

Invitation to Community Conversation

March 8, 2010

Dear Community Sector/Organization Representative,

On behalf of the United Way of Central Alberta, we would like to wish you the best as we begin this New Year.

With the local support of the Sundre and District Nutrition for Learning, Camp Evergreen and the Greenwood Neighbourhood Place, the United Way of Central Alberta is currently undertaking a community engagement process involving Sundre. The intent of this initiative is to better understand the strength and uniqueness of your community, and to learn of the particular challenges that it may be experiencing. The learning gathered will enable the United Way to further identify what resources -- both human and financial -- may be needed in the future to support locally identified priorities.

It is also hoped that this process will facilitate the start of a more direct and ongoing relationship between the United Way of Central Alberta and Sundre.

As part of this process, we would like to facilitate a community conversation with representatives of the various sectors and groups found in Sundre. We are keen on meeting to hear of the successes found in your community, and to learn of the issues and challenges which are seen as priorities.

In discussion with Central Alberta communities, we have identified the following kinds of sectors and/or groups as important to invite to a local conversation (while recognizing that not all these are represented in every community):

Neighbourhood Place
Native Friendship Centre
Family and Community Support Services
Arts and Culture
Immigrant serving agencies
Senior serving agencies
Youth serving agencies
Daycare and playschool facilities
Sports and recreation
Faith groups
Chamber of commerce

Municipal library
School parent councils
Family school liaison workers
Adult Learning Council
Special needs / challenges serving agencies
Law enforcement and victim support
Alberta mental health groups
Community health centres
Clubs and Service groups
Municipal elected officials

Taking care of our neighbours.



We would like to invite one or two representatives from your sector or organization to attend the community conversation in Sundre scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2010. It will be held at the West Country Seniors Centre from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

It would be appreciated if you could RSVP your attendance to me – Rebekah Seidel – at seidelr@telus.net or 403 843 4879 by **March 12, 2010**.

We look forward to meeting with you and learning more from you about Sundre, its people and its priorities!

Warm regards,



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