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



Donna Ziegler, Executive Director



Over \$6.5 Million Given Back to 219 Charities Throughout 2022

A Message from our Executive Director

Growing the community giving movement throughout 2023 and beyond.

Even with the economic challenges of investments in 2022, I'm pleased to say our Foundation, with the support of an incredible community of donors, returned over \$6.5 million back to community. As a matter of fact, **over our 53 year history, nearly \$60 million has been returned to community thanks to SSCF donors!**

Despite the fantastic return of dollars to community in 2022, we learned that economic challenges continue to hamper programs, services and operations of charities post-COVID. Our competitive grants this year were well oversubscribed by almost double the applicants. Our most recent Truth & Reconciliation Fund grant deadline had over triple the amount of requests compared to the dollars available for the deadline. To learn more about this gap in funding and how you can get involved as a donor, read our call for support enclosed on the third page of this newsletter.

We are also regretful to announce that the South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund grant opportunity will not be accepting applications during 2023. This is due to a lack of funds as a result of recent economic challenges with investments. **This means that the need to strengthen funding capacity will be even greater this year than in recent years.**

One way we hope to strengthen that capacity and grow community giving is through our online grant catalogue. This spring, the grant catalogue will be open for public donors to learn about the emergent needs in their community and to fund them directly through SSCF's online donation portal. We are asking charities to apply to the grant catalogue in lieu of the Vital Community Fund. **We are encouraging donors, new and old, to seek out and support these well deserving charitable causes.**

Lastly, SSCF staff will be holding a series of informational events for the public throughout 2023. I would like to personally invite you to these events, which you can view a full list of on the last page of this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you and finding ways that we can grow community giving, together and forever.



Generous donors, through partnership with SSCF, returned \$6,594,329.20 back to 219 charities throughout 2022. This total equals over \$2 million more than what was returned in 2021.

Donors who give back to their community with SSCF impact many community needs by funding charities to deliver essential programs. This includes, but is not limited to, focus areas of addictions, food security, shelter, children and youth, women and family safety, arts and culture, animal welfare, environmental needs, and healthcare.

Donna Ziegler, Executive Director at SSCF, expressed tremendous gratitude towards the community impact that donors and charities are creating across the region.

"Thank you to the donors, the charities, and the many acts of kindness that have made a difference for someone else. Because of your generosity, and those that came before us, the Foundation will continue to help community today, tomorrow, and for many years to come."

Donna went on to explain that SSCF has ambitious goals to make an even bigger impact on their community. She said, "it was amazing for me to realize that we increased our granting amount by over \$2 million in 2022. However, we know that the community's needs far outweigh our capacity to serve them. While we saw more money out the door, we also saw record amounts of charities seeking competitive grants through SSCF in 2022."

SSCF will be seeking more donors, partnerships and resources in 2023 to continue to grow the moment of charitable giving 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.

Over \$122K Granted Through the Truth & Reconciliation Fund

During the first round of the Truth & Reconciliation Fund (Deadline: January 16, 2023) \$122,635.15 was granted to 11 organizations in support of projects advancing the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action in the areas of education, culture and language. Congratulations to the successful applicants. They are:

ORGANIZATIONS	FUNDS
Carmichael Outreach Inc.	\$9,000
Chili for Children	\$25,000
Chinook School Division	\$10,000
Cornwall Alternative School	\$10,000
Creative Options Regina / Inclusion Regina	\$9,685.15
Frontier College, Prairie Region	\$7,500
Great Plains College	\$7,950
Phoenix Residential Society	\$7,500
Project Play YQR	\$10,000
RCMP Heritage Centre	\$10,000
Street Culture Kidz Project Inc.	\$16,000
TOTAL	\$122,635.15

IMPORTANT NOTE: TRUTH & RECONCILIATION FUND 2023 DEADLINE & CRITERIA CHANGES

Due to an overwhelming demand during the first round of the Fund, the Truth & Reconciliation Fund will only be accepting applications for one more round of funding in 2023 and SSCF has updated the guidelines and criteria of the grant opportunity.

April 17, 2023 will be the final funding deadline. The initially planned deadlines for July 17 and October 16 will not occur.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Moffat Family Fund

Its primary goal is to support and advance the economic, social, physical and intellectual well-being of children and families.

The majority of the Moffat Family Fund grants have focused on support for children, youth (teens and young adults) and families. In more recent years the Fund has broadened its focus. For example, in some communities, it has supported initiatives that address addiction and mental health, including access to addiction treatment for both youth and adults.

Grant Amount: \$1,000 to \$20,000 (average grant is \$3,000)

Grant Deadline: February 28, 2023

The Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation

Grants are made to promote social, cultural, religious, and other activities deemed beneficial to communities in southern Saskatchewan with priority given to the City of Regina. Grants often focus on supporting outreach to those in need, providing educational opportunities, and supporting the arts.

Grant Amount: \$5,000 to \$15,000

Grant Deadline: March 1, 2023

Truth & Reconciliation Fund: Round 2

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.

Grant Amount: Up to \$25,000

Grant Deadline: April 17, 2023

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



Vital Community Fund Postponed for 2023

We regret to inform you that the **South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund** (formerly known as the Smart & Caring Fund) grant opportunity is being postponed for 2023 due to an insufficient amount of funds to disburse. We anticipate the grant opportunity to return for the regular scheduled deadline in 2024.

In the absence of this grant opportunity for 2023. We encourage charities to submit requests for funding through SSCF's public grant catalogue. Details are listed below:

SSCF's Online Grant Catalogue Publicly Available For Donors to Support Charitable Needs

In 2022, SSCF launched an online Grant Catalogue for added value to SSCF Fund Advisors. In March of 2023, the catalogue will be available to the public to use. **This allows donors to seek and support emergent needs and projects that are submitted by charities across south Saskatchewan.**

If you are a charity looking to post your own projects to the Grant Catalogue, email catalogue@sscf.ca today and we will help set you up.

If you are a donor looking to support charitable projects, visit sscf.ca/grant-catalogue today.



Call for Support

Seeking Partnerships to *Grow the Truth & Reconciliation Fund*



The first ever Truth & Reconciliation Fund grant opportunity launched with deadlines throughout 2023.

In November, 2022, SSSF along with its Truth & Reconciliation Fund (TRF) committee launched the first competitive grant process for the Truth and Reconciliation Fund to run throughout 2023.

Initially, approximately \$275,000 was designated to grant out quarterly throughout 2023. However, by the first grant deadline in January of 2023, over \$600,000 was requested by 22 organizations with projects related to the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action. This is over double the amount of funds available to grant in 2023 and has resulted in the TRF committee reducing the amount of grant deadlines from four to two throughout 2023.

A great amount of community impact is being made, but a gap exists that needs to be filled.

Following the January 2023 grant deadline, \$122,635.15 has been granted back to 11 charitable organizations working directly towards Truth & Reconciliation.

However, due to the exceptionally high the demand of the first grant deadline alone, over approximately \$480,000 towards essential charitable needs for Indigenous communities has gone unfunded.

This \$480,000 gap means that important projects are without financial support in areas including:

- Connecting youth in need to their Indigenous culture and language;
- Rejuvenating and restoring Indigenous languages;
- Finding truth by uncovering unmarked graves;
- Reconnecting with and conserving Indigenous land;
- Infrastructure for remote Indigenous communities;
- and Indigenous-led education and training for staff, community members, and students.

How can you get involved as a donor or business to power charitable causes through the Truth & Reconciliation Fund?

SSCF has committed funding for the Truth & Reconciliation Fund for 2023 and 2024, but we are seeking the partnerships and supports of donors and businesses to grow this opportunity far into the future.

If you're interested in getting involved as a potential donor or sponsor of the Truth & Reconciliation Fund to help power emergent Indigenous-related needs of your community, reach out to us today to start the discussion.

Phone 306-757-4756 or email info@sscf.ca today.



Regina & Area Sexual Assault Centre's "Prevent It" Program Receives \$2.5K

In 2022, Regina & Area Sexual Assault Centre (RSAC) was granted \$2,500 through the South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund for their "Prevent It" program.

The centre aims to reduce and eliminate the impacts of sexual violence in the communities they serve through education, support and advocacy. The "Prevent It" program was a pilot project summer camp for youth to address the risks of sexual violence.

Brianna Taylor, Counsellor at RSAC, explains, "We actually partnered with Little Warriors and Safe Places. They had been developing a curriculum throughout COVID that could be offered online for teens and kids... We selected a few of their modules to pilot and ran two separate sessions throughout the summer."

It created this environment where it was safe and felt comfortable to discuss some of the preventative education that sometimes feels really big and scary for kids. By the end of our program we had parents reaching out to us saying that it was their kids' favourite camp of the summer and this offered a really good foundation for them to continue to have some of these conversations about prevention, healthy relationships, mental health and consent at home.

- Brianna Taylor, RSAC Counsellor

Lisa Miller, Executive Director at RSAC, stresses the importance that funding like this has on their ability to run essential programs throughout the year. She says, "Non-profits work on pretty tight budgets, so when we want to run programs like this that need a little additional boost to funding to be able to offer... it was so important and we are so thankful."

SSCF sends our deepest appreciation to RSAC and the incredibly important work they're doing in our communities.

Watch the video story with RSAC at sscf.ca/community



Friends of SSCF receive the *Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal*



Deborah Rush

Recipient: Deborah Rush

SSCF would like to congratulate Deborah Rush for being a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal,

Deb currently sits on SSCF's Community Investment and Stewardship committee where her expertise is greatly appreciated.



Recipient: Dr. Bryan Hillis

SSCF would also like to congratulate Dr. Bryan Hillis for receiving the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal.

Dr. Hillis is a fundholder at SSCF with the Joanne and Bryan Hillis Fund.

Deborah Rush and Dr. Hillis are two of 164 Regina residents who received the medal on January 30, 2023 and were recognized for their contributions and service to the community.



Upcoming Public SSCF Events

SSCF staff are hosting a variety of informational in-person events throughout 2023.

A wide variety of events are being planned for any interested individuals to attend, free of charge.

**All of the events are being hosted at:
Path Cowork - Basecamp (1911 Broad St. Regina, SK.)**

Arts Endowment Heritage Canada Matching Programs

March 1 - Appetizers

Supporting Agriculture

March 8 - Supper

Employer Giving Programs

March 15 - Appetizers

Agency Event

March 22 - Breakfast

Managed Funds

April 20 - Appetizers

Trusted Community Stakeholders – Accountants, Lawyers, Investors

May 18 - Breakfast

Legacy Giving

May 24 - Appetizers

AGM & Post Meeting

June 15 - Appetizers

Truth & Reconciliation – The Journey we are on.

June 21 - Appetizers

New Funds Established at the Foundation

Desirée Hutton (née Steele) Legacy Fund



The Desirée Hutton (née Steele) Legacy Fund supports learners who seek to serve their communities, and those who are first in their families to seek post-secondary education. Desirée wanted to expand access to education for learners who need help to overcome systemic barriers to their educational goals. Donations to this Endowed Fund grow over time and will improve outcomes for marginalized individuals and communities.

Archer Family Giving Fund

A new legacy fund has been created under the 'Archer Family Giving Fund.' We are thankful for Doug and Gloria Archer, who have put their trust in the SSCF to manage a new donation of close to \$3 million. This Fund will grow forever and make a lasting impact.

Hicks Family Education Fund

The purpose of this Fund is to support early learning literacy, with a special focus to support inner-city areas.

Visit sscf.ca/events for more information or to RSVP today.



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