

COMMUNITY Corner

SPECIAL EDITION

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



Message from our Executive Director

Leading and connecting from these new windows of hope

From the Foundation Board of Directors and staff, we truly want to extend a very heartfelt concern for the wellbeing of you, your family, friends and coworkers during these very unsettling times.

We will get through this together

For over 50 years our Foundation has grounded itself in the importance of relationships and connections with community. In this time of physical distancing, like each of you, staff and board are finding new ways to connect with our valued stakeholders. By working remotely, connecting with you by phone and email, reaching out to our community members, and staying connected through virtual meeting spaces, we are applying our true values of collaboration and responsiveness to keep our connections as our highest focus.



THANK YOU TO ALL ON THE FRONTLINE

We extend our appreciation to everyone on the frontlines. Workers in health care, emergency services, public works, essential services like grocery stores, and our very own charity leaders put themselves at significant peril as they perform their duties. They are doing amazing work for all of us during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Well beyond monetary gifts, community is reaching out and helping one another by bringing food to the elderly, moving to online learning for students, putting hearts in our windows for healthcare workers, providing pick-up and door-to-door delivery for immediate needs, and much more. It is truly remarkable to see these gifts of kindness and outpouring of social capital.

REGULAR DELIVERY OF SSCF SERVICES

Our team is here to help you navigate this new journey. While COVID-19 has taken us by surprise, we are ever attentive to our regular business practices and are continuing to address both competitive and community granting in the usual manner. Our staff continues to work with fund advisors and grantees to deliver services.

With your support, we are adjusting some timelines for grantees, redirecting project funds based on discussions and having general conversations on delivery of projects. Charities are grateful for the flexibility and quick response by donors during this granting period. We are happy to say that more than 60 grants have gone out the door across the province and Canada as requested by donors and through the competitive granting process since January.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS

If ever there was a time that help is needed in our community, it is now. In times of trouble, a Foundation like ours has the ability to support and help communities in need. By a gift from the Estate from a founding member, the Board of Directors made a very quick and responsive decision to help with immediate needs and match all donations up to \$500,000.

Our donors, business community and friends of the Foundation have stepped up immensely in the last three weeks and provided over \$250,000 to help our most vulnerable members right across south Saskatchewan. With SSCF matching those funds, we are able to initially provide more than \$500,000 directly back into emerging community needs to 17 organizations right across southern Saskatchewan.

This Emergency Fund for Community Needs is a plea to help community, and without a doubt, the community has stepped up. This money is for eminent needs in food security, shelter relief, children's needs and the needs of our most vulnerable where other funds are unavailable. Our community committee adjudicators had a difficult time choosing the first 17 recipients and there are many more applications that require funding.

Thank you to all for the generosity! Please watch for a complete list of donors to the Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs on the SSCF website once we reach our \$1 million goal!



WITHIN
3 WEEKS
WITH THE HELP OF GENEROUS DONORS
WE RAISED & GRANTED
\$500,000
BACK TO **17** Charities

Initial Fund Recipients

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



DONATE TO HELP APPLICANTS NOT YET FUNDED

We know there are double the amount of applications waiting for funds and the requests far exceed our current availability of money. As more support continues to come forward, we will evaluate these additional applications and respond accordingly with our adjudication community committee. Donations continue to be accepted online through the Foundation's website. Current Fund holders can use the online Fund portal or can email info@sscf.ca or call (306) 751-4956.



KINDNESS & GENEROSITY BUILDS COMMUNITY

One of the recipients of the Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs is the North Central Family Centre (NCFC). The Centre currently provides an average of 40 hampers daily for children, families and Elders in the city.

Sandy Wankl, Executive Director, NCFC, says there was even more outpouring of community support when she went to get some supplies for the hampers from a Sobeys' location on Rochdale Blvd.

"When the owner/operator, Mike Supynuk, heard of the generous donation through SSCF, he reached out and said he would match all the food purchased for the hampers with donated food," says Sandy. "The kindness and generosity shown by people and organizations like SSCF is having a huge impact and is truly humanity at its best."

SSCF extends a note of gratitude to all donors supporting community need through time, resources and support. Please watch for a complete list of contributors to the Emergency Relief Fund for Community Needs that will be provided on our website once we reach our \$1 million goal.

To contact SSCF - phone **306-751-4756** or email at **info@sscf.ca**





LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

With any disaster relief strategy, we know that there are three recovery stages: response, recovery and rebuild. As a Community Foundation, our model of endowment building well-positioned us to address the first stage of disaster relief to respond to the most imminent and urgent needs. Endowment building also allows us to be here for the long-haul, to help our communities recover and rebuild.

Our endowment model is a vital tool in addressing community needs because of the benevolent nature and mission of SSCF, the trust we have built with donors, and the accountability we have to our stakeholders. Mission, trust and accountability empowers us to use our assets, connections and reach to help in urgent situations – like COVID-19. Our relationships over the last 50 years are the foundation we have to set the stage for the future. Your donation goes a long way – forever in an endowment and will continue to help communities provide services to those in need.

WHAT HOPE FEELS LIKE

We are touched by the thoughtful comments from those doing such great work in our community. Here are a few of the thank yous received from recipients of the Emergency Response Fund.

Moose Jaw Non-Profit Housing Corporation

"It will be used for clients who are experiencing the risks associated with homelessness during this COVID-19 pandemic. We are overwhelmed by your support towards our community here in Moose Jaw during this unprecedented time of need."

AIDS Programs South Saskatchewan

"It is indeed wonderful to know that APSS has been awarded a grant from the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation – Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs. Thank you! It is such a relief that we can provide food for our vulnerable population."

Family Resource Centre, Swift Current

"Thank you for deeming our proposal acceptable! We appreciate it and so will the families we serve!!"

“ We are in this together and our efforts will continue to provide our communities with hope, flexibility and responsiveness to emergent needs. We are working with our charities to better understand the challenges they are facing. While we know services are somewhat uncertain day-to-day, we know charities are making every effort to help their most vulnerable clients and providing needed services. ”

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