

NEWSLETTER

December 12, 2005

Funding News

Our goal for 2005 was to raise \$130,000 for the purchase of two new vehicles. At the March AGM incoming president Albert Hulzebus, announced that Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic chapter pledged \$15,000 to match a \$15,000 donation from the Associated Commercial Travelers (Calgary).

In early June, the Nickle Family Foundation delivered \$15,000. In July, Nexen's Balzac Complex staff presented us with \$15,000. Last week, the Alberta's Community Initiatives Program (Alberta Lotteries) delivered their cheque of \$70,000.

With \$60,000 and \$10,000 from our casino fund, we put the first van on the road in early September. We'll pick up the second van this week and to put it on the road in January. Our goal is to replace six vehicles before 2008. To see the 2005 proposal: www.rockyviewbus.ca/docs/2005bus.pdf

We will produce a new proposal in January.



Bus #7 purchased in July

Bert McLarity

Board member Bert McLarity passed away suddenly in August. Bert was a long-time driver with Calgary Handibus and his experience helped us keep on top of operations and personnel policies. Bert's request for donations in lieu of flowers raised \$250.

Adopt A Family 2005

For the past four years, our staff have adopted a family for Christmas and used surplus funds to supply extra presents for the Airdrie Lioness's annual hamper effort. This year we are doing it again! We are gathering food and cash donations to help a single mom and her daughter. We also want to support the Lioness effort with a dozen small gifts suitable for teenagers who always seem to get left out with these Christmas hampers. We've raised \$200 -- about half of our goal of \$450. Contact Ginger: 948-2887 by Dec 16 for more information.

Thanks

We not only fund-raise for busses. We also fund-raise to provide transportation for seniors, people with disabilities, children and others who fall through the "cracks" living in rural Alberta. Here is a partial list of donations we have received this year.

Calpine Power Income Fund	Finnie Hauling
Walton International Group	Airdrie Optimist Club
Airdrie Knights of Columbus	McKee Homes
South Rock Construction	Compton Petroleum
Maxfield Industries	Pembina Pipeline
Yankee Valley Estates	Airdrie Lion's Club
Children's Hospital Aid	Airdrie Legion
Trans Canada Pipelines	Burnco
RBC Foundation	Calgary foundation
Bonavista Petroleum	Irricana Lion's Club

Have You Seen Our Website ?

We would like to revise/revamp our website and we would like your input. Please have a look and let us know what you think needs fixing. Contact Paul (948-2887) or manager@rockyviewbus.ca with your ideas.