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Our Current initiatives:

Digital Wall - an information hub in the foyer of the Vulcan Community Hospital; it is a touch screen display of information on hospital programs, community groups and community events. The main focus is to keep it informative but easy to read and use. We will soon be expanding it to include a German version.

Bursary Program - Vulcan County Health and Wellness Foundation (VCHWF) would like to promote access to learning opportunities for existing Health Care Workers in our community. Supplementary courses are available for staff members to upgrade their education and specialize in various medical skills. It is available to all Health Care providers who work in the County .

Community Wellness program - this spring we kicked off our first **County-wide Fitness Challenge**. Fifty-four teams of four signed up. Participants range from 4 to 95 years of age! If you see people in yellow t-shirts walking/running in your community, you will know what it's about. This challenge ran from April 7 to May 18 and fits into our **proactive** rather than **reactive** healthcare objective. We are also looking at the following:

- a wellness promoter who circulates between Villages and the Town to offer classes, one-on-one training and program coordination.
- nutrition programs in the schools.

Capital Project

Early in 2013, a business plan was submitted to Alberta Health Services to construct additional space for primary care purposes and physicians at the Vulcan Community Health Centre. This space, if approved by Alberta Health Services, will provide the citizens of Vulcan County with improved access to primary health care, would greatly assist our efforts to attract and retain physicians, and would support the Government of Alberta's goal of establishing Family Care Clinics (FCC)/Medical Homes in Alberta.

PHILANTHROPY is based on voluntary action for the common good. "It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life."



Come Grow with Us!

We have GRAND initiatives and want you to work with us to strengthen **Health and Wellness** in our **Community**. Our number one focus is to keep our **Hospital** by growing our vitality for future generations.

*Leaving
 A Legacy
 Through
 Planned Giving*

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flexible solutions for making a donation to meet the needs of your local community.

Planned Giving is a way to make the most of your charitable giving.

Legacy Giving a benefit to all!

The act of giving, in life or in death, says something about us. It is a reflection of who we are and what we believe in. Planned giving is a way to ensure your beliefs live on and your hopes for the future are realized in your absence. Planned gifts provide an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy.

Planned gifts are specific kinds of donations in which the donor benefits immediately and the charity benefits either at the time of the donation or in the future. For those who wish to take comfort in knowing that their gifts are being put to use right away, there are planned giving options that will benefit the cause without delay.

How you leave your legacy is entirely up to you. Financial advisors can help you to develop a plan suited to your needs: a plan that ensures the well-being of you and your family, maximizes your tax benefits, makes a difference to the health of your community, and stays in the Vulcan County's boundaries.

General Donations

Simple donations allow you to make a difference to health and wellness in Vulcan County! Help maintain a healthy community by contributing to the Vulcan County Health and Wellness Foundation. Through the generosity of your donations you enhance the medical care provided in your community. Your support is essential to sustainable healthcare and wellness programs now and in the future for you and your loved ones.

Commemorative Giving

Make a Gift in Memory or Honour of someone special. One of the greatest satisfactions in making a charitable gift is the opportunity to pay tribute to someone who touched your life in a significant way.

Through a commemorative gift, in memory of someone who is deceased or in honour of someone who is living, you may honour a relative and perpetuate your family name, or you may recognize a mentor or friend. At the same time, your gift expresses your commitment to the future of your county and provides valuable support for the charitable purposes you believe in.



WAYS TO GIVE

- Cash Donations
- Bequests
- Shares and Securities
- Endowments and donor advised funds
- Life Insurance Policy
- RRSP and RRIF
- Charitable remainder trust
- Property with residual interest

Through Planned Giving everyone wins!

Life Insurance to a charitable entity such as ours is tax-free!

With life insurance, you can give the gift of a charitable legacy - ensuring your support continues even after your death. Not only will the Foundation benefit, but you also receive sizable tax savings either during your lifetime or thereafter, depending on how you structure the arrangement.

The Foundation owns the policy

One way to set up a charitable donation through life insurance is to buy the policy on your life and assign the policy to the Vulcan County Health and Wellness Foundation as owner and beneficiary. Since we are a registered charity, the premiums you pay for the policy each year qualify as tax-deductible donations on your annual income tax return - giving you the advantage of immediate tax savings.

If you already have a life insurance policy, you can transfer policy ownership and the beneficiary designation to the Foundation. Although you won't get any tax relief on the premiums you've paid to date, if the policy has a cash surrender value, the charity can issue a tax receipt equal to this amount. You will also be able to claim the charitable donation credit each year for the premiums you pay after the policy ownership transfer takes place.

Your advisor can help you determine the charitable giving arrangement that works best for you to both give and receive.

You own the policy

If you prefer, you can own the life insurance policy on your own life and either (1) name the Foundation as beneficiary; or (2) make your estate the beneficiary and designate the proceeds as a bequest to the charity as part of your will.

With this structure, you aren't entitled to a charitable donation tax credit for the premiums you pay, but upon your death the charity can issue a tax receipt for the proceeds it receives from the policy. Since things like capital gains and RRSP proceeds are taxable on your final tax return (unless the taxable assets pass to your surviving spouse), the charitable tax credit may help reduce the income tax paid by your estate.



SHARES, SECURITIES and RRSPs

Donate publicly-traded shares, bonds or mutual funds or name Vulcan County Health and Wellness Foundation as a beneficiary of one of your registered savings plans.



*Planting seeds
for the future*



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