

~ Who Are We? ~

SLCPA (Sylvan Lake Community Partners' Association) is a registered non-profit charity in the Town of Sylvan Lake. It began with a few Family Education Programs in 1998 and has since grown to a multi program agency.

SLCPA was incorporated in 1999 and received Charitable Status in 2004.

In 2009 the agency moved to a new facility in downtown Sylvan Lake. The organization is run by a volunteer board of directors with 3 staff employed, an Administrative Coordinator, an Activity Coordinator and a Family Education Early Intervention Support Worker.

The staff, board members and many of the people we serve provide volunteer work for our projects and community activities. Members of the board of directors and staff also serve on various other community boards, charities, churches and other community service organizations.

SLCPA has fostered, built and maintained strong bonds and relationships with community based organizations, as well as the Town of Sylvan Lake to deliver a multiplicity of programs and services to the residents.

Our funding has come through various grants and agencies such as:

- Wild Rose
- Alberta Community Spirit
- Alberta Casino Funds
- Service Canada
- AADAC
- Red Deer and District Community Foundation
- Private Foundations
- CFSA
- Local businesses
- Town of Sylvan Lake
- Churches
- Private Citizens
- Event fundraising and donations

Support is now provided to approximately 3500 children and families per year and SLCPA continues to work an increased capacity to meet the growing community needs.

~ Vision ~

A Sylvan Lake Charity working together for a healthy resilient community where all its members are valued.

~ Mission Statement ~

Sylvan Lake & Area Community Partners' Association will work with individuals and groups to minimize risk factors for children, youth and families in the Sylvan Lake Area.

~ Mandate ~

To work with the community of Sylvan Lake and its Stakeholders to build the capacity of the community to meet the needs of children, youth and families in Sylvan Lake and Area.

~ Goals ~

- *We will facilitate the development of supportive community networks.*
- *We will make information available to children, youth and families about resources and options available to them.*
- *We will provide children, youth and families referrals to appropriate resources.*
- *We will offer preventative programming that contributes to the safety and healthy development of children, youth and families in the Sylvan Lake area.*
- *We will contribute to the development of services and programs to meet newly identified needs.*

~ Guiding Principles ~

- *We will seek every opportunity to be active in a community that values its members.*
- *We will subscribe to character ethics that govern human effectiveness.*
- *We will be conscientious stewards of community resources.*

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Programs & Services

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Our Programs / Projects

FAMILY EDUCATION EARLY INTERVENTION SUPPORT PROGRAMS

(see next pages for programs)

COATS FOR KIDS (AND FAMILIES TOO)

Oct – Feb. Yearly, seasonal program in collaboration with the community to collect and recycle lightly used winter clothing for distribution to children and families.

COMPASSION FUND

This fund exists to give Emergency financial assistance to those in our community and surrounding area that are in crisis.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Annual community Christmas Dinner open to anyone wanting food & fellowship. Held on Dec. 24 from 4 -7 pm. Santa comes to visit and pictures are taken of the children with him. There are gifts for all children. Many volunteers come to help with this event.

HEROES SCHOOL PROJECTS

This is an established program on Character building taught to middle school children by Volunteer Instructors.

WELCOME TO SYLVAN BAGS

These are welcome bags given to newcomers in the community with comprehensive information on all areas of community life plus advertising from local businesses and individuals at no cost to contributors.

SHAKE THE LAKE

Annual outdoor music and sports festival geared towards youth, children and families. Held in collaboration with Sylvan Lake youth leaders to assist youth programs, Music and fun at the lake at no cost to community and Families.

ARTS AROUND THE LAKE & GALLERY

An art collective and gallery dedicated to exhibits, education and performances supporting the arts and artists in Sylvan Lake and Area.



HOUSEHOLD EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Furniture available to anyone needing any household goods.

MONTHLY COFFEE SHARING TIME

A monthly morning coffee meeting to exchange information on programs and offer support to various community service groups.

WOMEN'S WELLNESS RETREAT

A one day retreat with an opportunity for women to learn about healthy lifestyles, wellbeing, build skills, and gain knowledge in an annual event.

SYLVAN FAMILY MATTERS

Various workshops that increase knowledge and build skills such as Family Violence Awareness and Prevention, Bullying in the workplace, Little Warriors, Budgeting and life skills.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY FUND

A fund of community dollars held for major emergencies in the community such as uninsured fires etc.

WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS

Work with various students wanting to do a rotation working in a non-profit agency. Also make available office space for students doing Government programs such as Services Canada.

VARIOUS FUNDRAISERS

Events done by board, staff and volunteers to raise money for programs and projects of Sylvan Lake Community Partners.

1913 DAYS COMPASSION GARAGE SALE EVENT

Join us each year in June for our annual 1913 days Compassion fund garage sale and BBQ. All garage sale items are purchased by donation. A child find clinic is held in conjunction with this event. We are looking for good used items for our Garage Sale give away. (no clothes please). Please drop off any items at the back of our office between 7 and 9am day of sale.

Volunteers / Programs

Sylvan Lake Community Partners' Association relies heavily on our volunteers and has experienced very good participation from members of the community and our clientele. Volunteer participation includes our board members, 15 - 20 program facilitators, and 25 - 35 general volunteers. We utilize our facility which comprises of 2160 sq. ft. of offices and meeting space in a down town location to facilitate all programs. Space is also available for other community organization to use. Our facility is open five days per week with hours 9:00 am - Noon and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, plus is available on weekends for booking. We also offer a down town location for registration/ticket sales for any organization/school for their events. Volunteers for the annual Shake the Lake Sports and Music Festival range from 150 - 200 and throughout the year various fundraising events are run by local volunteers.

