



2026 Impact Report



A LETTER

From the CRCF Chair

Established in 1972, the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF) is a registered foundation which oversees the pooled funds accumulated from the generous donations from individual Rotarians and the 12 members clubs in the Calgary area over the past 54 years. A huge thank you to the 24 Board Members who have served on behalf of those clubs this year with a special thanks to the following Directors whose terms are expiring; Bud Watson, Joe Klassen, Garfield Ganong and Mike Ruttan.

I am happy to announce that a \$3.1M income distribution will be allocated back to the members clubs, who in turn, support their charities and projects thereby Increasing their impact both locally and abroad.

The CRCF ended their fiscal year on February 28, 2026 with total assets of \$75M. The Investment Committee, under the stewardship of Chair Rick Erven, did an excellent job overseeing the independent managers to maintain balanced portfolios as they delivered total growth of \$6.5M or 9.18 per cent.

Total contributions for the fiscal year were \$941K which includes both the new Singhal Family Endowment (a non-Rotarian Family who generously donated \$521K) and a second large individual donation of \$209K. These were both facilitated through the Rotary Club of Calgary. Thank you to Rotary Club of Calgary member Douglas MacMillan for connecting Dr. Singhal to the CRCF to fulfil their family's philanthropic legacy.

The Audit Committee, led by Sandy Dougall and supported by Treasurer Kevin MacLeod and our bookkeeper Tracy Nelson, ensured a timely and accurate audit of our financial statements. It was a quiet year for the Governance Committee lead by Past Chair Mike Ruttan, with many by-law, document, and record keeping updates occurring in the prior year.

The Communications Committee lead by Chair Doug Webb had a great year of creating content and information for Directors to use in their clubs to encourage member Rotarians to make donations to the CRCF with the goal to enhance member engagement.

The nominating committee, led by Vice Chair Grant MacEachern, hosted our second New Director's Orientation meeting. There were seven new Directors in attendance to learn more about the CRCF in advance of their terms, which will assist them in learning how to expand the reach of the CRCF within their home clubs.

I welcome new incoming Directors to the Board; Rod McMahon, Drew Turnbull, Nurdin Qasimali, Mike Moore and Evan Strong. I am confident in the continued success of our foundation under the strength of our excellent Executive team and future leadership of incoming Chair Grant MacEachern. It has been an honour to serve as Chair of the CRCF Board. I truly believe in the power of connection when we unite for good.

Yours in Rotary,
Robert Wolfson, Chair CRCF 2025-26

the NUMBERS

\$3.14M

Funds distributed to
clubs in 2026

\$71.75M

Fund balance at year end
(Feb. 28, 2026)

2026 Community Impact Highlights

Feature Story:

Books to Build On Supports Indigenous Literature in the Classroom

The Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown contributed \$25,000 to Books to Build On, an initiative of the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary that helps educators identify and use Indigenous literature in their classrooms.



The project provides teachers with resources to select authentic Indigenous books and incorporate them meaningfully into teaching and learning. By supporting Books to Build On, the Downtown club is helping strengthen access to Indigenous voices and perspectives in schools and supporting educators as they bring these stories into their classrooms.

Also featured in our 2026 Impact Report:

Recovery Acres

A \$59,000 contribution from the Rotary Club of Calgary Stampede Park supported the purchase of a specially equipped van for Recovery Acres, helping the organization provide transportation in support of its work with people affected by addiction.

Umoja Community Mosaic

The Rotary Club of Calgary West contributed \$5,000 to purchase sewing machines for Umoja's Women's Community Sewing program, supporting opportunities for participants to build practical skills, confidence and community connections.

St. Rose of Lima School

A \$40,000 contribution from the Rotary Club of Calgary East supported the development of an accessible playground at St. Rose of Lima School, helping create an inclusive outdoor space where children of different abilities can play, learn and connect.

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