



REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday October 18, 2023

9:30am

Meeting Room
Green View FCSS Building

#1	CALL TO ORDER		
#2	ADOPTION OF AGENDA		
#3	MINUTES	3.1 Regular Green View Family and Community Support Services Meeting minutes held September 20, 2023 to be adopted.	1
		3.2 Business Arising from the Minutes	
#4	DELEGATION	4.1 PACE (Providing Assistance, Counselling & Information)	4
		4.2 Grande Prairie and Area Council on Aging-Seniors Outreach	23
#5	OLD BUSINESS	5.0	
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Minutes of a
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES
Green View Family and Community Support Services Building
Valleyview, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 20, 2023

1: Chair Perron called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.
CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT
Chair, Member at Large, Greenview Roxanne Perron
Board Member, Member at Large, Greenview Tammy Day
Board Member, Member at Large, Greenview Trina Parker-Carroll
Board Member, Member at Large, Town of Valleyview Kristine Gavin
Board Member, Town of Valleyview Mayor Vern Lymburner
Board Member, Greenview Councillor Sally Rosson

ATTENDING
FCSS Manager Lisa Hannaford
Recording Secretary Corinne D’Onofrio

ABSENT Board Member, Greenview Councillor Christine Schlieff

#2:
AGENDA

2.0 GREEN VIEW FCSS AGENDA

MOTION: 23.09.24 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, TAMMY DAY
That the September 20, 2023 agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

#3.1
REGULAR
MEETING
MINUTES

3.1 GREEN VIEW FCSS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: 23.09.25 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, SALLY ROSSON
That the Minutes of the Regular Green View FCSS Board Meeting held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

#3.2 BUSINESS
ARISING FROM
MINUTES

3.2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Board Member Parker- Carroll entered the meeting at 9:38am.

#4 DELEGATION **4.0 DELEGATION**

#5 OLD BUSINESS **5.0 OLD BUSINESS**

#6 NEW
BUSINESS

6.1 2024 PROPOSED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES OPERATING BUDGET

MOTION: 23.09.26 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, SALLY ROSSON

That Green View Family and Community Support Services Board approve the proposed 2024 operating budget.

CARRIED

6.2 FCSS MANAGER REPORT

MOTION: 23.09.27 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, VERN LYMBURNER

That the Green View FCSS Board accept the September 2023 Manager's report as presented for information.

CARRIED

Chair Perron called the meeting to recess at 11:04 am.

Chair Perron reconvened the meeting at 11:13 am.

MOTION: 23.09.28 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, TRINA PARKER-CARROLL

That the Green View FCSS Board accept the Alberta Narcissistic Abuse Survivor Foundation grant application for information.

CARRIED

MOTION: 23.09.29 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, TAMMY DAY

That the Green View FCSS Board accept the Senior's Outreach grant application for information.

CARRIED

MOTION: 23.09.30 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, SALLY ROSSON

That the Green View FCSS Board accept the Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta grant application for information.

CARRIED

#7
MEMBER
REPORTS

7.1 CHAIR/MEMBER REPORTS

BOARD MEMBER PARKER- CARROLL

- No report at this time

BOARD MEMBER GAVIN

- Attended the Northwest Regional Conference in Slave Lake

BOARD MEMBER DAY

- Attended the Northwest Regional Conference in Slave Lake
- Will be attending a Poverty Reduction meeting next week

BOARD MEMBER LYMBURNER

- Attended the Northwest Regional Conference in Slave Lake

BOARD MEMBER ROSSON

- Attended the Red Willow Lodge summer barbeque.
- Attended the 2023 Greenview Charity Clay Shoot on September 7th, which raised \$63,730.44 directly benefiting 5 Food Banks serving the community.

CHAIR PERRON

- Attended the Northwest Regional Conference in Slave Lake
- Continues to participate in conversations with residents about experiences during the wildfires, speaking about the importance of mental health supports, community and family support and recognizing loss
- Has been busy with FCSSAA business regarding marketing with the new logo

#8
CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 ARISE INTRODUCTORY LETTER

MOTION: 23.09.31 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, TRINA PARKER-CARROLL
That the Green View FCSS Board accept the ARISE Introductory letter for information.

CARRIED

#9 CLOSED
SESSION

9.0 CLOSED SESSION

#10
ADJOURNMENT

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 23.09.32 Moved by: BOARD MEMBER, KRISTINE GAVIN
That this meeting adjourns at 12:25 pm.

CARRIED

F.C.S.S. MANAGER

F.C.S.S. CHAIR

REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: **Delegation-PACE (Providing Assistance, Counselling & Information)**
SUBMISSION TO: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
MEETING DATE: October 18, 2023 GM: MANAGER:LDH
DEPARTMENT: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES PRESENTER:LDH

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:
Green View FCSS Policy: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION: That Green View Family and Community Support Services Board accept the presentation from PACE (Providing Assistance, Counselling & Information) as information.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:
Pace (Providing Assistance, Counselling & Information), based out of Grande Prairie, provides a range of crisis intervention support and counselling services dealing with sexual abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, and trauma. The organization also offers training designed for community members, professionals, students, first responders and frontline workers in our area. The 2024 grant request is to provide the Sexual Violence Awareness Program in schools and Community Support Training.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
1. The benefit of accepting the presentation is to update the Board on services provided by PACE (Providing Assistance, Counselling & Information).

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
1. There are no perceived disadvantages to accepting the presentation.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:
Alternative #1: The Green View Family and Community Support Services Board may choose not to accept the presentation for information. This alternative is not recommended for if the Board is aware of what services are being delivered and how the funds are being utilized; the Board will be well informed and better able to make funding decisions in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

Direct Costs: N/A

Ongoing / Future Costs: N/A

STAFFING IMPLICATION: N/A

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform - We will keep you informed.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS: N/A

ATTACHMENT(S): Grant Application

GREEN VIEW FCSS GRANTS PROGRAM

Guidelines and Eligibility Criteria

Grants are accepted by the Green View FCSS Board between July 1st and August 31st of each year.

Eligibility

To qualify for support under this program, the proposed project shall be preventive in nature in order to:

- ➔ Enhance, strengthen and stabilize family and community life;
- ➔ Improve the ability of persons to identify and act on their own social needs;
- ➔ Help avert family or community social breakdown;
- ➔ If early symptoms of a social breakdown appear; help prevent the development of a crisis that may require major intervention or rehabilitative measures; or
- ➔ Promote, encourage and facilitate voluntarism and the use of volunteers.

Ineligibility

Projects are not eligible for support if they:

- ➔ Primarily provide for the recreation needs or leisure time pursuits of individuals;
- ➔ Are primarily rehabilitative in nature;
- ➔ Offer direct financial assistance to sustain individuals or families; or
- ➔ Duplicate existing services in the community.

Reporting Requirements

In addition to a final expense report; grant recipients are required to submit an outcomes report that shall consist but not be limited to the following:

- a) Project objectives and outcomes achieved
- b) Number of volunteer hours
- c) Detailed accounting of grant funds
- d) Applicable statistics

Expenses and outcomes reports must be submitted to Green View FCSS annually or within 30 days of the completion of the program/project. Failure to submit the appropriate documentation may lead to the organization being ineligible to apply for future grant funding. The Outcomes Report format can be found in the Green View FCSS page, next to this application package.

Successful grant applicants will be required to only utilize the grant funding for the purposes intended unless authorized in writing by the Green View FCSS Board.



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GREEN VIEW FCSS GRANT APPLICATION

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Organization

Pace Community Support, Sexual Assault and Trauma Centre.

Address of Organization

10031 - 103 AVE. Grande Prairie, Alberta
T8V 1B9

Contact Name

Jacquie Aitken

Phone Number

780 518 6593

Purpose of Organization

Pace provides Grande Prairie, High Prairie, Peace River, Valleyview and Grande Cashe and surrounding communities access to a continuum of prevention, crisis intervention and counselling services to address sexual assault, sexual abuse and trauma. This programs will work in partnership with established programs within each community. Services will include:
Group Counselling Programs: Professional counseling for adults, children/youth who have been abused, and support persons/family of survivors.
We strive to develop an organization with skills, knowledge and resources in dealing with crisis, post traumatic stress, sexual abuse, child abuse, domestic violence and suicide. Also, to influence and educate communities to respond to individuals and victims with compassion and respect.

Is your organization non-profit? yes no Does your organization have a charitable status? yes no

Applicant's Information

Name Jacquie Aitken Position Executive Director

Address 10031 - 103 Ave. Grande Prairie Alberta

Phone Number (H) 780 518 6593 (W) 780 539 6692 (C) E-mail address

Signature *J Aitken* Date 2023 09 15

Please attach additional documentation that supports your application and include work description or details, other funds source, event or program timeline, estimates, a detailed budget, expected results and benefits to the Municipality in relation to this project.

By signing this application, I/we concur with the following statements:

- * The grant application is complete and includes all supporting documentation, including most recent financial statements based on legislative requirements of our organization, balance sheet, current bank balances and current year detailed operating budget.
- * The grant shall be used for only those purposes for which the application was made. If the original grant application or purposes for which the grant requested have been modified by the Green View FCSS board; the grant will be used for those varied purposes only.
- * The organization will provide a written outcomes report to the Green View FCSS office, along with an expense report, within 30 days of completion of the grant.
- * The organization agrees to submit to an evaluation of the project related to the grant.
- * The organization will return any unused portion of the grant funds to Green View FCSS or to request approval from the FCSS Board to use the funds for an optional project.

GRANT INFORMATION

Total Amount Requested

\$18,000.00

Please note for all grant applications over \$2,500, the applicant must make a presentation to the FCSS Board.

Proposed Project

The MD of Green View FCSS funding of \$18,000 is requested to support two Pace programs.

Sexual Violence Awareness Program

The goal of this program is to increase community members (children, youth, & adults) knowledge of Sexual Violence thus increasing the victim resiliency and the ability of the community to provide support, understanding and compassion. Three components are provided in this program. Kindergarten to grade 6 students participate in 2 sessions of the Who do you tell program. Students in grades 7 to 12 participate in the "Sexual Violence Awareness Presentation", Community adult presentations are tailored to meet the need of the specific audience.

Community Support Training

The goal of this program is to increase community members' ability to respond to individuals and/or families experiencing crisis and/or trauma.

Pace's Community Support Training program is a front line practical training to deal with crisis, loss and trauma that Community members, Paraprofessionals, and Professionals may encounter. Facilitators for the training ensure theory is supplemented with practiced skill development, role plays and the ability to access community resources and/or consultation if the need arises in the future. Pace's Community Support Training Program is now the core training program for the GPRC Peer Support Program. The program is offered in conjunction with Grande Prairie Regional College as the Crisis Management Certificate Program.

How will this project be preventative in nature?

The comprehensive and longitudinal Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) study has well documented the link between ACE and emotional and physical health issues across the individual's life span. ACEs are traumatic events that occur in childhood and may include exposure to violence by adult caregivers, direct forms of abuse to children, growing up with family members having mental health issues, judicial system involvement, and substance use problems. Toxic stress from ACEs changes brain development and affects how the body responds to stress.

Early childhood trauma is linked to chronic health problems, mental illness, substance misuse/abuse, poor educational outcomes, involvement in the child protection and criminal justice systems, earlier mortality rates, and other social issues (National Center for Injury Prevention and Control;)

The Alberta Association of Sexual Assault Services, 2020 found that Forty-five percent of adult Albertans have experienced some type of sexual abuse in their lifetime.

44% of girls and 24% of boys experienced an unwanted sexual act while under the age of 18. 41% of females and 18 % of males had experienced sexual assault over the age of 18(Aasas, 2020)

With the realities:

1. that rural rates of sexual assault within the family are 3.5 times higher than urban communities.
2. And common assault within the family is 4.7 times higher. (Stats Canada, 2017)
- 3, "Violent crimes committed against young women and girls by a family member had a rate nearly (4.4x) times higher in the North than in the South." (Stats Canada, 2017)

Rural programs have very different issues compared to major cities and Northern Rural Programs must deal with much more; The # of deaths by suicide, accidental death, motor vehicle deaths, and child/youth deaths are consistently higher in Northern Rural Communities compared to either Edmonton or Calgary, (Chief Medical Examiner, 2009)

With this in mind we must stop Adverse childhood experiences as young as possible by teaching violence and abuse are against the law, children need healthy adults to disclose trauma to and receive support to process abuse.

Who will be served by the project/ program and how many people do you expect will attend this event (if relevant)?

Sexual Assault Awareness Program (which deals with both physical and sexual abuse)

Children Kindergarten to grade 12,

College students,

Teachers,

Parents,

Community Members.

Community Support Training

College Students

Front line Volunteers and staff in the human service field.

Paraprofessionals & professionals in the human service field.

Interested Community Members.

How will this program benefit the community?

We strive to develop an organization with in the north west region of Alberta to have skills, knowledge and resources in dealing with crisis, sexual abuse, child abuse, domestic violence and suicide. Also, to influence and educate communities to respond to individuals and victims with compassion and respect.

How will you recognize the contribution from Green View FCSS to your organization and in the community?

All program advertising will include acknowledgment of Green View FCSS. Our programs will be available to participate in Green View Events if so requested.

How will this program be measured for success?

Participant feedback documented in post presentation questionnaire.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Have you previously applied for a grant from the Green View FCSS grants program?

yes no

List the year, amount and purpose of the last two grants your organization has received from the Green View FCSS Grants Program:

1. Grant Amount Year grant was received

Did you provide an expense report? yes no

Purpose of Grant

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Community Support Training

The goal of this program is to increase community member's ability to respond to individuals and/or families experiencing

2. Grant Amount Year grant was received

Did you provide an expense report? yes no

Purpose of Grant

To facilitate a 15 week Trauma Informed Parenting Group In Valleyview.

The year is not complete. the moneys were not used and the moneys were used 2022. Provide Sexual Violence Awareness Program and Community Support Training

Have you applied for grant funds from sources **other** than the Green View FCSS grants program?

yes no

Have you received grant funds from sources other than the Green View FCSS grants program?

yes no

If yes, please describe when, who, purpose and amount.

2022, City of Grande Prairie(\$69,000) and County of Grande Prairie FCSS(\$18,000)

2023, City of Grande Prairie(\$62,000) and County of Grande Prairie FCSS(\$18,000)

Please submit application and supporting documents by fax to 780-524-4130 or by email to lisa.hannaford@mdgreenview.ab.ca

PLEASE ATTACH EXPENSE REPORT WITH YOUR APPLICATION

P.A.C.E (Providing Assistance, Counselling and Education)
Financial Statements
March 31, 2023

Management's Responsibility

To the Members of P.A.C.E (Providing Assistance, Counselling and Education):

Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the accompanying financial statements, including responsibility for significant accounting judgments and estimates in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and ensuring that all information in the annual report is consistent with the statements. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and methods, and making decisions affecting the measurement of transactions in which objective judgment is required.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, management designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of financial statements.

The Board of Directors is composed primarily of Directors who are neither management nor employees of the Society. The Board is responsible for overseeing management in the performance of its financial reporting responsibilities, and for approving the financial information included in the annual report. The Board fulfils these responsibilities by reviewing the financial information prepared by management and discussing relevant matters with management and external auditors. The Board is also responsible for recommending the appointment of the Society's external auditors.

MNP LLP is appointed by the members to audit the financial statements and report directly to them; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to, and meet periodically and separately with, both the Board and management to discuss their audit findings.

June 29, 2023

e-Signed by Jacquie Aitken
2023-06-28 10:11:04:04 MDT
Executive Officer

e-Signed by Arlana Scott
2023-06-28 08:39:00:00 MDT
Financial Controller

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of P.A.C.E (Providing Assistance, Counselling and Education):

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of P.A.C.E (Providing Assistance, Counselling and Education) (the "Society"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2023, and the statements of operations including supplementary schedules 1 - 18, changes in net asset and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

As is common for charitable organizations, the Society derives revenue from the public in the form of cash receipts and incurs related cash expenditures. Due to the Auditor's inability to verify sufficient internal control procedures in this area, the completeness of these transactions are not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly our verification of these revenues and expenditures were limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society and we were unable to determine if further adjustments were required.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Society's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Society to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Medicine Hat, Alberta

June 29, 2023

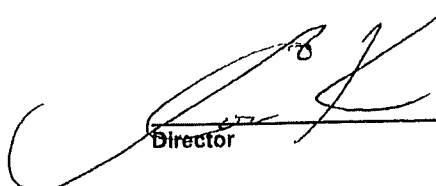
Chartered Professional Accountants

P.A.C.E (Providing Assistance, Counselling and Education)
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2023

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current		
Cash	735,183	570,819
Restricted cash (Note 3)	1,621,717	818,560
Marketable securities (Note 4)	812,689	809,855
Accounts receivable	86,835	45,100
Goods and services tax receivable	23,472	11,047
Prepaid expenses and deposits	63,520	46,874
	3,343,416	2,302,255
Tangible capital assets (Note 5)	475,665	450,088
Long-term investments (Note 6)	6,000	6,000
	3,825,081	2,758,343
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accruals (Note 7)	240,192	148,284
Deferred contributions (Note 8)	1,621,717	818,560
	1,861,909	966,844
Deferred contributions related to tangible capital assets (Note 10)	118,691	136,423
	1,980,600	1,103,267
Contingencies (Note 11)		
Net Assets		
Investment in tangible capital assets	356,974	313,665
Unrestricted surplus	62,507	591,411
Internally restricted	1,425,000	750,000
	1,844,481	1,655,076
	3,825,081	2,758,343

Approved on behalf of the Board


 Director


 Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

P.A.C.E (Providing Assistance, Counselling and Education)
Schedule 3 - Schedule of Public Education Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2023

	2023 <i>Budget</i> <i>Unaudited</i>	2023	2022
Revenue			
Grant revenue			
City of Grande Prairie	69,800	52,733	69,800
County of Grande Prairie	18,000	18,000	18,000
MD of Greenview	18,000	18,000	-
Fee for service	6,000	79,622	11,427
Donations	11,100	-	-
Community Spirit	18,000	-	-
	140,900	168,355	99,227
Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	83,300	101,163	50,749
Workshops	25,200	41,117	14,595
Office supplies	9,000	9,000	17,000
Rent	7,500	7,500	8,426
Advertising	5,000	4,011	1,526
Training and education	1,760	1,760	1,541
Contract fees	4,140	1,440	2,436
Telephone	1,200	1,200	1,200
Insurance	1,000	1,000	1,000
Travel	600	164	600
Association dues	2,200	-	154
	140,900	168,355	99,227
Excess of revenue over expenses	-	-	-

"Who Do You Tell?" Demographics										
January - March 2023										
Date	Faciliator 1	Facilitator 2	Hours	City	School	Grade	Students	Staff	Parents	Total
Jan 31st & Feb 1st	Keara MacAloney	Davina Dawson	2	Fox Cree	Fox Creek School	3	23	1	0	24
Feb 2nd & Feb 3rd	Keara MacAloney	Davina Dawson	2	Fox Cree	Fox Creek School	4	15	1	0	16
Jan 31st & Feb 1st	Keara MacAloney	Davina Dawson	2	Fox Cree	Fox Creek School	2	8	1	0	9
Jan 31st & Feb 1st	Keara MacAloney	Davina Dawson	2	Fox Cree	Fox Creek School	Kindergarten	10	2	0	12
Jan 31st & Feb 1st	Keara MacAloney	Davina Dawson	2	Fox Cree	Fox Creek School	Kindergarten	16	2	0	18
Feb 2nd & Feb 3rd	Keara MacAloney	Davina Dawson	2	Fox Cree	Fox Creek School	6	22	1	0	23
Feb 2nd & Feb 3rd	Keara MacAloney	Davina Dawson	2	Fox Cree	Fox Creek School	1	17	1	0	18
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Total:							111	9	0	120

"SVAP Demographics									
April - June 2023									
Date	Faciliator 1	Facilitator 2	City	School	Grade	Students	Staff	PT	Total
June 5th	Davina Daws	Keara MacA	Swan H	Swan Hills S	Gr. 11-	13	1	0	14
June 5th	Davina Daws	Keara MacA	Swan H	Swan Hills S	Gr. 7-9	45	5	0	50
Total:						58	6	0	64

Booked for November, for Harry Gray Elementary, Valleyview.

WHO DO YOU TELL **January - March 2021**

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CITY	GRADE	Male
Mar. 23/25	WHO DO YOU TELL	Bezanson School	Bezanson	3.00	2
Mar. 23/25	WHO DO YOU TELL	Bezanson School	Bezanson	2.00	7
Mar. 30/Apr. 1	WHO DO YOU TELL	Bezanson School	Bezanson	4.00	10
Mar. 30/Apr. 1	WHO DO YOU TELL	Bezanson School	Bezanson	1.00	9

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CITY	GRADE	Male
Apr. 13/15	WHO DO YOU TELL	Bezanson School	Bezanson	6.00	10
Apr. 13/15	WHO DO YOU TELL	Bezanson School	Bezanson	5.00	3

Nov 3/4	WHO DO YOU TELL	St. Stephen's Catholic School	Valleyview K		5
Nov 3/4	WHO DO YOU TELL	St. Stephen's Catholic School	Valleyview	4	3
Nov 3/4	WHO DO YOU TELL	St. Stephen's Catholic School	Valleyview	2	13
Nov 8/16	WHO DO YOU TELL	St. Stephen's Catholic School	Valleyview	5	7
Nov 17/18	WHO DO YOU TELL	St. Stephen's Catholic School	Valleyview	6	3
Nov 18/24	WHO DO YOU TELL	St. Stephen's Catholic School	Valleyview	1	6
Nov 23/30	WHO DO YOU TELL	St. Stephen's Catholic School	Valleyview	4	9
Nov 23/30	WHO DO YOU TELL	St. Stephen's Catholic School	Valleyview	6	7
Nov 23/30	WHO DO YOU TELL	St. Stephen's Catholic School	Valleyview	5	5
Nov 8/16	WHO DO YOU TELL	St. Stephen's Catholic School	Valleyview	3	10

SEXUAL VIOLENCE **January - March 2021**

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CITY	GRADE	Male
Mar. 23/25	SEXUAL VIOLENCE	Bezanson School	Bezanson	7.00	9
Mar. 30/Apr. 1	SEXUAL VIOLENCE	Bezanson School	Bezanson	8.00	8

Total Hours

Total **17**

SEXUAL VIOLENCE **April - September 2021**

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION	CITY	GRADE	Male
Apr. 13/15	SEXUAL VIOLENCE	Bezanson School	Bezanson	9.00	7
Mar. 1	Staff - Sexual Violence Awareness Program		Bezanson	GR 1-9	0

CHILDREN				ADULTS		
Female	Unknown	Opt out	Other	Male	Female	Unknown
7					2	
6					2	
5					1	
8					1	

CHILDREN				ADULTS		
Female	Unknown	Opt out	Other	Male	Female	Unknown
3					2	
9					1	

7	1
12	1
8	1
5	1
8	3
7	3
11	3
6	1
6	1
7	1

CHILDREN				ADULTS		
Female	Unknown	Opt out	Other	Male	Female	Unknown
4					1	
4						
8				0	1	0

CHILDREN				ADULTS		
Female	Unknown	Opt out	Other	Male	Female	Unknown
7					2	
0				16		

REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: Delegation-Grande Prairie and Area Council on Aging-Seniors Outreach
SUBMISSION TO: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
MEETING DATE: October 18, 2023 **GM:**
DEPARTMENT: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES **MANAGER:** LDH
PRESENTER: LDH

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:
Green View FCSS Policy: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION: That Green View Family and Community Support Services Board accept the presentation from the Grande Prairie and Area Council on Aging-Seniors Outreach, for information.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:
Green View FCSS has supported Seniors Outreach of Grande Prairie for over 10 years. The purpose of the Seniors Outreach Program is to aid seniors with any needs they may have. The organization provides up to date information and resources for seniors, caregivers, professionals or anyone with an interest pertaining to seniors.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
1. The benefit of accepting the presentation is to update the Board on services provided by Seniors Outreach.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
1. There are no perceived disadvantages to accepting the presentation.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:
Alternative #1: The Green View Family and Community Support Services Board may choose not to accept the presentation for information. This alternative is not recommended for if the Board is aware of what services are being delivered and how the funds are being utilized; the Board will be well informed and better able to make funding decisions in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:
Direct Costs: N/A

Ongoing / Future Costs: N/A

STAFFING IMPLICATION: N/A

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform - We will keep you informed.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS: N/A

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: Managers' Report
SUBMISSION TO: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES BOARD REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION
MEETING DATE: October 18, 2023 GM: MANAGER: LDH
DEPARTMENT: GREEN VIEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES PRESENTER: LDH

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:
Green View FCSS Policy– N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION: That Green View Family and Community Support Services Board accept the October 2023 Managers report as presented for information.

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:
Monthly Managers reports are provided to the Board for information.

BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
The benefit of accepting the report is to update the Board on services provide by the Manager.

DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:
There are no perceived disadvantages to accepting the report.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:
N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION: N/A

STAFFING IMPLICATION: N/A

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT

Inform

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL

Inform

PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC

Inform

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

- October Managers report



MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2023

SUBMITTED TO: Green View Family and Community Support Services Board

TITLE: Manager SUBMITTED BY: [REDACTED]

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

Administration has reviewed the 2024 proposed budget with the Senior Leadership Team and obtained approval to proceed to MD of Council. This presentation is scheduled at the beginning of November.

The Brain Injury support group began meeting in the Community Resource Center in the month of October. The group serves people in the vicinity, and the first gathering saw approximately 7 people. They will continue to use the space monthly as long as there is interest.

Two delegates will be present at the October meeting to deliver messaging and answer any questions about the 2024 funding requests, the groups are PACE, and Seniors Outreach. Administration has been in contact with the Cerebral Palsy Association Alberta to clarify what the funding request will be used for, and to better explain eligibility. Though we anticipated a revised application or additional information, none was forwarded at the time of writing.

Administration will be meeting with school Principals to ensure that they are aware of all FCSS programs, and to begin scheduling programming.

A Heart River Housing needs assessment for the Valleyview region will take place on October 16. The public can provide input at the Community Resource Centre from 1-2:30, then at the Sun Valley Pioneer drop-in Center, either at 3:00 or 7:00 p.m.

Administration has been actively planning, through the HEART (health, education, and action in relationships team), A Night to Lead Change in Valleyview. This community presentation will replace the previous Breakfast with the Guys that we have hosted in the past. This event is free of charge, and everyone is welcome to attend. The first presentation will be conducted by the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters and topics will include consent and rejection resiliency. This will be followed by dinner, and then a second presentation by Karen Gosbee, the author of the book, "A Perfect Nightmare: My Glittering Marriage and How It Almost Cost Me My Life".

OUTCOMES: Administration conducted a parent survey of the youth who participate in the Valleyview Safe Space Gay Straight Alliance. The feedback thus far has been extremely positive and some of the comments have been included in the Youth Coordinators report.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Administration received a letter of thank-you from Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services. He expressed gratitude and appreciation to the team for our emergency social services response in the 2023 wildfires. A copy of the letter, as well as the coordinators reports, have been included in this report.

UPCOMING:

A cyber-safety parent information night is scheduled in Valleyview on October 24. Topics include-how to check security and privacy settings on devices and social media; types of Apps and age restrictions; virtual predators and what to do if your child receives unsolicited messages.

A “Just in Case File Workshop” was scheduled in DeBolt on October 11, however as only two individuals registered, the workshop will be postponed until November. This workshop has been delivered several times in a variety of locations throughout the municipality and prepares individuals to gather information and documents they or their family will require in the case of sudden death or injury.

Two Older Adult Information Day workshops will be held in October. The first is at the Grovedale Community Hall on October 20, the second in Valleyview at the Sun Valley Pioneer Senior Center on October 25.

Two different domestic violence awareness campaigns will rollout in November, during family violence awareness month. The Red Silhouettes will be displayed in front of the Community Resource Center in Valleyview, and Purple Lights Night is a new community awareness campaign that will launch in Grande Cache.

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2023

SUBMITTED TO: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Assistant Manager

SUBMITTED BY: [REDACTED]

148 interactions with residents took place in the month of September, almost half of those interactions were walk-in clients, followed by assistance over the phone, and lastly scheduled appointments. The in-person interactions are starting to return to pre-pandemic levels, a welcome shift because in-person interactions tend to be longer and result in more in-depth support.

Many things are happening this fall. New offerings to the community include Death Café, Purple Light Nights, a single parent focus group session, and mentorship of returning WiseGuyz participants.

Death Cafés have existed for approximately 10 years, they first started in the United Kingdom, the cafés proved to be a supportive environment for those individuals that wanted to talk about death but found it socially unacceptable. Some of the topics you may hear discussed at a café are what type of burial you want, what is the after life, and feelings associated with death. Cafés are not counselling or support group, they are conversational, and participant led. As hosts of the café, FCSS administration will provide a space where people feel safe to talk about death. Every Monday in November, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, at the Grande Cache office community is invited to join the conversation.

Domestic Violence Awareness month is approaching quickly and this year the Hamlet of Grande Cache, Cooperatives, and Enterprises will have the option to participate in the Purple Light Nights campaign. This campaign is designed to honour those who have lost their lives because of domestic violence, provide hope to those still living with domestic violence, and to allow dialogue to form around the issue. Residents, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to light up purple, purple lights bulbs are available from Green View FCSS. With each bulb issued, a poster and support phone numbers handouts are given. At the time of this report 26 individuals have signed up for a lightbulb.

Through conversations with other agency/organizations in the Hamlet and interactions with clients it has been noted that often people seeking help are single parent homes. Some common threads in their experiences are isolation, loneliness, financial difficulties, and ex-partner issues. It raised the question “is there a need for a single parent support group?” From an agency perspective there is a need, however do single parents feel there is a need? For this reason, on October 17 at 6:30 pm administration will be hosting a single parent focus group. We are inviting single parents to join us for a guided question and answer period to determine the level of interest and need for a support group. The focus group received incredible support at the September Interagency meeting with a few organizations offering to encourage their clients to attend. The Adult Coordinator will take lead on this data gathering and results of the evening will be shared in the next monthly report.

We are excited to report confirmation of four returning WiseGuyz, we are calling them the Returners. Their role during the second run of the WiseGuyz program will be part participant and part mentor. A meeting with the Returners took place last week, when asked what they hope to learn from being a mentor the responses were pleasantly surprising. The top two were social skills and skills that will help gain employment. The Centre for Sexuality has been told about our plan and fully support this extension of learning, offering support in the development of the mentorship component. Specifics of this component are being finalized and an overview will be provided in the next monthly report.

Presentations (recruitment) for the 2023/24 WiseGuyz program took place the first week of October. Because the program is during lunch and based off historical participation data, the invitation to join the program was offered to grades 9 and 10. A parent information night takes place on October 12. Currently we have 6 participants and program start date is October 25.

Last year the Youth Coordinator was approached by parents of high school female students and some female students asking for a program for girls, especially since there was one for guys (WiseGuyz). In response, this fall the Youth Coordinator will deliver the 8-week Girls Circle program. This will be co-facilitated with the Success Coach for the school division's Bringing Empowered Students Together program which focus on mental health.

Administration connected with the Rural Development Network regarding extension of funding for the Meadows to Mountains Homelessness Project. The current grant agreement ends March 31, 2024. No information was available at this time, when it becomes available it will be shared with the Board.

Home Support is going strong, Mother Daughter Circle finished at the beginning of October, the Outreach Coordinator remains busy with clients. Details on these programs and more can be found in the coordinators' reports that follow.

UPCOMING:

- WiseGuyz and Girls Circle parent information night, October 12, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Single parent focus group, October 17, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- October 23 – 27 businesses and agencies visits for Purple Night Lights campaign.
- Strangulation webinar, October 30, 9:00 am – Noon

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October

YEAR: 2023

SUBMITTED TO: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Community Resource Centre Coordinator

SUBMITTED BY: [REDACTED]

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

Year End Report 2022 (In Office Visits)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR TOTAL
Alberta Supports	8	9	3	7	9	11	3	13	6				69
AISH	11	11	21	8	8	17	5	17	9				107
Seniors Supports	16	7	5	4	12	9	11	5	0				69
Referrals	21	15	12	8	25	28	10	27	12				158
Other	170	168	244	203	230	186	113	164	121				1599
Total	226	210	285	230	284	251	142	226	148	0	0	0	2002
Residence Break Down:													
Grande Cache	173	163	213	172	255	209	116	185	123				1609
Cooperatives & Enterprises	38	32	50	48	19	30	15	31	19				282
Other	15	15	23	10	10	12	11	10	6				112
Program Break Down:													
Adult Coordinator	25	10	4	1	7	9	12	4	2				74
Alberta Supports	8	9	3	7	9	11	3	13	6				69
AISH	11	11	21	8	8	17	5	17	9				107
Commissioner For Oaths	5	8	14	5	16	13	19	25	4				109
Community Activity Fee Funding Program (CAFFP)	17	8	9	6	12	5	4	4	6				70
Community Collaboration	9	4	6	2	26	9	6	8	2				52
Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)	2	24	93	37	2	5	4	2	0				192
Creative Grief & Loss	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0				6
Disconnect Boxes	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0				2
Domestic Violence	0	1	4	3	1	0	0	1	0				11

Eating for your Wellbeing (cookbooks)	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0				5
Forms Assistance (General)	13	13	10	8	16	25	7	5	8				105
General Information	32	25	14	7	11	21	25	15	15				165
Home Support	21	14	18	14	8	8	6	14	11				114
Hope Exists in Lots of Places (HELP)	5	6	4	3	5	5	0	0	7				35
Mountains to Meadows Homelessness	6	2	5	3	5	2	0	14	2				39
Other Questions/Inquiries	20	7	10	1	26	17	0	5	57				143
Outreach Coordinator	4	37	32	89	77	55	21	59	12				383
Referrals	21	15	12	8	25	28	10	27	0				146
Resource Library	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1
Seniors Benefits	16	7	5	4	12	9	11	5	0				69
Volunteering	0	0	4	13	1	0	0	0	0				18
Welcome Baskets	2	0	2	4	1	2	0	0	0				8
Wheels For Meals	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	0				8
Youth Programming	8	8	12	4	9	9	6	3	7				66
	226	210	285	230	284	251	142	226	0	0	0	0	2002

Indigenous	42	42	73	32	46	31	21	45	18				350
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Total Clients Using Phone	2	0	5	1	2	4	15	2	0				31
Total Clients Faxing Documents	8	4	11	1	2	11	25	6	5				73

Phone Calls	126	116	135	148	148	135	75	139	107				1129
Facebook Inquiries	6	13	6	2	2	2	2	1	0				34
Walk-Ins	94	81	144	80	134	114	65	86	41				834

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Community Resource Centre (CRC) Coordinator received word from the son of a client that the client had passed away mid-September. He mentioned that he was grateful that the CRC Coordinator had been available to help his father, and that it was less stress and worry for the son, who lives out of country, knowing that the client had somebody who could help his dad as needed.

UPCOMING:

- Quarter 3 Health and Safety Committee Meeting, October 12
- Grande Cache Provincial Building Tenants Meeting, October 18
- Understanding Electricity and Natural Gas Utilities webinar, Oct 19
- Interagency, October 31
- Death Café, November 6, 13, 20, 27

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2023

SUBMITTED TO: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Adult Coordinator

SUBMITTED BY: [REDACTED]

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

Currently there are 51 clients in the Home Support program, 33 clients in the Hamlet, 18 reside in a Cooperative or Enterprise. 80% of clients are over the age of 65, 7% are families, and 13% are individuals currently on Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped. Two new clients have signed on for the Home Support Program in the Hamlet of Grande Cache.

Creative Grief and Loss at the Tawow Centre wrapped up at the end of September. The Addictions Worker and the Outreach Worker from the Tawow Centre provide transportation for their clients to attend. The initial session provided unique challenges ranging from sobriety to cognitive ability, those challenges were successfully navigated and saw active participation from attendees. The Adult Coordinator was amazed by the focus, willingness to learn about the process of grief, and themselves that is taking place during the sessions. As the sessions have gone on the participants have shared more of their experiences with grief and the multiple deaths they have witnessed in their lives. After the allotted time many of these participants wish to stay and finish their project if they have not completed in the time allotted for Creative Grief and Loss. The time is 2 hours long. Survey results will be in outcomes. At the request of the Tawow Centre, another series of Creative Grief and Loss sessions will begin on Tuesday, October 17.

The Adult Coordinator has finished Creative Grief and Loss sessions working with the Whispering Pines Lodge residents. The numbers of participants can vary due to health of residents. At the end of the six sessions there was 4 remaining participants. Survey results can be found in the outcomes section of this report.

The Adult Coordinator will be taking lead on the single parent focus group. As mentioned earlier in this report single parents in the Hamlet of Grande Cache, Cooperatives, and Enterprises are invited to provide information on what works well in the community for supports and gaps in support. This will take place on October 17. With the information gathered recommendations will be made on matters within the FCSS mandate. Much of the Adult Coordinator's career prior to FCSS has been working with high risk, single parents. She has extensive experience and training to provide reasonable and effective recommendations.

OUTCOMES:

PROGRAM NAME: Creative Grief and Loss Support	(Whispering Pines Lodge)
<i>I am able to deal with my situation</i>	42% Agree 58% strongly agree
<i>I use healthy strategies to manage stress</i>	42% Agree 58% strongly agree
<i>My grief impacts my daily activities</i>	28% fairly often 72% sometimes
PARTICIPANT QUOTES:	
<i>"Like to talk about my loved one and know someone is listening to my stories."</i>	

"It was hard but easier to talk now. Art makes it easier"

"I didn't realize how different my parents experienced grief and how I learned to deal with grief."

"Never thought art would help my grief".

PROGRAM NAME: Creative Grief and Loss Support		(Tawow Centre)
<i>I am able to deal with my situation</i>	<i>16% somewhat agree %33 agree %51 strongly agree</i>	
<i>I use healthy strategies to manage stress</i>	<i>16% somewhat agree %33 agree %51 strongly agree</i>	
<i>My grief impacts my daily activities</i>	<i>33% almost never %35 sometimes %32 very often</i>	
PARTICIPANT QUOTES:		
<i>"I have found the Creative Grief and Loss Group helps me re-frame traumatic experiences and losses. Through art I have been able to process, and work through negative feelings. We hope there will be more sessions."</i>		
<i>"At first it was somewhat couldn't get it, but toward the end, it helped me. It was good"</i>		
<i>"She's awesome. Keep on coming back for more need this in my life. Helps me deal with my issues."</i>		

HIGHLIGHTS:

Working with residents of Whispering Pines Lodge it was wonderful to observe how the conversations during Creative Grief and Loss stimulated their long-term memories, each session seeing more stories shared and emotions processed, making room for the positive memories, lessening tears and providing more smiles. Lodge staff also commented on the improvement to residents' dexterity because of the activities provided during the sessions.

UPCOMING:

- Creative Grief and Loss at the Tawow Centre every Tuesday 1:00 pm -3:00 pm, starting October 17
- Learn at Lunch at Big Horn Golden Age Club, October 11
- Single parent focus group, October 17, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Strangulation webinar, October 30
- Interagency, October 31

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2023

SUBMITTED TO: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Youth Coordinator

SUBMITTED BY: [REDACTED]

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

The Youth Coordinator and Assistant Manager ran Mother Daughter Circle starting on September 14 and ending on October 4. The program ran on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Grande Cache office with 3 pairs of mother and daughters. Often the conversation and engagement had such momentum the sessions would run 30 – 45 minutes longer than scheduled. Outcomes and participant comments can be found in the Outcomes section of this report.

The Youth Coordinator started facilitating in Summitview Middle School and started the year off with Miyo Wichihitowin (Good Relations) with the Grade 5 class. The content being covered is the Medicine Wheel and will be end on October 6.

September 6 the Youth Coordinator and Outreach Coordinator went and took part of the Community Recreation Round-Up held on September 6 from 5:00pm till 7:00pm. The FCSS Coordinators created an advertising board on the programs that are being offered this year and gave the opportunity for the coordinators to interact with parents of all ages. Approximately 10 parents took information on upcoming programs. Other interactions with attendees clearly indicated that parents were looking for physical activity, sports and afterschool care or activities. This will be taken into consideration when deciding whether or not to attend in the future.

Now that the new school year has started the Youth Coordinator resumed her monthly meeting for WiseGuyz with the Centre for Sexuality and had a planning meeting with Grande Yellowhead Public School Division's BEST (Bringing Empowered Students Together) worker to discuss how the Girls Circle will be ran in the High school that will be starting October 23, running for 8 weeks, at lunch. Conversation has also started with Susa Creek school regarding programs, the school administration is new this year and currently assessing student body to determine the programs they will request.

The Youth Coordinator was invited, free of charge, to participate in a 2-day training opportunity entitled When Children Grieve. The training was exceptional and provided skills and tools to better support children youth when they experience a loss. Some examples of loss discussed were, death of a pet, moving to a new community, or divorce.

OUTCOMES:

PROGRAM NAME: Mother Daughter Circle	
Mother Daughter Circle has increased my abilities to communicate openly with my mother/daughter	0% not at all / 67% somewhat / 33% very much
Mother Daughter Circle opened topics of conversations up for me and my mother/daughter that we may not have had before.	0% not at all / 83% somewhat / 17% very much
Mother Daughter Circle strengthened our bond.	0% not at all / 50% somewhat / 50% very much
I would recommend this program to others.	0% not at all / 17% somewhat / 83% very much
PARTICIPANT QUOTES: Verbal feedback: each participant expressed wanting the program to continue. Daughter quote: "This was a really awesome group! I was totally out of my comfort zone at first, but Alex and Amber really made it awesome! I only wish it was longer!!" Mother quote: "I really liked it, wish there were more sessions."	

HIGHLIGHTS:

The most obvious highlight was the level of engagement during the Mother Daughter Circle, watching the mother daughter interactions and group dynamic evolve into an environment of respectful sharing of ideas and feelings was incredible to see. One other highlight is that 4 guys, the Returners, for the WiseGuyz program.

UPCOMING:

- Start of WiseGuyz, October 25
- Start of Girls Circle, October 23 (8 weeks)
- Strangulation webinar, October 30
- Interagency, October 31

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2023

SUBMITTED TO: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Outreach Coordinator

SUBMITTED BY: [REDACTED]

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

The Outreach Coordinator saw increase of services being utilized, especially for Forms Assistance, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped, Old Age Security, and Guaranteed Income Support being the main focusses for the month of September.

The Outreach Coordinator saw an increase of clients communicating through text messages. The Outreach Coordinator believes that this may be due to certain clients' anxiety levels and not wanting to communicate with someone on the phone.

The Outreach Coordinator did one intake for a local senior for the Mountains to Meadows Homelessness Prevention Project. This senior had recently lost their spouse this year and has one child living at home on AISH. This senior had recently had their power service cutoff, due to defaulting on payments. By the time the Outreach Coordinator went to the residence the power was reconnected, as a family friend had assisted them with getting it reconnected. The Outreach Coordinator is continuing to assist this senior with their finances to help them stay housed.

Additionally, the Outreach Coordinator assisted a family with funeral documents for their father who recently passed away because they are from the States, they were not aware of those rules and regulations for their father. They were very appreciative of the help that was provided.

The Outreach Coordinator attended a WiseGuyz Community of Practice and Program Launch meeting with the Centre for Sexuality, Assistant Manager, and Youth Coordinator, virtually. The Outreach Coordinator attended the Recreation Roundup at the Legion with the Youth Coordinator. The Outreach Coordinator attended the monthly Interagency at the Grande Cache Public Service Building.

The Big Horn Golden Age Club has invited the Outreach Coordinator and Adult Coordinator to attend the Club's learn at lunch. They have requested a presentation on Green View FCSS services available to older adults.

The Outreach Coordinator attended a training session on September 16th and 17th, When Children Grieve, provided by Grief Recovery Specialists.

HIGHLIGHTS:

After many months of connecting with a client that has a high level of anxiety and agoraphobia the Outreach Coordinator was thrilled, that with his support, the client felt confident enough to attend an appointment for the first time since pre-pandemic.

UPCOMING:

- WiseGuyz, starts October 25
- WiseGuyz parent information night, October 12
- Learn at Lunch, October 11, Big Horn Golden Age Club

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October

YEAR: 2023

SUBMITTED TO: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Adult Coordinator

SUBMITTED BY: [REDACTED]

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES:

The Home Support program provides basic housekeeping, meal preparation, limited respite, and transportation to medical appointments or other essential services. The Home support team delivered 489 client service hours to the current 87 clients, 56 from the MD and 31 in the town of Valleyview. This does not include administrative or training hours. In September, 2 people signed on to the program and 1 person signed off. The Home Support team provided transportation 27 times during September.

The Support and Referral program supports clientele by finding appropriate programs or assisting with applications and or advocacy. The Adult Coordinator assists people with caregiver support, entry into care facilities, estate paperwork, and advanced planning tasks such as doing Wills, Power of Attorney, and Personal Directives. These tasks can take multiple phone calls and meetings. The Adult Coordinator assisted 51 people with 88 needs in September.

Sept 2023	Residence			51
Support Needs	MD	VV	SLCN	Explanation/ Example
Admin Assist	3	1		Faxing, Photocopying, Scanning or Typing for someone
Advanced Planning	1	1		Personal Directives, Guardianship, Funeral Planning
Advocacy/ Mediation				With anyone, Family, Businesses, Government
Aging in Place		1		Utilizing resources, preplanning to remain
Alberta Benefits	1	1		Alberta Supports, Blue Cross, Alberta Health, AISH
Caregiver Supports	6	1		Info on programs, strategies, referrals to other
Commissioner/ Notary	6	4	8	
CRA Inquiry	2	1	1	any Income Tax inquiries, not filing
Elder Abuse				Queries and Advise
Estate Planning/ Handling	2			Power of Attorney, Wills, Paperwork after a funeral
Federal Benefits	3		2	GST, Canada Child Tax Benefit, Guaranteed Income
Federal Pensions	1	1	1	CPP, CPP Disability, OAS
Home Support/ Wheels for Meals	16	6		Queries, home visits
Information	7	3	2	General inquiries contact #s etc
Legal				Queries, Paperwork,
Maintenance Enforcement Prog				Queries, form assistance
Other FCSS Prog		1		Referral to another program or worker within FCSS
Referral to other Agency	2			
Supportive Listening	2	1		
Technology Assistance				cell phone, internet, CRA accounts, email- etc
Monthly Total	52	22	14	88

Balance Restorative Yoga started on October 2nd. Balance is a strength and core-building yoga, it is designed to assist in fall prevention and injury or post-surgery recovery. The program runs on Mondays and Fridays for a total of 12 sessions and has 21 people registered. There is a wait list of people that would like to get in if someone cancels.

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) utilizes volunteers to prepare income tax and benefit returns for people with modest incomes and simple tax situations. The program runs year-round, and community members can utilize the program throughout the year to get current and past returns completed. In September, the staff completed an additional 15 returns.

VV	MD	SL	2023									
272	77	366										
Senior	AISH	Low Inc	GST	CCB	#children	CWB	CAI	AB Benefit	GIS	REFUND	TOTAL	
206	64	445	\$ 307,046.50	\$ 1,167,290.00	155	\$113,701.00	\$ 582,604.00	\$ 373,668.00	\$ 1,141,157.00	\$ 178,114.00	\$ 3,863,580.50	
715												

GST (Good & Services Tax) CCTB (Child Tax Benefit), CWB (Canadian Workers Benefit), and GIS (Guaranteed Income Support) are all federal programs that only pay out if the income tax return is filed on time.

*The Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under 18 years of age.

*The Canadian Workers Benefit (CWB) is a refundable tax credit intended to provide tax relief for eligible working low-income individuals and families who are already in the workforce and to encourage other Canadians to enter the workforce.

*The Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) provides a monthly non-taxable benefit to Old Age Security (OAS) pension recipients who have a low income.

*The Federal Climate Action Incentive (CAI) payment consists of a basic amount and a 10% supplement for residents of small and rural communities. In 2023 this will be paid out in quarterly payments like the GST benefit.

UPCOMING:

- Older Adult Day will be held at the Seniors drop-in Centre in Valleyview on Oct 25th.
- Older Adult Day will be held in Grovedale on Oct 20th in the meeting room at the community hall.
- The Home Support Staff will be attending a Food Handlers Course on Oct 17th.
- The Home Support staff will be attending a Domestic Violence awareness training on Oct 30th.

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2023

SUBMITTED TO: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Community Resource Centre Coordinator

SUBMITTED BY: [REDACTED]

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

There was a total of 522 client visits to the Green View FCSS Community Resource Centre in the month of September 2023. Of the 522 client visits, 102 were residents of the Municipal District of Greenview, 139 were residents of Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, and 281 were residents of the Town of Valleyview. Of the total clients, 16 were new and 506 were clients that had utilized the services at the Resource Centre previously.

84 clients came to the Community Resource Center for employment assistance. Clients received assistance with creating new resumes and cover letters, updating existing resumes and copies of safety certifications, photocopying employment related documents, emailing and faxing to employers. Clients also inquired about various training opportunities and providers of safety certifications, and funding options for these courses.

27 client visits were regarding Income Support. In the month of September, clients inquired about emergency assistance for prescriptions, assistance with first months rent and damage deposit, and one time assistance options. Clients also called in and visited the Resource Centre for assistance with filing for benefits as well as completing monthly reporting, and document submission to their workers by email.

Clients called and visited the Community Resource Centre for many other needs in the month of September. Calls and visits were made for access to the Food Bank (24), Heart River Housing and housing information (11), AISH (39) referrals to Mental Health services (6), faxes and information given about Senior Special Needs and Alberta Senior Benefit (20), Canada Revenue Agency inquiries (13), Service Canada- primarily for Employment Insurance and bi-weekly reporting (8), CPP/ CPP Disability applications (13), OAS and GIS application (21), and legal "in nature" supports and referrals (33).

The Community Resource Centre coordinators also assist many individuals with technological assistance. In September there were 136 visits for tech support. This includes many things including faxes, photocopies, accessing documents off clients' personal devices. Assistance was given to clients with processes such as completing online documents and submitting documents for medical travel overseas, accessing medical test results through My AHS Connect account through their Alberta.ca accounts, booking appointments online, and online applications for builder certificates and printing certificates when approved. Assistance was also provided to a client needing to submit an online payroll process for the first time. The CRC Coordinator also assisted the client to understand a previous paystub while assisting them to contact and speak with the payroll department that issued it. Occasionally clients require assistance speaking with customer service agents or other agency representatives. The advocacy that the coordinators provide, assists them to complete or preform various tasks that may be very easy or "normal" for others to complete on their own. Technical assistance can also be in the form of creating documents on the computer for clients for legal purposes, for

example, such as typing out a handwritten statement or supporting document to be used in legal proceedings. These clients may feel that they do not have the knowledge or the computer skills to be able to complete this on their own, therefore it assists them to feel more confident in the documents they are presenting.

A breakdown of services provided to clients based on their residence can be seen below in the following three charts.

MD of Greenview:

Year End Report 2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Income Support clients	5	4	5	3	3	12	2	2	4				40
Employment Supports	10	12	16	11	10	8	9	8	8				92
Other Clients	124	47	88	67	119	103	112	71	90				821
Total Clients Visits	139	63	109	81	132	123	123	81	102				953
Residence Break Down:													
MD	139	63	109	81	132	123	123	81	102				953
New	5	3	2	2	1	1	4	3	7				28
Returning	134	60	107	79	131	122	119	78	95				925
Total Clients	139	63	109	81	132	123	123	81	102				953
Information and Referral Indicators													
As a result of Green View FCSS Information and Referral program, I know more about how to access the community resources I need.													
YES	139	63	109	81	132	123	123	81	102	0	0	0	953
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Community Social Issues Identified													
CFS	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1				6
Food Bank	2	1	2	1	5	4	6	1	5				27
Mental health	5	8	1	1	5	1	1	0	1				23
Canadian Child Tax Benefits	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	2	0				7
AISH	9	2	4	4	4	8	3	4	10				48
Income Support	5	4	5	3	3	12	2	2	4				40
Alberta Adult/Child Health Benefit	6	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	3				14
Housing/ Heart River Housing	4	0	2	0	0	4	2	3	1				16
Alberta ID	4	2	0	0	30	0	0	0	0				36
Service Canada	5	1	2	5	1	2	5	1	1				23
CPP/ CPP Disability	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	2				11
OAS and GIS	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	5				13
Sr. Special Needs/ AB Seniors	0	0	1	2	5	1	8	1	2				20
Seniors Information	8	1	2	1	0	13	6	5	16				52
CVITP related	0	4	50	25	3	0	3	1	1				87
Canada Revenue Agency	0	2	3	1	1	6	3	1	3				20
Employment Supports	10	12	16	11	10	8	9	8	8				92
WCB (Worker's Compensation Board)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Technology Assistance	20	11	10	11	1	36	46	18	30				183
Childcare subsidy program inquires	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Legal (faxes, forms, calls)	29	5	2	5	3	12	8	1	5				70
Other questions/inquires	6	5	6	5	4	6	10	10	5				57
Mountains to Meadows	10	8	7	4	4	4	5	11	9				62
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0

Town of Valleyview:

Year End Report 2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Income Support clients	32	31	37	27	18	8	23	37	21				234
Employment Supports	36	40	48	30	33	31	35	38	54				345
Other Clients	294	172	325	198	150	175	172	193	206				1885
Total Clients Visits	362	243	410	255	201	214	230	268	281				2464
Residence Break Down:													
Town of Valleyview	362	243	410	255	201	214	230	268	281				2464
New	6	5	12	3	3	2	10	6	9				56
Returning	356	238	398	252	198	212	220	262	272				2408
Total Clients Visits	362	243	410	255	201	214	230	268	281				2464
Information and Referral Indicators													
As a result of Green View FCSS Information and Referral program, I know more about how to access the													
YES	362	243	410	255	201	214	230	268	281	0	0	0	2464
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Community Social Issues Identified													
CFS	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3				8
Food Bank	14	12	21	11	11	9	11	16	18				123
Mental Health	6	5	3	2	2	8	5	3	4				38
Canadian Child Tax Benefits	2	0	2	2	5	1	0	0	1				13
AISH	10	14	11	13	14	15	12	12	20				121
Income Support	32	31	37	27	18	8	23	37	21				234
Alberta Adult/Child Health Benefit	7	4	3	0	1	2	3	0	8				28
Housing/ Heart River Housing	6	4	9	21	7	17	6	9	7				86
Alberta ID	7	7	3	3		2	3	1	1				27
Service Canada	19	5	10	8	8	4	5	10	4				73
CPP/ CPP Disability	5	2	4	5	3	1	2	4	6				32
OAS and GIS	4	4	2	2	7	2	3	5	12				41
Sr. Special Needs/ AB Seniors	6	6	5	5	11	7	7	8	16				71
Seniors Information	28	8	7	0	5	4	4	18	16				90
CVITP related	2	11	163	63	18	7	15	9	8				296
Canada Revenue Agency	14	6	8	15	8	6	5	4	7				73
Employment Supports	36	40	48	30	33	31	35	38	54				345
WCB(Workers Compensation Board)	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0				6
Technology Assistance	54	53	43	38	30	22	75	66	55				436
Childcare subsidy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
program inquires	70	4	5	5	5	6	16	15	29				155
Legal (faxes, forms, calls)	12	27	15	13	6	14	13	19	17				136
Other questions/inquires	31	6	36	13	11	17	10	14	16				154
Mountains to Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0

Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation:

Year End Report 2023	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Income Support clients	8	7	2	2	4	9	10	10	2				54
Employment Supports	21	20	16	17	5	18	27	54	22				200
Other Clients	179	224	315	151	88	141	125	102	115				1440
Total Clients Visits	208	251	333	170	97	168	162	166	139				1694
Residence Break Down:													
Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation	208	251	333	170	97	168	162	166	139				1694
New	0	0	3	0	2	1	2	2	0				10
Returning	208	251	330	170	95	167	160	164	139				1684
Total Clients Visits	208	251	333	170	97	168	162	166	139				1694
Information and Referral Indicators													
As a result of Green View FCSS Information and Referral program, I know more about how to access the community resources I need.													
YES	208	251	333	170	97	168	162	166	139	0	0	0	1694
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Social Issues Identified													
CFS	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2				5
Food Bank	2	0	2	0	0	1	6	2	1				14
Mental Health	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	1				7
Canadian Child Tax Benefits	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0				7
AISH	13	6	12	9	4	5	3	6	9				67
Income Support	8	7	2	2	4	9	10	10	2				54
Alberta Adult/Child Health Benefit	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	1				9
Housing/ Heart River Housing	0	0	2	0	3	11	3	3	3				25
Alberta Id	5	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0				15
Service Canada	12	5	5	7	5	13	13	1	3				64
CPP/ CPP Disability	4	4	5	3	1	1	1	3	5				27
OAS and GIS	2	8	0	1	3	3	4	0	4				25
Sr. Special Needs/ AB Seniors	6	4	2	1	2	5	5	1	2				28
Seniors Information	3	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	3				12
CVITP related	8	28	191	92	6	17	16	14	18				390
Canada Revenue Agency	16	8	5	14	5	6	2	12	3				71
Employment Supports	21	20	16	17	5	18	27	54	22				200
WCB(Workers Compensation Board)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0				2
Technology Assistance	39	26	22	22	12	51	58	50	51				331
Childcare subsidy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
program inquires	3	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	1				10
Legal (faxes, forms, calls)	38	118	26	13	9	8	11	9	11				243
Other questions/inquires	21	15	5	5	3	12	18	17	16				112
Mountains to Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0

HIGHLIGHTS:

In the month of September there was a slight decrease in employment support and income support requests provided at the Community Resource Centre.

A long-term client of the Community Resource Centre who had been receiving support to obtain AISH benefits, updated the CRC Coordinator on their progress. The client happily reported that they had been approved for the AISH program and would be receiving these benefits retroactive to the application being submitted. These monthly benefits were going to be providing almost double the monthly income that they were currently living on. The client reported that a huge weight was being lifted off them. They also expressed that this would greatly benefit their mental health.

Surveys continue to be handed out to clients attending the Community Resource Centre as part of the Alberta Works Contract. In September, 100% of the clients surveyed were satisfied and pleased with the services

provided. Two of the clients surveyed commented that the support was "awesome" and that "It's really good to have help when we need it."

UPCOMING:

- The CRC Coordinator will be participating in a Grief and Resiliency course through PACE and Northwestern Polytechnic in late October and a webinar on Understanding Electricity and Natural Gas Utilities by the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA)

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2023

SUBMITTED TO: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Support Coordinator SUBMITTED BY: [REDACTED]

LAST MONTH:

As of September 30, 2023 the Support Coordinator read and became familiar with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program including the applications, download procedures, and the steps used to process and complete Income Tax returns.

As well, the Support Coordinator attended a Crisis Intervention and Communication Skills course over a two day period in Grande Prairie.

The Support Coordinator has been appointed a Commissioner for Oaths in and for Alberta and is now able to provide these services.

In the Community Resource Centre , assistance was given with employment resources, income supports, referrals, mental health, and various other community services that are accounted for on the Community Resource Centre Coordinator's report.

HIGHLIGHTS:

A highlight for the Support Coordinator was assisting a client that had previously applied twice for their Old Age Security Pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement only to receive another request to apply for a third time. The client visited the Community Resource Centre for assistance to find a resolution. With advocacy from the Support Coordinator, a call was made to the Canada Revenue Agency to inquire if it would be necessary to apply for a third time and together they were able to rectify the issue.

- Domestic Violence training - Strangulation - Oct 30
- Creating Connections Building Bridges - Nov 22-24

MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: October YEAR: 2023

SUBMITTED TO: [REDACTED]

TITLE: Youth Coordinator

SUBMITTED BY: [REDACTED]

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:

On September 11 the Youth Coordinator and Assistant Manager did a presentation/registration of the WiseGuyz program to the grade nine students and parents of Hillside Jr/Sr High School. The program has 8 registered youth and will commence on October 18th. WiseGuyz promotes mental health, and healthy relationships, and helps prevent adolescent dating violence.

The Youth Coordinator attended the Community Information Night on September 7. There was a very good turnout from the community.

The Youth Coordinator attended the Walking with Families and Interagency Meetings this month to provide information and resources on Green View FCSS programs.

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is a youth-led program that allows 2+LGBTQ, two-spirited, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth a safe place to meet and form new friendships with like-minded youth. This program runs every Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 at the Valleyview Public Library. Currently, GSA has five regular attendees.

OUTCOMES:

Valleyview Safe Space GSA Parent/Guardian Survey

How do you feel the Valleyview Safe Space GSA has impacted your child?

- “The GSA has had a profoundly positive impact on my child. It has provided her with a safe space to connect with new people and enjoy the company of like-minded peers. Through her involvement in the GSA, she has experienced a boost in self-esteem and has found a solid support system that stands by her side.

Participation in the GSA has also expanded her awareness of LGBTQ2S+ issues, fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community. Meeting new friends and immersing herself in the inclusive GSA environment have been highlights of her experience.

Furthermore, the GSA has given her a platform where she feels affirmed by her peers and supported in an environment characterized by welcome, care, and respect. This support has empowered her to become a more effective advocate for herself.

Notably, her involvement in the GSA has allowed her to gain valuable experience in advocacy and activism, skills that are instrumental in promoting LGBTQ+ rights and fostering acceptance in our community.

The dedication and excellence of the staff who facilitate the GSA in Valleyview cannot be understated. Their commitment to creating a positive and welcoming environment is evident, and my daughter's eagerness to participate in the group's weekly sessions reflects the profound and beneficial influence they have on her well-being and personal growth.”

- “It has given him a space where he feels safe and included and enjoyed for who he is. Improved overall mental health. Better focus in school.”

Do you feel Valleyview Safe Space GSA is important for our community, why or why not? Please explain.

- “The presence of the GSA in Valleyview is imperative. In smaller towns like ours, where everyone often knows everyone else, LGBTQ+ youth can find it intimidating to express their identities openly. Fortunately, the GSA provides a safe space where these young individuals can freely share their thoughts and feelings without the fear of judgment or prejudice.

Valleyview, much like other small communities, faces a shortage of visible LGBTQ+ role models and support networks. This scarcity can lead to profound feelings of isolation among LGBTQ+ youth. The GSA bridges this gap by connecting these individuals with peers who truly understand their experiences and provide much-needed support.

The GSA in Valleyview sends a resounding message to our entire town – one that emphasizes the importance of diversity and inclusivity. In a community where awareness of LGBTQ+ issues may be limited; the GSA plays a pivotal role in promoting understanding and acceptance.

This group isn't just about educating LGBTQ+ youth; it also serves as a valuable resource for their friends and allies. Through education, it helps build a stronger network of allies who can stand up against discrimination and advocate for equal rights.

Moreover, the presence of the GSA in Valleyview actively discourages discrimination and bullying in our community. Instead, it fosters an environment that encourages respectful behavior and actively discourages prejudice.

Our GSA group in Valleyview is vital because it offers a lifeline of support, education, and advocacy – especially in an environment where acceptance and understanding may be less common. It plays a significant role in improving the lives of LGBTQ+ youth in Valleyview and contributes to the overall development of a more inclusive and empathetic community.”

- “All kids need social opportunities and spaces they feel safe and heard. Even kids who have that at home need that. A sense of belonging and inclusion is a pretty basic human desire. Some kids lack that at home. For them, groups like this are doubly important. A group like this could have changed my life as a teen. I am so incredibly happy to see teens in the next generation have it.”

UPCOMING:

- The Youth Coordinator will be taking Cross-Cultural Awareness training on October 5 and Awareness of Self-Harming Behaviour on October 16.
- Mind Up beginning October 17 at St. Stephens Catholic School.
- WiseGuyz beginning October 18 at Hillside High Jr/Sr High School.
- Parent Cyber Safety Information Night on October 24th.
- October 30 Domestic Violence Training.



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Office of the Minister

SEP 18 2023

Lisa Hannaford
Director
Family and Community Support Services of Greenview
4707 - 50 Street
Valleyview, Alberta T0H 3N0

Dear Lisa Hannaford:

As Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, I extend my gratitude and admiration for the exceptional level of professionalism, compassion and resourcefulness exhibited by your organization and staff throughout the wildfire crisis. The impact of the wildfires has led to challenging and uncertain times for our communities, particularly for individuals displaced by the wildfires.

I acknowledge your prompt response in supporting evacuated individuals and connecting them to necessary resources. Your efforts have been invaluable towards minimizing the impact of the crisis and providing much-needed support to those affected.

Please convey my sincere gratitude and recognition to your staff who played a pivotal role in providing support and assistance to the vulnerable individuals we serve during this challenging time. Their efforts serve as a testament to their unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of those they serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jason Nixon', written over a horizontal line.

Jason Nixon
Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services

cc: Honourable Todd Loewen
MLA, Central Peace-Notley