

# **News Release**

# Schools assist 24 non-profit organizations throughout Central Alberta

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools spans across four counties (Clearwater County, Lacombe County, Mountain View County and Red Deer County) and operates 21 schools throughout Central Alberta. Each year our schools participate in a variety of activities that enhance our communities through responsible social action. We call it "social justice."

Social justice projects incorporate faith through servantship by giving back to the community. In addition to helping our school communities through a variety of school-wide projects and initiatives, our schools assisted the following organizations during the 2019-2020 school year:

- 1. Red Deer Food Bank Society
- 2. Sylvan Lake Food Bank Society
- 3. Blackfalds Food Bank
- 4. The Lord's Food Bank
- 5. Mountain View Food Bank
- 6. Innisfail and Area Food Bank
- 7. The Mustard Seed
- 8. Safe Harbour Society
- 9. Central Alberta Humane Society
- 10. Central Alberta Children's Advocacy Centre
- 11. Ronald McDonald House of Central Alberta
- 12. Pregnancy Care Centre
- 13. Terry Fox Foundation
- 14. Catholic Social Services
- 15. Red Deer Hospice Society (St. Joseph High School Grad Service Project)
- 16. Kerry Wood Nature Centre (École Secondaire Notre Dame High School Grad Service Project)
- 17. Bethany Sylvan Lake
- 18. Victoria Park Red Deer
- 19. Rocky Mountain House Hospital
- 20. Chalice Child

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- 21. THINKfast
- 22. St. Vincent de Paul Society
- 23. World Wildlife Fund
- 24. Movember Foundation

### Other meaningful projects include:

- Supporting families in-need
- Friendship meals at Sacred Heart Parish
- Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying)
- Orange Shirt Day (every child matters)
- Blue Shirt Day (World Catholic Education Day)
- Hats on for Mental Health Day
- Handcrafted Christmas cards for people in the neighbourhood and soldiers
- Coats for Kids
- Gifts for Grandparents
- Giving Tree at Christmas
- No Stone Left Alone
- Coldest Day of the Year
- Waste Reduction Week

Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,310 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, Blackfalds 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 and within the means of the Division.

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