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The tax credit's ripple effect: how organizations in Edmonton and area benefit from charitable donations

Donations to registered charities help them to do their important work – but they don't stop there. Those donations can go one step further when they allow the charities to apply for a donation grant from the Community Spirit Program. Below are some examples of nonprofits and charities benefitting from the ripple effect in Edmonton and area.

Centra Cam Vocational Training Association (Camrose)

Centra Cam Vocational Training Association provides vocational training to individuals with developmental disabilities in the areas of community access and employment. The association has received a total of \$50,000 in donation grants over the past three years, which have been used to support facility renovations and purchase equipment for the therapy room.

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Changing Together – A Centre for Immigrant Women Association (Edmonton)

Changing Together – A Centre for Immigrant Women Association provides numerous services for women including ESL training, computer literacy courses, family violence prevention training, volunteer support, tobacco reduction, healing circle and shelter for abused and trafficked women and their children. The association has received a total of \$38,818.30 in donation grants over the past three years, which have been used to support operational costs and program services.

Contact: Josephine Pallard, 780-421-0175

Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society (Edmonton)

Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society has a mission to foster independence and integration for people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs. The association has received a total of \$50,000 in donation grants over the past three years, which have been used to support operational costs and the training costs for Special Skills Dogs.

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Linking Generations Society of Alberta (Sherwood Park)

Linking Generations Society of Alberta provides an intergenerational program aimed at building relationships between seniors and youth through the sharing of knowledge and life experience. The society has received a total of \$5,632.20 in donation grants over the past two years, which have been used to support programming activities.

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Stop Abuse in Families (SAIF) Society (St. Albert)

Stop Abuse in Families (SAIF) Society supports those affected by family violence through confidential counseling services, advocacy, and education. The society has received a total of \$49,438.69 in donation grants over the past two years, which have been used to support operational costs and the distribution of brochures and information.

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Editor's Note: A full list of the Community Spirit Program donation grant recipients from across the province by community can be found at www.communityspiritprogram.ca.

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