

Stay home and donate to good local causes through Selkirk and District Community Foundation



The Food Banks shelves were well stocked when this photo was taken a few years back but there's plenty of space now as COVID-19 and social distancing have led to fewer donations. The SDCF is accepting online monetary donations that will go immediately to the local charity of your choice.

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“Our shelves are being directly affected by this. Most of our food donations come from Winnipeg Harvest and their shelves are bare, so especially coming up to Easter, it's a very difficult time for us.”

Getting your monetary donation to the Food Bank or any number of non-profits that are in need at this time, might seem difficult in the social distancing era, but the Selkirk and District Community Foundation (SDCF) has a solution.

The SDCF is accepting monetary donations to local charities of your choice, online through Endow Manitoba, and will connect your cash to the charity.

SDCF Chairman Aaron Martyniw said donations will go directly to the local organization you choose.

“The Foundation wants to assist the community while we all deal with the COVID-19 pandemic,” Martyniw said.

“The Province has instructed us to stay home and to practice social distancing and we encourage everyone to do that. But we also need to consider those who rely on places like the Food Bank and an online donation allows us all to be safe and still support our friends and neighbours.”

Unlike regular donations to the SDCF that go into funds to support grants given out to organizations that apply for them, these donations will be distributed immediately to the organization specified by the donor.

Non-perishable food items, baby food and diapers are always needed as well, and Martyniw said if people prefer to donate that way they’re encouraged to leave those types of donations in the bins provided by local grocery stores.

If you’d like to make an online donation go to endowmanitoba.ca and click on ‘Make a Gift to My Foundation’. You’ll be able to specify which local charity you want your donation to go to. You can also call the SDCF (204-785-9755) and someone will assist you with your donation.

Selkirk & District Community Foundation is one of 50+ Community Foundations from across the province. SDCF *creates* different ways for people to give back to their community, *connects* donors with community wishes and dreams and *provides grants* that touch a lot of people. This means the Foundation works with thoughtful community minded donors, who believe in the power of endowment, that provides financial support to other charitable and non-profit community organizations. In its 24th year the Foundation has given in excess of \$2.4 million to more than 125 local charities and community organizations. This volunteer board and staff along with donors from all walks of life - work together so the community is “Here for Good”. For more details contact SDCF Executive Director Bev Clegg at 204.785.0547.