

# Cornerstone



## Governor-General Visits Saskatoon Community Foundation

The Saskatoon Community Foundation was proud to host a roundtable community discussion on September 13, 2011, with His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor-General of Canada. As a patron of Community Foundations of Canada, His Excellency engaged with stakeholders of the Saskatoon Community Foundation to discuss issues facing our community and the valuable role the community foundation movement can play in creating a more caring society in Canada. Invited guests included community leaders, supporters of the Saskatoon Community Foundation, and members of the Board of Directors.

His Excellency commented on the power of individuals to be catalysts for change in their communities. According to His Excellency, individual actions can have far-reaching effects, changing communities for the better. He also commented on the power of collaborative partnerships and the ability to find strength within our diversity as key characteristics of Canadian culture.

"It was an honour to host this gathering with His Excellency," says Trevor Forrest, Executive Director of the Saskatoon Community Foundation, "His leadership in supporting the community foundation movement is very meaningful to the thousands of Canadians who benefit from programs funded by community foundations."

The Saskatoon Community Foundation is one of 178 community foundations in Canada and over 1200 community foundations worldwide. Canadian community foundations manage a permanent nest egg of almost 3 billion dollars for Canadian communities. Over its 41 years of service to our community, the Saskatoon Community Foundation has accepted thousands of gifts from thousands of donors, and made thousands of grants more totaling more than 9.5 million dollars to local charities. Because the Saskatoon Community Foundation invests donor gifts, granting only the income, all of these gifts will continue to have a positive impact for Saskatoon, forever!



## Simply ABC! READ Saskatoon Helps to Give Adult Learners the Basics

If you are reading this newsletter right now, chances are you had the benefit of our fantastic Canadian education system. Reading is one of the most basic skills we need to succeed in society, and mastering reading is the gateway to so much future learning and growth that its value absolutely cannot be overestimated.

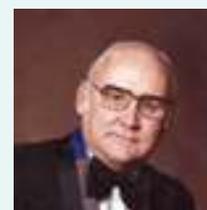
For over 30 years READ Saskatoon has been providing a safe way for people to learn. It has developed successful strategies to engage trained volunteers in the delivery of free adult and family literacy programs. On December 5th, READ Saskatoon will celebrate International Volunteer Day with the release of a series of updated revised literacy handbooks for adult learners, funded by the Saskatoon

Community Foundation and the United Way of Saskatoon and Area. The READ's Executive Director, Sheryl Harrow says, "The ability to use and understand information is fundamental to daily life at work, at home and in the community. Among Saskatchewan adults aged 16 to 65, approximately 33% struggle with the literacy skill demands of a knowledge society. What few people know is that 80% of the people who rely on READ Saskatoon's free literacy services are employed. In fact, they are underemployed with most of them earning less than \$20,000 per year."

By the end of December, the book will be accessible for free download on the READ Saskatoon website.

## In Memory

We would like to acknowledge the passing of two longtime Board members and friends of the Saskatoon Community Foundation, Gordon Bray and Wes Heinrichs. Both were superlative citizens of our community, and they will be missed by many. Their spirit and their contributions to Saskatoon will be remembered.



Gordon Bray



Wes Heinrichs





## Milk Matters

CHEP Good Food works with children, families and communities to improve access to good food and to promote food security. CHEP believes we need to take a community development approach to find solutions to systemic problems. Its vision is that all children in our community are able to enjoy adequate quantities of healthy acceptable food.

Milk is one of the building blocks of a healthy diet, an excellent source of calcium and other nutrients. Milk is one of the few food sources of vitamin D. Research links low income neighbourhoods with higher obesity and chronic disease, and more studies show that drinking milk may help you maintain a healthy weight. However, milk is expensive. Many lower income families lack adequate income to buy and serve adequate portions of milk.

The Saskatoon Community Foundation granted \$10,000.00 in 2011 to help CHEP provide more milk to the approximately 1300 children who access school lunch programs daily in our city. Improving nutrition for these children will improve their ability to learn now and succeed in life later. Ultimately, better nutrition leads to a stronger, healthier community for all of us.

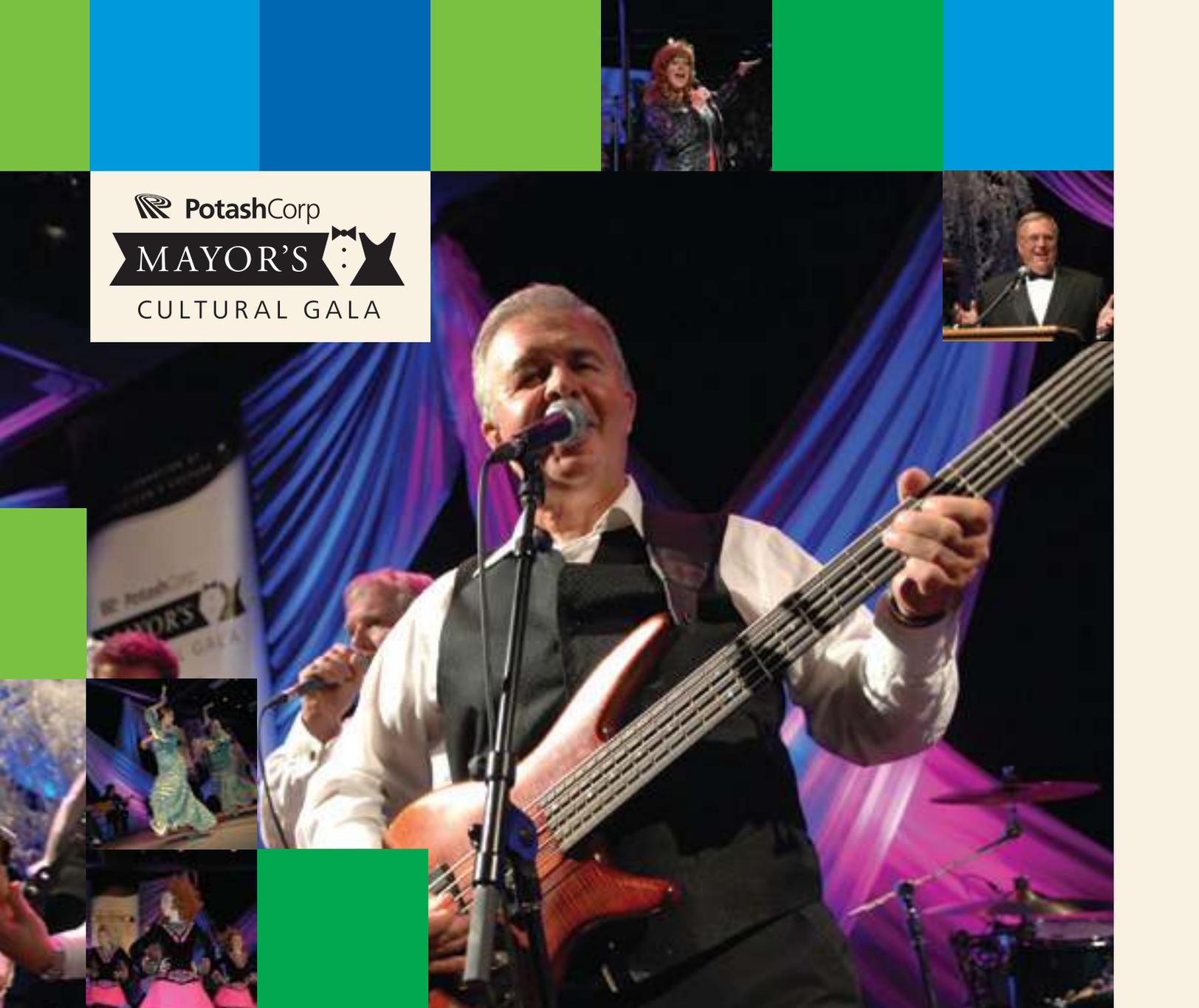


## Students Plant Legacy in Trees at Holliston School

Save Our Saskatoon Elms is an ecologically based charity which works to improve greenspace in our community, and also teaches children about the value of greening their surrounding. The SPLIT Program (Students Plant Legacy in Trees) typically does one school project each year. Working with the school and its students, SOS Elms, with help from the City of Saskatoon's arborists, creates a plan to transform a schoolyard into a more friendly, beautiful and positive environment by planting trees and shrubs, and redesigning play spaces to make the most of the time kids spend outside at their schools.

In 2011, Saskatoon Community Foundation granted funds for the SPLIT project at Holliston School. Kids learn about the importance of ecology and the beauty of nature, as well as the value of investment and hard work: planting things now to enjoy in the future. Just like the many SPLIT projects still growing and thriving at schools throughout our city, the Holliston School project will be enjoyed by students and teachers for years to come!





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MAYOR'S

CULTURAL GALA

## 2011 PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural Gala

The 2011 PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural Gala presented a blues and jazz-themed evening entitled "Once in a Blue Moon." Once again, attendees were treated to the best in Saskatoon's cultural entertainment, including dance and musical performances from the many cultures that make up our vibrant community. After being welcomed to TCU Place by Crawdaddios Quartet, attendees enjoyed performances by Saskatoon River City School of Irish Dance, Alma Flamenca, Colleen Carr and Don Griffith, and a finale entitled "All That Jazz." As usual, they were treated to greetings from His Worship Mayor Don Atchison and other special guests, seven courses of fine food

and drink and amazing live and silent auction items. Later, they danced themselves to the music of rhythm and blues band Sneaky Pete.

Once again, the Saskatoon Community Foundation would like to thank all the attendees, sponsors and donors to the Gala for helping to make Saskatoon the best community in which to live. As well, SCF would like to offer special thanks to PotashCorp for its title sponsorship of the event, and for the commitment of \$300,000.00 over 2010, 2011, and 2012 for the PotashCorp Partnership Grants Program!

## Leadership Saskatoon Awards

Capacity Building is a key area of focus for the Saskatoon Community Foundation. By improving the skills and training offered to those who work at Saskatoon charities, we can assist them in better serving our community. For many years now, the Saskatoon Community Foundation has offered the Leadership Award to candidates from charities wishing to participate in Leadership Saskatoon's programs. In 2011, several candidates asked for assistance in funding their participation in the program, but, as charity professionals, all had also sought out other sources of support. Because of this, there was no single candidate in 2011 requiring full support for the program, but rather, three people SCF could assist with partial funding.

The Saskatoon Community Foundation would like to offer its congratulations to Maureen Walker (Family Service Saskatoon), Terry Lowe (Catholic Family Services), and Erin Bentley (YMCA) for their commitment to improving their skills and becoming leaders in our community!



Maureen Walker



Terry Lowe



Erin Bentley

## 2011 Cornerstone of the Community Award: Harold Empey



First awarded at the 2010 PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural Gala, the Cornerstone of the Community Award honours those whose long service to the community is their legacy. The recipient of the award embodies the Saskatoon Community Foundation's vision of making Saskatoon the best community in which to live.

Harold has always been an enthusiastic contributor to the many communities in which he has lived, beginning early in life as a Boy Scout, troop leader, and Scoutmaster. He worked for many years for Federated Co-operatives Limited, ultimately retiring as Corporate Secretary. As a result of his

long service to the Rotary Club, he has been the recipient of many Rotary awards. He has also received the Queens' Jubilee Medal, Saskatchewan Centennial Gold Medal (twice), and the McClure Foundation Golden Heart award.

Though Harold has worked tirelessly for many charities in Saskatoon, for the last 20 years, he has been the Chair of Fundraising for Oliver Lodge, overseeing the lodge's capital expansion through its Angels of Care Campaign. In 2011 Oliver Lodge was the recipient of a \$25,000.00 Saskatoon Community Foundation Signature Grant to create a more homelike area for families to meet and visit.

Yet all these accolades don't do justice to the spirit of Mr. Empey. His positive attitude, good humor and leadership always show through, helping him to build partnerships and get the job done. A sense of hope and optimism allows him to see possibilities where others may see barriers. As he put it in his remarks upon accepting the award, "Some people look at the potholes in our city and complain; I look at all the fresh paving and think of the work that's being done in our community." This spirit is what truly makes him a Cornerstone of our Community.

In recognition of this award, the Saskatoon Community Foundation will create the Harold Empey Cornerstone of the Community 2011 Fund, a permanent endowment that will recognize his contributions forever.

## James P. Mahoney Institute of the Family Grants

The James P. Mahoney Institute of the Family, established in memory of the popular Saskatoon bishop, distributes funds to activities strengthening and supporting families and family life.

Organization	Project	Grant
Palliative Care Services	Colours of Grief and Healing	\$3,000.00
Family Service Saskatoon	Men's Narrative Program	\$1,000.00
Saskatchewan Association for Community Living	The SACL Moms' Weekend Retreat	\$1,500.00
Saskatoon Society for the Protection of Children	Saskatoon Crisis Nursery Nutrition Program	\$1,600.00
Saskatoon Council on Aging Inc.	Caregiver Knowledge	\$1,500.00
Alzheimer Society Of Saskatchewan	Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan - Saskatoon Awareness, Education and Support Programs	\$1,100.00
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation	Parental Engagement at St. Maria Goretti Community School	\$2,390.00
Order of St. Benedict	Rock the Mount	\$2,500.00
L'Arche Saskatoon Inc.	Social and Spiritual Development of Adults with Intellectual Disabilities and Their Families	\$3,200.00
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation	Columbus Bosco Homes Parent and Tot Program	\$5,000.00

## Cameco Caring Community Grants 2011

Cameco Caring Community Grants contribute to a healthy community and enhanced quality of life in Saskatoon. This unique partnership involving Saskatoon Community Foundation and the Cameco Corporation focuses on helping build sustainable solutions for the community.



Cameco Caring Community

Organization Name	Project Name	Grant
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation, St Mary Community School	St Mary Summer Camp, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools	\$5,000.00
Saskatchewan Cerebral Palsy Association	Car Seat Loaner Program	\$3,000.00
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)	Community Dinners	\$2,500.00
Saskatchewan Abilities Council	Summer Fun	\$2,500.00
Community Living Association Saskatoon Inc	CLASI's Phoenix Club Dances	\$2,500.00
Saskatoon Preschool Foundation	Saskatoon Preschool Foundation Tuition Subsidy Program	\$3,000.00
Cheshire Homes of Saskatoon	Road to Independence	\$3,000.00
Saskatchewan Association for Community Living	The 2nd Annual disABILITY Expo	\$2,000.00
Family Service Saskatoon	Men's Narrative	\$2,500.00
Saskatoon Council on Aging Inc.	Bus Buddy Program	\$3,025.00
Saskatoon Society for the Protection of Children	Saskatoon Crisis Nursery Nutrition Program	\$2,500.00
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation	Columbus Bosco Homes - Family Support Centre - Parent & Tot Program at Bishop Filevich School	\$5,000.00
Hemophilia Saskatchewan	Guys Getaway	\$475.00
CLASSIC (Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc.)	Walk-In Advocacy Clinic – Summer Program	\$5,000.00
Tamarack Foundation	Camp Tamarack "A Summer to Remember 2011"	\$3,000.00

## People Are Our Foundation

### Retiring Board Members

We'd like to thank Fred Ballantyne, George Keter and Paul Tiessen for serving on our Board and for all their contributions to SCF's vision of making Saskatoon the best community in which to live.



Fred Ballantyne



George Keter



Paul Tiessen

### New Board Members



#### Brian Bentley

Brian Bentley was appointed as Fire Chief and General Manager, Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services in 2003. He has been with Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services for 30 years, holding several positions within

the Department, including Assistant Chief of Training and Assistant Chief of Administration and Quality Assurance. Brian holds several professional certifications relating to the Fire Service, including Fire Service Instructor, Fire Inspector and Fire Investigator. In 2005, he was awarded a Centennial Medal by the Government of Saskatchewan. In 2006, he was awarded the Canada Exemplary Services Medal for emergency services. He has served on the board of Ronald McDonald House and currently serves on the Salvation Army Advisory Board and the Citizens Liaison Committee for the VIDO Level III Lab. In addition, Brian is a member of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs' Governmental Affairs and Resolutions and Bylaws Committees.



#### Brenda Fitzgerald

Brenda Fitzgerald brings a depth of experience and working knowledge of the health system and the public sector gained during her 30 plus years in various senior executive leadership roles in Saskatchewan

and Newfoundland & Labrador. Her background includes service on the Boards of the Newfoundland and Labrador Hospital & Nursing Home Association, the Newfoundland & Labrador Centre for Health Information, the Newfoundland & Labrador Labour Relations Board (as an employer representative) and as Chairperson of the Council of Licensed Practical Nurses. As Adjunct Professor in the Division of Community Health, Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University, Brenda provided presentations on health systems restructuring and integration, community health issues, and leadership. Brenda served as President and CEO of St. Paul's Hospital from 2002-2008. Currently, Brenda is CEO of Amicus Health Care Inc., a subsidiary of the Catholic Health Ministry of Saskatchewan.



#### Wayne Brownlee

Wayne Brownlee coordinated the privatization of PotashCorp, which began in 1988 and transformed it from a provincial Crown corporation to a publicly traded company. As head of expansion and

development efforts in the 1990s, he was instrumental in the acquisition of more than US\$4 billion in assets. He was appointed Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer in 2006 after seven years as Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to that, he had been Senior Vice President, Expansion and Development, Vice President, Expansion and Development and Director, Business Development. Before joining PotashCorp, Mr. Brownlee served in the Saskatchewan Department of Finance, including three years as Associate Deputy Minister of the Treasury Board Division. Mr. Brownlee is a director of Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile, the world's largest potassium nitrate and iodine producer, in which PotashCorp owns a 32 percent equity interest. He is also a director of Great Western Brewing Company.



#### Tracy Muggli

Tracy is a registered social worker and has practiced in a variety of settings over her 23-year career. She is an 11-year employee with the Saskatoon Health Region, has worked as a Manager with Client Patient

Access Services, and is now the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services (SHR). She is also a sessional lecturer with the Faculty of Social Work, University of Regina. Tracy received the Canadian Association of Social Worker's Award (Saskatchewan) for distinguished practice in 2005 and was also nominated for a YWCA Woman of Distinction Award (2008), and an Athena award (2011). Her volunteer work includes mentoring with SWITCH (Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health) and the Edward's Business School's Womentorship Program. She serves on the Board for the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association, the editorial board for the Canadian Social Work Journal, is the Chair for the City of Saskatoon Social Services Sub-committee, and a member of the City of Saskatoon Race Relations and Cultural Diversity Committee and with the Georges Vanier Community School Council.



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