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SERVICES
OF CENTRAL MANITOBA
FOUNDATION^{INC.}

Annual Report 2016-2017

OUR MISSION

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Message from the President and Executive Director



Andrea Mitchell, Board President



Tracey Bercier, Executive Director

Welcome to our Foundations' 24th Annual General Meeting. We are grateful for this opportunity to reflect on our past year and our many accomplishments. Our vision continues to be "Because Kids Matter" and as a Foundation we continue to be guided by this vision.

Our Mission is to work in partnership with the community to provide opportunities that will enhance the well-being of children. We do this by funding children to participate in social and recreational activities aimed at supporting their social, physical, emotional and intellectual well-being. This past fiscal year the Foundation assisted approximately 380 children in the Central Region. This is a decrease of approximately 16 from the prior year.

All of the "Chance 2" programs funded by the Foundation continue to be successful. During the 2016/17 fiscal year, the total financial investment in the four "Chance 2" programs came to \$103,097.66. This is a decrease of \$1138.39.

Along with the "Chance 2" programs, the Foundation also provided financial support to other deserving Agency programs of Child & Family Services of Central Manitoba which are not funded through the Government. One of these is the Foster Family Christmas Party held each year in December. This party celebrates Foster Parents and their families in their role in the lives of many children who need a safe and loving home. As well, the CFS In Home Support Program hosts an Annual Women's Retreat for women in the region to attend a weekend of self-discovery with a focus on well-being. This retreat helps mothers recognize their strengths as individuals and their increased self-esteem promotes healthy parenting and healthy children.

Message from the President and Executive Director con't...

It is incredibly important for us to acknowledge and thank all the individuals, businesses and community groups that support our causes. These supporters assist us in ensuring that children in our communities have the opportunity to be involved in activities that our Foundation supports.

The Foundation would not be in a position to offer the support it does to children and their families were it not for the many contributions of individuals; we take this opportunity to say THANK YOU:

- THANK YOU to the staff of Child & Family Services of Central Manitoba; especially those who attend meetings to assist with the administrative and financial duties of the Foundation, as well as those staff who support the programs we fund and assist with our many fundraising events throughout the year. Agency staff also holds an annual garage sale each year with all proceeds going to United Way. The Portage Legion Hall provides the venue at a minimal cost.
- THANK YOU to Camp Coordinator Emily Neufeld;
- THANK YOU to our Foundation Administrators Sandra Doell and Nancy Funk. These two ladies are responsible for building relationships with current and potential funders in the Region and work hard to raise the profile of our Foundation and its programs. These individuals are instrumental in getting our name out there for both fundraising and use of our Programs.
- THANK YOU to the Chance 2 Grow “flower ladies” who provide many hours of labour each spring to ensure our plant sale is a success. The profits realized from this fundraiser has increased year over year and is a well known fundraiser in the community of Portage la Prairie.
- THANK YOU to the Chance 2 Play team. Arron Asham and his friends host an annual golf tournament so children in the Central Plains area can participate in hockey and skating.
- THANK YOU to all the volunteer drivers who make sure kids get to camp Charlie Clifford, Shane Dewis, Tim Lehman, and Walter Deido
- THANK YOU to the many community groups who provide funding and assistance in our fundraising events
- And of course THANK YOU to the Board of Directors of the Foundation who attend meetings regularly in order to move forward the valuable work of the Foundation.

It is a privilege to work alongside all these people, businesses and organizations who all contribute in their own way. Our Foundation relies on and appreciates this support for without it, our success would be much diminished.

Keeping in mind the Vision we all share “Because Kids Matter” and the Mission to work in partnership with the community to provide opportunities that will enhance the well-being of children, we wish the Foundation many, many more years of good work in the Central Region.

Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba Foundation



Olivia Simpson presents Mandy Dubois, Executive Director of the Portage Plains United Way, with a cheque for \$950.00 on behalf of CFSCM staff fundraising initiatives including the Annual Garage Sale and Hallowe'en Potluck



The 2016 In Home Support Women's Retreat at Camp Arnes

Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba Foundation



Child & Family Services staff at the 2016 Foster Family Christmas Party



Chance 2 Learn

“Chance 2 Learn” is a program that provides financial assistance to qualifying individuals to assist with various post-secondary education expenses. To be eligible for a subsidy, a person needs to be either a former child in care, or a youth on an extension of care with Child & Family Services of Central Manitoba Inc. Chance 2 Learn is funded by the Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba Foundation and is administered by the Agency.

Individuals applying for the Chance 2 Learn Program are required to submit verification of registration and acceptance in an educational program, school or university. In addition, they need to provide proof of some form of community service, two letters of reference, and a written portion outlining why they should be considered for the grant. In 2016-2017 we were once again fortunate to receive a donation of \$2000.00 from Dennis and Gustine Wilton for the Chance 2 Learn program. We greatly appreciate the Wilton's continued generosity and commitment to our programming. The 2016-2017 fiscal year saw \$2000.00 paid out to applicants and we look forward to receiving more

Chance 2 Camp Report

In the summer of 2016, the Chance 2 Camp program made it possible for 160 children in the CFS Central Region to attend summer camp. In 2016, there was \$43,754 that was directly disbursed to 9 different camps, making it possible for 139 community children and 21 children-in-care to attend summer camp. The Chance 2 Camp initiative is administered by the Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba Foundation on behalf of the Agency; it is the longest running program offered by Child & Family Services of Central Manitoba.

Our 2016 Camp Coordinator was Emily Neufeld, our summer student responsible for managing all aspects of our camp communications, including maintaining contact with camp staff, parents, agency workers and our volunteers. Emily was a huge help this year with the BBQ, coordinating deliveries, and helping with the overall planning of the event. She also worked at the United Way's Canada Day event and at their golf tournament to represent our agency.

Two camps receive most of our campers: Circle Square Ranch is preferred by children from the Portage la Prairie area, while campers in Winkler overwhelmingly favour Winkler Bible Camp. As is always the case, campers and their parents make the choice of which camp the child will attend; only camps accredited by the Manitoba Camping Association are eligible for funding from Chance 2 Camp.

In 2016, the total revenue from the BBQ was \$4,300.00 and approximately 500 people attended.



Chance 2 Camp Fundraising Barbeque



7th Annual
Chance 2 Camp B-B-Q
Portage la Prairie
June 16, 2016

The Salvation Army partners with the Foundation by offering their facility for food preparation and as an alternate rainy day location.



Chance 2 Grow

All of the “Chance 2” programs give Child & Family Service of Central Manitoba clients the opportunity to participate in an activity of their choice. The Chance 2 Grow program is especially popular with families because it funds children for both sports and the arts—so children can express themselves in a wide range of extracurricular activities.

In 2016, the Chance 2 Grow program funded 173 children and youth in the Central Region to pursue recreation. They chose to attend music lessons, dance classes and a variety of sports ranging from martial arts training to horseback riding. Chance 2 Grow provides funds for equipment for both sports and the arts across the Region. Approximately \$40,000 was paid directly to municipal recreation programs, music instructors and other service providers who deliver programming to our clients.

In 2016, available funds were distributed almost equally between arts organizations and sports programs; this reinforces the wisdom of helping kids soar by providing funding for a variety of activities.

We are grateful to the Winnipeg Goldeyes Field of Dreams Foundation, Portage Mutual Insurance, Portage Credit Union and Access Credit Union for their staunch support of Chance 2 Grow. Vanstone Nurseries have become important partners in the Chance 2 Grow program via our annual plant sale which provides high quality flowers to our generous supporters in Portage la Prairie and beyond.



NPC Youth in Philanthropy students partnered with the Foundation to present the “Soup Skirmish” fundraiser for Chance 2 Grow on December 20, 2016. Students in the competition used produce donated by Kroeker Farms and additional ingredients provided by the generous support of GTP Chartered Professional Accountants.

Chance 2 Grow Plant Sale Fundraiser



Our fourth annual Chance 2 Grow plant sale was another success! For 2016 the flower we chose was the “Burgundy Starlight” petunia. We ordered 4000 of this dark burgundy and white hybrid plant. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of “Plant Sale Ladies” that pound the pavement to sell our plants. Led by Jody Fletcher, our committee consists of Cora McCartney, Liz Sherritt, Val Sissons, Cindy Clarkson and Pat Wall. They take care of just about everything from sales, to collecting money, to delivery day. This year we recognized a profit of just over \$11,000.00---a huge boost to the Chance 2 Grow program! Without our special committee, this would not be possible and we are forever grateful for their continued involvement. We are also very appreciative of our partnership with Vanstone Nurseries, specifically Owen and David Vanstone. They go the extra mile every year---providing us with the most healthy plants on the market, specially producing a “grower’s info card” for our plants with our program information on it as well, and always pulling out extra plants when we oversell. Vanstone’s support is what makes this fundraiser such a huge success every year, injecting much needed funds into the Chance 2 Grow program.



Chance 2 Play



Each year Arron Asham hosts a Charity Golf Tournament with the proceeds going directly to the 'Arron's Chance 2 Play Hockey' program. The former NHL player grew up in the Central Plains region and his Chance 2 Play fund directly benefits youth from that area, which includes the communities of Portage la Prairie, Gladstone, MacGregor, Oakville, St Claude, and St. Eustache. The fund is also available to players on the Central Plains Capitals, as well as providing funds for youth involved in high school hockey, organized recreational hockey, as well as CanSkate programs from local figure skating clubs.

The 2016-17 year marked the 12th anniversary for golf tournament fundraiser. Arron's commitment to the Chance 2 Play Program is evident in his continued support of the golf tournament, and hockey in this community. He also continues to be extremely big hearted with his time as he interacts with everyone he comes in contact with. He especially enjoys the opportunity to meet with the kids who have benefited from the Program.

In 2016, \$23,193 was provided by Arron's Chance 2 Play to support 41 children in the Central Plains region and the money was used to pay for both equipment and registration fees in the Central Plains region. Without Arron's support, this would not be possible. On behalf of the children we say thank you to Arron for his vision, and to the volunteer committee for their good work.

Arron's Chance 2 Play is entirely funded by proceeds of the golf tournament held each July at the Portage Golf Club. Approximately \$30,000 is raised annually via the golf tournament, and since its beginning, Arron's charity has helped over 400 children to play the great game of hockey. Many dedicated volunteers form the backbone of the committee that ensures this tournament is a successful annual event.

The goal of the program is to provide hockey and skating opportunities for area children, despite the difficult economic circumstances of their families. Children in the South Central Region can receive financial support for hockey and skating via the Chance 2 Grow program. The criterion for funding is primarily family income, and applications are approved using the same scale as the other Chance 2 programs.

Once again, we were thrilled to welcome back Meseyton Construction, Portage Co-op and Portage Mutual Insurance as co-title sponsors of our event. Your involvement and support of community events such as ours is a testament to your character. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We were also very fortunate to receive generous donations of autographed memorabilia from Arron Asham that contributed to the success of the different contests and draws.

Thank you to Child & Family Services of Central Manitoba Inc. for continuing to provide staff and resources for the Arron's Chance 2 Play Charity Golf tournament. Staff from Child & Family Services of Central Manitoba Inc. that assisted the Committee included: Rhonda Palmer, Rhonda Verwey, and Emily Neufeld. Volunteers form a strong base in the smooth operation of the day. Without them the tournament could not happen.

Chance 2 Play con't...



We want to acknowledge and thank the continued support of the following gold sponsors:

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Our Committee is made up of dedicated volunteers who put countless hours into the organization of the tournament and we thank them for their commitment. Committee members include:

Arron Asham	Mitch Brennan	Doyle Moar	Nancy Funk	Cam Asham
Brett Calder	Darryl Patterson	Brad Bailey	Linda Watson-Bull	
Megan Sloik	Doug Blight	Simonne Fust	Danny McArthur	

The success of our 12th year is a testament to the support of our program by the community. They have recognized the need for our funding and without them, the continuation of Chance 2 Play wouldn't be possible. See you on the course next July!



Pictured: Nancy Funk receiving \$14, 430.34 from Dave Patsack, one of the organizers of the 2015 RBC Cup, for the Chance 2 Play Program



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