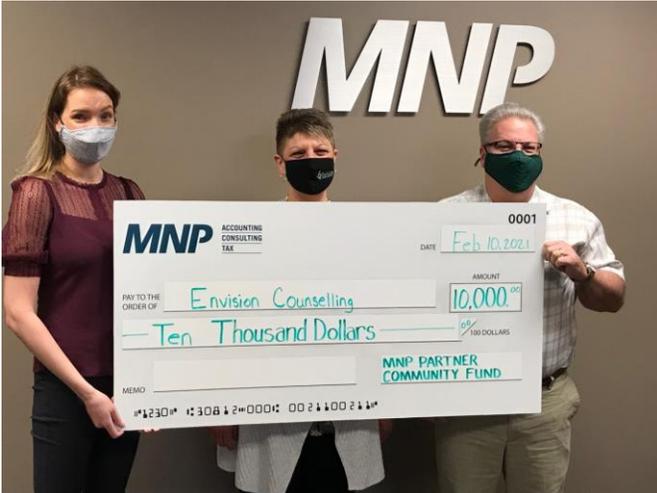


Envision Counselling Receives \$10,000 Donation From MNP

Written by: Rob Mahon -- Published: Wednesday, 10 February 2021 10:11 -- Category: Local News



Envision Counselling's executive director Christa Daku (middle) accepts a cheque for \$10,000 from MNP.

In a year where many of their usual fundraisers haven't been able to happen or have been greatly modified, Envision Counselling and Support Centre has been feeling the love from the southeast as businesses and individuals step up to support them. Today, they got another big show of that support.

MNP has donated \$10,000 to Envision Counselling, presenting the cheque at their offices this morning. The money comes from the partners in the southern Saskatchewan area, who pool their donations for one local organization.

"Amazing community support," said Christa Daku, executive director at Envision. "We've been really fortunate over the past year, especially with COVID. I think people understand that mental health awareness and the wellness of people in our communities is of the utmost importance to our organization."

Daku said the money won't have a firm destination just yet, as she's hopeful to push it into their coffers for the coming fiscal year. Wherever the money ends up, however, the people who raised it are confident it will do a lot of good.

"This past year, one of our focuses has been on mental health and addiction," said Dave Hammermeister, principal partner with MNP in Estevan. "We looked at their (Envision's) geographical overlap. They're primarily in southeast Saskatchewan and that's where most of the partners from our group that have contributed to it are from as well."

Donations like these have helped Envision not only keep their head above water in a difficult year but have helped them expand programming to meet what has been a mental health crisis. With more people than ever reaching out for help, Envision has had to work harder than ever to help them all.

"Our communities have been really generous," Daku said. "Whether it be our gift card drive over Christmas, that really helped a lot of our clients out... people have really looked at our counseling programs to help us maintain what we do. Our counseling programs are really, really busy and our team just keeps stepping up to the plate."

Daku added with several new programs started over the last year, even before COVID-19 set in, they've been working hard to keep up. She also said new programs like walk-in counseling and Bridging the Distance for seniors (which has since expanded even further) have been very successful so far.