**SMLCS ANNUAL REPORT DECEMBER 21, 2015**

**Name and Address of Agency**: Shining Mountains Living Community Services

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**Charitable Number**: 899170260 RR 0001

**Incorporation Number*:*** 516514866 **Incorporation Date**: 04/12/95

**Contact Person*:*** Raye St. Denys **Title**: Executive Director

**MISSION:** Promote a policy of service provision on a status blind basis, that allows individuals including those with or without HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and other blood borne illness, the opportunity to have equal access to services and resources that are appropriate socially, spiritually and culturally and that promotes quality of life in a respectful manner.

**PROGRAMS:**

1. Shining Mountains Living Community Services HIV/AIDS Prevention, Education and Awareness is supported through operational funding received from ACCH and project funding received from PHAC. It provides outreach activities as well as office based programs primarily for Aboriginal youth/young women at risk of or living positive for HIV/AIDS/HCV. The agency provides culturally sensitive and safe aboriginal education and awareness training to reduce the spread of sexually transmitted disease and HIV/AIDS, HCV, STIS and other blood borne issues

1. *Residential program “Tawow*” includes the original receiving home, a 12 unit apartment block and two 4plexes. Each of these facilities provides low income housing and has a priority of service to women/children escaping violence, and addictions. This program is unfunded and is supported through tenant rents.
2. *Basic Needs* *program* originally offered basic food, health and hygiene and needle exchange supplies, blankets and warm/dry clothes for marginalized people who were homeless or at risk in Red Deer, without regard to race, age or gender. This program now addresses nutritional needs of those recently or marginally housed but still at risk due to poverty. The changes include support and teaching to encourage self sufficiency in people, by assisting them to learn to cooking skills for themselves instead of constantly depending upon “soup kitchens”. The program now also offers knowledge and opportunity to increase nutritional resources and decrease costs by utilizing traditional preservation of meat, fruit and vegetables through drying and canning.
3. *Cultural Education and Teaching* programs: Shining Mountains has provided a variety of Aboriginal cultural and history knowledge programs for over 15 years. These services are provided to community colleges, employment training services, as well as multiple human service agencies. Training sessions are arranged in a series of levels which focus on issues of general history, traditions and protocols, legal issues, cultural cooperation and Métis specific knowledge..
4. *Youth Outreach –* These programs are a recent endeavor by SMLCS, initiated at the request of six youth, who helped design two projects, one for girls under 17 affected by violence and one for all youth aged 11 – 18 to regain Métis cultural knowledge including language, history, skills etc.
5. *Social Connections* – This grouping of projects is funded through MAC AIDS and ViiV, for rural and remote Aboriginals, with a focus on Metis. The projects provide confidential and anonymous support offered by a registered social worker as well as a drop in component.

FUNDERS: GOVERNMENT: Alberta Community HIV/AIDS Fund

 Public Health Agency of Canada

 GRANTS: MAC AIDS

 ViiV

 Donations: Apeetogosan

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