

Community Corner

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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

Many firsts for the Foundation

If the past few months have held two themes for SSCF, it would be change and growth at the Foundation.

We've recently grown the grant opportunities that charities can apply for through the newly established Truth and Reconciliation Fund (TRF). This Fund also provided us with a moment to change the way grant applications can work in an effort to make granting more accessible for applicants.

The TRF is momentous as the first Fund ever at SSCF to accept video and audio format grant applications. We're excited for this change and will continue to try to improve and create more accessible and inclusive opportunities for our applicants.

We were pleased to partner with the Regina Public Library to facilitate the first 'Commons Conversation' with Justin Lee of Buckets & Borders. This collaborative effort created a new way for our podcast-style conversations to reach the community.

In September, SSCF held its first in-person donor event *'Response. Recovery. Rebuilld.'* at our new office. It was delightful to see the familiar faces and to hear the heartwarming, insightful, and impactful stories from charities as they told their experiences responding to the pandemic.

Our team at SSCF thanks all of the speakers who participated at the event, including Joe Dueck, CEO and Founder of Joe's Place Youth Centre, Shelley Svedahl, Executive Director of Caring Hearts Counselling Inc., and Sandy Pinay-Schindler, Director of Education at Cowessess First Nation.

This November, we were honoured to sponsor the National Philanthropy Day awards where we celebrated many noteworthy philanthropists in our community, including familiar friends and faces from the Barber family and the McLeod family.

Read this newsletter to see the opportunities donors and charities are creating to strengthen our community. This includes the results of the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation Fund, the G. Murray and Enda Forbes Foundation Fund, and the Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund.

In September, these competitive grants provided a combined total of over \$683,000 to

43 charitable organizations! What an incredible impact this will have on the people of south Saskatchewan. If you're interested in getting involved with this impact, feel free to reach out and we will gladly have a conversation with you.

Anna Gieger

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 Celebrates the 2022 National Philanthropy Day Awards Honourees

For more than two decades, hundreds of communities across Canada have come together to recognize the immeasurable ways philanthropy benefits us all. National Philanthropy Day is officially recognized in Canada on November 15th. **SSCF is proud to sponsor the Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Awards** for the Association of Fundraising Professionals -South Saskatchewan National Philanthropy Day Awards celebration.

Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Honourees:



Janet and Dave Barber



Dr. Lloyd and Duna Barber



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Gerda Fiesel

Janet and Dave Barber have had a special connection to SSCF beyond Janet's valued six years of SSCF board service. At the age of 15, one of their sons, Doug, tragically died in an accident. To honour Doug, the Barbers fundraised and volunteered time to create a million-dollar Regina Beach Pier, lookout and community hub, complete with a 'barber pole' to symbolize Doug's enjoyment of the pier with family and friends. They also established the Doug Barber Memorial Fund which further assists their community.

In 2006, Dr. Lloyd and Duna Barber established the Lloyd and Duna Barber Family Foundation Fund to compliment and extend their philanthropic work. Lloyd, who passed in 2011, served as the University of Regina President and Vice-Chancellor (1976-1990) and received many awards for his numerous community contributions. Duna, who was a nurse, has also received awards for her extensive involvement as a volunteer, board member, first responder, and mentor. Through their philanthropy, the Barbers' have created a legacy of transformational support to causes that remain close to their hearts.

Dr. Derril McLeod established his namesake Family Foundation at the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation in order to ensure a lasting legacy in our community. Dr. McLeod passed away in 2007. Since then, his family – now extending to three generations – have continued his legacy and provided ongoing support to the University of Regina with more than \$1 million in donations.

As lovers of animals, Gerda and her husband John found joy in supporting animals in need in the community while sharing their home with their beloved cat, Minky. When John passed in 2018, Gerda again shared her generosity by making a \$100,000 donation to the Regina Humane Society in John's memory.

As the Animal Community Centre project moved forward, Gerda was moved to make a greater commitment and donated an additional \$1,000,000 and has shared her intention to leave her estate to help animals at the Shelter.



The Benefits of **Donating Your Stocks** Through SSCF

Did you know that donating your stocks through SSCF is a quick and simple process? If you want to learn more about how you can make an impact with your stocks, reach out to us today. Read below for the five main benefits when donating your stocks.



You will receive a tax receipt for 100% of your stock trading price.

We process transactions within one business day. You will receive your tax receipt based on the transaction date.

As a trusted holder of endowed funds, your donation will be protected and the interest earned each year is provided to the charities and community causes that align with your values. Your donation will live on and grow forever.

Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund

\$35K Granted Towards **Environmental Initiatives**

SSCF is pleased to announce the recipients of the Fall 2022 Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund (JGJ) grants. This year JGJ supported 2 charitable programs for a total of \$35,000. The purpose of this Fund is to support projects that preserve and conserve native flora and fauna in Saskatchewan.

ORGANIZATIONS	FUNDS
The Nature Conservancy of Canada – Saskatchewan Division	\$25,000
University of Regina	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$35,000

The G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund

Over \$539K Granted to Charities this Fall

SSCF is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2022 G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund grants. This year the Fund supported 33 charitable programs for a total of \$539,486.50. The purpose of this Fund is to support general charitable purposes in the south Saskatchewan area.

We would like to congratulate all of the successful applicants. They are:

ORGANIZATIONS	FUNDS
Agriculture in the Classroom SK	\$10,000
Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan Inc.	\$30,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton and Area Inc.	\$30,000
Circle Project Assoc. Inc.	\$30,000
Common Weal Community Arts Inc.	\$20,000
Creative Kids Canada Inc.	\$20,000
Diabetes Canada	\$5,000
Earth Rangers	\$15,000
Family Services Regina	\$30,000
Fort Qu'Appelle Community Outreach Management Centre Inc.	\$15,000
I Challenge Diabetes	\$5,000
Joe's Place Youth Centre - Generation Hope Youth Inc.	\$10,000
Moose Jaw Family Services Inc.	\$8,000
Moose Jaw Transition House	\$15,000
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD Canada)	\$10,000
Nature Saskatchewan	\$5,000
Neil Squire Society	\$30,000
Regina Food For Learning	\$10,000
Regina Music Festival Association Inc.	\$9,000
Saskatchewan Hospice Palliative Care Association Inc.	\$8,650
Saskatchewan Polytechnic	\$15,000
Scientists in School	\$19,500
Second Harvest Canada	\$20,000
Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan	\$30,000
The Arthritis Society	\$10,000
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind	\$5,000
The Caring Place Regina Inc.	\$5,200
The Moose Jaw Non-Profit Housing Corporation	\$5,000
The Salvation Army	\$30,000
The Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation	\$5,000
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	\$29,136.50
United Way of Regina	\$20,000
Weyburn Care-A-Van Inc.	\$30,000
	\$539,486.50

The Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation

8 Programs Supported with Over \$109K

This fall, SSCF and Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation (LEJF) supported 8 charitable programs for a total of \$109,560. 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
Carmichael Outreach Inc.	\$7,500
Chili for Children	\$15,000
Circle Project Assoc. Inc.	\$8,000
Hope's Home	\$15,000
Luther College, Regina	\$19,060
Regina Transition House Inc.	\$15,000
The Salvation Army (Regina)	\$15,000
YWCA Regina	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$109,560

New Grant Opportunity

SSCF's Truth & Reconciliation Fund is Now Accepting Applications

Our efforts together are to learn more about our past together and to find better ways to support a brighter future. The Fund will look to support applications of the following amounts:

Minor Grants: up to \$9,999 Major Grants: \$10,000+

The fund is intended to address programs that will help advance the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action in the areas of Education, Culture and Language. For example, this may include opportunities for children, youth and families to reconnect to their culture by providing opportunities such as workshops, events, classes that offer individuals and families connection to Elders, communities, and the Land.

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



The SSCF has initially committed \$300,000 in the first year of the Truth & Reconciliation Fund.

Donors wishing to match the \$300,000 would provide more community opportunities to build and strengthen relationships that only together can provide a better future for everyone.

If you're interested in contributing, reach out to SSCF and we'll work closely with you to make an impact.

Recognizing Truth. Inspiring Action SSCF Supporting *Miyo-wîcîwitowin Day*



Thursday, September 29, 2022 marked the first Miyo-wîcîwitowin Day, or "We Walk Together Day" event at Mosaic Stadium. Miyo-wîcîwitowin means reconciliation in Cree. Walking in a good way is how it is often described.

SSCF is proud to have partner with Miyo-wîcîwitowin Day this year. It was a day for our communities to come together to share in truth with the purpose of inspiring action.

In the month of September, SSCF reflected on our commitment to the Calls to Action through the announcement of the Truth and Reconciliation Fund. The Fund is intended to address programs that will help advance the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action in the areas of Education, Culture and Language with oversight from a committee of Indigenous leaders in our community.

Our organization is still quite young in regards to acknowledging the truth and taking action towards reconciliation. This event was a fantastic place to remind us of why this work is essential to the wellbeing of our community as we embark on this journey."

- Donna Ziegler, Executive Director



SSCF staff and board attending the event: L to R: Gordon Braun, Lorna Sandberg, Donna Ziegler, Tiffany Caron, Shauna Reiger

Commons Conversation with Buckets & Borders



SSCF was excited to be involved with Regina Public Library's free event, 'Commons Conversation' on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at the Central Library Branch.

The evening started with an insightful presentation by Justin Lee, Co-Founder of Buckets & Borders, a non-profit organization making positive change in Regina through community building and basketball. Justin taught the viewers the processes and experiences the organization has gone through to revitalize basketball courts around the city. He explained how they involve and engage neighbourhood communities in the development and create a sense of pride for each court.

Victor Roman, SSCF's Manager of Community Impact & Communication, led a conversation period with Justin to learn more about the initiative and its roots. Revealing that Justin has grown up in a family culture filled with community giving and community development, he explained how he wants to take this passion project beyond Regina and someday make it a nationwide initiative.

SSCF would like to thank the Regina Public Library for hosting the event and Buckets & Borders for sharing their story.

Watch a video recording of the conversation here or by searching 'South Saskatchewan Community Foundation' on YouTube.





for Donors Important Reminder

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

If you are considering a non-cash gift, such as stocks, life insurance, royalties, real-estate, etc. please ensure to contact us in early December. We are only able to provide tax receipts for the 2022 year if we can determine the value of gifts before December 31st. Stocks can take a few business days to transfer but other assets can take a few weeks to acquire appraisals. Please ensure to call us soon to discuss your wishes further.



Get Matching Funds When Supporting the Arts

Canadians are encouraged to support the arts by providing donations to an arts organization's endowment fund. The federal government provides matching funds of up to one dollar for every dollar raised from private donors to create endowment funds or to increase existing ones.

Reach out to a representative today to find out how to make the most impact with your donation at 306-751-4756 or info@sscf.ca.

Response. Recovery. Rebuild. A Special Donor Event

We were excited to hold an event on September 20, 2022 to bring together donors and members of the charitable sector to celebrate generosity and community. The evening was a way to recognize the incredible response of charities during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We reflected on how we are recovering and rebuilding for the future of our communities.

Three guest speakers shared their insights and experiences responding during times of heightened need. This included Joe Dueck, CEO and Founder of Joe's Place Youth Centre, Shelley Svedahl, Executive Director of Caring Hearts Counselling Inc., and Sandy Pinay-Schindler, Director of Education at Cowessess First Nation.

SSCF staff and board send our thanks to all of those who contributed and attended the event.





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