



Estate Administration Week



Have you been appointed executor or personal representative for a loved one? Or maybe you are wondering how to choose an executor for your will.

ECF is pleased to present **Estate Power Administration Week 2021 – ONLINE**.

Learn about the many aspects of estate administration.

April 12 to 16, 2021, ECF will present webinars that provide valuable information for estate executors and those who are making estate plans. Each session focuses on a specific topic and is

presented by a wills and estates lawyer in our community.

To read more about each session or to register, go to: ecfoundation.org/estate-administration-week.

TOPICS INCLUDE

Estate Planning 101 & Choosing the Right Executor on April 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Estate Accounting - What you Need to Know on April 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Be Mindful of Common Issues on April 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Executor Duties 101 - General Roles on April 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Beneficiaries NOT Named in the Will on April 14 at 2:00 PM

Dealing with Capacity Issues on April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Handling Disputes on April 15 at 10:00 a.m.

"War Stories" - When Estates Don't Go According to Plan on April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

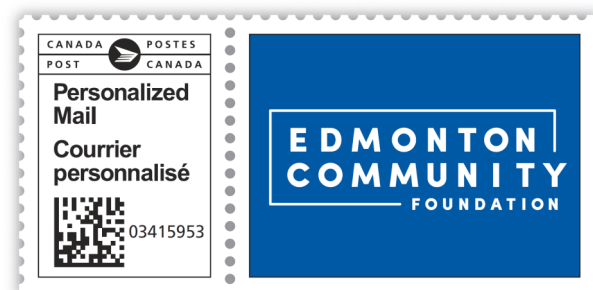
What NOT To Do As an Executor on April 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Pre-registration is required if you wish to attend in real time. Taped webinars can also be viewed after the event.

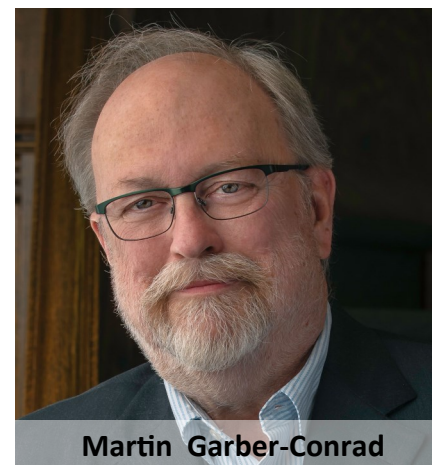
ECF would like to thank the lawyers and their firms who donate their time and expertise to present these seminars as a public service.



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CEO Message



Martin Garber-Conrad

2021 is already providing much to look forward to. Spring has arrived, bringing warmer weather, and COVID-19 vaccinations are well under way.

As we look back on 2020, we can see that much was accomplished. ECF reached a milestone in granting as more than \$35 million was distributed to students and charities, bringing total granting to \$300 million since we began in 1989. On Page Two we provide a breakdown of last year's grants—including \$5.4 million in COVID relief.

Notwithstanding significant contributions from donors and government partners, the pandemic is

not over, and there is more work to be done. Charitable organizations are still struggling to raise funds, deliver programs safely, and find new ways to serve citizens.

More resources are needed to ensure front-line charities survive to be able to help now and in the future. Therefore, contributions to the Rapid Response Fund (RRF) are still gratefully received. If you are interested in donating to the RRF please go to ecfoundation.org or contact our donor services team by calling **780.426.0015** or donorservices@ecfoundation.org.

On Page Three we look back at a year of living with the pandemic and how Edmonton fared. A special Vital Signs report entitled "Same Storm, Different Boats" looks at which people were hit harder by the pandemic, why, and what we can all do about it. In this newsletter we give an overview, but you can read the full report at ecfoundation.org/initiatives/vital-signs.

We will have a final take on 2020 at our Annual Meeting on June 9. This year's theme is intended to remind us

of the beauty around us: human beauty in kindness and generosity and natural beauty that surrounds us in the River Valley. Our guest speaker will be Kristine Archibald, Executive Director of River Valley Alliance. She will share some amazing videos of places nearby where we can go to appreciate that beauty. Mark your calendar to join us online on June 9 at 11 a.m. You can go to ecfoundation.org and click the link. You can also watch a taped version after that date. More details will follow soon.

Page Four of the newsletter looks ahead. April 12-16 will be Estate Administration Week and ECF will present nine seminars to help you prepare. If you have been asked to be an executor or are planning who should be the executor of your estate, we encourage you to participate in one or more of the seminars happening that week. Pre-registration is required.

It was a challenging year but there is hope ahead. I look forward to the day when we can meet again in person.



Land Acknowledgement

We are gathered on land that has been home for quite some time for many Indigenous peoples and, for many more, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place and travelling route for centuries. We know some of these people as the Cree, Salteaux, Blackfoot, Metis, Dene and Nakota Sioux, although they have their own names which we will learn in time. This place where we live and gather is acknowledged to be the Territory covered by Treaty 6 and in Region 4 of the Metis Nation of Alberta. We are all treaty people—beneficiaries of the peace and prosperity the Treaty brought—and committed also to working toward the equity and justice the Treaty promised.



Spotlight on Grants - A Milestone Year

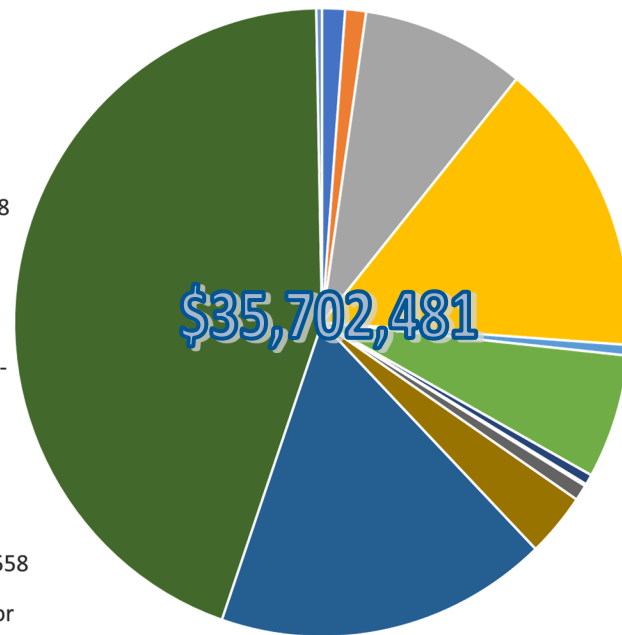
In 2020 a record \$35.7 million was granted to more than 730 charities and 432 students. This means ECF recached an important milestone for granting. Since inception in 1989 ECF has provided more than **\$300 million** in funding!

The much-needed COVID-relief grants helped put us over the top, totalling just over \$5.4 million. This includes \$1.98 million from ECF's Rapid Response Fund, \$3.22 million from the Emergency Community Support Fund from the federal government, and \$213 thousand from other granting streams.

Thank you to all the donors and fund holders who made this possible.

Granting Breakdown for 2020

- Area of Focus - \$429,000
- Anti-Racism Grants - \$390,000
- Community Grants Program - \$3,066,000
- COVID Grants - \$5,448,184
- Gender Equality Grants - \$193,628
- Foundation Directed Initiatives - \$2,280,000
- Small Grant Program - \$189,200
- Young Edmonton Grant Program - \$37,130
- Vital Signs grants - \$290,000
- Student Awards - \$1,174,209
- Designated Grants - \$6,237,728
- Donor Advised Grants - \$15,859,558
- Endowment Matching Program for Environmental Organizations - \$107,844



Mark your calendars and plan to attend...

ECF's Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Celebrating the Beauty of Edmonton.



Guest speaker:

Kristine Archibald

Executive Director

River Valley Alliance

Online at ecfoundation.org



Vital Topic

COVID-19

IN EDMONTON

We are all in the same storm...

... but in different boats.

Although more than half of Canadians report that the pandemic is having a significant impact on their households, the virus disproportionately affects marginalized communities.

Ethnicity

Visible minorities are at greater risk of COVID-19 due to higher poverty rates. They are more likely to live in overcrowded housing and work in jobs with greater exposure to the virus.

Note: much of the data collected on ethnicity is self-reported as the medical system does not regularly collect or report on ethnicity.

African, Black and Caribbean Canadians

- Compared to the Canadian average, Black Canadians are more likely to report COVID-19 symptoms, and **3x as likely to know someone who has died.**
- **1.9x more likely to report difficulty paying rent.**
- 2.6x are more likely to experience food shortages.

Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis, Inuit)

- **Report higher instances of COVID-19 (particularly Métis).**
- Indigenous Peoples are **2x as likely to report inability to pay rent** during the pandemic.
- First Nations people have a **high prevalence of underlying health conditions** that could increase severe outcomes of COVID-19.

Asian Canadians

- People of South Asian heritage report higher instances of COVID-19.
- **Two of the largest outbreaks in Alberta were at two meat processing plants.**
 - 70% of Cargill's employees are of Filipino descent.
 - 33% of JBS employees are from East Africa, South Asia, and Latin America.
- **Police across Canada have reported an increase in hate crimes targeting Asian populations.**

THE FULL REPORT AND SOURCES FOR THESE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE AT [ECFOUNDATION.ORG](https://ecfoundation.org)

How you can help:

Follow local guidelines – Wear a mask when indoors with those outside your cohort. Stay home whenever possible. Wash your hands frequently. Adhere to all local guidelines.

Check in on friends and family (safely) – Text, phone, or video check-ins. Don't forget about the people you know who may be in quarantine.

Support local – Small businesses are being hit hardest by the pandemic. Shop online or call for curbside pick-up.

Kindness counts – Grocery store employees, delivery personnel, and especially medical professionals are stressed. Be kind and compassionate.

Volunteer your time (even online) volunteerconnector.org

Other Socioeconomic Factors

Persons with disabilities

More than 20% of Canadians have one or more disabilities.

- **36% reported losing work** (of the 66% that worked pre-pandemic).
- **44% reported an impact on food** and 40% on personal protective equipment.
- **71% reported impacts on their finances.**

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

- **76% were very concerned about managing their children's behaviours,** and anxiety compared with 57% of parents of children without disabilities.

Seniors

CANADIANS OVER THE AGE OF 60 ACCOUNT FOR

- **71%** of hospitalizations.
- **61%** of cases admitted to the Intensive Care Unit.
- **97%** of deaths.

OF THE 118 REPORTED OUTBREAKS IN EDMONTON (January 19, 2021):

- **29% were in long-term care facilities**
- **44% were in supportive living/home living sites.**



CO-MORBIDITIES People with pre-existing chronic conditions are at higher risk of dying of COVID-19.

LGBTQ2S+ Canadians

Pre-existing inequalities in financial and housing security have made LGBTQ2S+ individuals even more vulnerable during the pandemic.

- LGBTQ2S+ youth may be forced to isolate at home with phobic family members.

Edmonton's homeless

Overall, the number of homeless in Edmonton has remained stable, however these numbers are expected to go up when the pandemic supports end.

In March 2020, Edmonton's homeless-serving sector opened a location for homeless to access services in a safe environment.

Domestic Violence during the Pandemic

- 10% of women and 6% of men in Canada are concerned about violence in their home during the pandemic.
- **Domestic violence-related calls to Edmonton police rose 16% in 2020.**