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Dear Friend of Community Links,



As of July 2017, Community Links is pleased to provide all programs and services from one location. With our continued focus on health and wellness; the community is strengthened by providing "One Location" where individuals and families can continue to receive support and resources. The importance of having all services together provides a significant ease of access for those seeking support. Community Links serves over 11,000 individuals on annual basis. Each person is unique, with their own set of circumstances, concerns or needs.

The valuable programs and services provided by Community Links continue to make a difference for individuals and families in Airdrie, Crossfield, Irricana, Beiseker, and the surrounding North Rocky View County. Below is a story about one couples journey.

When the spring of 2017 began, Kim and Don (*names have been changed to protect identity*) found themselves in a position of financial and emotional distress. Kim had always seen asking for help as a sign weakness, that she had failed.



They had no idea where to turn for help and "*it felt like we were floating on a raft, lost out on the ocean with no land in sight*".

Fortunately a family member recommended connecting with Intake Services at Community Links.

Feeling completely overwhelmed and apprehensive about total strangers becoming involved in their lives, they were relieved when they were met with compassion, empathy and feeling that they truly mattered.

As they began the process of reeling in the uncertainty that lay before them, their first step was to secure a damage deposit for appropriate affordable housing through Airdrie Housing. With housing in place they reset their compass to navigate a new course of life. The next port of entry was Community Links Wrap Around Services providing access to multiple resources at one time such as Counselling (individual and couples) along with access to external resources starting with a bus pass to provide transportation to and from appointments, access to Genesis Place and support from the Airdrie Food Bank to meet their basic needs. "The counselling was extremely hard work but so worth it as each session taught them how to move forward". Counselling showed Kim how to work through the trauma she had experienced in her life, how to deal with issues as they arise and how to lean on each other through communication for support. "*It saved our relationship. We have been rescued off the raft and finally see land. Halleluiah!*"



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Individuals*



*Strong
Families*

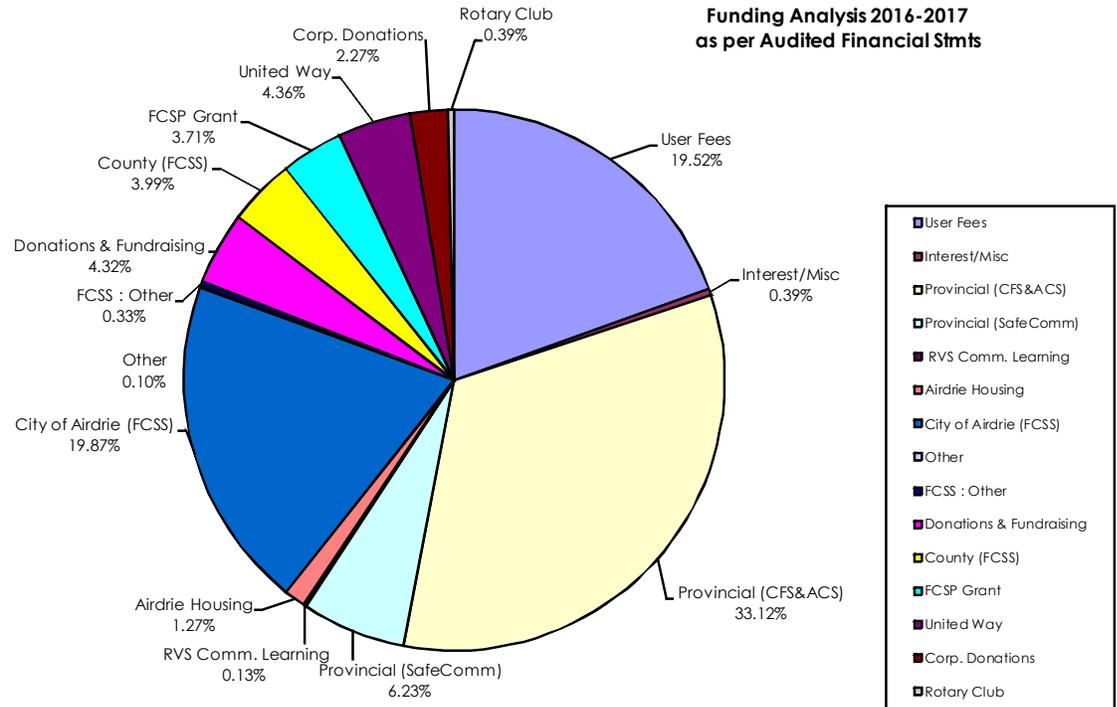


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Community Links is funded by:

- Municipal and Provincial Government (67.25%)
- United Way (4.36%)
- Community Investors (6.98%)
- Contracted Services (1.40%)
- User Fees (20.01%)



With our continued focus on **health and wellness**; the community is strengthened by providing “One Location” where individuals and families can continue to receive **support and resources**.

With your donation today to Community Links Program Development Fund, we can sustain, enhance and grow the important programs and services for individuals, families and communities in which we serve.

For more information on Community Links please visit www.nrvcl.ab.ca. Thank you in advance for your support – it is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Brenda Hume, B.A.
Executive Director

Community Links goal is to raise an estimated \$7,500.00 through our Annual Campaign, at an approximate cost of \$500.00. The money raised will support Community Links Program Development Fund. For further information, please contact Brenda Hume at 1.866.945.3905.