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LETHBRIDGE + SOUTHWESTERN ALBERTA

# VitalSigns® 2017





# LIFELONG LEARNING



## Library Usage in Southwestern Alberta

### CHINOOK ARCH REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

- Active cardholders in the Library System: 40,429
- Number of items in the Library System's collection: 898,671
- Libraries in the Chinook Arch Regional Library System: 40



### UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE LIBRARY

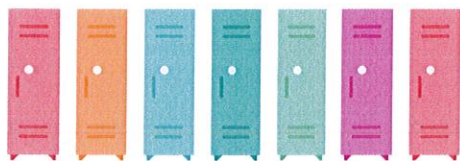
- Circulation for 2016-17: 59,994
- Reference transactions: 9,366



## Family Centre Society of Southern Alberta

The Family Centre in Lethbridge works with families to build and enhance parenting skills, and promote healthy child development

- 5,101 individuals were served in 2015-16
- 2,566 youth and 2,397 parents/caregivers



### Family Centre Early Childhood Education Programs 2015-16:

- 2,940 participants ages 0 to 5
- 590 participants ages 6 to 17
- 2,278 parents/caregivers participated



### HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

#### Grant Given To

Chinook Arch Regional Library System

#### Used For

Increasing collections to strengthen community-based programming in 32 rural libraries

## High School Completion

- 82.1% of students completed high school in Alberta in the 2015-16 school year (Up from 76.5% in 2014-15)
- The high school completion rate in Southwestern Alberta is 79.2%, slightly below the provincial average

### Completion rate by school district 2015-16:

- Horizon School District No. 67: 81.2%
- Livingstone Range School District No. 68: 72.7%
- Lethbridge School District No. 51: 69.9%
- Palliser School District No. 26: 87.5%
- Westwind School District No. 74: 80.9%
- Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4: 83.1%



## Post-Secondary Education

### UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE

The University of Lethbridge is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

- 825 students enrolled in 1967
- 8,468 students enrolled in 2016

### The student population of the University of Lethbridge in 2016:

- 1,488 international students
- 4,890 female students
- 424 Indigenous students
- 4 refugee students



### LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE

Lethbridge College is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

- 35 students enrolled in 1957
- 6,535 students enrolled in 2016

### The student population of Lethbridge College in 2016:

- 182 international students
- 3,226 female students
- 473 Indigenous students
- 2 refugee students



### DID YOU KNOW?

The Community Foundation gave out over \$42,000 in scholarships to 32 high school and post-secondary recipients in 2016.



# CULTURAL LIFE

92% of Canadians believe that arts experiences are a valuable way to bring together people from different languages and cultural traditions.

## Performing Arts

Theatre groups in Southwestern Alberta staged over 200 performances in 2016, attracting almost 20,000 people. These groups include:

- Fort Macleod's Empress Theatre Society
- Cardston's Carriage House Theatre
- New West Theatre of Lethbridge
- Claresholm Society for the Arts
- Taber Players



### DID YOU KNOW?



In an effort to grow and support Canadian art, not-for-profit arts organizations are eligible to apply for matching funding from the Canada Cultural Investment Fund, when private contributions are made to endowment funds. Both New West Theatre and the Lethbridge Symphony have endowment funds with the Community Foundation.

### LETHBRIDGE SYMPHONY

The Lethbridge Symphony's 2016-17 season was their 56th since they were founded in 1960. Symphony Series performances included film soundtracks, show tunes, and symphonic pieces both old and new.

- 31 performances in the 2016-17 season
- 6 school performances
- Attendance in 2016-17: 11,216



### UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

The U of L's Faculty of Fine Arts conferred 111 undergraduate degrees in 9 programs in 2016-17. The two theatres that serve the department are the 450-seat University Theatre, and the David Spinks Theatre, a black box theatre that can be reconfigured to suit each performance.

- 1,314 undergraduate students in 2016-17
- Number of performances: 157 mainstage, since 1977; 58 TheatreXtra, since 2002



### ALLIED ARTS

Allied Arts groups in Lethbridge, Pincher Creek, and the Crowsnest Pass work to foster creativity and promote the arts in many forms throughout Southwestern Alberta.

1958: Allied Arts Council of Lethbridge is established to encourage, promote, and coordinate the arts in the area. 213 artists, art groups, and non-artist supporting members held memberships, and 750 students attended art workshops in 2016.



1985: Pincher Creek Allied Arts Council takes possession of the Lebel Mansion, turning it into a space for the cultivation of creativity. 64 artists and art groups held memberships, and 194 people participated in arts classes in 2016.

1986: Crowsnest Pass Allied Arts Association is founded to empower local art and enhance community connections to art resources. They operate the Crowsnest Pass Public Art Gallery, which received over 7,000 visitors in 2016.

## Culture and Heritage



### INDIGENOUS CULTURE

The Blackfoot Canadian Cultural Society's mission is to be a source of identity, pride, and inspiration for Indigenous people and all others, as well as to be a source for accurate information on the Blackfoot people. Activities include an annual International Peace Pow Wow, the Blackfoot Arts and Heritage Festival, and National Aboriginal Awareness Week.

### DID YOU KNOW?



The Blackfoot word "Nitsitapi" means "the original people," and is another name for members of the Blackfoot Confederacy.

### Blackfoot Arts and Heritage Festival

Held in Waterton Lakes National Park in August, the Blackfoot Arts and Heritage Festival features a tepee raising, art displays, and a Pow Wow.

- Approximately 1,000 people attended the festival in 2016

### National Aboriginal Awareness Week 2017: June 19-24

Events across Southwestern Alberta included activities at the Galt Museum and Fort Whoop-Up, a Blackfoot Drums and Dance performance at Waterton Lakes National Park, and the "Moon of the Longest Day" celebration at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump.

### NIKKA YUKO JAPANESE GARDEN

Nikka Yuko was built 50 years ago in recognition of the contributions made by citizens of Japanese ancestry to the multicultural community of Lethbridge, and as a symbol of international friendship.



- 31,487 visitors in 2016
- 10,412 people visited the Winter Lights Festival in 2016



### HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

#### Grants Given To

Crowsnest Historical Society, Devil's Coulee Cooperating Society, and Gem of the West Museum

#### Used For

New exhibits and museum renovations



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



## Population Change in Southwestern Alberta

As our populations grow, our communities become more diverse and dynamic, and so do our needs.

2011	2016	CHANGE	AVG. AGE	
83,517	92,729	11%	39.5	CITY OF LETHBRIDGE
10,093	9,978	-1.1%	42.4	COUNTY OF WARNER
15,066	15,003	-0.4%	46.1	MD OF WILLOW CREEK
23,285	25,523	9.6%	35.1	LETHBRIDGE COUNTY
17,663	18,494	4.7%	31.2	MD OF TABER
7,333	7,062	-3.7%	44.8	MD OF PINCHER CREEK
6,939	6,924	-0.2%	45.6	VULCAN COUNTY
10,419	10,951	5.1%	39.8	CARDSTON COUNTY AND WATERTON
1,217	1,544	26.9	33.2	PIIKANI NATION
4,679	4,570	-2.3	32.6	BLOOD RESERVE
5,644	5,681	1%	42.8	MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS AND MD OF RANGLAND



## CMARD

### FOSTERING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES



The Coalition of Canadian Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CMARD) was formed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to foster welcoming and inclusive communities. Lethbridge and Fort Macleod have both signed the CMARD Charter.

CMARD Lethbridge organizes many annual community events including Black History Month, the International Day for the Elimination of Racism and Discrimination, an Elders Panel, and a Multicultural Night.



- Over 5,700 people attended CMARD Lethbridge events in 2015 and 2016.



### DID YOU KNOW?

14 Alberta municipalities are signatories of CMARD, the second-most of any province in Canada. Lethbridge's CMARD group, the most active chapter in the country, celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2017.



### HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS



#### Canada 150 Grants Given To

11 Projects, for a total of \$70,000.

**Bert Riggall Environmental Foundation**

**For:** Heritage tourism experience.

**Village of Champion**

**For:** Canada Day celebrations

**City of Lethbridge**

**For:** Whoop-Up Days "Pavilion Project"

**Fort Macleod Historical Association**

**For:** Canada Day celebrations

**Town of Nanton**

**For:** Canadian heritage community event

**University of Lethbridge**

**For:** Casa exhibit about Blackfoot childrearing practices and resiliency

**Vulcan and District Historical Society**

**For:** Digital story about Vulcan's cultural groups

**Lethbridge & District Japanese Garden Society**

**For:** "Experience the Friendship Canada 150" event

**Town of Coalhurst**

**For:** Inaugural Neighbour Day

**Lethbridge College**

**For:** "Founder's Square" display of Blackfoot art and artifacts

**Friends Society of the Sir Alexander Galt Museum & Archives**

**For:** Event honouring Galt family contributions to Confederation

# ENVIRONMENT

## Water

### SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER BASIN

The water in the Oldman River starts off in the Rocky Mountains, the land area of the South Saskatchewan River Basin.

*The South Saskatchewan River Basin, comprised of an area of watersheds totaling 121,095 km<sup>2</sup>, is one of two major river basins in Southwestern Alberta, the other being the Milk River Basin.*

- Median annual discharge of the river basin is 8,842,000 cubic decametres
- All of Alberta's 13 irrigation districts are found within this river basin (all but four are in Southwestern Alberta)

### The Oldman River

The 1969 Master Agreement on Apportionment dictates that 50% of all water that originates in Alberta must make it to the province of Saskatchewan. On average, Alberta passes on 81%.



### Water allocations on the Oldman River Sub-Basin:

Irrigation water comes mostly from snow in the mountains that melts in the spring. This water travels into streams, and then into rivers. Some river water is diverted into a reservoir, which in this case is the Oldman Reservoir.

- 83% of the sub-basin's water is used for irrigation
- 13% is used for other purposes (recreation and gardening)
- 2% is used for livestock
- 1% is used commercially
- 1% is used by municipalities for drinking water

### Oldman Reservoir

- Built in 1991 in response to drought, and can store up to 490,000 cubic decametres
- Surrounding recreational areas offer camping, fishing, and water sports



### DID YOU KNOW?



A river basin is an area of land that catches precipitation and drains it to bodies of water, like rivers, lakes, or streams.

## Nature Conservancy of Canada

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is the country's largest national land conservation organization. Since 1962, they have helped to protect more than 1.1 million hectares across the country. The NCC is helping to preserve the biodiversity of Southwestern Alberta by restoring the grassland ecosystems that support many of our living resources.



- More than 114,000 hectares of land and water in Alberta have been put under the protection of the NCC
- In Southwestern Alberta, the NCC protects the King, Oxley, Waldron, and Welsch ranches, four areas of ranchland that cover over 15,000 hectares
- 45% of Alberta's drinking water comes from headwaters in protected areas



Conservation efforts focus on protecting the last pieces of intact fescue grasslands in the province.

- Less than 5% of fescue grasslands remain in an undeveloped state nationwide
- Grassland preservation ensures that ranchers can sustainably raise Alberta beef



### HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

#### Rural Life Fund Grant Given To

*Southern Alberta Sustainable Community Initiative*

#### Used For

*Completion of the report "Recovery Strategies for Industrial Disturbance on Native Grasslands in the Foothills Fescue, Foothills Parkland and Montane Natural Subregion"*



# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



## Access to Sport and Exercise

### CITY OF LETHBRIDGE FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Launched in November 2015, the City of Lethbridge's Fee Assistance Program enables residents who face financial barriers to participate in recreational and cultural opportunities. In 2016, the program's first full year:

- 1,062 registrations approved
- Helped provide access to 74 different recreation, sport, and culture services
- One-third of funds dispersed went to family swim passes



### KIDSPORT AND JUMPSTART

Kidsport and Jumpstart are national programs that help youth afford the costs involved in playing sports.

In 2016: Kidsport provided \$262,565 to 723 youth in Southwestern Alberta, through six regional chapters. Jumpstart provided \$189,806 to 1,481 youth in and around Lethbridge, through three regional chapters.



### YMCA LETHBRIDGE

- Served 3,500 members with health, fitness, and aquatics programs, including 160 seniors and 500 youth
- In 2016, the Strong Kids Campaign raised \$101,331. 21% of YMCA members access services with this program



## Mental Health in Youth

When people feel connected to each other, they are more likely to experience signs of positive mental health.

- As many as 20% of Canadian youth are affected by a mental illness or disorder, but only 1 in 5 children who need mental health services receives them
- Approximately 5% of male and 12% of female youth, ages 12 to 19, have experienced a major depressive episode
- 3.2 million: the number of youth, ages 12 to 19, at risk for developing depression

### CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (CMHA) ALBERTA

The CMHA Alberta Adult/Youth Crisis Team provides crisis counseling to identify problems, alleviate immediate risks, and agree on a plan of action.

- 1,333 interventions in 2016-17
- 31% of these interventions occurred with youth

### Deaths by suicide in Southwestern Alberta:

- 2014: 110 (6 were ages 10-19)
- 2015: 146 (9 were ages 10-19)
- 2016: 103 (6 were ages 10-19)



## Public Health

### OPIOID CRISIS

- Alberta, 2011: 6 Fentanyl-related overdose deaths
- Alberta, 2016: 368 Fentanyl-related overdose deaths

In 2016, there were 17 Fentanyl-related deaths in Alberta Health Services' South Zone.

- 9 of those deaths were in Lethbridge
- In the first half of 2017, the number of Fentanyl-related deaths in Lethbridge had reached 8

### DID YOU KNOW?



Naloxone is a medication that temporarily reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. It has become an essential public health tool.

- 53 and counting: number of pharmacies and walk-in clinics in Southwestern Alberta that dispense Naloxone kits
- In Lethbridge in 2016, first responders administered Naloxone on 83 occasions, 39 of which were to recurring patients

### VACCINATION

**Herd immunity:** indirect protection from sickness and disease brought about by high rates of vaccination. The more people who are immunized, the less opportunity there is for disease to spread. For effective herd immunity, 85% of a population needs to be immunized.



### 2015 IMMUNIZATION RATES

**MMR:** Measles, Mumps & Rubella vaccine

**5-in-1:** Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, and Haemophilus Influenza Type b vaccine

- Crowsnest Pass: MMR: 86.8%; 5-in-1: 75%
- Pincher Creek: MMR: 91.7%; 5-in-1: 90.7%
- Fort Macleod: MMR: 60.6%; 5-in-1: 46.5%
- Cardston-Kainai: MMR: 80.1%; 5-in-1: 56.5%
- County of Lethbridge: MMR: 60%; 5-in-1: 47.1%
- MD of Taber: MMR: 68.7%; 5-in-1: 58.4%
- County of Warner: MMR: 81.4%; 5-in-1: 63.2%
- City of Lethbridge: MMR: 88.7%; 5-in-1: 70.7%
- Vulcan: MMR: 82%; 5-in-1: 74.3%
- Claresholm: MMR: 88.7%; 5-in-1: 77.6%



### HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

#### Youth in Action Grants Given To

Canyon School and Pincher Creek Metis Local Council Chinook 1890

#### Used For

Programs that encourage physical activity and teach new sports to youth



# LIVING STANDARDS



## Rural Homelessness

Availability of affordable and suitable housing, permanency of living conditions, and accessibility of social services are harder to address with the limited resources of smaller communities.

### Homelessness in Claresholm, Coaldale, and Pincher Creek:

- 16% to 24% of households live in unaffordable housing
- Between 5% and 8% of occupied dwellings in Coaldale and Pincher Creek require major repairs
- Many individuals requiring specific social services are referred to the existing programs in Lethbridge

### DID YOU KNOW?



A community is considered rural if it has a population of less than 10,000.



### HOMELESSNESS IN FORT MACLEOD

A 2015 survey found that Fort Macleod has few appropriate rental options for families. 47 residents identified themselves as homeless or at-risk.

- 87.6% identified as victims of intimate partner violence
- 66% were suffering from mental or physical health issues
- 29.8% of those surveyed had children
- Most respondents indicated being insecurely housed

Since 2013, Fort Macleod Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) has employed a Housing Liaison Worker to support the ongoing challenges of Fort Macleod's at-risk population.

- 179 people, including children, have been housed through the program



### HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

#### Grant Given To

Interfaith Food Bank

#### Used For

Building renovations that increase the capacity and efficiency of their service

## Homelessness in Lethbridge

The City of Lethbridge's Social Housing in Action (SHIA) initiative offers a variety of social services intended to reduce homelessness and housing insecurity. Having helped over 700 people since 2009, SHIA uses a Housing First approach: the principle that shelter is a basic human right. Participants are moved directly from the street or shelter into their own home. All program participants are assessed, and depending on level of need, are referred to one of the many public or private agencies.

### CENTRALIZED INTAKE PROGRAMS IN LETHBRIDGE RECEIVED 895 INDIVIDUALS IN THE 2015-16 PROGRAM YEAR

- HomeBase, operated by the Canadian Mental Health Association, took in 678 individuals of all ages
- McMan's YouthHUB, which offers intake for youth 24 and younger, received 217 participants
- A majority of participants report that their day-to-day living is impacted by mental or physical health conditions or substance abuse

### 152 new participants were housed in the 2015-16 program year:

- 18.4% were recently released from correctional facilities
- 11.2% suffer from Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- 80% of all participants suffer from a mental health condition

The 2015-16 program year saw 83% of participants remain housed.

## Access to Food



### FOOD BANKS

In Canada, the largest increase in food bank use in 2016 was in Alberta.

- 78,293 Albertans accessed food banks in March 2016 (A 17.6% increase in users from 2015)
- 39.4% of food bank users in Canada are under the age of 18
- 49.4% are women
- 63.7% of all food bank users in Alberta are renters
- 16.9% of users are social housing tenants
- 16 food banks in Southwestern Alberta served 6,077 users (A 20% increase from 2015)

### THE INTERFAITH CHINOOK COUNTRY KITCHEN

The Interfaith Chinook Country Kitchen offers instruction to those with limited income on how to cook healthy meals. Offered in partnership between the Interfaith Food Bank and the Lethbridge Family Centre, free cooking classes are available for adults, youth, and support agencies.

- 3,260 total participants in 2016
- 493 cooking classes offered
- 163 volunteers assisted





## WHAT IS VITAL SIGNS?

*Vital Signs® is a community check-up conducted by community foundations across Canada that measures the vitality of our communities and identifies significant trends in a range of areas critical to quality of life. Vital Signs is coordinated nationally by Community Foundations of Canada, with special thanks to the Toronto Foundation for developing and sharing the Vital Signs concept.*

*For more information visit: [www.vitalsignscanada.ca](http://www.vitalsignscanada.ca) or [www.cflsa.ca/knowledge](http://www.cflsa.ca/knowledge)*

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- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Canadian Tire Jumpstart
- Cardston Carriage House Theatre
- Chinook Arch Regional Library System
- City of Lethbridge
- Claresholm Art Society
- Crowsnest Pass Allied Arts Association
- Empress Theatre Society
- Environment Lethbridge
- Family Centre Lethbridge
- FCSS Fort Macleod
- Food Banks Canada HungerCount 2016
- Fort Macleod Affordable Housing Committee
- Government of Alberta
- Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 4
- Horizon School District No. 67
- Interfaith Food Bank
- Kidsport Alberta
- Lethbridge College
- Lethbridge School District No. 51
- Lethbridge Symphony
- Livingstone Range School District No. 68
- Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden
- Oldman Watershed Council
- Palliser School District No. 26
- Parks Canada
- Social Housing in Action
- Statistics Canada
- UNESCO
- University of Lethbridge
- University of Lethbridge Fact Book, 2017
- University of Lethbridge Faculty of Fine Arts
- Westwind School District No. 74
- YMCA Lethbridge



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Communities flourish through generosity.

### MISSION

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# VitalSigns® 2016

## WHAT IS VITAL SIGNS?

Vital Signs is an annual community check-up in six key areas and is an important part of our work. It allows us to present important topics in southwestern Alberta and to support the charities working in those areas.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### BUILDING VITAL COMMUNITIES

A vital community is one where everyone has opportunities to feel they belong. When we feel we belong, we're more likely to take on responsibility, participate in problem-solving, and build strong social networks. This is why **Sense of Belonging** was chosen as this year's national theme for Vital Signs.

Together we can build a community where we all have a stake, where we all have a voice, and where we all belong.



### REFUGEES

**Refugee:** A person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

SYRIAN REFUGEES WHO HAVE SETTLED IN LETHBRIDGE FROM APRIL 1, 2015 TO MARCH 31, 2016:

• Male: 104  
• Female: 88



• Adults: 80  
• Children: 112



LOCAL	GLOBAL
822 Clients served by Lethbridge Family Services in 2015/16	65 million people displaced in 2015
703 of these were refugees	This is a 10% increase from 2014
Top 3 Countries of Origin:	
1 BHUTAN (267) 2 SYRIA (183) 3 NEPAL (114)	



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People displaced per minute in 2015

## WOMEN AND THE VOTE

2016 celebrates **100 years of women's right to vote** in Alberta. Voting is one of the most fundamental aspects of civic engagement.

APRIL 19, 1916

Albertan women win the right to vote!



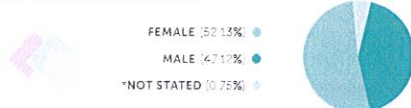
### DID YOU KNOW?

Alberta was the 3rd province to gain suffrage, after Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

• In Alberta, women generally vote 3 to 4% more than men

### Voter Participation in Southwestern Alberta Electoral Divisions

2015 Provincial General Election:



## HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS



### GRANT GIVEN TO

Lethbridge Family Services - Immigrant Services

### USED FOR

Housing, bikes, and shoes for Syrian refugee families

Receiving a bike has made me feel welcome and has made getting around the city more convenient. Instead of having to wait for a bus I can now just cycle to the places I need to go and get things done a lot faster. I have been able to use the bike to explore beautiful places around Lethbridge that I would not normally have access to. The bike gives me freedom!

-Muhammed Masini, Syrian refugee



## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS)

What is FCSS? It was established to develop, support, and fund preventive social services.

SOUTHWESTERN ALBERTA FCSS PROGRAMS:

- Banana-Europa-Warner
- Fort Macleod
- Magrath
- Cardston
- Gratum
- Pincher Creek (M.D.)
- Cowley
- Lethbridge
- Pincher Creek (Town)
- Grosvenor Park

- 80/20: FCSS is funded through a partnership between the Government of Alberta (80%) and local municipalities, Métis settlements (20%)
- 99% of Alberta's population is reached by FCSS. Less than 3,750 Albertans reside in a community that does not have access to these services

\$1

In preventive services =

\$7

Return in avoided costs

(i.e. police, justice, additional treatment)





# LIVING STANDARDS

## HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

### Streets Alive Mission

Streets Alive Mission runs 13 supportive programs for marginalized populations and low income or homeless individuals.

TWO OF THESE PROGRAMS ARE:

#### 1 Takin' it to the Streets

A bus that provides sandwiches, coffee, and other food.

**22,905** Sandwiches distributed (January 1 - July 31, 2016)

50,000 sandwiches were handed out in 2015

#### 2 P.I.N. (Persons in Need) Bank

Gently used clothing and small household items are provided free of cost to people in need.

**31** Average number of people served daily

9,296 items given in 2015

### Social Housing in Action (SHIA)

An initiative of the City of Lethbridge that works with many community organizations and partners to "Bring Lethbridge Home." In 2015-16 their coordinated efforts housed 152 individuals.

Individuals who were housed in 2015-16 reported that their day-to-day life was impacted by one or more significant issue or condition:

- 11.2% reported living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- 18.4% reported being released from a correctional facility
- 8.6% reported being released from a mental health facility
- 9.2% reported being released from a health facility
- 11.2% reported being released from a residential treatment facility

## FOOD BANKS

Food bank usage was up marginally across Canada in 2015, but the picture in Alberta was a stark contrast, with an increase of more than 23% over 2014. According to national HungerCount statistics, Alberta experienced the highest jump nationally with a record 67,443 people accessing a food bank during the month of March. The national increase in food bank use was just 1.3%.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2015, 16 food banks in southwestern Alberta served

**5,049**  
People  
(up 14% from 2014)

**40%**  
Of those were Youth

### 2015 Regional Food Bank Statistics

A snapshot of some of the food banks within our region:

LOCATION	HAMPERS	TO ADULTS	TO CHILDREN
Clareholm	1,000	800	200
Coaldale	506	Not Available	555
Lethbridge	7,046	10,078	6,513
Interfaith	7,531	10,590	7,635
Nanton	374	122	59
Pincher Creek	Not Available	1,791	1,639
Taber	2,075	3,768	2,291
Vauxhall	37	71	82
Vulcan	268	489	273

### YWCA: Hidden Treasures

Hidden Treasures is a YWCA program that provides gently used clothing and household items for women once they are ready to leave the shelter. (The number of women helped is limited to the number of donations that the program receives.)

**688** Women helped (April 2014 to March 2015)

**579** Women helped (April 2015 to March 2016)



### Project Connect

Project Connect is a biannual event hosted by the City of Lethbridge and Social Housing in Action to help end homelessness by providing free services and supports to those in need. Services available range from hair-cuts to health care and counselling to housing support.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED GUESTS PER SEASON FOLLOWING THE 2009 LAUNCH OF PROJECT CONNECT:

Spring 2009	136	Spring 2012	217
Fall 2009	208	Fall 2012	281
Spring 2010	275	Fall 2013	254
Fall 2010	288	Fall 2014	357
Spring 2011	220	Spring 2015	244
Fall 2011	254	Fall 2015	390
		Spring 2016	341



### DID YOU KNOW?

Project Connect collectively has 200 volunteers, agencies, and sponsors each year.

### Ready, Set, Go Fair

A program that helps kids in need get ready for school. Community agencies and service providers offer everything from haircuts and family photos to running shoes and backpacks stocked with school supplies.

#### LETHBRIDGE: Invitation Only

**400**  
Total invites issued in 2012

**750**  
Total invites issued in 2014

**1,160**  
Total invites issued in 2015

**1,150**  
Total invites issued in 2016

#### FORT MACLEOD: No Invitation Necessary

Children and families participating from 2013-2016

● 450 in 2013 ● 600 in 2015  
● 500 in 2014 ● 600 in 2016



## HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

**GRANT GIVEN TO**  
Lethbridge Food Bank

**USED FOR**  
Major Renovation Project

The much needed renovations at the food bank allows for multiple service counters, which makes coming in better because it is more discreet and now there is privacy.

-Lethbridge Food Bank client





## WOMEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Alberta has the highest rates of interpersonal violence of any province in Canada. In the last five years, nearly **75,000** Albertans have reported violence by a spouse or partner.

### 1 Harbour House (Lethbridge)

#### ADMISSIONS:

- 596 women and children from 2015 – 2016
- 4,475 women and children from 2009 – 2016



#### NOT ENOUGH BEDS:

- 1,949 women and children were turned away in 2015
- 1,218 women and children were turned away in 2014



### 2 Pincher Creek Women's Emergency Shelter

#### ADMISSIONS:

- 103 women and 82 children from 2014 – 2015



#### DID YOU KNOW?

Lack of shelter space is a serious issue. On one day last year 234 Canadian women's shelters had to turn away 305 women and children, nearly three-quarters of those seeking shelter that day.



### 3 Kainai Women's Wellness Lodge

#### ADMISSIONS:

- 184 women and 224 children in 2015
- The number for children is up from 90 in 2014



#### DID YOU KNOW?

The 2016 federal budget promised \$89.9 million over two years to create or renovate 3,000 spaces across Canada.



### 4 Safe Haven Women's Shelter (Taber)

#### ADMISSIONS:

- 139 women and 84 children in 2013
- 180 women and 127 children in 2014
- 204 women and 131 children in 2015



#### NOT ENOUGH BEDS:

- 107 women and 25 children were turned away in 2013
- 107 women and 52 children were turned away in 2014
- 97 women and 94 children were turned away in 2015



## RURAL TRANSPORTATION

### Pincher Creek Care Bears Society

The Pincher Creek Care Bears Society is a non-profit group that is funded by the Town and MD of Pincher Creek and by public donations. The Society provides transportation for passengers to Calgary and Lethbridge for medical appointments.



27  
Years in operation



11  
Drivers



3,065  
Volunteer Hours



326  
Out of town trips

### Claresholm and District Transportation Society

The Claresholm and District Transportation Society provides affordable and accessible transportation for seniors and those with disabilities. In January 2015, it expanded service to include Vulcan, making 100 trips in the first 12 months and averaging 10 trips a month in 2016.

### 8 Paid drivers and their vehicles help transport those in need



#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Pincher Creek Care Bears Society has funded the transportation of people with medical needs a total distance of 80,853km.



## HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

#### GRANT GIVEN TO

Claresholm and District Transportation Society

#### USED FOR

Van for service expansion into Vulcan area

Being a single senior and not having any family nearby, the service and kindness the society provides is outstanding. Anyone who is lying in a hospital bed and contemplating how they are going to get to a medical appointment is experiencing a frightening/daunting task! You are not only physically injured, you are emotionally fragile. Having used the services of the Transportation Society some eight times, I have always been the recipient of prompt and courteous service.

-Claresholm and District Transportation Society passenger





# ENVIRONMENT

## BEES

What's all the buzz about? Bees provide an essential ecosystem service by pollinating crops, gardens, and wildflowers.

Two bee species are used to pollinate hybrid canola seed production fields in southwestern Alberta.

1 EUROPEAN HONEY BEE



2 ALFALFA LEAF CUTTING BEE



300 Different kinds of bees can be found in Alberta

(103 of which occur in southwestern Alberta)



Every year, roughly 70,000 honey bee colonies are transported within and into our region, making it the largest pollination market in Canada.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Within Alberta, there are nearly 300,000 honey bee colonies – over 40% of the colonies in Canada.

1 OUT OF 3

Bites of food that we eat is made possible by pollinators like honey bees



80,000

Kilometers a hive of honey bees travel for one pound of honey

225,000

Approximate number of flowers visited by one hive each day



12,000

Beats per minute of each of the honey bee's four wings

24

Km/h flight speed of an average honey bee



## Buzzing Gardens

A partnership formed to support honey bee health by making sure that hives all over Canada are within flying distance to a wide variety of flowers. The program provides you with everything you need to plant your own pollinator garden.



35,000

Seed packets distributed in the first year of the program

(Enough to plant 175,000 square feet of pollinator-friendly gardens)

SIGN UP FOR YOUR PACKET AT BEESMATTER.CA

## EMISSIONS



An operating vehicle emits a range of gases from its tailpipe into the atmosphere, including carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), the principal greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

### ONE SMALL CHANGE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

If Canadian motorists avoided idling for just three minutes every day of the year, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions could be reduced by 1.4 million tonnes annually. This would be equal to saving 630 million litres of fuel and equivalent to taking 320,000 cars off of the road for the entire year.

### TRANSPORT CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS PER 1,000 KM:

- Large Car/Truck = 85.8 kg (with 3 people)
- Small Car = 42.8 kg (with 3 people)
- Hybrid Car (eg. Toyota Prius) = 25 kg (with 3 people)
- Bus = 30 kg
- Bike = 0 kg
- Walking = 0 kg



### DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 83km of bikable trails in the Crowsnest Pass. Hop on your bike and enjoy the ride!

# LIFELONG LEARNING

## HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

- Alberta consistently ranks among the lowest high school completion rates in the country.



\$1.3 BILLION

The annual cost of high-school dropouts to Canada's social and criminal justice systems

### 2014/2015 HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION RATE IN ALBERTA

76.5%



Students Participating Actively in Realizing Connections (SPARC)

This initiative gives students ages 17 to 20 in the six southwestern Alberta school divisions opportunities to explore future career pathways. It is run in partnership with the Chinook Regional Foundation for Career Transitions and 5th on 5th Youth Services.



### THE PROGRAM LAUNCHED IN EARLY 2016:

- Serves 100 youth with individualized training, educational, experiential, and employment opportunities.
- Hopes to help a minimum of 200 additional students over the next two years.



## HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

**GRANT GIVEN TO**  
Chinook Regional Foundation for Career Transitions and 5th on 5th Youth Services

**USED FOR**  
Students Participating Actively in Realizing Connections (SPARC) Program

I have really enjoyed all of the help from all of the staff. This program has helped me with my confidence and to know what I want to do for a career.

-Jason D., SPARC Student

Project SPARC is offering our youth a sense of hope that they too will enjoy the many benefits that come from purposefully building a career and a life.

-Judy Stolk-Ingram, Executive Director, Chinook Regional Foundation for Career Transitions





## WATER

No matter where you are in the world, water is one of our most precious resources. In southwestern Alberta, nearly all water comes from the **Oldman Watershed**. By taking measures to maintain the health of our watershed, everyone in our region benefits.

### Wheels out of Water

Motorized recreation is a popular pastime for many outdoor enthusiasts. However, by not travelling with the environment in mind, motorized vehicles can cause significant lasting damage to the landscape, including:

- Loss of Vegetation
- Soil compaction, contamination, and erosion
- Transfer of weeds
- Water contamination
- Start of a wildfire
- Wildlife disruption

### 2015 STUDY: ALBERTA'S VALUES AND ATTITUDES TOWARD RECREATION AND WILDERNESS

76%

Participated in some sort of outdoor recreation last year



6%

Used off-road motorized vehicles



86%

Preferred non-motorized outdoor recreation over motorized



88.4%

Felt it was important that more land be set aside and left as wilderness where human activities are minimal

(6.4% did not feel it was important)



### Engaging Recreationists

A project led by Oldman Watershed Council designed to reduce threats to our headwaters through engaging and educating Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) users and campers.

1,300

OHV Users engaged in face-to-face conversation about watershed health



## HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

### GRANT GIVEN TO

Oldman Watershed Council (OWC)

### USED FOR

Watershed Educational Videos

The great achievement of the film project is people finding common ground in a shared need and value: clean, clear, plentiful drinking water for generations to come.

-Shannon Frank, Executive Director, OWC



### Prairie Urban Gardens

Water usage within Lethbridge increases by up to 50% in the summer due to lawn-watering. Sprinklers use 1,000 litres of water per hour!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Xeriscaping is a landscaping method that utilizes native and drought-tolerant plants, combined with water-conserving techniques, mulch, and efficient irrigation.

A xeriscape demonstration garden was planted in Fort Macleod's Centennial Park in 2015.

### WHAT'S THE BENEFIT?

Prairie Urban Gardens use less water and little to no pesticides and fertilizers. This protects water quality.



8,200

Amount of water (in litres) houses with xeriscaping save annually

## INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Often people with disabilities are less connected through naturally formed relationships than they are with people who are paid to be in their life, such as staff and support agencies.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Natural supports are the support and assistance that naturally flows from relationships developed in ordinary environments, such as family, school, work, and community. These supports enhance the quality and security of life for people with disabilities and lessen the reliance on formally funded services.

### 1 Lethbridge Association for Community Living (LACL)

220

Individuals/Families served annually



Beyond Graduation Program (Began 2009): Over 250 families helped

Helps families envision what a good life could look like for their loved one with a developmental disability after high school. Families come away with tools and a workbook clearly defining six steps to planning the future of their family member.

Family Managed Resource Centre (Began 2013): Approximately 50 to 60 families helped

FMRC connects families to the formal and informal supports needed for their loved one. It allows families to advertise through a database for home and community support assistance, enhancing compatibility of these supports.

### 2 McMan Youth, Family and Community Services Association

OVER 1,000

Individuals served annually



Youth HUB (Began 2014): 484 successful intakes since January 2015

Assists youth ages 13 to 24 in accessing the resources needed to secure housing.

Transition to Independence Program (Began 2014): Supplies housing for 40 youth at a time. In collaboration with Child and Family Services, TIP supports youth ages 16 to 24 in transitioning to independent living. Support is provided for a minimum of one year with the goal of the youth gaining the skills and community connections to maintain their tenancy independently.

### 3 Southern Alberta Individualized Planning Association (SAIPA)

1,300

Individuals served annually



Workshops (Began 2001): Accessed 672 times Jan 1 - July 31, 2016

Workshops focus on development of independence, as well as life and self-determination skills. These workshops are offered throughout the year and include: Healthy Relationships, Self-Esteem, Risk Taking, Rights, and more.

South Region Self-Advocacy Network (Began 2001): Accessed 542 times Jan 1 - July 31, 2016

Provides support to a group of self-advocates who work for community change, equal opportunities, and inclusion to benefit those that are marginalized, stigmatized, or excluded. Some of these efforts include: initiatives around inclusive university programming, community based dance groups for all abilities, social change through art, and political advocacy.

## HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

### GRANT GIVEN TO

Lethbridge Association for Community Living (LACL)

### USED FOR

Family Managed Resource Centre

The resources in the centre helped us customize our supports for our son and helped us to plan a good life for him. They also help us support our plan and to capitalize on opportunities, both planned and spontaneous.

-Parent of a young man with a developmental disability



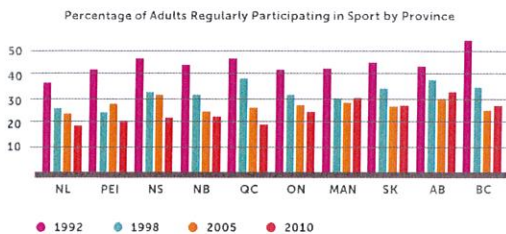


# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

## PHYSICAL HEALTH

### Sport and Belonging in Canada

**Definition of sport:** all forms of physical activity that contribute to physical fitness, mental well-being, and social interaction, such as play, recreation, organized or competitive sport, and indigenous sport and games.



More than **half of all Canadians** are involved in community-level sport as spectators, participants, volunteers, coaches, or officials.

- In 2010, **7.2 million or 26%** of people age 15+ participated regularly in sport – down 17% from 1992. That's **7/10 Canadians** ages 15+ who do NOT participate in sport.
- 3 out of 4** children and youth ages 5 to 17 are active in sport, but participation rates peak at ages 10 to 13 and then decline steadily and dramatically with age.
- In 2010, approximately **1 in 3 men** and **1 in 6 women** regularly participated in sport. While the gender gap narrowed between 1996 – 2006 it grew again to 19% in 2010.

### Lethbridge Sport Council (LSC)

Supports the enhancement and development of sport within Lethbridge.

#### IN 2015 LSC WORKED WITH:

- 65 Local sport and recreation organizations
- 50 Community organizations
- 16 Local event organizing committees
- 28 Local businesses



#### DID YOU KNOW?

85% of Canadians agree that sport participation builds stronger communities. Communities with less than 1,000 residents have higher participation rates in sport.

### Participation in Sport in Southern Alberta

The Southern Alberta Summer Games is a multi-sport event, created by the Southern Alberta Recreation Association (SARA). The first Games were held in Pincher Creek in 1970 with **1,200 competitors** ranging from 6 to 80 years of age.

THE 1980 CLARESHOLM GAMES HAD THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE WITH 4,700 ATHLETES COMPETING.

- 2014: 2,262
- 2015: 2,164
- 2016: 2,512

UNDER 18		18 AND OVER	
2015: 1,609	2016: 1,894	2015: 675	2016: 618

Top 3 Regional representations in 2016

- 1 LETHBRIDGE (607)
- 2 TABER (287)
- 3 WARNER COUNTY (248)

## HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

- GRANT GIVEN TO**  
Barons and Carmangay Schools
- USED FOR**  
Skates and helmets for students

Skating is an often taken for granted opportunity by many Canadians, one many of our students never would have experienced. For the first time in our schools' history we will be able to experience skating as a whole group this winter. Our students are so excited. This is an opportunity they have been asking about for years and finally it is now a reality.

-Fred Jack, Principal, Barons and Carmangay Schools



### Cost of Sport

Canadian families spend an average of **\$953 annually** for one child to play in organized sport with families in Alberta spending the most (**\$1,428 annually/child**). **1 in 3 children** in Canada can't participate in organized sport due to cost.

In 2015, KidSport helped **581 children** in southwestern Alberta participate in sport.



Top 3 Sports subsidized by KidSport in Alberta in 2015

- 1 SOCCER
- 2 HOCKEY
- 3 GYMNASTICS



## ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

**Blood Tribe Diabetes Walk:** Hosted in 2016 by the Blood Tribe Department of Health, the walk raises awareness about diabetes in the Aboriginal population.

**100+** Participants at the 2016 awareness walk



- There are **11 million Canadians** with diabetes, affecting approximately 1 in 14 Albertans.
- Diabetes in Aboriginal communities is **3 to 5 times higher** than in the non-Aboriginal population.

**Vulcan Tinman Triathlon:** The Town of Vulcan has declared the first Saturday of June "National Health & Fitness Day." The Tinman Triathlon held on this day puts a high emphasis on participation and a low emphasis on competition.

**\$250,000** Raised by the triathlon for Vulcan town and county programs

- The first 10 years of the race averaged **200 competitors** annually. It has now been running for 27 years, and had **950 participants** in 2016.

## MENTAL HEALTH

**1 IN 5** Canadians experience a form of mental illness at some point in their life

- Nearly **4,000** Canadians die by suicide each year, averaging almost **11 suicides** per day.
- From January to June 2014, there were **252 suicides in Alberta**. During the same period in 2015, there were **327** (a **30% increase** in suicides year to year).



#### DID YOU KNOW?

Young Canadians ages 15 to 24 are more likely to experience mental illness and/or substance use disorders than any other age group.

- In 2010, suicide accounted for **17% of deaths** among youth ages 10 to 14, **28% among youth** ages 15 to 19, and **25% among young adults** ages 20 to 24.

### Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)

CMHA has been providing mental health education, advocacy, and services to Lethbridge and surrounding community for **51 years**. Over the past 5 years CMHA has seen an increase in service requests, as well as an expansion of services. In 2015 the CMHA helped with:

- 54,110** information/referrals
- 338** calls for information
- 4,169** crisis service interventions
- 2,296** crisis follow-ups

The two most utilized programs of CMHA are

- 1 CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM
- 2 DISTRESS LINE

### A new program to combat the stigma of mental health:

CMHA in partnership with the Mental Health Commission of Canada has launched a new program to help youth in our community reduce the stigma surrounding mental health illness.

MAY 2015, FIRST YOUTH ANTI-STIGMA SUMMIT ATTENDED BY:

Schools	7	Students	105
Teachers	27	Facilitators	18





# CULTURAL LIFE

## Southern Alberta Art Gallery (SAAG)



### DID YOU KNOW?

The SAAG turns 40 this year! In 2015 there were 11 contemporary exhibitions organized and/or curated by SAAG and presented in Lethbridge.

#### 19 TOTAL ARTISTS:

From Lethbridge 12 From Alberta 1 Other Locations 6

- 781: Number of Arts Education and Learning activities (2015)
- 29,368: Attendance at Arts Education and Learning activities (2015)



## University of Lethbridge Art Gallery

The University of Lethbridge Art Gallery houses over **14,400 world class objects**. There are two galleries (the Main Gallery and the Helen Christou Gallery), as well as the Papokan Sculpture Park, located on the University of Lethbridge's campus.

## Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park

Located in the Milk River valley, Writing-on-Stone is home to the largest concentration of **First Nation petroglyphs** (rock carvings) and pictographs (rock paintings) on the great plains of North America.

#### 2015 ATTENDANCE:

- 15,537: Total Visitor Centre attendance
- 2,975: Rock Art Tour program
- 1,035: Writing-on-Stone 101 program
- 1,320: School Tours program



### DID YOU KNOW?

The traditional Blackfoot name for Writing-on-Stone is *Absinai'si*, meaning "it is pictured." It is one of the most sacred places for the Blackfoot. Therefore Park management honours the tradition of the First Nations peoples by working regularly with a trusted advisory group of Blackfoot elders.

## Hillcrest Mine Disaster

The Hillcrest Mine Disaster on June 19, 1914 remains the greatest loss of life in a Canadian mine with 189 dead.



#### Other disasters in that same period include:

- Frank Slide: April 29, 1903 | 90 dead
- Bellevue Mine Disaster: December 9, 1910 | 31 dead



## HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

**GRANT GIVEN TO**  
Hillcrest Mine Disaster Committee

**USED FOR**  
Centennial Memorial Project

The Hillcrest Mine Disaster Memorial Park was an exciting project that allowed us to both continue the commemoration of the Hillcrest Mine Disaster, but also recognize the centennial of that tragic event and how it is still important to the Crownsnest Pass today. The Park tells some fascinating stories about Crownsnest heritage while also being a beautiful area to be enjoyed by all.

-Chris Matthews, Chair, Hillcrest Mine Disaster Committee



## South Country Fair

A 3 DAY, CAMPING STYLE, OLD-WORLD, OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL!

2015 marks the **30th anniversary** of the South Country Fair. What began as a camping weekend for several local folk clubs has morphed into an annual event designed to expand cultural horizons by providing the opportunity to experience a diversity of music, spoken word, and performance art.

400 Volunteers support the fair annually



- 39 Artists (on average) attend from around the world

Artists come from Alberta and Canada but also Scotland, Ireland, England, France, Spain, India, Bulgaria, Germany, Norway, Ghana, Burundi, New Zealand, Australia, Brazil, Buryatia (Russia/Mongolia), and the USA

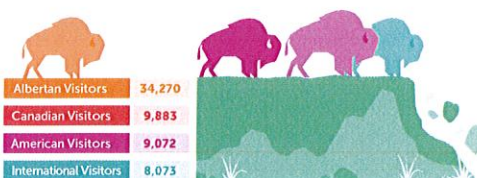
- For the last three years over 2,000 people have attended the fair annually



## Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump

In 1981, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump as a **World Heritage Site**. Other world heritage monuments include the Egyptian pyramids, Stonehenge, and the Galapagos Islands.

61,298 TOTAL VISITORS FROM APRIL 1, 2015 TO MARCH 31, 2016



## Southern Alberta Ethnic Association

The goal of the Southern Alberta Ethnic Association is to share the increasing diversity of our community with our region and to eliminate racism and foster open communication.

35 Smaller multicultural groups are members



### DID YOU KNOW?

Groups range from the German Canadian Association to Mexicanos Sin Fronteras to the Afro-Canadian Association

#### 17 SOCIAL EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN 2015 INCLUDING:

- Monthly culture night dinner
- Festival Latino
- Oktoberfest





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