

COMMUNITY Corner

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



Message from our Executive Director

This year has been one like none other. Now as it nears its end, we continue to address universally changing environments.

Over these unprecedented past months, the generosity of countless donors has positively shaped our worlds. A myriad of local heroes have stepped up to provide a wide range of essential services and continue to help those in need. The ongoing work of many non-profit organizations has been possible because of the generosity of thoughtful philanthropists right here in our own neighbourhoods. Our list of gratitude is extensive.

Our Board and staff take pride in being responsive. While COVID-19 has meant some changes in our workspaces, we have continued to process competitive and community granting in the usual manner. I like to think of it as connecting from our new virtual windows of hope.

RECORD YEAR!
As of today and with your
generosity, SSCF has granted
\$9.43 million
back into the community in 2020

In fact, we've never seen a busier time in our 50-year history. With your help, we've doubled our granting into community and set a record year. Together with SSCF donors, Community Foundations of Canada and the federal government, we have granted \$9.43 million back into community to help build a way forward that is inclusive, supportive and responsive to community needs. Even more granting continues into December!

I can not say enough about, or properly acknowledge our highly flexible, tireless and visionary team at SSCF. Without exception, all have been in overdrive mode to

ensure the Foundation continues to fulfill its mandate and flow more resources to communities right across Saskatchewan.

Charities continue to be grateful for quick responses by donors. In some cases, donor generosity has been the bridge that allows many charities to continue their important work today.



Finally, I express my sincerest personal appreciation to everyone who connected during this challenging and sorrowful time for my family. Your compassion, kindness and generosity will remain in our hearts forever.

A legacy has started in memory of my dear husband and life partner, John Ziegler, through the Johnny Z Healthy Minds Fund at SSCF. Our family and friends would say he had the spirit of Robin Williams and the characteristics of Jim Carrey. Laughter was his gift to others.

Together we will create a legacy for John while helping others with immediate trauma/grievance counselling and mental health issues.

We extend heartfelt appreciation for your extraordinary humanity throughout 2020.

Donna Ziegler
Executive Director

"There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life."

~ Mary Rose McGeady



IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR DONORS

Our team is ready and excited to assist you with your decisions about this year's donation and granting wishes.

If you are considering a non-cash gift, please contact us as soon as possible. **Non-cash gifts received after December 11 may not be processed for charitable receipting in 2020.** Cash gifts received before December 31 will be provided with receipts into January.

Please do not hesitate to give us a call prior to December 11 to ensure that your requests are managed on schedule for 2020.

Holiday Hours

Our remote offices will be closed from noon on

**Thursday, December 24 to
Monday, January 4, 2021.**

If you require assistance during the holidays, feel free to email the Executive Director at Donna.Ziegler@sscf.ca.

Wishing you a safe and wonderful holiday season.

ROUND TWO

OF EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND IN PROGRESS

Vulnerable populations across Canada continue to be disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Marginalized groups, youth, children and the elderly, essential workers, and newcomers are just some of the communities that are facing increased challenges right now.

On October 5, 2020, South Saskatchewan Community Foundation re-activated the Government of Canada's ECSF for round two of funding. Round one of the program is complete. This funding will continue to help support qualified donees working with people made vulnerable by the pandemic.

The Government of Canada is flowing funds through national networks, including Community Foundations of Canada, United Way Centraide Canada and the Canadian Red Cross. SSCF is proud to be working with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada to deliver funding locally in south Saskatchewan to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens are safe and healthy.

Applications for round two closed on October 30, 2020 and results will be announced in January 2021.

The Emergency Community Support Fund funded by:



SSCF'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS

When the pandemic put people at risk, our communities came together to make a difference.

Over \$1 million was granted to 34 organizations through SSCF's Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs (ERF).

This Fund addressed urgent community needs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Areas of food, shelter, children's needs and the needs of the most vulnerable populations were supported through the Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated in this crisis situation. Donations ranged from \$25 to \$101,000 and every single dollar made a difference.

Here is one story showing how the ERF has kept people safe during the pandemic:



Sachin Schrestha (Food Security Manager)

All Nations Hope Network The Place of Hope Food Security Program

The ERF provided \$50,000 to All Nations Hope Network's (ANHN) 'The Place of Hope Food Security Program' which was launched to respond to the COVID-19 crisis by providing healthy meals and reducing hunger in Regina.

"As recipients of the Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs, ANHN has been able to hire a Food Security Manager and to pay half of the wages for that employee. Having the Food Security Manager in place, he has been able to provide more healthy meals to the community during this trying time. It has also enabled ANHN to be able to purchase healthier foods and takeout containers as we have only been letting a few people in at a time for take-out meals. ANHN is currently feeding breakfast and lunch to 100 plus people per day.

ANHN has been purchasing masks, gloves, cleaning and sanitizing product as the staff is constantly cleaning as people come and go. ANHN was able to supplement the wages of three First Nations Employment Centre summer students to help out in the Outreach area."

- Lana Holinaty, Director of Operations at All Nations Hope Network

In Partnership with the U of R Community Engagement and Research Centre EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION WORKSHOPS



Pauline Streete facilitates first workshop on zoom

The Community Engagement and Research Centre at the University of Regina and the SSCF are proud to partner to bring you diversity, equity and inclusion workshops. These subject matters are top of mind for many organizations, and we strive to bring the knowledge, skills and tools to help organizations take action.

The first of two workshops, 'Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Essentials: Where do we start? An Exploration of Key Concepts, Principles and First Steps' occurred on November 17, 2020.

"The information provided by Pauline Streete and Dr. Taiwo Afolabi provided a means to approach both personal learning and bigger conversations about equity, inclusion, and diversity together with other community members.

I think that in itself is an important takeaway – the lesson that meaningful progress towards a more equitable, diverse, welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment really does require people to take initiative individually AND to join together with others, too!"

- Abby Wolfe, workshop participant

The second workshop, 'Diving Deeper: Developing and Integrating equity, diversity and inclusion into board/organizational policies' is set to take place on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

The workshops are being facilitated by Pauline Streete, the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer for Research at the University of Regina and Taiwo Afolabi, the Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Media, Art and Performance.

Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund

Earlier this year, we announced recipients of the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) – round one, which provided \$902,450 in grants to 21 organizations throughout southern Saskatchewan to support populations experiencing heightened vulnerability because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Inclusion Weyburn Offers Summer Respite Program



Inclusion Weyburn was one of the first round ECSF recipients receiving \$7,000 for a Summer Respite Program. Inclusion Weyburn's mission is to ensure that individuals from Weyburn and area who have intellectual disabilities are valued, supported and included members of the community and have opportunities and choices in all aspects of life.

Jackie Wilson, President, Inclusion Weyburn, says the Summer Respite Program was a real success.

"Thirteen youth who have intellectual disabilities and their families enjoyed one-on-one respite throughout the summer," she says.

"Each of them received care from the same caregiver to limit contacts, with the exception of two who each had two staff who were siblings sharing the job. So 15 staff were hired.

They received training on COVID-19 safety and best practices for supporting youth who have intellectual disabilities before starting work. This was continued by mentoring throughout the summer, done by professional teachers in Weyburn. At first, families were reluctant to request full time respite care. There were concerns around having an unknown person providing care in their home as well as COVID-related concerns. But as they became more familiar with their caregiver, they gained trust and requested more days." - Jackie Wilson

"It has been my favourite job so far and has made me rethink my career as I may work with special needs kids when I'm older. I loved getting to know 'David' (*real name with held*) and his family. It was really cool to watch 'David' grow and develop a relationship with him throughout the summer. It was awesome to see him trust me and excited to see me!" – Madison Lafoy, staff, 2020 Respite Care Program

Neil Squire Society Helps People with Disabilities

Another recipient was the Neil Squire Society. With its \$5,000 grant, its focus was to help people with disabilities through in-person services in Regina and the surrounding area even through the challenges of COVID-19.

Efforts include preparing people with disabilities for future employment through rehabilitation and technology and ensuring greater independence and inclusivity for persons with disabilities. Activities included in-class resume building, upgrading of computer skills and the installation of assistive technology (AT) for those with disabilities. This type of support requires measurement fitting and trials to high-risk populations with multiple barriers.

"We firmly believe that continuing to provide critical support to those with disabilities, particularly during this period of increased isolated due to the global pandemic, is increasingly critical and on behalf of the Neil Squire Society, and the thousands of people its serve, we thank the Foundation for their generous support." Dr. Gary Birch, Executive Director of Neil Squire Society



MORE RESPONSIVE FOR YOUR NEEDS ONLINE FUND PORTAL

Thank you to donors who have begun to use our Online Fund Portal which was launched last year! The new management tool offers fast, efficient and convenient service as a value add-on to the support already provided to donors and Fund Advisors by SSCF. It is hosted online in a cloud environment on our website and provides access to information 24 hours a day!

Donors with a variety of technology comfort levels are finding the Online Fund Portal easy to use. Please contact Lorna for your login details if you would like to try it out. An optional orientation and ongoing help are also available to you.

Contact us any time to discuss your own legacy at SSCF as you plan donations to your community, consider your tax plans, or finalize an estate plan.

For more information, contact our Donor Relations Administrator, Lorna at lorna.sandberg@sscf.ca



LEADER-POST CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND:

Help those in need believe
in the holidays again.

SSCF is proud to be accepting donations for the Regina Leader-Post Christmas Cheer Fund this year. Your donation to the Fund will help four organizations shelter families from physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Donations will be shared equally by: SOFIA House, Transition House, Isabel Johnson Shelter, and WISH Safe House.

Donate online at
leaderpost.com/cheerfund

FALL 2020 RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

GRANT RECIPIENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund

This year the G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund supported 26 charitable programs for a total of \$350,296. The purpose of this Fund is to support general charitable purposes in the South Saskatchewan Area.

Canadian Cancer Society – Saskatchewan - \$30,000
 Hospitals of Regina Foundation Inc. - \$25,000
 David Suzuki Foundation- \$20,000
 United Way of Regina - \$20,000
 Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan - \$14,196
 Catholic Family Service Society - \$10,400
 Common Weal Community Arts Inc. - \$10,000
 Habitat for Humanity Regina Inc. - \$10,000
 Regina Transition House Inc. - \$10,000
 YWCA Regina - \$10,000
 Inclusion Weyburn - \$9,200
 Oxford House Saskatchewan Incorporated - \$6,900
 Joe's Place Youth Centre – Generation Hope Youth Inc. - \$6,000
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton and Area Inc. - \$25,000
 Saskatchewan Band Association - \$24,000
 Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council - \$20,000
 Regina Work Preparation Centre Inc. - \$19,000
 SOFIA House Inc. - \$12,000
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Moose Jaw - \$10,000
 Farmland Legacies GTC Inc. - \$10,000
 Hope Air - \$10,000
 TREC Charitable Foundation (o/a Relay Education) - \$10,000
 Fort Qu'Appelle Community Outreach Management Centre - \$9,350
 SCEP CENTRE Society (Regina) - \$7,500
 Saskatoon Zoo Society Inc. - \$6,750
 Regina Little Theatre Society Inc. - \$5,000.

Joyce Gemmill Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund

SSCF is pleased to announce the recipients of the Fall 2020 Joyce Gemmill Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund (JGJ) grants. This year JGJ supported two charitable programs for a total of \$14,000. The purpose of this Fund is to support projects that preserve and conserve native flora and fauna in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Stock Growers Foundation - \$9,000
 Saskatoon Zoo Society - \$5,000.

Smart & Caring Fund

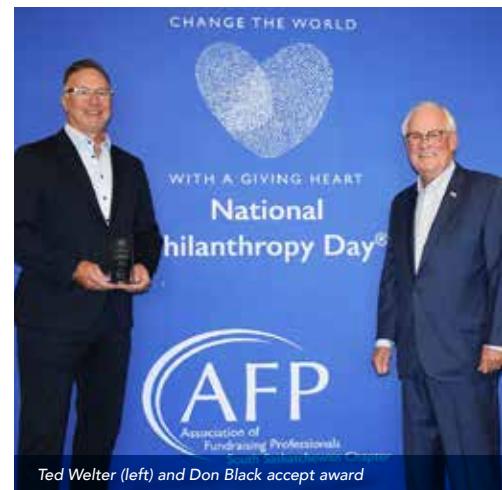
SSCF is pleased to announce the recipients of the Fall 2020 SSCF Smart & Caring Fund grants. This year SSCF supported 19 charitable programs for a total of \$62,936. The purpose of the Smart & Caring Fund is to allow the SSCF to respond in Southern Saskatchewan to areas of focus identified in its annual Vital Signs® report.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Regina and Area Inc. - \$5,000
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton and Area Inc. - \$5,000
 Carmichael Outreach Inc. - \$2,000
 Common Weal Community Arts Inc. - \$5,000
 Eden Care Communities - \$4,000
 Family Service Regina - \$5,000
 Fort Qu'Appelle Community Outreach Management Centre - \$2,000
 Ignite Adult Learning Corporation - \$5,000
 Knox-Metropolitan United Church - \$2,000
 Moose Jaw Literacy Network - \$2,000
 North Central Family Centre Inc. - \$2,000
 REALM Foundation Inc. - \$5,000
 Regina Transition House Inc. - \$2,000
 Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan - \$5,000
 Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan Inc. - \$2,000
 The Canadian National Institute for the Blind - \$2,000
 The Salvation Army Maple Cree a Place of Christian Worship and Service - \$4,000
 The Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation - \$1,936
 YWCA Regina - \$2,000.

Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation

SSCF is pleased to announce the recipients of the Fall 2020 Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation (LEJF) grants. This year SSCF and LEJF supported 12 charitable programs for a total of \$108,700. The purpose of the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation is to promote social, cultural, religious and other activities deemed beneficial to communities in southern Saskatchewan with priority given to the City of Regina.

Carmichael Outreach Inc. - \$10,000
 Globe Theatre Society - \$10,000
 Habitat for Humanity Regina Inc. - \$10,000
 Moose Jaw Transition House - \$7,000
 North Central Family Centre Inc. - \$10,000
 REALM Foundation Inc. - \$5,700
 Regina Food For Learning - \$7,000
 Regina Work Preparation Centre Inc. - \$15,000
 Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan - \$11,000
 The Big Sky Centre for Learning and Being Astonished Inc. - \$3,000
 YWCA Regina - \$15,000
 South Saskatchewan Community Foundation Johnny Z Healthy Minds Fund (Donation from LEJF) - \$5,000.



Ted Welter (left) and Don Black accept award

LEADING WITH HOPE: DON BLACK AND TED WELTER RAISE MORE THAN \$223,000.

Congratulations to Leading with Hope team, an honouree in the Outstanding Community Group category for the Association of Fundraising Professionals South Saskatchewan, National Philanthropy Day award, sponsored by Hospitals of Regina Foundation.

Exceptional community leaders Don Black and Ted Welter were quick to spearhead Leading with Hope within SSCF's Emergency Response Fund during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. Their focused efforts linked more than 32 donors and resulted in more than \$223,000 being raised in less than four weeks.

With heartfelt generosity, they helped to ensure our most vulnerable communities were connected to 34 charities and that staff could continue to deliver much needed service right across south Saskatchewan.

HONOURING THE MEMORY OF SAROS COWASJEE

We honour the memory of Saros Cowasjee, award recipient in the Association of Fundraising Professionals South Saskatchewan, National Philanthropy Day award, Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist category, sponsored by SSCF.

Throughout his life, Saros Cowasjee (1931-2019) was very generous both in his support, the time for students as a Professor and his passion for helping small animals. Together with SSCF, the Saros Cowasjee Small Animal Foundation Fund was established in 2008. The income from this Fund was often donated to Humane Societies throughout south Saskatchewan. In the past two years, this Fund has provided over \$24,500 to Humane Societies across Saskatchewan.

Because this is an Endowed gift, Saros' legacy will continue to give back to this field of interest. Through his generous Estate bestowment of more than \$1 million we honour these important priorities in perpetuity demonstrating the transformational power of wills and benefits of planning forward.

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation acknowledges our presence on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territories; the original lands of the Cree, Dene, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and on the homeland of the Métis.

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