

Initial Recipients Announced for SSCF Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation (SSCF) has announced initial recipients of the Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs. This Fund matches donations up to a total of \$500,000 in order to assist in addressing some of the urgent community requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Donna Ziegler, Executive Director, SSCF, said this Fund is in response to a plea for urgent and coordinated community action and thanks donors who have already made contributions to help charities during this time of need.

“In just over three weeks, we have raised a quarter million dollars, matched by SSCF, and we are now able to initially provide more than \$500,000 directly back into emerging community needs to 17 organizations right across southern Saskatchewan,” says Ziegler. “Front line charities are continuing to assist those in most desperate need. We want to help them continue these services as their circumstances change daily. We are indebted for all efforts to help to ensure these essential needs are met.”

The Fund is intended to focus on food security, shelter shortages, helping with children’s needs and those needs of most vulnerable populations. The applications were reviewed by a team of community stakeholders and address all these areas. More than 50 applications were received, and requests far exceeded the current funds available. Donations continue to be accepted online through the Foundation’s website www.sscf.ca. Current fund holders can use the online donor portal or can email info@sscf.ca or call (306) 751-4956.

Recipients and projects from throughout southern Saskatchewan include:

Organization	Funds		
All Nations Hope Network	\$20,000	Moose Jaw Transition House	\$50,000
AIDS Program South Saskatchewan	\$23,500	North Central Family Centre Inc.	\$20,000
Canadian Mental Health Association	\$16,000	Phoenix Residential Society	\$10,000
Caring Hearts Counselling Inc.	\$25,000	SOFIA House	\$21,500
Carmichael Outreach Inc.	\$50,000	Souls Harbour Rescue Mission Inc.	\$40,000
Cowessess Community Educational Centre	\$19,858	Regina Transition House Inc.	\$20,000
Family Resource Centre, Swift Current	\$5,500	The John Howard Society of Saskatchewan	\$35,000
Moose Jaw Non-Profit Housing Corporation	\$50,000	United Way of Estevan	\$50,000
		YWCA Regina	\$49,000
		Total to date	\$505,358

“SSCF’s Board of Directors wanted to provide matching dollars up to a total of \$500,000 to double the impact for donors and for charities in south Saskatchewan,” says Ziegler. “The matching dollars were made available from the estate of a generous founding member of the Foundation who willed the donation to be used at SSCF’s discretion. Community Foundations across Canada are finding ways to help their communities in this time of emergent and unprecedented need.”

With the community’s generosity, SSCF worked with 222 charities in 2019 and 197 charities in 2018.

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