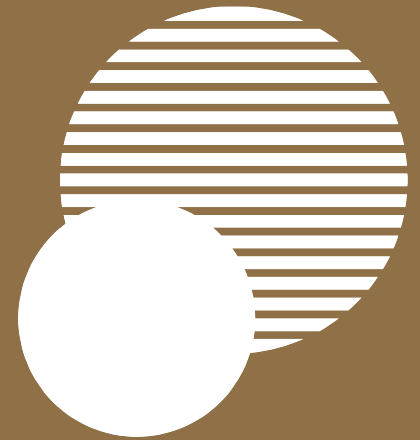
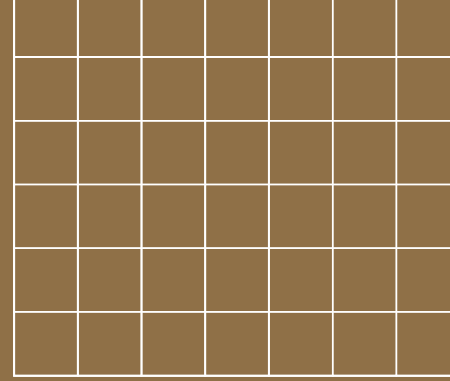


2025

Annual Report



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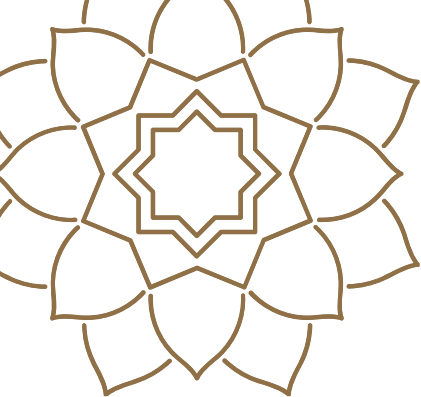
About Us

Established in 1962, the Camrose Association for Community Living (CAFCL) operates as a registered non-profit charitable organization.

With a community-focused approach, we are committed to enhancing skill development, well-being, and resilience among children, adults, and families facing barriers, developmental disabilities, and acquired brain injuries.

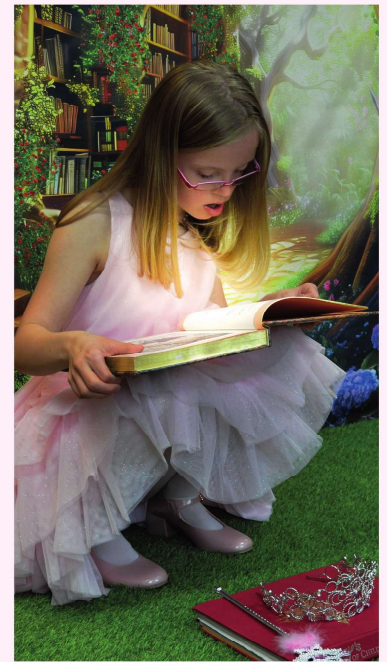
Our Vision is that each person is an accepted and participating community member.

Serving approximately 600 adults, children, and families in Camrose and East Central Alberta, we are supported by a team of 117 dedicated staff members.



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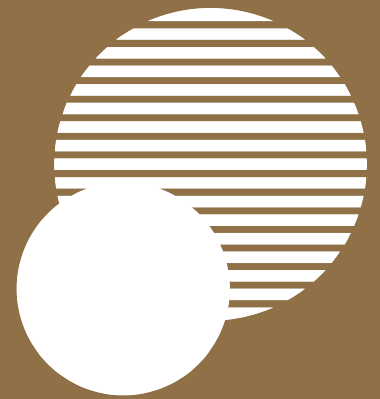
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Signature Photo

Imagine...

To imagine means to picture something in your mind or believe in something that isn't here yet. It's about thinking big - beyond limits, beyond labels, and beyond what we think is possible. Where age, ability, or circumstances don't hold us back. Instead, we're inspired to dream big, believe in ourselves, and aim high. In the photos, Hannah wears a crown and has that wide-eyed look of wonder as she reads a story. But she's not just reading a story, she's writing her own. In her story, everyone is seen, celebrated, and empowered, no matter their background or ability.

We believe that when we imagine with others, not just for them, we create something truly special: a space full of creativity, inclusion, and a little bit of magic.



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Message from CEO & Board President



Robin Good, CEO

The past year has been defined by significant change and ongoing challenges across the human services sector. Persistent funding uncertainty has influenced our organizational planning and reinforced the importance of our advocacy efforts.

Adjustments to AISH funding have created uncertainty for many of the individuals we support. The implementation of the Canada Disability Benefit introduced additional complexity, particularly as the Alberta government determined it would be treated as income, resulting in reductions to provincial supports. The subsequent announcement of the Alberta Disability Assistance Program (ADAP) has further contributed to a sense of vulnerability among recipients. Encouragingly, recent updates—including a more streamlined transition process for individuals currently receiving Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) services—have been welcomed, and we remain hopeful these changes will help alleviate some of the concerns experienced by AISH recipients.



Bart Orr, Board President

Given the scope and impact of these system changes and more on the horizon, a significant portion of our efforts this past year has focused on ensuring that our organization—and the individuals and families we support—are represented in conversations shaping these transitions.

As we look ahead, we remain cautiously optimistic that these initiatives will lead to meaningful improvements in the service landscape. Our commitment to those we support remains steadfast, and we will continue to advocate for systems that promote stability, dignity, and inclusion.

Now more than ever, the support of our communities and donors is essential. We are deeply grateful for the generosity and ongoing commitment of those who help make our work possible and who continue to positively impact the lives of the individuals and families.



The Beliefs Behind Our Impact

This year marked an important milestone in our organization's journey as we introduced a renewed set of core values that reflect who we are today and who we aspire to become tomorrow. Developed through collaboration across teams, leadership, and stakeholders these values are designed to guide our decisions, strengthen our culture, and support our long-term strategy.

Build Connection

We create spaces where everyone feels valued, included and part of something bigger.

Nurture Well-being

We put people first by making health, safety, and a sense of fulfillment the foundation of every community we serve.

Ignite Empowerment

We support people to believe in themselves, own their story and shape their future.

Drive Positive Change

We welcome growth, celebrate innovation and meet challenges with meaningful action.

Act with Integrity

We do the right thing, even when it's hard—by leading with honesty, upholding fairness, and staying true to our values.



Treasurer's Report



The Board of Directors appointed Metrix LLP to audit CAFCL's financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2026. The auditors issued an unqualified opinion.

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2026, revenues increased by 3%, primarily due to additional grant funding received during the year. Operating expenses remained relatively stable, reflecting a deliberate effort to control spending in selected areas in response to a PDD funding deficit experienced over the previous two years as the three-year contract term came to a close.

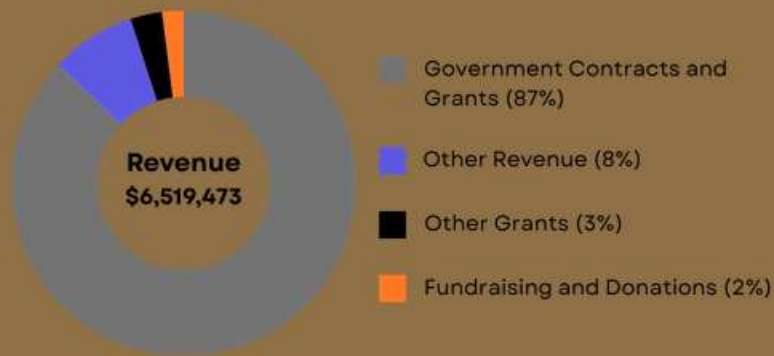
Fundraising revenue remained consistent with previous years; however, all funds raised were recognized in the current fiscal year. Our annual auction was particularly successful, generating \$92,383 in support of our programs and services.

Overall, CAFCL achieved a net operating surplus of \$194,063. In addition, strong market performance resulted in a \$266,784 increase in the fair value of our investments. As a result, our audited financial statements report an overall excess of revenues over expenses of \$460,847.

Government contract funding remained stable in 2026. Accordingly, we continue to exercise fiscal prudence and remain committed to operating debt-free.

We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our community, whose generosity and engagement have played a vital role in achieving our financial stability and advancing our mission throughout the year.

Ashley Davis CPA, Board Treasurer



Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding



Partnership Highlights



A Grant from Alberta Government, Every Kid Can Play program helped us offer our summer camp program and keep costs affordable for families!



A team effort between the City of Camrose, Vision Credit Union Helping Hands and Janelle Fleck family, made our goal of installing an accessible change room in the Camrose Mayer Aquatic Centre a reality!



Camrose City Police step up with grant funding to help support the Healthy Families Mom's Connection Group!



Through funding provided by the Battle River Community Foundation, Krista Borgfjord delivered Brain Injury Awareness and Prevention education to community members, local programs, and organizations. Drawing from her own experiences living with a brain injury, Krista shared her personal journey, offering valuable insight into the challenges she has faced and the strategies she has used to overcome barriers and achieve her goals. Through five community presentations she has reached over 120 people, increasing awareness, fostering understanding, and inspiring others through her resilience and determination.



*Linda
Sampson*



Individual Donor Champion

Linda's giving nature has been a light at CAFCL. As a long-term employee of CAFCL, she began giving financially to the organization through monthly donations back in 2010.

Though Linda worked in an administrative role, her support and passion for the work of the organization has been evident throughout the decades. Her and her late husband Wayne, not only supported the organization financially, but also gave of their time as volunteers in a variety of ways. Over the years Linda's giving has increased to several annual donations, and most recently the start of an Endowment Fund at the Battle River Community Foundation, where she has currently named CAFCL the recipient of the funds. Her steadfast support to the work of CAFCL has helped in countless ways.

Linda knows first hand the impact her donations make and she is eager to give back to a cause so close to her heart. We are so grateful for the confidence Linda has shown in CAFCL and the difference her financial support makes in the lives of people.

I give to CAFCL because I believe in what the Association does in providing a better life for people.

~Linda Sampson



Corporate Champion



At first glance, a company whose work is primarily industrial may not be the organization people expect to find championing community causes. However, PureChem continues to demonstrate that strong communities are built by businesses willing to invest in people as well as industry.

We first connected with PureChem as a sponsor of our Charity Auction in 2023, and they quickly became a valued community partner. Not only have they remained steadfast supporters through their sponsorship, but they are also active participants at our annual event, enthusiastically bidding on auction items to support our work. One year, they purchased a beautiful custom cake and then generously donated it back for our staff to enjoy.

Their generosity extends well beyond our annual fundraiser. In 2025, PureChem donated their New Year's Day Oil Kings Skybox experience, complete with food and beverages, providing a memorable opportunity for individuals to come together and enjoy a special outing.

It is often these thoughtful gestures that make the greatest impact. We are grateful for PureChem's ongoing partnership and commitment to creating more inclusive communities. Their support continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.



*Tina and Rod
Masson*

Community Champions



The word “champion” represents someone who promotes inclusion, participation, and community connection — qualities that perfectly reflect Tina and Rod Masson. While this is only one small part of all they contribute, their impact is felt widely throughout both the community and business sectors. Many recognize them through their connection to successful businesses, OPT and Terra Firma, but their generosity extends far beyond business success.

Tina and Rod have consistently supported our annual fundraising event by serving as auction sponsors, donating a significant number of items, attending the event, and sponsoring multiple children’s camp experiences. In fact, they helped launch this initiative at the 2024 auction by generously sponsoring children to attend camp.

What makes the Massons especially remarkable is not only their financial support, but their genuine belief in community spirit and opportunity for others. They have offered employment opportunities to youth, providing valuable work experience and mentorship. These thoughtful and inclusive actions help build stronger, more supportive communities while creating meaningful opportunities for young people.

We are incredibly grateful for the Massons’ quiet generosity and the lasting impact they continue to make. Thank you, Tina and Rod, for being such outstanding role models in the Camrose community and throughout the surrounding rural communities.

*“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by
the compassionate actions of its members.”*

~Coretta Scott King



Volunteer Champion

Mardell Olson

Through her dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to community engagement, Mardell has become an outstanding ambassador, helping to strengthen connections and champion our mission as this year's Volunteer Champion.

Mardell joined the CAFCL Board of Directors in 2021 and, throughout her four years of service, demonstrated exceptional commitment and engagement. Her passion for CAFCL's work was evident in the many ways she generously volunteered her time and expertise.

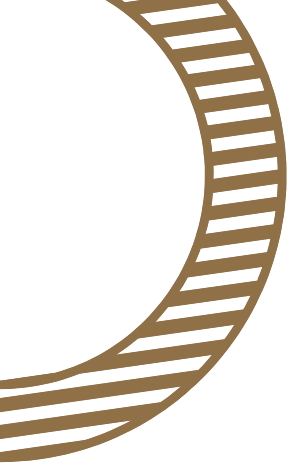
As a member of the Nominations Committee, Mardell actively recruited prospective board members and contributed to the development of a more robust and accountable CEO performance evaluation process. She was always willing to step forward and lend a hand whenever support was needed. Whether assisting with community presentations and events or helping with our annual auction, Mardell could always be counted on. From setup and cleanup to generously arranging the use of her vacation home as a board auction item, she consistently went above and beyond in support of CAFCL's mission.

Mardell continues to be a passionate advocate for CAFCL and remains actively involved in our SingAble program. We are deeply grateful for the time, energy, and dedication she has shared with our organization. Her contributions have, and continue to make a lasting impact.

It is an honour to serve on a board for an organization that is doing such valuable work in our community and beyond. As a member of SingAble (a partnership between CAFCL and Augustana), I have had the privilege of experiencing how fulfilling life can be when every person is accepted and is a participating community member.

~ Mardell Olson, 2023





Scholarships & Bursaries

Human Services Scholarship

The \$2500 CAFCL Human Services Scholarship is awarded to a student in the disabilities field or a field of related study such as Special Education, Psychology, Sociology, and Nursing.



Avery Batke is this year's recipient of the Human Services Scholarship. Avery is enrolled in her 2nd year of Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of Alberta. She has always been drawn to careers where she can directly support and connect with people which is what led her to pursue nursing and a path in Human Services. Her interest in the disability field deepened last summer when she worked as a Camp Leader with CAFCL's Kandu Summer Camp. Working at the summer camp showed her the importance of how a supportive and compassionate environment sets people up to learn and grow. We wish Avery much success in her studies.

Norris-Bowen Scholarship

The Norris-Bowen Scholarship was developed by Mrs. Muriel Rieger in memory of Franklin Waldo Norris and Jesse Bowen. This \$500 scholarship is awarded to an individual who self-identifies with a disability that will be participating in further education of any type in the East Central Alberta Region.



This year's Norris-Bowen Scholarship has been awarded to Avery Rahier. Avery is currently taking Ethics, then transferring to French and International Studies at the University of Alberta. Avery is drawn to diplomacy because she wants to help foster understanding and cooperation between cultures. International Studies will give her the tools to analyze complex global issues and make a positive impact on the world stage. Good luck in your studies Avery.

Gillespie Family Bursary

The Gillespie Family Bursary is in memory of Don and Lois Gillespie. CAFCL awards this bursary on behalf of the Gillespie family to a student in financial need pursuing education in Disability Services or a related field of study. The bursary is \$1800.



This year, the Gillespie Family Bursary has been awarded to Gwen Forst. Gwen is in her 3rd year of university at the University of Alberta - Augustana Campus, pursuing her Bachelor of Art in Psychology and Mental Health. Achieving a post-secondary degree is important to Gwen as it will help her achieve her goal of advocating for individuals with disabilities and promoting inclusive communities. Gwen has been an active participant in our SingAble Program. Congratulations Gwen.

Our Impact

186

Children with special health and developmental considerations were supported to navigate supports and services.

249

Grade 5 students learned about living with disabilities and healthy body image through 13 school presentations.

10

Participants in Jobs4Youth were supported to find and maintain meaningful employment. Currently, there are 34 participants in this program.

12

Adults in Residential Services were supported to access community supports, or transition supports due to changing medical needs or aging.

137

Families received supports to develop greater resiliency and increase protective factors through Healthy Families.

51

Kids and youth had a fun memorable summer attending Kandu Summer Camp and Leaders in Training Camp.

988
Referrals
were made to community resources in our Healthy Families, Family Support and Jobs4Youth Programs

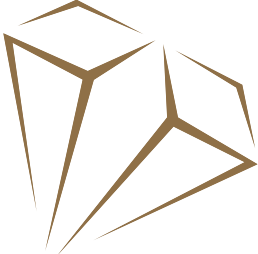
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Adults were supported through our Adult Services Programs including Residential, Outreach, Support Homes and MORE programs.

* 54

Families attended Community Kitchens where they learned valuable and healthy cooking skills.

Charity Auction Diamond Sponsors



2025 Auction Fun!





Charity Auction Sponsors



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Brian and Colleen Nelson

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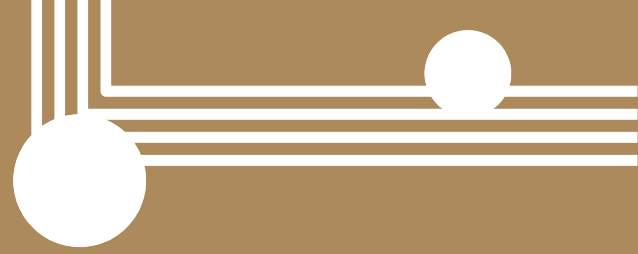
Beckett was such a cherished part of our camp community, and we feel incredibly grateful to have known and loved him. He brought joy wherever he went—his smile truly lit up the room, and his adventurous spirit inspired us all. Beckett was a determined go-getter who loved to speed around camp in his wheelchair, fully embracing every moment with enthusiasm and joy. His laughter, kindness, and light will forever be part of our camp family. He will be deeply missed and always remembered.

In Memory Beckett Bruce Burnstad

November 23, 2015 - December 19, 2025



Our Services



Residential Program

Supports adults with developmental disabilities in supervised home environments to develop life skills and work towards life goals, focusing on daily living, community involvement, and resiliency.

Adult Outreach Program

Helps adults with developmental disabilities or Acquired Brain Injury live independently, with support staff assisting in daily life skills and community access. Services are individualized.

Support Home Contractors

Contracts private homes to provide unique living options for adults with developmental disabilities, such as room and board or independent living. The focus is on daily living, problem-solving, and community involvement with tailored support.

Meaningful Options for Role Enhancement (MORE)

A daytime program offering recreational, social, and educational activities for adults with developmental disabilities not seeking employment. It also supports volunteerism and exploration of personal interests.

Rose Club

A member-driven club for adults with developmental disabilities to socialize, learn, and engage in quality activities, with its own elected executive.

Sexuality & Education

Provides individual consultations or group education on relationships, sexuality, and safety for individuals and families in the service.

Community Education

Offers training on topics like brain injury prevention, specific disabilities, and customized employment, often presented by individuals with lived experience.

SingAble

An inclusive choir in partnership with the U of A Augustana Music Program, open to singers of all abilities and experience levels, led by Dr. Ardelle Ries.



Our Services



Healthy Families:

Home Visitation

Supports families with children from newborn to age 6. Facilitators work in partnership with families to provide information and support for prenatal care and its role in a healthy pregnancy, while encouraging positive and responsive parenting through building on strengths, promoting child well-being and nurturing healthy development of children during the early years of life.

Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) & Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP)

Promotes healthy development for young children (prenatal to age 6) facing challenges like poverty and teen pregnancy. Provides nutritional counseling, prenatal vitamins, and support for infant care and child development.

Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP)

An accredited program under the Alberta FASD Service Networks that provides intensive home visitation and support to women dealing with maternal substance use, aiming to prevent FASD. Mentors assist with at-risk pregnancy, housing, and community connections.

Family Support :

One on one services

Supports families by providing information, referrals, advocacy, and educational sessions to build resilience and skills. Services are tailored to each family's needs.

Kandu Summer Day Camp

An inclusive camp for children aged 7-17, offering fun and educational experiences.

Leaders In Training (LIT)

For youth aged 14-25 to develop leadership and community involvement skills through activities and field trips. Summer camp and year long programming.

Jobs4Youth

Employment readiness and job coaching for youth aged 15-30, using a customized employment approach and offering employer subsidies.