

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

Second Annual CommUNITY for Women Breakfast Event

Join us for our Second Annual CommUNITY for Women Breakfast Event, where we celebrate the power of transformation. During this elegant breakfast, you will discover a variety of wonderful charities, determined change-makers, and dedicated philanthropists who have all used their time, talent, treasures, and ties to empower women within our communities, helping them spread their wings and own their potential.

Throughout the event, you will hear uplifting and inspiring stories from those within the community who have blossomed thanks to last year's fundraising efforts. These women, much like butterflies, have experienced profound change – breaking free from difficult circumstances and transforming their lives in ways that also uplift their families, allowing them to soar toward new horizons.

All proceeds for this event will go towards the Foundation's Emergent Women and Children's Fund to directly support those facing housing, food, mental health, and economic challenges. Like the nurturing care that helps a butterfly grow, your support empowers women to flourish and fly. There will be many opportunities throughout the event to learn more about how you too can be a part of this cycle of transformation, creating lasting change in our community.

February 4, 2025
Queensbury Convention Centre

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Habitat for Humanity Saskatchewan Campbell Street Build

Supported by:

Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Fund

Two very deserving families moved into their new homes in June of 2024.

"My name is Salim Malek, I came with my family and my wife Sanjida and my kid in 2019. You see, not too long ago, my family and I found ourselves in a situation that felt hopeless. We were struggling to make ends meet, living in conditions that were far from adequate. The dream of owning a home felt like an impossible feat, a distant mirage in the desert of our circumstances. But then, like a beacon of light in the darkness, Habitat for Humanity entered our lives. They didn't just offer us a house; they offered us a home - a place where we could build our future, where we could lay down roots. My family and I are no longer just surviving; we are thriving."

November is Make a Will Month Get 20% Off Your Will Today

Have you thought about the importance of having a Will? Now is the perfect time to consider this crucial step in securing your future and supporting the causes you care about most.

Writing a Will is one of the most impactful ways to ensure your loved ones and the charities you care about are taken care of. By having a Will, you can leave a legacy that reflects your values and provides meaningful support for organizations like the Community Foundation.

To make the process easy, we've partnered with Epilogue, Canada's only online Will platform created by estate planning lawyers. Epilogue allows you to complete your Will in as little as 20 minutes – from the comfort of your home. It's quick, simple, and affordable.

Writing your Will now not only gives you peace of mind, but also provides an opportunity to make a lasting impact on the causes close to your heart.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton and Area

Catch The Dream Project

Supported by:
South Saskatchewan Vital Community Fund

Objective:

To offer a mentorship model; with mentor and mentee learning together building on their skills and abilities, addressing barriers and challenging growth as individuals, to help youth build a better tomorrow, gaining a better outlook on life, making positive choices and developing healthier relationships. To help youth and adults journey together on reconciliation and action change within our community. We provided group mentoring sessions for youth Grades 6 to 8 with Mentors being age 16 years to 55.

"I have never seen youth interacting in such an open, trusting manner with each other and can see how proud the one Mentor especially felt when he was recognized for being a Mentor in the program. He had been a youth in our program years before and now he is giving back. He could have never grown this much as a person without the Catch the Dream project. Today he is proud of who he is." - A school personnel

"I now have a friend and do not feel so lonely." - A Youth

"I am proud to call myself an Indian and I want to know more about my culture." - A Youth



Donate to the Vital Community Fund

You can help advance the focus areas in the 'Growing Futures Report' by donating to the Vital Community Fund. This legacy fund is committed to sustainably addressing the priorities identified in the report, ensuring that our community's most critical needs are met for years to come.

Visit www.growingfuturesreport.ca or scan the code:



Second Annual Friendraiser Event Recap

On August 22, 2024, the Community Foundation proudly hosted its second annual Friendraiser at the Conexus Arts Centre, attracting over 100 charities and more than 400 attendees, including board members, partners, and community supporters. This event aimed to foster connections between donors and charities while raising awareness about community needs. Attendees enjoyed a variety of engaging activities, including live orchestral music, Indigenous beading, and a photo booth, all contributing to an atmosphere of unity and celebration. The event also aligned with the latest Vital Signs research, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, highlighting the meaningful work of the charities involved.

Beyond the students, the Community Foundation extended gratitude to various sponsors, including PH&N Institutional and Casino Regina, whose support made the event a reality. Local suppliers also played a crucial role, providing appetizers, beverages, entertainment, and decorations, showcasing the collaborative spirit of the community. The diverse range of charities present highlighted critical focus areas such as housing, food security, mental health, and education, allowing them to share their impactful stories with attendees.



The Friendraiser proved to be an effective platform for relationship-building among both donors and charities, facilitating networking and collaboration. Executive Director Donna Ziegler emphasized the significance of the event in showcasing the work of charities across Saskatchewan and inspiring community engagement. Feedback from attendees, including Emily Bocking and Jeff Dudar, reinforced the event's positive impact, demonstrating how such gatherings can foster meaningful connections and deepen understanding of community needs, ultimately contributing to lasting legacies and hope for the future.

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Nature Conservancy of Canada

Supporting Securement of Significant Habitat in the Buffalo Pound area

Supported by:

Joyce Gemmell Jessen Habitat Conservation Fund

The Parker Coulee Project, NCC's second fee simple property in the Cypress Uplands, provides an additional 800 acres. It is dominated by rolling native grassland habitat with forested coulees and spring-fed creeks. Securement closed in January and staff visited in July to gather the field data collection for the Baseline Inventory, as well as the completion of rangeland and riparian health assessments, and an inventory of the anthropogenic features. Plant and wildlife species were noted and two remote cameras were set up to capture observations within the forested areas. In total, 10 species at risk have been reported on and around the property including Sprague's Pipit, Common Nighthawk, Ferruginous Hawk, and Little Brown Bat.

Mike Burak, NCC Director, reported: "The very first time I visited the Parker Coulee property, it was actually a spur of the moment decision that I made on my way to Eastend to give a presentation. There are two ways to access the Parker Coulee property. One of them is through the landowner's yard which approaches from the east boundary and the other approaches from the west. I approached from the west that day and was shocked to see that all of the land west of the property had been converted from its original state of native grassland. This was a concern that had been voiced by the landowner in our discussions, but seeing it first-hand in person, really drove home the point of how urgent the conservation of this land really was."

New Fund Celebration

On the evening of September 26, we welcomed guests into our home at Path – Basecamp as we hosted our fall New Fund Celebration. Each spring and fall, we host an uplifting event to welcome all the wonderful, community-minded individuals and organizations who have recently opened new funds with the Community Foundation. On this evening, we had a couple dozen individuals come together to celebrate eight new funds joining us, and we were humbled by the feeling of connection and community that resonated within the room.

Heartwarming stories were shared, delicious appetizers and sweet treats were had, and lasting memories were made. We are excited to welcome these new fund holders to the Community Foundation family as we work together to create powerful impact and make our home a more vital, strong, and fair place to live, work, and play.



Souls Harbour Rescue Mission

Operational Grant

Supported by:

G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation Fund

Thanks to the grant from the Forbes Foundation, we were able to direct it toward the increased costs of operations during a time when our donations are declining and the need for our services are increasing. We have seen a 50% increase in the average number of people coming for supper daily (200 to now well over 300 somedays). This means an increase in the cost of groceries and stretching dollars even further. This grant allowed us to continue with the quality nutritious meals that we have been providing to those in need.

A \$15,000 grant means we were able to serve 3118 meals (a meal costs \$4.81) during a time when the number of people we serve is increasing substantially.

One of our guests for a supper meal said: "Thank you for giving us a safe place to go, a good meal, and friends. It's the little things that count." - Frieda.

New Funds Established at the Foundation

Carla Harris Accessible Arts & Culture Fund

Catalyst Community Fund

CityKidz Regina Facility Fund

CityKidz Regina Legacy Fund

Cultural Connections Regina Legacy Fund

FeRuRoJo Veloso Health Foundation Fund

Jesutofunmi Alabi Impact Fund

Karius Family Fund

MacKenzie Facilities Legacy Fund

McLellan Family Giving Fund

McLellan Family Legacy Fund

McNair Family Foundation Fund

McNair Family Foundation Legacy Fund

Not Every Dog is Maya

Peoples Family Fund

Regina Food for Learning Legacy Fund

Southwest Homes Legacy Fund

Victoria Gbinigie Family Foundation Fund

Virginia Okudolo Family Foundation Fund

You Matter Foundation Fund

You Matter Foundation Legacy Fund

Truth and Reconciliation Legacy Fund

Since the grant opportunity launched in late 2022, we have seen over \$2.16M requested through 108 applications. Due to our limited funding capacity, we have only been able to distribute \$546.5K through 57 grants as of July 2024. It is clear to us that the need for this funding is high, and we need support in order to meet this need.

We need more resources to sustain this funding opportunity so that we can respond, support, and celebrate Indigenous-focused causes right where we live, together. It's imperative to keep the momentum going to address the immediate demand for the fund. We are seeking partners to keep the grant opportunity consistent, year after year. We also need help growing the Truth and Reconciliation Legacy Fund – a legacy fund intended to become a self-sustaining long-term source of support. By growing this fund, we can increase the amount of organizations within Saskatchewan who will receive support in creating, operating, and sustaining the programs working towards the Calls to Action focused on Education, Culture, and Language.

**We Need Your Help for Sustainable Support:
\$7M by 2030**



"Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children." - Sitting Bull

Hope Air

Medical Travel Arrangements for Low-Income Moose Jaw and District Patients

Supported by:
Moffat Family Fund

This funding assisted in providing 36 travel arrangements (16 flights (four provided by volunteer pilots), eight nights of accommodation, eight ridge, and four meal vouchers) for Moose Jaw and District residents required to travel to access medical care who are in financial need.

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Acknowledging our Presence on Treaty Land

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation acknowledges our presence on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territories; the original lands of the Cree, Dene, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. In the spirit of reconciliation, we have an ongoing commitment to work together to uplift Indigenous communities with guidance from Indigenous representatives.

Reimagining Non-Profits Conference



On October 18 and 19, we were thrilled to sponsor and be a part of the second Reimagining Non-Profits Conference held at Luther College at the University of Regina. This wonderful two-day event was hosted by the Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Studies Network, Saskatchewan Nonprofit Partnership, and Ivy + Dean Consulting, and allowed for various non-profit representatives across the province to come together to network, collaborate, and engage in conversations to innovate practices regarding governance, leadership, fund development, communications, and sustainability within the sector. Thank you for providing this wonderful opportunity right here in Regina.

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Chinook School Division Cultural Outreach

Supported by:
Truth and Reconciliation Fund

"I just wanted to write to say Thank you to you and Elder Sylvia for your visit and teaching today. My students enjoyed the beading project very much and we had lots of conversation about what we learned." - Grade 1 teacher, Central School

Read the full impact story here:



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