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## **The tax credit's ripple effect: how organizations in north western Alberta 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 north western Alberta.

### **Grande Prairie & District S.P.C.A.**

Grande Prairie & District S.P.C.A. is an organization dedicated to promoting respect, humane treatment and compassion toward animals. The organization has received a total of \$50,000 in donation grants over the past three years, which have been used for programming costs such as medical care and placement of animals in adoptive homes.

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### **High Prairie & District Holistic Palliative Care Society**

High Prairie & District Holistic Palliative Care Society is a society that assists and comforts persons and their families who are faced with a life-threatening illness or are nearing end stages of life. The society has received a total of \$26,576.88 in donation grants over the past three years, which have been used to support patient care and staff development.

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### **Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society (PARDS) (Grande Prairie)**

PARDS offers Equine Assisted Therapeutic services through programs including therapeutic riding, grooming, equine-facilitated wellness and integrated summer day-camps. The society has received a total of \$39,177.22 in donation grants over the past three years, which have been used to support expenses for the therapeutic riding program.

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### **Peace River Regional Women's Shelter Society**

Peace River Regional Women's Shelter Society offers a safe environment for women and children while providing education to facilitate empowerment and decision making. The society has received a total of \$8,368.48 in donation grants over the past three years, which have been used for operations, facility maintenance, and client costs.

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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](http://www.communityspiritprogram.ca).

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