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

A Message from our *Executive Director*



Donna Ziegler, Executive Director

The past year has underscored the importance of community partnerships, patience and trust. As we find our new normal, we are grateful for working together to address common issues and challenges, not only into the future but also from our past.

We were devastated with the news of 751 discovered unmarked graves at a cemetery near the former Marieval Indian Residential School at Cowessess First Nation, and many other similar findings right across Canada. Sadly, this is a part of Canada's history. We have a collective responsibility to learn about Canada's treatment of Indigenous Peoples and how we can commit to a different future. SSCF is working with First Nations' communities and civic leaders to listen, learn and respond with understanding and support.

In the spirit of partnerships, this year we will build from initial consultations in 2019, which were published in our 50 Vital Community Conversations report. As part of this year's Vital Signs© programming, we will connect with these communities to understand firsthand how the pandemic has impacted many organizations.

We were deeply saddened and extend heartfelt condolences to the family of Elder Margaret Masney. She worked together with us, especially during our anniversary year. We will always treasure Elder Masney's guidance and thoughtful insight.

Like you, our Community Foundation's staff and Board are cautiously excited about moving beyond the pandemic together. We have welcomed new Board member, Teresa Drew, and bid farewell to Janet Barber. Janet unselfishly devoted six years as a dedicated volunteer with us. Our team warmly extends congratulations and appreciation to Vanessa Bonk, who has retired from her role as Director of Finance and Administration. New team member Kara Marchand assumes the role and will build on Vanessa's legacy of thoughtful stewardship and professional guidance.

Staff continue to rotate their time in the office and are meeting with clients by appointment only.

Our team is grateful for your support and patience during changing times. Keep safe!

Donna Ziegler



SSCF's 2020 Annual Report

Making an Impact During *an Unprecedented Year*

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation reaches hundreds of communities across the southern part of the province. During its most challenging year – 2020 – the Foundation dug deeper to make sure more resources went back to more communities, more charities, and more people than ever in our 51-year history. This 2020 Annual Report takes you across our prairie region and sheds light on stories of hope, compassion, empathy and support for others in need when they needed it most.

We tracked the impact made and the stories that tell the journey. SSCF's 2020 Annual Report highlights those stories of community impact. The quick response to the pandemic has helped many communities and thousands of people across the prairies.

Read SSCF's 2020 Annual Report at
sscf.ca/annual-reports-and-financial-statements

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.

Upcoming September 1 Grant Deadlines

Smart & Caring Fund

Grant amount from \$5,000 to \$15,000

SSCF grants to charitable activities that promote and enhance vibrant, healthy and caring communities in south Saskatchewan. The purpose of the Smart & Caring Fund is to allow the SSCF to respond to the following areas of focus identified:

Sustaining rural communities, drug abuse and addiction, safety in communities, racism towards new immigrants and Indigenous peoples, and homelessness and affordable housing.

Special requests for grants up to \$5,000 may be considered for projects or program adaptations to address demonstrated community needs specific to COVID-19 realities.

G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation

Grant amount from \$5,000 to \$30,000

Priority shall be given to specific proposals related to:

Arts and Culture, Education, Environment, Health, Homelessness, Indigenous Programming, Poverty, and Youth.

Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund

Grant amount up to \$19,500

The purpose of the grant is to support projects that preserve and conserve Saskatchewan's native flora and fauna. Priority shall be given to specific projects in southern Saskatchewan related to:

Land Acquisition, Prairie Restoration, Habitat Preservation, Natural Wildlife, and Ecosystem Conservation, and K-12 Ecosystem Education.

The Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation

Grant amount from \$5,000 to \$15,000

Grants are made to promote social, cultural, religious, and other activities deemed beneficial to communities in southern Saskatchewan with priority given within the City of Regina. Grants often focus on supporting outreach to those in need, providing educational opportunities, and supporting the arts. For a better understanding the purpose of the grant program, please visit sscf.ca/grants for more details.

Visit sscf.ca/grants for more information or to apply today.

The Moffat Family Fund Over \$96K Granted Spring 2021

This year the Moffat Family Fund supported 15 charitable programs for a total of \$96,110.21 distributed through SSCF.

The mission of the Moffat Family Fund in furtherance of its vision, is to enhance the quality of life and make a lasting difference, in communities where Moffat Communications Limited conducted business. Its primary goal is to support and advance the economic, social, physical and intellectual well-being of children and families, consistent with and in furtherance of the vision and mission of the Moffat Family Fund.

SSCF facilitates Moffat Family Fund grants in support within the City of Moose Jaw and District.

Congratulations to the successful applicants! They are:

\$140K Granted to Community Through the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation Spring 2021 Grant Recipients

SSCF is pleased to announce the recipients of the spring 2021 Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation (LEJF) grants. This spring, SSCF and LEJF supported nine charitable programs for a total of \$140,000. 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 within the City of Regina.

Congratulations to the successful applicants! They are:

ORGANIZATIONS	FUNDS
Amakon Women Empowerment Inc.	\$15,000
Carmichael Outreach Inc.	\$15,000
Joe's Place Youth Centre – Generation Hope Youth Inc.	\$5,000
Mother Teresa Middle School Inc.	\$15,000
Nature Saskatchewan	\$5,000
North Central Family Centre Inc.	\$15,000
Regina Symphony Orchestra Inc.	\$50,000
SCEP CENTRE Society (Regina)	\$5,000
SOFIA House Inc.	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$140,000

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Creative Kids Canada Inc.	\$6,500
Hunger in Moose Jaw Inc	\$25,000
Joe's Place Youth Centre – Generation Hope Youth Inc.	\$6,500
Moose Jaw and District Food Bank Inc.	\$10,000
Moose Jaw Association for Community Living Inc.	\$3,200
Moose Jaw Family Services Inc.	\$5,000
Moose Jaw Literacy Network	\$6,000
Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc.	\$6,000
Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery	\$5,000
Moose Jaw Transition House	\$5,000
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Canada)	\$3,500
Saskatchewan Festival of Words	\$1,000
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind	\$ 1,910.21
The IMPACT SOCIETY for Children and Families in Turmoil	\$5,000
YMCA of Regina	\$6,500
TOTAL	\$96,110.21

Amakon Women Empowerment Inc.

Focusing on a *Healthy Future*



A grant of \$15,000 to Amakon Women Empowerment (AWE) Inc. underscores the adage that it takes a village to raise a child.

Funding from the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation supports those in need by providing educational opportunities, supporting the arts in southern Saskatchewan, and fostering community building and development.

AWE focuses on promoting women's success by providing disadvantaged women and girls with success-enhancing tools. This program is mainly targeted at education. One such initiative helps girls at the Shirley Schneider Support Centre at Balfour Collegiate (SSSC) stay and complete high school.

Dr. Jane Ekong, Founder & President of Amakon, says the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation resources are a tremendous and timely gift. They will contribute to nutritious food and diapers weekly for pregnant and parenting high school girls at SSSC in Regina.

"It is challenging to concentrate on studies when you are hungry," says Ekong. "A pregnant woman needs good nourishing food to facilitate proper baby development. A nursing mother also needs good food to produce adequate milk for the baby. Being able to provide good nourishing food at school helps in many ways. It helps reduce the chances of the babies having nutrition-related illnesses which could cost thousands of dollars to remediate in the future, if the mothers are malnourished during pregnancy."

After March 31, 2022, the impact of the funding will be measured based on the women and girls' decision to remain and complete high school. Their opinions on learning about nutrition and how this could impact their future eating habits and practices will also be built upon.

"Amakon Women Empowerment is very thankful for the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation and SSCF," says Ekong. "We would not be able to help those in need without you."

Visit www.amakontwf.com for more information about Amakon Women Empowerment.



Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery

Getting Creative to Enhance *Community Well-being*

When social distancing restrictions were imposed in 2020, teams quickly stepped up with creative ways to deliver their services and programs.

Ross Melanson, Operations Manager of the Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery (MJMAG), says the organization is grateful for the \$5,000 funding received from the Moffat Family Fund and the SSCF, which went toward supporting the 2020 Art and Culture programs for Disadvantaged Youth and Classes for individuals with learning differences. The organization's mandate is to share opportunities for education, exploration, and inspiration through the visual arts and present Moose Jaw's living history.

He credits the staff, especially education coordinator Christy Schweiger, who were instinctively responsive to the need for making changes to assist those already dealing with isolation, loneliness or being immunocompromised.

One of the programs the team initially focused on was "CreateABILITIES." It provides art classes for those with special needs and learning difficulties.

"We pivoted some onsite camps and workshops programs to a virtual format using Zoom, beginning with delivering art supply packages for curbside pickup," says Melanson. "We found high compatibility between the online format and our students' care home situation. We added four new CreateABILITIES classes."

The funding paved the way for 11 one-week, hour-long art classes for 25 students attending for free and 46 attending at a highly reduced rate. In addition, MJMAG offered four other CreateABILITIES classes to 61 students and seven more classes in the fall with a total of 76 students.

"These virtual classes were highly attended and deeply appreciated because this type of programming was rare during COVID," he says. "It resulted in five times more classes than normal!"

"We had never felt something more important than what we were able to do together in 2020 with the community support and the financial assistance from our much-valued partners at Moffat Family Fund and SSCF," Melanson shares. "This funding is crucial to the program and makes it possible to offer meaningful, life-enhancing education for Moose Jaw's most vulnerable citizens."

In Memoriam

Elder Margaret Masney

SSCF sends our condolences to the family of Elder Margaret Masney who passed away on June 4, 2021. Elder Masney recently played a pivotal role by providing SSCF with her written greetings which were read during the introduction of two Vital Community Conversations - one with Treaty 4 Education Alliance and one with the community of Stoughton.

The SSCF staff and Board also send our sympathies to Elder Masney's granddaughter, Tiffany Caron, who works at SSCF as our Granting and Digital Administrator. We send our virtual hugs Tiffany's way.

Ron Jeffery

Ronald Walter Jeffery passed away on May 15, 2021 at the age of 87 years old. Ron was a Fund Advisor and committee member for the Bill and Helen Davidson Foundation. The Foundation holds a Fund at SSCF and benefits charitable purposes in the south Saskatchewan area.

SSCF staff and Board send our condolences to Ron's wife, Cleone Jeffery, who is presently a Fund Advisor and committee member for the Foundation. We also send our thoughts to all of those who are involved with the Bill and Helen Davidson Foundation.

New Funds Established *at the Foundation*

Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation Endowed Fund and Non-Endowed Fund

The Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation is a product of the commitment the club has made to Saskatchewan's communities. With a dedication to the future, the Foundation's mission is to empower youth of the province by teaching them skills like leadership, resilience, and responsibility! Their efforts are focused through the three main pillars of Education, Health and Amateur Football so the youth of Saskatchewan have the opportunity to reach their full potential, achieve their goals and ultimately be a part of creating a brighter future for Saskatchewan.

The Foundation holds two Funds at SSCF, an Endowed Fund and a Non-Endowed Fund.

Dayna Brons Entrance Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was initially established with a donation from the Lions Club of Saskatchewan via the HumboldtStrong Community Foundation. It was created in honour of Dayna Brons who passed away following the Humboldt Broncos bus tragedy on April 6, 2018.

The Fund is now held with SSCF and its purpose is to recognize the efforts of students pursuing a career in an athletic therapy related field and who show the same traits that Dayna displayed throughout her career. Determination, perseverance, work ethic, patience, optimism and passion were some of those traits.

Verma Shore Hooper Legacy Fund and Non-Endowed Fund

Two Funds were established by Dr. Kamla Verma and Dr. Ashok Verma to support general charitable purposes. After donating to charitable causes regularly for many years, they are now giving towards a legacy through the two donor advised Funds with SSCF.

Glengarry Book Award

This award is a \$20,000 prize for the first edition of an English novel or book of short fiction. The Fund was established at SSCF in 2021 through an endowment by Claire Kramer.

The Glengarry Book Award is inspired by and contributes to the province of Saskatchewan's rich literary culture. It is open to established professional writers of fiction with a significant body of published work, recognition and awards.

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

SSCF has many funds that you can donate to at: [sscf.ca/ways-to-give/](https://www.sscf.ca/ways-to-give/)
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Let us help you create your legacy.



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Welcoming Teresa Drew to *SSCF's Board of Directors*

Teresa joined SSCF's Board in July of 2021. She has spent her entire career working in Saskatchewan's construction industry, enjoying roles in both engineering and project management. She has a keen eye for stepping back from a project and understanding how it impacts other seeming non-related projects or operational processes, and how to organize, plan and implement projects for maximum benefit.

Teresa has volunteered with many community organizations including the Consulting Engineers of Saskatchewan, University of Regina Alumni Board, and sat on the host committee for many large community sporting events. Teresa is currently a director with the Regina Airport Authority.

She also joins SSCF's Community Investment and Stewardship Committee.



SSCF Welcomes Kara Marchand as *Director, Finance and Administration*

Kara is SSCF's Director of Finance and Administration. She comes to SSCF from her previous role of Manager, Finance & Administration at Gabriel Housing Corporation. Kara brings over 25 years experience in the accounting and financial industry, primarily working in the non-profit sector.

Kara is a Chartered Professional Accountant, Certified Management Accountant. She enjoys using her expertise to make a difference in her community, is a great team player and is passionate about supporting our Board, staff, charities and donors in any way she can.



Upcoming Fall Donor Event *To Be Announced Soon*

Stay tuned for more information in September at www.sscf.ca

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