

**Issue: February 2021**

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

## A Message From Our Executive Director



**Donna Ziegler, Executive Director**

We've turned the calendar page from 2020 and are looking forward to spring. While the year has moved forward, SSCF's focus on meeting our community's needs remains constant.

On behalf of our dedicated volunteer Board and our tireless home team of staff, I thank each of you for all you have done to make a difference. In 2020, SSCF granted back close to \$10 million to more than 250 charities through several programs, money from donors, and our own Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs. Your flexibility, understanding and commitment are to be commended.

The pandemic has also led to business process changes, and we applaud our donors and charities for pivoting and adapting to the new environment of technology. Thank you for embracing virtual meetings, making granting recommendations through the donor portal, uploading applications to our database, making donations online or accepting electronic fund transfers. Each has required you to be flexible, innovative and somewhat entrepreneurial to continue the impactful work.

**It is encouraging to know that now more than ever, people, agencies and businesses are reaching out to the Foundation to discuss how they might help and leave their legacy.**

Staff have been meeting with folks from the most southern Saskatchewan border to nationally recognized professional organizations who want to help build a community where everyone belongs.

We are proud of our new partnership with the Regina Leader-Post. We salute the dedicated team who successfully transitioned administrative support for their Christmas Cheer Fund to our Foundation. It underscores the advantages of working together toward a common cause. The generosity from the community was heartwarming.

While the months may continue to present some challenges, we look forward to a safe, healthy place to live and work. Throughout 2021, we'll continue to fulfill our mandate while being progressive and leading community impact for the future, forever.




*Representatives of three of Regina's women's shelters meet with Regina Leader-Post sports editor Rob Vanstone (bottom right) and L-P local marketing co-ordinator Brenda Indzeoski (inset in Vanstone picture). Stephanie Taylor, executive director, Regina Transition House (top left), Tmira Marchment, executive director, SOFIA House (top right) and Chelsey Lemke, senior director of development, Regina YWCA (bottom left). SCREEN SHOT BY BRENDA INDZEOSKI /Regina Leader-Post*

## Regina Leader-Post Christmas Cheer Fund *Making a Difference* in our Community

Congratulations to the Regina Leader-Post and the amazing community of donors who raised \$123,137 for the 2020 Christmas Cheer Fund.

The Fund was established in 1992. For the first time since the Fund's inception, South Saskatchewan Community Foundation (SSCF) handled the administration and distribution of the proceeds.

The money raised goes to support Regina Transition House, SOFIA House, WISH Safe House and YWCA Regina Isabel Johnson Shelter.

SSCF extends appreciation to Brenda Indzeoski, Leader-Post's local marketing co-ordinator, for her dedication and integral efforts in every administrative transition stage after the Leader-Post Foundation's dissolution.

**"We are forever grateful for the legacy the Leader-Post Foundation has left to the Regina Leader-Post Cheer Fund and for the amazing support our community of readers provide year after year. The funds go a long way in helping women and children who need it,"** says Indzeoski.

SSCF also thanks Leader-Post Sports Editor Rob Vanstone for his work raising public awareness of the Fund.

"It was a great pleasure to work with the wonderful people at the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation, to whom we are all so grateful," says Vanstone. "Even in the midst of a global pandemic, contributions to the Leader-Post Christmas Cheer Fund actually increased over last year, in no small part due to the assistance and generosity of Donna Ziegler and everyone at the SSCF. I look forward to enhancing that relationship and dealing with everyone at the SSCF for years to come."



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## Applications are now being accepted for the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI) grants program.

This new federal initiative is designated for enhancing and creating vibrant and accessible public spaces. \$31M will be invested across Canada, administered by the Community Foundations of Canada.

Saskatchewan will receive over \$976,000 in funding through the initiative. Non-profit organizations, charities, Indigenous communities, and local governments are invited to apply online through Saskatoon Community Foundation.

CHCI is focused on public spaces which encourage a sense of belonging and collective identity, increasingly important in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. It will help communities:

- create safe and vibrant public spaces,
- improve mobility options, and
- provide innovative digital solutions to connect people and improve health.

Funding applications for the CHCI first phase may be submitted between February 9, 2021 and March 9, 2021. A second round of applications is expected to take place in May 2021.

For information and to apply visit the Saskatoon Community Foundation website at [www.saskatooncommunityfoundation.ca/grants/](http://www.saskatooncommunityfoundation.ca/grants/)

**For assistance, please contact Veronique Loewen, CHCI Saskatchewan Coordinator, by phone at 306-220-4360 or by email at [veronique@verolingo.com](mailto:veronique@verolingo.com).**

## Moffat Family Fund

# Hunger in Moose Jaw Adapts During COVID-19

Hunger In Moose Jaw received funding from the Moffat Family Fund in 2020 for their Child Nutrition Milk Program, which delivers lunches daily to children in 18 schools in Moose Jaw.

When schools closed in March 2020 due to COVID-19, Hunger In Moose Jaw adapted their program within two weeks to continue to get nutritional food into the hands of children who need it.

"We moved to a lunch bag program where we prepared a week worth of lunch supplies for the children which included a block of cheese and a jug of milk. We were able to contactless deliver directly to families until the end of June. We even continued to provide the program for 125 children during the summer months... We supported children in a whole new way that we couldn't even dream is possible, but we made it work," says Sharla Sept, Executive Director of Hunger in Moose Jaw.

Despite the challenges that came with adapting the program, Hunger in Moose Jaw has seen some positive outcomes because of the changes.

**"We've been able to have more contact with the families. When we deliver lunches into schools, we don't actually see those families. With the direct deliveries, we got to see families, get their feedback, and hear how grateful they were for the program. We're also serving new families who have faced challenges or job loss since the beginning of the pandemic,"** says Sept.

Sharla also wants to send a message of appreciation to the Moffat Family Fund, saying "We can't do this program and provide meals to children without this funding. It would be impossible. We owe a HUGE thanks to them for supporting this program."

## Upcoming March 1st Grant Deadlines:

### The Moffat Family Fund

For full details, visit [www.sscf.ca/moffat-family-fund/](http://www.sscf.ca/moffat-family-fund/)

### The Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation

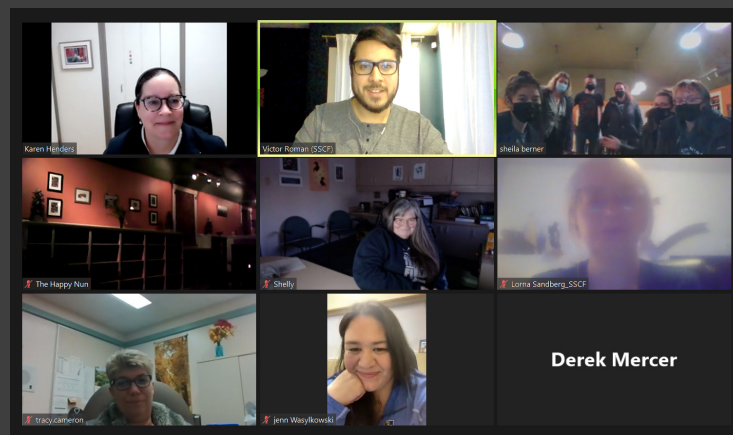
For full details, visit [www.sscf.ca/lorne-and-evelyn-johnson-foundation/](http://www.sscf.ca/lorne-and-evelyn-johnson-foundation/)

## RBC Future Launch Community Challenge Stoughton Community Vital Conversation

Stoughton Central School and SSCF hosted a Vital Conversation about youth via Zoom on February 10, 2021. Participants heard from youth leaders about their Stoughton Central School RBC Future Launch Community Challenge project where youth led free cooking classes to teach the importance of healthy eating to younger children. The youth leaders also participated in a group discussion regarding youth leadership, challenges, and solutions to overcome those challenges.

Following the conversation, Sheila Berner, Community Education Liaison at Stoughton Central School, said, **"What I took away from the meeting was a better sense of how the youth in our community are feeling during these challenging times and what barriers they are facing. It was valuable to have the feedback from the SSCF and RBC representatives, they shone a light on some of the resources that are available out there and how we can use them to help the youth in our communities."**

SSCF would like to thank Stoughton Central School and the youth leaders for making this project happen. SSCF also expresses gratitude to Royal Bank of Canada Foundation and Community Foundations of Canada for making this initiative possible.



# SSCF Awards \$344,953 in Grants Through Round 2 of the Emergency Community Support Fund

We are proud to have partnered with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada to deliver the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) throughout south Saskatchewan.

Round 1 of ECSF was distributed over the summer and Round 2 launched on October 5, 2020. With Round 2, we've invested an additional \$344,953 through the ECSF towards local charities and other qualified donees supporting populations experiencing heightened vulnerability during this crisis. We are pleased to announce Round 2 of the ECSF has supported the following projects:

ORGANIZATIONS	FUNDS
AIDS Programs South Saskatchewan (APSS)	\$8,000
Dress for Success Regina	\$7,500
Envision Counselling and Support Centre Inc, Estevan	\$9,160
Family Service Regina	\$8,500
Ignite Adult Learning Corporation, Regina	\$55,149
Kennedy Friendship Club Inc.	\$3,170
Moose Jaw Association for Community Living Inc.	\$17,120
Oxford House Saskatchewan	\$12,000
Phoenix Residential Society, Regina	\$17,216
Qu'Appelle & District Volunteer Fire Department	\$10,000
Regina Sexual Assault Centre	\$23,250
Street Culture Project, Regina	\$50,992
Treaty Education Alliance (TEA) Inc., Fort Qu'Appelle, White Bear, Pheasant Rump	\$48,518
YWCA Regina	\$74,378
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$344,953</b>

The Emergency Community Support Fund funded by:



## Ignite Adult Learning Corporation Funding for FLAMES Education Program for At-Risk Adults

**Ignite Adult Learning Corporation** has been empowering at-risk adults in Regina to reach their academic, employment, and personal goals for over 30 years.

This critical work has been supported by the Government of Canada ECSF grant of \$55,149.

Over 25 weeks, its program, known as "FLAMES" offers a wide range of program services, including GED preparation, employment and computer skills, SMART Addiction Recovery, personal development, financial and wellness education and SGI driver training. They also provide individualized support with food security, housing, mental health, and many other challenges that their students encounter.

Because of the pandemic, the FLAMES education program for at-risk adults went from 100% in-person delivery to a blend of online learning and COVID-compliant in-person activities. This change allows staff and students to teach and learn safely during the pandemic.

Dellice Saxby, Executive Director of Ignite Adult Learning Corporation, says that the students report that the skills and strategies they develop during the program are beneficial. It enables them to succeed in getting their GED and reaching their goals after graduation.

**"I think the most important part of what we do is provide a safe space for our students to learn and grow. Our students know that we are on their team and that we will support them as they reach for their goals,"** says Saxby.

You can find out more about Ignite at [www.ignite.ca](http://www.ignite.ca).

## In Memoriam



**Stuart Mann** passed away on January 17, 2021. He was an active member of many community groups, including SSCF. Stuart was the fund holder of the Mann Family Trust Fund that is currently held at SSCF with the purpose of supporting SSCF's operational needs. He had also volunteered on SSCF's Board of Directors in the past.

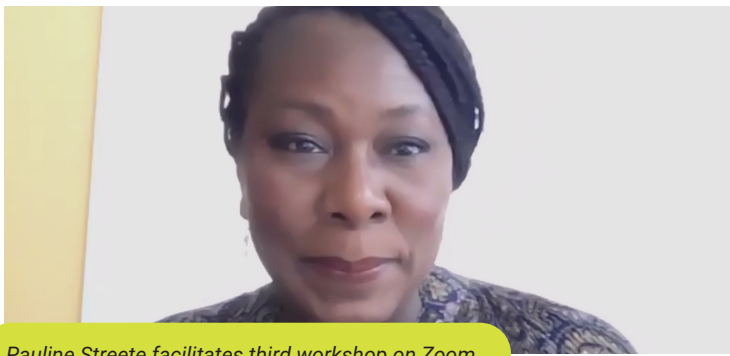
Stuart Mann and the Mann family's support of SSCF is greatly appreciated. The board and staff at SSCF send their deepest condolences to the Mann family.

**SSCF also extends its sincerest sympathies on the passing of two community leaders:**

**Theresa Stevenson** passed away January 25, 2021. She was the highly respected founder of Chili for Children program and a valued leader for many community initiatives.

**Jacqueline Shumiatcher** passed away February 1, 2021. She was a well-known Saskatchewan philanthropist, very passionate about the community, especially in the area of arts. She supported a diverse range of cultural and social organizations.





Pauline Streete facilitates third workshop on Zoom.

## Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Workshops

The Community Engagement and Research Centre at the University of Regina and the SSCF are proud to have partnered to bring you three diversity, equity and inclusion workshops in 2020 and 2021.

The third and final workshop, "Tools and Guiding Principles for Board Diversity and Inclusivity" was led by Pauline Streete, the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer for Research at the University of Regina on January 28, 2021.

**"I loved the session! As a presenter, Pauline Streete engaged her audience in a unique way and provided education on an important topic. My overall takeaway was treating board recruitment like a job recruitment process. I think instituting that model could help non-profits escape passive, shoulder-tapping recruitment and move to an active recruitment process that prioritizes equity, diversity, and inclusion,"** says Stephanie Cook, a workshop participant.

SSCF looks forward to more partnerships and educational opportunities in the future.

## Acknowledging Presence On Treaty Land

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 Nation. In the spirit of reconciliation, we have an ongoing commitment to work together to uplift Indigenous communities with guidance from Indigenous representatives.

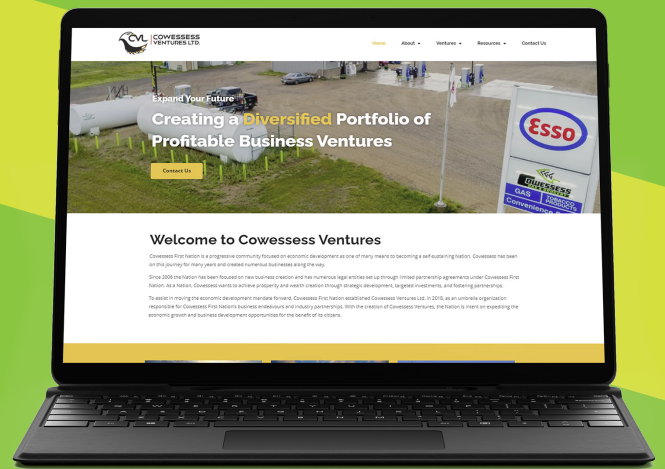
## Make your community impact today. Donate or create a fund.

SSCF has many funds that you can donate to at: [www.sscf.ca/ways-to-give/](http://www.sscf.ca/ways-to-give/) or learn how to create your own fund at: [www.sscf.ca/create-a-fund/](http://www.sscf.ca/create-a-fund/)

Let us help you create your legacy.



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## Cowessess Ventures Ltd. Launches Website

Cowessess Ventures Ltd. (CVL) launched their website this February at [www.cowessessventures.com](http://www.cowessessventures.com) with the support of the Government of Canada's Investment Readiness Program (IRP). CVL received an investment of \$10,000 in 2020 through the IRP to complete the web design project.

The website is now creating awareness of CVL in the business world and is beginning to open doors to more business opportunities. CVL anticipates that the website will help the First Nation grow economically and increase its self-sustainability.

Jessica Nixon, CEO of CVL, explains, **"Previously, we didn't have an online presence, so it was challenging for our shareholders and business partners to access a common source of information that features what we do. With the financial support of IRP, we could confidently take on the task of web design without putting a strain on our limited internal resources. It was very helpful to our organization."**

SSCF would like to congratulate CVL on the launch of the website and to all future opportunities which it will help obtain.

Visit [www.cowessessventures.com](http://www.cowessessventures.com) to learn more about the organization.

The Government of Canada Investment Readiness Program is a \$755-million Social Finance Fund to support innovative solutions to social challenges.

Community Foundations of Canada is a partner in the Investment Readiness Program (IRP) which helps allocate funds from the Government of Canada to social purpose organizations preparing to successfully participate in the social finance market.

This program supports more innovative, sustainable and inclusive approaches to pressing challenges in communities across Canada.



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