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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

A collective commitment to positive change.

I am delighted to share some significant highlights of our Foundation's commitment to creating positive change and fostering a strong and resilient community.

Firstly, I am thrilled to announce the successful launch of our Vital Signs Report 2023. This invaluable resource serves as a compass, guiding us to better understand and address the most pressing needs of our community. We invite you to become engaged and use the report as a tool to shape a brighter future for us all.

I am pleased to announce over \$1.6 MILLION has been granted to charitable organizations over the summer and fall months!

This includes \$1.07 million that was distributed through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund. This unique opportunity allowed organizations to seek funding towards the sustainability and future of their missions.

As we recently celebrated National Philanthropy Day, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the exceptional donors recognized at the event. This includes the Lynn and Jim Tomkins Foundation Fund and Regina Paramedics with Heart - both recipients are making a difference through funds held at our Foundation. Their generosity and commitment to making a difference are truly commendable. This recognition at the National Philanthropy Day Awards event is a small token of our appreciation for the profound impact they have on our community.

Furthermore, I want to take a moment to acknowledge and remember two individuals whose legacies will continue to shape our community positively. Roughrider legend, George Reed, recently passed away and the George Reed Legacy Fund was established at our Foundation to continue to support the community he loved so dearly. We also send our thoughts to our colleague, Victor Roman Morrow, for the passing of his father. Victor and his family established the Roberto Roman Memorial Fund to honour his inspiring life for many years to come. We appreciate their trust to leave the legacy of loved ones with the Foundation and celebrate their lives through meaningful contributions to the causes they held dear.

These collective commitments underscore the strength of our community to create positive change. I express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued support and dedication.

Together, we are building a Foundation for a stronger, more resilient community.

Donna Ziegler

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.

Growing Futures: Vital Signs Report 2023 Launches With a New Approach

We are thrilled to unveil the 'Growing Futures: Vital Signs Report 2023.' We have approached this report with a new lens and have created an interactive website to share the report and a variety of written and video stories from the charitable sector to bring the findings to life. The report reveals the following focus areas as the most pressing needs facing our community today:



#1: *Supporting Safe and Affordable Housing*



#2: *Increasing Food Security*



#3: *Improving Mental Health Services for Substance Use and Suicide Prevention*



#4: *Sustaining Community Infrastructure*



Additional Findings:

Community Funding Gaps

By addressing these focus areas,
we can work towards equitable and
sustainable support for the well-being
of our community.



Visit www.growingfuturesreport.ca today and explore the focus areas, view impactful stories from charities, and find ways to get engaged and make a difference in your community. Together, we can make incredible things happen.



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Donate to the Vital Community Fund

You can contribute towards the focus areas in the 'Growing Futures Report' by donating to the Vital Community Fund. This is a legacy fund to directly address the focus areas identified in the report in a sustainable manner to support our community's most pressing needs for many years to come.



The G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund

Over \$371K Granted to Charities in 2023

SSCF is pleased to announce the recipients of the G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund grants. This year the Fund supported 24 charitable programs for a total of \$371,496.39.

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 Regina and Area Inc.	\$20,000
Community Health Services Association (Regina) Ltd. [Regina Community Clinic]	\$7,500
Creative Options Regina / Inclusion Regina	\$5,444.47
Diabetes Canada	\$15,000
Do It With Class Young People's Theatre	\$10,000
Estevan Area Literacy Group Inc.	\$10,000
Food Banks of Saskatchewan	\$20,000
Fort Qu'Appelle Community Outreach Management Centre Inc.	\$30,000
Foundations Learning and Skills Saskatchewan Inc.	\$14,000
Globe Theatre Society	\$30,000
Hunger in Moose Jaw Inc.	\$10,000
Joe's Place Youth Centre - Generation Hope Youth Inc.	\$5,000
Moose Jaw Family Services Inc.	\$12,000
Regina Food For Learning	\$10,000
Regina Music Festival Association Inc.	\$10,000
Regina Sexual Assault Centre Inc.	\$17,070
Saskatchewan Hospice Palliative Care Association Inc.	\$10,000
Scientists in School	\$21,000
Second Harvest Canada	\$20,000
Sum Theatre Corp.	\$10,000
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	\$29,481.92
United Way of Estevan	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$371,496.39

Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund

\$31.5K Granted Towards Environmental Initiatives

SSCF is pleased to announce the recipients of the Fall Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund (JGJ) grants. This year JGJ supported two charitable programs for a total of \$31,500. 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	\$23,500
Relay Education (TREC Charitable Foundation)	\$8,000
TOTAL	\$31,500



\$1.07M to 23 Organizations Through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund

The Foundation is pleased to announce \$1.07 million in funding to support 23 organizations across southern Saskatchewan through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund. The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million to help community service organizations (charities, non-profits, Indigenous governing bodies) across Canada to adapt, modernize, and be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility, and sustainability of the community services that they provide through the pandemic recovery and beyond.

The Foundation is pleased to deliver these grants to the following organizations and their recovery projects across south Saskatchewan:

ORGANIZATIONS	FUNDS
Artesian Performing Arts Inc.	\$37,094
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Regina and Area	\$60,900
Burundian Community of Regina Inc.	\$13,250
Cowessess First Nation	\$65,856
Family Service Regina	\$100,000
Neutral Ground Inc.	\$40,800
North Central Family Centre	\$57,609
Prairie Wind Estate Inc.	\$29,300
Rahmah Centre Inc.	\$99,900
REACH (Regina Education and Action on Child Hunger)	\$30,000
REALM (Ripplinger Ehmann & Laborde Mang Foundation Inc.)	\$12,725
Regina Early Learning Centre	\$77,625
Regina Music Festival Association	\$19,000
Regina Residential Resource Centre (RRRC)	\$75,000
Royal Canadian Legion Regina Branch #1	\$56,050
The Salvation Army Moose Jaw Corps	\$27,280
Silver Sage Housing Corporation	\$55,000
Solid Futures Learning Centre	\$14,500
Souris Valley Theatre	\$11,000
Street Culture Kids Project Inc.	\$98,000
Swift Current Bronco Hockey Club Inc.	\$29,191
Upper Souris Watershed Association Inc.	\$16,920
UR Pride Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity	\$43,000
TOTAL	\$1,070,000

Funded by the
Government of Canada's
Community Services Recovery Fund

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The Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation

Supported 14 Programs with \$152K

This fall, SSCF and Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation (LEJF) supported 14 charitable programs for a total of \$152,000. The purpose of the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation is to promote social, cultural, religious, and other activities deemed beneficial to communities in southern Saskatchewan with priority given to the City of Regina.

Congratulations to the successful applicants. They are:

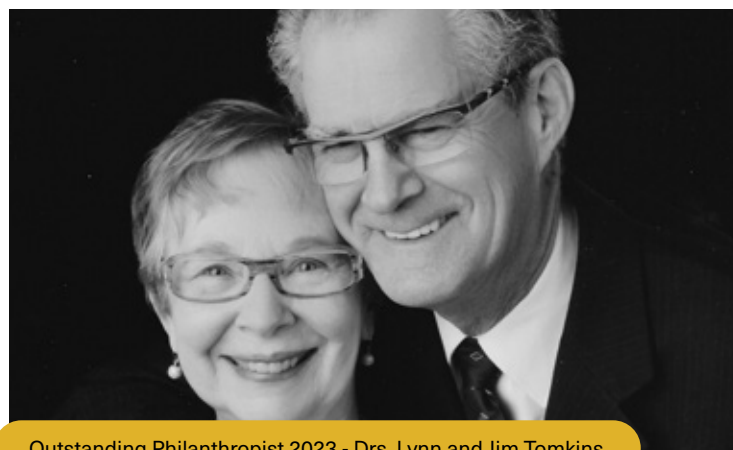
ORGANIZATIONS	FUNDS
Al Ritchie Community Association	\$10,000
Canadian Mental Health Association - Saskatchewan Division	\$10,000
Circle Project Assoc. Inc.	\$10,000
Creative Options Regina / Inclusion Regina	\$5,500
Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan Inc.	\$15,000
Family Service Regina	\$15,000
Foundations Learning and Skills Saskatchewan Inc.	\$14,000
Habitat For Humanity Saskatchewan Inc.	\$10,000
Ignite Adult Learning Corporation	\$12,500
Joe's Place Youth Centre - Generation Hope Youth Inc	\$5,000
North Central Family Centre Inc.	\$15,000
Reach Autism Learning	\$5,000
Regina Food For Learning	\$10,000
YWCA Regina	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$152,000

The Foundation Celebrates National Philanthropy Day

Every year in November, the Association of Fundraising Professionals - South Saskatchewan Chapter joins charities, organizations, and citizens across Canada to celebrate National Philanthropy Day by recognizing the contributions of donors and volunteers. This year, we are pleased to announce Drs. Lynn and Jim Tomkins as our Outstanding Philanthropist 2023 award recipients presented by DCG Philanthropic Services Inc. and supported by the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation.

This award recognizes an individual or family with a proven history of exceptional generosity, civic, and charitable responsibility, and who motivates others to become philanthropic locally, nationally, or internationally.

Drs. Lynn and Jim Tomkins are philanthropists, humanitarians, and community leaders that have made an impact that is keenly felt in communities across Saskatchewan. They've been strong supporters of the University of Regina - at which Jim has dedicated over 50 years of service, be it serving as Chancellor, President, and Vice-Chancellor, or professor and Department Head in the U of R's Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Jim has granted degrees to thousands of students and, together with Lynn, who practised family medicine in Regina for 40 years, made significant donations toward areas such as the College Avenue Campus Renewal Project, the U of R Neuromechanical Research Centre that supports movement and health research, and student awards, to name a few.



Outstanding Philanthropist 2023 - Drs. Lynn and Jim Tomkins

Through the Lynn and Jim Tomkins Foundation Fund with the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation, they have supported numerous causes ranging from the Regina Transition House, which helps women and children live violence and abuse free, to the construction of the new Mosaic Stadium, bringing people together from all corners of the province through the passion of sport.

"Jim and Lynn are very generous individuals who continue to be involved in opportunities that help improve the well-being of community," said Donna Ziegler, Executive Director of the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation. "Over the years, they have given their time, talents, and resources back to numerous charities. Through Jim's past board leadership with the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation, and now as a Foundation trusted advisor, the communities the Foundation serves have flourished and benefited from his wise counsel."



Outstanding Community Partner Award Recipient 2023 - Regina Paramedics with Heart

The non-profit Regina Paramedics with Heart (PwH) is run by local paramedics "to enhance paramedics' quality of life through professional and community collaboration." Their volunteer members educate and promote their profession in initiatives at schools, senior living, local events, festivals, and other public initiatives, taking requests from the public to attend charity events. Because of their outreach, young people, families, and adults affected by intellectual or physical disabilities are exposed to PwH - including their equipment and their services in a fun, friendly, and non-emergent atmosphere, creating a safe and caring environments in case paramedic services are ever needed. We couldn't be more excited to recognize them as the recipients of the National Philanthropy Day Outstanding Community Partner Award 2023.

"Regina Paramedics with Heart is honoured and humbled to be recognized as an Outstanding Community Partner," said Rob Snell, President of Regina Paramedics with Heart. "Our small group of volunteers set out to make an impact on the well-being of paramedics and the communities they serve. We're fortunate to be aligned with organizations that share our goals, most notably the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation. This distinction is a confirmation of future goals and we are beyond excited to continue that work."

Read the full story about National Philanthropy Day
at community.afpnet.org/afpsouthsask/



New Funds Established at the Foundation

We would like to highlight some of funds recently established at the Foundation

We look forward to the collective impact these new funds will have on our community for many generations to come.

Heavisides Family Foundation Fund

Roberto Roman Memorial Fund

Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation George Reed Legacy Fund

Ubuntu Community Resource Foundation - Development Fund and Legacy Fund

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Important Reminder for Donors

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 current year if we can determine the value of gifts before December 31. 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.

Donate Stocks in 2023 Before CRA Rules Change

Have you thought about donating stocks to support charities in your community? **Under the current CRA rules, if you donate stocks, you pay ZERO capital gains taxes. But in 2024, 30 percent of those gains will be taxable.** Act quick and donate before the end of the year. Learn how the South Sask Community Foundation can assist with your end of year donations of stocks to your favourite charities.

We are also experts in other unique donations such as life insurance, land, mineral rights, and other assets. Donating stocks or other assets to your favourite charity is a true win-win situation, but the clock is ticking.

Learn more about stocks and year end giving at sscf.ca/end-of-year-giving/



Vital Signs Report Launch Event

Brings Community Together to Explore Challenges

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Vital Signs Report launch event on November 7, 2023. At the event, we looked into our community's most pressing challenges, heard the results of the report, learned how to use the interactive website, and heard stories from those who are making a difference in our community.

We'd also like to thank our partners through Luther College, University of Regina, ta-tawâw Student Centre, Flow Community Projects, and all of the charities and students who helped us bring this report to life.

View the full report at www.growingfuturesreport.ca today.



Brooklyn Coulson, SSCF's Web and Digital Specialist presenting at the event.



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