# Permitted Use of Gaming Proceeds

The use of proceeds must be approved by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) as part of the bingo licensing process. Once a licence has been issued, any other use requires the written approval of the AGLC. There are safeguards in place to ensure guidelines are followed, including the requirement of paying by cheque, signed by two of the group's executive, preferable directly to the vendor or supplier.

Examples of permitted uses are described below with some, but not all, of the additional conditions that must be met for approval.

- To donate to a legally established charitable trust fund, whose purpose is to support educational bursaries or scholarships. The bursaries or scholarships must be made available to all qualified individuals, not just family members of the licensed group and/or the family of the members of the board of selection.
- To purchase and operate a vehicle if it is essential to the delivery of the organization's charitable programs or services.
- For operations if the organization operates a "club-type" premises for the social and recreational activities of its membership and it also provides reasonable access for the general community to public use areas. Up to 50 per cent of gaming proceeds may be used for operations and the remainder must be used for other approved charitable or religious purposes.
- To purchase uniforms or costumes if they are essential to the delivery of the organization's charitable programs or services and remain the property of the organization.
- For seniors activities, if there is broad-based community involvement and activities, trips or entertainment are not limited to members only, are offered on a cost-recovery basis only, and not used to purchase liquor.
- To pay wages, salaries, fees for service or honorariums only if the duties are essential to program delivery, require specialized qualifications and cannot be performed by a volunteer. Administrative duties are not eligible except where volunteers cannot due a disability.
- To hire a professional accountant to prepare gaming financial reports.
- To reimburse volunteers for approved expenses incurred while working a gaming event.
- For sports related groups to rent a facility or venue; the cost of certifying officials, fees for judges, coaches and instructors if duties require specialized qualifications and cannot be performed by a volunteer, to purchase uniforms and equipment if they are required for the participation in the sport. Gaming proceeds may not be used for prizes apart from trophies or ribbons.
- For education-related organizations and schools, gaming proceeds may be used to provide a specific educational experience if it is not principally recreational or social in nature and otherwise would not be available (e.g. field trips, athletic tournaments and cultural exchanges); to purchase equipment or supplies if otherwise would not be available (e.g. audio-visual equipment, athletic equipment and musical instruments). Proceeds may not be

used to supplement institution or school operational or capital budgets, employee salaries, wages, and benefits, building additions, renovations, or utilities.

### Examples of Proceed use by Bingo Association Members

During the consultation process, representatives from the bingo associations asked membership to provide information regarding their organization or club, their use of bingo proceeds, and their ward and Councillor.

#### Bingo Barn's 33rd Street NE Community Bingo Association

#### Alberta Luge:

"The Alberta Luge Association exists to ensure the continued successful growth of the sport of Luge in Alberta through the development of its athletes, coaches and volunteers at the recreational and elite levels. Gaming profits help pay for Facility rentals, equipment, coaching and volunteer courses. ALA has 300 active members, this includes athletes, coaches, and officials."

## Calgary Boys Choir:

"With the proceeds raised by through Bingo fundraisers, the Calgary Boys' Choir is able to offer scholarships, enhanced performance opportunities through facility rentals, uniforms, purchasing of music etc. Without gaming proceeds the cost of these services would be far too expensive for many families to afford. We are a non-profit and rely on these types of initiatives to keep our community organization afloat. Our membership contains hundreds of kids, families, and alumnus."

#### Calgary Spartans

"Our club has an average of 90 athletes year-round indoor and outdoor. We draw athletes from all quadrants of the City and do not consider ourselves in any one ward in the City. We do not have an office and our organization is run with volunteers. We run our club with a hands-on operational board.

As a non-profit society, the Calgary Spartans Track and Field Club provides athletic programs to Calgary and area youth from age 7 up to adult. Track and Field is a foundational sport for all ages and abilities leading to development of life skills and physical health habits. Bingo revenues assist with costs including facility and coaching staff fees as well as supporting the Club's Athlete Assistance Fund which ensures no child is left out due to financial barriers."

# Calgary Track and Field Athletic Association (CALTAF)

"Our ward is ward 12, Shane Keating. We use the profits from bingo to pay for the following vital items: Facility Rental, Equipment, Travel costs"

#### Oakridge Community

"Oakridge uses bingo proceeds to pay utilities. Brian Pincott is our Alderman. Roughly 1600 people pass through our doors in any given week and another 600 on the weekends. They are here to play hockey, ringette or lacrosse, or to pick up their child from our childcare program, or to drop off their 3 and 4 year old to participate in preschool. They may be here to take a yoga or line dancing class, each and every one of these people benefit from bingo proceeds in that we can keep the price of hall rental or arena floor rental at a more manageable price. Without bingo proceeds, costs of space rental would have to increase and ultimately the price of our programs would have to increase as well."

### **Calgary Italian Club**

"Our Alderman is Druh Farrell. Our profits are used for Scholarships, Cultural Events, Property Taxes. Our facility sees approximately 300,000 people per year through our doors of not only Italians but mostly the community at large."

### **Crossroads Community Association**

"[Our] Aldermen [are] Ray Jones & Andre Chabot (we have two in our Community). The Crossroads Community Association uses the profits we make from Bingo's to help us support youth programming in our community. We currently support 9 Community youth groups (including soccer, hockey, guides and scouts) and one seniors group, this support reaches approximately 250 youth and helps us to run our seniors group."

#### **University of Calgary Swim Club**

"We are located in Ward 1 and our Alderman is Ward Sutherland. We service all of Northwest Calgary. We currently have 477 swimmers in our club. With our profits from bingo we pay for pool rental for our swimmers."

#### **Calgary Royals**

"Our Bingo profits go directly to pay a portion of the Calgary Royals association ice costs that depicts the largest portion of the budget at 33%. Our Alderman is Brian Pincott. All members of the association benefit from the bingo fundraised monies that go directly to the ice costs; especially the players. We have approximately 575 members and 256 are players."

#### Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial

"The following is a brief list of people/organizations The Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial support through bingo revenue in Calgary. The number of people we impact is difficult to estimate accurately but it is significant. A partial list;

Inglewood Wildlands Self-guided tour signage project Mustard Seed dinners Calgary Learning Centre Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter Salvation Army Christmas kettle campaign Provide bussing for senior's trip to theatre Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured Community Kitchen's program Rotary Challenger Park Parkinson's Society Peter Gzowski Literacy Project Chinook High School Bursery Programme U of C Bursary Provide Sports Equipment to Disadvantaged Youth"

### **Croatian Heritage Society**

"The Croatian Heritage Society uses funds to help pay for the expenses of leasing a building, paying for utilities, paying for travel for the dance groups to travel and perform. It covers various other operating expenses as well such as office supplies, costumes and paying instructors. Our membership is around 80-90 members and the funds benefit all of our members as well as their families. We are in Ward 5 with Councillor Ray Jones."

### **Dancers Studio West**

"Dancers' Studio West uses the revenue from Bingo fundraising to provide programming. Dancers' Studio West's programming features the Alberta Dance Festival – now in its 35th season, the Dance Action Lab – a 10-week creative incubator producing four new contemporary dance works annually, Undressing The Dance Dialogue Series and the Cross Fertilization Exchange – cross genre community networking projects to encourage collaboration and co-production. Together, our programs offer a range of experiences for emerging and established artists, the arts community and the public at large. We operate from a virtual office, our post office box is in the SW. Our programming and performances take place at various locations around the city. I'm not sure who to suggest our City Councillor is."

### Simon House

"Simon House Recovery Centre serves approximately 225 to 250 men each year. We use the shared Bingo profits / earnings to afford many approved items for our program. The top three are, program materials for our clients, vehicle operations to transport our clients, and janitorial operations and supplies and operations. Our city Council Member is Ward Sutherland. He is very familiar with Simon House, and regularly attends our events."

#### **Golden Generation**

*"Herewith is what you requested from the Golden Generation Seniors Club of Calgary. PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS* 

SOCIAL AND RECREATION PROGRAM Annual spring city park or summer overnight excursion. Weekly Diversion Activities Quarterly birthday parties of members Annual Christmas Party SOCIAL PROGRAM FOR SENIORS'S WELL-BEING Seniors Education Assistance to seniors in distress Bereavement assistance to members Sick visitation to seniors Outreach to seniors living alone

FUNDING SOURCES: Shares from casino in Calgary Shares from bingo Barn bingo, Calgary Fundraising initiatives of the Club

SUMMARY: The Golden Generation Seniors Club of Calgary presently has 360 senior member from 60 years old and above and with no duplication of membership with any other seniors associations. Our alderman in the area is Ray Jones."

# **Canadian National Institute for the Blind**

"The Canadian National Institute for the Blind passionately provides community-based support, knowledge and a national voice to ensure Canadians who are blind or partially sighted have the confidence, skills and opportunities to fully participate in life. CNIB delivers programs and services that help people overcome the challenges of sight loss, increase their independence and achieve their goals. CNIB is a member of the 33rd Street NE Community Bingo Association, an organization that hosts Bingo Events on behalf of local non-profit organizations. Fundraising Events like Bingo contribute significantly toward our mission of providing quality rehabilitation support, raise public awareness, and engage in world class research – all with the goal of helping the 2,000 Calgarians who access our services and programs every year.

Thanks to the support of the 33rd Street NE Community Bingo Association, we can create endless possibilities for people with vision loss. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind is much more than a charitable organization or a worthy cause – it is their pathway to a life of independence, confidence and participation.

Our Councillor is Gian Carlo Carra Ward 9."

### Dr Gordon Higgins School

"Our Alderman is "Rundle" Ray Jones Ward 5. The proceeds that we earn for Bingo (and Casino) go toward a variety of events and activities for our school. Such as Instrument rentals for all grade 7 students, Art & band festivals, awards, theaters, field trips, technology, books and the list goes on. As of now, our school is very fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in all these activities. Without the money we would be forced to ask parents to pay out of pocket and unfortunately a lot of students would not be able to participate and events would get canceled. That would lead to a very bleak education experience."

# **New Canadian Seniors**

"The New Canadian Senior's Association of Calgary has 200 members from 60 years old to 90 years old. The proceeds from the bingo are being used for the following;

Quarterly Birthday Celebration for the year. Equipment's: Printers, Laptops, Music appliance's, and accessories. Monthly rental where the New Canadian Senior's Association of Calgary (NEWCASA) held meetings. Twice a month. Annual Canada Day Party, and Annual Christmas Day Party. Excursions. Annual Picnic's.

The New Canadian Senior's Association of Calgary (NEWCASA) non-members of the community are being invited in all of the events and activities. No duplication of membership with any other senior's association.

Funding sources:

Shares from casino's in Calgary Shares from Bingo Barn Bingo, Calgary

The Name of the Aldermen in the area is Gian-Carlo Carra."

# Calgary Horseshoe Club

*"All of the bingo revenue is used for utility payments and building upkeep. We have around 90 members but the building is also used by several groups including school children. We also host Corporate Challenge in Sept. The average monthly use by non-members is probably 200 – 300. The CHC resides in ward 9. Our councillor is Gian-Carlo Carra."* 

## Cascade Swim Club

"Our club regularly puts more than 1000 swimmers per year through our various programs. We help run our programs through gaming monies such as those received through working bingos annually at the Bingo Barn. Bingo money is used to pay pool rental and coaching costs helping to ensure facilities and people there to coach our young swimmers. Our membership demographic primarily comes from the following locations:

Ward 9 Gian Carlo Carra Ward 11 Brian Pincott Ward 12 Shane Keating Ward 13 Diane Colley Urquhart Ward 14 Peter Demong"

# Spirit of Drum Corp

"Wages, uniforms, equipment, faculties rental, competition costs. We don't have a specific location of business so have no clue who out alderman would be. Benefits: members approx 40, out programs benefit the community overall."

# **Calgary Girls Choir**

"The Calgary Girls Choir uses a portion of our Bingo funds to cover costs of payment to our teachers and accompanists. This covers 4-6 people for a period of 9 months. They help instruct over 200 young girls. Without this support, we would not be able to have the quality of teachers we currently have. The Alderman in our area is Brian Pincott, I believe."

# W & M Dance Projects of Calgary Association

"W&M Dance Projects uses Bingo and other gaming revenues to support the facility we operate, as well as the pre-professional and professional dance training programs. Our facility is available to anyone needing studio space, so the impact of Bingo funds reaches hundreds of people every year. We reach roughly 300 renters, 30 dancers, and many hundreds more with our performances. [Our] Councillor [is] Gian-Carlo Carra"

### **Alberta Baton**

"The Alberta Baton Twirling Association – Central Region has approximately 400 members in the Calgary and surrounding area which the monies raised from our bingo events benefits everyone. There are 8 clubs in all quadrants of the city as well as in Airdrie, Olds and Cochrane. In the case of Baton Twirling, all the funds raised are used for gym rentals, the expense of running competitions such as judges expenses, facility rentals, awards, and funding athletes to attend training camps, provincial, national and world competitions throughout the year. If the Calgary Bingo Halls would be allowed to have an exemption for their property taxes, that would greatly benefit all the organizations which all are not for profit in running their program for their members. I am not sure if you want the name of my alderman but his name is Shane Keating from Ward 12. We have clubs all over Calgary so I am not sure which alderman you need."

### **Canadian Mental Health Association**

"Canadian Mental Health Association - Calgary Region creates awareness, and provides education advocacy and support for individuals and families living with mental illness, addiction or a loss by suicide. We provide over 15 community based programs, including supportive and independent living, homeless outreach, aboriginal outreach, suicide bereavement and peer support for families and individuals. We work closely with other community organizations to bridge gaps in the mental health care system and facilitate access to important services and resources. Specifically our Board mandates revenues derived from gaming supports addiction services. We have multiple ways of accessing support, with our client base totaling over 26,000 education touch points, 5,000 direct client service, and over 1,760 registered clients for more comprehensive need. Mental health covers all areas of the city, so we would say this is one the Mayor or all councillors should be aware of."

#### Henry Wisewood School

"Our school Henry Wise Wood High School is located in Ward 11 – Brian Pincott. The Bingo Barn is a strong supported for the Henry Wise Wood music program. This includes approximately 80 to 100 students and their families. By being part of this program our students are able to have the opportunity to expand their minds and learning by travelling around North America to explore a variety of musical abilities and cultures. This is especially important as without these funds many of our students would not be able to afford to have these wonderful educational opportunities."

## Yalenka Ukrainian Dance Club

"We have 82 dancers and 49 families. I believe the Alderman for the Alberta ballet were we dance out of is ward 8 Evan Wooley. We use our bingo funds specifically for instructor salaries, studio rental and costume purchases. It basically supports the operation of our school."

#### Decidedly Jazz Danceworks (DJD)

"[Our] Councillor [is] Evan Woolley, Ward 8. DJD is a professional dance company that creates original performances, offers professional training, educational outreach programs, and is Calgary's largest recreational dance school. A registered charity, we rely on the profits from Bingo's to fulfill our charitable purpose. Over the years DJD has created more than 60 full length original works, and provided enriched educational experiences for thousands of children and adults through the DJD school as well as our Arts in Education programs. DJD has enabled hundreds of kids from low-income families to receive bursaries to participate in dance classes.

# Marlborough Community

"[Our] Alderman [is] Andre Chabot. Calgary Marlborough Community uses bingo profits to maintain our community centre--a building where programs for both children and adults are run."

#### Killarney Swim Club

"[Our] Alderman [is] Evan Woolley. KSC is a non-profit amateur athletic society that dates back to 1965. Its reputation is that of a small club that gives personal attention to all members, helping shape them into strong athletes and solid citizens. For their efforts, many of the young adults in our program go on to swim at universities across North America and swim for Canada at international competitions. Our club is truly where the dream begins. Currently we have over 210 young athletes in our club. It is with contributions such as funds received from the Bingo Barn that our Club's high-quality, affordable, competitive swim program is able to flourish and assist those by keeping the fees affordable for all of our athletes."

#### **Calgary International Film Festival**

"The Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a 12-day showcase of nearly 200 multi-genre films from Canada and 39 other countries. The festival hosts gala events, screenings, award presentations, industry events and special presentations with growth each year. We host a large number of participating filmmakers from our own backyard and around the world and connect them with audiences through our post-screening question and answer sessions, engaging panels and film talks open to the general public. The Festival utilizes the funds received from Bingo revenue to support these activities. Festival attendance was over 35,000 people in 2015."

### **Calgary Youth Singers**

"Our area alderman is Gian Carlos Carra and we also lease a facility. We are both a registered Charity and a non-profit society. Our organization consists of annual members around 500 and our programs are run for ages 3 years old to Adult. We also do between 50 and 60 public shows both paid and free throughout Calgary & Alberta as well as international tours where we have been great ambassadors for Calgary and Alberta. All funds we earn at our bingos and any other gaming events is used to provide facilities, equipment instruments and staff to complete the programs we offer. The building that we currently lease has been exempted from property tax. I believe all the bingo associations consist of members all of which are non-profit organizations so when we work our assigned bingos it is an extension of our organization during that time and so likewise for all the members. Our programs would be put into serious jeopardy if we did not have bingos to assist in the funding. Because of the bingos, other gaming ventures and other fundraising endeavors, we are able to offer the programs to individuals at half what it costs to operate."

### **Croatian Culture Centre**

"Croatian Canadian Cultural Centre is a non-profit organization and its work is carried on without purpose of financial gain for its Members. Croatian Centre or Croatian Club Calgary operates a facility for community use, charitable and non-profit organization, various cultural and social groups, senior groups, sports clubs and general public. The Croatian Canadian Centre Calgary promotes Croatian Culture and Heritage among Canadians, opening its facilities to the general public with various events. Club offers recreational activities to improve the quality of health especially for seniors and youth; operates a library promoting reading through books, magazines and newspapers for the people literate in the Croatian language; provides seminars, educational courses, and assists seniors who are not fluent in the English language. Croatian Canadian Cultural Centre offers different programs, courses and social activities benefiting Members and the public at large. Approved Use of Proceeds:

-50% of gaming proceeds for the operating costs of facilities (utilities, insurance, repair & maintenance, and renovations). -10% Administrative costs. Donations within Alberta (Children's Hospital Foundation, Hearth & Stoke Foundation, Prostate Cancer Foundation, Croatian Catholic Parish, Croatian Senior Society, Canadian Breast Cancer Society) et cetera."

### **Calgary Roundup Band**

"The Calgary Round-Up Band Association provides 170 junior high students with structured learning activities about show band music and visual performance, provides opportunities to publically exhibit, present or perform their work, and develops their crafts or skills in conjunction with these learning activities. Bingo funds are used to support many aspects of our association including truck expenses like fuel and maintenance, uniforms, instrument purchases and repairs, rental of rehearsal and office facilities, and equipment necessary for performances. The Calgary Round-Up Band performs at a variety of events and parades is southern Alberta, as well as touring to the United States each summer. Our office is in ward 11, and our alderman is Brian Pincott."

#### Notre Dame

"Notre Dame Alumni awards bursaries to Students attending secondary education institutions such as University of Calgary, Mount Royal University, SAIT and others. This constitutes 100% of the funds raised by Bingo and Casino. Please note that the city tax is for about 1/2 of the tax assessed - the balance is for education which is taken by the Province. The amount could be only about \$ 27,000. Kids from all over the city benefit from our programs."

#### **Mountainview Sports & Handicapped Society**

"We are dedicated to environmental stewardship, conservation and wildlife preservation. Each year over 1500 people from various organizations such as Girls Guides, Scouts and Cadets visit our campgrounds as well as numerous sports based bodies. We also give back to the community whenever possible as in the case of the 2013 floods by banding together with other organizations to make a sizable donation to the Red Cross for flood relief."

#### Saints Hockey

"We use the profits from the bingo to pay for the ice for our hockey association. Last year we had 560 kids playing hockey. The aldermen for the area Calgary Saint serves are:

Ward 3 Jim Stevenson Ward 5 Ray Jones Ward 9 Gian-Carlo Carra Ward 10 Andre Chabot"

### Acadia Community

*"What do you use your bingo proceeds for? Repairs/Maintenance/Equipment How many people benefit from your Association? Thousands. Who is your Alderman? Gian-Carlo Carra"* 

#### SW United Soccer Association

*"Uniforms, Equipment and Field Rentals. 3900 children aged 3-18. Ward 11 is the area SWU office is located in and the Alderman for that area looks to be Brian Pincott."* 

### Calgary Academy Parents Association

*"We have 550 member's, all the proceeds from both bingo and casinos pay for learning disabled children, bursaries for those who cannot afford to put their children in a special school, transportation, building maintenance and teachers"* 

#### Bingo Palace's Calgary Community & Sport Bingo Association

### **Calgary North Stars**

"Funds strictly used for the rental of ice. Allows us to be able to subsidize, provide scholarships and provide development plans for the kids with our funds. Our association is a hockey program that participates through the whole city and the out skirts, with approximately 180 kids in the program."

#### Simon House

"Simon House Recovery Centre serves approximately 225 to 250 men each year. We use the shared Bingo profits/earnings to afford many approved items for our program. The top three are, program materials for our clients, vehicle operations to transport our clients, and janitorial operations and supplies.

Ward 1 Councillor - Ward Sutherland"

#### **Glenlake Minor Hockey Club**

"As member of CCSBA, Glenlake Minor Hockey Association uses all of the proceeds we raise through bingos to pay ice costs for our group. Glenlake has over 1000 skaters between the ages of five and eighteen registered in six different age categories. That's 55 teams in total! We use our parent volunteers to staff 30 bingos annually, and parents are happy to volunteer because bingo funds help offset registration costs. Hockey is already an expensive sport given how costly arena facilities are to maintain, so it is a priority for Glenlake to keep registration costs as low as possible in order to keep hockey within reach for as many families as possible."

#### Airdrie Edge Gymnastic Club

"Over the last 5 years we have averaged 2317 recreational athletes and 50 competitive athletes. 100% of our bingo proceeds is spent on our lease payments."

#### **Rundle Community Association**

"Any increase in expenses has a direct impact on the amount of Bingo Revenue that is available to the nonprofit and charity groups to provide programs and support in our area.

The Rundle Community is one of the organizations that benefit directly from the amount of net funding provided by the Bingo.

We represent a population of over 11,000 in NE Calgary with over 3800 dwellings. The Rundle Community Association uses this funding towards monthly operating expenses including Enmax charges, janitorial and regular maintenance activities. Through the worker certificate program, the Community support youth programs in sports and school of \$16,000 annually. Many of the youth would not be able to participate if it were not for this program. We support the Guides, Scouts, after school programs, a football team and provide a number of social activities for our residents.

We support the CCSBA in their endeavor to reduce the City's tax on this operation as it has a direct impact on our residents."

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Ward 11 Councillor – Brian Pincott"

### Calgary Properties Sports Association

"The profits from Bingo are used to cover facility rentals for basketball, soccer, and ringette. By assisting the sports with their facility costs, the sports can then keep their registration costs down which is critical for our demographics."

#### Marlborough Park Community Association

"Our membership base is people who live within our community. The families in our Preschool are also a big part of our membership and they live mostly within Ward 10 but I also have families from Ward 3, Ward 5, and Ward 4.

#### Use of our proceeds are as follows:

1)We are allowed to use up to 10% for Administration cost e.g. Telephone, internet, newsletters and advertising events.

2)We are allowed to use up to 100% for facility expenses e.g. insurance, utilities, janitorial supplies, repairs and maintenance, and garbage disposal.

Gaming monies are used for maintaining our facility on a monthly basis as noted above. We are not allowed to use the City of Calgary grant money for day to day expenses."

#### Five Star Bingo Association

### Acadia Community Association

*"VISION* 

To provide an inclusive, vibrant and safe community. MISSION STATEMENT

The Acadia Community Association promotes a vibrant and healthy community by engaging neighbors, advocating for the community, and providing social and recreational opportunities."

#### Bow Valley Branch, Navy League of Canada

*"Why volunteer at Bingos?? Bingos are a major source of income for our corps. Where are the funds used?* 

Camps

- Uniforms
- Band equipment
- Training
- Officer training
- and more .... "

# Calgary Academy Parents Association

### "Mission Statement:

Calgary Academy Parents Association is a Volunteer organization committed to providing support for Calgary Academy Transition and Comprehensive students and Alumni with Learning Differences. Anyone can attend Calgary Academy provided space and funding is available. Free programs remain free. The Calgary Academy Parents Association works hard to assist those families of students, who require financial assistance so that they can achieve their learning potential.

- Provide workshops on teaching learning disabled children.
- Teach learning disabled the skills required to be effective students and to succeed in the workforce.
- Provide tutoring to both Adults and Children.
- Provide a library of resources on the learning disabled, which is open to the public.

Provide a reading program to enhance a child's reading comprehension.
Ward 1 Councillor – Ward Sutherland, Ward 2 Councillor - Joe Magliocca, Ward 4
Councillor – Sean Chu, Ward 6 Councillor – Richard Pootmans, Ward 7 Councillor –
Druh Farrel, Ward 8 Councillor – Evan Woolley, Ward 9 Councillor – Giano-Carlo Carra,
Ward 10 Councillor – Andre Chabot, Ward 11 Councillor – Brian Pincott, Ward 12
Councillor – Shane Keating, Ward 13 Councillor Diane Colley-Urguhart, Ward 14
Councillor – Peter Demong."

### Calgary Dance Express Association

"Funds are used for providing services for all Albertans age's 7-70 ranging from Dance lessons to promoting better health. Free performances are supplied to Mustard Seeds, Senior Homes, Ronald McDonald Houses, and Rotary Clubs."

### **Canadian National Institute for the Blind**

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# Fresh Start Addictions Centre Society

*"The generosity of our supporters is essential to everyone's success. With the support you give, we strengthen our communities, restore more families and save lives.* 

Your donation helps men and their families suffering from addiction find a solution by embracing recovery.

Ward 3, Councillor – Jim Stevenson"

# Greater Forest Lawn Senior Citizen's Society

"Greater Forest Lawn 55+ Society welcomes all adults to take part in our activities. We provide social and recreational activities, information, classes, workshops, outreach services, trips, health and legal clinics, and much more. Our goal is to keep you young, active and as independent as possible in a friendly and happy environment. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join as an associate member."

### **Inglewood Silver Threads Association**

"We are a 55 plus senior's activity centre focusing on group activities for seniors. Many seniors are of very low or fixed income, we subsidize our activities, day trips, lunches, games, exercise, so that seniors from all quadrants of the city can participate regardless of their income. We encourage our members to participate and volunteer in their communities. In turn they receive the mental and physical stimulation many of them lack due to little or no family members."

### Ladies Auxillary – Fraternal Order of the Eagles #2098

"Our Mission Statement

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is an international non-profit organization uniting fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope. F.O.E. donates more than \$10 million a year to local communities, fundraisers, charities and more. As part of its philosophy, the F.O.E. gives back 100 percent of monies raised in the form of grants. Fundraisers are conducted for eight major charities, including kidney, heart, diabetes, cancer and spinal cord injury funds, a children's fund, memorial foundation and the Golden Eagle Fund.

Ward 11 Councillor – Brian Pincott"

### Rehabilitation Society

"This organization is: Registered Not-For-Profit To create, through services, work experience and social programs, opportunities for persons with disabilities to achieve acceptance, encouragement and mutual support."

### **Simon House Residence Society**

"Our core values of loving kindness, compassion, empathy, patience, tolerance, equanimity and understanding have enabled Simon House to provide a successful program of recovery. Although based on these principles, there is no "coddling" of our residents.

Ward 1 Councillor – Ward Sutherland"

### Ferret Rescue & Education Society

"The Ferret Rescue & Education Society (FRES) is a non-profit, charitable organization that was started by a group of devoted ferret owners in the Calgary area who recognized the need for a locally based rescue dedicated to ferrets. Our committed volunteers assist FRES in their goal to find permanent homes for all of the ferrets surrendered to us. They also provide shelter, basic needs, veterinary care, and if necessary, rehabilitation for all abused, unwanted, and abandoned ferrets regardless of their health status.

With the rapid rise in the popularity of ferrets as pets, there is a great need for public education. While ferrets make wonderful pets, it is important that those who select them, as well as those in contact with them, have access to the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding ferrets care. FRES places a high priority on educating potential and present ferret owners as to the special needs required by these increasingly popular, but often very misunderstood, pets. FRES also offers ferret information and care workshops for pet store employees as well as information tables for ferret owners to provide them with tips on the best care for their fuzzy friends. Additionally, active FRES volunteers are continually seeking out and sharing new information on the latest ferret facts and medical care.

All ferrets surrendered to FRES are fostered and cared for by members of our Society. While our foster families generously provide these ferrets with love, FRES provides all necessary supplies and medical care. No ferret is ever, or will ever, be turned away for any reason, and FRES will care for them until adoptive homes can be found through our three step adoption process. To date, FRES volunteers have been very successful with the rehabilitation of sick, injured, untrained, and fearful ferrets.

FRES operates entirely by volunteer efforts and owes its success to frequent donations and an extensive fundraising program to cover our increasing expenses. With the support from some very kind veterinarians in the Calgary area we can ensure that all surrendered ferrets receive any medical care they require. Without their knowledge and assistance it would be extremely difficult to care for the ferrets to the extent that we do.

FRES has established excellent working relationships throughout the community whose ongoing partnership, assistance, and sponsorship has allowed our organization to continue working towards our mission of enriching the lives of ferrets in our community.

The Board of Directors have all volunteered for other animal rescue organizations in the past and bring a great deal of experience to the Society. To date, they have collectively cared for over 200 ferrets, many of whom have since been adopted into loving, permanent homes.

Through education, collaboration, communication, rehabilitation, and rescue, the Ferret Rescue & Education Society is working diligently to increase public awareness and responsible ferret ownership."

## Wings of Hope for Africa Foundation

"Wings of Hope for Africa Foundation is a Canadian registered non-profit organization based in Calgary, Alberta. Founded in 2011, we are dedicated to improving the quality and value of life of children and families in Burundi, East Africa. Our mission is to relieve poverty by implementing self-sufficient agriculture initiatives, providing basic tools for education, and by aiding with health care provisions and medical supplies to persons in need. We strive to create equal opportunities for everyone and to see the poor uplifted from desperate poverty to joyful self-sufficiency.

With complete transparency we strive to positively impact the people and communities who need it most. We are motivated by God's love to serve all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

We are currently operating in the communities of Buterere and Kivumu, Burundi, and looking to expand to help others as our organization grows. In 2016, we began to develop a new program to partner with and support local charities in Calgary, and nation-wide in Canada. This initiative will align with our core mission of helping the poor, supporting healthcare, children's education, and helping families in need, here at home in Canada. We will be updating this site to update our supporters as we identify and establish connections with charity partners to help us carry out this project."