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Helping Build a **Community** Where All Belong

Hello again, friends of Saskatoon Community Foundation! Over the past year, through focusing our granting on reconciliation, belonging, and inclusion, we are building new relationships. Together, these relationships help build a community where all feel they belong. We are very proud to do our part.

Saskatoon Community Foundation (the Foundation) supports belonging in many ways. Youth Endowment Saskatoon grants to support the needs of youth and promotes youth leadership through the Youth Advisory Council. A former Youth Advisory Council member now sits on our Grants Committee. We plan to create a Community Fund for Inclusion, and our Quality of Life grants now focus on inclusion.

In learning about our shared history, we honour the survivors of residential schools and the Sixties Scoop as well as all their descendants. The Foundation is encouraged by the tremendous participation in the 2018 Rock Your Roots Walk for Reconciliation. People from all over Saskatoon joined the walk to show the community, and the country, that we can build a society that recognizes its true past, acknowledges mistakes, and builds for the future. We hope all citizens in Saskatoon will take up a personal call to action in the spirit of reconciliation. Rock Your Roots was one of eight projects funded in 2018 from the Community Fund for Reconciliation. Each project supports forming new partnerships, learning about reconciliation, and taking action to promote inclusion and equality. We share some of these projects in this issue and on our website.

The 2018 Nutrien Saskatoon Community Foundation Cultural Gala: The Spirit of Fire showcased our community's desire and response to building stronger relationships with Indigenous communities. Gala Co-Chairs Leanne Bellegarde and Tracy Muggli together with Artistic Directors Carrie Catherine and Dawn Wasacase once again ignited a spark of inspiration and hope through this amazing event.

For nearly 50 years, you, our donors and supporters, have made significant contributions to our community. We want to thank you for everything you do and encourage you to keep going! Spread the word! Work with us to build a vision of Saskatoon where all feel a strong sense of belonging.

Tiffany M. Paulsen, Q.C. Chair, Saskatoon Community Foundation Partner, Robertson Stromberg

2018 Nutrien Saskatoon Community Foundation Cultural Gala:

The Spirit of Fire



Since 2007, the Nutrien Saskatoon Community Foundation Cultural Gala has inspired and entertained attendees by showcasing the best cultural entertainment in Saskatoon, along with superb fare and unique auction packages, all for the benefit of the community. Beginning with the 2017 Gala's theme of wâseskwan ("the sky is clearing"), we set out to explore the power of the four elements through traditional Indigenous storytelling, bringing a message of truth and reconciliation to our supporters. On September 15, 2018, attendees were treated to a spark of inspiration to change Saskatoon for the better by building understanding among the people who call it home.





The evening's performances blended music, dance, spoken word art, theatre, and sheer spectacle, drawing from many cultures to create a unique vision of reconciliation. Living Sky Taiko reminded us of the thunderous power of the drum, which unites virtually all cultures. Sam Mitchell's flute set the stage for members of the Saskatoon Open Door Society to share the poet Rumi's words, encouraging us to "seek those who fan [our] flames." Spoken word artist Peace Akintade shared her poem "Spark." SUM Theatre presented a special version of Maria Campbell's "Little Badger and the Fire Spirit." The Confucius Institute embodied the Spirit of Fire through dance. To end the night, the Randy Woods Band sizzled their way through a hot dance set.

The fare for the evening was also inspired by the Spirit of Fire, offering delicious flavours brought to life by flames, with grilled meats and fire-roasted vegetables. The live auction also offered some of the hottest items and packages in Saskatoon, including dinner for six

with His Worship Mayor Clark, experiences of our history from Wanuskewin, an original Allen Sapp painting, an NHL experience, and genuine signed Wayne Gretzky and Gordie Howe jerseys.

The Spirit of Fire was an unforgettable experience. Saskatoon Community Foundation hopes that all who attended took away a spark to ignite their passion for a more inclusive Saskatoon.

On September 21, 2019, our exploration of the four elements continues with Earth Song. You won't want to miss it!



SPONSOR REFLECTIONS ON THE SPIRIT OF FIRE

The companies who sponsored the Spirit of Fire Gala took part in the very moving performance of Maria Campbell's "Little Badger and the Fire Spirit." We asked them to share their reflections on inspiring change through their participation.



The Gala itself is not just an evening or an event; it's an indescribable experience, one that reminds us of the importance of connecting, spirit to spirit, as a community. We are inspired and honoured to be a part of it, year after year.

Lisa Dunville, Partner, KPMG in Saskatoon

Precision Electro-Mechanical salutes Nutrien and Saskatoon Community Foundation for their leadership in responding to the TRC's 94 Calls to Action. Community resources benefit everyone: the health of the individual, the success of businesses, and the spirit of community. Unresolved trauma has many faces, often well disguised. Courage also has many faces. When the wisdom and resilience of a survivor is met with compassionate commitment, healing is possible. That's why I serve on the Board of Legacy Ridge Trauma Resource and Recovery Centre, which provides care for adult survivors of childhood sexual trauma. Let's all be inspired to join in the transformative power of community, each finding our own way to answer the call.

Marc Taillon, CEO, Precision Electro-Mechanical



The challenge faced by Nutrien is: "What can we become as we strive to help feed a world of 10 billion people by 2050? What is our purpose?"

The questions we ask ourselves at Nutrien are the same questions Senator Murray Sinclair, former Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, asks of each of us in the reconciliation process:

Where do we come from? When

Where are we going? Why are we h

Why are we here? Who are we?

We have to answer these simple questions about our purpose, in the spirit of reconciliation. This means taking our blinders off, having difficult discussions, challenging the status quo, dreaming about what could be, and rising to the opportunity to define a sustainable future that includes us all. We have much to learn from each other and many strengths to find in each other's diversity.

For me, the aspirational part of reconciliation is: "What we can become?"

Saskatoon Community Foundation is one of the vehicles to help get us there, and we are proud to support it!

Wayne Brownlee, former Executive Vice-President and CFO of Nutrien

At Park Derochie, the strength of our company is our people, and it does not matter who or where they have come from. Today, with over 120 workers here in Saskatchewan, 25% are aboriginal, and almost 50% are either aboriginal, female, or a visible minority. Through our dedication to all of our employees, our participation in the Saskatoon Community Foundation allows us to work with a group that supports exactly what Park Derochie is about: making a significant difference by playing a major role while giving back to our communities.

Doug Barker, President, Park Derochie



The Community Fund for **Reconciliation**



The Rock Your Roots Walk for Reconciliation

About the Fund: The Community Fund for Reconciliation was created in 2017 and announced at the 2017 Nutrien Saskatoon Community Foundation Cultural Gala, wâseskwan. Saskatoon Community Foundation (the Foundation) committed to granting \$100,000 per year for reconciliation projects from 2018 through 2021. The Foundation seeks individuals and organizations, people like you, to contribute to the Community Fund for Reconciliation so that we can grant even more.

About the Grants: The Foundation worked with elders and cultural advisors, including Judy Pelly, Gilbert Kewistep, Leanne Bellegarde, and Shirley Isbister, to create the criteria for the grants program. The Foundation's education began with a pipe ceremony to start the process in a good way, the blanket exercise, and hearing a firsthand account from a survivor of residential schools. The Foundation staff and Board attended these sessions. The Community Fund for Reconciliation awards grants to registered charities and other qualified donees for projects in which an Indigenous organization has initiated a partnership with a non-Indigenous organization (though any one project may include multiple partners). Projects should be substantially created and led by Indigenous people and must address at least one of the 94 Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC's) report.

In the spring of 2018, the Foundation announced the first round of grants from the Community Fund for Reconciliation. Eight projects were chosen on the basis of the new partnerships they created, the leadership they promoted, and the ways in which they addressed the TRC's 94 Calls to Action. A full listing of the projects is available on our website.

Most of the projects are currently underway, but two of the projects have already taken place.

ROCK YOUR ROOTS WALK FOR RECONCILIATION

The Rock Your Roots Walk for Reconciliation has grown every year since it began. 5,500 people took part on June 21, 2018, from every walk of life – schools, businesses, community organizations, and cultural groups. Some came in their cultural regalia, some in their orange shirts or Reconciliation Saskatoon bandannas, but all came out to join in proclaiming that Saskatoon is a community that embraces diversity, recognizes its true history, and honours the survivors of residential schools. The Foundation staff and Board were proud to walk with thousands of Saskatonians. The Foundation has committed \$20,000 per year to this project for 2018 through 2021.

MÉTIS CULTURAL DAYS

Métis Cultural Days was presented by Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. (CUMFI) at the Western Development Museum on September 28 to 30, 2018. The opening day featured a jigging flashmob, showcasing the colour and pageantry of Métis culture. The Main Street of Boomtown was alive with plays and presentations telling the story of the Métis' struggles to settle and belong in the Saskatoon area. The story of Louis Riel recalled the fierce independence of the Métis, while the neck bone eating contest introduced Saskatoon to an Indigenous delicacy. The Orange Shirt Day Pancake Breakfast honoured survivors of residential schools and spread a message of reconciliation for the whole community.



Métis Cultural Days Presented Excerpts from *The Trial of Louis Riel*

Other projects receiving grants through the Community Fund for Reconciliation will continue throughout the year. They include a manual for small businesses on how to participate in reconciliation as well as a social-media-driven website where people can make their commitment to reconciliation and share successes and challenges in creating a more inclusive society. Art and expression will help build a positive sense of identity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people alike, thanks to partnerships between SCYAP (Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming) and the Indigenous Poets Society as well as between SIIT (Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies) and the Saskatoon Public School Division's Indigenous Ensemble of Saskatoon. Friends of Batoche and Gabriel Dumont Institute collaborate to preserve traditional knowledge and an Indigenous language, while ITEP and the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association will help new Canadians gain a better understanding of treaty relationships and Indigenous culture.

If you want to help us build a better community through reconciliation, consider contributing to the Community Fund for Reconciliation! Visit www.saskatooncommunityfoundation.ca for more information.

Métis Fiddle Class



Mobility Assistance for Elders at Rock Your Roots



Shane Partridge: Leadership from the Street Up

Shane Partridge is the Assistant with the Provincial Street Gang Strategy and Program Coordinator for STR8 UP. He is the 2018 recipient of the Saskatoon Community Foundation Leadership Bursary.

Shane grew up on a farm west of Saskatoon. His parents introduced him to alcohol very early in his life. By the time he was in middle school, he was drinking regularly. Sometimes the alcohol was provided by his family, and sometimes it was stolen. He was often left to himself for long periods. Serious neglect and abuse led to suicide attempts at age 11 and 12. Despite these actions, he was never given any treatment or help. Growing issues during his teen years led to serious consequences: he was charged with attempted murder. He left his family home permanently at age 16.

Shane: Immediately, my parents didn't want anything to do with me, and I was on my own. I dealt with that charge as a kid, and it [dragged on] till I was about 19. From 16 to 35, I was in jail. I was only out of jail for a month or two at a time. I lived on the street after that first charge. I lived on my own from that point on. I just owned being that guy and gave people a reason not to like me. Drugs and alcohol were always a part of my life. There was no thought as to whether I had an issue – this was just how my days went.

SCF: Would you say you were in a pattern and repeating it?

Shane: I was repeating that pattern of getting in trouble, getting out, drinking. It was a constant. It was never a question of whether I would go to jail, just when. How long would I make it out this time? I didn't think about staying out or going back in. You don't anticipate going back, but at the same time, you know it's going to happen. I stopped caring when I got that first charge.

After living in northern BC for five years, he moved to Prince George and ended up in a gang.

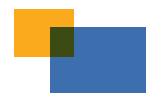
Shane: They offered me crack cocaine and I tried it. From that point on, for the next five years, I always had crack on me. I brought this level of violence and disregard for human life. This gang loved this hyper-violent guy, willing to do anything for the drink or drugs, so I moved up fast.



SCF: What brought you back to Saskatoon, and what changed in your thinking about who you wanted to be?

Shane: I moved up pretty high in Prince George, but I witnessed a lot of violence. I got scared. Everyone around me was dying or beaten up, and it wasn't me; it wasn't what I wanted. I came back to Saskatoon because my mom and little brother were here, so it was like running home, I guess. But my addictions came with me. I was down with a gang here, and I was already high up because I brought a level of violence and working knowledge [of gang structure] that kids here just didn't have. My addictions and hate flourished.

What stopped me? I was kidnapped, beaten to a pulp for two days. They stopped because they thought they were going to kill me, and I still didn't tell them the information they wanted. So then, they wanted me to be down with them. That was the deciding factor. [I thought], "You guys just tried killing me. You are not my friends, and I don't want to be down with you."



SCF: How did you conquer your addictions?

Shane: [After] three years in Saskatoon, I got a nosebleed that lasted all day long. I had this partner. I didn't think too much [about it] at the time, but she didn't drink, didn't do drugs. She had two kids in Saskatoon and another daughter in Ontario. A wonderful family, and they didn't use. I remember waking up in the hospital. My insides were shutting down. I was dying. I woke up, and there was this doctor, and he was giving me this certainty: "You are dying. You are going to die within the year if you don't get killed first." I remember him blurring out, and all I could see was my partner and my kids crying. I suddenly realized that I had someone who gave a s*** about me. I didn't know why, but I just had the realization that somebody cared for the first time. I was drinking, at that time, 40 beers a day. I'd be a case deep before I even got to doing anything in the day, just to stop being sick. I knew I had to stop this. That was the first real moment of clarity that I'd ever had in my life. I checked myself straight into detox.

After entering detox, a worker at Larson House connected him with STR8 UP. Shane worked hard to get sober, with support from Stan at STR8 UP.

Shane: After I had a couple years sobriety under my belt, I felt like I wanted to give back, volunteer somewhere. I had this sense of guilt that I had taken so much of the community. All these organizations that had opened their doors to me and just been awesome in my recovery. I asked Alex [Munoz, Executive Director of STR8 UP], "How do you volunteer?" Alex said, "Shane, you know that guy who keeps coming in and out of here? [It was Charlie Clark.] He's running to be mayor. You should go volunteer for his campaign, it'll be fun." I'm like, "I've never even voted before, man! I'm not going to volunteer for a politician." That was my mindset still. I still had some recovering to do. I was still thinking that authority was bad. People in authority, teachers, cops, politicians, lawyers, judges. I look at it differently now.

So, I called and Charlie said, "Sure, I'm down at the Pride Festival. Come down and volunteer for me here." Coming from rural Saskatchewan, it was hyper-masculine, stereotypical, so being around the gay community was uncomfortable at first. It's not that I was discriminatory, it was new. I didn't have that experience. When I first started learning about being uncomfortable, and how vulnerability and truth can be your ticket if you want to do stuff in the community, I went and volunteered, and he took me into his campaign team. I couldn't have been in a more supportive environment. Anything I wanted to do, they would let me have a hand in it. I was loving it. I liked meeting people. I was a team leader for his campaign.

When the campaign ended the addict in me was like, "I don't want this good feeling to end." Again, I asked Alex, and he said, "Do something you are passionate about, like the justice system." I called politicians at every level, anyone that had to do with community safety and community health. We started talking about a different way of approaching gangs. Locking people up wasn't working – what else do we need to do? We started coming up with this prevention- and intervention-based gang strategy.

SCF: So you were in on this right from the beginning?

Shane: Every step that I took in the community in volunteering and giving back, and Saskatoon being so welcoming to me, encouraged me to do more, to try to welcome the discomfort that I used to feel – the vulnerability and the truth – and I started using that in community organizing and started realizing that people can't shut you down if you're being honest and asking them to be honest. I started being involved in different organizations. I've been on Quint Development's Executive. I've been on the Executive here [at STR8 UP] for almost a decade now. And I'm just an ex-gang member, and the only reason that I'm able to do this is that vulnerability and honesty.

They underestimated gang members. We live on the street, we have a lot of determination, and I was relentless. It took over a year to get funding. We had our forum last May, with individuals from different communities across the province and some incredible dignitaries.

Then, I got hired on as the assistant, did consultations, and reached further into communities to find out community-specific issues.

SCF: Now that you are the recipient of the Saskatoon Community Foundation Leadership Bursary, what do you hope to gain from doing the Leadership Saskatoon program?

Shane: I hope to build on my ability to work in a team more efficiently – teambuilding skills, teamwork skills, the ability to lead without being a leader, having everybody be that person, if that makes sense.

SCF: What do you want to achieve with these skills?

Shane: I'm hoping that it helps with my job at STR8 UP, with the provincial gang strategy, and that it will aid in policy work for this next level of my life. Coming from the streets, you're so used to doing things on your own, so I'm excited to learn more about how to be a leader through your team.

SCF: In terms of the community and the work you are doing, what do you want to see happening that is not happening now?

Shane: I don't want any kid to go stumbling through the system like I did. Ideally, I would like to see that if a person goes through the justice system and is flagged as a gang member, if they want help, every door gets opened instead of every door getting shut. The current model is suppression. If a person identifies as a gang member, they get put in gang units, cut off from all the counselling and other rehabilitative resources, because they don't want the gang to spread in there. What I would like to see is for those floodgates to open up and for every resource be available to people who are trying to make a change.

SCF: Do you think that if all these services and supports were available to people that more of them would be able to turn their lives around?

Shane: I think so. Big time. What turned my life around was love. It was showing me that I was valued and cared about as a human being. With me, it was my partner and children, but it could be anybody. [It also came] through my involvement with Charlie and being accepted by him. He didn't talk about me as a STR8 UP member – I was just Shane Partridge. By being taught that I was valuable, that's when I was able to care about other people, and I started being invested in community and caring about the community I was living in.



macro properties prairie partnership:

Investing in Stronger Saskatchewan Communities

Since 2013, Macro Properties has partnered with Saskatoon Community Foundation on a granting program that allows Macro Properties to achieve its philanthropic and community-building goals in the Saskatchewan communities where Macro Properties does business: Saskatoon, Prince Albert, North Battleford, Esterhazy, and Kerrobert. Macro Properties' staff in these local communities gets involved, helping to spread the word and seek valuable community projects, in addition to volunteering their time for community organizations. Likewise, local staff help to evaluate applications for funding for the projects in their respective communities. It's hands-on philanthropy in action.

"We truly feel that our success in business is linked to the strength of the communities we do business in," said Macro Properties Director of Operations Alexandra Kuperman. "While we can have some impact on communities through the direct work of Macro Properties, which provides places for people to live and work, we are limited. For this reason, we created the grant program as a response."





The North Battleford Macro Properties Team

The grants program focuses on issues that are both dear to the staff and address problems faced by the communities they serve, including early childhood development, First Nations educational outcomes, and self-reliance initiatives. According to Alexandra, "We believe that children are our future and early childhood (0-4) is a critical time frame to set children up for success. We believe in education as a path forward for all people's future success." Supporting self-reliance initiatives is a "response to a desire to assist homeless people in Saskatoon's downtown core in a way that doesn't just put a Band-Aid on the problem but starts to address some underlying issues."

While continuing to be engaged in all the communities this program serves, Macro Properties is in particular "very proud of the grants we have made in North Battleford over the past few years. As a community, North Battleford faces numerous challenges. In addition to major difficulties such as crime, other problems, including addiction, mental health, and teenage suicide, encompass a shocking array of issues faced within the city of North Battleford."

Despite these challenges, Ramona Maraj, North Battleford Property Manager, said, "Residents of North Battleford want to see their city improve, and, thankfully, there is leadership present that is stepping up to make the desired change actually happen. Our tenants and employees represent a vast spectrum of the increasingly diverse population encompassed in North Battleford. People who live in North Battleford hold dear to their hearts a unique sense of community and support for local initiatives. They love North Battleford because it has all of the benefits of living in or near a bustling city, with the added benefit of a small-town charm and all of the great outdoors that Saskatchewan has to offer."

Despite being very proud of all that has been achieved in the first five years of the Macro Properties Prairie Partnership grants program, Alexandra noted that Macro Properties is "committed to continuing investing in the communities we do business in going forward." She is happy to see that organizations in Saskatoon have developed and delivered programs that address Macro Properties' core focus and very impressed with the volunteer sector and community spirit of North Battleford. She is hopeful about the opportunities the program can create in the future: "Moving forward, we hope to bring people together in Saskatoon to address emerging issues we see in the city. We hope that with our modest granting program, we can spark the beginnings of change in communities such as Prince Albert that face similar challenges to North Battleford but have not yet had support to tackle these challenges." Saskatoon Community Foundation will be there to support Macro Properties' philanthropic goals, building stronger communities together.

The Universal Language of Kindness: Random Act of Kindness Day 2018

Sharing kindness with others is one of the simplest ways to share a sense of belonging and strengthen community. Something as simple as a smile shared between two strangers passing on the street can be so important. We don't need to be personally acquainted to share kindness. We don't even need to speak the same language. However, with our busy lives, schedules, and deadlines, sometimes we can miss these opportunities. November 2, 2018, was Random Act of Kindness Day. For one day, we made a special effort to connect with one another to feel a sense of belonging throughout our diverse community.

The Random Act of Kindness Committee helped lead this initiative, which occurs on the first Friday of November each year, by providing opportunities to share and spread kindness in the community. The committee is made up of community partners who shared the desire to improve the quality of life for us all: SaskTel Pioneers, Saskatoon Media Group, CTV Saskatoon, City of Saskatoon Transit, YWCA Saskatoon, Tim Hortons, and Saskatoon Community Foundation.

When people, regardless of age, race, or financial position, are touched by an unexpected moment of kindness, they can have many reactions. Some are skeptical, cautious at first, perhaps even shocked, but then appreciative, rewarding the gift with a BIG smile. Givers of random kindness also feel many emotions: excitement beforehand, fear and nervousness in the moment, and then a shared smile and a lighter heart. Can you imagine having this feeling every day? Random Act of Kindness Day reminds us that this is not only possible, not only easy, but also benefits both the giver and receiver. Why not share this every day?

Some amazing stories came to life on Random Act of Kindness Day 2018. Saskatoon Transit surprised some of their Access Transit customers with treats to show their appreciation. The Tim Hortons Miller Ave. location attempted to set a record for the most pay-it-forward orders in a single day. For those who were unable to get to the location to join in the fun, this year Saskatoon Community Foundation offered Saskatonians the opportunity to call in and purchase coffee and donuts to be delivered by members of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies Athletics Team to random seniors' homes and their residents. As well, long-time Kindness Leaders the SaskTel Pioneers were out during the evening handing out mittens, scarves, and \$5 Tim cards to individuals with the message to either keep the items if they needed or pay them forward to someone else who does. So many more incredible stories to warm the heart took place in the city. You can find some of them on social media under #rakyxe #raksaskatoon.

Kindness doesn't have to stop when the day is over. Instead, let's use Random Act of Kindness Day as the spark of inspiration that keeps the fires of kindness burning. We live with one another and affect others every day, so let's make kindness the norm. "We are so thankful and honoured to receive this random act of granting. We will pay it forward by keeping compassion in the heart of Saskatoon."

Don Windels The Lighthouse Supported Living Inc.



RANDOM ACT OF GRANTING: The Lighthouse supported living

Saskatoon Community Foundation dropped in on the Lighthouse on November 2nd with a small gift of toiletries, food, and other essentials gathered by staff. The bigger surprise was a grant of \$2,500 to support the outreach work done through the Lighthouse's shelter. Everyone deserves a little kindness, and the Lighthouse helps to ensure that no one in Saskatoon is forgotten!



"Being a part of the RAK Committee gives me a sense of pride in working together with a group of amazing people towards a common goal of being kind to others. It allows me to give back to the community and also aligns with the values of YWCA Saskatoon, where I work. I look forward to collaborating once again next year and spreading kindness all year round."

Sharon Davies YWCA Saskatoon, RAK Day Committee Member

The Kelly Best Fund: A Legacy of **Resilience**

If you want to know about resilience, talk to a parent who has lost a child.

Marie Agioritis's son Kelly Best was just 19 when his life – a life full of fun, love, laughter, plans, dreams, friends, and family – ended in 2015 after an accidental fentanyl overdose. As a friend of Saskatoon Community Foundation, you may remember his name. We have profiled the Kelly Best Fund and Kelly Best Spirit Award before, as they are fine examples of how a family can work with Saskatoon Community Foundation to create a legacy to honour someone they love. More than that, the legacy Kelly's family is creating for him defines resiliency – finding stores of unknown strength and channelling strength borne of loss to create something that fulfills a greater purpose.

Marie knew her son to be kind, considerate, self-confident, and giving. As his older step-brother, Cole Kachur got to watch Kelly grow from an active toddler to a good kid and into a good man. Kelly was well-liked, cared about people, and was somebody that people gravitated towards. Marie and Cole shared their thoughts on resiliency and how working with Saskatoon Community Foundation to cement Kelly's legacy has helped.

Marie is honest about the risk she knew they were taking at a vulnerable time. "This has been hard; putting yourself out there is hard. We don't want Kelly's name assigned to the last 20 minutes of his life. He was so much more than that one decision, so much more than what poisoned him. [But] resilience is being there for all the other parents who say their life is over because their child has died." Cole spoke about finding direction when faced with adversity, noting that it can go in two ways: you can fold up your tent and say that's it, I'm done, or you can find a common goal and work to help people. "There are feelings that never go away," he shared, "but harnessing that to a deeper meaning and a higher calling gives us an opportunity for some of Kelly's best traits to shine through, even though he's not here."

"Grief is lonely," Marie said. "This takes some of the lonely out of the lonely. This is such a natural way to leave a legacy for someone's life. I can't stress enough how rewarding it's been to see the good that's been produced from his tragedy. You guys just make it so easy. We knew we wanted to do something, and this way, we knew you would handle it all and we could just focus on Kelly's legacy. Knowing that the scholarship fund is held forever, that Kelly will always be contributing in some way, is very powerful."

Cole is certain that with everything they were going through, working with Saskatoon Community Foundation made it possible to do this work. "It has helped immensely to have the opportunity to do this in



the first place. It's being able to accomplish something beyond just living. Working with Saskatoon Community Foundation, even though we aren't the biggest fund, we have always been treated with such respect and have always felt that our priorities have mattered. That support has meant so much."

"About resilience after a tragedy, this is what we want people to know," Marie said. "Listen. Listen to that little voice in your head that is telling you that you can do things you never thought you could do. You have strength you never knew you had; you have gifts you never knew you could give. That is resilience, and that is what we want people to know."

Saskatoon Community Foundation is grateful to Kelly's family for sharing their story of resilience. To learn how Saskatoon Community Foundation can help with your family's legacy, call a member of our Philanthropy & Donor Services team: Jen at (306) 665-9880 or Krys at (306) 665-1754.

Kelly Best Spirit Awards go to students at Holy Cross and Evan Hardy high schools who exemplify qualities that were Kelly's greatest strengths – tenacity, leadership, and caring.

The Kelly Best Fund is directed in two tiers: addressing opioid addiction and education, and areas that Kelly would have appreciated supporting.

Welcome New Staff

Jen Pederson Philanthropic Advisor and Manager of Development





Suzanne Hovde Office and Finance Assistant

Sameer Chhetry Finance and Administration Manager



Saskatoon Community Foundation's **50th Anniversary**

2020 will mark the 50th anniversary of the day in 1970 when seven community leaders created Saskatoon Community Foundation, beginning a legacy of community support that has granted tens of millions to community organizations and helped thousands of donors achieve their philanthropic goals!

In preparation for our celebration of this once-in-a-lifetime anniversary, we are asking donors, grant recipients, past board members, and other community partners to share their stories of the impact that Saskatoon Community Foundation has made in the community over the years. We will also be forming a special committee to develop plans for our celebration. For more information or to contribute your story, please contact our office at (306) 665-1766 or email office@saskatooncommunityfoundation.ca.

We'd love to hear from you!



Vital Signs: Leading Change in the Community

Saskatoon Community Foundation (the Foundation) engages the community in creating positive change through the Vital Signs program, an internationally respected tool for measuring community vitality, to create a snapshot of the community by combining nationally and locally sourced data with the help of local experts. Creating this snapshot is only the beginning. Vital Signs also engages the community regarding the data included in the report, finding out what matters to Saskatoon, adjusting our granting to address areas where change is needed, and encouraging our donors and stakeholders to create the change they want to see.

Since the creation of the 2017 Vital Signs report, the Foundation has offered presentations to stakeholders in the community, including service clubs such as Kiwanis and Rotary and even the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce. Sharing the report with the community is the first step in creating an ongoing community conversation about how to create change in response to key data points.

For example, we often focus on high school graduation rates, particularly the troubling graduation rates for Indigenous youth. Educators, however, tell us that a key early indicator for success later in school is the number of children who achieve Grade 3 reading levels at that stage of their education. If you are behind in Grade 3, chances are you will struggle later on. So, even though we want to improve high school graduation rates, we stand a better chance of success if we focus on early factors influencing success. Since we know that thousands of children in Saskatoon experience food insecurity due to coming from low-income households, we can seek to improve nutrition, which can influence the ability to succeed in the early years. The Foundation's focus on the early years from 2015 to 2017, including the funding of several nutrition programs, reflected one possible response to Vital Signs data.

The more we can engage Saskatonians like you in discussions of this vital data, the more we can convene stakeholders and mobilize our community toward positive change. The Foundation has begun having conversations with key donors and stakeholders, as we prepare for the creation of the next Vital Signs report.

When we base our collective actions on data, we can be more confident that we will achieve real impact and real change for Saskatoon. The Foundation can help you create the change you want to see in Saskatoon!

VITAL CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR MURRAY SINCLAIR

On April 10, 2018, Saskatoon Community Foundation, in partnership with Nutrien, Saskatoon Tribal Council, and the University of Saskatchewan, hosted an evening with Senator Murray Sinclair. Throughout the Senator's presentation, interview, and Q & A, a clear theme emerged from this great leader's years of work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission:

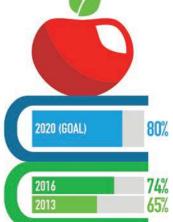
"Education is the key to reconciliation."

Thanks to Senator Sinclair for sharing his time and wisdom with us!

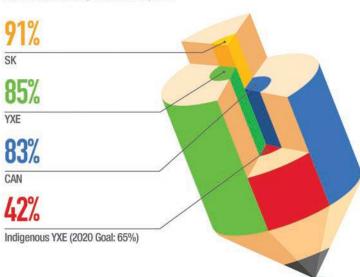


Grade 3 Reading Level % when finishing Grade 3 Source: Saskatoon Early Years Partnership





High School Graduation Source: Saskatoon Early Years Partnership, 2015



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Giving Securities: Good for the Community – **Good for You**



Susan Milburn Financial Advisor, Raymond James, and former Chair of Saskatoon Community Foundation

A donation to your favourite charity is good for our community, but you can also make that charitable donation do double duty by making it good for you!

As both a long-time donor to Saskatoon Community Foundation and a financial advisor, I always follow these simple steps – whether for my clients or for myself.

If you are a donor, and also an investor, you may already know that making an in-kind donation makes sense. If you donate one of your investments, you won't pay capital gains tax on that investment. You'll receive a donation receipt for the full value of the shares or mutual fund, and Canada Revenue Agency allows you to forever avoid paying tax on the capital gain. I have used this strategy many times and am always happy with the results when I complete my tax return.

Start by reviewing your portfolio with your advisor and looking for an investment with a large capital gain. Make sure you select an investment that can easily be transferred to the charity (because you cannot sell the investment before you donate it). The shares must be delivered to the charity intact for them to sell. I always choose a wellknown share or mutual fund to make my donation. Another reason for choosing a well-known investment is to ensure the value of your donation is correctly identified and that your receipt is issued.

When selecting the shares you will donate, work with your advisor to also ensure your portfolio remains properly diversified to meet your investment needs. After all, you may want to repeat the donation process next year! Many small charities cannot receive donations of securities because they do not maintain a brokerage account. Saskatoon Community Foundation can receive your donation of securities and forward the proceeds to the charity of your choice!

Consider the timing of your donation to see if you can take advantage of seasonality in the investment markets. We often find markets in a good mood toward the end of a calendar year as they participate in a year-end rally. This will mesh nicely with your donation time frame, as we most often find donors like to make a donation close to year end, once they know what impact it will have on their income tax. Don't wait too long – the processing of a donation from your portfolio takes more time than just writing a cheque. Be prepared to have made your decision, selected your investment, and set the donation in motion by mid-December.

The last piece to make your donation a success is to connect with your charity to let them know the donation is on its way. This allows for a smooth processing of your donation shares, the proper value assigned to your donation, and a receipt issued – all in good time!

The tax advantages of donating shares or mutual fund units far outweigh a cash donation. Donors I work with prefer to first search their portfolios to meet their donation goals – it helps with their tax situation and does not require drawing down their cash reserves. These are two good reasons to use your investments to fund charitable giving.

Any donation is good for our community – advance planning of your donation makes it good for you!

THE MEANING OF LIFE IS TO GIVE MEANING TO OTHERS

The community of Saskatoon has given meaning to so many lives. Supporting Saskatoon Community Foundation through a charitable bequest is an opportunity to give back, to share your story. Together we can plan a gift that is meaningful for you and your community.



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