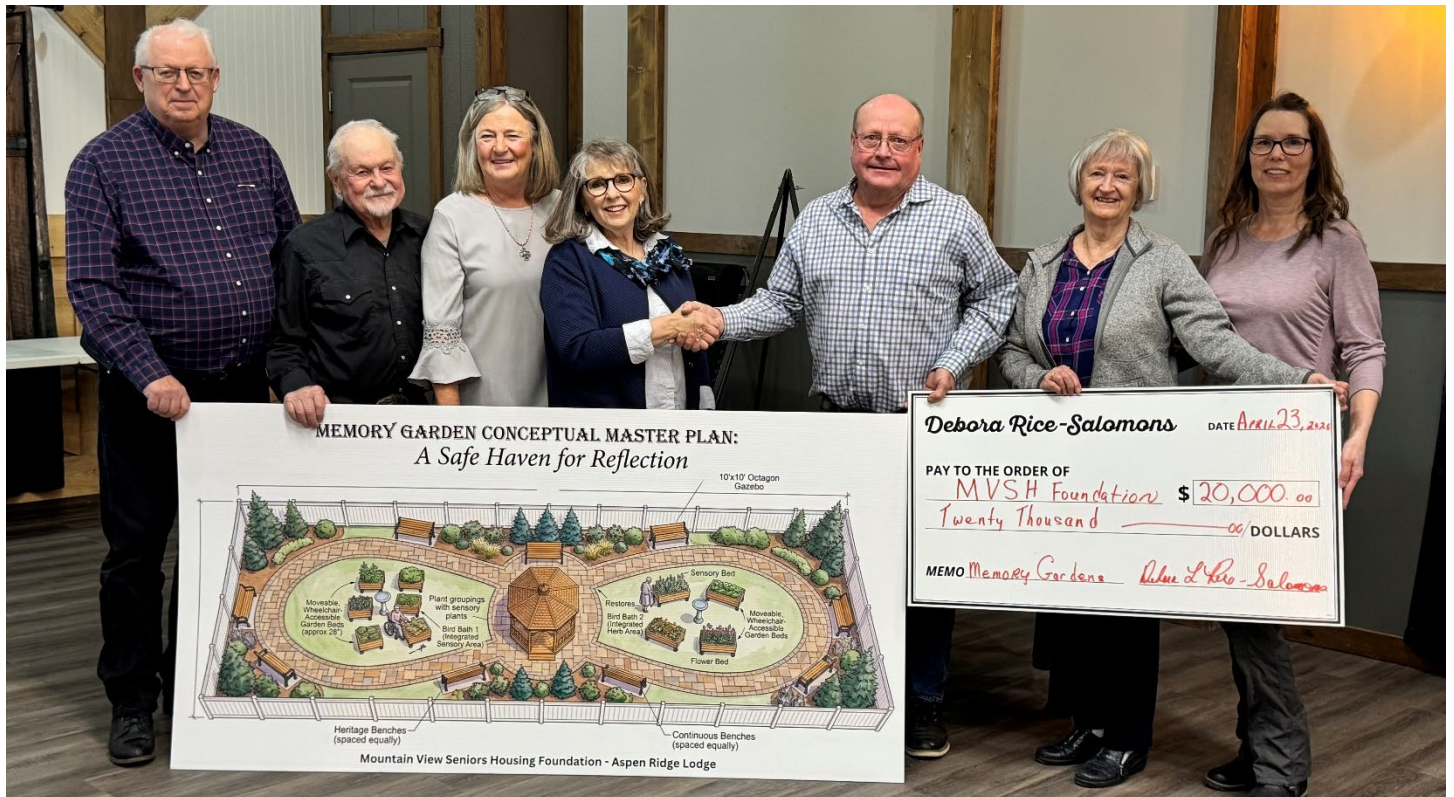


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**Generous Donation Gives Start to Aspen Ridge Lodge CCHB-SS Memory Garden Project**



Pictured from left to right: Mayor of Sundre, Richard Warnock (MVSHF Director), Wayne Milaney (MVSHF Director), Deb Ward (MVSHF Director), Debora Rice-Salomons (Donor), Alan Miller (MVSHF President), Doreen Bills (MVSHF Director), Teina Bowen (Site General Manager for Aspen Ridge Lodge).

**DIDSBURY, AB** - A generous \$20,000 donation is giving meaningful momentum to a new therapeutic outdoor space for residents living with dementia at Aspen Ridge Lodge in Didsbury. Mountain View County resident Debora Rice-Salomons has donated \$20,000 to the Mountain View Seniors' Housing Foundation (MVSHF) to support the initial planning and design of a secure Memory Garden for residents of the Aspen Ridge Lodge Continuing Care Home Type B – Secure Space (CCHB-SS) Unit. The donation marks the first step toward creating a welcoming, accessible outdoor environment designed specifically to support residents living with cognitive change.

The conceptual Memory Garden will provide a calm, enclosed space where residents can safely enjoy fresh air, nature, and gentle movement, all proven elements that support well-being, reduce anxiety, and encourage meaningful connection for individuals living with dementia.



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"This generous gift allows us to move from vision to action," said Alan Miller, President of the Mountain View Seniors' Housing Foundation. "On behalf of the Foundation and the residents of Aspen Ridge Lodge, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Deborah Rice-Solomons for her compassion and belief in enhancing the quality of life for seniors. This donation gives us a strong and meaningful start."

With the initial planning now underway, the Aspen Ridge Lodge Memory Garden Project will become the Foundation's primary fundraising focus for the coming year, inviting the broader community to play a role in bringing the space to life as we launch various fundraising efforts over the coming months.

The project will also serve as the dedicated cause for the 16th Annual Mountain View Seniors' Housing Foundation Golf Classic, taking place September 10, 2026, at the Carstairs Community Golf Club. Funds raised through the tournament and related initiatives will directly support the development and construction of the Memory Garden.

"Having a clear, special purpose behind our fundraising makes a powerful difference," added Miller. "This garden will be a legacy, a space of dignity, comfort, and joy for residents and their families. We're excited to rally our golfers, sponsors, and community partners around a project that will have such a meaningful impact." Further details about the Memory Garden Project and the upcoming Golf Classic will be shared in the months ahead.

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