



REALIZING THE POTENTIAL OF

Community Giving



IMPACT REPORT 2024-2025

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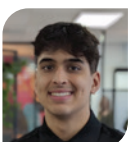
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A Message from Our *Board Chair*



Bula Ghosh, Board Chair

As I reflect on my time as Board Chair during the 2024 and 2025 years, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and pride. It has been an incredible honour to serve in this role and to witness the immense growth and impact the Foundation has had in our communities.

We hosted a variety of inspiring events, including the Friendraiser, the CommUNITY for Women breakfast, and Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation celebration to name a few. We forged new and meaningful partnerships

and reached out to donors and charities in innovative ways. Each of these milestones were achieved through collective effort, and it has been very fulfilling to see our shared vision come to life.

One of the most significant steps we've taken this year is the establishment of a legacy fund dedicated to Truth and Reconciliation. This marks a long-term commitment from our Foundation, and it has been a privilege to be part of such an important and transformative initiative. The work we've begun on reconciliation will undoubtedly resonate for generations to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff at the Foundation and thank them for their contributions. Their energy, dedication, and passion have been integral to the progress we've made this year. They bring a fresh perspective to the important work they do, and it's inspiring to see how they have elevated our mission.

Furthermore, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to two exceptional outgoing board members: Mo Bundon and Shelley Thiel. They have served with distinction for six years, and their contributions have been immeasurable.

Mo has brought his unique perspective and business expertise to the table, constantly pushing the board to think strategically and creatively. His philanthropic endeavours and

extensive experience have left a lasting mark on the Foundation.

Shelley's leadership has been invaluable. Through the years, she has served as chair of our Governance and Nominating Committees, as well as Chair of the Board. Her financial expertise and warm, welcoming personality have helped foster a positive board culture. We are deeply grateful for her service.

Finally, on behalf of the Community Foundation's volunteer board, I want to extend a sincere thank you to every individual who has placed trust in our Foundation. It is because of the support and commitment of each of you—our donors, partners, and community members—that we are able to strengthen and enrich the communities we serve. Your trust empowers us to do the work we do, and for that, we are profoundly grateful.

I would like to thank my fellow board members for their support and commitment to the cause of the Foundation. They have been available whenever we have needed them and volunteered their time and resources while guiding our strategic direction.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Bula Ghosh,
Board Chair

A Message from Our *Executive Director*



Donna Ziegler, Executive Director

The Community Foundation has only begun to realize the potential of community giving over the past year. It was a year of new initiatives, historic partnerships, and milestones met.

One new initiative we launched is the Emergent Women and Children's Fund. Our passionate and generous guests helped us raise \$55,000 that will provide ongoing and immediate support to women and children in emergent need. I'd like to thank YWCA Regina, RaiseHER Co., and all the passionate speakers, including the new Lieutenant Governor, Bernadette McIntyre, who delivered her very first speech to 250 attendees. Last spring, the

Foundation partnered with Virtus Group to host a film screening of "UnCharitable: Reimagining the Non-profit Sector." Invited guests watched a powerful documentary that asks society to rethink the way charities are supported. One of the best compliments was from one of our fund holders who is well into their 90s, saying, "This documentary made me completely rethink how the business model for charities needs to change." Our second annual Friendraiser was an astounding success. The event connected 100 charities to over 400 caring community members. It was incredible to see so many people working towards change in a single room. It was also our honour to present the inaugural Lasting Legacy Award to the Kramer family. The impact they have made on the communities they touch is immeasurable.

I am very appreciative of the historic partnership we formed with the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation (LEJF). Our Community Foundation and the Johnson Foundation have had a longstanding relationship. We have administered the private foundation's granting efforts for two decades. In 2024, LEJF formally moved their funds under the Community Foundation's umbrella. This means we can have a bigger impact, together.

It was also an incredible milestone year. Our Community Foundation now holds over 200 Funds and counting. To put this in perspective, this represents over a 25% increase in a single year –

and we've been around for over 56 years! It is heartwarming to see so many caring families, individuals, and organizations put their trust into this Community Foundation. These new partnerships mean that charities and communities are better supported, forever.

And to top it all off, the Community Foundation is pleased to be one of the top 50 equitable Canadian funders in 2024. The Future of Good and Quake Lab project ranked us 20th out of the top 50 Canadian grantmaking foundations. We continue to strive towards equity within the workplace and amongst our partners. I would like to thank all our amazing staff and board for helping us achieve this.

Your time is valuable, and it truly is appreciated that you've taken time to read our Impact Report. Together, we can work towards strong and equitable communities for all.

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 Imperatives

- ✓ 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



Top 20th Equitable Funder in Canada

We ranked 20 out of the Top 50 Equitable Funders in 2024 ranked by Future of Good and Quake Lab.



Two Screenings of UnCharitable Documentary

A film challenging how we view the non-profit sector and promoting new ways of giving.



100 Charities and 400 Guests at Friendraiser

An event to celebrate donor and charity impact.



\$55K Raised for Women and Children in Need

Raised at the COMMUNITY for Women breakfast fundraiser in collaboration with YWCA Regina and RaiseHER Co. for the Emergent Women and Children's Fund.



Two Vital Conversations in Regina

Bringing over 50 leaders together. Over 30 organizations were present, including the City of Regina. People worked together to find new funding solutions.



Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation Joins Us

This is a historic \$7.5M partnership. The Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation moved their funds under the Community Foundation's umbrella.



Over 25% Increase in Funds Held at the Foundation

Over 200 Funds now held at the Community Foundation, making an impact each year.



Over \$125M in Assets Held at the Foundation

The investment earnings on these assets goes back to charities each year, forever.



Total Annual Net Earnings of 16.01% in 2024

Our investment portfolio has enjoyed average annual net earnings of 8.01% over the past 10 years.



Over \$7M Granted in 2024

Invested into over 250 charities across Saskatchewan.

Second Annual CommUNITY for Women Breakfast a *Fluttering Success - \$55K Raised!*

The Community Foundation, YWCA Regina, and RaiseHER Co. extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who came out to support our SOLD-OUT event. The second annual CommUNITY for Women breakfast event was held on February 4, 2025. Through collective community support, we were able to raise a total of \$55,000 for the Emergent Women and Children's Fund, \$5,000 more than our goal! Because of this, we will be able to support more vulnerable women within our community. If you happened to miss out on this event, please check out the wonderful video below encapsulating the wings of change, and how we all work together to empower women to flourish and fly.



Photos by Moments by My Photography



Thank you to our incredible emcee, Jenn Dean, Kokum Linda Anderson, her honour the honourable Bernadette McIntyre, and His Worship Chad Bachynski, Mayor of Regina, for opening the event for us in an uplifting way.

We also extend appreciation to all of the passionate people who shared their stories and words at the event. This includes Nicole Obrigavitch at the Elizabeth Fry Society, Melissa Coomber-Bendtsen at YWCA Regina, Yvette Nolan and the Globe Theatre performers, Donna Ziegler at the Community Foundation, and Brenda Ottenbreit at SAFE Child SK. We are honoured to have been touched by your passion, strength, and inspiration.

SAVE THE DATE: THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY FOR WOMEN BREAKFAST — FEBRUARY 3, 2026



Empowering Women to Flourish and Fly

Through the Emergent Women and Children's Fund.

The Emergent Women and Children's Fund provides immediate support of up to \$1,000 to women and children in need.

No barriers, no questions asked — just help when it's needed most.

By removing small barriers, we can prevent life-altering consequences - and create a ripple effect of positive change.

How even a \$250 cost can change someone's life:
(Based on a real-life scenario.)



Stories of Emergent Need:

She was leaving an abusive relationship, their son has a disability and the fighting triggers him, and the husband wouldn't let her work. She's starting over, needs to get on Saskatchewan Income Support and start looking for work, she left with only a few bags of clothes for herself and her children.

By using this Fund, she was able to use it for costs associated with moving (rent, initial deposit, rental arrears that was preventing her from finding new housing, utilities setup/arrears, moving and transportation). She also used it to purchase necessary furniture as well as kids clothing and school supplies.

The impact of having access to these funds has allowed her to find a safe, secure home for herself and her children; she's able to have a fresh start.

Anonymous Story Provided by YWCA Regina in 2024

She was leaving an abusive relationship and is staying in shared housing with her children while trying to get a place of her own.

By using this Fund, she was able to use it for costs associated with rent and a utilities deposit.

The impact of having access to these funds has allowed her to leave a violent situation and to continue living in safety.

Anonymous Story Provided by YWCA Regina in 2024

**GIVE TO THE
EMERGENT WOMEN
AND CHILDREN'S
FUND TODAY:**





Launch of the Truth and Reconciliation Legacy Fund

Paving a commitment that will last forever.

What an incredible day we had on July 24, 2024 at the RCMP Heritage Centre! We are deeply grateful to everyone who joined us for the launch of the Truth and Reconciliation Legacy Fund.

We were moved by powerful stories from those involved with the Fund. These stories inspired and touched all who attended.

The traditional dance and jingle dress performances by Connie Shingoose and her grandchildren from Cote First Nation were absolutely mesmerizing.

A big thank you to the Mother Teresa Middle School Buffalo Boys Drum Group for their uplifting drum performance.

We enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Street Culture Project. This added a wonderful touch to the gathering.

Thank you to everyone who made this event memorable and impactful.



Give to the Truth and Reconciliation Fund



The Truth and Reconciliation Fund was launched in 2022.

The Fund was launched as a grant opportunity for Saskatchewan-based charities to fund programming addressing Calls to Action focused on Education, Culture, and Language.

An Indigenous-led group of advisors oversee and make decisions regarding the purpose of the Fund and granting to charitable organizations.

ABOUT THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION LEGACY FUND:

The Foundation's board used approximately \$600K to start the Truth and Reconciliation Fund. This was possible through a generous bequest from an anonymous donor.

The Foundation connected with key Indigenous community members to guide the Fund. The Fund provided 57 grants of over \$546K over a two-year span. It also helped plant an initial donation of \$100K to establish the Legacy Fund. This Legacy Fund will grow each year and continue to give back, forever.

The Truth and Reconciliation Fund supports charities that are addressing the Calls to Action. This includes activities focusing on Education, Culture, and Language. An Indigenous-led group of advisors make decisions for the Fund and where its money goes.



UnCharitable: Reimagining the Non-profit Sector

Film screenings to challenge the status quo.



Thank you to everyone who joined us to watch UnCharitable on March 6, 2024. Two screenings were hosted by the Community Foundation and Virtus Group.

This documentary is based on the book UnCharitable by Dan Pallotta. It is a heartfelt call to action to change the way we view the non-profit sector. It challenges traditional constraints that make it difficult for non-profits to impact the communities they serve.

The film asks us to challenge the status quo within the non-profit sector and pave the way for transformative change. We can push boundaries and create more equitable impact for all.



ABOUT DAN PALLOTTA:



Dan Pallotta has been revolutionizing the non-profit sector since 1994 and has since been working to

help change the perspective people have on how the sector is run. His successes began when he helped to create the first-ever AIDS Rides and Breast Cancer 3-Days campaigns, a brand new way to fundraise on a massive scale. They proved to be widely successful; however, concerns

began to surface regarding why the initiatives weren't receiving more of the funds. This scrutiny is a double-edged sword within the industry, as you can't have results without investing in the means to obtain them.

In Dan's well-received 2013 TED Talk, he highlights this double standard, and aims to bring awareness that taking risks is what's needed in order to make a true difference. Within the sector, organizations are expected to achieve similar successes as for profit organizations, yet are

restricted to spending little to no money in order to achieve it. This leads to non-profits being commended for how little they spend, rather than the results of their community impact.

In this bold talk, he says: Let's change the way we think about changing the world.

Event Partner:



Thank you to the *changemakers*

*that are leaving an impact on community
today and forever.*

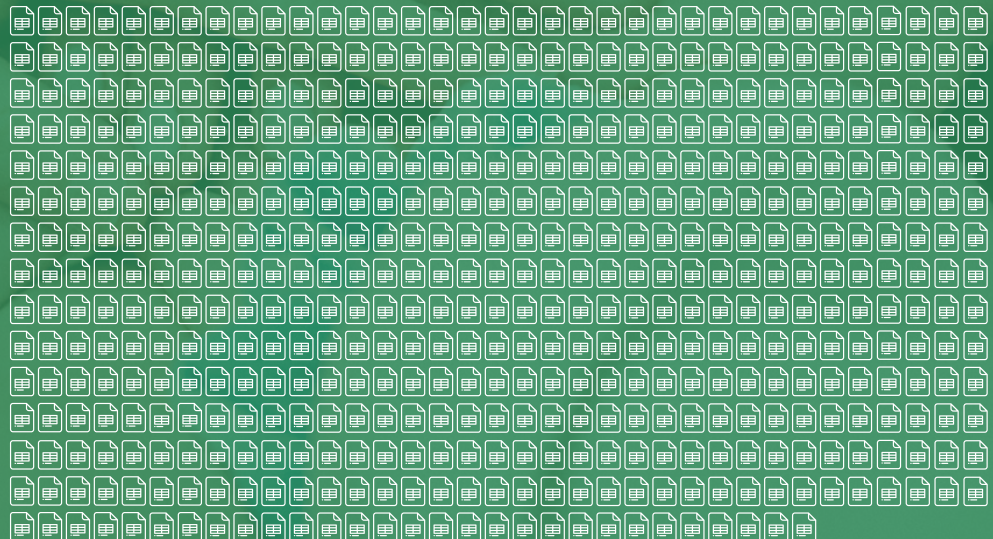
Thank you to the generous changemakers who have chosen to fuel the missions of charities. You are fostering greater communities.

Your foresight and compassion help charities continue their vital work. It is reaching those in need and affecting meaningful change. Thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility to make a lasting difference.



\$7,187,671.96
in grants given during 2024.

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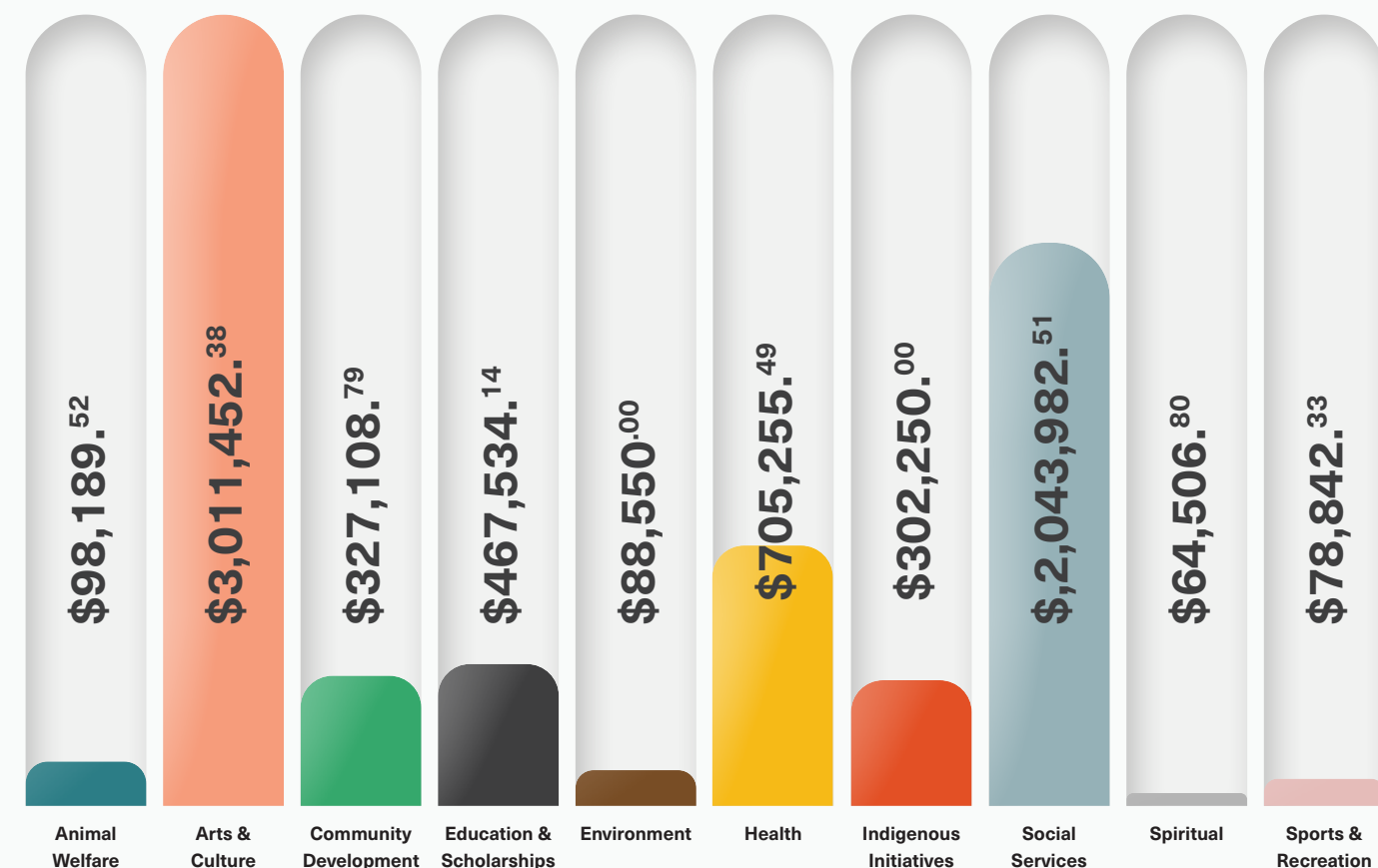


268
charities
supported



Granting at a Glance

\$7,187,671.96 distributed through 519 grants.



SEE ALL GRANTING DETAILS TO ALL THE SUPPORTED CHARITIES HERE



Vital Conversations With Regina's Non-profit Voices

Addressing funding gaps and collaborating with the City.

REGINA'S NON-PROFIT VOICES: COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY

ADDRESSING FUNDING GAPS

On September 17, 2024, the Community Foundation hosted a conversation with non-profit representatives in Regina and surrounding area that do community work related to the focus areas identified in the *'Growing Futures: Vital Signs Report 2023.'* Participants were asked to identify common challenges and solutions, together.

COLLABORATING WITH THE CITY

On March 6, 2025, the Community Foundation and the Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Studies Network at Luther College at the University of Regina (NVSSN) hosted a facilitated roundtable conversation. This took place among Regina non-profit representatives and the City of Regina's mayor, council, and administrative staff. This meeting was a follow-up to the September 17, 2024 conversation titled *'Regina's Non-Profit Voices: Addressing Funding Gaps'* where the need was identified for government agencies and non-profit organizations to work more collaboratively regarding funding and policy making decisions.

The groundwork of this conversation originated from the *'Growing Futures: Vital Signs Report 2023'* that acknowledges the community funding gaps that the non-profit sector is facing.

BACKGROUND TO THE VITAL SIGNS FOCUS AREAS

The *'Growing Futures: Vital Signs Report 2023'* was published by the Community Foundation and focuses on a 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.

The following focus areas were identified in the report:

- Supporting Safe and Affordable Housing
- Increasing Food Security
- Improving Mental Health Services for Substance Use and Suicide Prevention
- Sustaining Community Infrastructure
- Community Funding Gaps

Over 50 people shared ideas on how to work better together. This included Regina's Mayor, city councilors, and nonprofit leaders. It was great looking for new ways to improve our community! We look forward to having more of these sessions in the future. Thank you to everyone who attended.



Read the full *'Growing Futures: Vital Signs Report 2023'*

Findings From the Vital Conversations

REGINA'S NON-PROFIT VOICES: ADDRESSING FUNDING GAPS



FUNDING AND CAPACITY CHALLENGES NON-PROFITS ARE FACING

- Funding Competition
- Funding Priority Misalignment
- Staff Retention and Capacity

HOW FUNDERS AND SUPPORTERS CAN MAKE A BIGGER IMPACT

- Provide Unrestricted Operational Funding
- Understand the True Costs of Delivering Services
- Collaborate with Non-Profits and Amongst Funders

HOW COLLECTIVE RESOURCES AND COLLABORATION CAN LEAD TO BIGGER IMPACT

- Pooling Resources for Collective Impact
- Community Foundation Acting as a Connector
- Collective Advocacy

REGINA'S NON-PROFIT VOICES: COLLABORATING WITH THE CITY



WAYS TO ADDRESS FUNDING AND POLICY CHALLENGES

- Funding Core Operations
- Allowing for Flexible and Reliable Funding
- Adopting Easier Processes

HOW THE CITY AND NON-PROFIT SECTOR CAN WORK BETTER TOGETHER

- Creating a Roadmap for Coordination
- Developing Centralized Community Hubs
- Holding Frequent Transparent Meetings
- Building Relationships
- Explore Out-of-the-Box Funding Ideas

ENHANCING NON-PROFIT SECTOR CAPACITY

- Enhancing Space and Staffing
- Increasing Volunteerism
- Building Capacity
- Supporting Early Intervention and Prevention
- Creating a Resource Hub

INCREASING ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Understanding the Value of Investment
- Increasing Public Education and Pride
- Advocating for Private Sector Support
- Sharing Data and Collective Storytelling

View the full findings from these Vital Conversations here:



Planting Seeds

On AccessNow TV

Connecting viewers to the donors and charities making an impact on the prairies.



Planting Seeds: Philanthropy in Saskatchewan season two aired in 2024. It is a collection of 12 intimate conversations with Saskatchewan changemakers. Learn from the heartfelt stories of charities and donors making an impact.

Watch Season Two online at www.sscf.ca/plantingseeds/



Season Two Episodes:



Episode 01:

What's Happening at the Community Foundation with Donna Ziegler



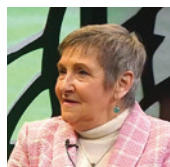
Episode 07:

Connecting Community with Kirk Englot at Family Service Regina



Episode 02:

Equity and Queer Inclusive Support with Jacq Brasseur at Ivy + Dean Consulting



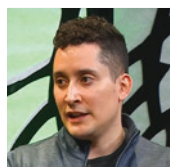
Episode 08:

Adapting to Community Need with Ann Perry at The Circle Project



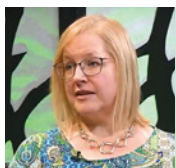
Episode 03:

How to Use Your Business to Do Good with Jeph Maystruck at StratLab



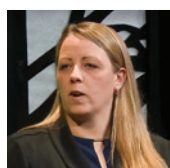
Episode 09:

Access Communications Children's Fund with Fran Moran



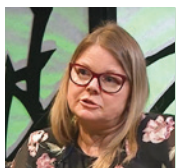
Episode 04:

Fundraising Insights with Lisa Green at Hospitals of Regina Foundation



Episode 10:

North Central Family Centre's Hopes and Dreams with Kim Wenger and Doug McNair



Episode 05:

Empowering Families and Children with Monica Totton at Regina Early Learning Centre



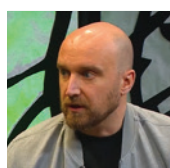
Episode 11:

Street Culture Project Supporting Youth with Jeff Dudar and Alysia McKay



Episode 06:

Important Indigenous Work with Pearl Daniels at The Comeback Society



Episode 12:

Changing to a Choice Model with John Bailey at Regina Food Bank

Creating Accessibility with Carla Harris



Carla Harris Accessible Arts & Culture Fund

I studied to be an artist and entrepreneur. When I was mid-MBA I was diagnosed with epilepsy and it worsened to the point where I had to undergo brain surgery. After my surgery, my skills were still the same; I was still the same person with the same abilities. Unfortunately, I soon discovered barriers around the arts due to my “condition.” These barriers made it difficult to work with the very same arts organizations that had inspired me to begin my journey. My diagnosis meant I was no longer able to drive, so suddenly small practical things held me back from taking part in arts events in my community. I was shocked to find myself unable to work for arts organizations either. Since so many positions in the industry were contract-based, they lacked the robust health plan that I need to cover the medications necessary for managing my health.

Discouraged, I left the arts feeling certain that someone like me would never make it work, not with all these barriers popping up. There were no stories like mine, no one with whom I could relate, so deep down a part of me felt that I didn’t belong there.

It took more than 10 years for me to find my voice, and I started to see that there are more Canadians living with disabilities than I had previously thought. In fact, **24% of Canadians have disabilities, and that number rises to around 40% once Canadians reach 65.** I started to see that many people have additional costs and barriers that hold them back, all directly relating to their own disabilities.

It was at this point, a decade after my brain surgery, that I publicly identified as a disabled artist and entrepreneur. When I finally took that step, I began to meet other disabled artists, I found new commonalities in community. Finally, I saw stories like mine. People like me. I also learned about the social concept of disability, that society is what is holding people back, not the effects of our disabilities. This knowledge, this sense of community and belonging, has given me pride in disabled culture and has helped me refocus my lens to return to the arts with a voice more honestly my own.

The arts can impact the richness of people’s lives, their relationships in their communities, their personal growth, and their mental wellness in tangible ways that are often overlooked. I have seen how invisible barriers can hold people

back from accessing the arts in their communities, and I believe that all people need to learn that we don’t have to do everything independently. If we work to include everyone, if we can reduce the barriers that all people face for different reasons, we can truly make our community a more rich and rewarding place for all.

I created the Carla Harris Accessible Arts & Culture Fund so it can be used to alleviate the visible and invisible barriers that hold back artists and audiences. I want every audience member to see people like themselves on the stage, the screen, in song, and on the page. I want to normalize asking for “help.” Needing “help” isn’t a failure, but an acknowledgement that we are all capable of amazing things, given the chance.

**Did you know:
Over 85% of the
funds held at
the Community
Foundation are
under \$1M?**

**We strive to be a Community
Foundation for everyone.
A fund can be started with
as little as \$100.**



[Watch Carla's video!](#)

A Historic Partnership with the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation



CELEBRATING A HISTORIC \$7.5M PARTNERSHIP

On May 24, 2024, the Community Foundation celebrated a new partnership with the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation (LEJF). This included a light breakfast and a variety of impactful stories from presenters. Guests heard from charities who receive ongoing support from the LEJF.



This historic \$7.5M partnership sees the LEJF moving their funds directly under the Community Foundation's umbrella. This will have an immense impact on local charities for many years to come.

Thank you to Ian Yates (Regina Symphony Orchestra), Judge William Vancise (Director of Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation), Curtis Kleisinger (Mother Teresa Middle School), and Steve Compton (YMCA of Regina), for lending your inspiring words at the event.

ABOUT LORNE AND EVELYN JOHNSON: GIVING OVER \$11M TO HUNDREDS OF CHARITIES SINCE THE 1970S



The LEJF started in 1962 to enhance the religious, educational, and cultural life of Regina and Saskatchewan residents. This was a way for them to continue to support activities they had enjoyed and participated in. The name of the LEJF was changed

from the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation to the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Fund when it moved under the Community Foundation in 2024.

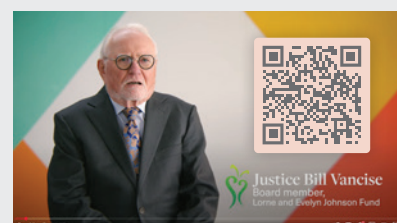
The couple was active in the social and cultural life of Regina. They were both active supporters of Regina College. He was a member of the Board of Directors from 1918 to 1935 when it was taken over by the University of Saskatchewan. She served on the executive of the Women's Educational Club. Mr. Johnson was a founder of the Regina Symphony Orchestra and the Regina Orchestral Society, serving as president and director. Mrs. Johnson was a governor of the Regina Orchestral Auxiliary

from 1935 to her death. She was also a member of the Regina Women's Music Club for many years.

Mr. Johnson died in 1971 and Mrs. Johnson died in 1978.



Read the full story



Watch the LEJF video

Honouring Joyce Gemmell Jessen

The Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund



JOYCE GEMMELL JESSEN (1935 - 2025)

The Community Foundation staff and board were saddened to hear the news of Joyce's passing this year. We are forever grateful that her name will live on and give to environmental causes for many generations to come.

Joyce Gemmell Jessen was born in Moose Jaw during the "Dirty 30s." Her parents, Frank and Jean Gemmell, farmed near Tuxford before moving to Moose Jaw, and Joyce spent many summers swimming in Buffalo Pound Lake or at her uncles' and aunts' farms nearby.

The idea of establishing a legacy fund at the Community Foundation to promote land conservation and the restoration of the prairie ecosystem was an easy decision for Joyce.

After completing medical technologist training at Moose Jaw's Providence Hospital, Joyce moved to Chicago, Illinois where she met and married John David

"The prairies are just a part of who I am – I'm a prairie girl."

Joyce Gemmell Jessen

Jessen. Even then, the rolling hills and wide prairie skies of her home province were never far from her thoughts.

"I'm a local girl 'done good.' This is a way to celebrate my roots, give back to the community, and to share the beauty of the prairies with future generations," she said. "Saskatchewan's native prairies are a fragile, disappearing ecosystem. In the 1930s and '40s, we didn't know what our farming practices did to the soil. We didn't understand how the roots of native grasses held the land together or how birds and wildlife depended on the delicate balance of vegetation, water, and open spaces. I'm thrilled that the Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund will leverage community partnerships and greater understanding of this amazing environment."

IN MEMORIAM

We send our deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of those close to the Community Foundation who have passed away in recent months.

Ernest Roy Smith (August 24, 1927 – January 5, 2025)

Roy was the father of Susan Yuzik. Susan is a Fund Advisor for the G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund. His commitment to life-long learning and the growth that comes with it is truly inspirational. He graciously served his community, while advancing social justice across the world through his support of many causes.

Christine Boyczuk-Rensby (December 17, 1946 – February 10, 2025)

Christine was a pillar of Moose Jaw. She received many awards through her life, including the Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Platinum Jubilee Medals, Moose Jaw Citizen of the Year, Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, and many others. She also helped with many nonprofit groups, including Family Resource Centre and Square One Community Inc. Her spirit will be missed but will undoubtedly live on through her legacy of community building.

Patti Curtis (October 7, 1950 – March 2, 2025)

Patti supported many charitable causes. This includes the Paramedics with Heart - Robbie Curtis Memorial Scholarship that was established in honour of her son. She also supported the You Matter Foundation Funds – her grandson's initiative to support mental health needs. Each of these funds are held at the Community Foundation.

Friendraiser 2024:

Connecting Community and Charities

We were excited to host the second annual Friendraiser event last year. The event took place on August 22, 2024 at Conexus Arts Centre in Regina. It included over 100 charities and more than 400 guests, partners, board members, and friends. The energy and feeling of community throughout the room was magical and heartwarming.

Donors and charities came together to share stories about community needs. It featured exciting experiences including live orchestral music and Indigenous beading. The Community Foundation also launched two new awards at the event. This includes the Vital Signs Community Award and the Lasting Legacy Award.



Register to attend the 2025 Friendraiser



“The Friendraiser was a truly magical event that sparked meaningful connections between charities and donors. The energy in the room was unforgettable and I am very grateful to have been a part of such an amazing and impactful event.”

Armaan Sehgal, Summer Student and Friendraiser Planner

After the event, Emily Bocking, Founder of Brazen Fundraising, shared her experience, saying, “that was honestly the best event I’ve attended in years, and was the best event by a community foundation I’ve ever experienced. You very much opened my eyes to what a community foundation should be, and the important role that you fulfill for our sector. Thank you!”

We also send thanks to all our sponsors for making this event possible. This includes PH&N Institutional, Casino Regina, Virtus Group, The Corner Office, Sun Life Financial — Douglas Stroud, Affinity Credit Union, Impact Printers, DCG Philanthropic Services Inc., Miller Thomson, Capital Auto Mall, CIBC Private Wealth, Moments by My Photography, and Courageous Leaders Project.

Join our Legacy Circle

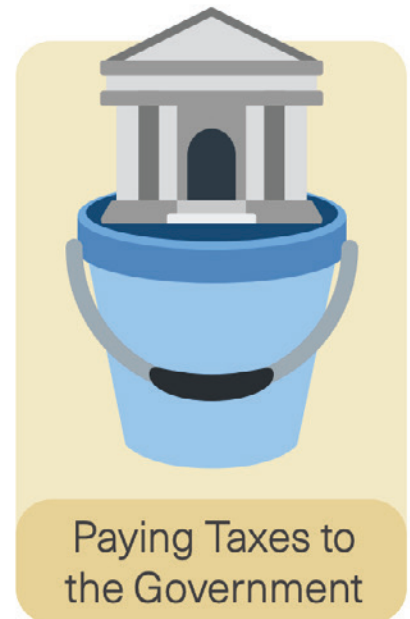
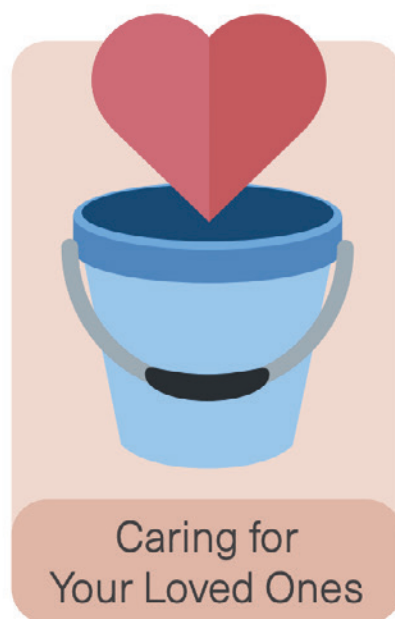
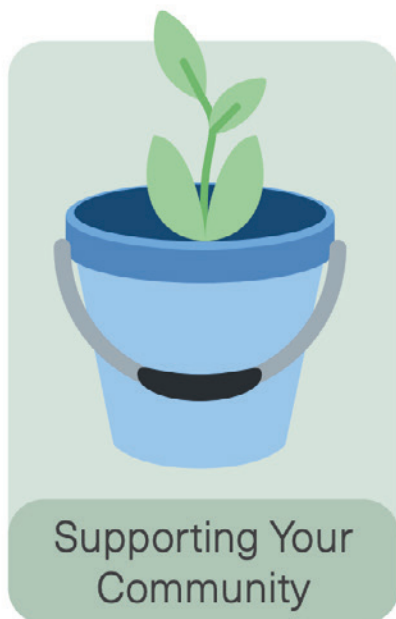


Become part of a group united by a shared passion for community impact.

When you commit to leaving a deferred gift to the Community Foundation — such as through your Will or with a life insurance policy — we invite you to join our Legacy Circle to benefit from exclusive events, personalized engagement, and special recognition as you create your legacy.

Contact us at legacy@sscf.ca to start a conversation about making a planned gift.

When you pass away, there are three possible 'buckets' for the division of your assets and you can only ever eliminate one of the three:



With strategic planning, your Legacy Gift to the Community Foundation can make a lasting impact in the community all while *maximizing support for your loved ones* by offsetting the tax burden on your estate through charitable giving.

Legacy Planner

Planning for Health, Wealth, and Beyond.

In this free Legacy Planner booklet, we offer more than just a guide; we provide a pathway to extend your love and care beyond the boundaries of life. Think of it as your ultimate gesture of affection, a lasting “I love you” that transcends time. Whether you are estate planning, succession planning, or planning the transfer of your wealth, this Legacy Planner booklet will ensure that no stone is left unturned.

Why we made the Legacy Planner booklet

This free booklet is designed to bring clarity and peace to your final wishes, lifting the weight of uncertainty from your loved ones' shoulders. By organizing your affairs, you're not just streamlining processes; you're crafting a legacy, a story of a life well-lived that will be cherished and honoured. This is your story, written with love, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those you hold dear.



Legacy and succession planning is a journey; not a one-time conversation.

This free Legacy Planner is a complimentary gift from the Community Foundation to help aid you and your loved ones when discussing or making succession and wealth transfer plans. Life is constantly changing, so we recommend you give this organizer a yearly checkup and revisit it when significant life events occur, such as a passing of a loved one, birth or adoption of children, new relationships or marriage, separation or divorce, or significant changes in financial circumstances and wealth. We make it easy for you to request new copies of our Legacy Planner in order to ensure your most recent estate wishes and succession plans are up-to-date and reflected properly.

REQUEST A LEGACY
PLANNER TODAY



Celebrating *National Philanthropy Day*

The Association of Fundraising Professionals - South Saskatchewan Chapter celebrates National Philanthropy Day. The contributions of donors and volunteers are recognized during November each year.

The Community Foundation is proud to sponsor the Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Award. Congratulations to the three Outstanding Legacy Philanthropist Award recipients for 2024. We also acknowledge the two Outstanding Individual Volunteer Award recipients who founded funds at the Community Foundation.

OUTSTANDING LEGACY PHILANTHROPIST

G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund

Nominated by Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC)



Photo Credit: Murray and Edna Forbes



Photo Credit: Susan Yuzik, Fund Advisor of G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund

OUTSTANDING LEGACY PHILANTHROPIST

Bob Perry

Nominated by South Saskatchewan Community Foundation



Photo Credit: Bob Perry

OUTSTANDING LEGACY PHILANTHROPIST

Lorne and Evelyn Johnson

Nominated by South Saskatchewan Community Foundation



Photo Credit: Lorne and Evelyn Johnson

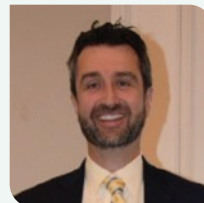


Photo Credit: Eric Johnson, Fund Advisor of Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Fund

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER

Doug McNair

Nominated by North Central Family Centre (NCFC)



Photo Credit: Doug McNair, Chair of North Central Family Centre's Hopes and Dreams Campaign

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER

Mary Ann McGrath

Nominated by Regina Early Learning Centre (RELC)



Photo Credit: Mary Ann McGrath, Founder of the Anne Luke Legacy Fund Held at the Community Foundation



Fund Appreciation Wall

Recognizing those who are making an impact, forever.

The Community Foundation facilitates partnerships to enrich the quality of our communities. We are grateful for those who have put their trust in the Community Foundation. We aim to ensure that communities feel the impact, forever. We would like to recognize every family, organization, and community that holds a fund with us. We look forward to the impact these funds will make for generations to come. Together, we have the power to create a community that thrives, leaving no one behind.

All Funds as of March 31, 2025

FUNDS CELEBRATING MILESTONES IN 2025

5 YEARS:

- Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs
- Leader-Post Foundation Legacy Fund
- Regina Leader-Post Christmas Cheer Fund
- Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation Funds
- The Johnny Z Healthy Minds Funds

10 YEARS:

- Jamieson Family Legacy Funds
- Miller Thomson Fund

15 YEARS:

- Hertha Pfeifer Foundation Fund
- RPCI Good Mourning Fund
- The Steven Dale Ripplinger Legacy Fund

20 YEARS:

- Doug Barber Memorial Fund

35 YEARS:

- Donald and Claire Kramer Foundation Fund
- Ena and John Houston Trust Fund

40 YEARS:

- Kramer Ltd. Foundation Fund

50 YEARS:

- Federation for the Blind Trust Fund

- 100 Men Who Care Regina Fund
- 22nd Century Club Fund
- Albert Park Community Association Legacy Fund
- Anne Luke Legacy Fund
- Anonymous Donor Funds (7 Funds)
- Archer Family Giving Fund
- Arlene C. Janzen Memorial Fund
- Art and Joyce Marbach Family Foundation Fund
- Artesian Performing Arts Funds (2 Funds)
- Big Sky Centre for Learning and Being Astonished! Funds (2 Funds)
- Bob and Helen Magel Legacy Fund
- Brad Hornung Legacy Fund
- Broncs Football Legacy Fund
- By Fire and Water SK Fund
- Canadian Red Cross Society – Saskatchewan Endowment Fund
- Carla Harris Accessible Arts & Culture Fund
- Caron & Masney Family Legacy Fund
- Catalyst Community Fund
- Cedar Hill Cemetery Trust Fund
- CityKidz Regina Funds (2 Funds)
- CKCK-TV Trust Fund
- Clark and Anne Lewis Charitable Fund
- Constance M. Acton Fund
- Co-op Community Builder Campaign Fund
- Courtney Memorial Fund
- Cultural Connections Regina Legacy Fund
- Dayna Brons Entrance Scholarship Fund
- Derril McLeod Family Foundation Fund
- Desirée Hutton (née Steele) Legacy Fund
- Donald and Claire Kramer Foundation Funds (2 Funds)
- Donavon Puttick Memorial Scholarship Fund (2)
- Doris & Bill Downie Memorial Fund
- Doris and Clarence Taylor Foundation Fund
- Dorothy Wilson Scholarship Fund
- DoubleUp Opportunities Inc. Fund
- Doug and Celia Johnson Foundation Fund
- Doug Barber Memorial Fund
- Dr. Femi Ogunrinde Educational Opportunity Fund
- Drs. Lewis and Elisabeth Brandt Trust Fund
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Saskatchewan Division Fund
- Ehrmantraut Foundation Fund
- Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs
- Emergent Women and Children's Funds (2 Funds)
- Ena and John Houston Trust Fund
- Federation for the Blind Trust Fund
- FeRuRoJo Veloso Health Foundation Fund
- FeRuRoJo Veloso Medical Foundation Fund
- Fred and Margaret Greenough Fund
- Fridays for Future Youth Empowerment Fund
- Friends of the MacKenzie Acquisition Fund
- Gary Hyland ALS Fund
- Gary Hyland Literary Scholarship Fund
- Genevieve and Murray Grant Trust Fund

- George Butt Foundation Fund
- Gerald B. Wilson Scholarship Fund
- Glengarry Book Award Fund
- Globe Theatre Society Funds (2 Funds)
- Gravelbourg Co-Cathedral Preservation Funds /Fonds pour la préservation de la Co-Cathédrale (2 Funds)
- Greg and Dianne Swanson Legacy Fund
- G & S Karst Family Foundation Fund
- G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund
- Harald Liebe Scholarship Fund
- Heavisides Family Foundation Fund
- Helen and Gerard Shearer Foundation Fund
- Hertha Pfeifer Foundation Fund
- Hicks Family Education Fund
- Honourable Randy Weekes Strengthening of Parliamentary Democracy Funds (2 Funds)
- HVAC Sales & Service Legacy Fund
- Jamieson Family Legacy Funds (2 Funds)
- Jay and Christy Stockdale Family Fund
- Jay Stockdale Family Foundation Fund
- Jesutofunmi Alabi Impact Fund
- Jim Rose Memorial Fund
- Joanne and Bryan Hillis Funds (2 Funds)
- John and Marcella Chamberlain Fund
- John Patton Trust Fund
- Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund
- Karius Family Fund
- Kathleen Wilson Scholarship Fund
- Keith Brunskill Legacy Scholarship Fund
- Ken Smith and Rachelle Mondor Smith Family Fund
- Kevin Tell Legacy Fund
- Kramer Ltd. Foundation Fund
- Kramer Operating Trust Fund
- Kramer Science Fund
- Larry Wilson Fund
- Lawrence Wilson Scholarship Fund
- Leader-Post Foundation Legacy Fund
- Leo and Sandra Verhelst Family Funds (2 Funds)
- Lloyd and Duna Barber Family Foundation Fund
- Lorne & Evelyn Johnson Funds (2 Funds)
- Lorne & Evelyn Johnson RSO Legacy Fund
- Lyn Goldman Charitable Trust Fund
- Lyn Goldman Legacy Fund
- Lynn and Jim Tomkins Foundation Fund
- MacKenzie Facilities Legacy Fund
- Mallory "Bell" Bjella Legacy Scholarship
- Mann Family Trust Fund
- Marian Gardens Charitable Fund
- Marlene Wilson Scholarship Fund
- Mary and Vern Fowke Fund
- Maynard and Ida Gray Fund
- McCreary Hanley Family Fund
- McLellan Family Funds (2 Funds)
- McNair Family Foundation Funds (2 Funds)
- Millenium Fund
- Miller Thomson Fund
- MNP Community Fund
- Mobile Crisis Services Legacy Funds (2 Funds)
- Moffat Family Fund
- Moosomin and District Music Festival Endowment Fund
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ambler Trust Fund
- National Theatre School (NTS) Theatre and Community Engagement Fund
- Nell Holowachuk Fund
- North Central Family Centre Hopes and Dreams Fund
- North Central Family Centre Legacy Fund
- Not Every Dog is Maya Fund
- OptionS Pregnancy Centre Fund
- Peoples Family Fund
- PFM Community Impact Fund
- Prairieview Wealth Management Fund
- Providence4Missions Legacy Fund
- Regina Auxiliary War Services Fund
- Regina Climate Action Fund
- Regina Food For Learning Legacy Fund
- Regina Humane Society Endowment Fund
- Regina Leader-Post Christmas Cheer Fund
- Regina Paramedics with Heart Fund
- Regina Symphony Orchestra Funds (2 Funds)
- Regina Work Preparation Centre Fund
- Rick Turnbull and Family Foundation Fund
- Ritenburg Family Foundation Fund
- Robbie Curtis Memorial Scholarship
- Robert B. McClelland North Okanagan Fund
- Roberto Roman Memorial Fund
- Robert Perry Legacy Fund
- Rod McDonald Giving Funds (2 Funds)
- RPCI Good Mourning Fund
- Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation Funds (2 Funds)
- Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation George Reed Legacy Fund
- SASW Scholarship Fund
- SCEP Centre Society (Regina) Operating Fund
- Scholarship Fund
- Scott Collegiate Alumni Scholarship Fund
- Semenchuck Family Fund
- South Saskatchewan Community Foundation Funds (2 Funds)
- South Saskatchewan Vital Community Funds (2 Funds)
- South Shore Community Foundation Fund
- Southwest Homes Legacy Fund
- Stan Doucette Memorial Fund
- Summer Bash YQR Legacy Fund
- Sylvia Wilson Scholarship Fund
- The Bill and Helen Davidson Foundation Fund
- The DEK All Nations Healing Hospital Foundation Fund
- The Johnny Z Healthy Minds Funds (2 Funds)
- The MacKenzie Art Gallery Operating Endowment II – Anonymous Fund
- The Saros Cowasjee Small Animal Foundation Fund
- The Second Lieutenant Andrew Naismith Benevolent Fund
- The Shyanne Parsons Foundation Fund
- The Steven Dale Ripplinger Legacy Fund
- Thiel Family Legacy Fund
- TJH Legacy Fund
- Trina & Avery Heartfelt Fund
- Truth and Reconciliation Funds (2 Funds)
- Verma Shore Hooper Legacy Funds (2 Funds)
- Victoria Gbinigie Legacy Fund
- Virginia Okudolo Family Foundation Fund
- Wain Birch Family Foundation Fund
- Whitespruce Fund
- YMCA of Regina Funds (2 Funds)
- You Matter Foundation Funds (2 Funds)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (AUDITED)

As at December 31, 2024, with comparative figures for 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current Assets - Cash, Accounts Receivable, Prepaid Expenses, and Other	\$2,060,362	\$8,462,037
Tangible Capital Assets	\$7,615	\$10,972
Investments	\$122,088,897	\$102,013,992
Impact Investments - Long-Term Portion	\$487,000	\$0
Intangible Assets	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$126,643,874	\$112,487,001
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable, Accrued Liabilities, and Deferred Revenue	\$388,140	\$332,573
Charitable Assets Under Administration	\$106,882	\$0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$495,022	\$332,573
NET ASSETS		
Legacy Funds Principal (Endowment Funds)	\$91,303,631	\$87,301,871
Accumulated Appreciation – Legacy Funds	\$21,986,087	\$12,895,666
Flow-Through Funds (Non-Endowments)	\$9,312,152	\$8,956,031
Internal Reserves	\$3,546,982	\$3,000,860
Total Fund Balances	\$126,148,852	\$112,154,428
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$126,643,874	\$112,487,001

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

	General & Internal Reserves	Legacy & Flow- Through Funds	2024 TOTAL	2023 TOTAL
REVENUE				
Contributions	\$100,689	\$5,553,252	\$5,653,941	\$12,064,210
Investment Income, Realized & Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$584,640	\$17,161,436	\$17,746,076	\$9,876,497
Royalty Revenue	\$0	\$687,095	\$687,095	\$944,462
Fund Administration	\$545	\$0	\$545	\$2,874
Shared Services	\$13,149	\$0	\$13,149	\$0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$699,023	\$23,401,783	\$24,100,806	\$22,888,043
EXPENSES				
Distributions	\$200	\$7,182,546	\$7,182,746	\$5,640,950
Investment Management Fees	\$19,767	\$768,755	\$788,522	\$610,758
Life Insurance Premiums	\$0	\$11,237	\$11,237	\$11,237
Amortization	\$6,821	\$0	\$6,821	\$7,160
Mineral Royalty Taxes	\$0	\$5,327	\$5,327	\$5,372
Direct Fund Expenses	\$0	\$30,762	\$30,762	\$23,542
Administration	\$653,111	\$1,427,856	\$2,080,967	\$1,477,192
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$679,899	\$9,426,483	\$10,106,382	\$7,776,211
FUNDS				
Increase (decrease) in Net Assets	\$19,124	\$13,975,300	\$13,994,424	\$15,111,832
Net Assets – Beginning of Year	\$3,000,860	\$109,153,568	\$112,154,428	\$97,042,596
Transfers	\$526,998	(\$526,998)	\$0	\$0
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$3,546,982	\$122,601,870	\$126,148,852	\$112,154,428

*These numbers are a shortened representation of the financial statements. To view our full audited financial statements, please request a copy from finance@sscf.ca or they are available for download at www.sscf.ca.

Making an impact
starts with *you*.

Thank you to all the incredible donors and charities
making a difference, year after year.

Give back and make an impact today.

Emergent Women and Children's Fund

This Fund provides immediate support of up to \$1,000 to women and children in need. No barriers, no questions asked — just help when it's needed most.

By removing small barriers, we can prevent life-altering consequences - and create a ripple effect of positive change.

Give today.



Truth and Reconciliation Fund

This Fund supports charities that are addressing the Calls to Action. This includes activities focusing on Education, Culture, and Language. An Indigenous-led group of advisors make decisions for the Fund and where its money goes.

Give today.



Vital Community Fund

This Fund supports focus areas identified through our Vital Signs community research. It currently supports initiatives including safe and affordable housing, food insecurity, mental health services, and sustaining community infrastructure.

Give today.



Charity number: 890271448 RR0001

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