

We believe that when a community comes together we can change lives.

Together we are possibility.

enabling kids to be all that they can be

The challenges:

- 54% of young children start school without the basic skills they need to succeed (Gov't of AB, 2014)
- 18.3% of youth have not completed high school within five years which significantly impacts their future success (Alberta Education, 2014)

Our strategies for success:

Increasing access to:

- quality early learning programs, including those that involve both parent and child
- out-of-school programs that support the development of essential life skills
- mentoring programs to build healthy relationships with family, peers, adults and the community

Partnering in the community to address root causes

Promoting these issues and local initiatives

Partners in making a difference:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters in Lacombe, Ponoka, Rimbey, Red Deer & District, Stettler
- Boys and Girls Clubs in Rocky Mountain House, Rimbey, Ponoka, Red Deer & District
- kcs Early Learning programs
- Camp Alexo
- Butt Ugly
- Red Deer Early Years Coalition
- Bashaw Family Wellness Programs
- Butt Ugly
- Sundre & District Nutrition for Learning

Results that Matter:

A few facts from the first 3 year cycle of funding for Education (2013-2016):

- 13 new programs were funded over the last three years
- 1,950 more kids became involved in programs from year 1 to 3, which was a 52.5% increase
- In total 13,587 kids were served
- Our funding increased 7.2% over the three years for a total investment of \$1,032,806

Highlights from 2015-2016:

- 5,636 children were supported
- 19 programs
- 384 young children received the support they need to be successful to start school had the opportunity to play, learn and develop the skills they need to be successful in school
- 682 youth received mentoring throughout the region
- 1,985 children were supported in out-of-school programs
- 2,698 youth received a unique experience to learn about healthy habits

moving people from poverty to possibility

The challenges:

- 15% of Red Deer Families live in poverty
- 38% of lone parent families in Red Deer are living in poverty
- The 2014 Point-In-Time Homeless Count identified 137 people experiencing homelessness in Red Deer
- 20 households/week in Red Deer get their utilities cut off for non-payment that is 1040 households/year

(all stats come from a CAPRA infographic, 2015)

Our strategies for success:

Improved access to

- affordable housing
- employment program that help individuals to develop skills and abilities in order to obtain long-term employment
- financial literacy programs that enable individuals to learn about and develop skills to manage personal finances and build assets

Partnering in the community to address root causes

Promoting these issues and local initiatives

Partners in making a difference:

- Housing programs – Buffalo Housing First, Red Deer Housing Team, Julietta's Place
- Employment programs - Employment Support for Skilled Immigrants, Career Connections, Aboriginal Resource Room, Client Support at John Howard Society
- Financial literacy training – ABC program
- Central Alberta Poverty Reduction Alliance
- Purchased the Poverty Simulation kit and hosted several events

Results that Matter:

Highlights from 2015-2016:

- 165 people were housed
- 18 families with 48 people were able to receive safe housing and support from Julietta's Place
- 994 people were helped to find employment, 188 were identified as immigrants.
- 155 people were given the opportunity to learn more about managing finances

promoting healthy people, strong communities

The challenges:

- More than 74,000 Albertans have reported physical or sexual abuse in the last 5 years. (Gov't of AB, 2013)
- Red Deer RCMP statistics for the first quarter of 2016 demonstrate that Sexual Assaults and other Sexual Crimes have increased 43% from the same period in 2015, but that Assaults had decreased by 17%.

- In Central Alberta, 34,260 people are living with a disability some who face challenges and require assistance in order to live independently. (Statistics Canada, 2013)

Our strategies for success:

Improved opportunities for

- counselling support so that people facing crisis can increase self-confidence, improve their coping skills, and become more resilient
- support programs that develop people's ability to live independently and experience a more fulfilled life

Partnering in the community to address root causes

Promoting these issues and local initiatives

Partners in making a difference:

- Counselling programs – Child Abuse Treatment, Life and Peer Wellness Initiative, Counselling services at Catholic Social Services, Family Services of Central Alberta and Shalom
- Preventative programs – Preventative (bullying) Education, Harm Reduction, Many Healing Blankets, Domestic Relationship and Violence Initiative Committee
- Support services – Home Support, Meals on Wheels in Red Deer, Outreach to seniors, Client support through cnib, Epilepsy Society, Spinal Cord Injury, Schizophrenia Society
- Fueling Futures
- Welcome and Inclusive Communities

Results that Matter:

Highlights from 2015-2016:

- 2,395 people were provided supports to manage through a crisis.
- 8,342 individuals were given assistance in order to live independently.

