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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

### Spring and summer have been times of change and evolution at the Foundation.

At the end of June we said a heartfelt goodbye to Karen Henders, our past Director of Community & Grant Stewardship. Karen poured her heart into this foundation and always stepped up when she was needed, including becoming the interim Executive Director during our latest leadership search. The impact Karen has had on the charitable sector across south Saskatchewan will be felt for many years to come. We also said goodbye to Kara Marchand, our past Director of Finance and Administration who kept our financials sound during her time with the Foundation.

We gladly welcome Adam Hicks to SSCF as our new Director of Finance and Administration. Adam is a bright and energetic addition to our leadership team with a deep involvement in community. You might recognize him from the Regina Public School Board, as the face and founder of 'Summer Bash' in Regina, or the various other community initiatives he is involved with.

Meanwhile, our staff found room to internally grow. Lorna Sandberg, Victor Roman, and Tiffany Caron all stepped into new roles and responsibilities. We also welcomed Ziyang Zeo Li as our new Donor Services Administrator in June.

We have welcomed new board members, Edmund Bellegarde and Denis Carignan, and bid farewell to Leslie Ciz and Randy Semenchuck. Both Leslie and Randy served as Chair at different times of their tenure. Their leadership, knowledge, and positive attitudes were greatly appreciated.

Our Foundation has also moved to a new location. Our staff are now working at 1911 Broad St. (Path Cowork Basecamp). It is a vibrant space brimming with energy and we can't wait to collaborate with our partners at this new spot.

We have evolved our communication efforts by launching a brand new podcast series, *'Planting Seeds: Philanthropy in Saskatchewan'* created and hosted by our own Victor Roman. I hope you take the time to listen and subscribe as we release more episodes and take the pulse of philanthropy in our community.

I invite you to read further to see the impacts that grants are having on charities and those they serve. This includes the results of the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation Fund, the Moffat Family Fund, and the South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund.

Thank you for taking the time to read about the important initiatives happening across south Saskatchewan.



## 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.



### SSCF's 2021 Annual Report: Planting Seeds for a *Vibrant Community*

SSCF is elated to bring you our 2021 annual report, 'Planting Seeds for a Vibrant Community'. **In 2021, 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.** Read the heartwarming and inspiring stories that capture the community impact today.

Read the Annual Report at [sscf.ca](https://www.sscf.ca) today.



## SSCF Launches a *Philanthropy Podcast*

*'Planting Seeds: Philanthropy in Saskatchewan'* is a brand new podcast hosted by SSCF where we aim to connect you to the community impact that is empowered by donors and charities across the prairies.

For our first episode we were joined by Dr. Tom Deans, The New York Times Top-Ten Author of *Every Family's Business*. He talked with us about transitioning family business wealth and the importance of creating impact through community giving.

Listen to the first episode at [sscf.ca/podcast](https://www.sscf.ca/podcast) or search for it on Spotify, Google Podcasts or YouTube today.



# Upcoming September 1 Grant Deadlines

## 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.

## The Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation

**Typical grant range 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.

## Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund

**Grant Amount (Project): \$10,000**

**Grant Amount (Land Acquisition/Conservation): \$25,000**

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.

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# \$175.2K Granted to Community Through the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation Spring 2022 Grant Recipients

This spring, SSCF and the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation (LEJF) supported 13 charitable programs for a total of \$175,200. The purpose of the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation is to promote social, cultural, religious and other activities deemed beneficial to communities in southern Saskatchewan with priority given to the City of Regina.

Congratulations to the successful applicants! They are:

ORGANIZATIONS	FUNDS
Autism Resource Centre	\$10,000
Dyslexia Canada	\$6,500
Family Service Regina	\$5,000
Heritage Community Association Inc.	\$10,000
Mother Teresa Middle School Inc.	\$15,000
Munch Cafe & Catering Inc	\$8,700
North Central Family Centre Inc.	\$15,000
Regina Food For Learning	\$5,000
Regina Symphony Orchestra Inc.	\$50,000
Regina Transition House Inc.	\$15,000
SCEP CENTRE Society (Regina)	\$5,000
SOFIA House Inc.	\$15,000
YWCA Regina	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$175,200</b>

# \$97K Granted Through the Moffat Family Fund Spring 2022 Grant Recipients

SSCF is pleased to announce the recipients of the Spring 2022 Moffat Family Fund grants. This year the Moffat Family Fund supported 13 charitable programs for a total of \$97,000 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 of the City of Moose Jaw and District.

Congratulations to the successful applicants! They are:

ORGANIZATIONS	FUNDS
Creative Kids Canada Inc.	\$13,721.86
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.	\$9,078.14
Moose Jaw Association for Community Living Inc.	\$3,200
Moose Jaw Family Services Inc.	\$5,000
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)	\$2,500
Square One Community Inc.	\$1,000
The IMPACT SOCIETY for Children and Families in Turmoil	\$10,000
YMCA of Regina & Moose Jaw	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97,000</b>

# Over \$64K Granted through the South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund

## 2022 Grant Recipients

Through the South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund (formerly the Smart & Caring Fund), SSCF supported 16 charitable programs for a total of \$64,484.29. This Fund grants to charitable activities that promote and enhance vibrant, healthy and caring communities in south Saskatchewan. The purpose of the Fund is to allow SSCF to respond to areas of focus identified in its current Vital Signs Report.

These focus areas include: sustaining rural communities, drug abuse and addiction, safety in communities, racism towards new immigrants and Indigenous peoples, homelessness and affordable housing, and mental health.

Congratulations to the successful applicants! They are:

ORGANIZATIONS	FUNDS
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Regina and Area Inc.	\$4,235.29
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton and Area Inc.	\$5,000
Caring Hearts Counselling Inc.	\$5,000
Carmichael Outreach Inc.	\$5,000
CityKidz Regina Ministry Incorporated	\$4,235
Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation Inc.	\$3,500
Expressway Family Centre Inc.	\$2,500
Moose Jaw Association for Community Living Inc.	\$2,650
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Canada)	\$2,000
Regina Sexual Assault Centre Inc.	\$2,500
Regina Transition House Inc.	\$5,000
Saskatchewan Abilities Council Inc.	\$5,000
SCEP CENTRE Society (Regina)	\$5,000
The Big Sky Centre for Learning and Being Astonished Inc.	\$5,000
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind	\$3,000
The Salvation Army	\$4,864
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,484.29</b>

# An Extra \$15K Granted by Donors through SSCF's Grant Catalogue

All South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund applicants who were deemed eligible for funding by the SSCF committee, but were not funded due to granting capacity, were made available for support by SSCF donors through SSCF's Grant Catalogue.

We send gratitude towards the **Derril McLeod Family Foundation Fund** for supporting three additional applicants for a total of \$15,000.

The additional supported applicants are:

ORGANIZATIONS	FUNDS
Mother Teresa Middle School Inc.	\$5,000
YWCA Regina	\$5,000
Prairie Debut Inc.	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

## The Big Sky Centre for Learning and Being Astonished

# Better Together: A Call to Reconciliation

The Big Sky Centre for Learning and Being Astonished received \$5,000 from the South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund in 2022 for their program, 'Better Together: A Call to Reconciliation'. This program offers workshops to Astonished's core members to educate and engage them in activities that promote Truth and Reconciliation. One of the workshops included a blanket exercise led by an elder.

Astonished supports young adults with complex physical disAbilities with a strong focus on inclusion for individuals - working towards people's dreams and taking care of each other's needs. The organization came to the realization that the majority of their core members had not yet been part of conversations regarding Truth and Reconciliation. This came to the forefront in 2021 when unmarked graves were being discovered.



**We realized that there's a big part of our community that needs to be brought into these conversations and to increase our capacity to really move towards Truth and Reconciliation. We have to learn this shared history in a way that works for our core members and create a safe space to learn more about Indigenous culture and worldviews, and to celebrate Indigenous teachings. By teaching and supporting our participants, we hope to build the strengths they need to become Indigenous allies."**

- Bonnie Cummings-Vickaryous, Astonished Executive Director

With the \$5,000 received, Astonished is able to expand this program and provide additional activities throughout the year. For instance, the elder who led the blanket exercise will be returning to do a ribbon skirt workshop.

Bonnie explains, "This grant has played a crucial role to organize the ribbon skirt exercise this fall. Our group is really looking forward to learning how to make the ribbon skirts and to be able to wear those skirts as symbols of support going forward."

She also expresses gratitude towards SSCF and the South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund, stating, "We are so appreciative of SSCF and their commitment to community. Coming out of the pandemic and currently facing economic inflation means that funding through fundraising is a bit turbulent. Funding like this truly helps us support our mandate and our community."



## In Memoriam

### Janet Smith

SSCF sends our condolences to the family and loved ones of Janet Smith who passed away on March 7, 2022. Janet served as a fund advisor for the G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund. Janet and her family have been friends of SSCF for a long time and our staff and board value their dedication and contributions to the community.

### Kathleen Isely (Wilson)

Our staff and board send sympathies to the Isely Wilson family and friends as we heard of Kathleen's passing on January 28, 2022. She is the namesake of The Kathleen Wilson Scholarship Fund, one of the various Wilson scholarships held at SSCF to support students from Moose Jaw and south Saskatchewan studying the arts.

### Georgina (Ena) Houston

Georgina (Ena) Houston passed away peacefully on June 23, 2022. SSCF sends our thoughts to the friends and family of Ena. In 1990, Ena and her late husband, John, a former SSCF board member, created the Ena and John Houston Trust Fund at SSCF. We thank them for their service and support. Their legacy will live on at the Foundation through their contributions.



# Welcoming our 2022 Board of Directors

## Announcing our Board of Directors for 2022:

**Gina McGinn**, Co-Chair      **Ann Phillips**, Director  
**Shelley Thiel**, Co-Chair/Vice-Chair      **Bula Ghosh**, Director  
**Jack Ritenburg**, Treasurer      **Gordon Braun**, Director  
**Phoebe De Ciman**, Secretary      **Mo Bundon**, Director  
**Cheryl Zankl**, Past Chair      **Teresa Drew**, Director

## Welcome to our new board members:

**Edmund Bellegarde**, Director      **Denis Carignan**, Director

## A special thanks to outgoing board members:

**Randy Semenchuck**      **Leslie Ciz**

# Announcing the Retirement of Karen Henders

This is a bittersweet announcement for all of us at SSCF. Karen Henders, SSCF's Director of Community & Grant Stewardship. Karen retired at the end of June, 2022.

During her time at SSCF, Karen provided incredible leadership and was a catalyst to connect the charitable sector across south Saskatchewan. Karen's beautiful smile, her commitment to the well-being of community and collegial work ethic along with her entertaining stories about her experiences in the film industry will be missed by SSCF staff and board. While Karen is now enjoying retirement, her impact at SSCF will be felt for many years to come.



# Welcoming New Staff

**Adam Hicks**,  
Director of Finance and Administration

SSCF welcomes Adam Hicks to our leadership team. Adam is a Chartered Professional Accountant with a wealth of professional and volunteerism experience in Saskatchewan and has a deep passion for charitable work.



**Ziyang Zeo Li**,  
Donor Services Administrator

Meet Ziyang Zeo Li, SSCF's new Donor Services Administrator. He is responsible for supporting the planning, execution and monitoring of donor directed granting and programmatic initiatives.



# Staff Role Changes

**Victor Roman**,  
Manager of Community Impact and Communication

In Victor's new role, he provides leadership and overall direction for the Foundation's community engagement and granting program as well as leading the Foundation's communications strategy.



**Lorna Sandberg**,  
Director of Philanthropy and Donor Stewardship

Lorna now provides leadership regarding donor directed granting and programming initiatives. She builds important relationships within the community to advance the strategic direction of SSCF.



**Tiffany Caron**,  
Granting and Digital Officer

Tiffany's role is evolving while continuing to provide her vast expertise to those we serve. She coordinates and enhances processes for grants from donors to the charities they support.



# Exclusive Donor Event *with Dr. Tom Deans*

Thank you to all of the amazing guests who came to our invite only event, 'Transitioning Family Business Wealth with Dr. Tom Deans'.

Tom gave an incredibly motivating keynote, followed by an insightful Q&A panel with representatives from each event sponsor. This included Donna Ziegler from SSCF, Dave Barnard from Semenchuck Barnard Family Wealth Group of RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Eric Johnson from Miller Thomson LLP and Bob Tosh from MNP.



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