



South
Saskatchewan
Community
Foundation

2021

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Planting Seeds for a *Vibrant Community*

Our Hope and Dream for Southern Saskatchewan

Southern Saskatchewan is a thriving community with a culture of sharing, generosity and inclusivity. People understand and support each other here.

Vision

By 2022, the Foundation will have an expanded presence across southern Saskatchewan through enhanced donor relations, an increased asset base, and community impact.

Mission

The Foundation facilitates philanthropy by investing charitable gifts and bridging donor desires with community needs. We support agencies, charities, and causes to enrich the quality of community life.

Values



Trustworthiness

We behave ethically and act with integrity and respect in all that we do.



Accountability

We are accountable to our donors, communities, and stakeholders through sound financial and operational practices.



Responsiveness

Our resilience and flexibility allow us to respond to the needs of our community.



Collaboration

We build and sustain positive relationships to leverage the best possible outcomes for community.



Benevolence

We are kind, compassionate, and believe in the power of philanthropy.

Strategic Imperative

A

To increase the Foundation's **brand awareness** across southern Saskatchewan.

B

To achieve excellence in **donor relations and stewardship**.

C

To **increase our donor and asset base** in order to have a greater impact on our community.

Our Strategy



Organizational

- 1.1 Continue to attract and retain outstanding staff.**
- 1.2 Practice effective board governance processes.**
- 1.3 Build a culture of outstanding client service.**
- 1.4 Invest in IT infrastructure to support business processes.**



Operational

- 2.1 Expand presence beyond Regina.**
- 2.2 Build brand awareness.**
- 2.3 Excel in understanding community needs.**
- 2.4 Increase partnerships and collaboration with charitable sector.**
- 2.5 Improve donor relations and stewardship.**
- 2.6 Ensure accountable and prudent fund management.**



Financial

- 3.1 Achieve a balanced budget.**
- 3.2 Expand donor base.**
- 3.3 Increase discretionary funds.**
- 3.4 Increase endowed funds.**



Impact

- 4.1 Donors**
"The Foundation makes it easy to fulfill my charitable goals and allows me to have a positive impact on my community."
- 4.2 Charities**
"The Foundation is part of our team in doing good for our community."
- 4.3 Charity Beneficiaries**
"Through the Foundation, the charity's work has had a positive impact on my wellbeing."
- 4.4 The Community**
"Our community is better because the Foundation exists."

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

Our 2021 Staff



Donna Ziegler
Executive Director



Karen Henders
Director of Community & Grant Stewardship



Kara Marchand
Director of Finance and Administration



Lorna Sandberg
Donor Services Administrator



Tiffany Caron
Granting and Digital Administrator



Kaitlin Corcoran
Administrative Officer



Victor Roman
Communications and Marketing Specialist

Staff Retired in 2021

Vanessa Bonk
Director of Finance and Administration

Board of Directors

Gina McGinn, Co-Chair

Randy Semenchuck, Co-Chair (Retired)

Shelley Thiel, Vice-Chair

Jack Ritenburg, Treasurer

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Teresa Drew, Director

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A Message from Our *Board Co-Chair*



Gina McGinn

Throughout 2021 we focused on our strategic mission of facilitating philanthropy by investing in charitable gifts and bridging donor desires with community needs. As a board, we worked closely with staff and donors to understand the history and impact of 100 years of community foundations in Canada.

While Winnipeg, Canada's first community foundation, celebrated 100 years of community impact, SSCF has had quite a list of its own over the last few years. There are many accolades to extend, but it is only with your support, sharing of information and growth by the organization that we can have more impact right here.

Thank you to our current, past and new donors for helping SSCF continue to help nurture those communities for tomorrow. More endowed funds help nurture the legacy of our strong Saskatchewan commitment. The generosity of donors, dedicated investment oversight, and good governance enabled SSCF staff to administer 376 grants back into the community. Within the annual report, there are several highlights of the variety of work supported to make our communities more robust, more inclusive and better for today and the next generation.

We can't thank you enough for believing in SSCF's mission and values, but we also thank our diligent staff, who continuously manage thousands of details professionally. Several new initiatives were added to their long list of commitments this past year. We've seen advances in fund development, donor relations and stewardship, community outreach, and communications.

SSCF is a proud member of Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), our national organization that includes a network of over 191 community foundations. We count on the leadership and network support of CFC and have benefited from guidance within a virtual conference and professional development sessions over the year.

As we move forward, we extend heartfelt appreciation to retiring board members, including long-serving member Janet Barber and Board Co-Chair Randy Semenchuck. Both have contributed immensely, and we continue to build from their vision. We were pleased to have welcomed Teresa Drew to our board in 2021.

In the year ahead, we will strengthen our relationships with Indigenous communities by learning ourselves about the truth of Canada's past and the ways in which we can support and reconcile our relationships for a better future for all community members.

On behalf of our volunteer board, we thank you for your support in 2021. We look forward to working together further in the years ahead.

Gina McGinn, Board Co-Chair

A Message from Our *Executive Director*



Donna Ziegler

*Together we advance
from a year that
united us in an
extraordinary way.*

Among many highlights, our partnerships expanded, even during a time of global pandemic. **A total of 376 grants were delivered to 217 charities - giving back \$4.5 million and providing a tremendous impact on communities across southern Saskatchewan.**

Giving back to registered charities and qualified recipients has been a practice of business for community foundations for over 100 years as we heard from the Winnipeg Foundation and its former CEO, Rick Frost, in October during our donor event. This annual report highlights some inspiring examples right here and showcases a few recipients who have mobilized to touch many hearts.

With your help in telling others about the Foundation, we were able to introduce 9 new funds in 2021. Our staff and board worked with fundholders to ensure that they can give back today and create a better future for next generations.

From the research for our Vital Focus Report entitled *Through COVID-19 and Beyond*, and our ongoing connection with our Vital Signs Community Network, we know that most charities go beyond their mandate to help others and that mental health concerns in the charitable sector remain high. We are reminded that charities require unrestricted funding to be most helpful in a time of urgency. We admire the innovation and hope brought to their clients and communities.

We were saddened to learn more about the dark past of Canada's history with Indigenous people. This Foundation is committed to learning the truth and finding ways to reconcile the past. The Board has committed resources to a matching TRC Fund and will be working toward creating better opportunities to support and respect Indigenous populations.

While there have been challenges to overcome, together, we've seen success and now renew our commitment to convene partners and listen closely to community needs. In so doing, I couldn't be prouder to extend heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated team, who continuously goes that extra mile. Thank you to our retiring, current or incoming staff and board colleagues for your professionalism while providing tireless, invaluable leadership and vision. Our condolences are extended to family and friends of many community builders, including our Foundation's Elder Margaret Masney, as well as Murray Grant, one of SSCF's cherished Founders.

It has been an exciting time to be part of this Community Foundation. Together we've worked to build stronger, more resilient, and sustainable communities in southern Saskatchewan. Thank you to everyone who has helped plant the seeds for a vibrant community.

Donna Ziegler, Executive Director

2021 at a Glance

Kara Marchand joins team as SSCF's Director of Finance and Administration.



9 new Funds established at SSCF.

9

\$4.5M

\$4.5 million granted to 217 charities.

The Glengarry Book Award Fund is established in partnership with the Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts.



7 Toolkit Workshop sessions offered through the Vital Signs Community Network in collaboration with the University of Regina Community Engagement & Research Centre.

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SSCF's Vital COVID-19 Focus Report, 'Through COVID-19 and Beyond: Charities are the Heart of Our Communities' is published.

The Online Donation Calculator is launched to help donors visualize the impact of donations.



SSCF hosts a special virtual donor event featuring Rick Frost, past CEO of the Winnipeg Foundation.

SSCF visits donor George Butt to hear how he supports his hometown of Arcola.



SSCF sponsors the Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Award for the 20th Annual National Philanthropy Day.



SSCF acknowledges the inaugural National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021.

Corporate Impact

Knight Archer Insurance's Commitment to Community



Tracy Archer, Knight Archer Insurance President & CEO

In 2021, Knight Archer Insurance established two Funds at SSCF: The Knight Archer Legacy Foundation Fund and The Knight Archer Community Foundation Fund.

The Knight Archer Legacy Foundation Fund is endowed, meaning it will continue to grow and give back, forever, to the community causes of Knight Archer Insurance's choice. In addition, The Knight Archer Community Foundation Fund is non-endowed, meaning it gives them the flexibility to respond to immediate needs in the communities they support. By having both Funds, Knight Archer Insurance is able to provide the stability charities need while also supporting them in times of emergent need.

Tracy Archer, Knight Archer Insurance President & CEO, explains, "We currently plan to contribute \$25,000 to our endowed Fund each year so that it can continue to grow and provide stable funding to the charities we support.

We are also using these Funds to create the Gloria Archer Legacy Scholarship to support students going into our industry and to celebrate diverse cultures."

Giving back to community has been engrained in Knight Archer's culture for many years. Community giving is in every employee's individual plan and staff are given paid days off to volunteer.

One of Knight Archer's five pillars is Community Partnerships. Tracy says that opening the Funds at SSCF is a way of growing that pillar and making sure it's a core part of Knight Archer's business.

Knight Archer Insurance has prioritized three main areas for giving — Children, Mental Health, and Diversity & Inclusivity in Regina and the 17 communities they serve across the prairies, including Saskatoon, Humboldt, Lumsden, Craven, Pense, Yorkton, and several other municipalities.

The staff and board at SSCF appreciate the community building efforts of Knight Archer Insurance and offer a warm welcome to Knight Archer as they join SSCF's growing list of donors.

"It has been a pleasure for SSCF to work with Tracy and the team at Knight Archer Insurance. Local businesses like Knight Archer are the heart of our communities and what they are doing to support individuals is truly helping their communities thrive," says Donna Ziegler, SSCF Executive Director.





Donor Profile

George Butt Supporting *the Heart of Arcola*

In 2008, George Butt created an endowed Fund through SSCF to benefit his hometown of Arcola for generations to come. Each year, the George Butt Foundation Fund provides support to Prairie Place Hall, Arcola Curling Club, St. Andrew's United Church, and Arcola Cemetery.

Because George's gift is endowed, it will continue to grow over time. This means his donation will continue to provide stable and consistent yearly funding to his hometown, forever.

When the Mayor of Arcola, Scott Tessier, was asked about the impact of George's donation, he said, "It's really important to be able to have stable funding in

order to operate and keep things going. If there were more Funds like George's that brought in more stable funding for us it would help a lot."

Endowed funding, or "forever" funding, can empower donors to support the places they cherish far into the future.

"People who want to give back right where they live, where their business is, or where they grew up can work with SSCF to ensure their community benefits, forever, from their gifts. Thank you, George, for making a difference in Arcola," said Donna Ziegler, Executive Director at SSCF.



Having someone like George give back to our community is so huge and beneficial for us... The curling rink and the hall are really the heart of our community and all of those facilities are non-profit, so having donations towards them really does help plan for the future.

Christie Hislop, Former Town of Arcola Administrator



Watch the video of George Butt's story here: sscf.ca/george-butt-story



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton and Area Inc.

Community Impact Through Mentoring and Well-Being

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton and Area (BBBS) focuses on inspiring, empowering and enhancing the lives of young people through quality volunteer-based mentoring and by building developmental relationships. They firmly believe in the value of mentoring.

To assist in this work they received important funds, including \$25,000 from G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation and \$5,000 from the Smart & Caring Fund (now known as the South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund).

Irma Van De Bon-Nicol, BBBS Executive Director, says the organization enables life-changing mentoring relationships to ignite the power and potential of young people.

"We provide mentoring for young people who face adversity and need an additional consistent and supportive developmental relationship," says Van De Bon-Nicol. "We must maintain the highest standards in mentoring to ensure positive outcomes for children and their families."

The Kids N' Kops Recovery program, supported through the Smart & Caring Fund, helps youth make better choices, and builds good relationships between RCMP and youth. It helps make the community safer.

"Kids N' Kops has been a program offered annually since 1998 and is a crime prevention strategy designed to familiarize children with police officers and police procedures and how they can be helpful members of the community," she says. "The hope is that they learn the importance of good decision-making and a healthy lifestyle as these children enter their teen years."

It is estimated that 24 individuals participated in the program in 2021. The program took place at the Yorkton City Police Detachment and virtually.

Club Connect Program, supported through the G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation, is a ten-week inclusive after-school program that took place at Esterhazy High School.



Kids N' Kops tour of Yorkton City Hall with Mayor Hipsley.

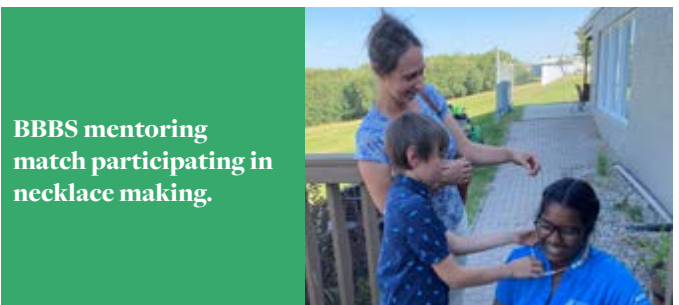


This program, which has become a longer-term program because of its success, connects youth to the community through confidence building, active living, and balanced eating. It has helped individuals build leadership skills and feel more connected to the school and community. This translates to decreased anxiety and has been a life-changing experience.

Irma Van De Bon-Nicol, BBBS Executive Director

Overall, the work by BBBS makes a difference in dealing with issues facing the community, whether that is substance-related or a sense of disengagement.

"On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton and Area Inc., we express our gratitude for the funding. It has helped to ignite the potential of young people through mentoring," says Van De Bon-Nicol.



BBBS mentoring match participating in necklace making.

In 2022, the Smart & Caring Fund will be known as the **South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund**. This change was made to create closer alignment between the Fund and SSCF's Vital Signs© research.

Glengarry Book Award Established as the *Largest Literary Prize in Saskatchewan*

SSCF and the Saskatchewan Foundation For the Arts (SFFA) have established a partnership in perpetuity to support the annual Glengarry Book Award prize.

Donna Ziegler, SSCF's Executive Director, explains, "Arts are important to all ages of people in society and can inspire, educate, entertain and enrich our experiences in life. SSCF is honoured to hold an endowed fund in trust for the Glengarry Book Award. We are pleased to partner with SFFA to ensure the future of literary arts is alive and well for many years to come."

Gursh Barnard, SFFA's Chair, shows a deep appreciation toward the Glengarry Book Award. Barnard says, "SFFA manages the administration and adjudication of this annual Award. It is a great honour for our organization to support the arts and artists of Saskatchewan. This is a valuable partnership in securing national attention to literary artists with Saskatchewan roots."

The Award is a \$20,000 prize to recognize literary excellence for a first edition of an English novel or book of short fiction. It contributes to a rich literary culture in Saskatchewan.

In 2021, the inaugural Glengarry Book Award jury panel was chaired by Valerie Creighton and comprised of three notable national literary enthusiasts.

The 2021 Glengarry Book Award Jury Short-list for Recognition of Literary Excellence includes: *'The Diamond House'* by Dianne Warren, *'Small Reckonings'* by Karin Melberg-Schweir, *'If Sylvie Had Nine Lives'* by Leona Theis, and *'Vermin'* by Lori Hahnel.

The inaugural 2021 Glengarry Book Award recipient is Dianne Warren. Warren is a nationally-recognized Canadian author with her roots in Saskatchewan. She has made a significant contribution to Canadian literature since her career began in the early 1980's.



It's such a great honour to be the first recipient of this prize... When you are in the process of writing a novel, you are so immersed in the world of the story that it feels alive, and there is a kind of loss when the book is finished. A prize such as the Glengarry can draw attention to a book so that it can live again in the minds and imaginations of readers. It is very difficult for all the good Canadian books to garner the attention they deserve, and I am grateful for every new reader that the Glengarry Prize might attract to *The Diamond House*.

Dianne Warren, Inaugural 2021 Glengarry Book Award Recipient



Following Up on *Our COVID-19 Response*

SSCF's Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs (ERF)

Almost immediately after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the SSCF Board and staff moved swiftly to establish the Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs (ERF). This initiative was intended to address urgent community needs resulting from the pandemic.

More than \$1 million, which included funding from the estate of a generous SSCF founding member and donations rallied by community leaders, was quickly made available. This Fund provided urgent help for addressing food security issues, shelter shortages, helping with children's needs, and meeting the most vulnerable populations' needs.

This funding resulted in a total of \$1,044,325 awarded to 34 organizations to support them throughout 2020 and 2021.

Timely Assistance Through ERF Provided *Immediate Support for Mother Teresa Middle School*



Mother Teresa Middle School student.

Mother Teresa Middle School (MTMS) aims to break the cycle of poverty among disadvantaged youth through an innovative and transformational education model. The school provides extensive holistic supports for students to succeed throughout their educational journey, beginning in middle school, through high school and post-secondary, to employment.

Within a week of the onset of the pandemic, it was clear that the impact of COVID-19 on the School would mean more than just lost learning time. Curtis Kleisinger, MTMS Executive Director, says the team quickly undertook the development of an Outreach Response Plan to ensure the continued delivery of holistic

supports to all MTMS students and alumni to ensure their safety and well-being during this uncertain time.

"The Outreach Response Plan allowed MTMS to find creative solutions to the complex problems facing our already vulnerable students," says Kleisinger.



Throughout the pandemic, the need for social and emotional care was heightened due to isolation. The support received through the Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs enabled MTMS to coordinate and establish safe, contact-free delivery of necessities while also ensuring students' social and emotional well-being.

Curtis Kleisinger, MTMS Executive Director

"At MTMS, we are proud to say that a story of togetherness and hope emerged during this pandemic. We have always emphasized that we are a team at MTMS, and to ensure overall success, everyone needs to work together. We were able to adapt and ensure that everyone was able to receive the resources and care they needed to get through this unprecedented time," Kleisinger adds.

"The \$50,000 in support received from the ERF positively impacted MTMS students, alumni and their families," Kleisinger says. "That's nearly 400 people in our community. Thank you to SSCF for helping keep MTMS students and alumni engaged, safe and filled with hope during these extraordinary times."

Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund

The Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) provided \$350 million in financial support to local charities responding to COVID-19 as part of a partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, United Way Centraide Canada, and the Canadian Red Cross.

This vast national effort aimed to support vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19. SSCF is among 150 local community foundations across Canada that took part in the initiative.

In total, SSCF distributed \$1,065,543 into the community through the ECSF to be used during 2020 and 2021.



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Prairie Wind Estate's Community *Supported During Challenging Times*



Prairie Wind Estate residents visiting the Little Bitty Ranch.

Prairie Wind Estate Inc., a not-for-profit charitable Senior Assisted Living Facility care home based in Herbert, provides affordable accommodation, care and supervision services to seniors in a community setting 24 hours per day, seven days per week. It was one of the countless organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The team provides respite services to allow caregivers to rest and regenerate to continue caring for their loved ones. In addition, they utilize resources for seniors to have a place to socialize and be part of a caring community of people.

Tara Fehr, Interim Executive Director, Prairie Wind Estate, says they were grateful for the support of \$40,000 through the Emergency Community Support Fund.



The grant provided us with funds critical to delivering recreation and social activities that supported the mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional health of our residents while in this status. It allowed us to increase indoor and outdoor activities that enhanced the overall well-being of our residents.

***Tara Fehr, Prairie Wind Estate
Interim Executive Director***

"With the additional staffing this grant provided, we could keep all residents active," she added. "We could even take several residents on an afternoon fishing excursion by the river. Had we not been able to increase our staff, we would not have been able to increase the participation of residents."

The funding was available at the right time, eliminating the need to increase fees.

"We know that there are senior citizens who could not afford assistance in their daily living needs and would then be faced with living a poor quality of life at home," says Fehr.

Thank you for helping *connect donors to community needs.*

Those who support the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation show us the way. You show us, by your example, that each of us has the power to make a difference, and together, we can address even the greatest challenges.

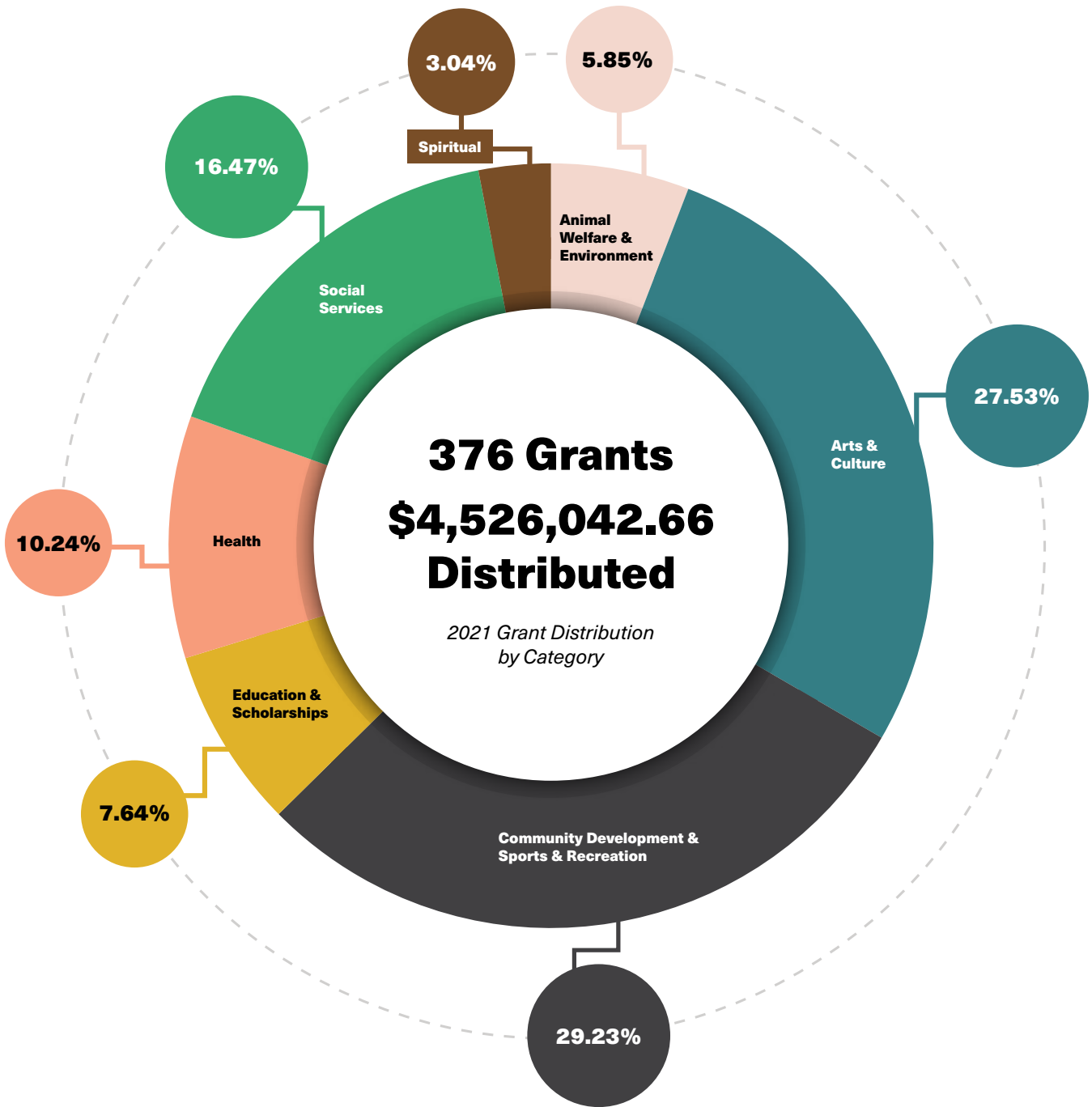
\$4,526,042.66
in Grants Distributed During 2021

376
*Grants
Provided*



217
*Charities
Supported*

Granting at a Glance



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| Animal Welfare & Environment | 12 Grants | \$264,721.60 | Health | 84 Grants | \$463,690.72 |
| Arts & Culture | 48 Grants | \$1,245,896.75 | Social Services | 98 Grants | \$745,248.40 |
| Community Development & Sports & Recreation | 42 Grants | \$1,323,150.80 | Spiritual | 24 Grants | \$137,699.55 |
| Education & Scholarships | 68 Grants | \$345,634.84 | TOTAL | 376 Grants | \$4,526,042.66 |

NOTE: Various organizations received more than one grant in 2021 and have been compiled into a single dollar amount per organization below.

Animal Welfare & Environment

| Recipient Charity/Qualified Donee | Total \$ Amount |
|---|---------------------|
| Estevan Humane Society Inc. | \$15,664.40 |
| Nature Saskatchewan | \$5,000.00 |
| Prince Albert Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc. | \$15,664.40 |
| Regina Humane Society Inc. | \$20,864.40 |
| Saskatchewan Environmental Society | \$66,364.00 |
| Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation | \$19,500.00 |
| The Nature Conservancy of Canada - Saskatchewan Division | \$31,000.00 |
| University of Regina | \$75,000.00 |
| Weyburn Humane Society Inc. | \$15,664.40 |
| TOTAL | \$264,721.60 |

Arts & Culture

| Recipient Charity/Qualified Donee | Total \$ Amount |
|--|-----------------|
| Cecilian Chamber Series | \$7,500.00 |
| City of Weyburn | \$5,000.00 |
| Creative Kids Canada Inc. | \$9,200.00 |
| Do It With Class Young People's Theatre | \$10,000.00 |
| Friends of the Canadian Museum For Human Rights Inc. | \$1,000.00 |
| Globe Theatre Society | \$31,750.00 |
| Government House Foundation | \$1,000.00 |
| Health Arts Society of Regina Corp. | \$20,000.00 |
| J M Curtain Razors Inc. | \$200.00 |
| MacKenzie Art Gallery Inc. | \$1,034,136.09 |
| Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery | \$5,000.00 |
| North Central Family Centre Inc. | \$5,000.00 |
| RCMP Heritage Centre | \$1,000.00 |
| Regina Little Theatre Society Inc. | \$500.00 |
| Regina Lyric Musical Theatre Inc. | \$200.00 |
| Regina Music Festival Association Inc. | \$3,100.00 |
| Regina Performing Arts Centre | \$2,000.00 |
| Regina Summer Stage Inc. | \$200.00 |
| Regina Symphony Orchestra Inc. | \$64,592.38 |
| Saskatchewan Book Awards Inc. | \$5,000.00 |
| Saskatchewan Express Society Inc. | \$1,200.00 |
| Saskatchewan Festival of Words | \$2,000.00 |
| Saskatchewan Foundation for the Arts | \$21,000.00 |

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| Saskatchewan Science Centre Inc. | \$2,000.00 |
| Saskatchewan Writers' Guild Inc. | \$200.00 |
| SCEP CENTRE Society (Regina) | \$2,000.00 |
| Southwest Homes Inc. | \$2,000.00 |
| The National Theatre School of Canada | \$4,118.28 |
| The South Saskatchewan Youth Orchestra | \$3,000.00 |
| Tommy Douglas Centre Inc. | \$2,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,245,896.75 |

Community Development & Sports & Recreation

| Recipient Charity/Qualified Donee | Total \$ Amount |
|---|-----------------|
| Battlefords United Way | \$2,000.00 |
| Catholic Family Services of Saskatoon | \$49,850.00 |
| City of Regina | \$957,528.96 |
| City of Weyburn | \$30,000.00 |
| Eden Care Communities | \$500.00 |
| Food Banks of Saskatchewan | \$500.00 |
| Habitat For Humanity Saskatchewan Inc. | \$994.20 |
| Joe's Place Youth Centre - Generation Hope Youth Inc. | \$6,500.00 |
| KidSport (BC) | \$200.00 |
| KidSport (SK) | \$200.00 |
| Lumsden Beach Camp Inc. | \$5,000.00 |
| Meewasin Valley Authority | \$30,000.00 |
| Moose Jaw Association for Community Living Inc. | \$3,200.00 |
| Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Canada) | \$200.00 |
| Oxford House Saskatchewan Incorporated | \$50,000.00 |
| Prairie Harm Reduction | \$20,000.00 |
| R.M. of Silverwood No. 123 | \$2,924.00 |
| Resort Village of B-Say-Tah | \$1,000.00 |
| RM of Lac Pelletier No. 107 | \$486.33 |
| Safe & Healthy Communities | \$2,000.00 |
| Saskatchewan Hospice Palliative Care Association Inc. | \$10,000.00 |
| Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation | \$38,500.00 |
| The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund | \$3,000.00 |
| The Salvation Army Community Church (Swift Current) | \$2,000.00 |

Community Development & Sports & Recreation (Cont.)

| Recipient Charity/Qualified Donee | Total \$ Amount |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| The Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation | \$600.00 |
| The United Church of Canada | \$20,000.00 |
| Tisdale United Appeal | \$1,200.00 |
| Town of Arcola | \$4,024.62 |
| Town of Regina Beach | \$1,168.82 |
| Town of Strasbourg | \$10,000.00 |
| UNICEF Canada | \$325.00 |
| United Way of Estevan | \$18,800.00 |
| United Way of Regina | \$33,000.00 |
| United Way of Regina (Weyburn) | \$1,500.00 |
| United Way of Saskatoon and Area | \$8,000.00 |
| Village of Buena Vista | \$948.87 |
| YWCA Regina | \$7,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,323,150.80 |

Education & Scholarships

| Recipient Charity/Qualified Donee | Total \$ Amount |
|--|-----------------|
| Alberta Bible College | \$772.86 |
| Brandon University | \$3,400.00 |
| Campion College | \$10,500.00 |
| Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of Canada | \$500.00 |
| Estevan Area Literacy Group Inc. | \$9,000.00 |
| First Nations University of Canada Inc. | \$8,272.17 |
| Frontier College, Prairie Region | \$1,200.00 |
| Gagne, Erin | \$468.29 |
| Holy Rosary Cathedral | \$4,000.00 |
| Ignite Adult Learning Corporation | \$30,000.00 |
| Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami | \$4,636.09 |
| Lions Foundation of Canada | \$10,000.00 |
| Luther College, Regina | \$11,512.59 |
| Moose Jaw Literacy Network (Charitable Partner: Moose Jaw Transition House) | \$14,000.00 |
| Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Canada) | \$3,500.00 |
| Palliser Regional Library | \$1,000.00 |
| Park, Maia | \$3,400.00 |
| Prairie Valley School Division No. 208 | \$4,514.00 |
| Queen's University at Kingston | \$1,000.00 |
| Regina Early Learning Centre Inc. | \$13,944.69 |

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| Regina Food For Learning | \$5,000.00 |
| Regina Public Library | \$2,500.00 |
| Sage Hill Writing Experience Inc. | \$1,000.00 |
| Saskatchewan Science Centre Inc. | \$250.00 |
| Scientists in School | \$13,000.00 |
| South East Cornerstone School Division No. 209 | \$1,000.00 |
| Southeast Regional Library | \$2,924.00 |
| St. Clair College | \$3,400.00 |
| St. Lawrence College | \$3,400.00 |
| St. Thomas More College | \$6,500.00 |
| Swanson, Benjamin | \$468.29 |
| Sykora, Michaela | \$2,000.00 |
| The Governing Council of the University of Toronto | \$3,400.00 |
| The Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation | \$7,924.00 |
| University of Regina | \$108,922.86 |
| University of Saskatchewan | \$48,325.00 |
| TOTAL | \$345,634.84 |

Health

| Recipient Charity/Qualified Donee | Total \$ Amount |
|---|-----------------|
| AIDS Programs South Saskatchewan | \$500.00 |
| All Nations' Healing Hospital Inc. | \$43,069.49 |
| ALS Society of Saskatchewan | \$233.37 |
| Alzheimer Society of Canada | \$200.00 |
| Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan Inc. | \$32,843.02 |
| Canadian Cancer Society (National) | \$300.00 |
| Canadian Cancer Society (SK) | \$10,000.00 |
| Canadian Liver Foundation - Manitoba/Saskatchewan | \$200.00 |
| Canadian Mental Health Association - Saskatchewan Division | \$15,000.00 |
| Canadian Mental Health Association - Weyburn Branch | \$1,500.00 |
| Canadian Red Cross (National) | \$1,260.00 |
| Canadian Red Cross (SK) | \$20,500.00 |
| Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan | \$31,843.02 |
| Caring Hearts Counselling Inc. | \$2,000.00 |
| Carmichael Outreach Inc. | \$2,000.00 |
| Centre for Suicide Prevention, 2005 | \$10,000.00 |
| Crohn's and Colitis Canada | \$650.00 |

Health (Cont.)

| Recipient Charity/Qualified Donee | Total \$ Amount |
|--|-----------------|
| Diabetes Canada | \$5,200.00 |
| Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc. | \$20,000.00 |
| Dystonia Medical Research Foundation Canada | \$200.00 |
| Epilepsy Canada | \$200.00 |
| Family Service Regina | \$5,000.00 |
| Fort Qu'Appelle Community Outreach Management Centre Inc. | \$7,000.00 |
| Gainsborough Health Auxiliary | \$200.00 |
| Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada - Saskatchewan | \$9,843.02 |
| Hope Air | \$5,000.00 |
| Hospitals of Regina Foundation Inc. | \$23,258.00 |
| Ignite Adult Learning Corporation | \$5,000.00 |
| Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation | \$20,800.00 |
| Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada | \$15,000.00 |
| Mercy Ships Canada Society | \$225.00 |
| Moosomin & District Health Care Foundation Inc. | \$2,924.00 |
| Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - Saskatchewan Division | \$350.00 |
| Osteoporosis Canada | \$2,200.00 |
| Parkinson Canada Inc. | \$200.00 |
| Phoenix Residential Society | \$8,550.00 |
| REALM Foundation Inc. | \$4,000.50 |
| Saskatchewan Abilities Council | \$5,000.00 |
| Saskatchewan Health Authority | \$3,400.00 |
| Saskatchewan Polytechnic | \$7,500.00 |
| Schizophrenia Society of Canada | \$137.70 |
| Schizophrenia Society of Saskatchewan Inc. | \$15,200.00 |
| St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Inc. | \$10,000.00 |
| STARS | \$44,592.14 |
| The Arthritis Society | \$7,843.02 |
| The Canadian National Institute for the Blind | \$18,543.44 |
| The Caring Place Regina Inc. | \$25,000.00 |
| The Kidney Foundation of Canada | \$225.00 |

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|---|---------------------|
| The Leprosy Mission Canada | \$300.00 |
| The Lung Association of Saskatchewan | \$1,200.00 |
| The War Amputations of Canada | \$10,000.00 |
| Weyburn & District Hospital Foundation Inc. | \$7,500.00 |
| TOTAL | \$463,690.72 |

Social Services

| Recipient Charity/Qualified Donee | Total \$ Amount |
|---|-----------------|
| Amakon Women Empowerment Inc. | \$500.00 |
| Amnesty International Canadian Section | \$200.00 |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton and Area Inc. | \$30,000.00 |
| Canadian Red Cross - Saskatchewan | \$25,195.00 |
| CARE Canada | \$1,750.00 |
| Caring Hearts Counselling Inc. | \$1,151.89 |
| Carmichael Outreach Inc. | \$49,000.00 |
| Catholic Family Service Society | \$12,000.00 |
| Chili for Children | \$13,000.00 |
| Circle Project Assoc. Inc. | \$22,000.00 |
| CUSO International | \$275.00 |
| Envision Counselling and Support Centre Inc. | \$11,500.00 |
| Farmland Legacies GTC Inc. | \$10,000.00 |
| Food Banks of Saskatchewan | \$21,274.34 |
| Hope's Home | \$35,000.00 |
| Hunger in Moose Jaw Inc. | \$25,000.00 |
| Inclusion Weyburn | \$11,200.00 |
| Kids Help Phone | \$300.00 |
| Kinsmen Foundation Inc. | \$10,061.43 |
| Lions Foundation of Canada | \$2,218.41 |
| MacKenzie Infant Care Centre Inc. | \$5,000.00 |
| Marian Centre Inc. | \$10,000.00 |
| Moose Jaw and District Food Bank Inc. | \$34,225.00 |
| Moose Jaw Family Services Inc. | \$10,000.00 |
| Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc. | \$6,000.00 |
| Moose Jaw Transition House | \$10,000.00 |
| Moosomin Organization for Transportation of Handicapped | \$2,924.00 |
| Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Canada) | \$6,000.00 |

Social Services (Cont.)

| Recipient Charity/Qualified Donee | Total \$ Amount |
|---|---------------------|
| North Central Family Centre Inc. | \$8,500.00 |
| Oxford House Saskatchewan Incorporated | \$13,000.00 |
| Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan, Inc | \$5,000.00 |
| Qu'Appelle Valley Friendship Centre Inc. | \$500.00 |
| Ranch Ehrlo Society | \$50,200.00 |
| Regina & District Food Bank Inc. | \$400.00 |
| Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry | \$12,500.00 |
| Regina Open Door Society Inc. | \$12,500.00 |
| Regina Sexual Assault Centre Inc. | \$200.00 |
| Regina Transition House Inc. | \$46,544.25 |
| Saskatchewan Abilities Council | \$10,000.00 |
| SCEP CENTRE Society (Regina) | \$8,272.17 |
| SOFIA House Inc. | \$39,283.42 |
| Souls Harbour Rescue Mission | \$31,250.00 |
| South West Crisis Services Inc. | \$5,000.00 |
| TFHQ Safe Shelter Incorporated | \$35,283.42 |
| The Canadian National Institute for the Blind | \$6,910.21 |
| The IMPACT SOCIETY for Children and Families in Turmoil | \$5,000.00 |
| The Salvation Army | \$300.00 |
| The Salvation Army Prairie Division | \$10,250.00 |
| The Salvation Army Regina Waterston Centre | \$500.00 |
| The Salvation Army Weyburn Corps | \$2,000.00 |
| Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church | \$2,000.00 |
| United Church Housing Corporation of Regina | \$5,000.00 |
| Valour Place Society | \$1,000.00 |
| Visitation House | \$5,000.00 |
| West Central Crisis & Family Support Centre Inc. | \$1,000.00 |
| Weyburn Care-A-Van Inc. | \$2,796.44 |
| Weyburn Wor-Kin Shop Corp. | \$1,500.00 |
| YMCA Regina | \$6,500.00 |
| YWCA Regina | \$51,283.42 |
| TOTAL | \$745,248.40 |

Spiritual

| Recipient Charity/Qualified Donee | Total \$ Amount |
|---|---------------------|
| Archdiocese of Regina | \$10,000.00 |
| Bethel United Church | \$2,924.00 |
| Blessed Sacrament Parish | \$40,800.17 |
| Calvary Baptist Church | \$12,000.00 |
| Covenant House Vancouver | \$500.00 |
| First Presbyterian Church, Regina | \$100.00 |
| Hindu Samaj of Southern Saskatchewan | \$500.00 |
| Holy Child Parish | \$5,000.00 |
| Knox-Metropolitan United Church | \$16,000.00 |
| Roman Catholic Parish of St. Anthony of Regina | \$10,000.00 |
| Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home Inc. | \$3,000.00 |
| Southeast Saskatchewan Youth for Christ Inc | \$1,500.00 |
| St. Andrew's United Church | \$500.00 |
| St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church | \$392.74 |
| St. Paul's Cathedral | \$16,000.00 |
| The Generalate of the Sisters of the Precious Blood | \$1,000.00 |
| The Great Commission Foundation | \$10,000.00 |
| Ukrainian Catholic Church of Transfiguration | \$4,358.64 |
| United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc. | \$200.00 |
| Wawota United Church | \$2,924.00 |
| TOTAL | \$137,699.55 |

Vital COVID-19 Focus 2021 Report

Through COVID-19 and Beyond

Charities at the Heart of Our Communities



VitalSigns®

In 2019 we connected with our communities by way of 50 Vital Conversations.

Through these Vital Conversations communities identified five key issues that needed attention:



Sustaining rural communities;



Drug abuse and addiction;



Safety in communities;



Racism toward immigrants and Indigenous peoples, and;



Homelessness and affordable housing.

Shortly after releasing the Vital Conversation results, and before having the opportunity to discuss the implications of the results and future plans, the world was hit with COVID-19. Communities were now focused on how to support those they serve during the pandemic and survive themselves. South Saskatchewan Community Foundation also focused on how to support communities and function within the new world. Everyone switched to living in survival mode.

Supporting timely needs of our communities is important to us as a community foundation. We know COVID-19 has had an impact on our communities and the organizations that serve them, and that we could play a role in reporting on those impacts and how the impacts affect community needs. March 12, 2021 marked the one-year anniversary of the pandemic proclaimed in Saskatchewan. The anniversary provided the opportunity to reach out to our south Saskatchewan community by way of a short survey and ask organizations to reflect on the past year and share how COVID-19 has affected their ability to support their communities. The report, *Through COVID-19 and Beyond: Charities at the Heart of Our Communities*, is what we learned from that collective input.

Vital Signs® is a community check-up that measures the region's health and vitality, identifies significant trends, and provides in-depth, up-to-date information about the people in these communities and the environments in which they live, work, and go to school.

Local data gathered through the program is used to support evidence-based, locally-relevant solutions to improve the quality of life at the community level. Vital Signs aims to inspire civic engagement, to provide focus for public debate, and to help a range of actors take action and direct resources where they will have the greatest impact.

Highlights from the *Vital COVID-19 Focus 2021 Report*

Our survey reveals **three important insights**.

- 1** The leading issue of concern in our communities is addressing the mental health needs of our public.
- 2** Our community organizations showed resiliency by being innovative in delivering their programs and sustaining their operations between March 2020 and March 2021. **However, to recover from the impact of COVID-19, organizations need unrestricted funding and more volunteers and staff.**
- 3** Charities are vital in supporting the well-being of our communities.

Program Delivery Challenges



Of those who responded to our survey, a **loss of revenue** (24%) is the leading challenge, which encompasses a drop in fundraising revenue, decline in direct donations and decrease in grant funding.



Virtual program delivery (21%) is reported as a challenge since many organizations were unable to ensure a safe space for clients to take virtual programs (e.g., counselling); clients would develop online fatigue; and creating a meaningful connection was often difficult. Organizations have also indicated experiencing a steep learning curve regarding technology and the use of online tools for staff, clients and volunteers.



Mental health challenges (21%) including staff burnout, anxiety, loss of connection, and continued isolation.



The **'Day-to-day' challenges** (20%) category incorporates difficulties with day-to-day operations such as having poor access to a stable Wi-Fi, enough time for cleaning, and facilitating in-person essential programs during heightened restrictions, all whilst managing the overall fear of infection.

What do organizations need to address program delivery challenges?



44%

**need more long-term,
unrestricted institutional
funding**



11%

**need more
staff and
volunteers**



7%

**need to hold effective
fundraising events to attract
donations**



I think there will be trauma in the community for a significant period and how long this lasts will be dependent on how well our community responds to these challenges.

Regina Early Learning Centre Inc.

Read the full *Vital COVID-19 Focus 2021 Report* here:
sscf.ca/vital-signs-reports/



Vital Signs Community Network

The Vital Signs Community Network (VSCN) brings together organizations and community leaders to stay informed and encourage collaboration and partnerships so that together we can best address the needs of today and prepare for the needs of tomorrow.

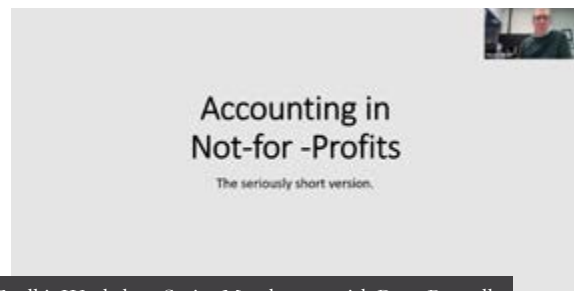
VSCN members act as a sounding board for SSCF. They ensure the relevance and effectiveness of its community engagement and knowledge sharing, particularly its Vital Signs® research, to enhance the Foundation's ability to provide community leadership.

During typical times, quarterly meetings are held in-person. Due to the ongoing pandemic, meetings were moved online for safety and accessibility for organizations across southern Saskatchewan to join.

In 2021, SSCF continued a partnership with the University of Regina Community Engagement and Research Centre to offer professional development opportunities and add value to the VSCN.



VSCN October 2021 meeting via Zoom.



Toolkit Workshop Series March 2021 with Dave Roszell.



Toolkit Workshop Series October 2021 with Milly Sywanyk.



The Vital Signs Community Network has been very valuable by providing a safe place for non-profit organizations to contribute, learn and develop. It is really nice to be surrounded by people in our field and have a front row seat to see the great work that is being done across our region.

Sometimes coming to a group setting can be intimidating, but the VSCN has always been welcoming. It's a breath of fresh air getting to truly participate and engage with others directly. The network has even helped spark collaborations between myself and a few other VSCN members.

Alex Rhead, YMCA of Regina General Manager, Community Development Programs

If you or your charitable organization are interested in participating in the Vital Signs Community Network, please contact SSCF at **1 (306) 751-4756** or **info@sscf.ca** for inquiries.

Vital Signs Community Network

2021 Events and Webinars

Quarterly VSCN Meetings

At the quarterly meetings hosted by Karen Henders, SSCF's Director of Community & Grant Stewardship, members discuss their work and community needs. When possible, there are professional development opportunities through peer sharing, guest speakers, or partnerships with other organizations throughout the year.

The University of Regina's Community
Engagement and Research Centre



Toolkit Workshop Series

The Community Engagement and Research Centre and SSCF were pleased to offer seven unique online workshops designed specifically for organizations and individuals in the non-profit sector to gain useful resources, skills and insights.

Tools and Guiding Principles for Board Diversity and Inclusivity **with Pauline Streete - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer for Research at the University of Regina**

In January, this workshop provided participants with tools and guiding principles to assist board recruitment and to retain a diverse board. This was the third workshop in our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion series, following up on two previous events during fall and winter of 2020.



Taking the Fear Out of Non-Profit Finance and Risk Management **with Dave Roszell - CAA Saskatchewan**

This online workshop series on non-profit finance and risk management was spread over three sessions in March and April. These sessions were focused on 'Understanding the Fundamentals of Financial Statements and Accounting', 'Budgets and Budget Development', and 'Risk and Risk Management'.



Human Resource Fundamentals for the Non-Profit Sector **with Milly Sywanyk - Senior HR Business Partner with the Government of Saskatchewan**

A three-session webinar series designed for people who do not have formal training or deep experience in human resource management. The topics included managing a workforce during a pandemic, recruitment and retention, and performance management and labour relations.



Access slide decks and video recordings of the [**Toolkit Workshop Series here:**](#)



Tiffany Caron's Story

The Impact of *Community*



Tiffany Caron, SSCF's Granting and Digital Administrator

Meet Tiffany Caron, SSCF's Granting and Digital Administrator. Tiffany's positive outlook on life, problem solving skills, and vast wealth of knowledge make her an absolute joy to work alongside. While SSCF is lucky to have Tiffany on our team, Tiffany realized that she was lucky as a child to receive support from many charities that SSCF has funded.



Once I understood what SSCF does in the community, I realized that some of this funding was provided to charities at times when I needed and used it. It was my job to review grant details and I noticed that some of the past grants would have aligned with some of the services that I had used as a child.

Tiffany Caron

Safety and Friendships at Community Centres

From a young age, Tiffany accessed many community services that supported her and helped her grow into a positive adult. This included free youth programming at community centres around Regina where she could participate in arts and crafts, use a computer, and play sports in gymnasiums.

Tiffany explains, "For the sports in the gym, there was always an adult there who acted as a mentor. They provided a level of support and guidance that exceeded what I could get at home. Those places gave me a way to make a lot of friendships. My house wasn't always a safe zone as a kid, but those community centres gave me safety."

Facing Adversity as a Child

Tiffany did not often have an easy path as a child. Often experiencing food insecurity, lacking funding for resources, and experiencing an unstable home environment were every day occasions for her in early childhood. Tiffany's parents were very young, as a result, they were trying to figure out life at the same time they were trying to raise kids. They split up when she was about three or four years old and her dad re-married a few years later.

She opens up about her youth, saying, "I remember when I was around 13 or 14 years old, an incident happened at home with my parents and my neighbours called Mobile Crisis Services. There was a lot of screaming and yelling, so I took my brothers and sisters into my room to stay quiet and safe. I then remember Mobile Crisis Services showing up to the house. They came into my room and gently asked if we were okay. They were very good at calming a very difficult situation down. They even followed up with me a couple of weeks later to make sure I was okay and had the support I needed."

While recalling memories from her childhood, Tiffany told fond stories of accessing food services in Regina including the Regina Food Bank, Chili for Children, and the Rainbow Youth Centre.

She tells us, "I remember on certain days we would race out of school to get chili and bannock lunches from Chili for Children. I also remember the Rainbow Youth Centre had an old minivan they would drive around the area to hand out sandwiches and we would always run after them to get fed."

Tiffany expresses how important such food security programs were to allow her to function properly throughout each day, saying, “I had a full stomach on those days, which always helped me focus on school better. Some days we really didn’t have food at home, but at least I knew that I would have a full meal on those days.”

Building Skills Through Sports

Tiffany loves sports. When her family couldn’t afford food and necessities at home, it also meant they couldn’t afford to put her into organized sports. It was through the Ehrlo Sport Venture Program and KidSport that Tiffany was able to access sports and learn many essential skills.

“I got into sports when I was five years old. I was at the park and kids were playing tee ball, so I asked if I could join. I hit the ball and got a home run. I was excited and so were they. They said I could come back every week. That was the first time I experienced my joy for that sport, which I still enjoy today,” says Caron.

Tiffany attributes KidSport for making it possible for her and her sisters to experience various sports. She says, “When I was in grade three, my mom put my sisters and I on a community ball team. She was a single mom, not working, and only had money to pay for bills. Through KidSport, she was able to pay fees and get equipment so we could play. I also played fastball, ringette and outdoor hockey thanks to KidSport.”

Tiffany attributes sports as having the biggest impact



Tiffany Caron playing ball as a child.

on her life, explaining, “It helped me learn structure and teamwork that still helps so much both at home and at work. Without sports I didn’t really have a routine or schedule. These are essential skills I may not have gained otherwise.”

Lifelong Impacts from Community Causes

Without a doubt, Tiffany is stronger, smarter, and healthier as a result of accessing charities throughout her childhood. When asked to reflect on the impacts charities have had on her, Tiffany explained,

“What would have happened if I didn’t have those places to go? I would have missed out on learning different perspectives. I probably would have been running around getting into trouble with friends or hanging out at home feeling miserable. These services gave me a larger view of what’s possible in the world. It expanded my idea of what I can do and what opportunities are available to me. It helped me build many skills for when I needed them.”

At SSCF, we are lucky to have Tiffany’s presence with us every day. Her smile is contagious and her positive outlook on life is inspiring. It means so much to our organization to have Tiffany working with us, continuing to help create impact in the community for those who need it today, much like she needed it in the past.

Tiffany showed great appreciation to community foundations and the efforts of donors and charities, saying, “Learning that SSCF has funded these charities makes me feel connected here. It feels good to know that what we’re doing is going to help other kids just like me. It can give them a better outlook on life and better prepare them because those services are available to them.”

SSCF wants to thank Tiffany for sharing her unique story that truly encapsulates the power of community. SSCF is a stronger organization with Tiffany in it.

Planting Seeds *Across Southern Saskatchewan*

Southern Saskatchewan Region in 2021:

482
Communities

>470K
Population
As of 2021 (Statistics Canada)

217
*Charities
Supported*

\$4.5M
Granted

*Swift
Current*
16,750
Population

Regina
249,217
Population

Yorkton
16,280
Population

Melville
4,493
Population

*Moose
Jaw*
33,665
Population

Weyburn
11,019
Population

Estevan
10,851
Population

Our Commitment to *Truth and Reconciliation*

A letter for SSCF stakeholders on September 30, 2021: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The South Saskatchewan Community Foundation is committed to pursuing a better path forward with Indigenous Peoples while acknowledging the need to understand and address Truth and Reconciliation.

SSCF's roots in Truth and Reconciliation began in 2017 when it convened a Vital Community Conversation titled *'Pursuing Reconciliation: A Community Forum'* as a way to engage participants in an opportunity to share knowledge and stories about the importance of reconciliation. This conversation is an example of our commitment to support a thriving community with a culture of sharing, generosity, and inclusivity. Other initiatives include our acknowledgment of Orange Shirt Day and our participation in educational opportunities. Through this past work we are forever grateful for the leadership, involvement and guidance we received from our Elder, the late Margaret Masney.



We do not want to disturb our future generation for our children and grandchildren. The leaves fall when they are done here on Earth, the leaves that return to the Earth are the future trees inside Mother Earth, and these in turn are the future forest. The human, when done life on Earth, will return in the future as our grandchildren. Knowing this, we should be respectful of our grandchildren. Knowing this, we should be respectful of our future generations and only take from Earth what you need. Every time you take something, you should make an offering and pray. Be respectful and walk in a sacred way.

The late Elder Margaret Masney (1942 - 2021)

(Excerpt from words shared to youth who participated in the RBC Future Launch Challenge.)

In addition to the above examples, our board is working to review policies and governance structures that would allow for more inclusivity. They have also been engaged in opportunities that help us grow in understanding about the truth about Canada's history with keynote speakers, videos and educational toolkits.

Staff are also committed to Truth and Reconciliation. September 30 will be respected as a statutory day this year and staff are encouraged to take time to do something that will expand their knowledge and compassion for the true reason behind this day.

The significance and importance of our participation and work in Truth and Reconciliation was made heartbreakingly evident to us when, in May 2021, our eyes were opened wider towards Canada's dark history, including the tragedies of Residential Schools and unmarked graves. We acknowledge that Indigenous communities were not surprised by what we learned and that intergenerational trauma for Indigenous communities continues. We are grateful for the work Indigenous leaders are undertaking and we will continue to offer our unwavering support. Staff and board look forward to working with all of our communities to learn about our past together and to form a bright path forward based on respect and inclusivity. Together, we are working to understand, to learn, and to walk in a better way.

We are all in this together.

Donna Ziegler, SSCF Executive Director
Randy Semenchuck, SSCF Board Co-Chair
Gina McGinn, SSCF Board Co-Chair

In August 2021, SSCF's Truth and Reconciliation Fund was established and SSCF is matching all donations up to \$300,000 toward the Fund.

The Fund's purpose is to provide financial support and to fund activities in support of the Indigenous community and the advancement of Reconciliation in south Saskatchewan.

2021 *National Philanthropy Day Awards* Outstanding Legacy Philanthropists



20th Annual National Philanthropy Day

Hundreds of Canadian communities have come together for more than 20 years to recognize and celebrate the immense impact that philanthropy has on us all. National Philanthropy Day is officially recognized in Canada on November 15.

The 20th annual National Philanthropy Day Awards Celebration was presented by DCG Philanthropic Services. This year, the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) South Saskatchewan Chapter modified the format of NPD from a one-day luncheon to an extended virtual celebration that highlighted the outstanding acts of philanthropy.

Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Award Sponsor

SSCF is proud to sponsor the Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Award for the Association of Fundraising Professionals - South Saskatchewan National Philanthropy Day Awards celebration.

We would like to congratulate the four recipients of the Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Award in 2021.

Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Award Recipients



L to R: Trina Owens (CCS),
Terry Henfry and Betty Branford.

Ida and Albert Shipp

Ida Shipp cared deeply for her family and was the main caregiver to her mom, Olga, who passed away from cancer and her dad, Ambrose, who passed of Alzheimers. Her only sibling, Marie, died young due to post-surgery complication.

Ida and Albert were dedicated volunteers who knew the importance of cancer research and donated generously during and after their lifetime hoping to make a significant difference.

The Canadian Cancer Society (Prairies) (CCS) is grateful for the Shipp's kindness and generosity. Their legacy gift will create a brighter future for those living with cancer.

SSCF appreciates the late Ida and Albert Shipp for their lifetime of volunteering and donating towards cancer research.

Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Award Recipients (Continued)



L to R: Jim Burbank, Jakki Crowe (CFS), Norman Beirnes, Leanne Posehn (U of R).

Norman Beirnes

Norman Beirnes' philanthropy is personal. In 2010, Norm lost his beloved wife, Joan, to cancer. As an assistant professor of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Regina for 26 years, Norm found a way to promote his love of learning and memorialize Joan by establishing the Joan and Norman Beirnes Scholarship.

As gratitude for the care Joan had received at the Allan Blair Cancer Centre, Norm has also been supporting the Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan (CFS) for many years. Norm has committed gifts through his will to both charities – his love for Joan will be Norm's lasting legacy.

Congratulations, Norman Beirnes, and thank you for the commitment you've made to your community. Commitments like yours change the world for others who need it.

Jennifer Zalusky

Choosing to name a charitable organization as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy is no easy choice. But for Jennifer Zalusky, the decision felt natural. Despite being an active volunteer, donor, and board member of the Regina Humane Society (RHS), she wanted to do something more, something that would allow her to help animals even when she is no longer able to.

Jennifer's dedication to the RHS and pets in need through her time, talent, resources, and incredible legacy gift, has and will continue to create a bright future for homeless animals in our community for years to come.

Congratulations and thank you, Jennifer Zalusky. Your choice to name RHS as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy will help guarantee a legacy of safe and healthy animals in your community.



L to R: Jennifer Zalusky, Lisa Koch (RHS)



L to R: Crystal Schmalle (HRF), Debbie Lipinski, Harvey Schindel, Cheryl Abbott.

Irma and Tom Trofimenkoff

The late Irma and Tom Trofimenkoff were married 47 years and called Estevan home. They traveled to more than 50 countries throughout their lifetime, but the couple never lost their love for this province and the people who live here.

They were humble, generous and caring souls, who dedicated their estate to supporting various charities, including a substantial bequest to the Hospitals of Regina Foundation (HRF).

Through their lifelong support and generous legacy gifts, they continue to make a difference for the community.

SSCF appreciates the generosity of the late Irma and Tom Trofimenkoff. They left an incredible example showing how donating through an estate can help the charities and the communities they cared about.

Amplifying Community Impact Forever: *Reflecting on the Growth of a Community Foundation with Rick Frost*



Rick Frost, Past CEO of the Winnipeg Foundation

SSCF held a special virtual event for donors on June 17, 2021 with Rick Frost, past CEO of the Winnipeg Foundation (TWF).

Rick reflected back on 23 years of building a more impactful community foundation. In 1997, TWF granted \$5 million to community organizations and had assets of approximately \$80 million. By the end of 2020, TWF granted \$73 million with assets of approximately \$1.6 billion. This growth is the result of long-term partnerships fueled by collaboration with donors. It provides incredible impact on the community that will grow each year, forever.

Rick took us on the journey of this growth and showed how donors can continue to make an even bigger impact in their communities.

SSCF thanks Rick Frost for sharing his invaluable insights with our donors, staff and board.



People want to give to their own community... and if [the funding] is going to be here to help people in my community for the long-term, that has appeal.

Rick Frost



Donna Ziegler and Rick Frost during the event.

Watch the event with Rick Frost at [**SSCF's YouTube channel**](#) or scan here:



Leaving a Legacy

Bequest by Will or Gift of Life Insurance

Including a charitable bequest in your Will or making a gift of life insurance are simple ways to make a lasting gift and leave a legacy for the community. Making gifts of these types through the Foundation benefits the community into the future, while providing maximum tax benefits and peace of mind to donors and their loved ones.

Sample Will Wording For Your Own Use

We can help you or your lawyer with sample wording to make a bequest and include the Community Foundation in your Will.

Estate Tax Credits

Every bequest is eligible for a tax credit for estate tax purposes.

Life Insurance Gifting

To make a gift of life insurance to the Foundation, you can either simply name it as beneficiary or make the Foundation the owner and irrevocable beneficiary of the policy.

Life Insurance Tax Credits

Life insurance donors receive a tax credit for the fair market value of the policy. If the Foundation becomes the owner and irrevocable beneficiary of your policy, you will receive an immediate tax credit if it is paid up and if not, you can receive tax credits on premium payments.

Create a Fund to Match your Giving Needs

We can work with you to determine the type of fund you would like to establish with your gift, or our staff will consider your charitable wishes and determine the community needs that would benefit the most through grants from your fund.

Acknowledgment Options

A bequest can establish a fund in your name, in the name of your family, or in honour of any person or organization you choose.

Give to an Existing Fund

If you prefer not to start your own fund you can choose to give to an existing fund, such as the South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund, which is designed to address relevant and researched local community needs.

Grant Making Opportunities

Grants are made in the name of the fund you establish (or, if you prefer, they can be made anonymously).

No Administrative Hassles

SSCF handles all the administrative details for your peace of mind.

Learn more about Wills on our website: sscf.ca/wills



SSCF is a proud partner of the Will Power movement.



Remembering Those Who Have Passed

Robert “Murray” Grant

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Robert “Murray” Grant who passed away peacefully on October 6, 2021. **Murray was fundamental to the creation and growth of SSCF as one of its founding leaders.** He was there at the beginning, in 1968, and helped plant the seed of around \$60,000 to establish SSCF and create better and stronger communities across south Saskatchewan. That seed has since grown to assets of over \$90 million and donors have since given back more than \$50 million to communities. Murray will be missed by his loved ones and his impact on this community will continue to grow forever.

Stuart Mann

Stuart Mann passed away on January 17, 2021. He was an active member of many community groups, including SSCF. Stuart was the Fundholder 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 and the Mann family’s support of SSCF is greatly appreciated. The board and staff at SSCF extend their condolences to the Mann family.

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.

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.

Betty McLeod

Betty was the daughter of the late Margaret and Derril McLeod and a Fundholder of the Derril McLeod Family Foundation Fund held at SSCF. After Margaret and Derril’s passing, Betty, along with her siblings, carried on the family legacy by recommending charities to benefit from the Fund each year.

SSCF extends our condolences to the McLeod family regarding the passing of Betty McLeod on September 12, 2021.

SSCF's Online *Donation Calculator*

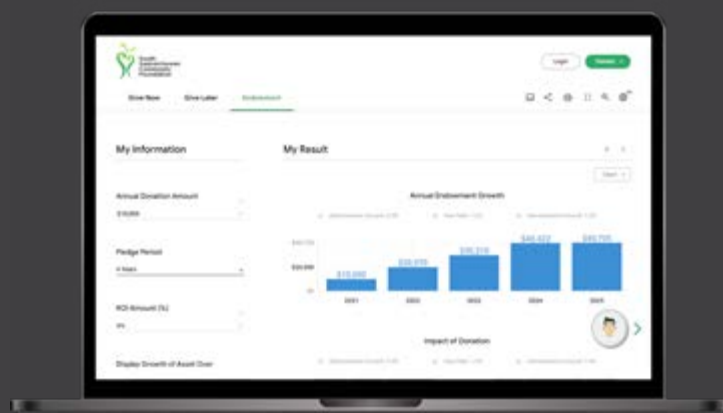


In 2021, SSCF invested in an online donation calculator to give our donors a better look at the impact their donation can have in their community.

Discover how your donations bring real value to you. See the impact of your donation with SSCF's online donation calculator.

Estimate your giving potential with appreciated assets such as stocks, mutual funds and RRSPs/RRIFs. SSCF will walk you through the best ways to give with pretax dollars to optimize your end of the year tax savings.

With SSCF's online donation calculator, you can quickly envision your possibilities to give now, give later, or plan your endowed giving.



Explore SSCF's online donation calculator here: sscf.giftabulatornow.com



Funds Supported by SSCF in 2021

- 22nd Century Club Fund
- Anonymous Donor Fund (5)
- Art and Joyce Marbach Family Foundation Fund
- Big Sky Centre for Learning and Being Astonished! Fund (2)
- Canadian Red Cross Society – Saskatchewan Endowment Fund
- Cedar Hill Cemetery Trust Fund
- City of Regina Capital Fund
- CKCK-TV Trust Fund
- Clark and Anne Lewis Charitable Fund
- Constance M. Acton Fund
- Dayna Brons Entrance Scholarship Fund
- Derril McLeod Family Foundation Fund
- Donald and Claire Kramer Foundation Fund
- Doris and Clarence Taylor Foundation Fund
- Dorothy Wilson Scholarship Fund
- DoubleUp Opportunities Inc. Fund
- Doug Barber Memorial Fund (2)
- Drs. Lewis and Elisabeth Brandt Trust Fund
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Saskatchewan Division Fund
- Ehrmantraut Foundation Fund
- Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs
- Ena and John Houston Trust Fund
- Federation for the Blind Trust Fund
- Fred and Margaret Greenough Fund
- Friends of the MacKenzie Acquisition Fund
- G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund
- Gary Hyland ALS Fund
- Gary Hyland Literary Scholarship Fund
- Genevieve and Murray Grant Trust Fund
- George Butt Foundation Fund
- Gerald B. Wilson Scholarship Fund
- Glengarry Book Award Fund
- Globe Theatre Society Endowment Fund
- Harald Liebe Scholarship Fund
- Helen and Gerard Shearer Foundation Fund
- Hertha Pfeifer Foundation Fund
- Jamieson Family Legacy Fund
- Jamieson Family Legacy Scholarship Fund
- Jim Rose Memorial Fund
- Joanne and Bryan Hillis Fund (2)
- John and Marcella Chamberlain Fund
- John Patton Trust Fund
- Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund
- Kathleen Wilson Scholarship Fund
- Knight Archer Community Foundation Fund
- Knight Archer Legacy Foundation Fund
- Ken Smith and Rachele Mondor Smith Family Fund
- Kramer Ltd. Foundation Fund
- Kramer Operating Trust Fund
- Kramer Science Fund
- Larry Wilson Fund
- Lawrence Wilson Scholarship Fund
- Leader-Post Foundation Legacy Fund
- Lloyd and Duna Barber Family Foundation Fund
- Lyn Goldman Charitable Trust Fund
- Lynn and Jim Tomkins Foundation Fund
- Mann Family Trust Fund
- Marian Gardens Charitable Fund
- Marlene Wilson Scholarship Fund
- Mary and Vern Fowke Trust Fund
- Maynard and Ida Gray Fund
- Michael and Sandra Poon Charity Fund
- Millenium Fund
- Miller Thomson Fund
- MNP Community Fund
- Moffat Family Fund
- Moose Jaw Community Foundation Inc. Fund
- Moosomin and District Music Festival Endowment Fund
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ambler Trust Fund
- National Theatre School of Canada Fund
- Nell Holowachuk Fund
- OptionS Pregnancy Centre Fund
- Prairieview Wealth Management Fund
- Regina Auxiliary War Services Fund
- Regina Humane Society Endowment Fund
- Regina Leader-Post Christmas Cheer Fund
- Regina Paramedics with Heart Fund
- Regina Symphony Orchestra Inc. Endowment Fund
- Regina Symphony Orchestra Reserve Fund
- Regina Work Preparation Centre Fund
- Ritenburg Family Foundation Fund
- Robbie Curtis Memorial Scholarship
- Robert B. McClelland North Okanagan Fund
- RPCI Good Mourning Fund
- Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation Fund (2)
- SASW Scholarship Fund
- SCEP Centre Society (Regina) Operating Fund
- Scholarship Fund
- Scott Collegiate Alumni Scholarship Fund
- Semenchuck Family Fund
- Shyanne Parsons Foundation Fund (2)
- Smart & Caring Fund (2)
- South Shore Community Foundation Fund
- SSCF Non-Endowed Fund
- Stan Doucette Memorial Fund
- Sylvia Wilson Scholarship Fund
- The Bill and Helen Davidson Foundation Fund
- The Book Project Fund
- The DEK All Nations Healing Hospital Foundation Fund
- The Johnny Z Healthy Minds Fund (2)
- The MacKenzie Art Gallery Operating Endowment II – Anonymous Fund
- The Saros Cowasjee Small Animal Foundation Fund
- The Second Lieutenant Andrew Naismith Benevolent Fund
- The Steven Dale Ripplinger Legacy Fund
- Verma Shore Hooper Legacy Fund and Non-Endowed Fund
- Wain Birch Family Foundation Fund
- Whitespruce Fund
- YMCA of Regina Fund (2)

Audited Financial Statements

As at December 31, 2021, with comparative figures for 2020

| STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION | | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash | | \$1,372,309 | \$1,969,847 |
| Accounts receivable | | \$201,600 | \$88,612 |
| Prepaid expenses | | \$6,738 | \$3,300 |
| Accrued interest receivable | | - | \$4,026 |
| Total Current Assets | | \$1,580,647 | \$2,065,785 |
| Tangible capital assets | | \$18,316 | \$17,091 |
| Investments | | \$97,852,244 | \$88,286,964 |
| Intangible Assets | | \$2,000,000 | \$2,000,000 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | \$101,451,207 | \$92,369,840 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Accounts payable | | \$159,683 | \$147,349 |
| Deferred revenue | | \$36,797 | \$33,489 |
| Total Liabilities | | \$196,480 | \$180,838 |
| FUND BALANCES | | | |
| General | | \$305,499 | \$1,133,072 |
| Operational reserve | | \$500,000 | \$500,000 |
| Sustainability reserve | | \$330,000 | - |
| Special Projects reserve | | \$556,832 | - |
| Endowment | | \$99,562,396 | \$90,555,930 |
| Total Fund Balances | | \$101,254,727 | \$92,189,002 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES | | \$101,451,207 | \$92,369,840 |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

| REVENUE | GENERAL | ENDOWMENT | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Contributions | \$29,926 | \$2,950,901 | \$2,980,827 | \$8,027,648 |
| Investment income | \$12,153 | \$1,933,792 | \$1,945,945 | \$1,492,760 |
| Royalty revenue | - | \$926,489 | \$926,489 | \$524,028 |
| Fund administration | \$219,495 | - | \$219,495 | \$177,029 |
| Realized gain on sales of investments | \$68,092 | \$3,370,003 | \$3,438,095 | \$57,413 |
| Unrealized gain on investments | \$127,326 | \$5,610,965 | \$5,738,291 | \$10,705,635 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$456,992 | \$14,792,150 | \$15,249,142 | \$20,984,513 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Distributions | \$600 | \$4,497,120 | \$4,497,718 | \$9,444,963 |
| Investment management fees | \$25,401 | \$423,532 | \$448,933 | \$404,511 |
| Amortization | \$10,720 | - | \$10,720 | \$8,936 |
| Mineral royalty taxes | - | \$5,348 | \$5,348 | \$5,347 |
| Administration | \$380,569 | \$840,127 | \$1,220,696 | \$1,001,017 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$417,290 | \$5,766,127 | \$6,183,415 | \$10,864,774 |
| FUNDS | | | | |
| Increase in fund balances | \$39,702 | \$9,026,023 | \$9,065,727 | \$10,119,739 |
| Fund balance – beginning of year | \$1,633,072 | \$90,555,930 | \$92,189,002 | \$82,069,263 |
| Transfers | \$19,557 | (\$19,557) | - | - |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR | \$1,692,331 | \$99,562,396 | \$101,254,729 | \$92,189,002 |

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