# **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 2025

INFORMATION FOR ALL AGES



Community Links Office Hours

#### **Airdrie Hours**

Monday - Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Closed daily from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### \*Beiseker Hours

4th Wednesday of each month 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\*You may also access our Airdrie office, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with a late night on Thursday where we are open until 8:00 pm. Additionally, you may contact us at 403-945-3900 or 1-866-945-3905 or email us at info@nrvcl.ab.ca

# **VISION**

Strong Individuals Strong Famlies Strong Communities

# **MISSION**

Linking our community to vital resources, strengthening connections and promoting well being.

# **VALUES**

- Collaboration
- Integrity
- Respect
- Quality
- Diversity & Inclusion

Strengthening the community, one positive moment at a time, for over 40 years!

## Message from our Executive Director

On behalf of all staff and volunteers, we are so excited to offer a variety of fall programming, services, groups and workshops.

As a non-profit registered charity, Community Links has continued to serve residents across the lifespan for Airdrie, Beiseker, Crossfield, Irricana, and North Rocky View County since 1982.

This year we adopted a new Mission Statement: Linking communities to vital resources, strengthening connections, and promoting well-being. Our Vision Statement continues to be Strong Individuals Strong Families Strong Communities.

We also thrilled to expand our services to our new Community Treasures Thrift Store located at 102, 3105 Main Street S, Airdrie (Southpoint Village).

Our qualified staff are here to support you and help connect you with many services within Community Links and with community partners. Sincerely,

Brenda Hume

**Executive Director** 

### Members of the Board

- Chair, Jim Hanson
- Vice Chair, Art Skow
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- Treasurer, Tracey Normand
- Director, Stuart Clark
- Director, Esther Kuyoro
- Director, Sergio Falzi
- Director, Gbemi Olofin



### COUNSELLING

The mission of Counselling Services is to prevent personal and family breakdown, enhance the abilities of individuals, couples and families to constructively manage daily living and enrich the quality of family life.

Consent for minors is required

### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

Helping you get connected to your community.

#### **FAMILY RESOURCE SERVICES**

Provides support and resources to parents/caregivers.

We believe that:

Parenting is a challenging job

All families are capable

All parents deserve support

We offer support and resources on child/youth development and a wide variety of parenting topics

If you would like to talk one-on-one with a Parent Coach about how to help motivate and support your child or other parenting challenges you may be facing, please contact Community Links



### FAMILY DAY HOME PROGRAM

Licensed, child care service for newborn to 12 years.

### **Looking for Quality Child-Care?**

We offer...

Care for children birth to 12 years of age

A safe and secure home-like environment

Child care that meets your child's and family needs

Back up care available wherever possible

Every home is screened, licensed, and monitored

Educators must adhere to all provincial standards of care

Affordability Grants are availabe for children ages birth to Kindergarten

School Age government subsidies available to those who qualify

Contact us today at 403.945.3900 for more information.

### **RURAL SERVICES**

Community Links is there with support in our rural communities of:

Rural Services – Beiseker

Rural Services - Crossfield

Rural Services – Irricana

Rural Services – North Rocky View County



# GRAND OPENING







### Thank You!

We are so grateful to our amazing community for coming out and supporting the Grand Opening of Community Treasures Thrift Store!

Your encouragement, donations, and smiling faces made the day truly special. Because of you, our store is off to a wonderful start and we can't wait to continue serving this community together!



102, 3105 Main St SW 403-960-0288

www.thrift.mycommunitylinks.ca

### **What We Accept**

We welcome a variety of items, including but not limited to:

- Toys & Games: All ages welcome
- · Accessories: Bags, jewelry, and hats
- · Housewares: Dishes, cookware, and small appliances
- Furniture: Gently used furniture (please call ahead for larger items)
- · Books: Fiction, non-fiction, and children's books

### **Donation Guidelines**

To ensure we can make the most of your donations, please keep the following in mind:

- Condition: Items should be gently used, clean, and free of damage. Think about it like this — the item you are donating, would you buy it?
- No Items: We cannot accept items that are stained, broken, or hazardous (e.g., electronics that don't work, large appliances).
- Packaging: Items will only be accepted in boxes or bins. Items donated in bags will not be accepted.

### **Donation Hours**

Monday 9am - 4pm

Tuesday 9am - 4pm

Wednesday 9am – 4pm

Thursday 9am - 7pm

Friday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 9am - 4pm

Sunday 12pm - 4pm

#### Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday &

Saturdays — 10am - 5pm

Thursday — 10am - 8pm

Sunday — 12pm - 5pm



# **OUR TEAM**

The heart of our thrift store is our staff





**Tricia**Store Manager



Lucas Sales Associate



**Jericho**Sales Associate

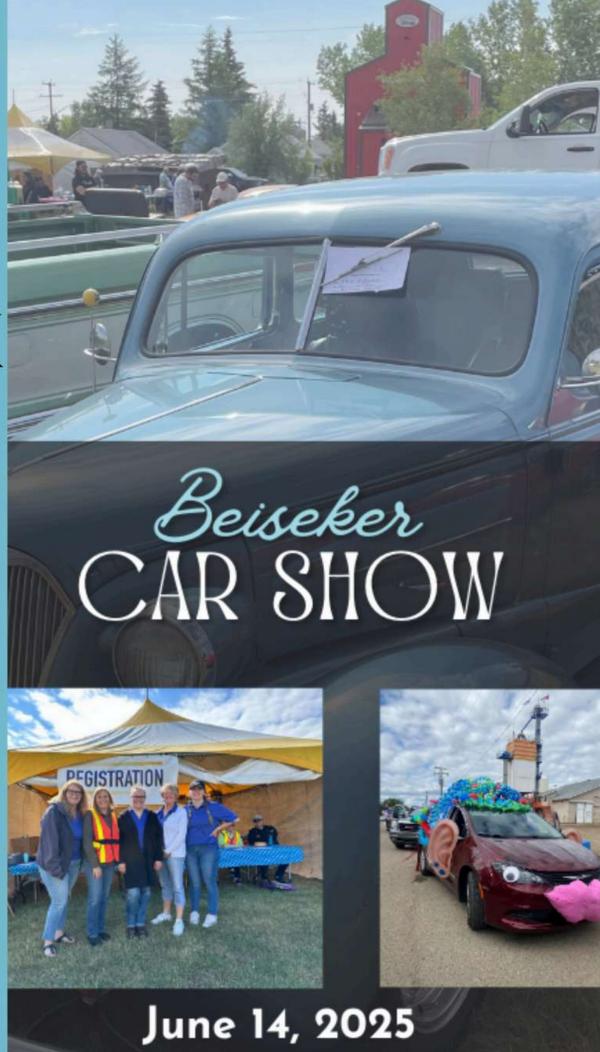


Nancy Sales Associate



# THANK YOU!

We were so grateful to be included at the Beiseker Car Show; the event was a huge success!
Because of YOU, we not only enjoyed a day of amazing cars, but also made a lasting impact together.



Community Links supports residents of Airdrie, Beiseker, Crossfield, Irricana, and North Rocky View County, providing services across the lifespan, from pregnancy and birth to older adulthood.

Funds raised by this raffle will support Community Links, its operations, and the programs, services, and referrals that the community members rely upon.

# 50/50 RAFFLE BUINDRAISER

DRAW DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2025

Draw location: Community Links (211 125 Main St NW, Airdrie, AB T4B 0P7)

Community Links is excited to announce our online 50/50 raffle fundraiser! – Grab your tickets now!

TICKET PRICES
100 FOR \$100
20 FOR \$50
4 FOR \$20
1 FOR \$10

Tickets must be purchased in Alberta





AGLC License #744350

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

# CASINO NIGHTS

WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
TO HELP MAKE OUR CASINO NIGHT
A HUGE SUCCESS!
PLEASE WATCH OUR WEBSITE AND
SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS FOR
MORE INFORMATION



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### 200 km a day: Airdrie man's ride across Canada for local charities





# SAVE THE DATE







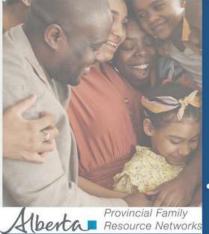
# LINKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT FAMILY VIOLENCE

Join us for an evening of reflection and healing as we come together to honor Family Violence victims and survivors.

Let us unite to raise awareness and take a stand against family violence.

When: November 6, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
Where: Community Links, 211-125 Main St NW, Airdrie (at the front of the building)

Note: We encourage you to wear purple to support the important cause of raising awareness about family violence.



 As the HUB. Community Links provides a physical location for families to access information, services and referrals to address any issues

families may be

facing.

- The HUB can support families to connect with services or programs within the FRN, Community Links, the broader community or government.
- Additional support can be provided to complete applications and forms or advocacy to access appropriate resources.
- HUB services are available by phone or in person in Airdrie or at a satellite office; no appointment required.



Spoke Programs

- Parent Consultations -will help you to strengthen your parenting skills and increase your confidence.
- Mini Milestones- (ASQ) this free program utilizes the Ages & Stages (ASQ-3) Developmental Check-Up tool to offer you a snapshot of your child's gross motor, fine motor, communication, problem solving personal social skills along with a look at their emofional well-being (ASQSE:2). After completing the questionnaires, a Parent Coach will contact you with your results.
- Groups and workshops (a variety of groups and workshops focused on building child development and parenting capacity.

Baby and Beyond - in partnership with Primary Care Alberta, provides education on a variety of related topics for mothers with children under 18 months and creates space for social connection.

Nobody's Perfect

Parenting Children with ADHD

Parenting Children with Anxiety

Raising Children in Canada

Triple P: Transitions after Separation and Divorce

Triple P: Group

For more detailed information about our groups and workshops visit www.mycommunitylinks.ca



(BBBS) mentoring programs are community and schoolbased programs that facilitate a developmental young person and a caring adult or Teen Mentor in Airdrie and Area. Their programs are potential. This program 1:1, following best practices for effective mentoring, within the context of this carefully supported relationship, mentees build executive skills and resiliency, and benefit from a natural support who can facilitate other connections in the community. Research shows that these skills are developed in children and youth through consistent supportive relationships with caring adults. To connect with Big Brothers Big Sisters of

Calgary and Area,

contact 403.777.3534 or

https://bbbscalgary.ca/



VIEW POINTS

Is designed to offer services that facilitate and promote a child/youth's social and relationship between a emotional development and to assist them in reaching their developmental will provide youth with opportunities to connect to their communities and engage in positive social activities that will include specific skillbased teaching which will strengthen the participants' well-being.

> To connect with Viewpoints Closer to Home, please visit viewpoints@closertoho me.com. For a referral to the program, contact Jovanna Rodney irodney@closertohome. com

Healthy Families Home Visitation Program Provides home visitation service to families with children ranging in age from newborn to 6 years old (at time of referral) where families will create goals & learn new skills. Healthy Families is designed to help parents enhance their parenting skills and improve their knowledge and understanding of child development, child health, and positive family functioning and in addition, to increase their connections with the community to support them and their family. Services are voluntary and include between one to three visits a week in a family's home and/or community, depending on the needs of the family. An initial screening will assess a family's eligibility for the program. For Home visitation Services with Closer to Home Community Services Society, contact Nikki Baawell at 403.630.5112 or email

# HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

Why buy new when you can swap? Bring in your gently used costumes and trade them for something new-to-you!

(You do not have to donate a costume to receive a costume)

Costume Collection DROP! Starting today until October 16, 2025

Community Links, 211, 125 Main St NW

Airdrie





Costumes available for all ages!

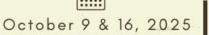












# Tax Clinic



Join us September 24th from 10:00 am-3:00 pm for our walk-in tax clinic. A representative from The Canadian Revenue Agency will be available to help with change of addresses, change, or add direct deposit information, print notice of assessments, and/or letters on file, print any tax slips needed, help community members register for an online CRA account, unlock your CRA my account and determine what tax years need to be filed.

The Older Adults Worker can provide one on one support to residents of Airdrie over the age of 55. This service can be accessed over the phone or in person by appointment. To access this service, residents need to have been referred by the Information and Referral Program.

# **October Presentation**

Age range: Adults 55+ and their family members

Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Cost: No cost (donations gratefully accepted)

Location: Over 50 Club, 101, 275 Jensen Dr., Airdrie

### Summary:

Presentation from Primary Care Network on meal planning, cooking for one or two, nutrition advice and healthy eating on a budget

# Older Adults Community Presentations



### Peacebuilding Skills for Youth, Families & Communities

#### **About PMAST**

For over 25 years, PMAST (Peer Mediation And Skills Training) has delivered essential conflict management, communication, and relationship-building programs to youth and families across Alberta. We work with high-needs schools, newcomer and refugee communities, youth in justice facilities, and families through our Connected Families initiative.

PMAST continues to support youth facing challenges such as bullying, emotional distress, and justice system involvement. Our Youth Legacy Program in Airdrie provides free, government-funded, wraparound services to at-risk youth through holistic mentorship and skill-building opportunities.

Explore all our programs: https://pmast.org

### Free Youth Program in Airdrie – Now Enrolling

The Youth Legacy Program, offered by PMAST in partnership with Struggle Is Your Success (SIYS), is a no-cost, government-funded program for youth aged 15–25 in Airdrie who are navigating emotional, social, or systemic challenges such as bullying, justice involvement, or mental health struggles.

Participants gain practical tools to set meaningful goals, strengthen communication, and build healthier relationships through mentorship, life skills training, and the SIYS Dream It. Plan It. Build It. initiative.

This wraparound program includes:

- Communication & Conflict Management Training
- Goal-setting and leadership development
- Ongoing mentorship and connection to community resources

Whether a young person is facing barriers to education, employment, or emotional wellness, the Youth Legacy Program is here to help.

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Learn more or refer a youth today: <a href="https://pmast.org/youth-legacy">https://pmast.org/youth-legacy</a>

# **Our Funders**









Alberta Arts, Culture and Status of Women (CIP)











Without our amazing funders, we could not do what we do!

For the full list of donors, and community supporters, visit our website at www.mycommunitylinks.ca



# **Donate Funds**

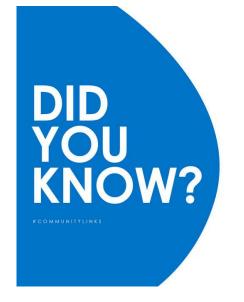
If you'd like to make a donation to support Community Links, there are multiple ways to do so. First, directly to us, second, you can use our Canada Helps form or thru <a href="https://rogerscharityclassic.com/donatenow/">https://rogerscharityclassic.com/donatenow/</a> until August 31, 2025



# **Get Involved**



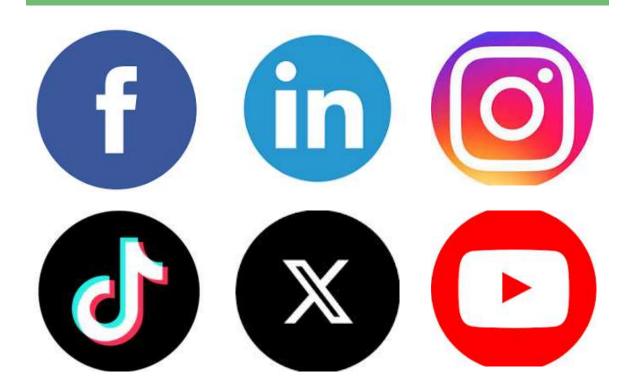




# Did You Know?

Intake Services are offered in-person or over the phone and can provide information and referrals to help you get connected to agency & community supports.

# **Stay Connected**



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