

2021

Annual Report



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Mission Statement

To advocate for and support access to preschool programs

Vision Statement

We see:

- ◆ all preschool aged children having opportunities for a better future
- ◆ quality preschool programs
- ◆ increased parent participation in preschool programs
- ◆ greater support for early childhood education
- ◆ preschool programs expanding as needs are identified

Guiding Principles:

- ◆ acting in the best interest of children
- ◆ providing support for families
- ◆ respecting the values and cultures of families

Board of Directors

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Message to Our Community

The Saskatoon Preschool Foundation continues to uphold the mission to advocate for and support access to preschool programs by granting tuition subsidies for children of families with financial barriers.

SPF advocates for access to quality preschool programs because they provide an ideal foundation for early literacy skills, support language and social skill development and foster a readiness for school attitude. Attendance in early education classrooms contribute to a child's social, physical, and intellectual development. Moreover, families have an opportunity to build community in their neighborhood and with the school.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact SPF fundraising efforts as well as a lower than anticipated tuition subsidy requests. Luckily, our investment portfolio did quite well over 2021 which help to offset our fundraising efforts.

SPF did hold our annual raffle as well as an Online Auction. SPF was pleased with what we were able to raise through these endeavors even though funds were lower than anticipated.

Our current Office Administrator continues to work from home with a storage trailer parked on a current board member's acreage. This has been working well with some minor adjustments for cheque signing and bank deposits.

The SPF board members are active volunteers determined to work diligently together. We are a diverse team of individuals that together use our time and talents to ensure the purpose of the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation carries on. Thank you for your continued commitment to SPF.

A warm thank you to all our corporate, special interest and individual donors. Your support and generosity truly helped guide SPF through the challenges of 2021. We appreciate your consistent and valued trust in our mission to provide high quality preschool to all in need in Saskatoon.

Laurie Lanovaz, President

Jennifer Boutin, Vice President

Advocacy

The major focal point of the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation Advocacy Committee has shifted dramatically in the past year. In August 2021, the provincial government signed a federal/provincial Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. Although this agreement is largely focused on high quality available half-time or full-time child care, there are implications for the early learning experiences available through community preschools.

An important part of the agreement is recognition that the importance of high quality early learning is no longer a matter of question; implicit in the agreement is recognition of the value of early learning in terms of successful life outcomes. A second important part is the commitment to having programs that are accessible to all families in terms of location and cost. A long-term goal is to reduce the cost of child care to \$10/day and lower for families with low income by 2025.

Currently, Education Regulations in Saskatchewan dictate a number of features in early learning and child care program, including at least three hours/day of programming. Many community preschool programs currently operate for fewer than three hours/day. An exciting development in the federal/provincial agreements is the decision in Alberta to include community preschools as a kind of early learning and child care program because it meets the needs of families who want a family member to be the primary caregiver but also want their preschool children to have the advantage of an early learning program, thus providing an option to families that will meet their needs. It is apparent that there are possibilities regarding the inclusion of community preschools in the supports provided by the federal/provincial agreement.

A number of provincial groups have taken a lead in bringing the agreement to life in Saskatchewan: The Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association, Child Care Now Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Early Learning Leaders Caucus, which is a project of the Canadian Child Care Federation. These groups have welcomed the inclusion of representative board member of the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation, indicating their support for a variety of early learning and child care options for families. As such we are working with these groups to highlight the need for the province to address parameters that include community preschools and as a board, we are appreciative of their support.

In as much as there is change due to the infusion of resources for early learning and child care, there is a second, and potentially more inspiring development. The signing of the agreements has signaled an in-depth review of current practice leading to a shift away from child care subsidies and facility grants currently in place in specific locations to a system where the provincial government determines the need for such facilities based on demographics and ensures that they are funded so they are accessible to all families in a way that is similar to the provincial education system.

There remains much to be done in terms of ensuring that people of Saskatchewan understand the benefits of early learning and child care. Notwithstanding the importance to individual children and families, there is an important economic benefit to Saskatchewan when parents are able to find high quality child care programs. This fact needs to be promoted widely and especially with those who make decisions regarding the use of our tax dollars. For all who have been and continue to be supportive of the SPF, please ensure that others are aware of the upcoming opportunity to see community preschools funded.

**Websites related to sources and early learning groups may be found in the appendix to this annual report.*

Jean Bacon and Kathy Harrison, Co-Chairs

Subsidies

In 2021, we received 78 applications and 74 applications for subsidy were approved. Applicants attended 29 different preschools in Saskatoon and surrounding area.

The following preschools received our assistance:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – College Park Bilingual
Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – John Lake Preschool
Buena Vista Creative Playschool
Dundonald Preschool Inc.
Eastview Centre for Early Learning
Emmeline Preschool
Erindale Co-operative Preschool
Explorers’ Preschool
Hampton Free Methodist Preschool
Hanley Preschool
Hansel & Gretel Preschool Inc.
Holliston Community Preschool
Huskie’s Den Preschool
Joyful Feelings Preschool
Lakeridge Cooperative Preschool
Let It Shine Preschool
Li’l Vikings Preschool
Lutheran Early Learning Centers Inc. – Grace Preschool
Lutheran Early Learning Centers Inc. – Martensville
Northern Heights Co-op Preschool
Puddle Jumpers Preschool
Rosewood Cooperative Preschool
St. Augustine Integrated Preschool
Saskatoon Misbah School
Silverspring Community Preschool
Tykes and Tots Forest Preschool
Tykes and Tots Preschool
Varsity View Co-op Preschool
Wildwood Cooperative Preschool

Jennifer Boutin, Chairperson

Budget & Finance

The goals of the committee are to:

- ♦ Keep directors informed about the financial situation.
- ♦ Oversee the preparation of books and records for the annual review.

A review, not an audit, was considered appropriate again this year. Ernst & Young LLP continue as our auditors.

Holly Matkowski, Chairperson

Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current		
Cash	35,110	40,089
Accounts Receivable	7,800	524
Prepaid Expenses	-	140
	<u>42,910</u>	<u>40,753</u>
Investments	<u>596,996</u>	<u>536,803</u>
Total Assets	<u>639,906</u>	<u>577,556</u>
Liability and Net Assets		
Current		
Deferred Contributions	-	3,919
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,919</u>
Net Assets		
Restricted for endowment purposes	236,212	236,212
Unrestricted	403,694	337,425
Total net assets	<u>639,906</u>	<u>573,637</u>
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Statement of changes in net assets

Year ended December 31

	Restricted for endowment purposes	Unrestricted	Total 2021 \$	Total 2020 \$
Balance, beginning of year	236,212	337,425	573,637	555,018
Excess of Revenues over expenses	-	66,269	66,269	18,619
Balance, end of year	236,212	403,694	639,906	573,637

Statement of Operations

Year ended December 31

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenues		
Contributions	64,489	25,290
Raffle	5,963	(793)
Auction Revenue	860	-
	71,312	24,497
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	150	150
Insurance	1,747	1,631
Interest and bank charges	660	395
Office	681	7,573
Professional fees	4,558	4,611
Tuition supplements	43,586	23,580
Telephone and utilities	587	574
Wages and employee benefits	13,098	9,105
	65,067	47,619
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses from operatio	6,245	(23,122)
Investment earnings	60,024	41,741
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	66,269	18,619

Fundraising Events

Trivia Night

The 5th Trivia Night Fundraiser for the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation was postponed in both 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID- 19 pandemic. In 2019, the event raised over \$4300.

Online Auction

SPF's First Annual Online Auction made \$954 this past November. We are looking to triple that this coming fall when we have our second online auction.

Raffle

The Annual SPF Raffle Campaign runs March - April. The raffle is our biggest fundraiser.

Year	2021	2020
Tickets sales	\$11,848	postponed
No. of preschools	13	postponed

There were 10 prize packages with a total retail value just under \$1500. Some of these prizes were donated and some were purchased by the SPF. The prize winners were contacted and listed on our website.

Proceeds from the raffle were shared between the participating preschools and the SPF. Some preschools donated their portion of the shared proceeds back to the SPF. Thank you!

Thank you to all who participated in the ticket sales for the raffle and thank you to those who supported the raffle by purchasing tickets.

Participating Preschools include: Dundonald Preschool, Erindale Preschool, Varsity View Preschool, Tykes and Tots, Puddle Jumpers Preschool, Rosewood Preschool, Hansel and Gretel Preschool, Little People’s Preschool, Huskie's Den, Northern Heights Preschool, Hanley Preschool, Little Sprouts, Hampton Free Methodist Church

Jennifer Boutin, Chairperson

Prize Donations and Sponsorship

Thank you for your generosity towards the donation of items for raffle prizes and silent auction items.

Jennifer Boutin, Committee Member
Trona Guenther, Committee Member

Donation and Grant Contributions

We work diligently to keep up with the increasing number of applicants for tuition subsidy. SPF has applied for a variety of grants. By ensuring our website is mobile friendly and accessible will enable SPF to approach a larger number of individuals in the community with the aim to increase awareness and additional donors.

We would like to thank the following corporate, interest group and individual donors for being leaders in our community. Without their support and generosity, we would not be able to continue our work.

SPF Leadership Giving Levels

SPF Palladium Leaders	\$15,000 and above
SPF Platinum Leaders	\$10,000 - \$14,999
SPF Gold Leaders	\$5,000 - \$9,999
SPF Silver Leaders	\$1,000 - \$4,999
SPF Bronze Leaders	\$500-\$999
SPF Leaders	\$0-\$499

Palladium Leaders (\$15,000.00 +)

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Platinum Leaders (\$10,000.00 - \$14,999.00)

United Way Community Initiative Grant

Gold Leaders (\$5,000.00 - \$9,999.00)

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Sirois, Denis & Terry

United Way of Saskatoon (Boutin, Fern & Jennifer and Matkowski, Dustin & Holly)

Silver Leaders (\$1,000.00 - \$4,999.00)

Affinity Credit Union

Arnason Bourassa Family Foundation Inc.

Rob & Yvette Jaspar

Saskatoon Community Foundation

Saskatoon Progress Club

Mary Levers

Bronze Leaders (\$500.00 – \$999.00)

University of Saskatchewan

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Jean Bacon

Leslie Sichello

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Shirley Spence

Leaders (up to \$499.00)

The Benevity Community Impact Fund

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***We regret any errors or omissions in recognizing our donors.*

Appendix

Advocacy Report Sources

Appendix – Websites

- Child Care Canada: <http://childcarecanada.org/>
- Child Care Now Saskatchewan and *The Roadmap to a Quality Early Learning and Child Care System in Saskatchewan*:
<https://saskatchewan.childcarenow.ca/>
- Child Care Resource and Research Unit: <http://childcarecanada.org/about/about/CRRU>
- Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association: <https://seca19.wildapricot.org/>