



Board of Directors

OFFICERS

Lorna Shaw

Chairperson

Lorna was raised on a farm in central Alberta. She has a degree in Social Work and has been employed in this service sector since 1976. The majority of her career has been spent working with children and families who live in rural communities.

Lorna was employed as a Social Worker with an Okotoks based foster care program from 1995 and it is through her connection with this Agency that she became involved with Region 3 Family Based Care Society in 2000. Prior to this she was employed with the Provincial Government from 1978 to 1995 also as a Social Worker in the Child Protection field. Her 35 year career has been in the area of child abuse and neglect and how issues such as poverty, addictions, and domestic violence directly impact children and families.

Lynn Lynn

Vice-Chairperson

Lynn brings a wealth of worldly experiences to the Board of Rowan House. She has lived and worked in three provinces of Canada as a Physical Education and English teacher, a Program Coordinator for Okanagan College in Revelstoke BC and a realtor based in Calgary.

In the communities in which she has lived, Lynn has sat on Recreation Commissions, was a Director of Protocol for Track & Field at the first Canada Summer Games in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the Director of Protocol at the BC Winter Games in Revelstoke BC in 1983 where she was responsible for leading and managing over 1,000 volunteers. As a realtor in Calgary, Lynn was involved in their company's efforts to raise funds for women's shelters. A resident of Okotoks since 1986, Lynn sat for two terms on the Okotoks Economic Development Commission and was its chair for two years. From 2001 to 2003, Lynn lived in Kosovo accompanying her husband on an international development project where she worked and volunteered with the UN. Lynn sat on the FCSS advisory Board for Okotoks in 2008. In 2009, she spent several months in Jordan where her husband was involved in another international project. In addition to Rowan House, Lynn currently sits on the Board and volunteers for Literacy for Life. Lynn is married, has two sons, and three grandchildren.

Marg Foessel

Treasurer

Marg has been employed by the Alberta Real Estate Association (AREA), since August, 2010, managing the finance department. AREA is a non-profit provincial organization representing 11 regional real estate boards and more than 10,000 members.

Prior to joining AREA, she was employed by Catalyst LLP Accountants from 1986 (when the firm name was Coakwell Moore) until 2010, at first working as a staff accountant while she earned her Certified General Accountant designation and later as a manager in the Audit and Assurance division. Over the past few years Marg has volunteered with Foothills Special Olympics, Habitat For Humanity and the Foothills Country Hospice. Through one of those involvements, she connected with Region 3 Family Based Care Society and joined the Board of Directors as the Treasurer in May, 2009. Marg has been a resident of the Foothills MD with her husband since 1981 and considers herself very fortunate to have a wonderful family – a daughter, a son and a daughter-in-law - plus lots of extended family living in the area.

Leslie MacRae

Secretary

Leslie was raised on a farm in rural Saskatchewan and moved to Calgary in 1997, where she attended the University of Calgary. Leslie was awarded a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) in Sociology from the University of Calgary in 2002.

Leslie then moved on to graduate school at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario where she was awarded a Master of Arts in Sociology. She worked as a research and teaching assistant throughout her undergraduate and graduate programs, and volunteered for a number of non-profit organizations providing support to prisoners and their families in the Kingston area during her time at Queen's. Leslie returned to Calgary and began work as a research associate at the Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family in February 2005 before accepting the position of Coordinator of Alberta-Based Research Projects in the fall of 2007. She has conducted numerous studies on topics related to law and family during her time at CRILF, including family violence issues in Alberta. Leslie moved to Okotoks in 2008, and continues to live there with her husband. She began volunteering with Rowan House Emergency Shelter in 2008, became a member of the Region 3 Family Based Care Society Board of Directors in 2009, and is currently the Board Secretary.

BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Christie

Director

Tom is a Constable with the Turner Valley RCMP and has been on the Board of Directors of Region 3 Family Based Care Society since 2004. He has twenty nine years of service and has extensive experience and training in Domestic Violence related issues.

Catherine Gowan

Director

Catherine is employed by TD Canada Trust and as of February, 2011 is the manager of the Okotoks location. Throughout the years Cathie has worked at various locations in the provinces of both Ontario and Alberta.

Over the past years she has volunteered with schools, sports teams, music programs, Breakfast for Children Program, Adopt a Road and recently volunteered at Discovery House in Calgary. Cathie's husband and herself have lived in Alberta for the past 4 years and feel fortunate to have one daughter in Calgary and one daughter in Ontario and a combined total of 3 wonderful grandchildren.

Anne Mackay

Director

Anne has a varied background in nursing with most recent experience as a Rural Public Health Manager and presently as Manager for Sexual Health Clinics, the Sexual Assault Response Team and the Domestic Violence program for the Calgary Zone of Alberta Health Services.

Anne has lived and worked in the rural Foothills area for over 35 years and is committed to ensuring equivalency of services for rural Albertans. Anne has been a longtime volunteer in her rural communities including involvement with the Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society, Foothills School Division, the Okotoks United Way and the Healthy Okotoks Coalition.

Dawn Malcolm

Director

Dawn recently joined the Board of Directors in July 2011. Dawn has been working in the healthcare industry for over 20 years, in various roles including Payroll, Benefits and Human Resources. She is currently working with the HR Systems team.

A few of her roles include developing business and system processes, facilitating systems upgrades and identifying enhancements. Dawn lives in High River with her husband, Bob Dyck, together they have seven children and five grandchildren.

Lynn Rollins

Director

Lynn, as the newest member of the Board, brings a background in Health Service Management.

Sherrie Botten

Executive Director

Sherrie has been in the position of Executive Director for Region 3 Family Based Care Society, overseeing the operations of the Eagle House Group Home and the Rowan House Emergency Shelter since May 1, 2008.

Prior to 2008, Sherrie was the Outreach Counselor at Rowan House Emergency Shelter. Sherrie's background is in social work and human service and she has worked with several not-for-profit Boards during her career. Sherrie has degrees in Psychology & Non-Profit Management with 25 years of relevant experience. Sherrie has worked in the field of helping children and families for the majority of her career, with the last several years focusing in the area of domestic violence. During her career, she has worked in government, private agency and school settings. Sherrie has also developed and managed a private company dealing with nutritional care. She is a strong advocate for the vulnerable population and volunteers in several capacities in her community. Sherrie's main areas of responsibility are Leadership, Management, and Fundraising.

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