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ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 2024



MISSION STATEMENT

Bashaw and District Support Services is committed to supporting and operating community based preventative social programs for individuals, families and community; through positive communication, assessment of need and enhancement to the wellbeing of the citizens of Bashaw and Community.



The Board of Directors presents the Annual General Report of the Association together with the Audited Statements of Accounts for the Financial Year ending December 31, 2024.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mary Ellen Docherty, Chair
Margaret Baier, Vice Chair
Sandy Radke, Secretary Treasurer
Susie Albers, Director
Mike Stegemann, Director
Bryan Gust, Town Council Representative



AUDITORS:

The Auditor, Ms. Rebecca Pinches, Thorogood and Pinches, Stettler, Alberta, retires at the ensuing Annual General Meeting and is eligible for re-appointment.

EMPLOYEES:

The Board of Directors appreciates and acknowledges the unstinting efforts put in by all employees of the Association. They continually achieve by increasing productivity levels, responding to programming needs and maintaining a cordial work atmosphere. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS:

The Board of Directors acknowledges and appreciates the unending commitment and contributions made by the Association volunteers.



Bashaw and District Support Services had yet another year of tremendous change. As Board members, we enjoy coming to meetings to discuss details surrounding our operations. We are happy to provide input, guidance, expertise and wisdom so that programming and services can be as beneficial as possible.

This year, we saw many milestones! 20 Year Anniversary Celebration of Daycare, introduction of a new Transportation Mini-Van to serve the entire Bashaw Region, combined Regional Summer Programming to serve the kids in our area, and so much more.

Many people ask me how we do all that we do... and I tell them it's due to the many people working together, including staff, partners, volunteers, and board members. Thank you to everyone for their tireless efforts!

We hope the community is as proud as we are of the programming and services that BDSS offers. I look forward to the upcoming 2025 year!

Yours Truly,
Mary Ellen Docherty, BDSS Board Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR





MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It was an exciting 2024 year for our organization! Many milestones and magical moments occurred. I always love visiting our little people in the Early Learning Programs because it reminds me of the importance in letting things (ideas) grow organically, and the rewards of being free to discover. I believe that our staff, board members, volunteers, and program partners are rooted in these two elements, which allows us to be better listeners, and be creative developers.

BDSS continues to develop with the entire region in mind. This has served the residents well and brought many blessings to BDSS operations.

2024 also saw us conduct internal operations review, which included creation of Occupational Health and Safety Standards for BDSS, re-organization of positions, and re-development of internal departments. We understand the value of a solid foundation, and evolution of our administration and operations is key to doing things better.

What a year! We welcomed a partnership with Bashaw & District Victim Services to purchase a mini-van for community programming use, and we saw the official launch of the Bashaw Regional Transportation program. Generations Daycare celebrated its 20th Anniversary! Bashaw Regional Wellness Team laid the groundwork for a future Regional Wellness Centre – beginning with Primary Medical Care. And finally... we were able to complete the John Rock Memorial Park at the Bashaw School grounds. These events are the tip of the iceberg in all that happened in 2024. Just have a read of the Annual Report and you will agree.

I know I say it every year... but it's true. ALL of the work we do would not be possible without ALL of the BDSS Staff. Each and every one of them bring passion, commitment, determination, heart, and hope to all the work they do. BDSS is very lucky to have such a strong work family. I want to thank the staff for never losing sight of our vision, for tirelessly contributing, and for remaining selfless in the work you do. We are blessed to have you!

BDSS Board of Directors are truly amazing too! Their work does not end when meetings are over. They are ambassadors for the work we do on behalf of the community. Every day, they bring wisdom, guidance, and trusted leadership - fostering growth and integrity in our work. Thank you to all of them for being the backbone of our organization!

I'm sure that 2025 will be a great adventure! I look forward to what it will bring!

Christine Buelow, BDSS Executive Director



Bashaw & District Support Services

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2024

June 10, 2025 6:30PM at Bashaw & Area Community Resource Centre

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome and Call to Order
- 2) Adoption of Agenda
- 3) Adoption of 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes
- 4) Message from the Chair
- 5) Highlights from 2024
- 6) Financial Report
 - a) Adoption of 2024 Audited Financial Statements
 - b) Appointment of Auditors for 2025
- 7) Election
 - a) Election of Directors
- 8) Introduction of 2025 BDSS Board
- 9) Adjournment



Bashaw & District Support Services

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2023

June 12, 2024 @ 6:30PM

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Margaret Baier, Marci Albers, Bryan Gust, Mike Stegemann, Susie Albers, Carl Bergstrom, Debbie Zembal, Mary Ellen Docherty, Sandy Radke, Sheila Seale, Christine Buelow

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Mary Ellen Docherty called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Bryan Gust.

CARRIED

3. **Adoption of 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Motion to adopt the 2023 AGM Minutes by Margaret Baier.

CARRIED

4. **Message from the Chair** – refer to Annual Report.

5. **Highlights from 2023** – refer to Annual Report.

6. **Financial Report**

a. **Adoption of 2023 Audited Financial Statements** – Christine Buelow presented the audited financial statements. She thanked Thorogood and Pinches for their many years of service, and Sarah Unsworth for her dedication to BDSS bookkeeping, and assisting with financial management needs.

Motion to adopt the 2023 Audited Financial Statements as presented made by Mary Ellen Docherty, seconded by Bryan Gust.

CARRIED

b. **Appointment of Auditors for 2024**

Motion to appoint Thorogood and Pinches as the Auditors for 2024 made by Bryan Gust, seconded by Sandy Radke.

CARRIED

7. **Election** – Bylaws state that any new nominations must be made three weeks in advance.

a. **Election of Directors** – Christine Buelow presented the Slate of Directors.

Motion to approve the Slate of Directors as presented made by Marci Albers, seconded by Margaret Baier.

CARRIED

8. **Introduction of 2024 BDSS Board**

Sandy Radke, Margaret Baier, Bryan Gust, Mary Ellen Docherty, Mike Stegemann, and Susie Albers.

9. **Adjournment** – Carl Bergstrom moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35pm.


Recorded by Christine Buelow


Approved by Mary Ellen Docherty, Chair



Look Back... 2024 at a Glance



PROGRAM & EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY

~Generations Daycare
20 Year Celebration

~BINGO Nights

~Live Music and Dance with Travis
Dolter at Bashaw Hometown Days

~High School Drama:
Freaky Friday The Musical

~Junior High Drama:
Elf Junior

ADULT & SENIOR

~Senior Teas & Socials

~Present Day Homesteading

~National Food Safety Basic
Certification

~Basic First Aid- Level C

~ASIST- Applied Skills Intervention
Skills Training

~Adult & Senior Outings

~Meditation & Contemplation
Workshop Series

~Financial Empowerment

~Wellness Series

~Rural Communities Summit

~Disability Workshop

~Regional Transportation, Elks Van
& Holiday Hauler Community
Mini-Van

CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY

~Drop-in & Play at BYC

~Art-ventures

~Regional Summer Program

~Preschool Meet & Greet

~Tools for School

~Extended Learning

Bashaw Community Wellness Team

Information & Referral

8,947

Needs
Served

Client Care: 73%

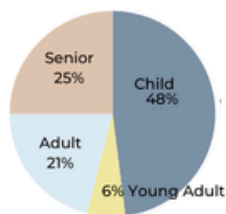
Community
Program
Assistance: 8%

Other: 6%

Health
& Wellness: 5%

Food Bank: 4%

Forms &
Technology
Support: 4%



Engagements

~ Residents served
from Bashaw and surrounding
areas including
Camrose County,
Lacombe County,
Ponoka County &
Stettler County. ~

Resource Navigation

654 Participants

Residence

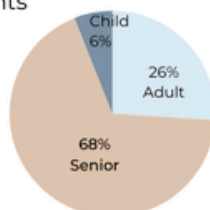
Bashaw: 49%

Camrose
County: 31%

Lacombe
County: 12%

Ponoka
County: 5%

Stettler
County: 3%



2,011

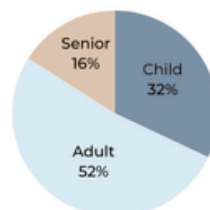
Engagements

~ Areas of needs served included initial
assessments, advocacy, form support
& follow-up, referral and consultation. ~

Bashaw & District Food Bank

Total # of
Unique
Individuals: **89**

Total # of
Hampers: **337**



Camrose FRC

Parent
Education

6

Engagement
& Advocacy

6

Family
Programs

26

OF FAMILIES

Healthy
Families

7

of Families
from
Bashaw & Area

Bashaw
Youth Centre

Total # of Youth
New
Members: **80**

Drop-in
Visits: **3,914**

Bashaw & District Support Services

~ Family Wellness Program ~

1 on 1 Support:

Approx 6 students per day and several informal
daily connections.

Total of **1,092** engagements.

Wellness Groups:

2-3 students per weekly gathering.

Roots of Empathy: 40 students and 2 families
participated, in Grade 1 & 2 classrooms.

Drama Production & Learning:

4,000 hr senior (30 students)
and 4,200 hr junior (35 students)

~ Generations Daycare ~

Enrollment ranged from **30-38** children.

~ Bashaw & District Preschool ~

A range of **32-36** students registered.

Santa's Anonymous:

54 Hampers for **145** Individuals.

624

Visits

Home
Support (HS)
& HS Outreach

27

Average
of Adults
per Month

1,511

Meals
Delivered

Meals on
Wheels

14

of
Adults

Total hr of Service: **1,332**

Holiday Hauler Van Booking: **38**

Bashaw Elks Van Booking: **23**

Regional Transportation Trips: **106**
(by a total of 15 Drivers)

Bashaw Adult Learning

Total # of Sessions

Tutoring: **156**

English Language Learning
and Literacy: **96**

Foundational Learning: **144**

Post Secondary Support: **42**

Learner Support: **236**

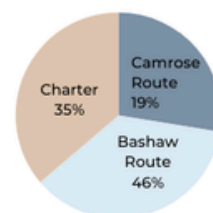
Bashaw Bus Society

~ Bus trips booked by
charter and routine trips. ~

Total # of Passengers

Camrose Bus Trips: **60**

Bashaw Bus Trips: **154**





2024 Regional Statistics

As a rural model for serving locally, wrap-around services help to reduce barriers and promote personal health and community well-being. Collaborative partnerships with individuals, agencies and organizations both inside and outside the community form the pillars of this work.

Services are offered in a region comprising of Alix, Bashaw, Buffalo Lake Estates, Donalda, Dorenlee, Edberg, Ferintosh, Meeting Creek, Mirror, Pelican Point and Tees. Bashaw is a natural hub in the geographic area and the Village of Alix is the second largest center. These communities are a part of a broad vision to bring responsive and accessible programs and services to a rural population.

**Information,
Supports & Referral:**
23,203 Needs Addressed



Food Bank:
621 Hampers
657 Adults
381 Children
268 Seniors

**Christmas Hampers &
Fill a Fridge**
71 Households

Resource Navigation:
758 Participants
2,647 Engagements

**Family Wellness and
Extended Learning Program:**

Alix MAC School, K-12
Enrollment: 239 Students
Bashaw School, K-12 Enrollment:
269 Students



A SHARED VISION FOR RURAL WELL-BEING



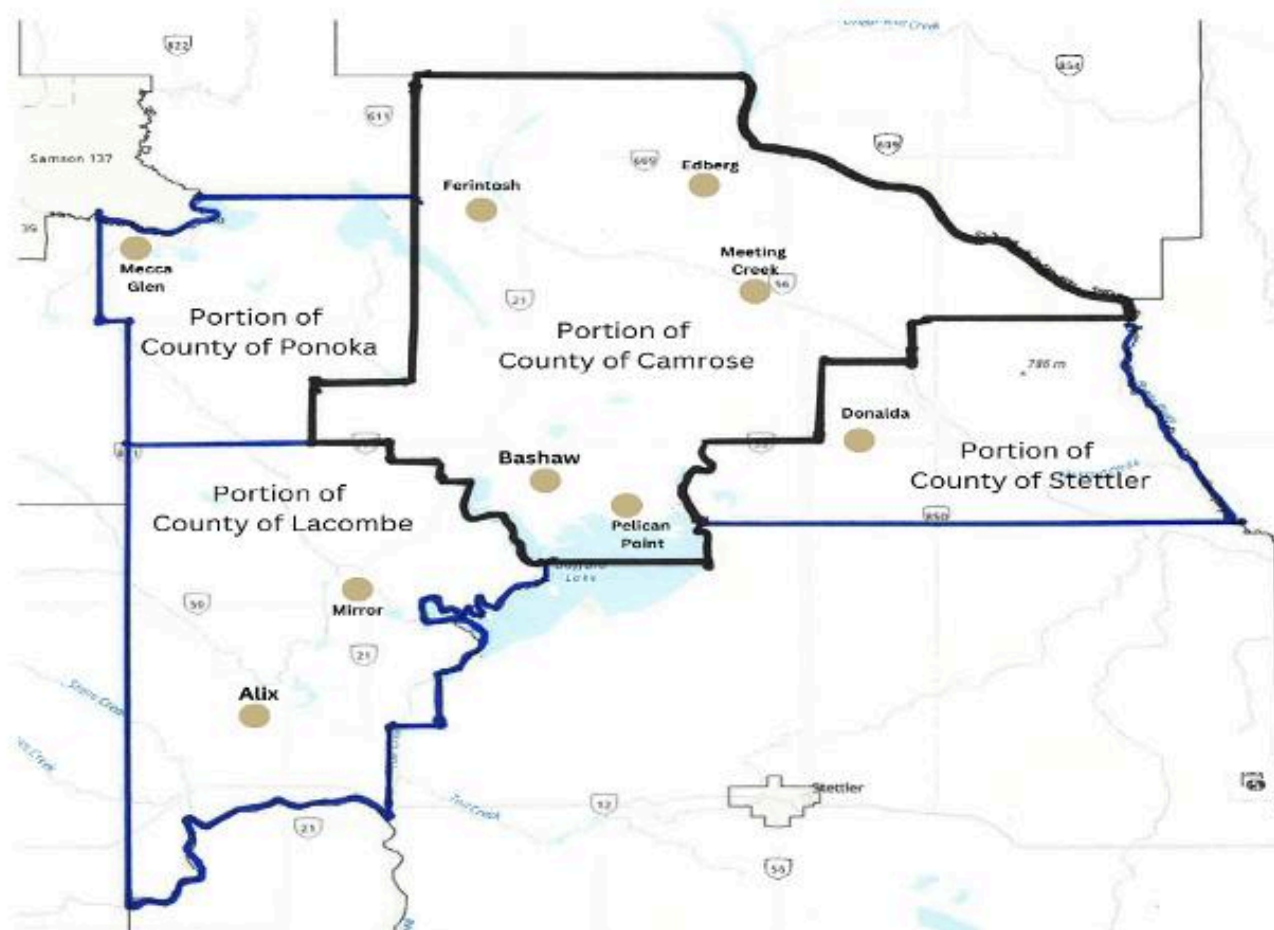
The power of community to create health is far greater than any physician, clinic or hospital. -Mark Hyman-

The Community Wellness Team is a partnership between many organizations in our community, managed by four pillars: Bashaw & District Support Services, Bashaw Adult Learning, Bashaw School and Bashaw RCMP. This Team also includes the Bashaw United Church and Bashaw Pharmasave. Formed in 2017, individuals from areas of education, advanced education, health, justice, social services, and spiritual represented the community sectors. The first goal was to improve access to care for our rural community and region by bringing together a network of social supports and services to create a wrap-around approach— offering system navigation, information & referral, and advocacy to reduce barriers to access and provide more resources and support for community members.

Over the past 18 months, the team has developed a collaborative healthcare model centred on team-based care to complete the work. This will bring together healthcare providers, social services, and community organizations to work closely to meet the needs of individuals and families. The primary goal is to ensure sustainability and long-term well-being. By encouraging collaboration and efficient use of resources, the model will ensure that healthcare services meet the community's evolving needs. The intent is to not only strengthen individual care but also promote the well-being of the entire region. Once most of the model's elements are ready, the team will share more details and opportunities to connect.

Regional Service Area

Created using the boundaries of the RCMP Detachment Area



BASHAW REGIONAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVE - RURAL ALBERTA WELLNESS INITIATIVE

An important part of BDSS success is the work completed surrounding community development. We believe in progressive thinking, pro-active planning, and choose to conduct meetings, special projects, and advocacy that brings benefit not only to the Bashaw Region, but also to other rural areas in Alberta.

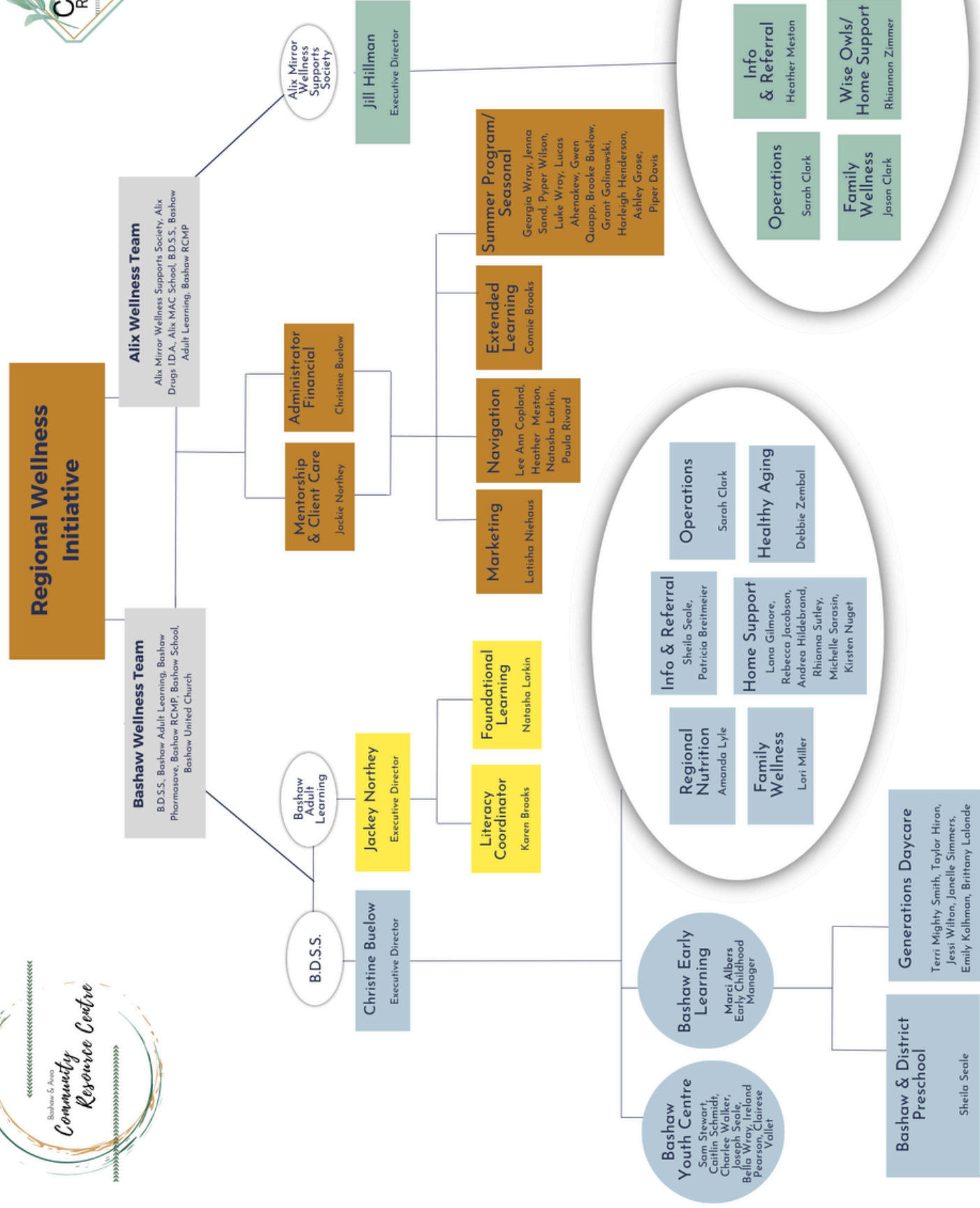
In 2023, we partnered with the Alberta Government and the Civil Societies Branch to conduct a pilot project to promote the Bashaw Regional Wellness Hub, as well as offer support to 2 other communities in Alberta to pilot the duplication of this community development and collaboration work.

This project supports the development of partnerships focusing on Regional Wellness within Rural Alberta. Partners work together to implement innovative Wellness Strategies that will promote individual and rural community sustainability, well-being, and success.

Partner communities to the project are Vilna and Stettler. We also brought in the expertise of Unstoppable Conversations to conduct initial community discovery sessions. The work continued with the development of Vilna Wellness Team, and the Circle of Services in Stettler. Vilna has continued to develop their team and enhance true collaboration at the team level. Stettler continues to facilitate discussions at their Circle of Services, as well as they have launched Navigation services, and other innovative programs.

This project continued through 2024.





Program Report

WELLNESS NAVIGATION

The Wellness Navigation Program refers to a service or initiative designed to help individuals, particularly in underserved or marginalized communities, access resources and services in their local area. The goal of community navigation is to guide people through the complex web of services, programs, and opportunities that may be available to them, ensuring they can access support and care when needed. These programs focus on improving community well-being, especially for vulnerable populations, by facilitating connections to resources, services, and support networks. This program offers:

Ongoing Support-

Community navigators may serve as case managers, doing intakes and following up with individuals over time to ensure they are receiving the appropriate services and staying connected to necessary resources.

Crisis Intervention:

In some instances, community navigators may work in crisis situations, helping people navigate urgent needs such as homelessness, food insecurity, or medical emergencies.

Service Education:

Navigators often educate individuals on the various services and programs available to them. This could include understanding how to apply for government assistance programs, understanding their healthcare options, or how to access job training.

Self-Sufficiency:

The ultimate goal of many community navigation programs is to empower individuals to be self-sufficient, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to find and access services independently in the future.

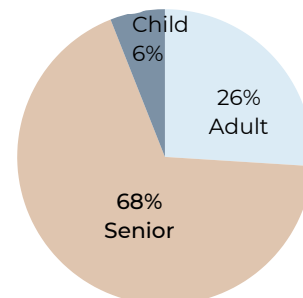
654 Participants

~ Areas of needs served included initial assessments, advocacy, form support & follow-up, referral and consultation. ~

2,011 Engagements

Residence

Bashaw: 49%
Camrose County: 31%
Lacombe County: 12%
Ponoka County: 5%
Stettler County: 3%



Building Partnerships

Successful community navigation programs often rely on collaboration with local service providers, nonprofits, government agencies, and community organizations. These partnerships allow navigators to stay informed about available resources and make more effective referrals.

Community Network

Navigators often build a network of providers, creating a community of care that ensures individuals are not bounced from one service to another, improving efficiency and continuity of care.

Healthy Aging Wellness Navigation refers to programs designed to support older adults in accessing services and resources that promote physical, mental, and social well-being as they age. These programs focus on helping older adults maintain independence, health, and quality of life through personalized assistance.

Key Elements

1. **Resource Access:** Navigators connect older adults with healthcare services, long-term care options, financial assistance, transportation, social programs and more.
2. **Personalized Support:** Older adults receive individualized assessments and ongoing assistance to access the right resources based on their unique needs.
3. **Health Promotion:** Focuses on managing chronic conditions, preventive care, mental health support, and wellness programs.
4. **Independence & Safety:** Assistance with home modifications, mobility, and technology to ensure safety and independence.
5. **Social Engagement:** Helps combat isolation by connecting seniors with social activities, support groups, and community resources.
6. **Financial & Legal Assistance:** Support in managing finances, accessing government benefits, and legal guidance for aging-related issues.

Benefits

- **Improved Quality of Life:** Promotes physical, mental, and social well-being.
- **Reduced Isolation:** Increases social connections and engagement.
- **Better Health Outcomes:** Ensures access to healthcare and preventive services.
- **Empowerment:** Helps seniors make informed decisions about their health and lifestyle.

These programs create a support network that helps seniors thrive as they age, fostering independence, health, and community integration.

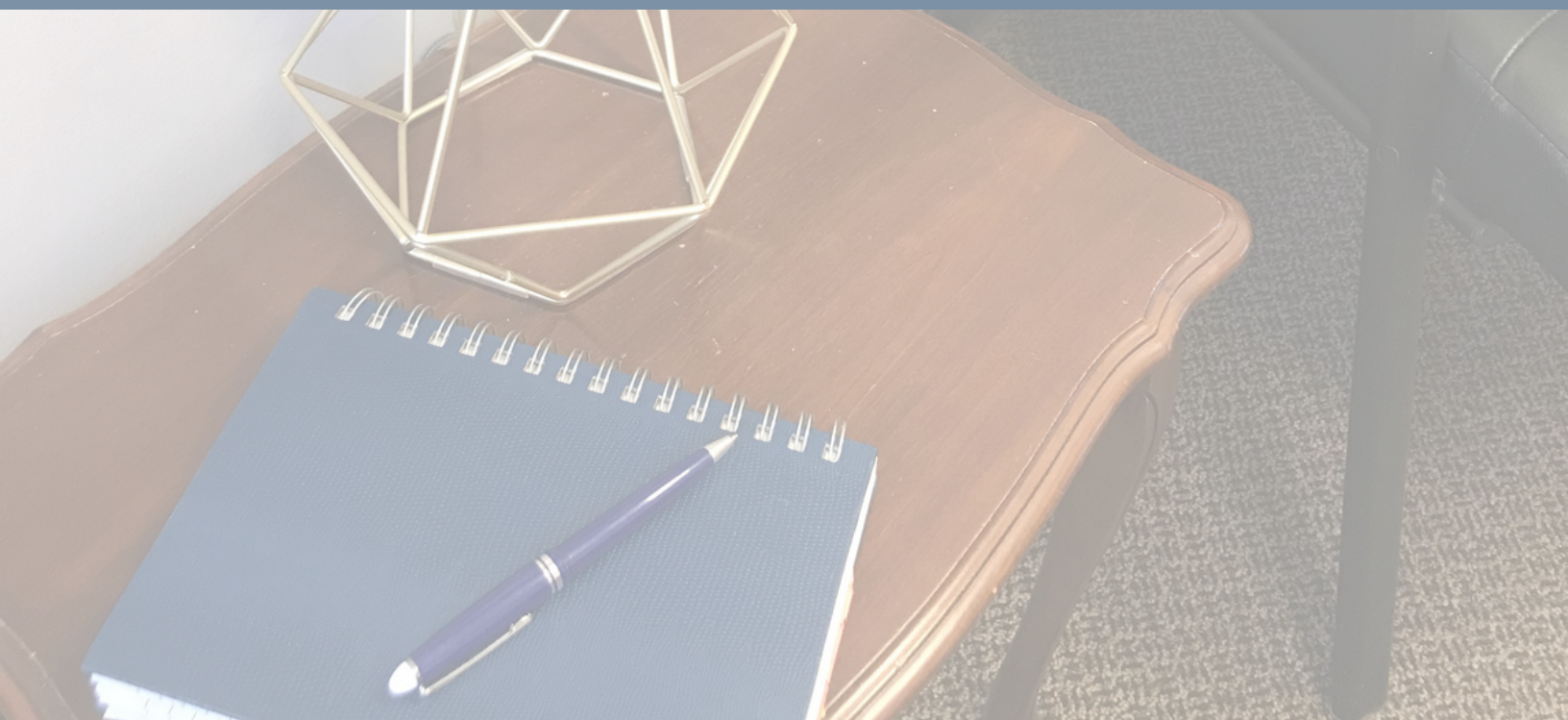


Benefits of Wellness Navigation Programs

- **Improved Access to Services:** Guides individuals to the services they need, community navigation programs reduce barriers to access, such as confusion, lack of knowledge, or difficulty navigating complex systems.
- **Increased Community Well-Being:** Improves the overall health and stability of the community, particularly for vulnerable populations.
- **Enhanced Collaboration:** Fosters collaboration between different service providers, these programs help create a more cohesive and coordinated system of care.
- **Prevention of Crises:** Addresses needs early and proactively, community navigation programs can help prevent individuals from falling into crisis situations, such as homelessness, poor health, or financial instability.

Wellness Navigation programs are designed to support individuals in finding and accessing essential resources within their communities. By offering personalized guidance and overcoming barriers, these programs play a critical role in promoting equity, improving outcomes, and enhancing the overall well-being of individuals and communities, particularly for those who are underserved or vulnerable. I have had the privilege of working with this amazing team in our beautiful community over the last year. I have taken some extensive training in financial empowerment as well as some Cultural Awareness training and I am excited to share my knowledge. Jackie, Debbie and I have managed to support many clients who come through our doors. Our knowledge base is growing with every new client. I look forward to continuing to serve Bashaw and area.

-Paula Rivard, Navigation

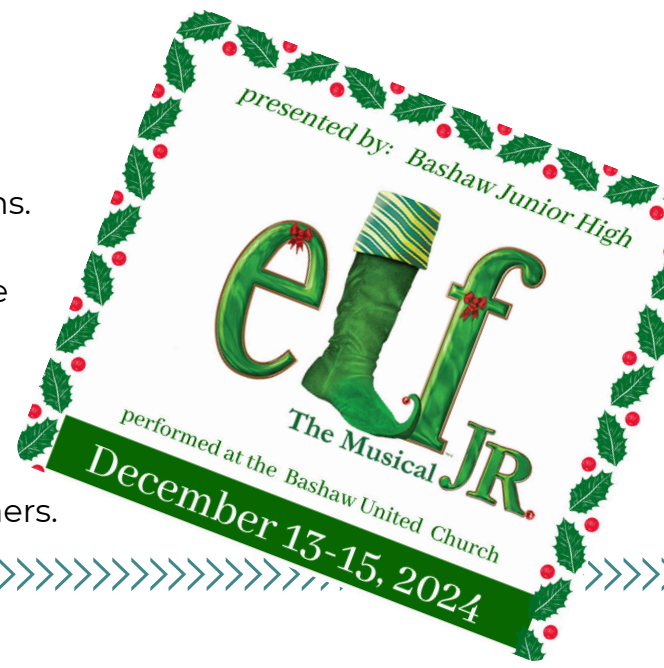


Program Report

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS

2024 was a really enjoyable year with some great highlights. We have developed a culture of care within this community that shows up throughout our day. I see people and students helping one another during times that are good and times that are difficult. We have conflict and at times intentional and unintentional dismantling of care, as you do when humans are present. What I see that is such a beautiful sign of hope in watching students stand for one another in a positive supportive way. I see people standing for grace and care within our community as well. We will always have conflict and disagreements but the way we stand up for one another without the intention of attack and chaos is really powerful. It's those steps that are the change we see that creates so much freedom for people to collaborate in a way to allow space for possibility and growth. That is the road we are on and the road we bend with.

- Our Sr Drama students completed their production of Freaky Friday in June. We had 30 students participating on the stage and also tech crew doing lighting and sound. The students created the choreography that was full of rhythm and fun. They created full characters that were believable and full of humour and heart.
- The Jr Drama students completed a lively production of Elf in December. It was very well attended with the audience loving the energetic performances of these talented youth. We wound up with around 35 students participating both on the stage and as technical crew on lights and sound. The students also completed most of the choreography and really supported one another on stage as a phenomenal cast.
- In June we had baby celebrations for Roots Of Empathy for the grades one and two classes. We had two different families participate in these beautiful programs. Kane Wilson was our sweet grade one baby teacher along with his mother Ariel. Our grade two family was sweet baby Tatum Stone with his mom Samantha. The program is so immersive and both our moms were fantastic at answering the many many questions our students had as they observed our baby teachers.



- Our wellness program includes visits set up to support students with a variety of needs and concerns. The intention is to be available to listen and spend time with the students. We help with emotional well-being and support. We are also a bridge to supports with trained mental health specialists, educational connections, as well as a discovery to go through a students day in detail to see where extra support or understanding would be helpful. The wellness program can be that bridge that connects understanding between the educators and the students if a student is needing considerations for learning, like a quiet space or a helpful tool.
- I was also able to create a caring club with a small group of elementary students that met a lunch on Thursdays for part of the year. This was started from the request of a young student in grade four that was seeking connection with like minded youth. The idea was to talk about things that they care about or were struggling with. The group were avid listeners and provided great support. They could also choose to not participate with sharing and could just be there for each other.
- During the winter months I got to the school early and was able to supervise in the gym from 8AM- 8:25AM so that students could get out of the cold and be ready for the breakfast program. I usually had a group of about 10-14 participate.
- Finally, I had the great pleasure of working with and mentoring two practicum students that were both in University programs intending to work in a specialized way with youth in their respective fields. It was such a good experience as they both offered collaborative skills and each had a wonderful demeanour with students. They easily made connections and were valuable contributors to those they worked with.

Lori Miller, Family Wellness

~Highlights~

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*Freaky Friday
-2024 Sr Drama*



Program Report

GENERATIONS DAYCARE

Early Programs Manager, Marci Albers maintained the centres daily operations, licensing and AHS requirements. We strive to maintain high quality standards for the children, staff, families, and community.

The affordability grant has helped to keep our numbers consistent. There have been changes to the affordability grant but it is still available to all families regardless of income as long as children attend a minimum of 50 hours. Parents are required to pay a minimum of \$100.00 for 50-99 hours and \$217.50 for 100 hours or more. Subsidy still covers up to \$266.00 monthly for families with an income of below \$180 000.00, which leaves a very low portion (if any) to be paid by parents.

The majority of our children are enrolled full time, 100 hours and above, while in previous years many of the children were attending part time or attending casually. We still have a waitlist for children needing care. In previous years we had a large group of children that were only attending part time. We have almost no children that are registered as drop in only.

The staff turn around for 2024 was low. We finished 2024 with an exciting team of 6: Miss Marci, Miss Terri, Miss Jessi, Miss Brittany, Miss Janelle has returned and a new hire, Miss Emily Kohlman. Miss Taylor will return with her infant in March. Miss Sheila is always willing to step in as a relief staff when needed. Each educator brings a uniqueness that adds to the quality of our dynamic team. We are extremely fortunate to have this wonderful group of educators providing care within our community.

Generations Daycare Statistics 2024

January	31	July	35
February	33	August	35
March	31	September	33
April	30	October	33
May	32	November	32
June	38	December	30



Their hard work and dedication is always noticed and appreciated. We currently have 2 staff furthering their education and Miss Taylor completed her diploma while on maternity leave.

Educators are taking a group of children to Bashaw Meadows once monthly. We are grateful to have Iris B. as a partner to help facilitate these inter-generational social gatherings. Due to some pesky germs, we were not able to visit some months, ensuring everyone's safety. We will be continuing our monthly trips to visit the residents as long as they allow us to spread some sunshine. Our educators value and appreciate the opportunity to facilitate these mornings making memories.

generations daycare



**Bashaw
Early
Learning**



Childhood is a precious chapter, let's fill it with laughter, learning and love...

Generations Daycare celebrated a great milestone, their 20 year anniversary!

It was great to see everyone who attended, alumni and current students, past/present staff & board members and community.

We recognize our families who have supported the daycare over the years and a huge thank you to our dedicated board and staff for all they do and have done for the past 20 years.

A special mention to those that helped make this event a success: CBO Earthworks- Lacombe, Reads Custom Butcher Shop and Bashaw Groceries.



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

SEPT 16, 2024
11AM-1:30PM

Celebrate with us!



Program Report

BASHAW & DISTRICT PRESCHOOL

Program Facilitator Marci Albers ended the 2023-2024 year with Mrs. Sheila Seale as the classroom assistant. We hosted 32 children total in the morning and afternoon classes.

The children enjoyed many events including a Valentine's Day party, building Leprechaun traps, Easter egg hunting, a glow in the dark party, and our year end celebration. The church was packed for our celebration!

Bashaw Meats has once again hosted our annual year end ice-cream day! We are grateful to have such supportive local business' and community members that embrace our chaos!

We again chose to start at the beginning of October rather than a September start date. October brings many new faces for the 2024 -2025 year.

We are facilitating 2 classes again this year as enrollment is the highest we have seen. We even had children put on a waitlist. We have 16 children in the morning class with 2 more starting shortly and 18 children enrolled in the afternoon. We have 36 amazing children total.

Some of our fall and early winter highlights were our Halloween Party and Remembrance Day.

The children made poppies and learned the significant meaning of November 11th and the importance of poppies. We had a teddy bear picnic with snacks and hot chocolate and a Christmas party that included an indoor pretend snowball fight! The children were by far the winners!

Bashaw & District Preschool

MEET & GREET/ REGISTRATION

We will be hosting a drop in
Meet & Greet/ Registration
on September 17, from 10AM-12PM.

The Camrose FRN will be joining us
with information and resources!
We will be in the Preschool room across the hallway
from the library.

Preschool Start Date:
October 1, 2024

5020 52 St.

bashaw
& district
preschool



Feature

John Rock Memorial Park Celebration October 11, 2024

In Fall of 2010 a volunteer group of Bashaw School Parents & Staff took on the task of replacing the old wood play structure that had existed for years. This committee included:

Amy Olson
Sherry Letendre
Sarah Wray

Ellerie Koskela
Alison Knockleby
Erica Gagne

Kristie Vallet
Katherine Cunniffe
Candace Coborough

Kirsten Nugent
Lori Pearson
Mary Roukema

And... Mary Ellen Docherty and Christine Buelow as reps from BDSS.

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

LOCAL





2011 Phase 1 Grand Opening



2024 Completion



Like so many other projects in this community, the vision grew from playground replacement to a full revitalization of the outdoor space at Bashaw School. The Project won the Helping Hands Award from the volunteer nation wide organization, Let Them Be Kids.

It matched dollar for dollar with no cap. That along with sponsorship from 41 community members and partnering organizations, raised enough funds to build this 1st structure, as well as benches, picnic tables and fresh lines and hoops at basketball courts. Things like the benches are brought to you by the Ben & Kelly Wilson Family, Al Middleton and Candace Coborough Family, Bryan and Terri Gust Family, and the Neil and Roxanne Miller Family.

The committee knew that this space was special and that it needed to be given just the "right name"! A Facebook poll was put forth in the community, and the overwhelming response was that this area would be named in honor of a very special person who played an important part at Bashaw School, and in the Bashaw Community. And from there... the JOHN ROCK MEMORIAL PARK came to life. Comments about Mr. Rock included:

"He didn't treat us like students. We were his family and his friends."

"What a wonderful man!"

The name for the park is a perfect fit.

Phase 2 of the project was postponed, due to exciting news that Bashaw was being considered for a new school. The committee intentionally delayed any further progress as there was discussion on potentially moving the play structure, and anything else in the outdoor space. Fast forward to 2017.... Bashaw's new school is completed! And with that, the committees plans for Outdoor Classrooms were included in that. Next came Seacans for storage, and then another pause... no more work until ANOTHER new playground component was installed as part of the new School build.

Finally, here we are today. A completed play space, with benches, picnic tables, sidewalks, extra rocks to play on, trees for shade, shrubs and flowers to add some beauty and more. Thank you to ALL THE COMMUNITY for supporting this project and to those that put so much love and effort into bringing it to the community! This park is what we could all hope for. It is a place for ANYONE of ANY AGE in the community to enjoy!



2024 Summer Recap Regional Youth Programs

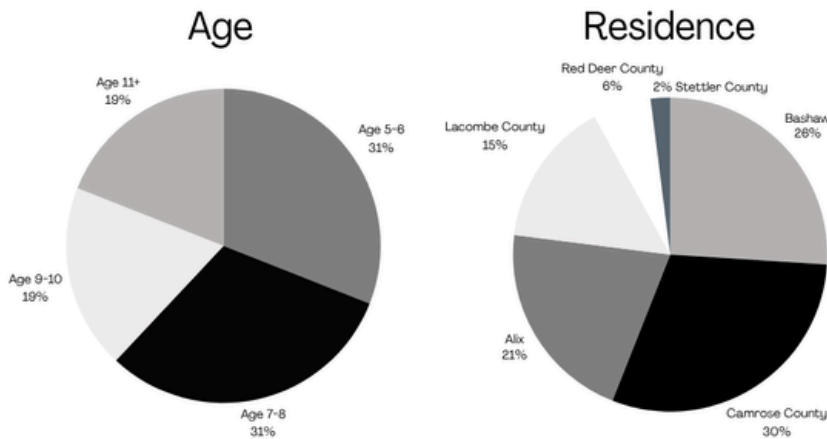
For school-aged children, offered at Bashaw Youth Centre
and Alix and Area Community Resource Centre.

87 MONTHLY PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED

(# of Children:
17 July, 26 August, 44 Both)

AND 20 DROP-IN PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED

(Each child attended
1-3 times during July to August)



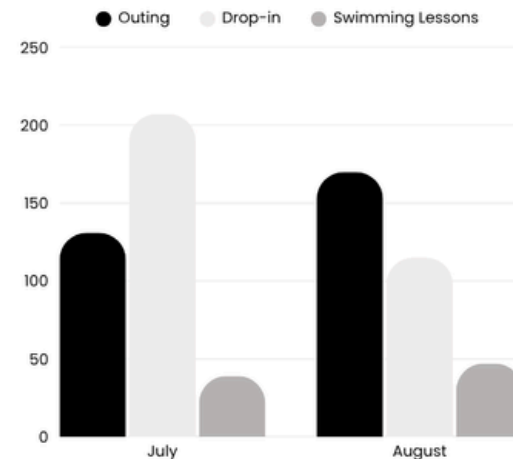
Night at the Centre

JULY Glow in the Dark: 17 Youth
AUGUST Tie Dye Party: 37 Youth

Outings to:

- ~Barney's Adventure Drumheller
- ~Deer Valley Meadows
- ~Leduc Alexandra Outdoor Pool & Spray Park
- ~Blackfalds Abbey Centre
- ~Edmonton Valley Zoo
- ~Alix Wagon Wheel Museum
- ~Stettler Town & Country Museum

Total Attendance



Thank you for helping make
Summer 2024 programs possible:

- ~Bashaw & District Support Services~
- ~Alix Mirror Wellness Supports Society~
- ~Bashaw Youth Drop-in Foundation~
- ~Canada Summer Jobs~
- ~AB Lottery Grant~
- ~Ember Resources~
- ~Bashaw & Area Recreation Board~
- ~Alix Village Shoppe~
- ~CIP Special Projects~



We partner to offer local youth a safe and engaging program, when school is out during July & August.

Did you know?
We serve an area including towns, villages and a rural population bordered by four counties!



We are looking for
Summer 2025 Sponsors.

Help to ensure no child misses out,
due to financial barriers.
Please get in touch if you wish to support our youth
and alleviate the cost to attend!
The fun will include daily activities, out of town
outings, swimming lessons,
sleepovers and more!

Eligible for tax receipt
Call Christine, 780-372-4074 (Bashaw)
or Jill, 403-396-3369 (Alix).



What did the kids think?

Feedback from Alix Youth-

Dawson: I liked making paper mâché octopus.

Lawrence: I love the Deer Valley Meadows zipline.

DJ: My favorite was the Leduc waterpark!

Benny: I loved ziplining.

Adriaunna: I loved the Edmonton Zoo.

Roux: The ziplining was my favorite part of summer!

Gracelynn: I liked the Edmonton Zoo.

Luke: Deer Valley Meadows was really fun.

Jayden: I loved the tie dye sleepover, I had a blast.

Feedback from Bashaw Youth-

Fynn: The sleepovers were the best with staying overnight, the glow in the dark and tie dye.

Adeline: Hanging out with the staff (Claire), in the summer.

Shelby: We went to Deer Valley Meadows and swimming lessons and it was a bunch of fun.

Fletcher: Deer Valley Meadows was the best part. I loved the zipline and slip and slide.

Kahless: I really liked all of the games especially the glow in the dark party.

Gabby: My favorite was Barney's Adventure Park and rock climbing.

To learn more about what we do, visit online:
www.alixcrc.com www.bashawcrc.com

Feature

Introducing

THE HOLLIDAY HAULER COMMUNITY MINI-VAN

In just six years, Staff Sgt Bruce Holliday helped create a legacy of kindness, collaboration, support and caring for the communities within the Bashaw region. Bruce put 100% effort and passion into everything he did. He was authentic, generous and compassionate as well. Staff Sgt Holliday was a great leader, mentor and motivator.

◆ Working alongside Bashaw & District Victim Services, Bashaw Wellness Team and many other regional organizations, he always demonstrated innovation, promoted resiliency and looked for collaboration.

The "Holliday Hauler" is proof of the hope and inspiration he cultivated into the community.

The Holliday Hauler Mini-Van is the special creation of the Bashaw & District Victim Services Board. The board recognized that there was a need in the community for reliable transportation. Whether it be helping a community member get to an appointment, picking up food for the Food Bank, transporting sporting teams, assisting community organizations with tasks – there certainly was need!

Bashaw Victim Services, approached Bashaw & District Support Services to partner with the project. The BDSS Board and staff saw the importance of this project and signed on to be the owner/administrator of the Holliday Hauler Community Mini-Van...





...Months were spent looking for the “right” mini-van that would bring reliability and longevity to the project. Thankfully, Troy from Gary Moe Chrysler – Lacombe came to the rescue, finding us our new mini-van. Troy, together with Gary Moe General Manager Matt, brought a great purchase price and maintenance package together that will ensure this van stays on the road safely for years to come. Thank you to them for their partnership!

Next came the graphics design for the vehicle wrap. Partners knew they wanted to incorporate the colors of the RCMP. Sign Masters became a valuable partner in doing this and designed many options for consideration that could be tailored to exactly what we were needing. Thank you to them for the hours put towards this project in helping us settle on a design and completing a stellar graphic wrap installation.

On behalf of Bashaw & District Victim Services and Bashaw & District Support Services, we are proud to present to you the Holliday Hauler Community Mini-Van – a lasting legacy of the late Staff Sgt Bruce Holliday. We hope that everyone will enjoy seeing it travel the roads of Alberta supporting important work for the Bashaw Region.

Holliday Hauler Van Stats 2024

Month	Trips
May	2
June	3
July	4
August	6
September	10
October	2
November	7
December	4
Total	38



Program Report

HEALTHY AGING ALBERTA

Healthy aging is about more than just maintaining our physical health over time. It is also about our mental and emotional health; our independence and quality of life; and our housing and financial security. It is about our ability to make connections with people, stay engaged in our communities, and feel like valued participants in society.

Healthy aging is about our ability to be resilient in the face of the increased frailty, decreased autonomy, and changing circumstances that are the realities many people face as we grow older. Community-based senior serving organizations across Alberta (including BDSS) support healthy aging through a wide variety of programs and services. BDSS and its Healthy Aging partners understands and responds to the needs of our communities in ways that no one else can.

Bashaw & District Support Services is proud to partner with Healthy Aging Alberta and our Regional Partners to expand its current Home Support Program to serve the entire RCMP region. It works with regional communities to ensure services are effective and accessible locally.



Expansion of services include:

- 1) Assisted transportation
- 2) Companion for medical visits, and liaison with families as per client requests
- 3)) Social Visits (Friendly Visiting)
- 4) Social Outings
- 5) Yard Care Assistance
- 6) System Navigation and Supported Referrals
- 7) Menu Planning and Preparation

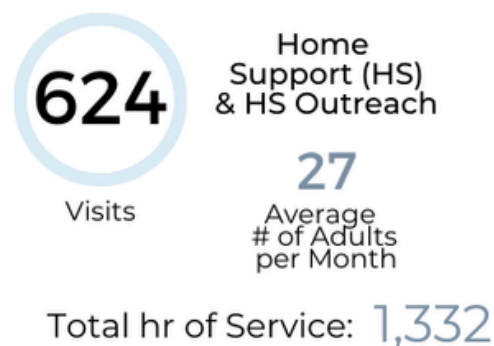
These activities are delivered thru our programs of Home Support, Navigation, and Transportation.

HOME SUPPORT

The Home Support Program has grown significantly over the past year. This is largely attributed to the supportive partnership with Healthy Aging Alberta. HAA's goal is to genuinely enable older adults to age well in their own communities.

The Home Support Program was provided to 42 clients by 5-6 part-time staff members plus 1 part-time Outreach Worker, (up from 3 part-time staff in 2023). As of Dec. 31, 2024 there were 4 active Home Support staff plus 1 Outreach Worker. In total our Home Support Workers service considerably expanded to provide 1332 hours for the year 2024, (up from 733.25 hours in 2023) and 624 visits, (up from 363 visits in 2023).

Program advertising continued through the monthly Community Connections newsletter, BDSS Staff & Navigator referrals and word of mouth.



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MEALS ON WHEELS

This program serves those in the community who have difficulty preparing their own meals. Clients are mostly seniors, but may also include those who have suffered accidents or illness and are unable to care of themselves for a period of time.

COMMUNITY NEED

Meals on Wheels is an essential service. This year, 14 people received meals three times weekly. A total of 1,511 meals were delivered to those who may not have had the ability to take care of all meals themselves.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION/PARTNERSHIPS

This year we continued to receive help from our dedicated volunteer who has been helping us deliver meals one day a week. She's been a great help to the program since she started in 2023. Our staff and sometimes the summer students did most of the delivery.

A partnership with the Bashaw Meadows also exists as they prepare the nutritious meals that we deliver.

COMMENTS:

The majority of our Meals on Wheels clients are satisfied and appreciative of the cost and the quality of food they receive. They also appreciate all our delivery drivers for the friendly atmosphere they bring to their doors and the time they spent visiting with them, even if it's just for a minute or two.



Month	Number of Client	Number of Meals
January	14	156
February	13	137
March	14	139
April	12	129
May	11	136
June	10	108
July	11	131
August	11	129
September	11	121
October	11	101
November	11	110
December	12	114

Bashaw & District Food Bank

Bashaw & District Support Services organizes and administers the Bashaw & District Food Bank, which offers nutritional services to those in need.

Hampers- 337, served to a total of
Children (0-17)- 243, Adults (18+)- 391, Seniors (65+)- 119

COMMUNITY SUPPORT/ PARTICIPATION

Our community generously supports the food bank throughout the year with either monetary donations or canned goods, pantry staples, etc..

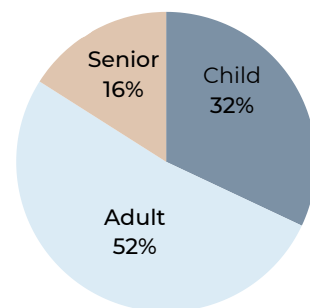
The Hutterite Colony donated fresh vegetables throughout the year. We also have a dedicated member of the community, who donates fresh produce from his garden when needed.

We receive farm eggs from the Jacobson's and the Hutterite Colony as well. Food Bank Alberta continued to support us with what they have to offer.



Total # of
Unique
Individuals: 89

Total # of
Hampers: 337



Bashaw & District Food Bank
Access Food
Hampers Monthly

VISIT US
ON WEEKDAYS
MONDAY -
FRIDAY
9AM - 4PM

Program Report

SANTA'S ANONYMOUS

- Angels ordered from Amanda Lyle, ladies at Bashaw Meadows colored them.
- November 13 - Applications were available.
- November 13 - Tree is up, angels went up as applicants came in.
- Turkeys and Hams are purchased from No Frills in Lacombe.
- Chocolates were ordered from Pharmasave Bashaw.
- Groceries were ordered from both Bashaw grocery stores.
- Total Hampers prepared - 54
- December 20 - Wrapping/Hamper Day

This year we received a generous donation of potatoes & carrots from the Bashaw Hutterite Colony; meat shop gift vouchers from Bashaw Home Hardware; and buns were paid for anonymously and ordered from the Bashaw Groceries. Santa's Anonymous gift wrapping helpers this year are: Susie Albers, Mike Stegeman, Sandy Radke, Daralene Lyle, Kesler Breitmeier, Cindy Burgess, Brian and Terri Gust and staff- Debbie Zembal, Sarah Unsworth, Trish Breitmeier, Paula Rivard, Sheila Seale & Christine Buelow. Tony Chizmadia helped with taking the hampers out to client's vehicles on pick up days.

Hampers were picked up Dec 21-22:

54 Household signed up, 145 individuals (63 children/teens, 64 adults, 18 seniors)

HAMPERS INCLUDED

Ham Dinners:

1 ham
1 box cake mix
1 can icing mix
1 bottle honey mustard
1 box chocolate
1 can pineapple chunks
1 dozen buns
1 bag frozen veggies
2-3 boxes of scalloped potatoes
1 can of fruit cocktail/
mandarin oranges
Fresh potatoes
Fresh carrots

Turkey Dinners:

1 turkey
1 box cake mix
1 can icing mix
1 box chocolate
1 can cranberry sauce
2-5 boxes stove top stuffing
1 dozen buns
1 bag frozen veggies
2-3 boxes of scalloped potatoes depending
1 can of fruit cocktail/
mandarin oranges
Fresh potatoes
Fresh carrots



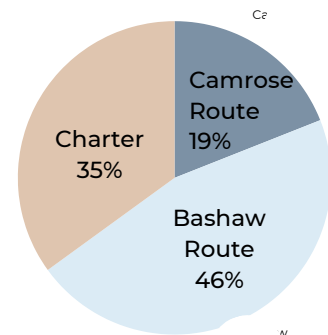
Bashaw Bus Society

The Bashaw bus continues to run in Bashaw every Tuesday, as well as the Camrose trips every other Thursday. Even though the Covid restrictions were lifted up, we continued to practice Covid protocols to protect our riders who are mostly vulnerable seniors.

BDSS staff were busy with bookings, monitoring drivers and making sure that we are meeting the requirements from Alberta Transportation. The Bus was also being utilized through Charter trips, for medical appointments, shopping trips, seniors field trips in partnership with Bashaw Meadows and BYC youth field trips.

Total # of Passengers
Camrose Bus Trips: 60
Bashaw Bus Trips: 154

~ Bus trips booked by charter and routine trips. ~



Bashaw Bus Society
Red Deer shopping trips to Bower Mall are coming up!

December 5

\$20 per person

Meet at the Bashaw CRC office to be picked up for 9AM.

Spots are limited.
Please call to book. 780-372-3631

ADULT/SENIOR OUTINGS...
charter to

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Presented by: Bashaw Bus Society

hello FALL

Catch a ride on the bus to **Cherry Lane B&B!**

\$10.00 transport plus cost of lunch

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TRANSPORTATION

This Program has served a lot of seniors in and around the Bashaw Community. It started in 2023 as a federally funded pilot project driving seniors to their medical appointments with no charge. All the clients we served were very grateful for the free services and all of our amazing volunteer drivers. We started with 11 drivers at the beginning of 2023 not including Debbie, Sarah and Sheila. When the funding ended in June of 2024, some of our drivers decided not to drive anymore because of the fuel cost and the wear and tear of their own vehicles. The seven drivers who stayed with us were very accommodating with our senior clients.

The Holliday Hauler joined our transportation fleet in May of 2024. It's been a great help transporting our seniors to their medical appointments. It was officially introduced to the public on November 8th, 2024. After the funding ended, we introduced new fee guidelines so we can continue to run this program.

Fees:

In Bashaw - \$10 flat rate
 0-150 km (up to 3 hours) - \$30
 151 – 250 km (up to 5 hours) - \$60
 251 – 350 km (up to 7 hours) - \$80
 351 – 450 km - \$100

<i>Holliday Hauler Van Booking:</i>	38
<i>Bashaw Elks Van Booking:</i>	23
<i>Regional Transportation Trips:</i>	106
(by a total of 15 Drivers)	



Program Report

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The administrative services of BDSS include the day-to-day operation of the programs and services including programming, financial records, payroll, accounting and communication tools such as the Community Connections newsletter, website and social media. During 2024 the adopted image, 'Bashaw and Area Community Resource Centre', continued to strengthen. The goal and overall purpose is to represent the collective efforts of all organizations apart of serving the Bashaw & Area population within our facility. Additionally, the administration and program staff provide information and referral services for the whole community, for any area of need or concern.

TARGET POPULATION

These services are available to the whole community. Community members see BDSS as a place of support. If they don't know where to go- they go to Bashaw and Area Community Resource Centre. Community members call or drop in for any and all questions or concerns.

COMMUNITY NEED

Statistics and tracking information indicate that the community has a high need for support services in the areas of mental health, social supports, transportation in and out of town (doctor's appointment and other support options) and one-on-one counseling. The administration staff does their best to provide service or referrals to families and individuals in need. During 2024, 8,947 opportunities arose to assist clients between January and December.

OBJECTIVES

To create, develop and maintain services that have been identified as needed. The community will be able to communicate with external agencies with accurate and detailed assessments of need. As a rural community, Bashaw will have services equal to those offered by larger centers.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

Engagements:

Community supports include many services on a walk-in basis. These services include (but are not limited to): assistance with photocopying, faxing, technology supports, general information about the community, assistance to fill out paperwork and forms, as well as assisting community members in finding resources and assisting them to access these resources.



2024 ENGAGEMENT

8,947

Needs
Served

Client Care: 73%

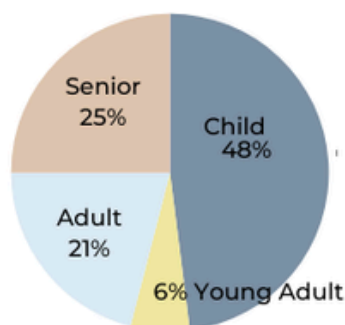
Community
Program
Assistance: 8%

Other: 6%

Health
& Wellness: 5%

Food Bank: 4%

Forms &
Technology
Support: 4%



Engagements

~ Residents served from Bashaw and surrounding areas including Camrose County, Lacombe County, Ponoka County & Stettler County. ~

COMMUNICATION TOOLS

BDSS utilizes many channels to reach its audience. This includes an online presence via website- www.bashawcrc.com and on social media @bashawcrc (both Facebook and Instagram).

All calendars, updates, program and event information and monthly newsletters are available in print and digitally.

OTHER SERVICES

BDSS provides services to the community through a variety of projects, including the following:

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Bashaw District Support Services in partnership with non-profit organizations provides the community and surrounding area with a general newsletter that promotes local non-profit organizations and their events and activities. The newsletter is a great way for this information to get to the population of seniors, who may not be able to access the information online.

COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING

The board and staff of Bashaw District Support Services are committed to building the community. They actively participate in meetings and events to build resources and programs that meet the social needs of all citizens within the community. Partnerships and community involvement, including but not limited to: Bashaw Community Wellness Team, Bashaw Chamber of Commerce, Bashaw Municipal Library, Bashaw Regional Health and Wellness Board, Bashaw Historical Society, Bashaw Adult Learning Council, Bashaw School, Bashaw Meadows, Bashaw RCMP, Alberta Health Services, Bashaw & District Food Bank, Bashaw Bus Society, Bashaw United Church, Healthy Families and Camrose Family Resource Centre.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES

BDSS encourages, promotes and coordinates volunteer events within the community. Our community flourishes on volunteerism. There is approximately 32 volunteer service organizations in Bashaw.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION/ PARTNERSHIPS

In our organization, volunteerism is essential to provide many of the services we offer: Meals on Wheels, Santa's Anonymous, Bashaw Food Bank, Bashaw Bus, Roots of Empathy, Preschool, Generations Daycare, Early Literacy Projects, Extended Learning Program, Summer Programs, fundraising events and of course the BDSS Board itself. As a community, we are truly grateful to our Volunteers! We would like to acknowledge members of our wonderful volunteer board, who continue to be strong pillars of support to our staff .

EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES

BDSS maintained it's role as Emergency Social Services Coordinator, prepared to serve the community in the event of any local or global disaster. In addition to local readiness, our team also serves as call out members for any Provincial Disaster needing manpower in operating Reception and Recovery Centres.

In 2024, we continued to develop our BDSS team by offering training and orientation. We also pursued planning meetings to update response plans.



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY FUND

Bashaw & District Support Services has appreciated continued partnerships to offer assistance through this fund. Our sincere thanks to members of our community for donating funds to help those in need.



OUR SINCERE THANKS To All Sponsors & Supporters

HOME SUPPORT-

Alberta Lottery Funds - Casino
Healthy Aging Alberta



BASHAW REGIONAL WELLNESS

Government of Alberta- Civil Society

GENERATIONS DAYCARE-

Government of Alberta



SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS AND CAMPS-

Bashaw Youth Foundation
Bashaw Recreation Board
Donors

FAMILY/ COMMUNITY WELLNESS-

Government of Alberta
Town of Bashaw- FCSS
Camrose County - FCSS



BASHAW & DISTRICT FOOD BANK-

Bashaw & District Food Bank
Food Banks Alberta
Donors



BASHAW & DISTRICT PRESCHOOL-

Government of Alberta



EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES-

Government of Alberta

MEALS ON WHEELS-

Town of Bashaw- FCSS
Camrose County - FCSS



NAVIGATION-

Government of Alberta
Bashaw Adult Learning Council
Village of Donalda
Healthy Aging Alberta

SANTA'S ANONYMOUS-

Anonymous Donors



EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM-

Government of Alberta



TRANSPORTATION-

Healthy Aging Alberta
Bashaw Victim Services

Bashaw & District
SUPPORT SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-

Town of Bashaw- FCSS
Camrose County- FCSS
Village of Donalda
Camrose Association for
Community Living
Government of Alberta
Government of Canada