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Sutter Fund donates \$10,000 to school lunch programs at RDCRS

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools (RDCRS) would like to thank the Sutter Fund for providing our division with \$10,000 for our school lunch programs. The division would also like to thank the generosity of Central Alberta for raising money to support this program at the annual Sutter Fund golf tournament.

“I would like to say we are extremely pleased to donate funds to the lunch programs at schools in our community. Our mandate for the Sutter Fund has always been to supply funding for youth athletic programs in Central Alberta, which we have done for the last 19 years. This year, as a family and as a committee, we really felt a need to help kids that would possibly never have an opportunity to play any sports due to family dynamics; so we decided we would feel good knowing these kids had food in their bellies at school every day,” said Connie Sutter at the Sutter Fund.

The division is grateful for the Alberta Education school nutrition program grant that is currently being utilized by St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Blackfalds, as well as St. Teresa of Avila School and St. Patrick’s Community School in Red Deer. However, this grant does not fill the need in all of our schools.

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In addition, our local community partners do help fill in the gaps with their school breakfast and lunch programs. Now with \$10,000, our division is able to extend the school lunch program further and support even more students.

“We are really grateful for the Sutter Fund’s donation. Research shows students learn better and are able to achieve the goals of education when they have eaten a healthy meal. Our division’s focus is to help support the whole child, spiritually, academically, physically and socially. This can be achieved through the school lunch program,” said Associate Superintendent of Faith Development and Division Support, Ryan Ledene at Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools.

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,480 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 600 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings.

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