



IMPACT REPORT



2025-2026

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MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

As I reflect on my first term as the Board Chair of the Sheep River Health Trust, it is an honour to share this outstanding Impact Report. Over the past year, I have gained an even deeper appreciation for the remarkable generosity and compassion that exist throughout our region. Serving in this role has been both humbling and inspiring, and it has reinforced my belief that when people come together with a shared purpose, extraordinary things happen.

One initiative that continues to inspire me is the Trusts' support of the School Meal Program. It represents far more than providing breakfast or lunch. It helps ensure that children arrive at school ready to learn and equipped to reach their full potential. Behind every meal is a child who feels supported, a family that knows their community cares, and an investment in the future of our region.

One of the greatest privileges of serving on the Board is hearing directly from the organizations we are honoured to support during Radiothon. Every story broadcasted reminds us of the very real impact generosity has on individuals and families throughout our community. Behind every program, and every donation is a person whose life has been made a little easier, a little healthier, or a little brighter. It is both inspiring and humbling to play a small part in supporting that work.

The impact you will see throughout these pages belongs to all of us. It reflects the generosity of our donors, the dedication of our volunteers, the commitment of our community partners, and the resilience of those we are privileged to support. While no report can tell every story, it can remind us that when people choose to invest in one another, anything is possible.

To our longtime donors, thank you for your unwavering support. To those who have recently joined us, welcome. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving alongside so many generous people. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together over the next few years.

With sincere gratitude,

Natasha Phillipson

Board Chair

Sheep River Health Trust



THE HIGHLIGHTS



\$618, 245.92

Total Funds Raised

449

Individual and corporate donors



34

Projects Funded to 5 Pillars of Support:

- Medical Equipment
- Community Care Programs
- Seniors
- Children & Youth
- Families



67

Volunteers contributed

1,692 hours



WHO ARE OUR DONORS?



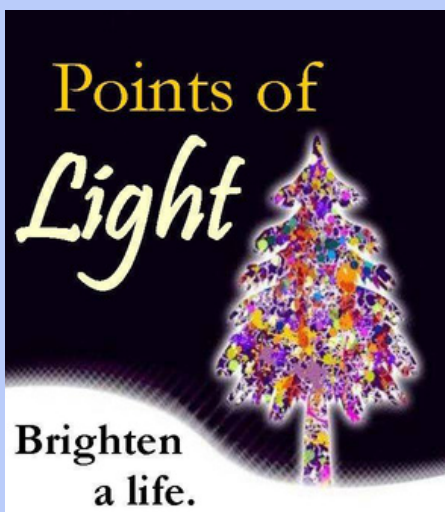
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Health Heroes

Radiothon Donors:

30 Individual
&

28 Corporate



54 Annual Campaign
&

52 Points of Light Donors

121

One-time Donors

48

Memorial Donors

FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

The Memory Workshop

The Sheep River Health Trust held a Memory Workshop at the Okotoks & District Seniors Club. The event was sold out with 60 people in attendance. Topics included learning about memory issues that may require help.

Photos With Santa

Photos with Santa has become a beloved holiday tradition. Located at the Best Western Plus Okotoks Inn and Suites, guests interacted with Santa during their pre-booked photo session. Each group then received access to their photo gallery where they could download multiple photos.

Avenue of Trees

Located at the Best Western Plus Okotoks Inn & Suites, eight trees were decorated and donated by various service clubs and businesses to be put on display for the community to enjoy in November and December. Each tree was sponsored and then delivered to a family/individual in need of a Christmas Tree.

Points of Light

A "Point of Light" is someone who was publicly honoured when a donation was made to the Sheep River Health Trust in their name. The loved ones were recognized by having their name published in the Western Wheel in January.

Breakfast with Santa

Santa and the Grinch joined us at the Best Western Plus Okotoks Inn & Suites to visit with children & families while they enjoyed a hearty breakfast, had their faces painted and got glitter tattoos.

COBS - Dough-Nation Day

COBS Centennial Village held a month long fundraiser where customers made donations with their purchases at the till. It concluded with Dough-Nation Day - during which COBS donated \$2 from the sale of every package of cross buns.

FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

Diamond Valley Parade & Market

For the 2nd year, the SRHT took part in the Diamond Valley Market on June 6 at Millenium Park. By engaging the public with a free prize wheel we were able to promote the Trust and upcoming Radiothon to approximately 1,500 visitors.

The 13th Annual “Together We Make a Difference”Radiothon

In partnership with The Eagle 100.9FM, we broadcast live for 9 hours to fundraise for health & wellness projects in the Foothills. Donation Stations at the Okotoks Health & Wellness Centre as well as Rona Black Diamond helped us raise \$100,000. The “gift of flight” Westjet Raffle was a new addition this year and increased proceeds through the end of August.

PROGRAMS

Spiritual Care Program

This program is vital to delivering comprehensive, patient-centered care that acknowledged and addressed the spiritual dimensions of health and healing with assistance from the Chaplain and Spiritual Care Volunteer Team.

School Meal Program

This program addresses concerns about children attending school hungry. The Sheep River Health Trust has expanded its support from 4 to 12 elementary and high schools. To date, the program has provided over 25,126 meals and snacks.

Music Enrichment Program

Music enrichment provided by a local musician helped seniors enhance their memory and cognitive skills. The program was delivered at the Rising Sun Long Term Care and 5 Adult Day Support locations.

Community Art Program

Throughout the year, local community artists submitted their original art work to be displayed and sold at the Okotoks Health & Wellness Centre. 20% from the sale of each piece was donated back to the Sheep River Health Trust.

In Memorial

Making a memorial donation is an opportunity to pay tribute to someone who touched your life in a significant way. Planned giving was arranged through securities, bequests, endowments and life insurance.

Where did your Donations go?



Sheep River
HEALTH TRUST

Community Care Programs

Utility Carts, Deck Carts & Pallett Jack

Strong Roots Foundation—Essential Roots Initiative

Inclusion Foothills—Connection Picnics

U of C Rural BScN—Claresholm Bursary

Oilfields General Hospital—Volunteer Services Support

Solace Grief Support—Grief Counselling for all Ages

AHS Staff Education Bursaries

Spiritual Care Program and Chaplain

Seniors

“Music in the Foothills” - Music Enrichment Program

Adult Day Support Program—All Foothills locations

Rising Sun Long-Term Care—Recreation Therapy

Oilfields General Hospital—Palliative Care
Room Upgrades

Children & Youth

Orenda Society—Curriculum for Social-Emotional
and Mental Wellbeing

Turner Valley School Parent Association - Fully
Accessible Playground

KidSport Okotoks—Funding Support for
Child Sport Registrations

School Meal Program—Serving over 25,000 meals
at 12 schools

Post Secondary Science
Studies Bursaries for High School Students

Families

Oilfields General Hospital—Patient and
Family-Centered Care Committee

It Takes a Village Community Foundation -
“Baby Sleep Safe”

Oilfields General Hospital—Indigenous Healing
Garden signage

Medical Equipment

C-MAC Video
Laryngoscope

Donner Compression
Stocking Aides

Baby & Junior Baby
CPR Mannequin

Stryker Stretcher

Auto-Pulse NXT

Pediatric & Adult Airway Training Heads

Vital Signs Machine 3x

Urinalysis Machines 2x

Carboxyhemoglobin Saturation Monitor

Cardiac Monitor

Broda Chair

Ultrasound Physician
Training Course