



The SDCF Board Members connected with the Selkirk & District Curling Club recently to check out its new ice plant, the purchase of which was supported by a Foundation grant.

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Message from the Chair

At the Selkirk & District Community Foundation, we're all about connections.

It's what we do – it's the connections between donors and community organizations that ensures the Foundation is Here for Good.

This report is full of stories about those connections, including the good news that a long-standing bike program at the Lord Selkirk Education Centre is back after being derailed by COVID-19.

The LSEC Bike Repair program teaches older students bike repair and maintenance and they in turn mentor younger students. The program even provides kids bikes if they need them.

We're happy to once again talk about the fact that Thomas Sill – the man who drove the growth of community foundations in Manitoba – almost 40 years after his passing, has given another gift to SDCF.

The Thomas Sill Foundation ceased operations at the end of 2023 and donated more than \$1.3 million to SDCF. Wow. An amazing man whose generosity lives on in perpetuity.

Upgrades to recreation facilities in all three municipalities make us smile and so do the Western Canada Games Legacy Fund grants to Lockport School and the High School's Community Stadium.

Finally, we're excited to announce that work on the second Vital Signs Report is about to begin. We're once again checking the pulse of our communities and measuring the vitality of our neighbourhoods and identifying significant trends in a range of sectors.

But more than checking the pulse this time around, we'll be looking at what actions we can take to put the data into action and make a difference in people's lives.

Please, enjoy the stories and photos within these pages, and consider the connections that have got us to this point. Each and every one of them is of vital importance to our donors, to the Foundation and to the wonderful organizations that keep our communities thriving!

– Shauna Curtin, SDCF Chair

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**Bob Jefferson Memorial Golf Tournament
presented by IG Wealth Management**

Thursday, September 5, 2024
Selkirk Golf & Country Club

Citizen of Year 2023

Nomination deadline: Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge Week

November 12 – 17, 2024

Grant Application Deadlines:

Tuesday, October 1, 2024
Friday, February 28, 2025

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.



Many skills learned in bike maintenance class

Teacher Tyler Farrand and student Kaden Linklater do some bearing work on a rear tire.

A Lord Selkirk Education Centre (LSEC) program started about 10 years ago by Stephen Grahame and Tyler Farrand hit a bump in the road when Covid struck but is now rolling along once again.

The LSEC Bike Program, where older students mentor younger ones on how to fix and maintain bikes, received a grant from the Selkirk & District Community Foundation to buy tools and hire experts from The WRENCH for instruction. This is the first year since 2019 that the program has run.

After 50 hours of hands-on learning, the LSEC students head out to schools in the division to teach Grade 5 & 6 students how to fix their bikes.

“The students from LSEC become masters and they get to go and show younger kids in their community how to fix a flat tire and tune up their own bike,” Farrand said.

“And if the young kids don’t have a bicycle, we’ll find a bike for them and they fix it up together.”

The students no doubt learn how to fix bikes, but they get much more out of the program. They learn work skills, problem solving skills, how to ask for help and how to work together.

Farrand says it’s been a successful program.

“It builds the idea of independence, and mastery and generosity,” Farrand said.

“The students are proud, they’ve got this mechanic’s shirt with their name on it and they’re going to go and teach their skills to someone younger in the community.”

Farrand says there’s a full circle moment this year, with a student who was a mentee years ago and is now an LSEC student training to become a mentor.

It’s an exciting time for the program, with the City of Selkirk announcing a protected bike lane along Mercy Street.

“The program has been around long enough now where kids are aware of it and it’s nice to get it back up and running again, especially with the talk of the bike path and the opportunities for cycling that brings.”

Memory cafés small but mighty



It’s often the little things that make the biggest difference, and that’s the reality of Alzheimer Societies of Canada Memory Cafés.

The Selkirk & District Community Foundation provided funding for what is just the third memory café in the country. Started in Europe in the 1990s, the cafés bring together people living with dementia and their loved ones in a safe and inclusive space to connect without fear of embarrassment or being misunderstood.

The café will run every other week for two hours over a six-month period. Much of the funding came through the Richard & Ruth Konzelman Fund, and for Ruth, the cafés are an important part of health care.

“Some of these small things make a big difference to people,” Konzelman said.

“Like the Alzheimer’s café, with the caregivers and the patients interacting and getting out. It’s little things and it all counts and it’s not the sort of thing that the province funds.”

It’s time for Vital Signs 2.0

When your role in the community is connecting donors with organizations that do amazing things, every day is a great day.

At the Selkirk & District Community Foundation, we have plenty of great days and we’re about to embark on a project that ups the greatness of our days just a little bit.

We’re bringing the community together to create our second Vital Signs report. The first, called Mind the Gap, came out in 2018 and was the culmination of a year-and-a-half of good work.

“Vital Signs is a critical project for the community, not just for Selkirk & District Community Foundation. This project allows us to apply intentionality to our granting based on what the community has told us,” says Shauna Curtin, SDCF Chair.

“It is a tool that your politicians can use as well, because this is your voice that we are listening to, we’re hearing you and we’re sharing that information. Remember, our big message is what three things can we do to make it better.”

The SDCF is a member of the Community Foundations of Canada, and Vital Signs is their program.

The Vital Signs Report is a community check-up and many community foundations have created their own

Retirement allows jumpers to soar

Retirement is earned and at Lockport School, the retirement of its high jump equipment has been earned and then some.

The coaching staff and students have been training on mats and other high jump equipment that were the first purchased by the school years ago. Teacher and Coach Marco Morelli says they have more than served their purpose.

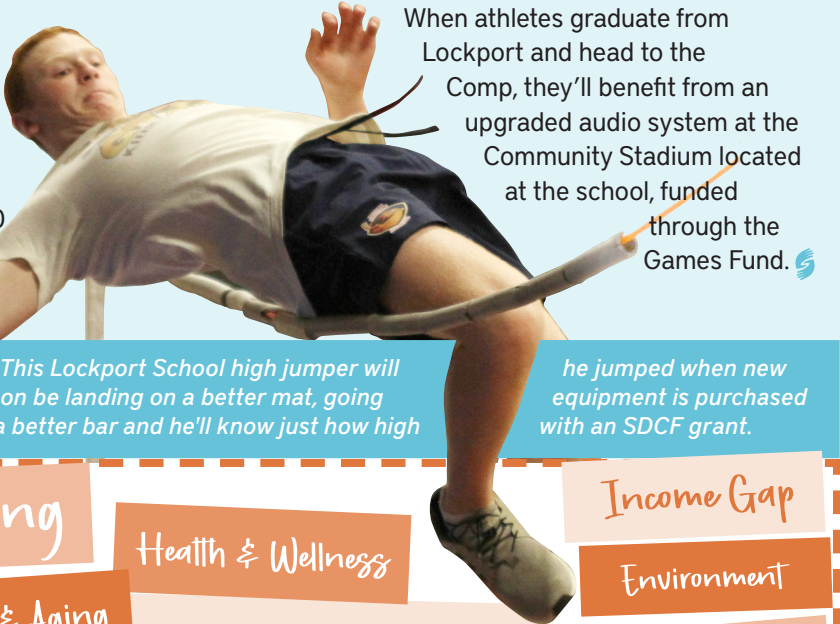
“The old one was original school equipment from the 1980s—and it is looking like it is 40 years old,” Morelli said.

“Currently we have to hide the rips in the mats so the high jumpers don’t fall into the holes in the material. The new high jump mats will allow our athletes to focus on their jumping technique and not having to worry about mat tears or gaps in the mats.”

A Selkirk & District Community Foundation grant for \$3,500 helped the school buy new mats, a cover, pole and the standards that hold the pole. The old standards did not have measurements on them, making it difficult to pinpoint how high a student jumped. The pole itself was also cracked.

“The athletes will be able to gauge their jump heights much easier with our new bar and high jump standards. This new equipment will surely elevate the performances of our high jumpers, who are already excelling. Our team is very appreciative and are thankful for the SDCF’s generous support,” Morelli said.

The grant was provided through the Western Canada Games Legacy Fund, created with surplus money from the 2003 Games. The purpose of the fund is to provide opportunities for promotion and enhancement of leadership and/or sport development. Support also came from Curtis Niemi Legacy Fund.



This Lockport School high jumper will soon be landing on a better mat, going over a better bar and he’ll know just how high

When athletes graduate from Lockport and head to the Comp, they’ll benefit from an upgraded audio system at the Community Stadium located at the school, funded through the Games Fund.

he jumped when new equipment is purchased with an SDCF grant.



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Curtin, along with co-chair Brandon Sutherland, and the Vital Signs team soon will be connecting with the community, through town hall meetings and one-one-one discussions to gather information for the second report.

“Vital Signs is the most in-depth and locally represented data collection program available. It provides us with an accurate baseline measurement of the vitality and well-being of our community and the people who live in it,” Sutherland said.

“Now doing this a second time, it will produce comparative data to the last report done in 2018 to show where we have moved the needle together and where we need to be providing more resources for improvement.”

The first time around, the people of Selkirk, R.M. of St Clements and R.M. of St Andrews identified nine key issues that mattered most to them. (see above) The SDCF has used Vital Signs to help make decisions and inform its granting. In fact, it has become a go-to document for many groups in the region.

Sutherland is excited to hear from the region’s youth during this round of consultations. “The most inspiring part of starting Vital Signs 2025, is the opportunity to speak with our youth on the new challenges they are facing in our world today. What do we need to do today, to make Selkirk and surrounding area a destination for families to move to and stay? Further

to that, what work needs to be done to improve the quality of life for our current residents? With the feedback from our community members, our next Vital Signs report will have the answers to these questions,” he said. As the process begins for the second Vital Signs Report, the team will be asking what has happened in the community since 2018 and has there been improvement. This time, we’re looking to see how well we’ve all minded the gap, and where can we go from here. And we’re looking forward to connecting with everyone along the way!



The 2023-2024 granting year was special. The SDCF supported 133 projects/scholarships and bursaries with \$682,448, including immediate granting. Twice a year we welcome charitable organizations in our region – the R.M. of St Andrews, R.M. of St Clements and the City of Selkirk – to submit proposals with details on how the Foundation can make the connection that will propel their projects to new heights.

Organization & Project	Awarded
Gaynor Family Fund and Wayne and Helen Sutherland Memorial Fund (Immediate Giving)	
Lord Selkirk Education Centre – Bike program	\$ 2,900
Homes for All Fund, Kinsmen, Kinette & K-40 Clubs of Selkirk Fund, and Community Fund	
Hearthstone Community Group – Community garden	\$ 12,000
Jeanne & Dexter Harvey Fund and Community Fund	
Manitoba Brain Injury Association – Caregiver training and support group	\$ 5,000



Organization & Project	Awarded
Community Fund	
Inclusion Selkirk – Riverside Grill kitchen upgrade	\$ 20,000
Charity of Choices – Seasonal food security programs	\$ 19,250
Libau Community Club – Bathroom renovation	\$ 16,500
Hearthstone Community Group – Wheelchair van	\$ 15,000
Turning Leaf Support Services – Transportation van	\$ 11,927
East Beaches Heritage Wing – Touchscreen software	\$ 10,000
RM of St Andrews – Walking trails, phase 3	\$ 10,000
Red River Basin Commission – Netley-Libau Marsh renewal (second year of two years)	\$ 10,000
Artists in Healthcare – Music at Selkirk Mental Health Centre	\$ 7,000
Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation – Office technology	\$ 5,000
Survivor’s Hope Crisis Centre – SARAH program	\$ 4,638
Little Britain United Church – Hall acoustic panels	\$ 4,000
Red River North Tourism – Holiday Alley Indigenous programs	\$ 4,000
Community Youth Connections – LSRCSS Global Issues class	\$ 3,000
Lord Selkirk Education Centre (Adult Learning) – Employability training	\$ 3,000
Rossdale Ukrainian Dance School – Costume and storage upgrade	\$ 2,500
Red River Ancestry Genealogy Centre – Program technology support	\$ 2,500
Lord Selkirk School Division – Grade 5 Microbit program	\$ 2,500
Selkirk & District Arts Festival – Adjudication fees	\$ 2,000
Selkirk & District Ukrainian School of Dance – Ballet barres	\$ 1,000
LSRCSS Scholarship – Thomas Sill award (Charity of Choice)	\$ 200

PHOTOS: Above left – Fifty kids were treated to a weekend away from it all at Camp Stepping Stones – held every year for children suffering the loss of a loved one. / Above right – Ribbon Skirt Fashion Show created and hosted by The Friendship Centre on Holiday Alley 2023. Photo credit: Melanie Daniels

Organization & Project	Awarded
Children’s Fund and Community Fund	
East Selkirk Early Learning Centre – Infant room furnishings	\$ 3,307
Endowment for the Arts Fund	
City of Selkirk – Garry Theatre development (Charity of Choice)	\$ 1,139
Homes for All Fund	
Betel Home Foundation – Courtyard fire pit and tables	\$ 4,575
Gaynor Family Fund	
Selkirk Community Renewal Corporation – Youth Empowerment Program	\$ 20,000
East Selkirk Early Learning Centre – Start up equipment	\$ 18,000
United for Literacy – Engaging Indigenous and school age literacy programs	\$ 15,000
St Andrews School – Cross-country ski program support	\$ 6,000
Hand in Hand Daycare – Program equipment	\$ 5,000
Nova House – Power of PJs program and food security program (Charity of Choice)	\$ 3,000
Camp Stepping Stones – Program support	\$ 2,750
Lord Selkirk Education Centre – Food security program (Charity of Choice)	\$ 2,500
Rotary Club of Selkirk – Nutrition Over the Weekend program (Charity of Choice)	\$ 2,500
R.M. of St Clements – Recreation program equipment	\$ 1,460
Project Linus – Blanket program	\$ 1,000
Western Canada Summer Games Legacy Fund	
North Winnipeg Minor Baseball Association – Development equipment	\$ 3,691
Stonewall Minor Ball – Catcher sets and equipment	\$ 3,100
Selkirk Selects Gymnastics – Coordinator training	\$ 2,500
Selkirk Canoe and Kayak Centre – Safety equipment	\$ 1,563

Organization & Project	Awarded
Kirstin’s Walk for Kids Fund and Community Fund	
Selkirk Daycare – Outdoor play equipment	\$ 4,589
Kusner Family Fund and R.M. of St Andrews Fund	
Petersfield Curling Club – Accessibility renovation	\$ 15,000
Local Environmental Action Fund	
City of Selkirk – Future environmental projects (Charity of Choice)	\$ 2,387
McLeary Family Fund	
St. George Wakefield Anglican Church – Bell tower repairs (Charity of Choice)	\$ 852
Olive & Bill, Joseph and Michael Cholosky Music Fund and Community Fund	
Clandeboye Pipe Band – Instrument upgrade	\$ 2,300
Parker Sutherland Memorial Fund	
LSRCSS – Parker Sutherland Memorial Environmental Scholarship	\$ 1,000
Manitoba Wildlife Federation – Conservation (Charity of Choice)	\$ 196
Prince & Holly & Harry Legacy for Dogs Fund (Immediate Giving)	
Manitoba All Shepherd Rescue (Charity of Choice)	\$ 1,000
Polinuk Family Fund	
City of Selkirk – Recreation Complex audio system	\$ 15,000
Polinuk Family Fund and Rob Cox Memorial Fund	
Selkirk & District Curling Club – Ice plant replacement	\$ 17,100
Richard & Ruth Konzelman Fund and Community Fund	
Alzheimer Society of Manitoba – Memory Café	\$ 2,729
R.M. of St Andrews Fund	
St Andrews Community Club – Accessible door installation	\$ 5,000
Matlock Recreation Club – Deck and stair renewal	\$ 1,415
R.M. of St Clements Fund with Immediate Giving	
Happy Thought School Parent Advisory Committee – Community gathering space	\$ 4,280



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This past year the communities of Selkirk, the R.M. of St Andrews and R.M. of St Clements lost some very committed, loving leaders, volunteers, philanthropists and friends. Their thoughtful families asked that donations be made in their memory to the Selkirk & District Community Foundation. We honour their memories and we are forever thankful for their gifts.

- Dean Iwanoczko
- Doreen Oliver
- Dr. Gordon Grahame
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- John Kozun
- Kirk Gillespie

Fun Foundation Facts

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April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

\$682,448

Community Grant program
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

72

and growing
Number of Funds

48

Number of organizations supported

\$15.9 Million

Total Assets
June 30, 2023

\$790,188

Donations Received
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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