

Calgary Region Reflections for 2015

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2015 has been an extraordinary year for Calgary Region Focus. The amazing people, organizations, events and places we showcased left us in awe.

The Calgary Region is truly a tremendous place to live.

To close this year, some of our writers wanted to reflect on writing for Calgary Region Focus and what they are looking forward to in 2016.

Matt Beauchamp, Content Contributor

Now in my second year of writing for the [Calgary Regional Partnership](#), the thing that I think back to the most when I reflect on my time writing is the people.

The Calgary Region is filled with amazing and generous people, and each time I sit down to interview a new person, or write a new story I'm inspired by the people that make this Region what it is.

It's these people that are moving our region into the future and I couldn't be more excited for what 2016 holds for us.

I've written about a [number of causes in the Calgary Region](#). That being said, the one nearest and dearest to my heart is the [Alberta Diabetes Research Institute and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation](#). I've been a Type 1 diabetic for over 30 years and what I find amazing is that Alberta is a world-leader in diabetes research – and that's not just lip service. With innovations like the [Alberta Protocol](#), we're leading the way on finding a cure for diabetes.

Matt Beauchamp is a local writer and owner of [MRB Ink](#).

Shari Fenn, Content Contributor

As a content writer for the Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP), what stands out most for me is the extraordinary people I am blessed to interview and get to know. The Calgary Region is a highly-educated, forward thinking community of people with amazingly generous hearts. We live in an incredibly progressive Region where entrepreneurial thinking and creativity abounds.

It's these amazing people around the Region that make my job of writing for the CRP worth getting up for in the morning. Every day is a new learning experience and sharing this with our readership is so very rewarding.

I was asked to speak about the causes that I care about. Hmm... that is a hard one. There are so many. However, my heart is always drawn toward the underdog, the broken in our culture, and the people who have had to find a way when there appears to be no way. I love to give whatever and whenever I can. People matter, and that is a cause that forever propels me to make a difference, one life at a time.

For anyone who has worked with me on interviews and story content this past year, thank you. You have enriched my life and inspired me to reach higher.

Shari Fenn is a Canadian storyteller, inbound content writer and owner of [Cross Communications Inc.](#)

Chad Hason, Content Contributor

Writing for the Calgary Region Focus has provided me with a front row seat to some truly amazing stories.

As a writer, the chance to tell a story is always more meaningful when you are personally invested in the subject matter – and I've learned there's few things as rewarding than an investment in community.

I've discovered events I now plan on attending annually, met people I now call friends and have begun to view a Region I've called home for 25 years in completely different light.

In fact, one story I wrote led me to book my wedding at a facility just out of town we didn't even know existed.

For me writing for the CRP isn't just another writing opportunity – it's about discovering hidden treasures right next door.

Chad Hason is a Canadian storyteller and owner of [Candid MarCom](#).

We want to thank all our readers for their support over the past year and look forward to showcasing more of the Calgary Region for 2016.