



InTouch

Fall 2016

Timeless contributions.
Endless possibilities.

Lasting continuity.

Our family has been fortunate to benefit from all that Edmonton has to offer. Through Edmonton Community Foundation, the Berger Family Fund contributes to new community needs as they arise. **This helps maintain and strengthen Edmonton now and into the future.**

Joanne Berger



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CEO Message

Welcome to the fall edition of *InTouch* newsletter. The end of the year is right around the corner so it is the perfect time to say "Thank You" to ECF's generous donors and friends. It is also time to remind everyone of important deadlines for year-end giving. To ensure your donations will be eligible for a 2016 tax receipt, gifts of cash or credit need to reach ECF before December 31, or bear a postmark of December 31 or earlier. Gifts of securities should be started before December 2. Please contact our donor services team for more information: call us at 780-426-0015 or donorservices@ecfoundation.org.

In this edition we begin the count-down to Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. We are partnering with Community Foundations of Canada to bring funding opportunities to Edmonton and area charities to build community and activate groundswell for local initiatives that celebrate the sesquicentennial. Two

granting rounds have already occurred. You can read about these outstanding projects on pages 4 and 5. For more information on granting opportunities still available please refer to page 3.

We are delighted to introduce a donor who is using her talents in speaking, writing, and painting to bring comfort to burn victims. Kelly Falardeau, a burn survivor herself, will talk about how her fund is helping share her message of love.

We are also pleased to tell you about our new podcast. The 2nd episode of *The Well Endowed Podcast* is up and we trust you will find each episode well worth a listen. Enjoy engaging guests, an exploration of events and things happening in Edmonton, and more talk about grants and donors. To hear the latest episode go to TheWellEndowedPodcast.com.

And on December 7 ECF and Edmonton Public Library are co-hosting the Mayors' Forum: Building Strong Communities. Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi will join our own Mayor Don Iveson for a discussion on meaningful ways to strengthen the two cities. The talk will be moderated by Edmonton Journal Columnist Paula Simons. For more on this event go to page 7.

On behalf of the staff and Board at Edmonton Community Foundation we wish you all the best for the holiday season and a very prosperous 2017!

Martin Garber-Conrad



New to ECF

We are pleased to welcome **Laura Kugler** to the ECF team as donor services associate.

New to the BOARD

ECF is also pleased to welcome four new members to the Board of Directors; **Susan McGee, Marc Arnal, David Hancock, and Shabir Ladha.**

Holiday Closure

Our offices will be closed from noon on December 23 until January 3, 2017.

We wish you all the best for 2017!

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Good to know: *The Well Endowed Podcast*

ECF's donors know it is good to be well endowed. After all, funds at ECF have granted more than \$170 Million since 1989. *The Well Endowed Podcast* is just one of the ways you can stay apprised of the work these funds accomplish.

Each podcast features stories about donors and what inspires their generosity. You will also hear about the people who use our support to build and sustain social initiatives, empower youth, strengthen arts and culture, and so much more.

more about the support ECF provides.

November's Stories:

Dr. Bukola Salami (one of Edmonton's Top 40 under 40) shares her research about the health of newcomers to Canada. We listen in as the Edmonton and Area Land Trust rescues several native Albertan plants from a highway expansion. We learn about how the Fort Edmonton Canoe Brigade brings us together to celebrate Canada's 150th. And we speak with Emmy Stuebing about how her legacy of giving in Edmonton will continue even after she moves to Victoria.



Edmonton is rich with passionate, dedicated people who want to build a vibrant community, and the podcast explores the impact that these champions are having on our city.

As a bridge between donors and charitable causes, ECF helps donors create endowment funds that will give for generations; forever, in fact. With that kind of support, we can accomplish a lot!

The Well-Endowed Podcast launched its first episode on October 1, and each month we will invite you back to hear

Listen now at:
TheWellEndowedPodcast.com

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CAREER CENTRE

Post-Graduate Work Experience Program

How could you use \$12,000? Find a new employee with the Post-Graduate Work Experience Program

Apply to receive a wage subsidy of 12.50/hour for a 6-month position for recent university graduates who are looking for positions that align with their educational attainment. These positions are meant to support your organization while supporting the graduates in developing employability skills and building their professional network.

For more information on Work Experience requirements and how the program works visit uab.ca/cc or email pgwep@ualberta.ca for more information.

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Story by Elizabeth Bonkink

Iveson vs. Nenshi: *Mayors' Forum*

In an epic evening sure to be as exciting as the Oilers versus the Flames, ECF in partnership with the Edmonton Public Library (EPL) is pleased to bring you the **Mayors' Forum**.

Okay, it is not the battle of Alberta, but we are certain there will be friendly rivalry and maybe a few slap shots when Mayors Don Iveson and Naheed Nenshi come face to face on December 7. And to ensure the scrimmages are fair and there is no body checking the evening will be refereed, or rather, moderated by Edmonton Journal's Paula Simons.

In all seriousness, we hope the evening will inspire, inform, and

motivate you to find ways to contribute to our communities, cities, and province.

Join us:

WHEN: Wednesday, December 7, 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

WHERE: Chateau Lacombe Hotel - 10111 Bellamy Hill Rd. NW

TICKETS: \$10 for General Admission and \$75 for VIP tickets. Tickets are available at: EPL.ca. Please note you *do* need to have a library card. (But if you don't have one already, what are you waiting for? They are free!)

Ticket proceeds support the revitalization of the Stanley A. Milner Library.



Five tips for a happier *tax time!*

In Alberta gifts to qualified charities over \$200 receive a 50 per cent tax credit; it is the most generous in Canada. Keep these five tips in mind to make your charitable gift this holiday season result in a happier in tax season.

1. ECF offices close at noon on **December 23**. We are always happy to see you, so stop by early. There might be cookies.
2. Gifts to ECF can also be made by credit card by phoning us at 780.426.0015 before noon on **December 23**.
3. If you are mailing holiday cards anyway and want to mail your donation, make sure the envelope is postmarked by **December 31, 2016**.
4. Donations can be made through CanadaHelps.org until **11:59 pm on December 31**. But don't wait until the last minute if you want your donation to reach your fund before the end of 2016. Why not do it on your smart phone while you wait for your spouse to finish their holiday shopping?
5. Gifts of marketable securities take much longer and must be started by **December 2**. If you need more information, please contact donor services at 780.426.0015.

Don't wait, call now!

Consider this a gift to yourself.



Spotlight on Canada 150 Grants

ECF is pleased to announce that the following grants will receive support for projects in celebration of Canada's sesquicentennial. Another round of granting will be open from December 1, 2016 to January 15, 2017.

These grants were made possible by the *Community Fund for Canada's 150th* — a national initiative involving the Government of Canada, Community Foundations of Canada, private and philanthropic partners, other community leaders, and local community foundations. ECF offers congratulations to the following organizations and looks forward to seeing their projects come to life.

Round one grants

Alberta Book Fair Society - Multicultural Pop-Up Plan (\$11,500)
P.U.M.P. It Up for Canada 150! is a "pop up" project to showcase multicultural arts and cultures in different Edmonton neighbourhoods to mark Canada's 150th anniversary.

Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society - Miyo Wahkohtowin Gathering (Good Relations) (\$12,000)
By bringing together Syrian newcomers and Indigenous peoples, Bent Arrow will create pathways to share unique cultures and embrace differences, toward building the foundation to miyo wahkohtowin (good relations).

Edmonton Centre for Race and Culture - A living timeline of Canada's race relations (\$14,700)
Through an interactive journey through lesser-known events and policies in Canada's history, participants will learn about both the historical depth and continuing effects of race issues.

Edmonton Musical Theatre Society - THIS LAND OUR MUSIC: A Celebration of Canadian Music (\$5,100)

This musical revue will honour our Canadian music artists who brought their passion and talents to the world.

Sesquicentennial
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Adjective

1. of or relating to the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of a significant event.

Noun

1. a one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary.

Metro Cinema Society - Home Movies (\$15,000)
Metro Cinema will shine a monthly spotlight on different aspects of Canadian society through film and film-inspired art.

River Valley Alliance - Fort Edmonton Canoe Brigade (\$14,130)
The brigade will re-enact and celebrate the history of travel and commerce by

First Nations, Métis, and settlers along the North Saskatchewan River in Alberta's Capital Region by Voyageur Canoe on the 150th celebration of Canada.

Theatre Prospero Association - Mythic Pearls at the Roots (\$15,000)
A multicultural, multidisciplinary, audience-participation performance will incorporate myths from diverse Canadian cultures.

The Edmonton Public Library Board - Canada 150 Digital Storytelling Project (\$14,700)
EPL will create a digital oral history by collecting and sharing stories with our community.

The Works International Visual Arts Society - Community Involved Art Project (\$15,000)
The Works will issue a national call for three diverse artists to produce distinct participatory artworks that actively build community and tell the complex story of Canada's people and places, and that will be showcased to the estimated 300,000 visitors of The Works 2017 Festival.

Round two grants

Alberta Council for Environmental Education - 150 Ways Schools Show Climate Leadership (\$15,000)
A fall 2017 event will recognize and celebrate the exemplary practices by students, teachers, and schools that show climate leadership working toward creating a low carbon future.

Art Gallery of Alberta Society - AGA Canadian History Project (\$15,000)
An exhibition of artworks that tell stories of Canada's diverse cultural history, developed in collaboration with visitors who share their own stories and perspectives on Canada's cultural history.

Catholic Social Services - Celebrating Canada's Diversity for Its 150th Anniversary (\$5,000)
A free public event will celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary and the country's history of welcoming immigrants and refugees.

Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations - ECVO Canada 150 (\$15,000)
A dynamic campaign will share 150 unique Edmonton volunteer stories during Canada's 150th year.

Health Arts Society of Alberta - Concerts in Care Celebrate Canada 150 (\$15,000)
A series of concerts celebrating Canadian music and musicians will be presented to elders in care who are otherwise unable to participate in

Canada 150 events.

Ice on Whyte Festival Society - Old Strathcona Canada 150 Community Mural Project (\$15,000)
Up to 300 festival attendees will create one of 150 murals across Canada.

Mile Zero Dance Society - MZDs Sesquicentennial Parties (\$15,000)
MZD is hosting four free Sesquicentennial Art Parties in the McCauley neighbourhood, including visual art displays and multidisciplinary performances celebrating Canada's history, culture, or future.

Muslim Association of Canada - Celebrate Canada 150 (\$15,000)
A Canada Day celebration at Callingwood park with free BBQ and Carnival.

Sikh National Archives of Canada - Turban Eh! (\$12,000)
Members of the Sikh community will wrap turbans on guests at Canada Day celebrations and provide the opportunity to learn about the significance of the turban and the history of Sikhs in Canada.

The Citadel Theatre - Indigenous Associate Artist (\$12,000)
The Citadel Theatre is creating the Indigenous Associate Artist position to help proactively feature Indigenous plays and artists on their stages.

The River Community Church - Heritage Valley Spectacular (\$15,000)

A group of community organizations is presenting an inclusive, multi-cultural Canada Day event in southwest Edmonton.

The Strathcona County Heritage Foundation - Canada 150 Community Connect Event (\$10,110)
An exhibit celebrating Canadian history and heritage will include community celebration and collaborative art creation.

Need a dynamic speaker for your group?

ECF has many qualified speakers available for presentations.

Please contact us!

To book:
Charitable giving, starting a fund, or taxation topics:
Kathy Hawkesworth at khawkesworth@ecfoundation.org
780-426-0015.



Vital Signs report topics:
Elizabeth Bonkink at ebonkink@ecfoundation.org
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Canada 150 funding *opportunities*

City of Edmonton Canada 150 Community Celebrations Sponsorship Program

Are you a non-profit organization in Edmonton that is planning an engaging, connecting and inspiring community celebration to commemorate Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation? If so, consider applying for a **City of Edmonton Canada 150 Community Celebrations sponsorship grant**. These grants will be awarded to qualifying non-profit organizations in Edmonton to assist with the costs involved in producing local, community-led sesquicentennial celebrations.

Next Deadline: March 15, 2017

For more information go to: Edmonton.ca

The Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF)

A national initiative "Access4All" is being launched with the participation of the Government of Canada to inspire and empower Canadians to build a more inclusive and accessible Canada in honour of our nation's 150th birthday. The initiative will raise awareness and address accessibility barriers that persons with disabilities face every day. These activities will be offered in communities and schools across the country. An accessibility challenge for young people will also be launched, and tool kits offered to schools and communities so they can assess their own environment. Finally, through this investment, a fund will be created to help a minimum of 50 communities make their public spaces more accessible.

Final Deadline: March 31, 2017

For more information go to: RickHansen.com/access4all

ECF opens third round of funding: Community Fund for Canada's 150th.

Edmonton Community Foundation is opening a third round of grants for projects in honour of Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. Community Foundations of Canada and ECF are partnering to bring a granting opportunity to Edmonton and area charities. We encourage applications from charities working with diverse populations including Aboriginal peoples, youth, groups that reflect our cultural diversity, and official language minority groups. Grants range from \$500 to \$15,000, but eligible projects are required to match, either in kind or cash, the grant requested.

Deadline: Applications are open from December 1, 2016 to January 15, 2017 for projects after March 1, 2017.

For more information go to: ECFoundation.org



Wrapped in a Blanket of *Love*

Story by Elizabeth Bonkink

At age 2 Kelly Falardeau suffered burns to 75 per cent of her body. For most of her early years she had to endure corrective surgeries every two months. As a teenager she also bore endless teasing being called "scarface." Kelly knows pain. But she also knows love.



Kelly's *Blankets for Burn Kids Fund* at ECF hasn't emerged, but she is helping the endowment grow by selling blankets adorned with her artwork and the message, "You are Loved... You are Needed... You are Wanted..." She also gives many of her blankets away: kids at burn camps, firefighters in Fort McMurray, and kids she hears about who have also suffered burns.

Two year-old Rosie is one blanket recipient with whom Kelly feels a kinship. Rosie also suffered burns to 75 per cent of her body. And Kelly says, "She is also the child of a single mom, and we share the same birthday!"

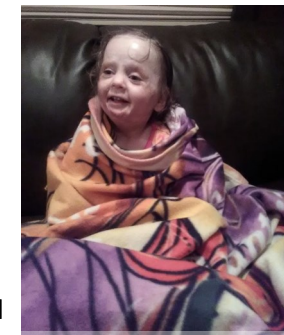
Out of Kelly's hardships have grown many talents. She is now a best-selling author, motivational speaker and self-taught painter. It was through her painting that the idea for 'Blankets for Burn Kids' grew. She had been selling her paintings on Facebook when she learned she could have her artwork reproduced on blankets.

"When I go out to speak I bring the blankets. When people hear about them they want to buy them for kids at burn camp, but they also want to buy them for themselves too." The money raised goes into Kelly's fund at ECF to help more kids attend burn camps.

The blankets fulfill two missions for her; allowing burn victims to attend camps where they are just 'normal kids', and passing on her important message. "I used to look at my scars and wonder if anyone would love me.

I want these kids to know they are loved and needed."

For more about Kelly and the blankets go to: KellyFalardeau.com



Rosie in her blanket

GIVING TUESDAY™

November 29th

You've probably heard of Black Friday and most likely Cyber Monday...
we invite you to join us for **Giving Tuesday**, a new movement for giving and volunteering.

On Giving Tuesday ECF hopes you will donate to your favourite charity. If you want to increase your impact consider also a donation to ECF's Community Fund.