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Moving the Mainstream- *Socially relevant and innovative media*

In 1967 the [National Film Board of Canada \(NFB\)](#) began using its remarkable media skills to help build community in neighbourhoods across Canada. That year, the NFB launched Challenge for Change, a program that used documentary film and video to effect social change across the country.

That history of social activism continues today with NFB's intent to influence community through CITIZENShift, a web site initiative dedicated to citizen engagement and social change. The agency is also involved in an array of community initiatives, such as [Action for Neighbourhood Change](#).

NFB creates audiovisual works that are socially relevant and innovative. They're doing so by using video as a tool to train youth, as well as to crystallize and visualize the challenges communities identify as key concerns.

NFB producers work to ensure that films are created and developed by the community itself. Apart from the youth training aspect, community members participate in the film making process by contributing to the research, participating in dialogue, expressing needs and desires as well as helping to firm up ideas and concepts.

The agency uses its resources to share the films through its website and distribution networks in an effort to engage Canadians, helping them to share in the excitement of these socially relevant and innovative media initiatives.

 Visit the NFB website!

Related Links:

- Civic Engagement for Children and Families
 - *Be sure to check out the outreach video toolkit!*
- Project: Think Different
- Center for Social Media
- Public Engagement Media Center
- Tamarack's movie reviews!

By: Kerrie Skillen

VC Edmonton Recieves Funding

The City of Edmonton recently provided Vibrant Communities Edmonton with \$342 000 in funding, in a one time lump sum that was part of the City's dispersal of the Social Services Revenue Stabilization fund.

The funding came as the result of a consultation process involving the Community Services Advisory Board and representatives from various Branches in Community Services. The Committee determined criteria for recommending an allocation of funding based upon which they made their recommendation to the Community Services Committee of Council and to City Council for final approval.

The money will be used for operations to help them achieve their goals in 3 key strategic areas; workforce development, family economic supports and community investment.

Vibrant Communities Edmonton's hard work has resulted in them receiving support from various funders including the Clifford E Lee Foundation and the Community Initiatives Program from Alberta Gaming. Adding it all up, they have raised approximately \$467,000!

All of the other Vibrant Communities members are also actively pursuing funding opportunities. Each have received various amounts of both financial and in-kind support.

Related Links:

- [Vibrant Communities Edmonton](#)
- [Comprehensive Grantmaking](#)
- [Vibrant Communities Funders Network](#)

By: Kerrie Skillen, Jenny Kain and Karen Gingras

The ABC's of Community

Who has more contact with your child than you?

In all likelihood, your child spends more time each day with their teacher than they do with you.

As a result, teachers play an influential role in a child's development and learning. They therefore, have an important role in helping to shape children's sense of community.

There are no "ABC's" for teaching community and community principles to children, but there are many exciting ways for teachers to use their influence to build community within the classroom and to bring aspects of the wider community into the school setting.

There are also great resources available for teachers to build community into the classroom, modeling respect for others, providing methods of conflict resolution, and helping children constructively solve their own problems.

 Check out these resources on community in the classroom!

Related Links:

- [Building a classroom community](#)
- [Kids Corner](#)

By: Louise Kearney with Anita Fieguth

Hungry for Hungary? - Laura exposes her top-secret family recipe

Psssst...Can you keep a secret? Lean in close to hear me because what I'm about to share with you is a top secret 'Hungarian family recipe' that has been the special occasion meal in my family for as long as I can remember.

Now before I go ahead and blow the lid off the whole thing, I must first explain my justification for deciding to share this 'top secret' information with you today.

I never did understand 'family recipes'. If you love a dish that much, wouldn't you want more people to make it? I think it would be a fabulous surprise to visit a friend's house and 'Ta da!', there is your all-time-favorite family recipe waiting for you on the table. To me, that's heaven! I would love to walk into a buffet-style restaurant called "101 family recipes" and feast on everyone's well-kept secret recipes.



I offer to you my family's secret recipe with the hope that you'll enjoy it as much as I do. (By the way, you didn't get this from me.) Enjoy!



[Download Laura's recipe for chicken paprikas!](#)

Related Links:

- [Soup's on](#)

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