COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
LETHBRIDGE + SOUTHWESTERN ALBERTA

Henry S. Varley Fund for Rural Life Grant Recipients

Careers: The Next Generation Foundation, $25,000:
Funding will be used to for the second phase of the "Building Capacity to engage youth in Work-Integrated Learning" project by supporting the Program Coordinator, who will further relationship building and create program sustainability.

Farm Safety Centre, Raymond, $11,000:
Funding will be used to create programming that brings older adults and youth together for simple, hands-on tech lessons, helping seniors better understand mobile phones, how to access services, and how to avoid scams.

Group Group Youth Society, Pincher Creek, $20,000:
Funding will be used to hire a new Program Director to revitalize, manage, and refresh programming for at-risk youth to learn skills they can use in the workplace and future lives.

Lethbridge and Area Metis Association, $16,000:
Funding will be used to interview, record, and store information from Elders and Knowledge Keepers, capturing their oral history and traditions of the Metis in Southern Alberta.

Nanton and District Animal Protection Society, $5,800:
Funding will be used to support the new "Kitties for Seniors" program, which brings together rescue animals and seniors to provide connection and companionship, while exposing the animals to more people in hopes of increasing adoption rates.

Oldman River Antique Equipment and Threshing Club, Heritage Acres Farm Museum, MD of Pincher Creek, $12,000:
Funding will be used to help launch "Engines of Belonging," a hands-on safety program that will train youth to safely operate farm equipment and engage them in the restoration work of equipment at the museum.

Prairie Winds Clubhouse, Claresholm, $18,430:
Funding will be used to expand programming with a new workshop to empower those living with mental illness through crafting, baking, woodworking, and product packaging.

Village of Barons, Southern Alberta Kanadiers Association, $4,000:
Funding will be used to develop and deliver a culturally sensitive, mental health workshop for Low German Mennonite women that aims to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and provide practical tools to improve mental well-being.