

*Uplifting stories and updates for donors, friends, volunteers, and beneficiaries of the Foundation.*

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton Club Connect In-School Mentoring Program

### Supported by:

**G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund**

### Project Outcomes and Lessons Learned:

- Youth preferred the small group settings, but larger groups for physical and more active activities
- Youth were experiencing a lot of anxiety initially, but this diminished as the sessions progressed
- More likely to be active is encouraged as part of the session
- Healthy eating and food choices was a life skill many sought

### Storytelling:

"Imagine not being able to attend a full session without crying and having to take a time out due to feeling overwhelmed, slowly building confidence, starting to find your voice and participating during an activity, joining a team in an Escape Room activity, and taking the lead as you worked to get everyone out in a timely manner. The picture of her smile as they exited the room and everyone was patting her on the back and congratulating her for being their hero is worth a thousand words."

## Women Supporting Women

The Women Supporting Women Event, hosted by the Community Foundation in partnership with YWCA Regina, was an empowering morning with a Barbie theme. Attendees enjoyed inspiring speeches and networking opportunities focused on empowering and uplifting women in different aspects of their lives. The event fostered a strong sense of community and solidarity among women from diverse backgrounds, leaving everyone motivated and prepared to tackle new challenges. The Community Foundation and YWCA Regina are excited about making this an annual event to continue supporting and recognizing women's accomplishments.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the speakers for their inspiring contributions. The event aims to support the SSCF Vital Community Women and Children's Fund.

To make a donation to this fund, scan the QR code below:



Our Staff

## New Funds Established at the Foundation

*Bob and Helen Magel Legacy Fund*

*Co-op Community Builder Campaign Fund  
(Meadow Lake)*

*Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan Legacy Fund*

*Greg and Dianne Swanson Legacy Fund*

*G & S Karst Family Foundation Fund*

*Keith Brunskill Legacy Scholarship Fund*

*Robert Perry Legacy Fund*

## Joe's Place Youth Centre Work Skills Training

### Supported by:

**Moffat Family Fund**

"I love how Joe's Place creates a family-like vibe here, it's amazing. I have broken down here a few times, and I got a lot of help from the leaders. I really love that. Work Bee is for learning new things to help in the work environment."

"I wasn't going to miss it!" - a youth after trudging through a foot of snow and slush, with a broken shoe to be at our programs.

"This weekend was very fun, and it was a needed escape from everything."

# Hopes and Dreams of the North Central Family Centre



We are proud to partner with the North Central Family Centre (NCFC) for their Hopes and Dreams Fund campaign. This partnership supports NCFC's immediate and long-term needs, including the construction of the Orange Buffalo Lodge being built as a supportive housing complex and the development of a Community Hub on the main floor. The hub will house support programming, a communal kitchen, and community space in Regina's North Central neighbourhood.

The Hopes and Dreams Fund will ensure NCFC's long-term sustainability under a "social enterprise" model and continue to offer hope, love, and belonging for children and families in North Central.

This partnership began in late 2023, and we appreciate the opportunity to enable the vision of NCFC. Adam Hicks, our Director, Finance & Strategic Operations, exclaims, "We believe this is the beginning of a long-term relationship that thrives on our shared values, and a mutual desire to see our community flourish. We can't want to see the amazing things NCFC does for our community as they realize North Central's hopes and dreams."

Our staff and board thank NCFC for trusting our Foundation with the Hopes and Dreams Campaign. We are excited to contribute our part in this important initiative.

If you would like to learn how you can contribute to the Hopes and Dreams of the North Central neighbourhood, visit [www.ncfc.ca/donate](http://www.ncfc.ca/donate) today.



## The Salvation Army *Kate's Place Family Reunification Program*

**Supported by:  
South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund**

"A special graduate benefitted greatly from the Family Reunification program. An Indigenous mother of six children, at 41 years old, graduated from the Regina Drug Treatment Court and Kate's Place. At the time of graduation, she had full custody of all of her children, was employed full-time, and was moving into a four bedroom home. The Family Reunification Program provided her with several beds, bedding, kitchen supplies, cooking supplies, cleaning supplies, and a microwave to help her get a fresh start towards this exciting new stage of her journey. We are so thankful for your support and to play a small part as she begins living independently with her children."



## 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.

Visit [www.growingfuturesreport.ca](http://www.growingfuturesreport.ca) or scan the code:



# Friends of St. Victor Petroglyphs Co-op Ltd

*Painting of designs and geometric  
patterns on tipi*

**Supported by:**  
Truth and Reconciliation Fund

The grant was used to paint designs and geometric forms on a tipi to represent the petroglyphs found at St. Victor, Saskatchewan and to form a relationship with the Lakota People of Wood Mountain, Saskatchewan.

**Outcomes and Lessons Learned:**

“A gaining of understanding and a working relationship with the Lakota People. Having fun and working together with all people is easier when you can create a work of art with no barriers. Listen and learn is the best form of growing together, and through art there is no barrier but a great language in seeing the finished project. Final product speaks stronger than a thousand words.”

## Truth and Reconciliation Fund

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the January 2024 deadline Truth and Reconciliation Fund grants. The Fund supported 20 charitable programs for a total of \$133,500. 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 across the South Saskatchewan Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 areas.

Congratulations to the successful applicants!

To view the January 2024 Grant Results please visit:  
<https://sscf.ca/january-2024-truth-and-reconciliation-fund-results/>

To apply to the **June 7, 2024** deadline,  
scan the QR code below:



## Join us for our 2nd Annual Friendraiser!

SAVE THE DATE

Date: August 22, 2024

Sign up to receive email updates  
for our Friendraiser event by  
inquiring at [info@sscf.ca](mailto:info@sscf.ca)



## The Nature Conservancy of Canada Saskatchewan Division

*Securement of Additional Important Habitat  
in the Cypress Uplands*

**Supported by:**  
Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund

"This land has been in my family since my grandfather came out 120 years ago. And at that time, there was nothing but natural prairie everywhere ... there hadn't been a plow in the country yet. So I kind of grew up around native grass and learned to appreciate it ... it stays with you. It kind of becomes who you are. Every year I see more and more land being converted and it's scary... We've got to try and save what we got and I like Nature Conservancy of Canada because they're consistent .. they're going to be here. They're going to be here for a long time and that's what we need."

- Frank Parker, former owner

# Legacy Giving

Did you know that South Saskatchewan Community Foundation can help donors, like you, make an impact right where you live? Last year, we helped donors return close to \$6M to over 200 charities across Saskatchewan.

Through legacy giving, you can give back to charitable causes, now and forever.

When a donation is invested through the Community Foundation, it is planted as a seed that lives on forever. This means your donation will grow and give back forever. This is possible through expert financial management of over \$115,000,000 in pooled investments. When your donation gets pooled with these investments, it means your donation has the ability to grow faster, and you will be able to give back more to charitable causes as a result.

For more information on Legacy Planning, download our Legacy Planner and Legacy Giving Booklet below:



Legacy Giving Booklet



Legacy Planner

## Estevan Humane Society *Care, welfare, and saving of lives of all small animals*

**Supported by:**  
**The Saros Cowasjee Small Animal Foundation Fund**

“As the shelter costs \$25,000 plus per month on average to run as a no-kill non-profit, your funding and donations is part of the only reason we are able to keep the doors open and help all the animals we possibly can. It is appreciated by so many, more than could ever possibly be said.”

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**Acknowledging our 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.

## Creative Kids Canada Inc.

*Art and Cultural Empowerment for Disadvantage Children and Youth*

**Supported by:**  
**The Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation**

“In Regina, where economic disparities cast shadows on many young lives, Creative Kids plays a pivotal role. A bright-eyed child faced financial barriers until a Creative Kids grant illuminated the path to self-discovery and growth. The grant not only funded music lessons, but became a beacon of hope, fostering confidence, academic success, and a sense of belonging. Through this support, the once struggling child transformed into a thriving individual, showcasing the profound impact of creative activities on youth development. The ripple effect extended beyond the individual, contributing to a healthier and more vibrant community in Regina.”

## Challenge the Status Quo: Reimagining the Nonprofit Sector

We're grateful to all who attended the screening of “UnCharitable” with us, hosted in collaboration with Virtus Group. Your engagement sparked vital discussions, highlighting non-profit sector challenges. Let's move from observation to action, challenging norms and promoting solutions. Together, we can uplift marginalized communities through collaboration, innovation, and advocacy. Thank you for your commitment to progress. Let's persist with determination and empathy.



This event was inspired by Dan Pallotta's TED Talk “The way we think about charity is dead wrong.”

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