

Community Services

2025 Year in Review



Staying Connected

The Town of Penhold, Town of Penhold Community Support Services and Penhold Youth Club (PYC) social media pages & website are valuable information sources for residents.

Facebook followers:

3896 TOP

529 PYC

1026 FCSS

Instagram (TOP)

1467 followers

E-NEWS subscribers

489

Website views

average 150 daily



PYC raised over \$7900 from Smile Cookie Week!



Penhold Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) offers a variety of programs, activities, and resources for all ages.

FCSS Community Navigators design and deliver preventive social initiatives and services that strengthen individual, family, and community well-being. Through collaboration with community groups and organizations, they help bridge gaps between service providers and the community. In 2025, over 1600 individuals participated in the following programs & activities:

- Tech Tips for Older Adults & Seniors
- Craft sessions at the Seniors Drop In Centre
- Home Alone Safety for Kids
- Babysitters course
- Molly Simpson presentation in partnership with PYC
- Youth Week in partnership with PYC



- Drop-In Playgroup
- Craft & Connect
- Snow Angels
- Yard Angels
- Family Play Day
- Lego Club
- Craft Club
- Summer Park Plays



- CPA Tax Prep Community Partner
- Penhold Discovery Night
- Welcome to Penhold
- Palliative Ponders – Death Café
- Stocking Stuffers for Seniors



Penhold Youth Club (PYC)

In 2025, we saw the successful development of a strong youth volunteer base through the Leaders in Training (LiT) program. LiT members collectively contributed 1,050 volunteer hours. A total of 25 youth stepped into leadership roles, with many leveraging their experience to secure summer employment as camp counsellors or to pursue post-secondary education in fields working with children, such as education.

Participation across weekly programs remained strong throughout the year. The Teen Night program experienced notable growth, increasing from 12 regular participants to 22 by the end of 2025.

In the fall, PYC partnered with the Wolfe Family and the Penhold Museum to deliver Fright Night 2025. This two-day event featured immersive experiences led by both community and PYC youth volunteers. A total of 480 attendees toured the haunted museum.

PYC members participated in several fundraisers and earned over \$13,000 towards field trips, program supplies and other activities.



186

Youth in grades 4-12 registered

1100

Volunteer hours at PYC



Community Events

The Community Services team hosted four (4) major events and worked with Canadian Blood Services to launch the first annual Penhold Cares campaign in 2025. All events continued without an admission fee being charged to ensure there were no financial barriers for the community to attend events and enjoy time with their friends and neighbours.

Penhold Cares February 1 to 28



In partnership with Canadian Blood Services, the goal of this campaign is to encourage local residents, and all of Central Alberta, to donate blood throughout the month to acknowledge the world record accomplishment of Penhold resident Josephine Michaluk.

The 2nd annual challenge was Penhold VS the rest of Central Alberta with the area divided into 6 zones. Penhold had 46 donors and ranked 4th overall. The 2025 campaign was a success for Canadian Blood Services, helping them reach their monthly goal but increasing awareness.

Easter Eggstravaganza Saturday April 12

Approximately 300 attendees enjoyed wagon rides, cookie decorating, crafts, face painting, Easter Bunny photos, bouncy slide & an obstacle course at this free admission family focused event.

Canada Day Celebration Monday July 1

PYC Pancake Breakfast raised over \$1,500 for the PYC program.

Canada's birthday was celebrated on a beautiful day at Lincoln Street Rec with over 200 attendees enjoying the PYC Pancake Breakfast and activities for all ages. The bubble show presentation was a crowd favourite along with the caricature artist, outdoor games and face painting.

Fall Festival Friday September 5 & Saturday September 6

The largest event of the year brought the community together on Friday & Saturday to enjoy all the Fall Festival activities. The biggest highlight of the event was the Calgary Stampede stage and the improvement to performances from having the stage. With the help of over 100 staff, volunteer fire fighters and community members from local groups who volunteered their time, Fall Festival 2025 was a great time for the community to gather and for visitors to come see all Penhold has to offer.

Community Christmas Friday November 21

Penhold's annual kick off of the holiday season had a great addition with the Monarch Winter Village light display in the RV Park. This feature was lit up for the first time during Community Christmas along with the indoor tree lighting, wagon rides, hot chocolate, vendor market, cookie walk, crafts, face painting, cookie decorating, Santa photos and a green visitor from Whoville. The Museum Society and Senior Drop-In Centre had successful fundraisers at the event and 108 Little Shoppers purchased gifts for family and friends with the assistance of Church of Hope volunteers in the Little Shoppers area. Activities like the Tour of Lights, Christmas Light BINGO & colouring contest carried on until mid December.



Fall Festival



Community Christmas



Canada Day



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Community Volunteer Groups

donated their time to ensure the success of Town of Penhold events



Fall Festival