

# Carberry & Area Community Foundation

## Vital Conversation World Café



### **What is the biggest challenge (or challenges) facing the community?**

- Lack of volunteers
- Expenses/cost
- Staying fresh/keeping up with the times
- Sustainability/opportunities for young people
- Promoting our existing infrastructure
- Attracting businesses back to Main Street and having people shop locally
- Public washroom availability
- Population growth/demographics
- Bedroom community
- Agriculture struggles
- Communication i.e.: paper, signage listing businesses and services

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**How are youth (uniquely) affected by the challenges facing our community?**

- Few opportunities, so they leave
- Attitude towards them from older generations
- Lack of recreational options for older youth
- Need for jobs and job mentoring
- Lack of leisure activities outside of sports that appeal to older youth (arts, music, etc.)
- Limited educational opportunities (variety of courses, apprenticeship availability)
- Newcomer and translation services (English as an Additional Language)

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### **What do you want to see more of in our community?**

- More businesses on Main Street and more support for local
- More doctors and other health care professionals
- More tourism – additional promotion
- Diversity in recreation for youth, other than sports
- Exchange programs
- More support and recognition for activities i.e.:  
communication and exposure

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### **What is working well in the community?**

- High level of volunteerism
- Volunteer groups are connected
- Supportive local businesses
- Homecare services/medical
- K – 12 School
- Access to services
- Location – close to highways and Spruce Woods
- Citizens are very generous
- Digital sign
- Lots of recreational services
- Youth engagement
- Business signage
- Emergency services – fire, EMS, etc.
- Affordable housing
- Senior involvement
- Food cupboard
- C.A.C.F.
- Community pride

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### **What can be learned from successes?**

- Participation is contagious
- A need to build a volunteer base
- In order to maintain, there needs to be a plan for succession
- Need to be willing to change and adapt
- Multi-generational activities are crucial
- Money comes in – money goes out
- Keep moving forward – explore new options
- Be willing to be competitive

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**Are you aware of the available options to contribute to C.A.C.F.?**

- 24-Hour Giving Challenge
- Memory Tree of Lights
- Donation at local financial institutions
- Legacy gift, in memory of donation
- Online on C.A.C.F. website
- Approach board members



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**What would we want our community to look like 10 years from now? (1 of 2)**

- Vibrant, like a Hallmark movie!
- Thriving and surviving
- Maintain current services
- Economic opportunities
- Medical and emergency services available
- Beautiful
- People to know where Carberry is

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**What would we want our community to look like 10 years from now? (2 of 2)**

- A revitalized Main Street
- Occupied and busy storefronts and businesses
- Variety of recreation services for all ages
- Busy
- Population growth
- Improved infrastructure
- More community support and involvement



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### **How can we work towards the changes that we want to see?**

- Communicate what is here already – “sell” ourselves
- Tap into youth – listen to them
- Community involvement – participation
- Encourage commercial development – Community “Dragon’s Den”
- Promotion
- Speaking positively about the community when away from it
- Change with the times
- Encourage and support the resources that already exist
- Walk the talk
- Make Carberry a destination (publicity) – social media

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**What are some events you would like to see C.A.C.F. host?**

- More brainstorming evenings – with results
- Include families and extend personal invites
- Seminar on the benefits of living here
- Community events
- Talk to new people in town – thank them for moving here
- Block parties

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### **How are youth currently leading in the community?**

- Youth coaching – soccer, skating, gymnastics
- Girl guides, Samaritan House, Church youth groups (including 43 Main), Soup kitchen
- Student Council
- Youth in Philanthropy
- 4-H
- Cadets
- Peer mentors
- High School helpers
- Care Home (school credit)
- Drop In Centre
- Jr. Firefighters
- MB 150 youth
- Volunteer credit (school)

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### **What assets would further support youth leadership?**

- Rent free access to space
- Invite youth/include them
- More available public spaces to use
- Mentorship/volunteerism at various levels
- School credits/scholarships for volunteering
- Assistance to seek out existing scholarships/communication about existing scholarships
- Mentoring with social media
- Donations
- Youth Engagement Leader/Coordinator
- Booking calendar (online)
- Calendar of events – what's going on and where
- Observe at council meetings
- Promotional videos (YouTube)

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**How can C.A.C.F. better communicate their contributions to the community?**

- Social Media
- Entertainment programs
- Set up at local events
- Promote on digital sign
- WCG-TV
- Local paper – flyers
- Plaques