**Saskatoon Preschool Foundation 2018 Annual Report**

**Mission Statement:**

 To advocate for and support access to preschool programs.

**Vision Statement:**

**WE SEE**

* all preschool 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 interests of children.
* support for families.
* respecting the values and cultures of families.

# A Message to Our Community

Research has consistently shown that children who attend quality preschool programs are better equipped to start kindergarten and less likely to require special education services.

In 2018, Saskatoon Preschool Foundation continued to uphold our mission of advocating for and supporting access to preschool programs by granting $82,052 in tuition subsidies.  This enabled 109 children to attend preschool who might otherwise have not had the opportunity.  These children benefited in language development, pre-academic skills and readiness for school.

The need of our community for financial help is scattered in all areas of the city; we supported 36 different preschools in the City of Saskatoon and surrounding area.

We continue to be a working board of all volunteers.  While we have been running a deficits budget in 2018, we are not deterred and are determined to work just as diligently going forward into 2019 to raise the funds required to grant every deserving tuition subsidy application so that no child is denied the best start to an education. We strive to meet this need through our own fundraising initiatives and events (Spring Raffle and Trivia Night), applying for grants, or cultivating new and existing donors.

We are very appreciative of our office space on the 3rd floor of King George School, our new home.

Heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated Board members who work to see that the vision and purpose of the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation carries on and to our office administrator, Kristen.

A huge THANK YOU to all our corporate and individual donors.  We can continue to do this service for our community because of your generosity and support.

Jennifer Boutin, President

**SPF Advocacy Report – 2018 Annual Report**

**The SPF continued to focus on three main areas regarding Advocacy in 2018:**

* **Raising awareness regarding the work of the SPF within the geographical areas encompassed by the three school divisions within and around Saskatoon** (i.e., Greater Saskatoon Catholic, Saskatoon Public, Prairie Spirit), including conference presentations for preschool teachers, support for the annual Preschool Information Registry and Services (PIRS) Conference, and regular communication with the Saskatoon Preschool Teachers’ Group.
* **Ensuring that cost is not a barrier for vulnerable preschool children to have access to an early learning program**, including fundraising and grant writing.
* **Continuing to build awareness regarding the importance of early childhood learning, including c**ontinued connection with other organizations and agencies focussed on early learning programs (e.g., Saskatoon Preschool Teachers Group, PIRS, the three immediate school divisions, the Ministry of Education).

There is currently an apparent de-emphasis regarding the importance of early childhood education for all children in the province, as indicated by the lack of provincial funding to education to increase the number of Prekindergarten programs and to reinstate support for children with significant special needs to 2016-17 levels across the province. Research is clear in supporting educational experiences prior to kindergarten:

* *as much as 4- to 8-months advantage in increased skill development/child; and,*
* *increased rates of high school graduation and decreased delinquency/adult crime.*

**There is a higher level of benefit for children in low socio-economic circumstances.**

The work of the SPF in the three main areas indicated above is far from complete. We appreciate the support of all of our donors as well as those who support our fundraising activities and welcome your continued participation.

**Jean Bacon**

Advocacy Lead

# Budget & Finance Committee

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.

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

**Holly Matkowski,** Chairperson

# Corporate Committee

The Corporate Fundraising Committee is working diligently to keep up with the increasing number of applicants for tuition subsidy. The committee has applied for a variety of grants in the past year and hopes that making our web site mobile friendly will enable us to approach a larger number of individuals throughout the community.

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

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**We are very grateful to:**

**Saskatoon Golf & Country Club –** Meeting space.

**The Saskatoon Public School Division and King George School –** providing office space and support.

**Jennifer Boutin**, Chairperson

# Subsidies to Preschools

In 2018 we assisted 36 preschools through our subsidy program. We received 113 applications, 109 of these were approved at a cost of $82,052.50.

Grants totaling $1,900 were provided for field trips and learning materials.

The following preschools received our assistance:

Alerces Spanish Immersion Preschool

Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – College Park Bilingual

Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – John Lake Preschool

Buena Vista Creative Preschool

Busy Fingers Preschool

Care-A-Lot Preschool

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Rock of Ages Preschool

Sadok Dzvinok Ukrainian Preschool

Saskatoon Misbah School

Spadina Early Learning & Childcare Cooperative

Sunshine Corner Preschool (Greystone)

Tykes and Tots Preschool

Varsity View Co-op Preschool

Warman Lutheran Early Learning Centre Preschool

**Arley Wieler,** Chairperson

# Fundraisers

**Trivia Night**

The 3rd Trivia Night Fundraiser for the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation was held at the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club on April 20, 2018. The event was over capacity with 31 teams of 4. This event was possible thanks to the support of the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club who provided the space free of charge. Money was raised through even ticket sales, raffle and silent auction, a game of “Heads or Tails”, and through corporate donations to the event. This event raised $7,471.

**Raffle Report 2018**

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| **Year** | **2018** | **2017** | **2016****(Fall & Spring)** |
| Ticket Sales | $17,092 | n/a | $14,271 |
| No. of preschools | 15 | n/a | 16 |

Proceeds from the 2018 raffle was shared between the participating preschools and the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation. Our total raffle profits were: $17,092 plus and extra 25% on our ticket sales from the SLGA.

There were 7 prize packages with a total retail value of just over two thousand dollars. The prize winners were contacted and listed on our website.

Top Selling preschools

1. Little Sprouts Preschool (1380 tickets)
2. USSU (970 tickets)

Thank you to all who participated in the ticket sales for the 2018 raffle. In addition, a heartfelt THANK YOU to CanLan Ice Sports, Wintergreen Learning Materials, Sylvia Clave and SPF board for their generosity towards items for the prize packages and classroom incentives.

**Jennifer Boutin**, Chairperson

**Financial Statements**







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