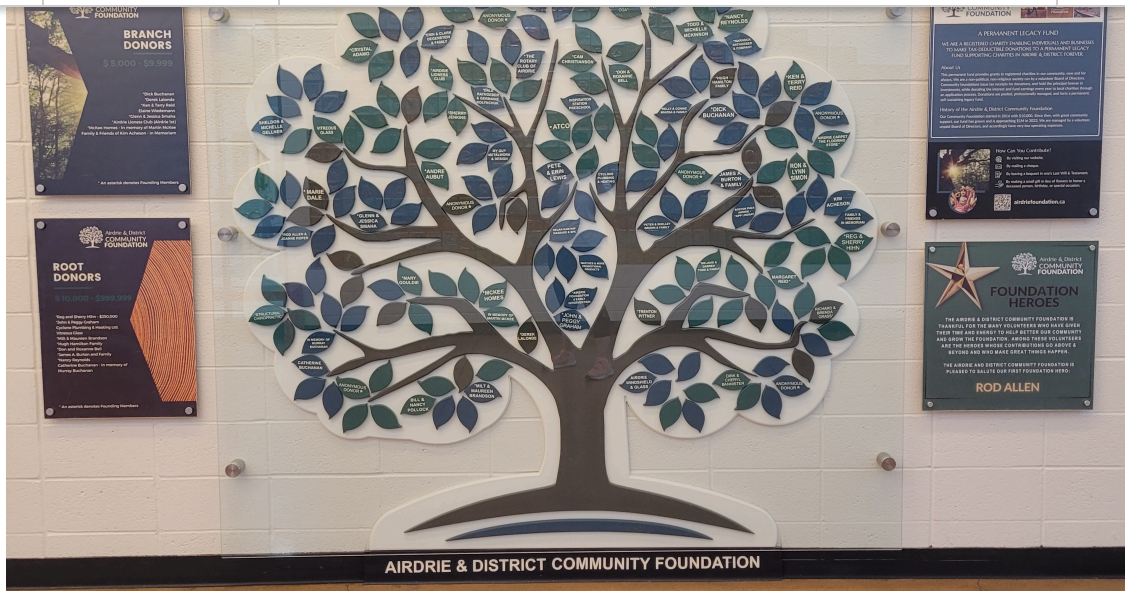
Thanks to Suzy and Trevor Rounce at Switchback Creative, the site is fresh, modern and it showcases the story of the Foundation well!

We urge to see it for yourself, at AirdrieFoundation.ca

Upcoming Events

The Foundation intends to update the Legacy Tree at Genesis Place on March 11, 2025. Anyone donating at the \$1,000 level or beyond by the **end of January** can be recognized on the tree and on the signs.

March 15: The deadline to apply for 2025 grants to registered charities. Please visit our [Grants page](#) to get grant guidelines, the application form, or to see which organizations have received grants since we began awarding them in 2017.



People Update

We were pleased to welcome two new Directors to the Board earlier in 2024, [Jeff Coffin](#) and [Keith Bott](#). Learn more about them and how they want to contribute to Airdrie and area by visiting their profiles on our [About Page](#).

We also regret having to report that [Lori Robertson](#), our stalwart Administrative Coordinator is leaving us after our December meeting. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours. At the same time, we welcome our new Admin Coordinator, Lori Rehill.

Please Share this Newsletter

Thank you very much for reading, and we hope you will share our good news by forwarding copies to your friends and family.

Please accept our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Holiday season, and watch for more exciting announcements in 2025!!!

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.

By Charles Dickens

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