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To Our Community Members:

This letter is a request for your donation.

The Volunteer Centre's financial situation is critical and we are facing the fact that as of mid-January, we may be forced to close our doors.

We were not successful in attaining FCSS funding for the 2012 – 2014 funding cycle. The requested amounts are as follows: \$77,700 for 2012, \$80,870 for 2013 and \$102,190 for 2014, which represents a significant portion of our operating budget.

The Volunteer Centre is a support for the social services and we help to identify social needs in the community, assist to develop resources and promote and support volunteerism to help make Medicine Hat a Community of Choice.

The Volunteer Centre supports and assists the organizations and charities that affect quality of life. Should the Volunteer Centre be forced to close, one can only shudder at the thought of the impact this could have on those organizations that are near and dear to us if they couldn't access the resources and volunteers they needed to meet their mandates and provide the services directly related to critical issues like youth and families, cancer, heart and stroke, and the list goes on. Imagine how many needs could go unfulfilled.

Our increasing statistics indicates the need for the Volunteer Centre. Should the Volunteer Centre be forced to close, there will be a void in the social health of this community.

The Volunteer Centre, being a community centre, is a community concern. Talk to your neighbours, talk to your loved ones and talk to your MLA and your aldermen. Encourage everyone you know to be part of this collective effort to maintain the Volunteer Centre.

I am urging you to consider this request and support the Volunteer Centre with your timely donation so that we can continue to assist in meeting the social needs of the community.



If you have any questions, or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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