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Community



4weeks \$1 MILLION 32organizations

What an a-MAY-zing month! WE ALL THANK YOU

Helping our most vulnerable people and working quickly to ensure charities have support during this health and financial crisis has been the major focus of the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation's Board and staff over the last two months.

Saskatchewan has always been a province filled with generosity and kindness. It's the Saskatchewan way – better together! With support from our board, donors, community connectors, businesses, staff and personal donations, we have truly helped multiple communities and thousands of people right across this great province in such a short amount of time.

Within four weeks our community raised \$1 million and we returned much needed resources to 32 organizations. Our communities needed help and you were there in many ways – you donated to the Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs, you granted earlier, you were flexible to our grantees, and together we brought help to communities from border to border to border. Our efforts made an immediate difference for many vulnerable and at-risk children and adults right across south Saskatchewan including Swift Current, Oxbow, Estevan, Moose Jaw, Broadview, Regina and so many more places.

With your help, the funds have assisted vulnerable people with all kinds of needs. Families in crisis needed supports for their small children; youth needed virtual connection to counsellors and friends; women and children needed safe shelter space during isolation and single mothers and Elders needed food delivered. You've enabled seniors to connect to family with new technology and helped provide resources for rural and remote families struggling during a time of need. Your generosity kept our communities connected to those charities enabling their staff and volunteers to deliver these much-needed services.

We thank our community committee members who assisted in reviewing the many applications.

We continue to connect with charities regularly to understand their challenges and work to support them through the next stages. Call us any time to learn more.

BUILDING RESILIENCY BEYOND COVID-19

While the focus for the Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs is coming to a close, some of our communities' toughest days are still ahead. We will continue to vet and distribute any remaining Emergency Response funds through our community committee. As charities move to recovery and resiliency stages over the next six to 18 months, many have had to cancel events, stop ticket sales, and cut resources. The financial health of the entire charitable sector has been deeply affected, including those not eligible for relief funding such as the arts, environment, recreation and education. SSCF continues to work closely with charities to understand the changing needs as they move into recovery and resiliency stages. Please consider donating directly to your favourite charity or donate to SSCF's Smart & Caring Fund which will continue to support local immediate needs based on our community knowledge, such as our 50 Vital Community Conversations Report, within the added reality of COVID-19.



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MORE THAN \$900,000 IN FUNDING AVAILABLE IN SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN

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South Saskatchewan Community Foundation is now taking part in new Government of Canada's \$350M Emergency Community Support Fund with more than \$900,000 in funding available in South Saskatchewan Area for charities supporting COVID-19 response.

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation is now accepting applications for funding from qualified donees. Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including to cover staffing or resource needs, purchase assistance and more. Funding will be issued on an ongoing basis through July 2020.



Annual General Meeting

The donor event scheduled after SSCF's AGM on June 16 has been cancelled. Watch for our Annual Report coming to you before the end of June.

Stay safe everyone and thank you for your continued support!







Donna Ziegler Executive Director

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