

REDUCING POVERTY

Report to the Community



Defining an End to Poverty

Stony Plain FCSS hosted two open houses in January 2018 to discuss poverty reduction – Stony Plain FCSS and Keephills Public Library in Parkland County.



31 community members participated and 68 additional ideas were generated.



Lived-Experience Perspectives

We continue to broaden our understanding of issues through perspectives of community members including – youth, seniors, indigenous community members, newcomers, and community members currently experiencing issues.



Add your voice to our plan! Contact FCSS to join a focus group to explore what an end to poverty could look like in our community.



Tri-Region Approach

We are working closely with partners in Parkland County and Spruce Grove.

Parkland County is developing a Social Development Plan – **Our Communities, Our People**, to provide direction for social and wellness programs and services throughout the County.

Spruce Grove is making headway on a five-year plan to Reduce Homelessness assessing existing resources, determining gaps, and identifying potential resource opportunities.



Address Issues of Those Most At Risk

Bredin Institute and Spruce Grove Public Library will host a job fair on Saturday, May 26: **Spring Ahead of the Line – Getting the Job You Want**. The full-day event will include inspirational speakers and on-the-spot assistance and education. The plan is to support and encourage community members to reach their career goals.



The Alberta Government currently funds 22 Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) centres to offer \$25/day daycare. This pilot program was successful! They are now accepting applications for an additional 100 ELCC centres.



Cultural Awareness

Culture encompasses many things – food, music, clothing, language, relationships, beliefs, behavior, and a million other things.

The Stony Plain and District Chamber of Commerce, Spruce Grove Chamber of Commerce, and Acheson Business Association recently partnered to offer a series of special Business at Breakfast sessions on **Inclusion in the Workplace**. Their holistic approach aims to make a healthier business community by supporting the health of the entire community.



Weekly Business at Breakfast meetings build community and connect businesses with community social issues.



55 community members attended a one-day session on Historic Trauma-Informed Service Delivery provided by FCSS and Native Counselling Services.



*Join the intergenerational Seniors' Block Party on **June 7th**.*

Start planning your own block party and get to know your neighbours.



Food Security

Community members and stakeholders have come to the table to discuss the possibility of hosting a community dinner in Stony Plain.



We are looking for community leads to help implement this program; contact Stony Plain FCSS for more information.

Neighbours Meeting Neighbours
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*179 walkers and 34 Volunteers came together for the Coldest Night of the Year Walk in March and raised **\$44,146** for the Parkland Food Bank.*



Access to Recreation, Social, and Community Opportunities for All

Tri-Community Health & Wellness Foundation and the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre have partnered again to offer the **Wishing You Wellness** Program to help those with limited income to access programs at the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre.



Awareness, Education and Advocacy

In February, Alberta Parenting for the Future Association hosted the Minister of Children's Services, Danielle Larivee, at the Family Connection Centre. The Minister saw local programs in action and met with 15 local organizations to discuss issues and initiatives around early education and child care within our province and community.



5 government ministers have visited our community to discuss social issues, community needs, and special services and programs.



Hand Claps = awesome actions.



Hand Ups = calls to action.



Contact us for more details. Let us know of new initiatives. Share with us your ideas.

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