



ENGAGED COMMUNITIES.
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2024 AGM
REPORT
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HIGHLIGHTS MAR 2023 – OCT 2024

Our five founding members conducted their very first board meeting in March 2023, creating a non-profit organization and embarking on a mission to realize every youth's potential by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all kids!

How are we achieving this?

- **Creating Awareness:** Through relationship-building and partnerships, we've established connected communities united by a shared goal.
- **Fundraising:** We provide resources and create opportunities for youth to learn, grow, and become future leaders.
- **Partnership Facilitation:** By providing funding, we enable partnerships that align with our mission.
- **Hub of Resources:** We share valuable resources and event information to support youth and their communities.

Objectives in Action!

Engage!

In keeping with our goal of community engagement, we set up booths and initiated connections at several key local events, building awareness and forming partnerships within Diamond Valley:

- **Diamond Valley Day** – Summer 2023
- **Skate Park Grand Opening** – Summer 2023
- **Ian Tyson Memorial Music Festival** – Summer 2023
- **Millarville Chucks, Chariots, and Bulls** – Summer 2023
- **Diamond Valley Light Up** – Dec 2023

Raise \$'s!

Our commitment to fundraising has allowed us to support and enhance educational and developmental opportunities for youth. Notable fundraising events include:

- **Diamond Valley Napa Autopro Grand Opening and Charity Dunk** – Summer 2023
Raised \$600 during a community dunking event, creating a memorable afternoon for all involved.
- **Fraction Energy Charity Event** – Sept 2023
With sponsorship from 17 oil and gas companies, we raised over \$35,000, establishing essential funding that set DVYF up for sustainable growth.
- **Fall Fling – Party for a Cause** – Nov 2023
Our first large-scale fundraiser, which raised \$20,000. This event was instrumental in supporting Diamond Valley elementary schools with much-needed resources.
- **Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign** – Dec 2023
Raised over \$1,800 from holiday cookie sales, with 50% of proceeds going directly to DVYF programs.
- **Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign** – May 2024
Raised \$6,158 during the spring campaign, fully supporting the DVYF STEAM program for local youth.

Additional Support:

Thanks to contributions from our local businesses, we gained vital support for our STEAM programs:

- **Sheep Creek Arts Council** – May 2024 – \$250
- **Celtic Indian Woodworks** – May 2024 – \$800
- **Diamond Valley Vision** – May 2024 – \$500
- **Blue Mountain Group** – May 2024 – \$500
- **AMP Financial** – May 2024 – \$500

Grant Success!

This year, DVYF successfully applied for and received grants to continue essential programs:

- **TC Energy Grant** – Summer 2024 – \$7,500 for STEAM initiatives
- **Friends of Sheep River Library** – Summer 2024 – \$1,500 supporting STEAM programming
- **Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Grant** – Spring 2024 – funding a community focused podcast initiative

Empower & Impact!

Through DVYF funding, we have supported various impactful initiatives that foster growth, community connection, and access to enriching experiences for youth:

- **Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them!** – Jan 2024 to Jan 2025
A year-long, monthly book club for grades 7-12, fostering literacy and creating a safe space for youth to connect and explore books. Our sponsorship of \$2,000 ensured that participants receive a free book monthly and access to recreational activities.
- **C. Ian Maclaren Donation** – Nov 2023
With a \$10,000 donation, DVYF provided stage lighting for school performances, enhancing arts education and community events.
- **Turner Valley Elementary School Support** – Nov 2023
Donation of \$10,000 to support school-wide initiatives, enriching student learning experiences.
- **Breakfast with Santa** – Dec 2023
Our \$1,000 donation supported this cherished holiday tradition at the Turner Valley Legion, benefiting 100 local children and their families.
- **Family Support** – Dec 2023
In partnership with community donors, DVYF provided \$1,000 in financial support to a local family facing medical challenges, helping alleviate costs for essential needs.
- **Drillers Basketball Support** – March 2024
Our \$1,000 donation covered costs for the Oilfields High School basketball team to attend the provincial championships, ensuring all families could cheer on the team.
- **CIM Music Program Support** – March 2024
With \$1,500, DVYF covered travel expenses for 63 music students to attend the Alberta Provincial Music Festival, providing them with a valuable performance experience.
- **Handball Tournament Sponsorship** – May 2024
Supported event costs for 250 local students at the Tier II Handball Provincials, promoting physical activity and community spirit.
- **Foothills Skating Club Ice Carnival** – March 2024
DVYF's \$750 funding enabled costume updates for the Ice Carnival, showcasing young skaters' skills and dedication.
- **Indigenous Cultural Luncheon** – June 2024
Through a \$1,000 sponsorship, DVYF contributed to an immersive event celebrating Indigenous traditions, enhancing cultural awareness for students and members of the indigenous community.
- **Sprouts Summer Camp** – July-August 2024
Partnered with local organizations, providing \$1,300 to support summer day camps focused on nature, arts, and local community engagement.

- **STEAM After School Club** – Starting September 2024
DVYF subsidized 50% of enrollment costs, making this hands-on STEAM program accessible to 26 students. Held in collaboration with Sheep River Library, it fosters skills and interest in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.
- **High Country Regional Band Program Support** – School Year 2024/25
DVYF contributed \$2,500 toward band program activities, helping provide resources for a music clinic, band camp, and performances, supporting youth artistic development across multiple schools.

Looking Forward

By remaining true to our vision, DVYF has created meaningful change and strengthened community bonds across Diamond Valley. We look forward to continued growth, partnerships, and expanding our reach to empower more youth and families in the years ahead.