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COMMUNITY Corner

An update for the donors, friends, volunteers and beneficiaries of SSCF



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Welcome!

Your community foundation has so much to share we've decided to replace the regular fund letter with this newsletter update. We hope you find this newsletter will provide timely celebration highlights, operational and fund administration updates as well as a few impact stories. Fund disbursements and SSCF financial information will be forthcoming in early Spring 2020.

You can also read this on the website www.sscf.ca



VIDEOS HELP TO TELL OUR STORY

Three short videos acknowledged our Founders, our partners and our volunteers. Here's the link if you would like to watch and/or share it with friends and family. It is also available through the 'You Tube' link on the bottom of our website.

SSCFFounders



Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Russ Mirasty and Her Honour Donna Mirasty join Executive Director, SSCF Donna Ziegler and members of the North Central Family Centre's Children's choir who provided entertainment at the 50th Anniversary celebration.

WHAT A GOLDEN FINISH TO OUR ANNIVERSARY YEAR!

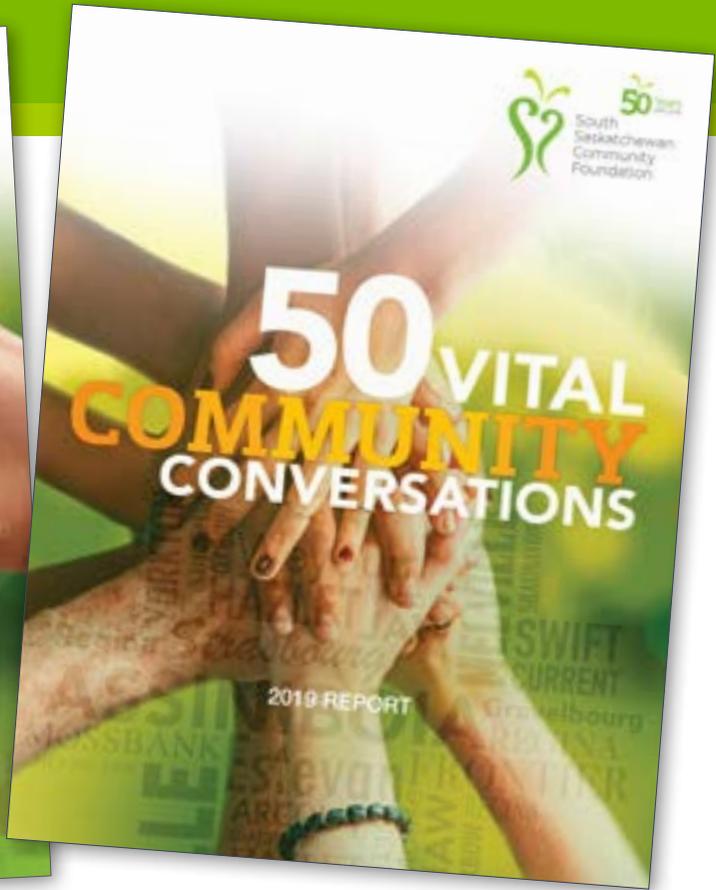
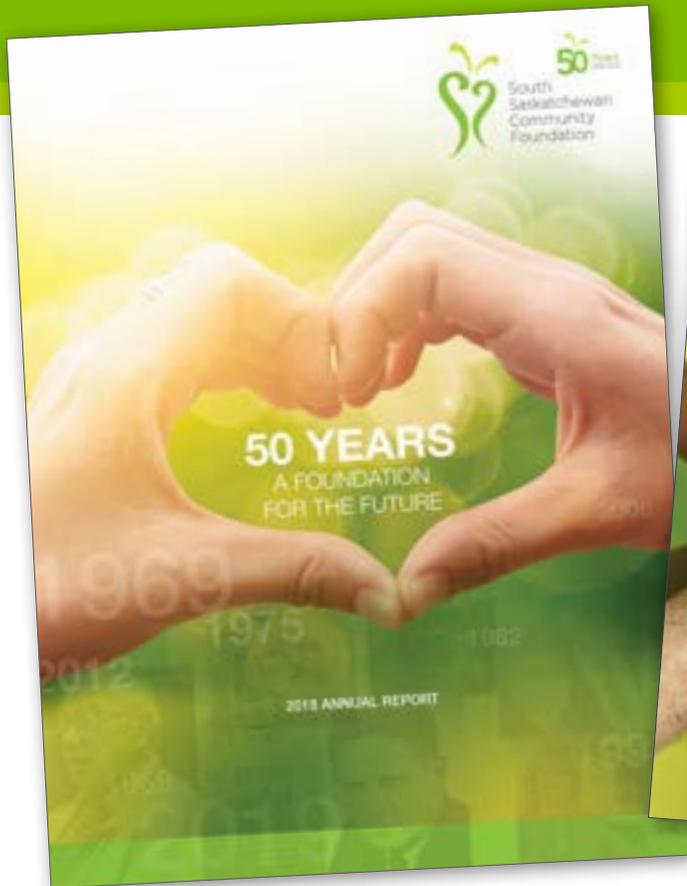
With your support, the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation celebrated 50 years over the course of the year with a variety of initiatives and impactful opportunities that will take us into the future.

Anniversary highlights

On October 24, we celebrated this milestone with more than 200 donors, past and present board members, charities, the Lieutenant Governor, Community Foundations of Canada, officials, Board, volunteers, friends of the Foundation and staff.

It was a historical evening highlighting accomplishments and celebrating cumulative impact. We were especially touched by His Honour's thoughtful words:

"Those who support the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation show us the way. You show us, by your example, that each of us has the power to make a difference, and together, we can address even the greatest challenges. Thank you for giving us hope for a bright future for all."



SPECIAL REPORTS RELEASED

This past year also saw the development of two key reports:

Annual Report - Our reflective historical annual report and our 50 Vital Community Conversations report provided the historical perspective of where we have been over the last 50 years. It tells the rich story of leadership, relationships, people, generosity and impact over the Foundation's last 50 years.

50 Vital Community Conversations Report -

This is a response to the mandate of all community foundations – to understand the needs and issues within their communities and build more resilient, strong and inclusive places to live, work and play. In this milestone year, the Foundation took an opportunity to lean in a little closer to our communities and listen to what matters most right at the grassroots level.

In total, 47 organizations held 56 conversations in 17 locations throughout south Saskatchewan and overall close to 2,000 people participated in these gatherings. The report tells the community story and walks you through the most challenging and emerging issues brought forward by community members who identified what indicators were most important, what

challenges lie ahead, and how solutions may emerge.

The results from the community conversations will help the Foundation define how we can work differently with our communities for the next 50 years. Utilizing the 50 Vital Community Conversations Report, we will go back into seven communities next year to host conversations around one of the five emerging issues. The special initiative was made possible through funds available from the Smart & Caring Fund. The Fund is a great opportunity to respond to emerging community needs. We encourage you to consider it as one of your charitable options as you disburse your funds back into community.

We invite you to be a part of the solution by contributing to this important Fund.

Please visit our website at www.sscf.ca for copies of these reports and important donation links.

NEW ONLINE GRANT PORTAL COMING TO YOU SOON!



We have listened to your request for providing more efficient and convenient access to Fund information. We will soon be launching a Fund management tool for SSCF Fund Advisors called an "Online Fund Portal". The Online Fund Portal is a value-added donor opportunity that was created when SSCF adopted a community relationship management (CRM) technology business solution.

Over the coming weeks we will be inviting a few Fund Advisors (Donors, Successors, Committee or Agency staff members who advise us on Funds) to test out this new Online Fund Portal. From there we will be inviting all Fund Advisors to personalized orientation sessions.

It will enable you to:

- review and manage your Fund activity and balances - just like you would when you bank, purchase, pay bills or donate online;
- recommend grants;
- review, print or save Fund Activity Reports from 2016 onwards;
- review, print or save gratitude letters or invitations; and
- support environmental efforts towards reducing paper and printing resources, as well as financial efforts to reduce mailing costs.

Given that the Online Fund Portal is so new, the SSCF will continue to mail annual statements, as well as your Fund balances and disbursement amount letters, to your address on file. Once you are oriented to the Online Fund Portal you can decide if you would like to change to receiving this information online.

Online Grant Portal

If charities are interested in applying for grants, please use the new online grant portal found here: [OnlineGrantPortal](#)

GIVING TUESDAY™

THERE IS STILL TIME TO GRANT OR ADD MONEY TO YOUR FUNDS.

December 3 - Giving Tuesday is just around the corner if you want to add to your Fund, donate to Smart & Caring or support any other Fund at the Foundation. We ask that you notify us soon by email or telephone. A reminder that we are closed December 24 to January 2.

Visit our website – www.sscf.ca and click on our "Donate Now" button.

We will be in contact soon.

Lorna Sandberg, our new Donor Services Administrator and Tiffany Caron, Granting Coordinator, will phone or email you in the next couple of months to give you more information about the Online Fund Portal project and how you can get involved.

If you have new contact information, please let us know at info@sscf.ca



PLEASE MARK THE DATE!

Thursday, January 23, 2020
– 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Regina Public Library
– Central Library Mezzanine

SSCF is proud to sponsor this event and reception welcoming best-selling author of *Worry-Free Money* and *Living Debt-Free* Shannon Lee Simmons. The author will provide some valuable insight about money, financial literacy and empowerment. *More detail soon!*

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The SSCF's organizational vision is "by 2022, the Foundation will have an expanded presence across southern Saskatchewan through enhanced donor relations, an increased asset base and community impact."

We believe in facilitating Saskatchewan philanthropy, supporting local charities, and developing our community so that our home is a more vital, strong, and fair place to live, work, and play.

SSCF's goal is a Saskatchewan where everyone has the opportunity to belong. We measure belonging and while 70% of our citizens experience a sense of belonging, we know there is work to do to include everyone in the opportunities Saskatchewan has to offer.



NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY AWARD

At National Philanthropy Day, Nov. 12, SSCF is proud to sponsor the first time ever Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Award to **Claire and Don Kramer**.

Their commitment to community lives on through their generosity to community and by creating a generational legacy by role modeling for their children.

We are grateful for their lifetime of support.

Advancing Social Impact

In 2018 the federal government announced their intention to support and advancement for Social Finance and Social Innovation in Canada over the next 10 years by setting up a

\$755 million Social Finance Fund

To help Social Purpose Organizations ready to apply for funds, a 2-year 50 million pilot program was announced called the Investment Readiness Program.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA
all for community

The Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) is one of the five trusted partners to help mobilize community led solutions and prepare social investment organizations to be investment ready. Through a call for proposals to community foundations across Canada, SSCF convened a discussion with three other Saskatchewan Community Foundations (Saskatoon, Prince Albert

and Battlefords & District) and other partners like the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, Community Futures and Economic Development groups across our province to develop a proposal that will support social purpose organizations here in Saskatchewan.

Our partners bring expert advice, business tools, evaluation expertise, reach and resources that will prepare potential social purpose organizations here in Saskatchewan to be successful. Social purpose organizations will be able to apply for non-refundable capital funding to advance their business opportunities and help them be successful in having social impact. The first phase is the Investment Readiness Program – getting organizations ready.

We will keep you posted on our efforts.



Thank you for all you do!

As we close this milestone year, the Board and staff thank you for everything you do for community – wherever you live. Giving back to registered charities and qualified donees makes for a better place for everyone.

The work we do in the community stems from our values to be the trusted, accountable, responsive, collaborative, and benevolent as an organization.

On behalf of our Board and staff, we thank you for choosing the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation to be your impact in communities in south Saskatchewan and across Canada. Big or small, please remember your donation makes a difference every day in the life of someone else.



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