

# Rooted in Growth:

Cultivating Connections for Stronger Communities

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## ***Our 2023 Staff***



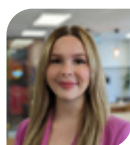
**Donna Ziegler**  
Executive Director



**Tiffany Caron**  
Granting and Digital  
Officer



**Adam Hicks**  
Director, Finance &  
Strategic Operations



**Karmyn Foreman**  
Donor Services  
Administrator



**Lorna Sandberg**  
Director of Philanthropy  
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**Jenna Peoples**  
Executive Administrative  
Assistant



**Victor Roman Morrow**  
Manager of Community  
Impact & Communication



**Jonah Toth**  
Community Engagement  
Catalyst (Contractor)



**Shauna Reiger**  
Finance and Fund Officer

## ***Our 2023 Student Staff***



L to R: **Karley Stangel**, **Emma Sturm**, **Chloe Holmes-Binns**, **Yanjanani Mwape**, **Brooklyn Coulson**, **Abdul Tanko**, **Merica Weslowski**

## ***Board of Directors***

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**Bula Ghosh**, Vice-Chair

**Jack Ritenburg**, Treasurer

**Gina McGinn**, Past Chair

**Edmund Bellegarde**, Director

**Mo Bundon**, Director

**Denis Carignan**, Director

**Phoebe De Ciman**, Director

**Teresa Drew**, Director

**Jakaeden Frizzell**, Director

**Deb Rush**, Director

**Benson Thoudsanikone**, Director

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FOUNDATIONS  
OF CANADA**

# A Message from Our Board Chair



Shelley Thiel, Board Chair

“On behalf of our volunteer board, I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering commitment to our community. Your support fuels our efforts and inspires us to pursue our mission with passion and purpose.”

I am filled with a sense of pride and gratitude for the journey we've undertaken together at the Foundation. In 2023, our Foundation embraced innovation in numerous ways, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to serving our community in the most effective and impactful manner possible.

One of the highlights of the year was the expansion of the Foundation's staffing capacity through the recruitment of highly capable summer students. Their enthusiasm and fresh perspectives injected new energy into our initiatives, enabling us to reach greater heights in our mission to create positive change.

Moreover, we took significant strides in engaging our community through a diverse array of events. From workshops and seminars to public events and donor engagement opportunities, each gathering served as a platform for meaningful dialogue and collaboration, strengthening the bonds that unite our community.

The year also marked a transformative period for our board as we embarked on updating our strategic planning process to align with the insights gleaned from the newly revealed Vital Signs research findings. This opportunity to refresh our focus has inspired us to reevaluate our approach and explore innovative ways to enhance our community impact.

The strong work of the Foundation is driven by the exceptional staff. Their enthusiasm, innovative spirit, and dedication to our community ensures that the Foundation is able to continue such amazing work.

The board expresses our gratitude to our outgoing board members, Gina McGinn and Jack Ritenberg. Their dedication and contributions have been invaluable to the Foundation, shaping its trajectory and impact in profound ways. Gina, in particular, demonstrated exceptional leadership in her work as the Chair of the board.

As we bid farewell to cherished friends, we warmly welcome our new board members, Grant Karst, Andrea Klippenstine, Femi Ogunrinde, and Rupen Pandya. Their fresh perspectives and unique talents are already enriching our discussions and strengthening our Foundation's capacity to effect positive change.

On behalf of our volunteer board, I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering commitment to our community. Your support fuels our efforts and inspires us to pursue our mission with passion and purpose.

Together, we are shaping a brighter future for all.

**Shelley Thiel,  
Board Chair**

# A Message from Our Executive Director



Donna Ziegler, Executive Director

“Together, we can power change and propel our community towards greater resilience and wellbeing for today and the future. Thank you for your belief in the wellness of your community. I look forward to our journey ahead.”

As we reflect on the past year, I am delighted to share with you the remarkable strides we made in 2023. It was a year of expansive growth and impact for our Foundation and those we serve.

Through strategic partnerships and dedicated efforts, we were able to extend our support to a broader network of organizations. In total, we granted nearly \$6 million to over 200 charities, amplifying our commitment to fostering positive change throughout south Saskatchewan and beyond.

Moreover, we reinforced invaluable partnerships with generous community members like the University of Regina, Luther College, and the RCMP Heritage Centre, who share our vision for a stronger community.

Together, we established 29 new funds held at the Foundation with 15 new families, each dedicated to creating a legacy that addresses community needs today and for tomorrow.

To enhance our capacity and effectiveness, we welcomed talented and passionate summer students into our team. Their contributions were instrumental in bolstering our donor relations, establishing our newly created ‘Friendraiser’ event, expanding our communications efforts, and elevating our digital presence through our website and Vital Signs research.

This year, we launched our most significant Vital Signs report in five years. This comprehensive assessment revealed the five most pressing community challenges of our time: the need for safe and affordable housing, increasing food security, strengthening mental health supports, sustaining community infrastructure, and addressing funding gaps. This report serves as a guiding light for our collective efforts to encourage positive change and we need your help to address these issues with new resources to support innovative ideas and solutions.

Nothing is impossible if we work together and collaborate.

Trust in the Community Foundation is unwavering and we need your support to see the necessary changes.

Together, we can power change and propel our community towards greater resilience and wellbeing for today and the future. Thank you for your belief in the wellness of your community. I look forward to our journey ahead.

**Donna Ziegler,  
Executive Director**

# Our hope and dream for *Southern Saskatchewan*

Southern Saskatchewan is a collection of diverse and thriving communities with a culture of inclusion and generosity. We care about and support each other here.

## *Vision*

The Community Foundation will improve community engagement and impact across Southern Saskatchewan.

## *Mission*

The Community Foundation facilitates and guides philanthropy to enrich the quality of community life.

## *Purpose*

Catalyst centred on strengthening community wellness, now and in the future.

## *Strategic Imperative*

To utilize all of our roles and resources to have a meaningful and positive impact on the community's greatest needs as identified by Vital Signs and other research.

To increase our resources to have greater impact in our community.

To increase our value-add to the non-profit and other sectors, including youth involvement in philanthropy.

## *Values*



### **Trustworthiness**

We behave ethically and act with integrity and respect in all that we do.



### **Accountability**

We are accountable to our donors, communities, and stakeholders through sound financial and operational practices.



### **Responsiveness**

Our resilience and flexibility allow us to respond to the needs of our community.



### **Collaboration**

We build and sustain positive relationships to leverage the best possible outcomes for community.



### **Benevolence**

We are kind, compassionate, and believe in the power of philanthropy.

# The Year at a Glance

## **\$5.65 Million Granted**

Distributed to 231 charities.



## **Summer Students Join the Foundation**

Funded through the Government of Canada Summer Jobs grant.



## **Celebrating 29 New Funds Established**

Welcoming 15 new families dedicating to leaving legacies in their communities.

## **First Ever Friendraiser Event is Held**

Over 70 charities connected with hundreds of caring community members.

## **Vital Signs 2023 Report is Released**

The 'Growing Futures: Vital Signs Report 2023' is launched as an interactive website.



## **National Philanthropy Day**

The Foundation sponsors the Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Award.

## **Planting Seeds on AccessNow TV**

The first season of 'Planting Seeds: Philanthropy in Saskatchewan' airs on TV.



## **Community Services Recovery Fund**

\$1.07M granted to 23 organizations through this Government of Canada funded initiative.

## **Truth and Reconciliation Fund**

The Fund supports 26 programs with over \$243K.



# Truth & Reconciliation Fund

## Our Foundation's Commitment



The Foundation believes in supporting projects and initiatives carried out by charities that will further the Calls to Action and support Indigenous-led organizations and Indigenous community needs in south Saskatchewan. Thanks to the Foundation board's decision to use the interest from a bequest, the Truth & Reconciliation

Fund (TRF), led by a dedicated Indigenous Advisory Committee, commenced its competitive granting in 2023. Funds have been pivotal in advancing the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action in the areas of education, culture, and language. In 2023, the Fund supported 26 significant projects and initiatives with a total of \$243,000 benefiting the community.

### Are you interested in partnering to support Indigenous community needs through the Truth & Reconciliation Fund?

Reach out to find out how. **P: 306-751-4756 E: [info@sscf.ca](mailto:info@sscf.ca)**

## Meet the Truth & Reconciliation Fund Advisors

The Truth and Reconciliation Fund advisors oversee and make decisions regarding the purpose of the TRF and distribution of funds to charitable organizations.



**Treena Amyotte**  
Business Development  
Manager, PFN Group of  
Companies



**Raquel Pasap**  
Regional Education  
Development Advisor,  
Indigenous Services  
Canada



**Ceane Dusyk**  
Indigenous Advocate,  
Scott Collegiate



**Audra Young**  
Director, Indigenous  
Relations, City of Regina



**Kristin Francis**  
Director,  
Communications,  
First Nations  
University of Canada

## Organizations Supported in 2023

Athol Murray College  
of Notre Dame

Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
Regina and Area Inc.

Carmichael Outreach Inc.

Chili for Children

Chinook School Division

Cornwall Alternative School

Creative Options Regina /  
Inclusion Regina

Eastend Arts Council

Four Directions Community  
Health Centre (SHA)

Friends of St. Victor Petroglyphs  
Co-op Ltd

Frontier College, Prairie Region

Great Plains College

Heritage Community  
Association Inc.

Ignite Adult Learning  
Corporation

Mother Teresa Middle  
School Inc.

Multicultural Council of  
Saskatchewan

North Central Family  
Centre Inc.

Palliser Regional Library

Phoenix Residential Society

Prairie Valley School Division

Project Play YQR

Rainbow Youth Centre Inc.

RCMP Heritage Centre

Regina Multicultural Council

Street Culture Project Inc.

Town of Lumsden

**Scan the code  
for more details:**



# Laying the 'Foundations' for Truth & Reconciliation

## Inclusion Regina's Story



Inclusion Regina Round Dance Participants



In 2023-24, Inclusion Regina received \$9,685.15 through the Truth and Reconciliation Fund to support 'Foundations' Indigenous Cultural Programming - consisting of artistic workshops, cultural teachings workshops, an oral storytelling series, and co-presenting a round dance with the Newoyotina Friendship Centre. This free and accessible community programming is filling a community gap in programming designed for people experiencing intellectual disabilities that provides Indigenous cultural connection opportunities. 'Foundations' has provided opportunities for Indigenous people with disabilities in the community to forge deeper connections with Indigenous culture, as well as

more opportunities for education for non-Indigenous people in the community.

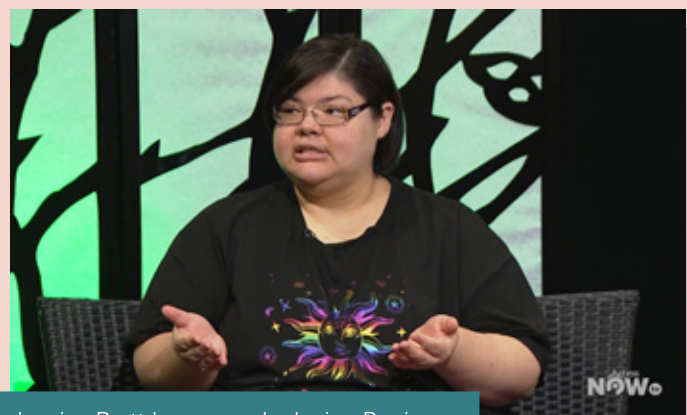
Jessica Pratt-Longman, Indigenous Cultural Advisor at Inclusion Regina, explains they organized ten 'Sharing the Knowledge' sessions. She says that attendees were able to participate in a wide variety of activities and workshops ranging from: the Seven Sacred Teachings, the Seven Sacred Rights, the tipi teachings, the medicine wheel, missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW), Orange Shirt Day, learning how to bead, how to make dreamcatchers, participating in round dances, and the potato dance.

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Pratt-Longman goes on to express that the program is meant to be a steppingstone into Indigenous culture, stating, “It's bringing our folks into a space that they're familiar with, with a program they're familiar with, and faces they are familiar with. And then bringing them small pieces of culture in small doses... It's like a branch. It's like a look into the Indigenous world and that branch is connected to massive trees that have deep roots. And if people want to reach out to that branch and continue that journey - that's the hope.”

Watch the full interview with Jessica Pratt-Longman to learn about Inclusion Regina and 'Foundations' in our episode of Planting Seeds: Philanthropy in Saskatchewan on AccessNow TV through Access Communications.

**[sscf.ca/plantingseeds](https://sscf.ca/plantingseeds)**



Jessica Pratt-Longman, Inclusion Regina

# Growing Futures: Vital Signs<sup>®</sup> Report 2023

The Foundation was thrilled to unveil the 'Growing Futures: Vital Signs Report 2023' at a launch event in November 2023. We 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***

The 'Growing Futures: Vital Signs Report 2023' focuses on a South Saskatchewan region recovering from a global pandemic and adapting to an increased cost of living. The report investigates the ways these challenges are impacting our community.

This gives you a snapshot of data about South Saskatchewan and its most pressing needs and challenges. It is a starting point to act and find solutions to the identified challenges.

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Luther College had the privilege of partnering with the Foundation on the 2023 Vital Signs Report. Through this partnership, we mapped the local research to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By incorporating the UN SDGs, the report provides a valuable framework for understanding local challenges within a global context. This will help us focus our efforts on creating a more sustainable and equitable future for southern Saskatchewan.

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**Colleen Strauch**  
Luther College  
Nonprofit & Voluntary  
Sector Studies Network



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Visit [www.growingfuturesreport.ca](http://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.



What the Vital Signs Research Tells Us:

# *The rising cost of living is impacting everyone in our community.*



We're exploring the impacts that the rising cost of living is having within each focus area *and we aim to help you find ways to be inspired and engage in positive change.*

# Phoenix Residential Society HOMES Program Supported

## Anonymous Donor's Story of Hope



For over 40 years, Phoenix Residential Society has provided residential and case management services to individuals in a variety of different programs. They serve individuals with major mental illness, substance use disorders, cognitive and developmental disabilities, acquired brain injuries, and those experiencing chronic homelessness. Their services range from providing community-based supports to 24-hour staffed apartment buildings.

The HOMES Housing First program provides intensive supports to individuals who have experienced homelessness and have a variety of very complex needs. They are currently supporting 62 individuals who were living on the streets for many years, prior to coming into the program.

After Phoenix Residential Society reached out to SSCF seeking financial support to sustain this crucial program in 2023, an anonymous donor through the Foundation awarded a significant donation towards the HOMES Housing First program.

### HOMES Success Story:

This is the journey of one of our now graduated individuals. When we first met them, this individual struggled with the experience of homelessness, substance use, trauma, and aggression that led to frequent interactions with Regina Police Services. For years, their life was marked by instability and they often found themselves in conflict with others due to their aggressive behaviour. Their future seemed uncertain.

With the help of the HOMES program, they found a stable place to call home and they were finally able to focus on their personal growth and well-being. The HOMES program's support did not just stop at housing; it extended to providing access to mental health services, substance use treatment, and life skills training.

Once settled into their new home, the positive changes became evident. Without the daily stress of survival on the streets, they had the mental space to reflect on their past and set new goals for the future. Over time, the transformation was remarkable. The anger and

aggression that once defined them began to subside. They learned effective communication skills, conflict resolution strategies, and emotional regulation techniques. As their self-esteem grew, they started envisioning a different life for themselves.

After years of hard work and dedication, they graduated from the HOMES Housing First program. They had not only maintained their housing, but had also rebuilt their life from the ground up. Today, they live independently in their own house within the community, surrounded by a network of friends and mentors who continue to uplift and support them and in turn, this individual now lends their support to others.

View more stories of hope at the 'Growing Futures: Vital Signs Report 2023' website today:

**[growingfutures.ca/impact-stories](https://growingfutures.ca/impact-stories)**



# View all of the impact stories in the Growing Futures: Vital Signs Report 2023

The Foundation would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who contributed the stories and experiences of their organizations to help bring this research and data to life.



**A Full Circle Approach to Addressing Community Needs with the Circle Project**



**Addressing Increased Food Insecurity with Estevan Salvation Army Food Bank**



**Fighting Hunger in the Classroom: How Regina Food for Learning is Supplying Schools With Food For Children**



**Helping People Where They're at with Souls Harbour Rescue Mission**



**Keep Education on Track: Addressing Cornwall Alternative School's Aging Infrastructure**



**Keeping North Central Students Fed with Chili for Children**



**Lifting Up People in Need: Carmichael Outreach's Efforts Towards Shelter, Food, and Mental Health**



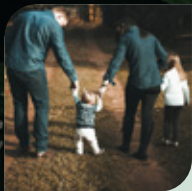
**Making Work Mentally Safer: Trauma Mental Health Supports through OSI-CAN**



**MNP Community Fund Supporting Regina, Estevan, and Weyburn Food Banks Throughout COVID-19**



**Moose Jaw Transition House's Emergency Outreach**



**Seeking Timely and Flexible Mental Health Support with CMHA - Weyburn Branch**



**Supporting Children with Food Security Programs: Addressing Hunger In Moose Jaw's Challenges**



**Supporting Grief Processing: Bringing Awareness to Caring Hearts' Growing Demand & Limited Resources**



**The G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund Supports Carmichael Outreach's Basement Floor Repairs**



View all of the above stories online at [growingfuturesreport.ca/impact-stories](https://growingfuturesreport.ca/impact-stories)

Thank you to the ***changemakers*** that are *leaving an impact on community today and forever.*

We extend our deepest gratitude to the generous changemakers who have chosen to leave legacies, fueling the missions of charities to foster greater communities. Your foresight and compassion empower charities to continue their vital work, reaching those in need, and effecting meaningful change. Your legacy lives on through the countless lives touched and transformed by your generosity. Thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility to make a lasting difference.

**\$5,654,449.92**  
**in grants distributed in 2023.**

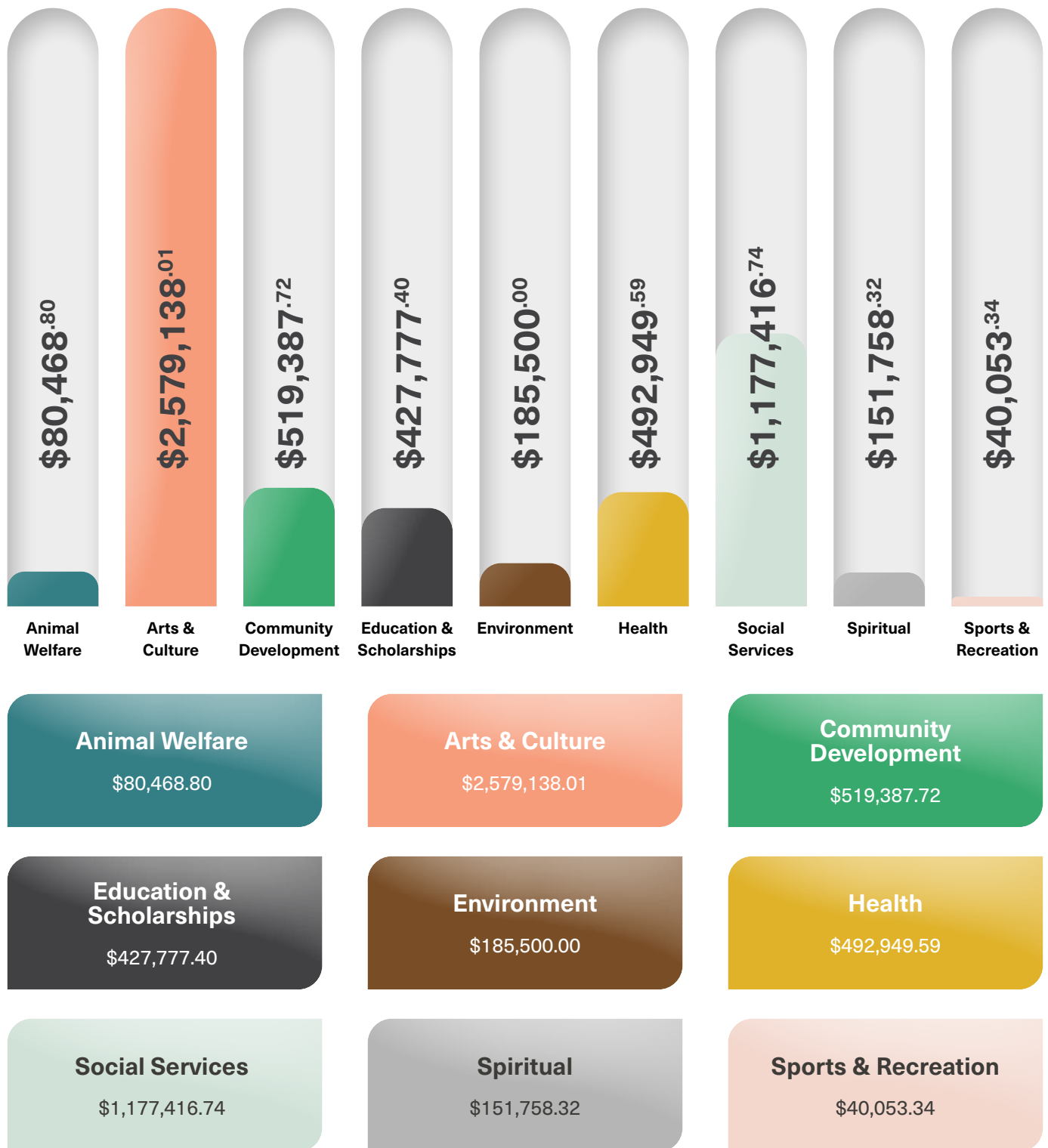
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# Granting at a Glance

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# Planting Seeds on AccessNow TV

## Philanthropy in Saskatchewan

Planting Seeds: Philanthropy in Saskatchewan started as a podcast hosted by the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation where we aim to connect you to the community impact that is powered by donors and charities across the prairies. In 2023, Access Communications acquired it as an exclusive AccessNow TV show produced in partnership with our Foundation.

It is an opportunity for us to listen and learn from the personal heartfelt stories of charities creating the community impact and the donors who fuel that impact.

Visit [myaccess.ca](https://myaccess.ca) to see when you can watch the show.



## Season One Episodes:



### Episode 01:

The Million Dollar Man with  
Phoenix Residential Society



### Episode 02:

Community Foundation Legacies  
with Adam Hicks



### Episode 03:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Regina  
& Area with Amy Mohr



### Episode 04:

Board Governance with  
Board Chair, Shelley Thiel



### Episode 05:

YMCA of Regina & Moose Jaw  
with Steve Compton



### Episode 06:

Grant Writing Tips with Bob Friedrich





Watch all season one episodes of Planting Seeds: Philanthropy in Saskatchewan online at:  
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**Episode 07:**

Access Children's Fund  
with Fran Moran



**Episode 08:**

Close Cuts for Cancer  
with Greg Ottenbreit



**Episode 09:**

Inclusion Regina 'Foundations'  
with Jessica Pratt-Longman



**Episode 10:**

Truth & Reconciliation with  
University of Regina's Lori Campbell



**Episode 11:**

Nonprofit & Volunteer Sector  
Studies Network (Luther College)



**Episode 12:**

Creative Kids Saskatchewan  
with Shawn Bauche



# Honouring your legacy, *forever*.

## Your legacy is more than a mere memory, it's a gift that keeps on giving, forever.

For nearly 55 years, the heart of the Community Foundation has been to build, protect, and honour legacies, forever.

We serve as a vital connection between generous donors and impactful charities in Saskatchewan. Our mission is to cultivate philanthropy, strengthen local charities, and nurture a more resilient and equitable community for all. Since our establishment in 1969, as a registered charity, we've remained dedicated to making long-term investments through Legacy (Endowment) Funds that spark enduring positive change in our community.

The true power of a Community Foundation is that any family, regardless of wealth, can establish their own private foundation without the administrative burden. Your family's legacy can continue in perpetuity, offering peace of mind knowing that the communities and charities that you hold dear will receive ongoing support for generations to come.

### The concept of legacy giving is straightforward:

Your donations are safeguarded indefinitely, forming your own personal Legacy Fund securely held in trust at the Community Foundation.

By pooling resources with other Legacy Funds, we achieve exceptional returns with minimal fees.

Subsequently, your Legacy Fund will provide predictable and sustainable grants in your honour for generations to come.

## Preserving your legacy.

Enjoy the advantages of a personal foundation without the hassle of administrative duties. While we take care of all the background work on your behalf, you can concentrate on granting decisions, fundraising efforts, and supporting the causes you truly care about. When crafting your legacy, there are three profound gifts you give:



### The Gift to Yourself

Creating a legacy offers reassurance that your hard-earned efforts, your time devoted to volunteering, and your commitment to causes will not fade away with your presence. Through a Legacy Fund, you grant yourself the gift of peace of mind, knowing that your wishes will be carried out, and the causes you hold dear will continue to receive your support.



### The Gift of Impact

Your legacy is more than a mere memory; it's a beacon of hope that burns eternally. Your legacy becomes a source of sustainable funding for the causes and organizations that have touched your heart. It's a gift that keeps on giving, not just for today, but forever.



### The Gift of Solace

Leaving a legacy isn't just about finances; it's about leaving a legacy of love and clarity. It removes the burden of guesswork from your loved one's shoulders. They will never have to wonder if they are making the right decisions on your behalf because your wishes have been documented.

Download the legacy booklet at [sscf.ca/donors](https://sscf.ca/donors) and learn how you can leave your legacy.



# Leaving a planned gift through the Foundation?

## *Join the Legacy Circle.*



## What is the Legacy Circle?

Plan your giving today.  
Make your impact tomorrow.

Our Legacy Circle recognizes current and future donors whose generosity and foresight will ensure that the Foundation will flourish for years to come.

Joining our Legacy Circle ensures that your name will live on and your gift will create a lasting impact for generations.

Join a community of like-minded individuals who care about their community.

- **Recognition and Appreciation**
- **Exclusive Events and Communications**
- **Personalized Engagement**
- **Philanthropic Legacy**

Making planned gifts through the Foundation benefits the community while providing maximum tax benefits and peace of mind to donors and their loved ones.

## How to get started:

Through a single act of leaving a deferred gift to the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation, you are ensuring that the community will benefit for generations to come.

With a \$1,000 initial commitment and promise that at least \$9,000 will follow in your estate plan, a named fund will be started for you. This allows you to contribute during your lifetime as well, if you choose.

If you prefer to not start your own fund, you can choose to give to an existing fund. For example, our Vital Community Fund addresses the community's researched and most pressing needs.

## How to give later:

Wills

RRSPs/RRIFs

Charitable  
Remainder Trusts

Stocks

Life Insurance  
Policies

We can provide sample Will clauses, but we encourage you to work with your professional advisors to support you in planning your gift to the Foundation.

## How can I join the Legacy Circle?

Reach out to learn how you can plan your giving and join the Legacy Circle today.

**306.751.4756 | [legacy@sscf.ca](mailto:legacy@sscf.ca)**

# Giving back to the community's emergent needs.

## The Robert Perry Legacy Fund



“Through my time with the Foundation, I realized that they did a really good job of assessing the merits of all the organizations that they're donating to. That gave me the confidence that I could do this and it would be handled well.”

### - Bob Perry, Legacy Fundholder

Bob Perry established the Robert Perry Legacy Fund at the Foundation in 2023.

Bob's Fund is uniquely positioned to directly fuel the Vital Community Fund. The Vital Community Fund, built upon the Foundation's Vital Signs research, addresses emergent needs across Southern Saskatchewan. By directing his legacy towards this vital initiative, Bob ensured that his contributions will have a direct and lasting impact on addressing the ever-evolving challenges faced by his community.

Bob states, “I established my legacy fund in order to provide a vehicle to aid in my charitable donations. I have a close relationship with

one of the original founders of the Foundation that eventually led to me being on the board for a few years... There are so many charities out there, I had a problem deciding which ones to give to. And then I thought, well the Foundation is the perfect place because I can put money into the pool and they can pick and choose. Which is good because it takes that burden off me.”

Bob Perry's legacy fund is not just a one-time donation; it is a promise of sustained support and empowerment for future generations. As a legacy fund, it will continue to make a positive difference towards emergent needs in Southern Saskatchewan for years

to come, echoing Bob's dedication and commitment to his community.

Donna Ziegler, Executive Director of the Foundation, expresses gratitude towards Bob's commitment, stating, “Bob Perry is a true friend of the Foundation. He really carries the heart of community and he understands the model of the Community Foundation. Which is really to help the community now, but also in the future.”

Watch the video of Bob's Legacy Story at [sscf.ca/donors](https://sscf.ca/donors)



Donate to the Vital Community Fund at [sscf.ca](https://sscf.ca) and support your community's emergent needs.



# Honouring the life of Roberto Roman Guerrero.

## The Roberto Roman Memorial Fund



Roberto with his grandson of the same name, Roberto Roman Morrow.

The Roberto Roman Memorial Fund was established in memory of a loved family and community member, Roberto Roman Guerrero, who led an extraordinary life and was blessed by an equally extraordinary and loving family. His son (our staff member Victor) along with Victor's siblings, created the Fund in celebration of their beloved father after his passing in August 2023, ensuring a lasting tribute to Roberto's name, treasured memories, and his values of compassion and community service. Donations to this legacy fund will grow and give back to charitable causes in Weyburn and surrounding communities, forever. This means his name, and his impact on those in need, will live on in perpetuity. If you have the opportunity to meet Victor, we encourage you to learn more about the amazing life of Roberto.

Roberto's life is a fascinating story that is too long to capture in a few words. He was born in Santiago, Chile in 1946. He played professional basketball in Chile for a brief period as a young adult. He lived in Moscow, Russia for five years to achieve a degree in Agricultural Engineering. He then worked as an Agricultural Engineer in Chile.

During this time he met his wife, Ingri, who he married in 1973. He later became a father to Alexis (1973) and Jacqueline (1974).

On September 11, 1973, Chile's history changed forever when a democratically elected government was overthrown by a dictatorship that lasted until 1990. During the time of the dictatorship, Roberto was wrongfully targeted and imprisoned twice, until eventually escaping the country as a refugee.

He sought refuge in Canada where he arrived in 1976. Ingri and their children followed shortly after. He settled in Weyburn, Saskatchewan where he lived out the rest of his life and grew their family including David, Victor, and his grandchildren.

Roberto was able to visit Chile several times in the 1990s and 2000s. However, it wasn't until 2015, nearly 40 years after fleeing Chile, when Roberto was reconnected with his cousins, nephews, and niece in Chile, creating loving relationships with a family he lost long ago. Being able



to finally rekindle these relationships brought Roberto a sense of joy, comfort, and fulfillment that is impossible to capture in words.

Roberto and Ingri were always involved in the Weyburn community together. He became a Spanish teacher, volunteered with the Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Amnesty International, Meals on Wheels, and helped other refugee and immigrant families settle in the community. He and Ingri also (unofficially) adopted several youth and families to give them a supportive family during times of need.

Roberto spoke three languages: Spanish, Russian, and English. He lived on three continents. He faced more adversity than most people in his life, yet he approached every day with peace, calmness, and genuine happiness and appreciation for those around him. He taught his loved ones the values of patience, gratitude, and unconditional love.

Roberto's family has created the Roberto Roman Memorial Fund to honour his life, his values, and his commitment to supporting his community.

Learn how you can honour your loved ones by establishing a fund at [sscf.ca/donors](https://sscf.ca/donors)



# Caring for children and families, forever.

## The Anne Luke Legacy Fund



“Anne was a remarkable woman, and I think she’s an inspiration for almost anyone that worked with her. Around the time that I was retiring we started exploring the possibility of establishing an endowment fund, and I decided that I would like to make the initial donation... I believe in the work of the Early Learning Centre and I wanted to honour Anne’s memory.”

**- Mary Ann McGrath, Past Executive Director of Regina Early Learning Centre**

Since 1977, the Regina Early Learning Centre (RELC) has been changing young lives while creating a community of care that makes the city a better place for everyone. Founder Anne Luke saw the need to help children and their families in the vitally important early years. She knew that making a difference at the very start changes lives forever. The organization began in partnership with caregivers as a preschool program for 10 children and has since grown to serve over 250 vulnerable children and their families through a variety of programs. It also serves hundreds more through the Regina Early Years Family Resource Centre and the Regina Perinatal Health Network.

Anne recognized the disparity among young children in our community and wanted to ensure equal opportunity for all children. She knew education was a key in starting new cycles to lift families out of poverty and she empowered caregivers to have input in their child's education through intentional and respectful collaboration and partnership.

That founding idea and mission has driven the RELC for over four decades and it has had a tremendous impact on the lives of children and their families in Regina. Luke passed away in November 2022, but her legacy and vision lives on daily at the RELC through its many programs and services.

Donations to this legacy fund will give back to the Regina Early Learning Centre programming for many years to come, helping children in our community establish the foundation for a love of learning and setting them on a path for lifelong success, and at the same time helping their caregivers become the best caregivers they can be.

Watch the video of the Anne Luke Legacy Fund at [sscf.ca/donors](https://sscf.ca/donors)



# Celebrating 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.



## Drs. Lynn and Jim Tomkins Outstanding Philanthropists 2023



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."

## Regina Paramedics with Heart Outstanding Community Partner Award Recipient 2023



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 environment 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."

# First Annual Friendraiser: *Connecting Charities and Donors*

“The 2023 Friendraiser was a wonderful event. It was so beneficial to see the displays and meet the people behind the many deserving organizations represented by the Foundation. It gave me new ideas for support as well as confirmed the needs of my chosen charities. I was surprised by the number and breadth of the organizations involved. Plus the event was in a beautiful space and we were hosted so well!”

**- Joanne Hillis, President of Regina Music Festival**

In 2023, the Foundation held its first ever Friendraiser event. This event was a showcase of local Saskatchewan charities sharing stories about the impact that their donors' support have powered through the Foundation and beyond.

Thank you so much to the charities, donors, friends, and our title sponsor, Wealth, for attending the event at RCMP Heritage Centre on August 24, 2023. The event connected hundreds of visitors to over 70 charitable organizations who are making an impact across so many needs of our community. It was astounding to see so many people representing community support in one building.

This entire event was planned and executed by the Foundation's 2023 summer student staff - we can't thank them enough for their amazing efforts and the groundwork they've laid for future Friendraiser events.



Watch the Friendraiser Event Video on YouTube:



# Funds Held at the Foundation (1 of 2)

22nd Century Club Fund	Doris and Clarence Taylor Foundation Fund	Gravelbourg Co-Cathedral Preservation Fund / Fonds pour la préservation de la Co-Cathédrale (2)
Anne Luke Legacy Fund	Dorothy Wilson Scholarship Fund	Greg and Dianne Swanson Legacy Fund
Anonymous Donor Funds	DoubleUp Opportunities Inc. Fund	G & S Karst Family Foundation Fund
Archer Family Giving Fund	Doug Barber Memorial Fund	Harald Liebe Scholarship Fund
Art and Joyce Marbach Family Foundation Fund	Drs. Lewis and Elisabeth Brandt Trust Fund	Heavisides Family Foundation Fund
Big Sky Centre for Learning and Being Astonished! Fund (2)	Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Saskatchewan Division Fund	Helen and Gerard Shearer Foundation Fund
Bob and Helen Magel Legacy Fund	Ehrmantraut Foundation Fund	Hertha Pfeifer Foundation Fund
Brad Hornung Legacy Fund	Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs	Hicks Family Education Fund
Broncs Football Funds (2)	Ena and John Houston Trust Fund	Jamieson Family Legacy Fund (2)
Canadian Red Cross Society - Saskatchewan Endowment Fund	Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan Community Fund (2)	Jim Rose Memorial Fund
Carlyle Community Complex Fund	Federation for the Blind Trust Fund	Joanne and Bryan Hillis Fund (2)
Cedar Hill Cemetery Trust Fund	Fred and Margaret Greenough Fund	John and Marcella Chamberlain Fund
City of Regina Capital Fund	Friends of the MacKenzie Acquisition Fund	John Patton Trust Fund
CKCK-TV Trust Fund	Gary Hyland ALS Fund	Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund
Clark and Anne Lewis Charitable Fund	Gary Hyland Literary Scholarship Fund	Kathleen Wilson Scholarship Fund
Constance M. Acton Fund	Genevieve and Murray Grant Trust Fund	Keith Brunskill Legacy Scholarship Fund
Cultural Connections Regina Legacy Fund	George Butt Foundation Fund	Ken Smith and Rachelle Mondor Smith Family Fund
Dayna Brons Entrance Scholarship Fund	Gerald B. Wilson Scholarship Fund	Kevin Tell Legacy Fund
Derril McLeod Family Foundation Fund	Glengarry Book Award Fund	Kramer Ltd. Foundation Fund
Desirée Hutton (née Steele) Legacy Fund	Globe Theatre Society Endowment Fund	Kramer Operating Trust Fund
Donald and Claire Kramer Foundation Fund (2)	G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund	Kramer Science Fund
Donavon Puttick Memorial Scholarship Fund (2)		Larry Wilson Fund

# Funds Held at the Foundation (2 of 2)

Lawrence Wilson Scholarship Fund	Prairieview Wealth Management Fund	South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund (2)
Leader-Post Foundation Legacy Fund	Regina Auxiliary War Services Fund	South Shore Community Foundation Fund
Leo and Sandra Verhelst Family Fund (2)	Regina Humane Society Endowment Fund	SSCF Non-Endowed Fund
Lloyd and Duna Barber Family Foundation Fund	Regina Leader-Post Christmas Cheer Fund	SSCF Truth and Reconciliation Fund
Lorne & Evelyn Johnson Fund (2)	Regina Paramedics with Heart Fund	SSCF Vital Community Women and Children's Fund
Lyn Goldman Charitable Trust Fund	Regina Symphony Orchestra Fund (2)	Stan Doucette Memorial Fund
Lynn and Jim Tomkins Foundation Fund	Regina Work Preparation Centre Fund	Sylvia Wilson Scholarship Fund
MacKenzie Facilities Legacy Fund	Rick Turnbull and Family Foundation Fund	The Bill and Helen Davidson Foundation Fund
Mann Family Trust Fund	Ritenburg Family Foundation Fund	The Book Project Fund
Marian Gardens Charitable Fund	Robbie Curtis Memorial Scholarship	The DEK All Nations Healing Hospital Foundation Fund
Marlene Wilson Scholarship Fund	Robert B. McClelland North Okanagan Fund	The Johnny Z Healthy Minds Fund (2)
Mary and Vern Fowke Trust Fund	Roberto Roman Memorial Fund	The MacKenzie Art Gallery Operating Endowment II - Anonymous Fund
Maynard and Ida Gray Fund	Robert Perry Legacy Fund	The Saros Cowasjee Small Animal Foundation Fund
Millenium Fund	Rod McDonald Giving Fund (2)	The Second Lieutenant Andrew Naismith Benevolent Fund
Miller Thomson Fund	RPCI Good Mourning Fund	The Steven Dale Ripplinger Legacy Fund
MNP Community Fund	Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation Fund (2)	Thiel Family Legacy Fund
Moffat Family Fund	Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation George Reed Legacy Fund	Ubuntu Community Resource Foundation Fund (2)
Moose Jaw Community Foundation Inc. Fund	SASW Scholarship Fund	Verma Shore Hooper Legacy Fund (2)
Moosomin and District Music Festival Endowment Fund	SCEP Centre Society (Regina) Operating Fund	Wain Birch Family Foundation Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ambler Trust Fund	Scholarship Fund	Whitespruce Fund
National Theatre School (NTS) Theatre and Community Engagement Fund	Scott Collegiate Alumni Scholarship Fund	YMCA of Regina Endowment Fund
Nell Holowachuk Fund	Semenchuck Family Fund	
North Central Family Centre Hopes and Dreams Fund	Shyanne Parsons Foundation Fund (2)	
North Central Family Centre Legacy Fund		
OptionS Pregnancy Centre Fund		

# Audited Financial Statements as of December 31, 2023, with comparative figures for 2022.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2023	2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$790,918	\$2,151,725
Accounts receivable	\$7,652,162	\$215,071
Prepaid expenses	\$18,957	\$5,885
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$8,462,037</b>	<b>\$2,372,681</b>
<b>Tangible Capital Assets</b>	<b>\$10,972</b>	<b>\$18,132</b>
<b>Investments</b>	<b>\$102,013,992</b>	<b>\$92,954,503</b>
<b>Intangible Assets</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$112,487,001</b>	<b>\$97,345,316</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$295,175	\$160,942
Deferred revenue	\$37,398	\$141,778
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$332,573</b>	<b>\$302,720</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Endowment fund (legacy fund)</b>	<b>\$87,301,871</b>	<b>\$77,557,299</b>
<b>Accumulated appreciation – endowment fund</b>	<b>\$12,895,666</b>	<b>\$9,323,874</b>
<b>Non-endowment fund (flow-through fund)</b>	<b>\$8,956,031</b>	<b>\$7,447,013</b>
<b>Internal reserves</b>	<b>\$3,000,860</b>	<b>\$2,714,410</b>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$112,154,428</b>	<b>\$97,042,596</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$112,487,001</b>	<b>\$97,345,316</b>

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

REVENUE	GENERAL & INTERNAL RESERVES	ENDOWMENT & NON ENDOWMENT FUNDS	2023 TOTAL	2022 TOTAL
Contributions	\$329,470	\$11,734,740	\$12,064,210	\$7,500,727
Investment income	\$71,554	\$1,393,321	\$1,464,875	\$1,713,612
Royalty revenue	-	\$944,462	\$944,462	\$1,367,826
Fund administration	\$2,874	-	\$2,874	\$40,260
Realized gain (loss) on sales of investments	(\$2,314)	\$647,803	\$645,489	-
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	\$246,049	\$7,520,084	\$7,766,133	(\$6,588,145)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$647,633</b>	<b>\$22,240,410</b>	<b>\$22,888,043</b>	<b>\$4,034,280</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Distributions	\$200	\$5,640,750	\$5,640,950	\$6,566,129
Investment management fees	\$16,687	\$594,071	\$610,758	\$521,431
Life insurance premiums	-	\$11,237	\$11,237	\$21,172
Amortization	\$7,160	-	\$7,160	\$3,817
Mineral royalty taxes	-	\$5,372	\$5,372	\$5,415
Direct fund expenses	-	\$23,542	\$23,542	\$23,872
Administration	\$396,904	\$1,080,288	\$1,477,192	\$1,104,577
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$420,951</b>	<b>\$7,355,260</b>	<b>\$7,776,211</b>	<b>\$8,246,413</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>				
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$226,682	\$14,885,150	\$15,111,832	(\$4,212,133)
Net Assets – beginning of year	\$2,714,410	\$94,328,186	\$97,042,596	\$101,254,729
Transfers	\$59,768	(\$59,768)	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$3,000,860</b>	<b>\$109,153,568</b>	<b>\$112,154,428</b>	<b>\$97,042,596</b>

These are a short representation of the full audited financials. To view our full audited financial statements, please request a copy from [finance@sscf.ca](mailto:finance@sscf.ca) or download from the website at [www.sscf.ca](http://www.sscf.ca).



# Making an impact within the community **starts with you.**

We believe in facilitating Saskatchewan philanthropy, supporting local charities, and developing our community so that our home is a more vital, strong, and fair place to live, work, and play. At the Foundation, we believe that change starts with a single act of kindness, a spark of compassion, or a generous gesture. It's about recognizing that together, we have the power to create a community that thrives, leaving no one behind.

**Thank you to all of the incredibly generous and hard working donors and charities across the province making a difference in your community, year after year.**



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