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## **The tax credit's ripple effect: how organizations in central Alberta benefit from charitable donations**

Donations to registered charities help them to do their important work – but they don't stop there. Those donations can go one step further when they allow the charities to apply for a donation grant from the Community Spirit Program. Below are some examples of nonprofits and charities benefitting from the ripple effect in central Alberta.

### **Didsbury and District Historical Society**

Didsbury and District Historical Society is a resource for information on the development and growth of the town and district. The society has received a total of \$27,555.74 in donation grants over the past three years, which has allowed the museum to improve displays showcasing its collection.

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### **Red Deer Symphony Orchestra Association**

Red Deer Symphony Orchestra Association provides quality symphonic music to Central Albertans. The association has received a total of \$45,665.80 in donation grants over the past three years, which have been used for the production of various programs.

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### **COPE, Rocky Mountain House Society for Persons with Disabilities**

COPE, Rocky Mountain House Society for Persons with Disabilities provides community access supports, employment preparation/placement, independent living and residential supports, and respite services to adults with developmental disabilities in Rocky Mountain House and area. The society has received a total of \$4,877.10 in donation grants over the past year, which was used to maintain subsidized group homes.

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### **Medicine River Wildlife Centre (Spruce View)**

Medicine River Wildlife Centre is a wildlife rehabilitation centre with a strong education and volunteer focus. The centre has received a total of \$50,000 in donation grants over the past three years, which have been used to offset operational costs, allowing staff and volunteers to concentrate on public programs.

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### **Town of Stettler Library Board**

The Stettler Public Library serves a combined town and county population of approximately 11,060. The board has received a total of \$10,189.50 in donation grants over the past three years, which have allowed the library to continue expanding its services. Funds were used to purchase such items as a media centre and materials for the library.

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**Editor's Note:** A full list of the Community Spirit Program donation grant recipients from across the province by community can be found at [www.communityspiritprogram.ca](http://www.communityspiritprogram.ca).

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