



RED DEER & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

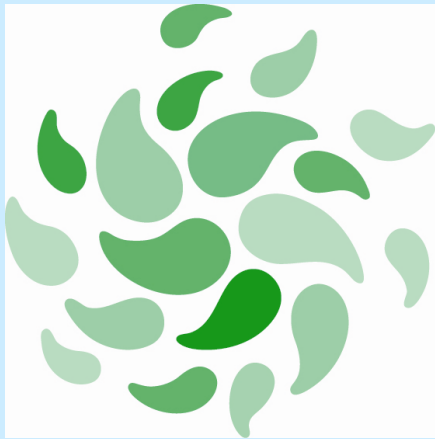
**WOMEN
OF
EXCELLENCE**

Nomination Package

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Awards Program

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Call for Nominations

Do you know women who have made a unique and exemplary contribution to the development of others and our community?

Please join us in honoring these women who inspire us, and salute the achievements of women everywhere at our awards dinner on **Tuesday, June 12, 2012**.

Deadline for Nominations: Monday, April 2, 2012

A complete nomination package must be received by **Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants and Consultants**, 300,5010-43 Street, Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6H2. **Attn: Ms. Marsha Smalley** by April 2, 2012 at 4:00pm. Envelopes should be marked "**Women of Excellence**".

The Red Deer & District Community Foundation "Women of Excellence Awards Program" (WE) is a celebration of innovation, leadership, achievement and talent as demonstrated by women throughout Central Alberta!

WE are neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family members. **WE** have enriched our community and inspired us through their creativity, compassion and dedication. **WE** all have this in common: they have used their talents, vision and determination to make Central Alberta a better place to live.

The development and presentation of these awards reflects the Community Foundation's commitment to increase public and community recognition of women who have earned our admiration and respect.

Tuesday, June 12, 2012 will mark the 5th Annual Red Deer & District Community Foundation Women of Excellence Awards Gala. Each year we will recognize contributions and achievements of the women nominated in the Women of Excellence awards categories.

The Red Deer & District Community Foundation extends its warmest thanks to all of our sponsors, nominators and nominees for taking the time to participate in our efforts to celebrate the remarkable women of our community!

Nomination Form

Category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts, Culture & Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics, Recreation and Fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business and the Professions | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Wellness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Woman of Excellence | |

Nominee's Full Name:

Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Telephone-Residence:

Business:

Mobile Phone:

Email:

Nominator's Full Name:

Address:

City:

Postal Code:

Telephone-Residence:

Business:

Mobile Phone:

Email:

I have read the information, and, as the nominator certify it to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Nominator/Contact Signature: _____

I have reviewed and approved all the nomination material and provide consent for the publication of this information, biography and photo in connection with the Red Deer & District Community Foundation Women of Excellence Awards Program.

Nominee Signature: _____



Submission

All submissions are requested to be:

- Typed or printed on white 8 1/2" x 11" paper, single sided
- No staples, binders or folders-use paperclips only
- Retain a copy of the nominator form and materials for future reference and possible resubmission

Nomination Package

A. Completed nomination form

B. Statement of nomination

Please respond to each of the questions below. Please use point form and provide specific examples. **Do not exceed one 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper (minimum 12 point font) per question.** *Information is provided in italics to help you with answering these questions.*

1. What are the nominee's unique and outstanding achievements?

- *Outstanding performance in her field; outstanding performance in academic courses/subjects*
- *Breaking new ground or old barriers*
- *Making a distinct and describable difference*

2. How has the nominee contributed to the well being of the community?

- *Contributions which enhance the lives of others in her community in any way such as socially, economically, or culturally*
- *Being an agent for change either within her particular community or the world at large*
- *Affiliation and participation with cultural organizations, youth groups, etc.*
- *Volunteer work and/or employment*

3. How has the nominee contributed as a role model ?

- *Has enriched or enabled others by virtue of involvement with, or the influence of this candidate.*
- *Demonstrated vision and pioneering spirit in the advancement of the community and our quality of life.*



- *Educate, support and encourage successors, colleagues and peers*
- *Demonstrated admirable qualities such as responsible leadership, good interpersonal relationships, academic excellence, etc.*

C. Letters of Support

Please provide up to two letters of support, all of which add specific information not otherwise contained in the nomination form. Photos, tapes, video and resumes will not be accepted. Letters of support should not come from the Nominator.

All categories must also include the following in their package:

- **Resume (maximum 3 pages)**

Please attach a resume or equivalent which outlines the nominee's background, career and present work or activity including organizational involvement, volunteer activities, education, awards, recognitions and other achievements.

- **Short Biography**

Supply a biographical outline (80-120 words) of the nominee's outstanding achievements, contributions and characteristics for inclusion in the awards souvenir program. All biographies will be reviewed and may be edited.

Nominees and nominators will be advised in writing whether their nomination has been accepted. Their package will be forwarded to the Selection Committee, an independent group consisting of women who represent a variety of interests, experience and community involvement. The decisions of the Selection Committee are confidential and final.



Selection Process

Nominations will be evaluated only on the merit of the submissions received. As a nominator, it is your responsibility to reflect the achievements of the nominee to the selection committee, to draw out their exceptional nature.

Be thorough and factual. While only women may be nominated for an award, men, women or organizations may be nominators. The nomination package of each nominee will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee, who may contact nominators for clarification or for consultation should they believe that an alternate category more accurately reflects a nominee's background and achievements. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

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Award Categories

Agriculture :

WE are innovative - leaders in our philosophies and demonstrate commitment to sustainable practices in agriculture.

Arts and Culture:

WE demonstrate outstanding achievement in the expression, development, preservation, patronage and/or promotion of the performing, visual, literary or multi-media arts and/or cultural heritage.

Athletics, Recreation and Fitness:

WE participate, coach and mentor, serving as an inspiration to others through our example and accomplishments, thereby enhancing the physical well-being of the residents of Red Deer and Central Alberta.

Business and the Professions:

WE are acknowledged in our field for leadership and consistent commitment to excellence. WE leverage our achievements and management skills to facilitate change and create opportunities in either the for-profit and not-for profit sectors. WE demonstrate a respect for and engagement with our community, clients/stakeholders and colleagues.

Community Building:

WE have identified a local community need or issue and have provided effective initiative to and pioneer meaningful change. WE are recognized as a source of strength and heart in our community, and harness the time, talent and capacity of others.

Education and Training:

WE are celebrated for outstanding achievement in practice, development and/or research in the educational system, employee development, community education or alternative programs.



Entrepreneurship and Innovation:

WE have a solid vision of the future, and possess creativity and ingenuity that separates us from our peers. WE have taken an innovative approach to solving a problem, filling a need or breaking into a new market. WE have made sacrifices and risked a great deal to successfully manage, launch or revive a business, product, service or community organization.

Environment

WE have demonstrated a commitment to the preservation and improvement of our natural environment.

Health and Wellness:

WE have experienced outstanding achievement in promotion, education and/or involvement in the physical, emotional and/or spiritual health and well-being of others.

Human Services:

WE may work or volunteer in the for-profit or not-for-profit sectors and are acknowledged in our field for leadership, compassion and practice in human service programs and/or organizations within the community.

Young Woman of Excellence:

WE are young (under age 25) and are respected for achievements and commitments to education and lifelong learning; work or career; and/ or community. WE are a positive influence on our peers.

