

# New Beginnings

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## Chair's Message – Embracing New Beginnings

We at the Foundation hope the holiday season finds you all well. It's a busy time of year and one that often brings families and friends together and I wish peace and joy to everyone.

The theme of this December Community Report is New Beginnings, and with 2023 right around the corner, it's certainly fitting!

At the Foundation, we're thrilled to announce three new funds – the Lawrence Paquin Estate Fund, the Lily Pad Cruisers Fund, and the Sharon Chanas Memorial Scholarship.

We're always excited by new beginnings – the potential of a fresh start, the anticipation of something brand new and the commitment to getting in on the ground floor and working to establish a new entity. These new funds arrive at the Foundation with a sense of exhilaration and promise that our Here for Good mentality can't help but embrace.

We are also pleased that in the pages of this report you will learn about two first-time grant recipients – St. Hubertus Wildlife & Conservation Inc. and St. John Ambulance Dog Therapy Program. We're confident you'll enjoy learning about both.

On behalf of the Selkirk & District Community Foundation Board of Directors, and our staff team, I wish you all a happy holiday season.

– Shauna Curtin, SDCF Chairperson

*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.*



Milt Pedwell with just some of the youngsters he has taught paddling to over the past 30-plus years.

## Honouring 37th Citizen of the Year Milt Pedwell

It was a pleasure, and so much fun, to award the 37<sup>th</sup> Citizen of the Year to Milt Pedwell.

The founder of the Selkirk Paddling Club, Milt has dedicated more than 30 years to teaching kids of all ages to stay safe on the water, and to keep a smile on their faces while doing it!

Milt points out that he had plenty of help over the years, but his helpers point to him as the heart and soul of the paddling club and its home base, the Selkirk Canoe Kayak Centre.

Corrine Johnson, current President of the Centre, heaped praise on the 87-year-old Milt when he was presented with the award.

"This was your dream and you have made it an amazing reality. Over the years you created this beautiful place and taught so many people so many things," Johnson said.

"You created a safe place for all without judgment or prejudice. Your legacy will forever be known and associated with this club and every person and child that has had the privilege of meeting you."

Paddling Club members all told stories of Milt's special connection with kids, his mesmerizing story-telling abilities and the kids' love of being accepted into Milt's Wolf Pack. He's heard plenty of wolf calls while out shopping and turns to find a paddling student reaching out to him with the call.

Bonny Wynnobel says the calls rang out at this past summer's camp. Brother and sister Jacoby and Addison were camp veterans and Jacoby in particular was looking forward to seeing Milt.

Unfortunately, Milt wasn't going to attend that day. Wynnobel said Jacoby's disappointment was obvious, so she went and picked Milt up and brought him to the club.

"I brought (Milt) down to the camp and Jacoby was by the dock and all of the sudden what do we hear? An animal call from Jacoby," she said.

"It just made Milt's day."

## By The Numbers

November 2022  
– Endow Manitoba  
Giving Challenge

7 Days of  
Giving

170

Smart  
and caring  
donations

\$71,525

Total donated  
to SDCF

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Priceless



# SDCF provides more than \$148,000 in grants from fall intake



SDCF is excited about new beginnings and with \$148,875 in fall granting to 20 different organizations, the Foundation is confident we're part of many new beginnings! Some of this year's grants will support literature for young people, sports, the Gaynor Family Regional Library expansion and the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog program.

## First time grant recipients excited to be growing Sporting Clays

A former gravel pit that's been reclaimed and is now home to the St. Hubertus Game & Fish Association's shooting range and sporting clays site is about to welcome competitors from one of the largest sports events to ever converge on Manitoba.

Located in Libau, the site will host the World Police & Fire Games this August. In total, some 8,500 competitors will compete in various disciplines, with some of them coming to Libau for the sporting clays competition.

"We should see 100 participants in sporting clays," says Scott Masniuk, sporting clays chairman and treasurer.

"We'll work with the high school to bring volunteers for scoring and trapping and with the welding program to make shoot stands and gun racks. It's a real community push."

For the uninitiated – and there are many – sporting clays is like golf with a shotgun. Masniuk says participants in groups of about five go from station to station shooting at clay targets thrown from automatic launchers. There can be 12-20 stations that will have shooters taking aim at as many as 100-200 targets.

It's a busy time with the World Police & Fire Games on the horizon, but the day to day of the Libau location is to host public events and member nights, which take place on Thursdays.

St. Hubertus Game & Fish Association was established in 1952 and is committed to conservation. Masniuk says some members are hunters who come out once a year before hunting season, but other are there for sporting clays.

"Some guys use it as a tune up for the season and we always advocate for ethical kills, but we have a lot of people that are strictly just shooters, this is their outing," he said.

"It's very social because you're moving with a group of guys and you're always bumping into the next group and there's lots to talk about.

The SDCF grant will go towards the purchase of an automatic sport clay thrower that will be used during the Police & Fire Games and benefit the club in years to come.



A young sporting clays shooter at the St. Hubertus Game & Fish Association shooting range in Libau.

## A new group on the horizon, ready to promote benefits of puppy love

It's almost a universally accepted fact – dogs put a smile on your face. And in return, people put a wag in the furry, four-legged friend's tail.

That perfect combination just got two paws up from a Selkirk & District Community Foundation grant that will allow the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog (SJATD) program to add more volunteer teams – human and dog – to visit even more Selkirk locations.

The goal of the expansion is to meet the growing requests for therapy dog teams in Selkirk and around the province.

There are six local organizations on the waitlist for therapy dog visits, including Betel Personal Care Home, who would like to add another team. The Covid pandemic impacted the program, and some who enjoyed the visits previously are now on a waiting list. Those include Selkirk Mental Health Centre and Red River Place, who both previously were part of the program. New, and also on the wait list, are Gaynor Family Regional Library, Hearthstone Community Group, and Selkirk Regional Health Centre.

"We are extremely grateful to the Selkirk & District Community Foundation for the support of the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog program and our efforts to expand the



Volunteer Della, with her partner pooch Rosie, visits residents of Betel in Selkirk.

number of teams in the area," said Ruth Howard, Director of Community Services at St. John Ambulance.

"We are excited to have a team starting at the Selkirk Regional Health Centre soon as well. Therapy dogs provide many benefits to enhance the wellbeing of people in the community such as improved morale, reduced stress levels and the opportunity to develop friendly relationships with the handlers that visit regularly through social interactions and conversations."

The SJATD program has been around since 1992. Pre-Covid, there were 180 teams that spent 7,300 hours visiting 93,000 youth and seniors in the province. Since Covid, there have been 120 organizations request new teams, including the six from Selkirk. The grant will allow STJTD program to train more volunteers.

This grant was made possible by the Polinuk Family Fund.

## New space will be for the kids

The Gaynor Family Regional Library has always had a great space for young readers, but just like the kids who visit the space, the library is experiencing a growth spurt.

"The new library is a victim of its success as traffic increased to over 140,000 visitors a year, almost three times as much as our prior location," said Ken Kuryliw, Director of Library Services.

"The use clearly shows the library is a wonderful community space, built on positive values where all are welcome to enjoy."

Kuryliw is quick to point out that the Selkirk & District Community Foundation played a role in the new library's beginnings and a grant this year will help facilitate an expansion into the space previously occupied by Red River Planning District.

The move opens up about 6,000 square feet and they are exploring an expansion into that area. Additional parking will now be available outside and Kuryliw said they're working to create a wonderful, dedicated children's area, add additional shelving and study space, as well as have additional rooms for community groups to meet at the library.

"We are very excited the SDCF is providing us with a grant to design and cost the expansion plan. Without the vision of the Foundation, we could not pursue this opportunity," he said.

"The staff and library board love to work with the Foundation to build upon our common community goals. It is through this partnership we make the region a better place to live and enjoy."



An expanded kids area will allow more space for successful programs like Babytime.

## SDCF excited about new website, Strategic Plan



The SDCF's new website is up and running, full of smiling faces you'll know and recognize, and stories that connect the Foundation to the community and to you!

It's an exciting time at the Selkirk & District Community Foundation with several new beginnings of our own occurring.

Check out our new website. Our original site was born just over 10 years ago and has served us extremely well, and now our second baby is looking really good!

We've worked with PR House to design the new site that has a fresh new look. It's full of local images that reflect the work the Foundation does and it tells the story of our communities and our donors. If you're looking to learn more about the Foundation, the website will take you on a journey of exploration.

"We're excited for everyone to see the new site and we're very proud of the final result," said SDCF Executive Director Bev Clegg.

"This relaunch was a team effort and the board members and staff worked together to create a site that is easy to navigate and shines a light on how the Foundation takes a lead role in connecting donors with community needs and how by building endowment funds we're ensuring we're Here for Good."

The Foundation has also completed its Growth, Development and Maturity Strategic Plan 2022-2027. The plan builds upon our five core pillars – leading, granting, communicating, building endowments and operating in a smart and caring way.

As the Foundation continues to grow, develop and mature it will focus on updating its Vital Signs Report to feature an affordable housing section, develop an employee succession plan, commit to equity, diversity and inclusion and enhance our social media platforms, focusing on the new website.

You can visit the new Strategic Plan on the new website – [sdcf.ca](http://sdcf.ca).

**COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM**  
Spring Intake, deadline:  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**



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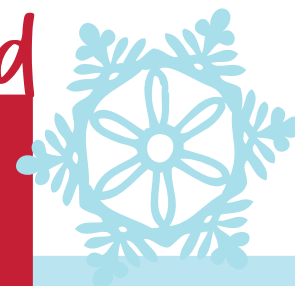
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# Connecting your smart and caring gift with the perfect fund



*At the Selkirk and District Community Foundation, we know that when you make the decision to give, it's because something is important to you. We appreciate that and have created a variety of ways for you to give. We're confident you'll be able to match what you care about with the right fund at SDCF.*



*SDCF's Community Fund supports things important to everyone, like being able to get outside and enjoy winter's greatest pastime!*

## COMMUNITY FUND

We already know you care about your community, and if your decision to donate is based on helping wherever help is needed, the Community Fund will resonate with you. It's an undesignated fund and matches donated dollars with all kinds of deserving groups, from daycares to senior centres and cultural dance troupes to women's shelters. It's a smart and caring fund that fulfills both the wishes of our donors and the dreams of charitable community organizations. Your donation to the Community Fund can be a general donation, or if you wish, can be directed to a Named Fund.

## Your fund, your wishes



*A Lily Pad Cruisers member donated this 'Bad Humour' van and it was auctioned off at the club's windup and raised money that helped start the new fund with SDCF.*

## New fund helps new readers and preserves nautical history

Lawrence Paquin would be thrilled to know that his legacy in Selkirk will include boats and children.

Paquin, a lifelong Selkirk resident who passed away in 2012 at the age of 70, shared his wishes with his estate lawyer and his second cousin, Neil Cooke, prior to his passing.

"He had a learning disability and that's why he felt it was so important that every child learn how to read and function in a grown-up world. He could work, he could do everything he needed to do but reading and writing, mathematic equations were beyond his grasp," Cooke said.

"He wanted me to do something, he said 'I don't care what it is, just do something so that kids will learn how to read'."

Cooke suggested a fund through the Selkirk & District Community Foundation and Lawrence was happy with that choice. Cooke later spoke with Lawrence about his life on Lake Winnipeg, including time spent on the Joe Simpson, and offering support for the Marine Museum of Manitoba (Selkirk) was agreed upon as well.



*Lawrence Paquin has made a caring donation to the SDCF to support children's literacy and the Marine Museum.*

"He spent most of his time in his younger years working on different freighters and lake boats until an injury forced him into an early retirement, but he continued to be a watch person for most of the riverboats in Selkirk and Winnipeg. He also spent quite a bit of time with Marine Transport working on Black Island," Cooke said.

"He liked looking at the boats, wished they were still on the lake and him too, but that wasn't to be after he was injured on one of the boats."

Paquin lived his entire life in the house he grew up in. A lifelong bachelor, Cooke says Lawrence had a very full life and good friends.

"People really liked him, he was a very gentle person and from my perspective a pretty humble man when you consider that he sure didn't have a lot in his life but he's making the most of it in his passing."

The Lawrence Paquin Estate Fund will provide annual funds to support any type of children's literacy development at the Gaynor Family Regional Library and will provide an annual grant to the Marine Museum to be used as the organization sees fit.

Anyone can start their own fund, just like Lawrence Paquin, or the Lily Pad Cruisers who've started their own fund this year, and the Sharon Chanas Memorial Scholarship. If you're interested in starting your own fund, please contact the SDCF Executive Director to talk about your idea(s) for a new fund. We can help match our community's needs, wishes and dreams with a cause that matters to you most.

## New Funds Created Recently

- **Lily Pad Cruisers Fund**
- **Lawrence Paquin Estate Fund**
- **Sharon Chanas Memorial Scholarship**

## Foundation Facts



**\$4 million**  
Dollars granted to the community since 1997



**65**  
Funds that strengthen our community



**125+**  
Community organizations funded