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We sit down and get to know SCF Chair Greg Keller.

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A portrait of Carm Michalenko, a woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue top and a necklace. The background is a warm, wooden wall.

carm michalenko
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The Saskatoon Community Foundation embarks on a new era in 2016 with a new Executive Director. Carm Michalenko has a background in the private and public sector, and for the last 18 years at Affinity Credit Union, she held several roles in marketing and community development including Community Relations Manager. She brings a wealth of experience to an exciting new career as the Executive Director of the Saskatoon Community Foundation.

Carm describes herself as a student of life with a passion for guiding nonprofits forward. She puts her heart into mentoring Saskatoon's emerging leaders and finding ways to help under-supported sectors of our community, especially people with literacy challenges, young adults, and women.

Carm has been an active leader in our community, participating both in her professional roles and as a volunteer. She is past board chair of READ Saskatoon and a thirty-year member of the Business and Professional Women's Organization. Carm has also held leadership roles for various boards and committees in our community, including International Association of Business Communicators, YWCA Women of Distinction Awards, Saskatchewan Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs, AIESEC Saskatoon, Rotary Youth Foundation of Saskatchewan, World Junior Hockey Championship, among others.

She brings a passion for our community to her new role. Says Carm,

"I am following my heart and am thrilled to be joining the non-profit sector and to be part of such a valuable community-based organization. I'm excited to be working with talented volunteer board members, committed staff and generous donors so we can collectively impact the quality of life for all citizens in Saskatoon."

Her passion is balanced with plenty of practical experience in stewarding small organizations toward success: "My passion has been fueled over the past decade in serving the nonprofit sector as a volunteer leader where I have advocated to improving the economic and social status of those disadvantaged."

The change in SCF's leadership comes at a time when the community foundation is experiencing some of the most significant challenges ever to its model and to its role in the community. Carm wants to lead the change to ensure that SCF remains strong in the years to come: "Continuing to evolve and maintaining our relevance in the face of challenging investment markets and the changing face of charity can only happen if we are responsive to our community, both in terms of our mission to support charities with our grants and in the range of options we can offer to our donors. Changes to Canada Revenue Agency regulations in the last few years have allowed us to offer new products and opportunities to donors. Meanwhile, we are exploring options like social financing and mission-related investing to improve our ability to support our community with the nest egg created by literally thousands of donors since SCF began in 1970."

So what does the future hold for SCF? According to Carm, "Even longtime charitable institutions in our community are finding it necessary to change their models. SCF will build on the past, so that we continue to support and carry forward the many legacies created by donors through our over 300 funds. Our job is to preserve and honour our past as well as the many donors that created SCF, while also keeping our focus on the future and on building the best possible community for all of us to share and enjoy for generations to come." ❖



an interview with

SCF CHAIR,

GREG KELLER

Greg Keller is a partner at EY, and has served the community on several boards and campaigns. He is currently Chair of the Saskatoon Community Foundation.

Q: What brought you to the SCF Board and what in your background or experience adds value to our organization?

A: I've been involved with various charities and fundraising efforts in the city, like Big Brothers, The Progress Club and the United Way. I feel that SCF is an organization that looks long-term at our city and offers opportunities to support the citizens of Saskatoon in many different ways. This is what attracted me to the Board. I feel that I can lend some direction to the way SCF acts as a steward between the investments and endowment, to ensure they are safeguarded and used in the ways they were intended.

Q: Your background is in accounting?

A: Yes, I'm a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) with 26 years' experience.

Q: Does that skill set come into play in how you work with the board and what you are trying to accomplish on the board?

A: I think it does in many different areas, particularly with the Audit and Finance

Committee, and with the Investment Committee. I understand the various reporting needs, due diligence with respect to our investments and what I believe to be top priority: ensuring that the endowed funds are protected and secure, so that the income earned on those funds can be granted forever. In a bad year where investment returns take a beating, we want to be in a position to distribute no less than the required minimum amount to our charities. In good years, we want to grant the maximum amount. Given the changes in our markets, our approach may be conservative, but it is the best approach to ensure the viability of the charities we support.

Q: What are some of the directions that the board wants to take as we go forward?

A: 2015 has been a year of transition for the Board and our organization. With a new Executive Director in place, we will be creating a strategic plan for the next 3 to 5 years. To better our community, we will be reviewing the partners we align with. We will also be looking at the required staffing

resources to enable us to take on new and larger projects. Our Investment Committee is working on policy changes to address the challenges in the investment markets. By changing our mix of investments and moving to different financial products, we will ensure that the resources of SCF are protected as much as possible from market fluctuations, and will therefore be able to provide consistent support to our community.

Q: Where should SCF be focusing its energies as it changes and grows?

A: We need to continue our focus on youth and the early years in order to make a real impact. We must also continue devoting resources to the healing process with our First Nations peoples, by supporting dialogue and listening to what is being said with new energy. It will not be an overnight fix, but we need to help where we can to repair and improve these relationships.

Q: Those two points focus on our programming and where we focus our resources, but apart from that, in terms of how we look at development, where do you think we need to be going?



A: To be able to do what we want to do in the community, we have to develop our resources. I think this will come out in our strategic planning – do we have the proper resources to devote the time with our new ED to build our endowed funds? It's easier to raise funds for bricks and mortar. It's a little more difficult to raise funds for ideas or for different areas of focus unless you can get the message out as to how the funds will benefit the community. I think we will have to build funds dedicated to specific community issues to garner the support we will require.

Q: Do you have any thoughts on the types of people you want to join the board, or what types of skills you want them to have?

A: Each Board member contributes to a checklist of board skill sets, and when a member completes his or her board term, we target similar skill sets in potential new members. Proper representation, in terms of gender and equal community representation, is vital. We would like to include people working on the “front lines” of issues in our community. As well, we are looking for members who can lend insight into the challenges facing First Nations peoples and to represent this growing population in our city.

Q: What does your picture of an ideal Saskatoon look like?

A: I would like to see a city where the agencies we support would need us less. Currently, the trend is that social service agencies and other community services are used more and more every year. If we can reverse that trend, it would be evidence that we were able to help break the cycle and create real changes for the better. 🌱



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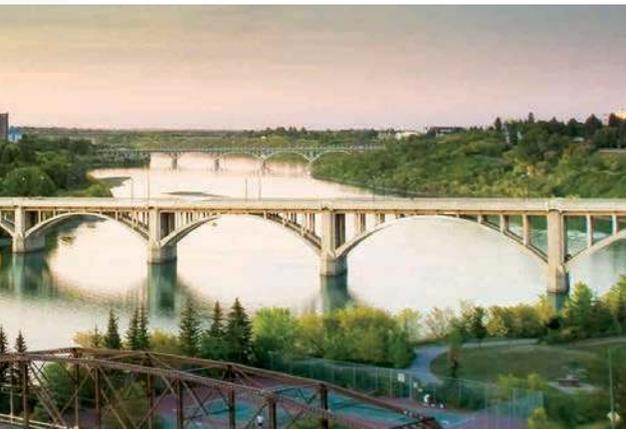
TO TREVOR FORREST

Executive Director 2002-2015

Trevor Forrest's service to our community spans many decades. His involvement in community dates back to his youth, when he was involved in curling and later became a coach. Since then, he has served on the Board of the Nutana Curling Club (1986-1993), the committee to form Curl Saskatoon (1991), Chair of the Saskatoon Men's Curling Association (1986-1992), and key positions with the 1989 and 2000 Labatt Briers in Saskatoon. During his career as Director of Corporate Development for Tourism Saskatoon and later as Executive Director of the Saskatoon Community Foundation, he has served on boards and committees for many community organizations, including Royal University Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Leadership Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Place, and Prairieland Park.

In June of 2002, Trevor joined the Saskatoon Community Foundation as its fourth Executive Director. At the time, SCF had about \$5M dollars in assets and a small number of annual granting opportunities. As Saskatoon's prosperity grew, so did the Foundation. During Trevor's time as Executive Director, the assets of the Foundation have grown more than tenfold to over \$65M dollars. Our donor funds have grown from about 72 to over 300. The impact of those funds on our community will be felt for many decades to come. Likewise, SCF has grown from granting about \$400,000 in 2002 to over \$5M dollars in 2014!

Trevor has overseen the development of the PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural Gala, the creation of Youth Endowment Saskatoon and the Youth Advisory Council, and several other new granting programs including our Signature Grant program, PortashCorp Partnership grants, Charity Sustainability grants and Capacity Building grants. The Saskatoon Community Foundation offers Trevor its heartfelt gratitude for his leadership and his service. 🌱



WELCOME ELAINE!

In March of 2015, SCF welcomed Administrative Coordinator Elaine Lozinski to the staff team.

SASKATOON celebrates KINDNESS

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015

Helping each other is the heart and spirit of community here in Saskatoon. People all over the city took part in Random Act of Kindness Day on November 6, 2015, passing out surprise gifts and friendly gestures. Sticky notes with compliments were pasted on school lockers, and people who lined up for their morning coffee paid it forward to the next person in line.

"We're involved because our mandate is to make Saskatoon the best community in which to live. We think if everyone was a little more kind that really fits in." said Kristy Rempel, Donor Services Manager at the Foundation. She also noted that Random Act of Kindness Day is not a fundraiser. It's just an opportunity to do something nice for someone else in its simplest form.

At first, some people shied away when approached in Saskatoon "because they think we're probably selling something," said Craig Peterson, RAK Day Chair. "When they realized the purpose of the event, they wanted to know more though," he said.

The Foundation asked people to sign up for "Kindness Crews" to spread good deeds around the city. Among them was Rev. Heather Koots, who provided staff at the Oliver Lodge with cookies and hot chocolate. As well, students from Princess Alexandra School, accompanied by Saskatoon Police Service members, passed out granola bars and oranges to people along 20th Street West in the morning of Random Act of Kindness Day.

"It may not seem 'random' when you are planning it... but the wonderful heart-warming surprise feels very random on the receiving end of the act of kindness" said Rempel. "It is tough to imagine a better way to spend the day".

So many people participating, working separately and in teams, helped our city to retain its self-appointed title of "Kindness Capital of Canada." The Saskatoon Community Foundation would like to thank and commend everyone who helped out by participating (and especially the organizing committee!) to make Random Act of Kindness Day a great success! Don't wait until next November to do something kind for another person! 🍪



SCF's Kristy Rempel and RAK Day Chair Craig Peterson



honouring the PAST, PREPARING FOR FUTURE success



The newly renovated Broadway Theatre lobby.



About a year ago, the Saskatoon Community Foundation granted \$50,000.00 to Friends of the Broadway Theatre for renovations to the concession and box office. Some of the equipment in both of these areas was original from 1946, when the theatre was first built, so it was in desperate need of updating. The grant became one piece in the Broadway's "Back to the Future" campaign, a sweeping renewal of the Theatre facility intended to honour its storied past and prepare for success in the future. Planning for the renovations began in early 2014. Other parts of the program included environmental upgrades such as solar panels.

"At the Broadway, our exterior is in great shape and the programming that goes on inside the auditorium has been raised to a high caliber," noted Executive and Artistic Director Kirby Wirchenko. "However, we were way past due for an upgrade in the concession and lobby. With high expected costs of not just the materials and labour – but the design, processes and keeping within Heritage guidelines – this was never a project we could do on our own."

The heritage designation provides for the protection and preservation of some of the key features of this Saskatoon landmark. It also meant that making changes, even those respectful of the building's history, had to go through a vetting process with the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee. Though the grant was awarded in the fall of 2014, the heritage committee

ultimately approved the plans in April, and work began in earnest in June and July of 2015, beginning with tearing out the old concession. Obviously, the theatre had to have a functional concession and box office during the renovations, so contractors worked around the Theatre's schedule. By September, 75% of the work was complete, with the finishing touches being done by late 2015.

According to Wirchenko, "There was dancing and high-fives all around when we found out the Saskatoon Community Foundation awarded us its 2014 Signature Grant. The \$50,000 award became the 'cornerstone' for us to acquire other funds, as well as start planning the work calendar." Other major funders included the City of Saskatoon's Cultural capital grant.

"Our 'Back to the Future' campaign to renovate our concession and lobby has been extremely successful, as we've been able to completely overhaul the 'face' of the Broadway Theatre. The integral part to our campaign, however, was receiving the Saskatoon Community Foundation's Signature Grant – the confidence and support they showed in the Broadway ensured all the other generosity and sponsorship that followed" says Executive and Artistic Director Kirby Wirchenko. 🎉

The Saskatoon Community Foundation makes over 400 grants to over 200 charities every year. For more information about our grants and granting programs, visit www.saskatooncommunityfoundation.ca



READ Chair David Hutton, Myrna Hewitt of Affinity, and SCF Chair Greg Keller.

STRATEGIC ALLIANCE AWARD: AFFINITY CREDIT UNION (READ SASKATOON)

The Saskatoon Community Foundation's Strategic Alliance Award recognizes the business partner in an ongoing alliance between a business and a charity, with outcomes that enhance the quality of life in Saskatoon and benefit both the charity and the business. The award encourages strategic, sustaining, collaborative partnerships with clearly defined goals and measurable outcomes.

In 2015, the Saskatoon Community Foundation was proud to recognize Affinity Credit Union for its long-term partnership with READ Saskatoon. Affinity Credit Union is one of READ's primary funders, supporters and partners. Beyond its financial contributions, Affinity members have become board and committee members at READ, supported and attended fundraising events, and trained and delivered programs as both literacy volunteers and financial literacy advisors. As a result, many participants in the programs have improved their financial situations by changing spending habits, repairing credit, budgeting and even starting RRSPs!

The Saskatoon Community Foundation salutes Affinity Credit Union for its ongoing support of our community!



LEADERSHIP AWARD: DESIREE TIRK OF READ SASKATOON

The Leadership Saskatoon program is a dynamic, 9-month adult education curriculum involving mentorship, self-assessments, site visits, interviews

with current leaders, seminars with guest experts, group discussions and projects. The Saskatoon Community Foundation's Leadership Saskatoon award provides funding for a volunteer or staff member of a local charity to participate in the program, promoting leadership in the charitable sector.

Desiree Tirk of READ Saskatoon has Bachelor of Indian Social Work and a B.A. in Native Studies from First Nations University of Canada. After her practicums at Radius Community Centre, she worked for several years as a Community Liaison, creating programs and facilitating volunteer experiences for youth. Later, Desiree ran her own children's



consignment store, also using it as a means of creating opportunities for her community, including yoga, parenting programs, and children's art programs. Currently Program Manager, Desiree has been with READ Saskatoon for 10 years in numerous roles.

Desiree has a passion for making Saskatoon the best community in which to live. According to Desiree, "I look forward to participating in Leadership Saskatoon. I know I can learn from others, draw on their experiences by creating a network to change the lives of the families we serve in our community. I look forward to growing my skills, learning new tools, and having an opportunity to work alongside a mentor to provide me feedback."

The Saskatoon Community Foundation congratulates Desiree Tirk, the recipient of the 2015 Leadership Saskatoon Award!



CORNERSTONE AWARD: JOHN CROSS

The Cornerstone of the Community Award was created to honour citizens whose long service to our community has had a lasting impact on life in Saskatoon.

In 2015, the Saskatoon Community Foundation honoured John Cross for his long commitment to our community. His contributions that have changed the face of our community and of agriculture itself. He served as founding Executive Director of POS Pilot Plant Corporation in Saskatoon. He was a founding partner, and later President, CEO, and Chairman of Saskatoon-based Philom Bios Inc., the creator of the world's first commercial phosphate inoculant.

John has served the community on many boards, including the National Research Council of Canada, the Saskatchewan Research Council, SREDA and Royal University Hospital Foundation. He has also been involved in the Raj Manek Business Mentorship Program, personally mentoring many local entrepreneurs. John has been inducted into the SABEX Hall of Fame and awarded the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

Congratulations to John Cross, the 2015 recipient of the Cornerstone of the Community Award! A permanent endowment has been created at SCF in John's name to commemorate his contributions to our community. 🌟

VITAL SIGNS

On October 6th, 2015, the Saskatoon Community Foundation (SCF) released its inaugural Vital Signs report. Vital Signs has existed for several years as a program of Community Foundations of Canada. However, 2015 is the first year the report has been produced for Saskatoon.

The first Vital Signs report drew a great deal of media attention to the SCF. It received unprecedented coverage on television, radio and print media beyond what any other SCF initiative of recent years has received. Almost 100,000 copies of the report were distributed to households in the city via the Star-Phoenix, displayed in racks at coffee shops and libraries, and brought to presentations at schools and businesses.

You may ask, now that we have your attention, what is it that SCF wants Saskatoon to DO with Vital Signs? Vital Signs is a snapshot of

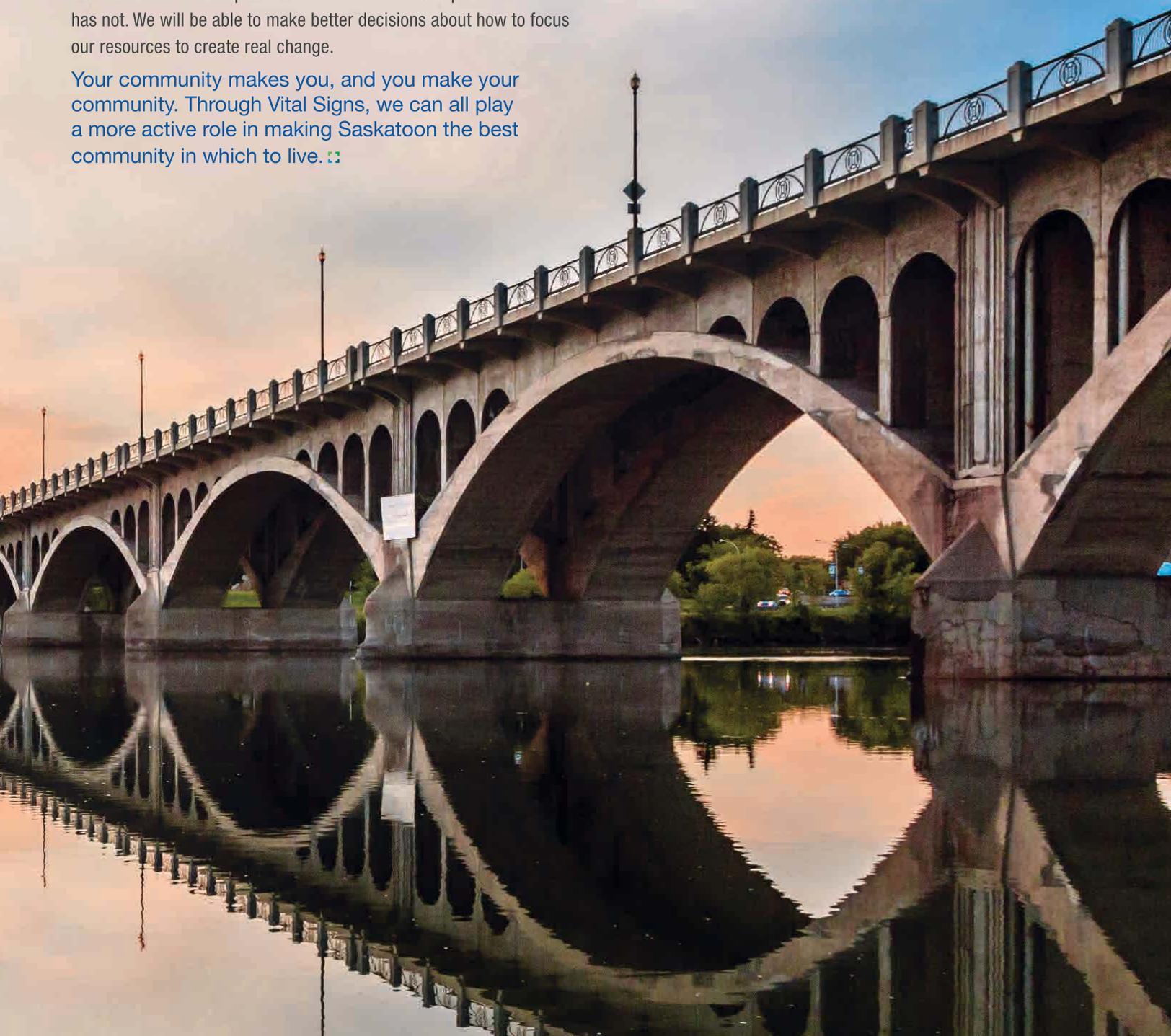
the community that looks at 10 areas of focus, such as Safety, Work, Arts and Culture, and Education and so on. Like a medical vital signs chart, it gives us the current status of the patient, the pulse, blood pressure and so on. But the chart doesn't do any good unless we have a doctor or nurse to interpret it. Is the blood pressure too high? Does the patient need to change his diet?

In our community, we are all the doctors. We all play a role on deciding how things are going and what needs to be better. Do we need more support for the arts, or should we focus more on feeding hungry kids? Should we focus on feeding hungry kids or making sure they get an education so that they can feed themselves? Can they get that education unless we feed them first? What should we be doing?



In order to answer these questions, we first need to be able to see what is being done and how we are doing. Vital Signs is the beginning of a conversation in our community. It presents the raw data on our community. It is up to all of us to interpret that data. We want to involve many voices in this conversation. We want to hear from people from all parts of the community and all walks of life. We want to add new voices to the chorus. When we produce future Vital Signs reports, we will be able to compare them to see what has improved and what has not. We will be able to make better decisions about how to focus our resources to create real change.

Your community makes you, and you make your community. Through Vital Signs, we can all play a more active role in making Saskatoon the best community in which to live. ::





WILL POWER WEEK - TYLER WAKE

Each fall, SCF helps to promote good financial planning in our community by hosting Will Power Week. Over 60 percent of Canadians die without a legal will. Dying intestate causes suffering for families already dealing with bereavement. Suddenly, the power to make decisions about what happens to all the assets you have spent your life building is in the hands of government. When someone dies without a will, opportunities can be lost and costs will be incurred which could have been avoided with proper planning.

During Will Power Week, SCF invites Saskatoon lawyers to speak to the public about the importance of wills, and how to get the most out of planning for your family and for your community. One of our guest speakers has been Tyler Wake of WMCZ Lawyers – here Tyler describes his experience working with SCF on Will Power Week:

I was first asked to speak at a Will Power Week seminar in 2013 by the Saskatoon Community Foundation's Executive Director, Trevor Forrest and I couldn't have been more pleased.

I began to specialize in the area of wills and estates in 2008, to complement my corporate and commercial law practice and I found that I really enjoyed working with the clients. It was rewarding to help families plan their estates, maximize inheritances and to ensure a seamless transition in the event of incapacity or death.

Unfortunately, I had noticed that, far too often, the importance of a thoughtful and detailed estate plan had been overlooked by lawyers and clients alike. Many people were going through this stage of their lives, without having received the benefit of any advice or planning whatsoever. For every three or four estate files that had happy endings, there was a file that required costly legal work to deal with missed planning opportunities, family disputes and/or estate litigation.

For even the simplest estates, there are many basic planning tools that can be used to maximize value or to avoid leaving adversity behind for loved ones. The reoccurring question was, how could we, the estate planning practitioners, help get this information to the general public in an efficient and manageable way?

I was thankful to find that the SCF had already given this thought. Over my three years of involvement with the SCF's Will Power Week, the free seminars have reached audiences large and small, all across Saskatoon, including many people who may not have otherwise had easy access to a lawyer's time or to the large amount of legal information that is presented.

It has been a privilege to work with the SCF and to be a part of an endeavour that really is important to the Saskatoon community. ::



POTASHCORP MAYOR'S cultural gala

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2015

Now in its ninth year, the PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural Gala continues to be the "must attend" event in our community.

The Gala offers an exemplary mix of food, entertainment, unique auction items and the opportunity to mingle with the "who's who" of Saskatoon. But it doesn't stop there! Everyone who attends the Gala, every business that sponsors a table, every item that is donated to the auctions – all play a part in building a permanent base to support local charities forever.

The 2015 gala was a spectacular event, with a multi-course gourmet meal served in tandem with fantastic entertainment showcasing the best Saskatoon has to offer: SaskExpressions, Hoop dancer Lawrence Roy, the U of S Jazz ensemble and Celtic dance Group, aerial acrobats Move N Soar, a finale by the Fireside Singers and a dance led by Absofunkinlutely.

But after the premium wines and spirits had all been consumed, after the Mayor and Mrs. Atchison had raffled the Rolexes donated by Birks, after all the auction items had been bid on and purchased, after the crowd had gone home, what was the point of the PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural Gala?

In its nine years, the Gala has raised over \$3M dollars for Saskatoon, forever. The funds raised at the very first Gala have been invested for years already, earning income that has been granted to hundreds of charities. Each year of the Gala has added funds to that pool, and thanks to SCF's management of the funds, those resources will continue to grow over time. Over nine years, the Gala has brought together a wide cross-section of the finest cultural performers our community has to offer and allowed a diverse audience to appreciate their talents and the wonderful diversity of our cultural community. The Gala has also brought together businesses and individuals in the shared cause of making our community a better place to live. The Gala has created a sense of competition among our partners to see who can do the most for our community. It has created new partnerships and new ideas for the support of charities in our community.

Most of all, the PotashCorp Mayor's Cultural Gala has been a celebration of our community, working together, building a future, and sharing our lives and labours. The Gala highlights what makes our community great, and the proceeds of that celebration will continue to benefit Saskatoon forever. Thank you Saskatoon! 🇨🇦





Kevin Hegedus (right) with partner Kevin Haakensen

Estate planning can be one of the most difficult and emotional discussions for clients and their family members alike. Which is why the relationship between financial advisors and their clients can be a crucial component to the Estate Planning process.

It is not uncommon for advisors to assume multiple roles over the lifetime of their advisor/client relationship: celebrating life events, helping plan for the future, being the voice of reason when making investment decisions, and ultimately becoming a compassionate confidante helping clients with some of the most important financial decisions of their lives. Knowing clients on this personal level, and understanding their individual situations and personalities, creates a comfortable environment where they are relaxed and therefore willing to openly discuss their most intimate final wishes.

Over the course of these open discussions, most financial planners will suggest charitable giving as a tax minimization strategy, and most clients are emotionally moved by this idea and motivated financially by the opportunity to optimize tax efficiency within their plan. They typically want to know how to approach the decision while ensuring that their wishes for immediate family members, and their own financial concerns remain secured.

The best way for clients to accomplish this is by working with skilled professionals such as Certified Financial Planners, Chartered Accountants, and organizations such as the SCF. Financial professionals will determine if there is an opportunity for charitable giving and, if so, advise clients on how best to give, and how much to give within their plan. This team will develop solutions and strategies to ensure that a clients' years of hard work building wealth and assets, are transferred to beneficiaries as tax efficiently as possible.

Family members will often assist throughout this process, particularly when named as executor of the will. By including them, it provides peace of mind to the family knowing that the financial affairs are in order and helps them to fully understand the final wishes of the client. Nonetheless, for most family members, planning for the death of a close relative can be a painful experience, yet when charitable giving is incorporated into the plan, it can create a deep sense of pride and accomplishment for both the client and their families. The knowledge that they have contributed in some way to the improvement of life for those most in need of help and generosity within their community, is a legacy most of us would be honored to leave behind.

When finalizing an Estate Plan which incorporates charitable gifting, some clients will have an organization that comes to mind right away due to past experiences or life events; others, may be uncertain of the charity best suited for them. The SCF is a valuable resource for advisors and their clients in this situation. They provide an effortless solution for clients when seeking out recipients for their donation. The SCF utilizes their skills and knowledge to deliver long-term meaningful contributions to the community as whole maximizing dollars gifted by benefactors. Working alongside the SCF allows Financial Advisors to be experts in the field of financial planning, while providing clients access to SCF experts in the field of charitable giving.

A balanced blend of professionals and open family discussions can create legacies that live on forever, not only in the stories and lives of family members and descendants, but also in the local community organizations named in the estate plan.

Kevin Hegedus has over 20 years of experience in financial planning and is a donor to the Saskatoon Community Foundation. 🌱



YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY

PITCH PARTY (DCG),
NOVEMBER 7TH, 2015



In October and November of 2015, DCG Philanthropic Services and Child & Youth Friendly Saskatoon partnered to deliver a 3-part hands-on workshop for youth in grades 8-12. The workshop engages young people in shaping our community through philanthropy. Participants had the opportunity on November 7 to present to actual sponsors and funders and be rewarded with real contributions for their charity of choice! Each participating youth worked with staff from a charity to learn about its activities and to craft a winning pitch for the sponsors. Each youth then delivered the pitch, with charity staff on hand to support and respond to any technical questions that might be beyond the young person's knowledge.

The Saskatoon Community Foundation has long promoted the value of engaging youth in philanthropy through its Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and Youth Endowment Saskatoon, so the Pitch Party was a natural opportunity for SCF to get involved. While the other sponsors, such as Affinity, Cameco, and PotashCorp sent their grown-up representatives to respond to the pitches, SCF felt it was best to have members of our Youth Advisory Council on hand to hear the proposals and make the decisions. Sid Pahwa, Lars Kishchuk and Harkirat Bhullar from the YAC attended with Adult Advisor Shreya Pahwa and Grants and Communications Manager Don Ewles, but the decisions were left up to the youth. The YAC members made grants to Persephone Theatre, Wanuskewin and Saskatchewan Brain Injury Association.

The Saskatoon Community Foundation would like to thank DCG and Child and Youth Friendly Saskatoon for the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful event, engaging youth, building community and supporting local charities! ::



2015 YIPYXE Participants



2015 YIPYXE Charitable and Non-profit partners including YAC (middle)



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