

## THANKS FOR GIVING – THEN & NOW Celebrating **25** Years



COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA

## Chairs' Message 2020-2021 Board of Directors and Staff: LEFT TO RIGHT: Eileen Janowski, Terry Neplyk, Greg Dewar, Brandon Sutherland, Aaron Martyniw (Chairperson), Pam Seekings, Shauna Curtin, Carole Wiedemann, David Thorne, Bev Clegg (Executive Director), MISSING: Deann Lane, Barbara Knoll

A quarter of a century has passed since the Selkirk and District Community Foundation was born and as we reflect back on its origin and path travelled along the way, there are countless people who have impacted its growth and its ability to be able to confidently declare the Foundation is 'Here for Good'.

This Chairs' Message comes to you from two Chairs – Lewis Wasel, the first Chair of the Board of Directors, and Aaron Martyniw, the current Chair.

#### From Lewis Wasel

#### **From Aaron Martyniw**

"As the first Chair, I'm somewhat amazed that 25 years have passed since my dedicated colleagues and I took those first steps towards creating what has become an incredible community institution.

There were long hours and hard work and we had a spirit of community and cooperation that propelled us towards our goal. We were a group of individuals who were committed to the success of the communities of Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements and all the wonderful people who called them home.

Some of those first board members have passed, but I know they would all feel the same sense of pride that I do in the Foundation achieving this milestone – we all knew it would thrive and succeed because of the dedicated board members that would follow in our footsteps and the people that make up these great communities. It's a special feeling to see it realized." As the current Chair, I bear witness to the fact that community support for the Foundation continues to grow and we all owe a debt of gratitude to each and every one of our donors – thank you.

Those first board members from 25 years ago could only look forward and imagine what the Foundation's impact would be. But I, along with my colleagues on today's Board of Directors, and the members of the three communities the Foundation serves, are the benefactors of their vision.

We see, on a daily basis, the good that has sprung from the Foundation and we know that the hard work of board members over the years is only matched, or surpassed, by the community groups and organizations that granting dollars support. Our donors make it all possible.

I couldn't be more proud to be a part of the Selkirk and District Community Foundation, and on the occasion of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I offer congratulations to the founding Chair, Mr. Wasel, the founding board members and the communities of Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements for their critical roles in ensuring the Foundation will always be 'Here for Good'." Lower Fort Garry has a special way of transporting us all back in time.

#### Foundation support for the Fort goes back a long way

Built in the 1800s, the buildings alone are enough to conjure images of life back then, but with the folks

enough to conjure images of life back then, but with the folks in period costumes baking bannock, heating and bending metal in the blacksmith shop and tending the store, you're easily imagining yourself as part of the fur trade.

In the late 1990s, the Lower Fort Garry Volunteer Association was one of five community organizations to receive the first grants ever provided by the Selkirk and District Community Foundation.

They used their \$1,000 grant to update costumes worn by the volunteers.

In 2020, the Friends of Lower Fort Garry (FOLFG) received \$5,000 to develop an outdoor skating rink. COVID-19 put plans on ice for the time being, but Zach Harrison, Executive Assistant with the FOLFG, says the vision is still very much alive.

In fact, Harrison says the Friends have a long-term goal to make Lower Fort Garry a northern version of the Forks in Winnipeg – an outdoor winter destination beyond the Perimeter Highway.

"That's the vision moving forward is to make Lower Fort Garry a place for people to gather in the winter time, emulate somewhat what the Forks has done," Harrison said.

"We're doing a phased approach, with the first phase being a pop-up hockey rink in the parking lot, so you'll see it off Highway 9."

Carolyn Weiss, President of the FOLFG, said the SDCF's continuing support is critical to the continued improvement of programs at the Fort.

"The relationship with the Community Foundation is really important. We're a non-profit that is here to support the community and the history of the community and make that history known," Weiss said.

The skating rink will help the FOLFG meet the mission and vision of Lower Fort Garry and increase the awareness of history to the local community and the Canadian community at large. If you're wondering how an ice rink can accomplish that, Weiss said when people come to the Fort for other events, like Harvestfest and ghost tours, they tend to discover the history.

"Part of our goal is to get people out, especially the people who wouldn't normally come to the site. When they're out here doing that, they're learning, and then they're eating at the restaurants and discovering this wonderful community outside of Winnipeg all at the same time."



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.

# Founding Chairperson Wasel has fond memories and praise for SDCF



SDCF First Board of Directors (L TO R) FRONT: Elmer Kuber, Lewis Wasel, Bill Findlater BACK: Ed Sitarz, Jean Oliver, Dawn MacFarlane, Charles Barnard, Dr. Ike Hussain MISSING: Fred Koch

If we were writing a book on the Tri-S region's recent history, the name Lewis Wasel would figure prominently.

And for Selkirk and District Community Foundation supporters and board members, Wasel, the founding Chairperson, is forever aligned with the Foundation and synonymous with its origin and the gumption and dedication of the original board to get things off the ground.

That original board's commitment to the SDCF is legendary for a couple of reasons. First of all, the vision Wasel and founding members – Elmer Kuber, Bill Findlater, Ed Sitarz, Jean Oliver, Dawn MacFarlane, Charles Barnard, Dr. Ike Hussain, and Fred Koch – had

all those years ago when they set about establishing the Foundation.

Secondly, Wasel hasn't lived in the province for more than 20 years and still donates to the SDCF every year.

For him, time and distance haven't diminished the original goal and the hope for what the Foundation would accomplish.

"I was the founding Chairperson for the first five years and that Foundation meant a lot to me," Wasel said during a phone interview from Edmonton.

"I thought it was a real great community effort, people coming together to do something for the whole community and I look back fondly upon the time that I had in Selkirk and it's something that I'm proud of."

The Moose Jaw-born, Regina-raised and Winnipeg-relocated Wasel – who established his law practice in Selkirk – has a great appreciation of those who came after him.

"The subsequent boards have taken the Foundation to new heights and I'm really glad to see that too," he said.

The exemplary board members over the years have guided the Foundation on its upward trajectory and Wasel said the smart and caring donors in the region and beyond have done their part as well.

"We have a lot of good people who are very giving and they give in good times and tough times."

#### Chairpersons Over the Years

Lewis Wasel Bill Findlater Gail Bodman Michael Buhr Frank Wellink Kelly Lewis Gord Henrikson Aaron Martyniw

# SDCF was built on \$40, proving no gift is too small

Every gift to the Selkirk and District Community Foundation has an impact and there's no better example of that than one of the first donations ever made to the Foundation more than 25 years ago by the Maple Drive Gang.

The close knit residents of Maple Drive held a retirement party for two residents and collected money to pay for food and drinks and a little bit for gifts. When neither guest of honour wanted a gift, organizer Roberta Chic was left with S40. Having read an article in the Selkirk Journal about the new Community Foundation, Chic suggested it as a home for the extra cash.



The COVID-19 global pandemic moved Trish Goosen to donate for the first time last November during Endow Manitoba's Giving Challenge Week.

"Everybody was in favour. I asked them if they wanted to have another party or should we contribute to this Community Foundation and they said let's do it, and here we are," said Chic, who said she and her family members continue to donate to the Foundation to this day.

She never imagined their simple gift of \$40 would be the building block for the Foundation that has \$11 million-plus in assets today.

"It's just a good thing and I'm so happy that it's taken off like it has," she said.

Jim and Betty Anne Gaynor were in their  $20^{th}$  year of operating Gaynor Foods in Selkirk back in 1995 and were eager to give back to the community, that had brought them so much joy and success. The Gaynors made the decision to donate \$10,000 - \$500 for every year in business. It was the first of many donations by the Gaynors.

"In retrospect, Lewis (Wasel) and that first board, were part of a hugely important event in the life of Selkirk and the region in setting up the Foundation," Jim said.

For Betty Anne, seeing the Foundation facilitate so many good things in the community reaffirms their commitment.

"It seems to pop up all over the place, that connection to the Foundation, and people know that it's a place where there is assistance available," Betty Anne said.

There's a saying that the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the next best time is now and that applies to the Foundation as well. Trish Goosen made her first donation last year and fittingly, it was influenced by the pandemic.

The Principal of Happy Thought School was familiar with the Foundation, and the good work it does. The pandemic of course, impacted everyone, some more than others, and for Goosen, it motivated her.

In November, when the annual Giving Challenge and its stretch dollars from The Winnipeg Foundation and the Province of Manitoba took place, Goosen decided it was the right time for her.

"I was reflecting during COVID and wondering how I can give back," she said.

"I felt very fortunate in my family situation, we didn't lose our jobs, we weren't impacted that way with COVID, so when the Giving Challenge came around I thought that would be a perfect time to be a first-time donor."

The Maple Drive Gang, Jim and Betty Anne Gaynor and Trish Goosen are all integral to the success of the Selkirk and District Community Foundation and why it is "Here for Good".





### Granting and growth go hand in hand



Viktoria Westgate has been the Executive Director of Nova House for the past three years, but she's well aware of its evolution and the struggles that have brought it to where it is today.

Founded in 1985, Nova House has moved from operating out of a tiny office space on Manitoba Avenue and eventually to its current location, which opened in 2017.

"There's no question, we wouldn't be where we are without the Selkirk and District Community Foundation," Westgate said.

"Without those funds we wouldn't have been able to do a lot of the things we've done over the past 25 years."

Nova House, an emergency and transitional shelter for women and children experiencing domestic and/or family violence, was one of the first five community organizations to receive a grant from SDCF back in the late 1990s.

Westgate said it's hard to imagine how those who went before her were able to function in crammed spaces and with limited resources. She recognizes that funding dollars come from different sources, but she said funds from SDCF are special.

She recalled attending one of the grant receptions and being touched by seeing and meeting community members who make the grants possible.

"Any grant money we receive is overwhelming, but especially when it comes from your own community," Westgate said.

"It almost makes it more special because it comes from our own community."

Wonder Program in 2019.

During her tenure at Nova House, Westgate said she's seen the impact grants have had. The Summer Wonder Program, which allowed them to take clients to the zoo, and the backyard improvements, are just two of the important projects SDCF has funded recently.

The community members that donate and make these things possible help complete a circle of caring that shouldn't be taken for granted, she said.

"To make our community better we all need to participate in that," she said.

"There's a connection there, and it makes the grant more personal.

## Save the Dates

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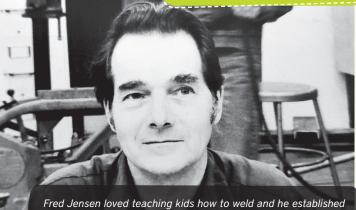
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# Bond with students leads to ongoing gift



Fred Jensen loved teaching kids how to weld and he established a bursary to help them move forward in their careers.

Welding and education were very important to Fred Jensen, a former lead teacher with the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive High School's welding program. So much so, that in 2017 Fred created an immediate giving bursary, to be awarded over a fiveyear period, to a graduating student who majored in the welding program.

Sadly, Fred passed away in February 2020, but he instructed his daughter, Cindy Litke, that he wanted the bursary to continue, and he asked her to work with the SDCF to establish an endowment-based fund in his memory.

Jensen left school in junior high to help support his family and worked as a welder and a welder salesman before he made the move to teaching.

In his 40s, he got his high school equivalency and returned to school to get his industrial education certificate and then his university teaching degree. Litke said her dad worked at the school during the day and took courses at night.

"I remember him working hard, doing his day job and then coming back home and studying and he still had time for me and mom," she said.

"He finally got his teaching degree in 1980, so he was 52 when that happened. He was dedicated."

He cared deeply about his students, and apparently, he rubbed off on them too. Litke remembers her dad's students travelling into Winnipeg to pay a visit.

"He loved welding and he loved the students and being in the shop at school, passing on his knowledge. He took a real interest in the kids. I remember on Halloween a couple of the kids from his class would always come to our place. They didn't dress up, they came because my mom made candy apples," she laughed.

Litke said her dad made sure there were stipulations attached to the awarding of the Fred Jensen Memorial Welding Program Bursary.

"My dad didn't want it to go to the best student in class, he wanted it to go to the one that needed it most," she said.

"He came from humble beginnings. He knew from his students that things can be tough so he wanted to help. It makes me really proud that I can help continue that legacy."

For a complete list of all SDCF's scholarships and bursaries see page 7.

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## **2020–2021 Community Grant Program** Great grants live on!

Twice a year the SDCF welcomes charitable organizations in our region – R.M.s of St. Andrews and St. Clements and the City of Selkirk to submit proposals on how we can help them activate their wishes and dreams. In 2020-2021 we funded 84 projects, with future and immediate granting, a total of \$415,352.

Awarded

#### Organization & Project

Community Fund		
R.M. of St. Andrews – Development of active trail system in south St. Andrews	Ş	15,000
Selkirk Community Arts Centre - Mural project	\$	7,000
R.M. of St. Clements – App to support virtual tour RRNH sites	\$	6,000
Hand in Hand Daycare – Enhance outdoor play areas	\$	3,711
Community Youth Connections – LSRCSS – Connecting Global Issues Class with community organizations	Ş	3,000
Selkirk Community Arts Centre – Art instruction workshops & IT support	S	1,800
Canadian Mental Health Association (Interlake Eastern) Wellness Training Hub	Ş	1,800
Maude Gordon (Poulter) Fund		
Red River Basin Commission - Feasibility study Netley Libau Marsh (\$20,000 over two-year commitment)	Ş	10,000
Play & Learn Nursery – Outdoor play area	\$	8,098
Artists in Healthcare – Music programming & Indigenous Day celebrations at SMHC	Ş	6,400
Holiday Alley – transformation to virtual event	\$	5,000
Community Fund & Maude Gordon (Poulter) Fund		
Hearthstone Community Group – support towards wheelchair accessible vehicle	S	10,000
Inclusion Selkirk - "Our Wish is to Move Online" project	\$	10,000
Charity of Choice – Christmas Hamper programs throughout the region	Ş	8,000
Frontier College - Support towards summer Reading Tent Program	\$	3,000
LSSD Student Services – Development of Skill Building & Sensory Classroom	Ş	2,200
Community Fund & R.M. of St. Andrews Fund & Kusner Fund		
Petersfield Curling Club - Replacement of flooring, tables & chairs	\$	15,000
Community Fund & Rob Cox Memorial Fund		
Friends of Lower Fort Garry – Outdoor skating rink project	\$	5,000
Children's Program Fund		
For future granting	\$	389
Endowment for the Arts Fund		
For future granting	\$	350
Kirstin's Walk for Kids Fund & Community Fund		
St. Andrews Child Care Inc. – Gazebo project	\$	2,506



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Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen	\$	400
Richard & Ruth Konzelman Fund		
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- Support virtual programming for local clients & families	\$	1,800
Curtis Niemi Legacy Fund		
For future granting	\$	522
Gaynor Family Fund & Community Fund		
St. Andrews School Parent Advisory Committee	Ċ	10,000
- Community playground enhancements	\$	10,000
Gaynor Family Fund		
Ukrainian Home & Reading Society (East Selkirk) – Install hardwood flooring	S	22,680
Ecole Selkirk Jr High School – Outdoor basketball court	ŝ	11,500
Growing Years Family Resource - Expansion of food security program	S	7,000
Lockport School – Renovations & equipment replacement for Healthy Living Centre room	Ş	5,000
Onashiwin Headstart Program – Sanitizing fogger and touchless dispenser	\$	2,000
Onashiwin Headstart Program – Educational supplies for children	\$	2,000
Hand in Hand Daycare - Supplies to support infant & toddler programs	\$	1,916
R.M. of St. Andrews		
Matlock Recreation Club – Replace & install LED lights inside centre	\$	7,387
Clandeboye Community Club - Replace & upgrade lighting with LED's	\$	4,035
R.M. of St Clements		
For future granting	\$	3,914
Homes for All Fund & Community Fund & Maude Gordon (Poulter) Fund		
Betel Home Foundation – Landscaping & redevelopment of outdoor courtyard	Ş	7,200
Parker Sutherland Memorial Fund		
Lord Selkirk School Division – Parker Sutherland Memorial Bursary	\$	1,000





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Those visiting the Brokenhead Wetlands walking trail will soon be able to stop and take a break at a new covered picnic area, made possible by a SDCF grant.



Displays in the St. Andrews Heritage Centre have come to life thanks to funding from the SDCF.

Organization & Project		Awarded
Designated Endowment Funds		
Edith Schofield Estate - Supporting the St. Amant Centre	\$	38,584
Selkirk Heritage Endowment Fund – Supporting the Marine Museum of MB (Selkirk)	Ş	16,966
Chief Peguis Heritage Park Fund	\$	13,428
SDCF Administrative Support Fund - Buhr Family Endowment Initiative		4,342
Palliative Care Fund	\$	4,249
Marine Museum of MB – Selkirk Fund (Agency)	\$	3,713
Amma's Book Shelf Fund – a gift of the book "Good Night Moon" for every baby born at the SRHC	Ş	1,284
Mooring - Griffioen Library Fund -Supporting the Gaynor Family Regional Library	S	1,259
Selkirk Youth Hockey - Supporting KidSport Manitoba (East)	\$	1,024
Inclusion Selkirk Futures Fund (Agency)	\$	969
St. George Anglican Church, Wakefield Fund (Agency)	\$	721
Travel Kit Fund – Supporting LSSD students/classrooms with learning opportunities through travel	Ş	94
Kusner Family Fund		
Clandeboye & District Recreation Association – Support towards purchase of Cub Cadet Riding Mower	S	5,000
Sean Nicol Legacy Fund		
For future granting	\$	3,027
Lord Selkirk School Division - Sean Nicol Legacy Bursary	\$	500
Manitoba 150 Build Program matched by SDCF Commun	ity Fur	ıd
St. Andrews Heritage Centre – adding to Phase II Interpretive exhibits	\$	3,000
Debwendon - Picnic shelter project	\$	2,500

Organization & Project		Awarded
Western Canada Games Legacy Fund		
For future granting	Ş	2,113
Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen		
Various School Breakfast Programs	\$	6,600
Lord Selkirk School Division – Our Daily Bread Culinary Program Award (2)	Ş	1,000
Scholarships & Bursaries		
Vicki Cielen Education Fund (2)	Ş	4,000
Bob Jefferson Century 21 - Jefferson & Associates Realty Ltd. Bursary	Ş	2,500
Micky Hannesson Scholarship Fund	Ş	2,150
Selkirk Youth Hockey Association Education Fund (2)	Ş	1,700
Dare to Dream Education Bursary (Nova House)	\$	1,700
Rotary Anns Education Fund (2)	Ş	1,400
Knights of Columbus Selkirk Council # 6150 Education Fund	\$	950
Ernest & Helga Kromrei Memorial Bursary	Ş	850
Robert John Jefferson Education Fund	\$	800
Fred Jensen Memorial Welding Program Bursary	\$	750
Elizabeth Neskar Bursary	\$	750
Selkirk & District Community Foundation Bursary	\$	700
Shirley Onishko Kuivenhoven Bursary	Ş	675
St. Andrews Airport Aviation Fund	Ş	650
Manitoba 150 Build Program matched by SDCF Commun Jeanne & Dexter Harvey Fund	ity Fund	l and
Marine Museum – Update exhibits	Ş	2,500
Government of Canada – Emergency Community Suppor	t Fund	
Inclusion Selkirk (Association for Community Living) – Inclusion communications	S	10,000
Selkirk Food Bank – Food security	\$	10,000
Nova House – Summer Wonderland Extension program	\$	10,000
Hearthstone Community Group – Sanitation maintenance project	S	8,627
Interlake Eastern Health Foundation - Winter wear for Harm Reduction program	Ş	8,000
Inclusion Selkirk (Association for Community Living) – IT support for residents	Ş	7,453
Growing Years Family Resources - Family Needs & Food Security Project	\$	4,300
Betel Home Foundation - Portable oxygen concentrator	\$	3,950
Betel Home Foundation – Mobile recreation equipment	\$	3,000
START (Selkirk Team for At Risk Teens) - Pandemic parenting	Ş	2,900
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Betel Home Foundation- Furniture for outdoor safe visits	\$	1,000

## Total Grants Awarded

For future granting

## \$415,352

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### THANKS FOR GIVING – THEN & NOW By the Numbers Celebrating **25** Years

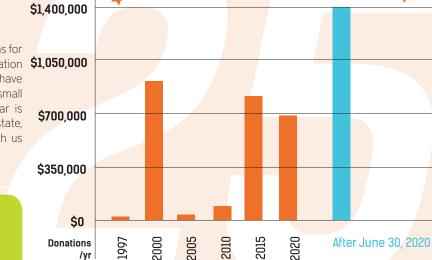
The annual financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020 have been reviewed by BDO Canada LLP, Chartered Accountants.

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.

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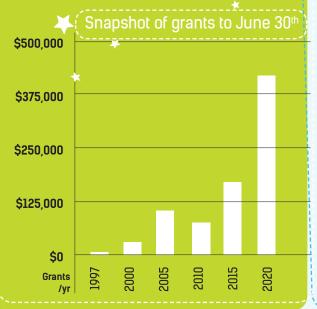
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### Donations and granting in perpetual motion

SDCF created its first fund in 1995 and by 1997 had enough interest income that grant sharing could begin and it hasn't stopped since. Even a worldwide recession couldn't stop the granting - yes, it slowed for a time but the Selkirk and District Community Foundation has provided grants every year since 1997



### All funds bolster assets

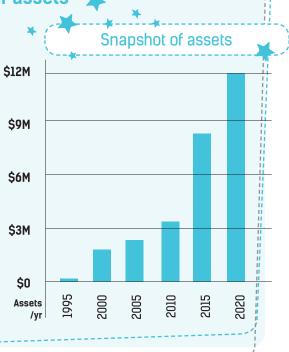
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Snapshot

SDCF's very first fund the Community Fund powered by more than \$2.9 million, is still going strong 25 years later. Every year, smart and caring members of our community create new funds in memory of a loved one, in appreciation for a cause they care deeply about or to thank a community where they worked, lived or raised a family. In its 25th year, SDCF has 57 different funds and anticipates more new funds will come on board and more community organizations will benefit.

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