

# 2022

# 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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|-----------------|----------------|
| Laurie Lanovaz  | President      |
| Kathy Harrison  | Vice President |
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| Jean Bacon      |                |
| Siera Paterson  |                |
| Trona Guenther  |                |
| Karen Anderson  |                |
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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 neighbourhood and with the school.

Advocacy was a prime focus during 2022 as the Saskatchewan government received Federal funds to initiate \$10 a day childcare. Jean Bacon and Kathy Harrison, on behalf of SPF, participated with several like minded groups such as Childcare Now and SECA, to learn more of how this would impact preschools in our communities. What has been learned is that preschools are not included or seen as alternate Early Learning opportunities. It was also learned that SPF does not have a broad enough scope in gathering information to advocate with the government. SPF has built a relationship with the Saskatoon Teachers Group. The Saskatoon Teachers Group has created a survey that would be sent out to Preschools in early 2023, primarily in the Saskatoon area but with hope to send more province wide, to capture data that might be of use in conversations with the Ministry of Education. Grant writing and corporate donors are two areas that require a great deal of time and energy. It was decided that for the 2022-2023 school year to take a break from grant writing to refresh and re-evaluate. SPF acknowledged that this could result in a need to utilize additional funds directly from principal investment. SPF continues to have one staff member who works remotely from a home office. This has worked well and there are no current plans to relocate to a physical office space.

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 2022.. We appreciate your consistent and valued trust in our mission to provide high quality preschool to all in need in Saskatoon.

Laurie Lanovaz, President  
Kathy Harrison, Vice President

# Advocacy

The work of the Advocacy Committee evolved into a focus on two main areas in 2022:

- **Promotion of the availability of preschool tuition subsidies** with families and preschools; and,
- **Advocating for the inclusion of community preschool\* as an option within the federal/provincial early learning and child care (ELCC) agreement targeting \$10/day.**

**Regarding the availability of preschool tuition subsidies**, ensuring that families' awareness of subsidies has come into sharper focus over the last two years. During the calendar year prior to the pandemic (2019), the SPF provided over 120 subsidies (total over \$90,000). In the past years, the number of applications was reduced to an average of 45 (total: \$40,000). While there was a slight increase in applications in 2022, the number is far below the number in the years prior to the pandemic with reasons for this unclear. However, there are these possibilities:

- **In conjunction with the Saskatoon Preschool Teachers Group, a survey of community preschools is in progress.** The results will provide information regarding the number of community preschools that remain open, the number of spaces left unfilled, the number of children on waiting lists, etc.
- **Some prekindergarten programs within school divisions have been relocated** to schools where there were community preschools, effectively taking their place.
- With the reduction in the cost of childcare as an outcome of the federal/provincial agreement, **some families may be choosing full- or part-time ELCC instead of community preschool.\*\***

**Advocating for the inclusion of community preschool as an option with ELCC is a main focus.** Provincial education regulations in Saskatchewan\* do not include licensing community preschools. British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba regulations have preschool licensing requirement and fees for community preschool in these provinces (a fraction of full time) are recognized on a proportional basis for childcare subsidies. In fact, in Ontario and New Brunswick, four-year-old children attend full day kindergarten at no cost to families.

**A number of provincial organizations are providing leadership in bringing the federal/provincial agreement to life in Saskatchewan:**

- **The Saskatchewan Early Childhood Association,**
- **Child Care Now Saskatchewan** (affiliated with Child Care Now Canada) and
- **The Saskatchewan Early Learning Leaders Caucus** (affiliated with Canadian Child Care Federation).

These groups support the SPF's efforts in promoting community preschool as an ELCC option and have invited representatives of the SPF to be part of their meetings as representatives of the community preschool sector.

**Messaging from early learning and childcare organizations is focussed on *transformational* change in two main areas including an expanded commitment from the government to ensure that:**

- Employment in ELCC is highly valued with **increasing educational opportunities and improving salary and benefits** for those employed in the field. There is a huge gap in the number of spaces the government has announced as its goal and the number of spaces that can be made available with the current workforce numbers.
- There is a **distribution of ELCC spaces all areas of cities and the province.** Currently, centres open where they can find space, not necessarily in the communities where the spaces are needed.

**In 2022, SPF board members engaged in the following activities to ensure awareness of preschool tuition subsidies** for children in low-income families and securing provincial funding for community preschool programs:

- **Distribution of tuition subsidy posters** in offices, stores, and malls throughout the city
- **Meeting with the Ministry of Education Early Learning and Child Care Branch**
- **Communication with various groups and agencies:** Greater Saskatoon Catholic, Saskatoon Public, and Prairie Spirit School Divisions, Saskatoon Public Libraries, Saskatoon Preschool Teachers Group, Kids First Saskatoon, Saskatoon Family Centres, the Children's Advocate, Open Door Society, Global Village, among others

- **Posting information on the SK 211 website** regarding preschool subsidies and encouraging preschools to place their information on the website as well
- **Providing information for families and preschools** regarding possible avenues of support for preschool for children with special learning needs.
- **Maintaining the SPF website** ( [www.spf.sk.ca](http://www.spf.sk.ca) )
- **Placing an advertisement in the 2022 City of Saskatoon Leisure Guide.**

***Please support our work in ensuring that families of preschool children are aware of the SPF tuition subsidy opportunity and in having community preschool recognized for funding as an option for early learning and childcare.***

Jean Bacon and Kathy Harrison, Co-Chairs

\*Community preschool is typically less than 3 hours/day on the days its provided, from 1-5 days/week, with no before and after school care or care during school year holidays.

\*\*The long-term goal of reducing childcare costs to \$10/day was achieved April 1, 2023. The goal of a special lower rates for families with low income is to be achieved by 2025.

# Subsidies

In 2022, we received and approved 45 subsidy applications. Applicants attended 20 different preschools in Saskatoon and surrounding area.

The following preschools received our assistance:

Dundonald Preschool Inc.  
Erindale Co-operative Preschool  
Explorers' Preschool  
Golden Rule Preschool  
Huskie's Den Preschool  
Lakeridge Cooperative Preschool  
Let It Shine Preschool  
Little People's Preschool  
Mes Amis French Immersion Preschool  
Mother Teresa Co-op Preschool  
Northern Heights Co-op Preschool  
Puddle Jumpers Preschool  
Queen Elizabeth Cooperative  
Preschool  
Rosewood Cooperative Preschool  
St. Augustine Integrated Preschool  
St. Matthew  
Saskatoon Misbah School  
Silverspring Community Preschool  
Varsity View Co-op Preschool  
Wildwood Cooperative Preschool

**Laurie Lanovaz, President**

# 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

## Financial Statements

### Saskatoon Preschool Foundation Inc.

#### Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31

|  | 2022<br>\$ | 2021<br>\$ |
|--|------------|------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                            |            |            |
| <b>Current</b>                           |            |            |
| Cash                                     | 16,894     | 35,110     |
| Accounts Receivable                      | 1,135      | 7,800      |
| Prepaid Expenses                         | -          | -          |
|  | 18,029     | 42,910     |
| Investments                              | 566,644    | 596,996    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                      | 584,673    | 639,906    |
| <b>Liability and Net Assets</b>          |            |            |
| <b>Current</b>                           |            |            |
| Deferred Contributions                   | -          | -          |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities | -          | -          |
|  | -          | -          |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                        |            |            |
| Restricted for endowment purposes        | 236,212    | 236,212    |
| Unrestricted                             | 348,461    | 403,694    |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                  | 584,673    | 639,906    |
|  | 584,673    | 639,906    |

## Statement of Operations

Year ended December 31

|  | 2022            | 2021          |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
|  | \$              | \$            |
| <b>Revenues</b>  |                 |               |
| Contributions  | 35,100          | 64,489        |
| Raffle   | 5,190           | 5,963         |
| Auction Revenue  | 919             | 860           |
|  | <u>41,209</u>   | <u>71,312</u> |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |                 |               |
| Advertising and promotion  | 150             | 150           |
| Insurance  | 1,698           | 1,747         |
| Interest and bank charges  | 444             | 660           |
| Office   | 1,660           | 681           |
| Professional fees  | 4,876           | 4,558         |
| Tuition supplements  | 45,211          | 43,586        |
| Telephone and utilities  | 544             | 587           |
| Wages and employee benefits  | 11,603          | 13,098        |
|  | <u>66,186</u>   | <u>65,067</u> |
| <b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses from operations</b> | (24,977)        | 6,245         |
| Investment earnings  | (30,256)        | 60,024        |
| <b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses</b>                 | <u>(55,233)</u> | <u>66,269</u> |



**Statement of changes in net assets**

Year ended December 31

|                                  | <b>Restricted for<br/>endowment<br/>purposes</b> | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Total 2022<br/>\$</b> | <b>Total 2021<br/>\$</b> |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Balance, beginning of year       | 236,212  | 403,694             | 639,906                  | 573,637                  |
| Excess of Revenues over expenses | -  | (55,233)            | (55,233)                 | 66,269                   |
| Balance, end of year             | 236,212  | 348,461             | 584,673                  | 639,906                  |

# Fundraising Events

## Trivia Night

The 5<sup>th</sup> Trivia Night for the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation did not happen in 2022. It had been postponed since 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the following year in 2021 due to restrictions still in place. There are tentative plans to host the Trivia Night in October 2023.

## Online Auction

SPF's second annual online auction raised \$ 1124 in October 2022. The previous year it raised \$954 in November 2021. We are looking to triple this amount for our next online auction.

## Raffle

The annual SPF Raffle Campaign runs March-April of each year. The raffle is our biggest fundraiser.

| <b>YEAR</b>              | <b>2020/2021</b>     | <b>2022</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| <b>Ticket sales</b>      | \$11, 848 (combined) | \$11, 168   |
| <b>No. of preschools</b> | 13                   | 12          |

There were 11 prize packages with a total retail value of \$1450.00. Some of these prizes were donated and the SPF purchased some. The winners were contacted and listed on the website.

Proceeds from the raffle were shared between the participating preschools and the SPF.

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 and donating items.

Participating preschools include: Dundonald Preschool, Erindale Preschool, Varsity View, Tykes and Tots, Puddle Jumpers Preschool, Hansel and Gretel, Little People's, Northern Heights, Hanley Preschool, Hampton Church, Emmeline Preschool, Explorers

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)***

Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon

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

F.K. Morrow Foundation  
Sirois, Denis & Terry

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

Arnason Bourassa Family Foundation Inc.  
Rob Jaspar  
United Way of Saskatoon  
TCU Financial  
Calvados Holdings Inc.

### ***Bronze Leaders (\$500.00 – \$999.00)***

Ann Atchison  
Terry & Lorraine Friesen

### ***Leaders (up to \$499.00)***

Sharon Sollosy  
Bill Bender  
Kathy Harrison  
University of Saskatchewan  
Wendy White  
Phyllis Fowler  
Terry & Denis Sirois  
Jana Scott  
Shirley Spence  
Joan Plosz  
Bryan Salte  
Diane Selby  
Jo-Ann Graham

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

# Appendix

## Advocacy Report Sources

- 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/>