## We are thankful for

#### Chair's Message

I've been giving a lot of thought to what I'm thankful for and I've realized there's not enough space on these pages to include it all. If the last few years, and the current world climate, have taught us anything, it's that we are truly blessed.

We have come through a global pandemic, and though we've not made it completely to the other side, we can see it now. It has made us stronger, and of the many lessons learned, one was that we have nature all around us. When breathing fresh air was one of the few joys available through public health orders, I realized how thankful I am for our beautiful environment. May we never take it for granted again.

We've had to rally during these difficult times, and I am thankful for my community. Rarely has there been a time in our lives when we were so united in a common battle. Public health orders kept us physically distant, but we were cradled so tightly by a sense of community, that we were ok. I hope that sense of security lingers for a long time.

I'm always impressed with young people. They are resourceful, optimistic to a fault, and brave. These past couple of years have reminded me of the power of youth, and that they are a shining light and the leaders of tomorrow, and I am eternally thankful for them.

And finally, I'm thankful for all the wonderful people who donate to the Selkirk & District Community Foundation. Your commitment to our cause is inspiring and your resilience has been evident through these tough times. I am thankful for each and every one of you. Thank you for ensuring the SDCF will be "Here for Good"



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### Ukrainian dance groups thankful for culture, community

Grants to the Troyanda Dance Ensemble and Rossdale Ukrainian Dance School, pictured above, have both groups thankful they can honour their heritage at this extremely difficult time.

very time the members of Troyanda Dance
Ensemble and Rossdale Ukrainian Dance School
perform, they have Ukraine in their hearts.

"Ukraine is our homeland. She is our heart and our soul. In November 2022, Troyanda was planning to stage a production entitled Snow Folk Song, but with the devastating events that have come to Ukraine, we are changing direction," said Troyanda's Carina Breanne Romagnoli.

The Selkirk & District Community Foundation provided a grant to Troyanda to help with a

new production that focuses on the soul (dusha) of Ukraine and its people using music and inspiration from the Winnipeg-based musicians, Paris to Kyiv.

The Troyanda board members say they are thankful for the ability to deepen the connection to their ancestral roots through the preservation and promotion of Ukrainian culture.

The Rossdale Ukrainian Dance School received a grant to help purchase new costumes for their intermediate group.

The costumes purchased will be for a Buko or Transcarpathian dance.

Rossdale President Crystal Leochko Johnson said they had ordered costumes from Postmark Ukraine that couldn't be shipped because the owner was fleeing her home.

"A lot of people in our community have friends and family who they are worried about," she said.

"It has been difficult for our School to resolve the idea of celebrating while our people are suffering."

They've also pulled a dance the Vitretz performing group had been working on for

about a year because it had some Russian influence in it.

"It didn't seem appropriate right now," Leochko Johnson said.

Still, they are thankful.

"Rossdale Ukrainian Dance School is thankful for our community – we have so many families who have stuck with us through all of the challenges of the past two years, and have been very understanding," Leochko Johnston said.

The Selkirk & District Community Foundation supports and serves on Treaty One Land and the home of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, OjiCree, Dakota, Dene and Metis peoples. We acknowledge that our Indigenous peoples are the stewards and guardians of this land. As a community and workplace that embraces the values of diversity and inclusion, we honour and celebrate our Indigenous nations, their traditional knowledge and their contributions to all our communities. We acknowledge the harms of our shared history on Indigenous people, and that we pursue a path forward that is inclusive and supportive of reconciliation within all our communities.



for an inclusive community.

Organization & Project	Awarded
Community Fund	
Inclusion Selkirk - Eveline Street Building Project phase two	\$ 25,000
Friends of Old St. Jude's - Vive le Vestibule	\$ 20,000
R.M. of St. Clements – Community Spirit mural at East Selkirk Legacy Park	\$ 10,000
Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation – Indigenous Cultural Teachings & Pow Wow Club	\$ 7,000
Interlake Art Board – Meeting Hidden Needs mural, Manitoba Ave., Selkirk	\$ 6,000
St. Andrews Community Club – Bleacher upgrade project	\$ 5,000
Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre – Counselling Survivors of Sexual Violence, training	\$ 4,125
St. Andrews Community Club - Skate sharpener	\$ 3,825
Community Youth Connections - LSRCSS Global Issues Class	\$ 3,000
Rossdale Ukrainian Dance School – Costume update for intermediate class	\$ 3,000
Holiday Alley – Expanding Indigenous education programming	\$ 1,500
Growing Years Family Resource – Supporting Safety for All – Big & Small project	\$ 1,484
St. Andrews School - Tied with Kindness, fleece blanket project	\$ 1,065
St. Andrews Heritage Centre – Loom program and equipment	\$ 1,000
Project Linus - Supplies for blanket program	\$ 750
Maude Gordon (Poulter) Fund	
Red River Churches Refugee Team – Supporting new refugee family program	\$ 20,000
Charity of Choice  - Christmas Hamper Programs throughout the region	\$ 12,500
Clandeboye & District Recreation Assoc. – Outdoor light upgrades at Clandeboye Rink	\$ 11,500
Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble - Supporting a dusha (soul) of the Ukraine production	\$ 8,000



#### Making dreams come true **Community Grant Program 2021/22**

SDCF helped support 114 projects/scholarships & bursaries with \$531,357, including immediate and future granting. Two times a year, charitable organizations in the region - City of Selkirk, RMs of St. Andrews and St. Clements - are welcomed to submit proposals to the Foundation detailing how we can help them activate their wishes and dreams.

Organization & Project		Awarded		
Community Fund & Rob Cox Memorial Fund & Kusner Fund & Maude Gordon (Poulter) Fund				
Petersfield Community Club - Community park rejuvenation	\$	9,425		
Community Fund & Jeanne & Dexter Harvey Fund				
STARS Air Ambulance - Electronic Flight Bag project	\$	5,172		
Community Fund and Ruth & Richard Konzelman Fund				
Manitoba Brain Injury Association  - MBIA Selkirk Brain Wellness Support Program	\$	5,500		
Community Fund & Gaynor Family Fund				
Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation  - Girls Wellness After School Program/Summer Day Camp	\$	20,000		
Gaynor Family Fund & McLeary Family Fund				
City of Selkirk - Swim platform at Selkirk Park Pool	\$	9,600		
Children's Program Fund				
For future granting	\$	611		
Curtis Niemi Legacy Fund				
KidSport Manitoba (East)	\$	567		
Endowment for the Arts Fund				
For future granting	\$	614		
Local Environmental Action Fund				
For future granting	\$	630		
Homes for All Fund				
For future granting	\$	2,288		
Kirstin's Walk for Kids				
Hand in Hand Daycare - Children's play centre program upgrades	\$	1,550		
Gaynor Family Fund				
LSSD – Sources of Strength Program through Student Services Centre	\$	20,000		
St. Andrews Community Club  - Kinder Gym, Parent & Tot, and Caregiver/Child Play Group	\$	6,400		
Frontier College - Summer Reading Tent Program	\$	5,000		
Hand in Hand Daycare  - Children's play centre program upgrades	\$	3,193		
Lord Selkirk Education Centre – Identification aid for students	\$	1,000		
Lord Selkirk Education Centre – LSEC's students gym night	\$	1,000		



Red River Churches Refugee Team members Mawejje, Margaret Spears and Dave Wilkinson say that the family found in Canada.

Organization & Project		Awarded
Scholarships & Bursaries	\$	63,591
Community Fund & Kinsmen, Kinette & K-40 Clubs of Se	elkirk	
Marine Museum of Manitoba (Selkirk) Inc. – S.S. Keenora 125th Anniversary Exterior Restoration	\$	7,000
Polinuk Family Fund		
R.M. of St. Andrews – Walking Trail Installation, phase 2	\$	15,000
Red River North Trail Assoc. – Lockport to Duff Roblin Parkway Trail Installation	\$	11,410
Betel Home – Courtyard Activity Project	\$	2,500
Gordon Howard Centre - In support of health and wellness activities	\$	1,090
R.M. of St. Andrews Fund		
Little Britain Community Club – Stucco replacement with shingles repairs	\$	5,000
Clandeboye & District Recreation Assoc. - Paint & Play Project - paint outdoor rink's clubhouse & replace youth hockey & broomball equipment		4,500
For future granting	\$	2,166
R.M. of St. Clements Fund		
For future granting	\$	6,343
Western Canada Games Legacy Fund		
Victoria Beach Club - Tennis Facility Improvement Project	\$	4,160
Town of Beausejour - Portable pitching mound		3,500
Charity of Choice - KidSport Manitoba (East)	\$	3,467
Stonewall Collegiate Institute - New volleyball standards	\$	3,200
Sail Manitoba - Sail West championship & regatta	\$	2,500



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Organization & Project		Awarded
Sean Nicol Legacy Fund		
For future granting	\$	3,869
Designated Funds		
Edith Schofield Estate - Supporting the St. Amant Centre	s \$	39,130
Selkirk General Hospital Fund		34,996
Selkirk Heritage Endowment Fund - Supporting the Marine Museum of MB (Selkirk)	\$	20,323
Lord Selkirk School Division Scholarship Foundation Fundation	\$	15,068
Chief Peguis Heritage Park Fund	\$	13,503
Palliative Care Fund	\$	7,249
SDCF Administrative Support Fund  - Buhr Family Endowment Initiative	\$	6,250
Our Daily Bread Endowment Fund	\$	4,216
Marine Museum of MB - Selkirk Fund (Agency)	S	3,883
Selkirk Parks Endowment Fund	\$	2,474
Selkirk Youth Hockey - Supporting KidSport Manitoba (East)	\$	1,520
Amma's Book Shelf Fund - A gift of the book "Good Night Moon" for every baby born at the SRHC	\$	1,298
Mooring - Griffioen Library Fund -Supporting the Gaynor Family Regional Library	\$	1,28
Inclusion Selkirk Futures Fund (Agency)	\$	1,010
St. George Anglican Church, Wakefield Fund (Agency)	\$	739
Travel Kit Fund - Supporting LSSD students/classrooms with learning opportunities through travel	\$	640
Leslie & Marguerite McRae Fund – Cemetery Fund of St. George's Wakefield Anglican Church	\$	500
For future granting	\$	682
Total Grants Awarded	\$	531,35



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#### Strategic planning, Vital Signs alive and well in 2022

When the Selkirk & District Community Foundation released its 2018 Vital Signs report - Mind the Gap - its members knew it was a start, an in-depth look at the health of our region at that moment in time.

Now, in 2022, the Foundation is in the early stages of creating a new Strategic Plan and once again taking the pulse of the community with an update to Vital Signs, the report that "minds the gap" of where the community is at and what it needs to be healthy. The nine-member board thought it was important to strike another community "checkup" taking the effects of COVID into account and develop the next Vital Signs.

This new document will ensure the Foundation is more than just a good steward of donors' money – it's an entity that listens to the needs and dreams of the community so that the \$34 million the Foundation is expected to have by 2030, is being used in the best way possible.

The board has made it a top priority to focus more of its leadership role in connecting people in the community who have a keen interest in improving affordable housing for the next Vital Signs report. In doing that the SDCF is going to start to explore new ways of using financial assets to leverage money for organizations that goes beyond short-term grants. It will start to research the value of more long-term and impactful social investments.

The board has also recognized it needs to continue to grow and improve the way it lives the promise to be equitable, diverse, inclusive and create a sense of belonging in the way it operates at all levels.

These are big goals that makes it an exciting time to be  $"Here\ for\ Good"$ 

If you have ideas on how the Foundation can do a better job, for you, contact them at selkirkfoundation@shaw.ca or 204-785-9755.

Scholarship and bursary recipients thankful for continued learning

Graduating from high school is one of the big milestones in a young life; receiving a scholarship at your grad ceremony makes it bigger and the next step in your education journey more manageable.

The Selkirk & District Community Foundation has put educational support into overdrive this year with new funds and one time grants providing 43 students with scholarships or bursaries this year.

Mia Loeppky graduated from the Comp in 2021 and was presented with the Shirley Onishko Kuivenhoven Memorial Bursary, and she knows how this year's recipients will benefit.

"I am extremely thankful to have received the Shirley Onishko Kuivenhoven Memorial Bursary as it has been a big support in my pursuit of post-secondary education," said Loeppky, who's now studying at Canadian Mennonite University.

"Thanks to the generosity of others, this assistance has allowed me to focus on my studies, and to discover what I am passionate about!"

Loeppky originally thought she would go into education, but is now taking a wide range of classes before choosing what degree she will pursue.

Victoria Goosen also graduated from the Comp in 2021 and was the recipient of the Vicki Cielen Memorial Scholarship. She too is thankful that she can concentrate on her studies at the University of Winnipeg, and she said she was inspired by Cielen, a teacher and former principal at the Comp who passed away in 2014.

"The scholarship helped me in my pursuit of further education by lessening the stress that comes with financing post-secondary education. The lessened stress allowed me to focus more on the subject areas I want to pursue and enjoy my chosen courses more fully," Goosen said.

"Receiving the Vicki Cielen Memorial Scholarship was special because she was an educational leader, and I hope to involve my studies in educational psychology. It was gratifying to see the hard work that I put into my high school studies result in receiving scholarships."



Loeppky and Goosen are both thankful they can focus on learning without financial stresses.

By the Numbers

SDCF SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY PROGRAM

23 NUMBER OF AWARDS

NUMBER OF STUDENTS SUPPORTED

\$63,591

VALUE OF STUDENT

## Scholarships Bursaries

- Gaynor Family Education Fund (18
- Vicki Cleien Education Fund (2
- Gilhuly Family Education Fund
- Bob Jefferson Century 21 Jefferson
   & Associates Realty Ltd. Bursary
- Micky Hannesson Scholarship Fund
- Dare to Dream Education Bursary
  (Nova House)
- Selkirk Youth Hockey Association Education Fund (2)
- Rotary Anns Education Fund (2
- Wayne Sutherland Memorial Bursary (one-time)
- Clive Rennie Memorial Bursary (one-time)
- Knights of Columbus Selkirk Council
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- Parker Sutherland Memorial Environmental Scholarship
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- McLeary Family Education Fund
- Fred Jensen Memorial Welding Program
  Bursary
- Sean Nicol Legacy Bursary
- Nancy Bogaski Memorial Bursary (one-time
- Graeme H. Lowden Memorial Bursary

Tennis
for the
generations
in Victoria
Beach

In Victoria Beach, tennis is a way of life and the courts that have served the community for almost 100 years need more than a little love, they need to be replaced.

The Selkirk & District Community Foundation's Western Canada Games Legacy Fund will provide a grant to help fund a portion of the new nets and posts.

The six courts that make up the Victoria Beach Village Green will be resurfaced.

John Heppenstall, President of the Tennis Club, says he's thankful for the SDCF grant that will help keep future generations of beach goers winning game, set and match.

"We're very thankful for the grant. Tennis started about 100 years ago at the beach and various generations have had to step up to take us from three courts to six courts and then take the six courts to full hard courts," Heppenstall said.

"Now it's our generation's turn to rebuild the entire tennis facility to make sure it's going to be there for the next generation. It's quite an interesting progression."

Players of all ages take to the courts during the summer months, and Heppenstall said they have great programming for juniors and have had a number go on to high level, competitive tennis. And except for a few kids hired during summer to run the courts, it's a total volunteer effort.

"That's why I'm part of it because it was so good to me when I was a kid. I've been at the beach since I was 6 years old, grew up playing tennis and now it's our turn to give back."

# Red River North Trails Association says thanks for the connections

A new trail that will bridge the east and west sides of the Red River will ultimately make connections with 5 communities.

For Dan Lester and the Red River North Trails Association, connections are what they're all about and what they're thankful for.

The Selkirk & District Community Foundation is one of the connections that made it possible for a final stretch of trail to be completed that will link 5 communities in active transportation.

A Foundation grant will fund part of the trail that will connect the Duff Roblin Parkway on the west side of the Floodway with Hwy. 44 in Lockport on the east.

"It's the last link to connect the proper trail treadway from the Floodway to Lockport," Lester, the Trail Association's Executive Director, said.

There is a trail that exists in that location, but it's a grass pasture trail, Lester said, and doesn't provide proper footing.

"In order to be safe, you want a good treadway so people can go from the Floodway to Lockport and vice versa," Lester said.

"With this trail, it now connects Selkirk, St. Andrews, over to St. Clements and Lockport, then it connects to the Floodway and on to Birds Hill Park and Winnipeg and East St. Paul."

The trail will complement the current Lockport Bridge construction which includes an active transportation component.







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Division Scholarshp

Fund

- McGregor Estate
- Sharon Purvis
  - Shawna & Bob Witko • Sheila Cox
  - Shirley Edginton
  - Sig & Angie Banmann
  - Wakefield • Stan Halbesma
  - Suraiya Hussain Susan Bater
  - Ted & Joan Wozny
  - Ted Muir
  - Terry Christiansen

• The Powell Family

The Winnipeg Foundation

- The Manitoba Teachers' Society
- \*Passed away during this giving

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# 5 By the Numbers

\$531,357

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM (JULY 1, 2021-JUNE 30, 2022) It all starts with our donors that leads to grants, for our community to be "Here for Good"

880+

mmmm, J. J.

388+

NUMBER OF DONORS

NUMBER OF GIFTS

64 NUMBER OF FUNDS

NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

\$15.3 Million TOTAL ASSETS (JUNE 30, 2021) \$2.7
Million

DONATIONS RECEIVED
(JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021)

Bob Jefferson Memorial Golf Tournament presented by IG Wealth Management

> Thursday, September 8, 2022 Selkirk Golf & Country Club

Save The Date

Citizen of Year 2022 Nomination deadline

Priday September 30, 2022

Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge Week

November 14 - 20, 2022

**Online Grant Application Deadlines** 

Friday, September 30, 2022 Tuesday February 28, 2023

The annual financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021 have been reviewed by BDO Canada LLp, Chartered Accountants. These annual financial statements, along with accompanying notes and the review engagement, can be found on the Foundation website at sdcf.ca – About Us tab – Assets & Financial report tab. To have a copy please call 204.785.9755 or email fin.manager@sdcf.ca