

Serving the community.



OUR 2023 COMMUNITY REPORT



ABOUT THIS REPORT

Access Communications Co-operative strives to improve the quality of life in Saskatchewan. This report showcases what makes our telecommunications co-operative unique: our mandate focuses on reinvesting in the communities and rural areas we are privileged to serve. Access takes pride in the many ways we engage with the community. The 2023 Community Report also contains our full financial reporting of the fiscal year for the Access Communications Children's Fund, from January 2022 to December 2022.

Our Mission

We are a community-owned co-operative dedicated to providing exceptional communications and entertainment services and unique opportunities for local expression.

Our Vision

Delivering unrivalled communications and entertainment services.

Our Values

Integrity We live by our belief in honesty, respect and trust in everything we do.

Employee-centered We enable everyone's involvement, growth and contribution in a challenging, safe and fun environment.

Customer-focused We deliver extraordinary value, reliably, dependably and consistently.

Community-oriented We are an integral part of the communities we serve, contributing to their energy and progress.

Innovation We create and embrace change that enhances customer service, the community and our organization.

Member-driven We are guided by committed and supportive members.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Access Communications Co-operative is on a path of truth and reconciliation. We begin by acknowledging we operate offices situated on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 lands, the traditional and ancestral territory of the Cree, Dene, Blackfoot, Ojibwe, Saukteaux, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, and homeland of the Métis. We acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture and relation to the land of the Indigenous People of these regions and we seek to live in respect, peace, and prosperity together.

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Your award-winning co-operative is grateful for its members, customers, employees, volunteers, and communities.



Message from our CEO.

I am honoured to present to you the Access Communications Co-operative Community Report. This is my first report since officially becoming President and CEO in January.

We live our co-operative's values every day. Core to that is being community-oriented. For us, the community is everything. We are 100% Saskatchewan-owned and committed to re-investing 100% of our profits back into the province, specifically the 235 communities and 200,000 sq km of rural Saskatchewan we so proudly serve.

In the coming pages, you will read about how we support the community through our pillars of community programming, our registered charity, plus corporate sponsorship and initiatives. Under community programming is AccessNow TV and how our community channels are a platform to amplify diverse voices and stories from all cultures and backgrounds to create a space to connect people, celebrate diversity, and foster understanding. In total this past year, we invested \$2.3M in community programming.

You will read about the Access Communications Children's Fund and the commitment to supporting our most vulnerable youth across Saskatchewan. Our mission is to empower children that are at risk and in need by providing funding to programs and capital projects that promote health and wellness,

education and literacy, and social inclusion. Through the generous support of proceeds from Access TV Bingo, donations through the Children's Fund have exceeded the \$3M milestone since its inception in 1992. Thank you to everyone who tunes in.

You will also read about our corporate sponsorship and initiatives, including everything from our community rink to our scholarship program, which awards over 20 scholarships annually.

I am also pleased to introduce Tracey Mucha, our new Senior Manager of Community Engagement. Tracey brings two decades of experience at Access to the role to help deepen our relationships with our community partners and expand our impact.

We cannot do what we do without our many volunteers. A willingness to give their time and energy selflessly has touched the hearts and lives of many.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, and customers for everything you do to support Access. We are a community of shared beliefs and ideals, committed to growing Saskatchewan and supporting everyone.



Carmela Haines
Chief Executive Officer





“Together, we will continue to foster a sense of belonging, drive positive change, and build resilient and inclusive communities for all.”

– Tracey Mucha, Sr. Manager, Community Engagement

Engaging the community.

As the new Senior Manager for Community Engagement, I am thrilled to present our annual Access Communications Community Report, highlighting our impact over the past year. Together, we have achieved a lot through our community programming, Children's Fund registered charity, and corporate sponsorship.

With AccessNow TV, we connect and empower our diverse community through 2,245 hours of locally produced content. With the help of 3,088 generous volunteer hours, we supported events like the *34th Annual Regina Humane Society Telethon*, the *41st Annual Weyburn Communithon*, and the *46th Annual Estevan United Way Telethon*, raising over \$515,000. We also covered various sports, events, and community celebrations.

Our Children's Fund continued to make a difference in the lives of countless children in need, offering hope and creating opportunities for a brighter future. Through the generous support of TV Bingo players and donors, the Children's Fund donated \$288,865 to 39 non-profit organizations in Saskatchewan in 2022.

Our corporate initiatives played a vital role in our community engagement efforts. Through partnerships, we extended our reach and made a lasting impact. Notably, the 15th Annual Labour Day Show N Shine raised a record-breaking \$46,300 for the Regina Food Bank. Additionally, our Community BBQ Tour visited 80 communities, serving over 20,000 burgers and raising \$14,000 for our Children's Fund. And our Community Rink provided a great winter experience for over 2,700 guests.

These accomplishments are just a glimpse of our successes over the past year. Our dedicated staff, volunteers, and members have been instrumental in our achievements. As we celebrate our progress, let us look forward to the future with renewed enthusiasm. Together, we will foster a sense of belonging, drive positive change, and build resilient and inclusive communities for all.



Tracey Mucha

Sr. Manager, Community Engagement

Our impact in the Community.



**100 COMMUNITIES
WITH ACCESSNOW TV
IN SASKATCHEWAN**



**OVER 1,100
COMMUNITY GROUPS
SUPPORTED IN 2022**



**39 NON-PROFITS
RECEIVED DONATIONS
IN 2022**



**\$2.3M INVESTED
IN COMMUNITY
PROGRAMMING
IN 2022**



**\$400,000 IN
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED SINCE 2005**



**\$288K
DONATED IN 2022**



**2,245 HOURS
OF LOCAL
PROGRAMMING**



**20,000 BURGERS
SERVED IN 2022**



**OVER \$3M
DONATED BY OUR
CHARITY SINCE 1992**



**OVER \$515K RAISED
ON LIVE TELETHONS**



**\$46,300 RAISED AT
SHOW N SHINE IN
SUPPORT OF THE
REGINA FOOD BANK**



**OVER \$500K
IN TV BINGO
PRIZE MONEY**



“The coverage that Access provides to our fanbase through Pats TV and home broadcasts is incredible thanks to **their hard work, production, dedicated staff, and volunteers.** They do a great job bringing the action into the homes of our amazing community, while also providing **fantastic in-game commentary, interviews, and product,** making their broadcast feel NHL level.”

– Gord Pritchard, Chief Executive Officer, Regina Pats

“**Working with Access has been amazing.** It was great having Access partner on our Skating with the Stars afternoon to hand out some free swag to the kids – as well as a BBQ. **They are always willing to go the extra mile** for our club as well as the community.”

– Kennedy Schmidt, Marketing and Office Manager, Battlefords North Stars Hockey Club



“We work diligently to provide children and youth in our community with quality, engaging opportunities and this partnership between us and the Children’s Fund was a major part of that. We were able to ensure that we celebrated what makes us unique and that **our children and youth were able to showcase their cultures proudly.**”

– Erin Roussin, Director of Operations, BGC Yorkton

Truly local storytelling.



Our community channels tell the stories of Saskatchewan through AccessNow TV. In 2022, over 71% of our programming was created locally, by passionate community producers.

AccessNow TV is also a platform for community improvement, supporting worthy causes, and raising money on their behalf. In 2022, AccessNow TV hosted the 34th Annual Regina Humane Society Telethon raising \$80,136.

The 41st Annual Weyburn Communiton raised \$86,412, exceeding its fundraising goal. The event featured all types of performances, with 200 kids on stage at one point!

The 43rd Annual United Way Estevan Telethon raised an incredible \$350,053. The telethon supports several invaluable services in the Estevan area. It was a showcase of some of the community's incredible talent.



\$2.3
million invested
in 2022

2,245
local first
run hours

3,088
volunteer
hours



Chris Simmie,
AccessNow TV Volunteer



Our communities shoot and score!



AccessNow Sports proudly covers local sports of all levels, from youth to professional leagues. Families can cheer on their young athletes from home. A prime example of our coverage is the Warman Cheer Classic, Saskatchewan's biggest cheerleading and dance competition. The show attracts audiences from across the country and around the world.

Our community channel also proudly airs games for the Regina Pats of the Western Hockey League, the Regina Thunder of the Canadian Junior Football League, the Regina Riot of the Western Women's Canadian Football League, the Regina Red Sox and the Weyburn Beavers of the Western Canadian Baseball League, and the Saskatchewan Rattlers of the Canadian Elite Basketball League.

AccessNow TV celebrates Saskatchewan by also airing award ceremonies and events throughout the year. Our community channel broadcasts several events, including the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame, the Saskatchewan Country Music Awards, the Co-operative Merit Awards, the Yorkton Film Festival, the Saskatchewan Order of Merit Awards, and more.

Community first.

Access Communications lives to serve. We support over 1,100 community groups each year, through sponsorship, corporate initiatives, and more.

The 15th annual Show N Shine (Labour Day Weekend), in support of the Regina Food Bank, set a new record, raising \$46,300.

Our Community Rink (Regina) brought winter fun to 2,700 individual guests with expanded hours, new lights, and private bookings for community groups.

Skating with the Stars was a Halloween themed event at the Access Communications Centre (North Battleford) that featured fun for all, and a chance to skate with the Battlefords North Stars. The Access Pool Party was a free admission day to the Access Communications Water Park (Yorkton), that included a chance to meet the hometown Yorkton Terriers.

Access held an Earth Week Recycling Event in April, allowing community members to drop off recycling at Access retail locations. Over 5,000 lbs of electronics were safely recycled and repurposed.



“We had lots of first year Canadians visit – lots that **have never experienced winter, let alone skating. And their kids loved it.”**

– Kirby Gust, Community Rink Supervisor





STARKLEY

Retail Hours

Monday 10 am - 10 pm
Tuesday 10 am - 10 pm
Wednesday 10 am - 10 pm
Thursday 10 am - 10 pm
Friday 10 am - 10 pm
Saturday 10 am - 10 pm

NON-PROFIT

Access Community Foundation
DATE September 5, 2022

regina foodbank
\$ 46,300.00
forty six thousand three hundred dollars

MEMO 2022 Show N Shine
Jim Deane
CEO, President

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At your service, Saskatchewan.



Last summer, we hit the road and fired up the grills on our Summer BBQ Tour. Saskatchewan loves a good ol' fashioned BBQ, and we can't think of a better way to say thank you to the communities that support our co-operative throughout the year.

In 2022, our Community BBQ Tour visited 80 towns in Saskatchewan over 15 weeks, serving over 20,000 burgers and hot dogs, raising over \$14,000 for the Access Communications Children's Fund. It was a labour of love – we couldn't have done it without our dedicated BBQ staff and the support of Access staff and management, who themselves travelled all over the province.

Hudson Bay



Macklin



Pense



20K

**burgers and
hot dogs served**

\$14K

**raised for
Children's Fund**

41K

**kilometres
travelled**

Bright minds with brighter futures.



Access proudly awards scholarships to high school graduates across the province through the Access Communications Doug Alexander Scholarship Program. Every year 20 graduates receive \$1,000 each, based on a demonstrated commitment to their community and academics. Since 2005, over \$400,000 in scholarships have been awarded. The program honours Doug Alexander, our former Community Relations Manager, and his unrivalled commitment to community.

The Access Communications Fred Wagman Scholarship Program at the University of Regina honours our first President & CEO. Calli Lubiens, Micaela Gayle Mallari, and Rebekah Illingworth were each awarded \$1,000 Entrance Scholarships and Giovana Cruz was awarded a \$2,000 Film & Video Scholarship.

Access Communications also awards scholarships at Saskatchewan Polytechnic. Isaiah Hunter was awarded a \$1,000 Computer Networking Technician Scholarship.



Breton Boudreau
Regina



Randi Carr
Edam



Jung Hao Cau
Regina



Tilka Chapman
Tisdale



Dixie Corscadden
Windthorst



Gracie Cyr
Debden



Jill Dobbin
Kindersley



Maria Erhaze
Yorkton



Majiri Ighota
Regina



Vinay Juneke
Yorkton



Kerri Lachapelle
Carlyle



Telia Lafontaine
Regina



Reay Mackay
La Ronge



Tram Nguyen
Lumsden



Nathaniel Schaefer
Fillmore



Taylor Smith
Maple Creek



Kati Van Winkoop
Kenosee Lake



Chantal Whelan
Turtleford



Jennifer Whitford
Rose Valley



Kira Wignes
Viscount

Giovana Cruz,
University of Regina

Calli Lubiens,
University of Regina



Rebekah Illingworth,
University of Regina



Isaiah Hunter,
Sask Polytechnic



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.**

Making the province a better place begins by investing in tomorrow. Learn more about our recipients at: myaccess.ca/scholarships



CHILDREN'S FUND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

The Allocations Committee comprises of volunteer members from the communities served by Access Communications. Committee members have experience with charitable giving; this helps our charity operate more efficiently and effectively. The committee reviews funding applications and their impact on the community and provides a recommendation to the Children's Fund Board, which ultimately approves the applications.

2022 CHILDREN'S FUND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Joni Andrychuk (Regina), Tom Boyko (Regina), Deborah Charles (La Ronge), Steve Compton (Chair, Regina), Wayne Hellquist (Regina) & Bruce Yockey (North Battleford)

Helping kids at risk & in need.

Every child deserves a chance. That's the mandate driving our registered charity, the Access Communications Children's Fund. Since 1992, the charity has been making a difference in the lives of children across the province.

I'm pleased to advise that our Children's Fund donated over \$288,000 to 39 organizations in Fiscal 2022. In 2023, we crossed a significant milestone for the charity with over \$3 million in donations.

Thank you to our Board of Directors for their commitment throughout the year, and our Allocations Committee for their work assessing applications and making recommendations to the Board. I also want to thank those who support the Access Communications Children's Fund, including the production crew, volunteers, and players of TV Bingo. We're so grateful for everything you do.



Tom Boyko

Board Chair, Access Communications Children's Fund

2022 CHILDREN'S FUND BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Tom Boyko (Chair)



Steve Compton



Beth Drozda



Don Henderson



Wendy Hoffart



Caitlin Aldcorn



Ryan Youck

Children's Fund

Recipients In 2022.

Our Children's Fund donated \$288,865 to 39 nonprofit organizations in Saskatchewan.

\$2,000	Battlefords Family Health Centre	North Battleford	Empowering Students
\$25,000	BGC Yorkton	Yorkton	Program Activities
\$2,000	Blessings	Carrot River	Nutrition Program
\$5,000	Bring2Life Creative Counselling	Yorkton	Counselling in Remote Communities
\$945	Canora Veselka Dance Club	Canora	Newcomer Ukrainian families
\$10,000	Caring Hearts Counselling	Regina	Grief Therapeutic Programming
\$20,000	Carmichael Outreach Inc.	Regina	Health and Well-Being of Children
\$1,000	Carpenter High School	Meadow Lake	Creation of Ribbon skirts
\$5,100	Creative Kids Saskatchewan	Regina	Life Skills Advancement
\$10,000	Ecole St. Pius X	Regina	Playground Project
\$7,000	Envision Counselling	Estevan	Childhood Trauma Therapy
\$10,000	Estevan Public Youth Centre	Estevan	Safe and Inclusive Space
\$5,500	First Steps Wellness Centre	Regina	Neurological Impairment Therapy
\$2,000	Girls Rock Camp Regina Inc	Regina	Collaborative Music Creation
\$5,000	Harvest City Christian Academy	Regina	Playground Project
\$5,000	Heart Linked Community Services Co-operative	Regina	Mental Health Support To Remote Communities

\$6,000	Heritage Community Assoc.	Regina	Recreational Activity
\$2,000	Ituna & District Regional Park	Ituna	Summer Camp
\$10,000	Melville Comprehensive School	Melville	Power Up
\$520	Midale Public Library	Midale	S.T.E.M. Activities
\$5,000	Mother Teresa Middle School	Regina	Meal and Snack Program
\$10,000	Naicam Playground Project	Naicam	Playground Project
\$11,400	Possibilities Recovery Centre	Martensville	Mental Health Education
\$5,000	Pre-Cam Community School	La Ronge	Nutrition Program
\$5,000	Regina 4 Directions Child & Family Services	Regina	Education, Culture and Language Program
\$25,000	Regina Food Bank	Regina	Nutrition Program
\$5,000	Regina Food for Learning	Regina	Nutrition Program
\$10,000	Salvation Army	Regina	Backpacks with school supplies
\$2,000	Sask AG Bell Assoc.	Warman	Redberry Lake Bible Camp
\$2,500	Saskatchewan Music Educators Association	Regina	SMEA Regina Music Outreach Program
\$5,000	Saskatchewan Young Readers' Choice Awards	Provincial	Willow Awards
\$5,000	SCEP Centre	Regina	Summer Activities
\$10,000	Scientists in School	Provincial	STEM Classroom Workshops
\$4,000	Southeast Cornerstone School Division	Weyburn	Early Literacy Program
\$10,000	Town of Kelvington	Kelvington	Playground
\$10,000	Town of Pense	Pense	Playground Project
\$15,000	United Way Regina	Regina	Improving Reading Proficiency
\$5,000	Women of the Dawn Counselling Centre	Regina	Lunches and BBQs
\$10,000	YWCA Regina	Regina	Developmental Relationship Building

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Board of Directors of
Access Communications Children’s Fund Inc.

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the summary statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of Access Communications Children’s Fund Inc. (the “Children’s Fund”) for the year ended December 31, 2022.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements, in accordance with the criteria disclosed in Note 1 to the summary financial statements.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor’s report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Children’s Fund’s audited financial statements and the auditor’s report thereon.

The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

- In our report dated April 3, 2023, we expressed a modified audit opinion on the audited financial statements because we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the completeness of revenue from fundraising activities.

Management’s Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the criteria disclosed in Note 1 to the summary financial statements,

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
April 3, 2023

ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND INC.
Summary Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2022

	General	Bingo	Total 2022	Total 2021
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 249,007	\$ 1,069,891	\$ 1,318,898	\$ 1,349,948
Accounts receivable	68,893	108,689	177,582	195,073
Due From Bingo Fund	700	-	700	-
Inventory	-	12,717	12,717	19,752
	\$ 318,600	\$ 1,191,297	\$ 1,509,897	\$ 1,564,773
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 68,500	\$ 42,642	\$ 111,142	\$ 234,904
Due to General Fund	-	700	700	-
NET ASSETS	250,100	1,147,955	1,398,055	1,329,869
	\$ 318,600	\$ 1,191,297	\$ 1,509,897	\$ 1,564,773

See accompanying note to the financial statements.

Approved by the Board:  Chair  Director

ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND INC.
Summary Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
Year ended December 31, 2022

	General	Bingo	Total 2022	Total 2021
Revenues				
Net bingo fundraising	\$ -	\$ 274,652	\$ 274,652	\$ 604,431
Charitable gaming grants	68,663	-	68,663	100,000
Fundraising	3,792	-	3,792	2,377
Donations	21,434	-	21,434	16,579
	93,889	274,652	368,541	723,387
Expenses				
Donations	30,000	258,865	288,865	257,872
Administrative	11,490	-	11,490	8,423
	41,490	258,865	300,355	266,295
Excess of Revenues Over Expenses	52,399	15,787	68,186	457,092
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	197,701	1,132,168	1,329,869	872,777
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 250,100	\$ 1,147,955	\$ 1,398,055	\$ 1,329,869

ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND INC.

Note to Summary Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2022

1. Basis of Accounting

These summarized financial statements of Access Communications Children's Fund Inc. are derived from the complete financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2022, prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit entities, of Access Communications Children's Fund Inc.

The preparation of these summarized financial statements requires management to determine the information that needs to be reflected in them so that they are consistent, in all material respects, with or represent a fair summary of the audited financial statements.

The complete financial statements of Access Communications Children's Fund Inc. are available upon request.

Enjoy the benefits of membership.

Access Communications is grateful to the members that help our co-operative thrive. Member engagement and growth is important to all of us – and you can help! Encourage your family and friends to join the co-operative so they too can experience the benefits of membership.

- ✓ **Be the first** to get access and testing opportunities of new technology before it launches.
- ✓ **Be the first** to get advance notice on products and initiatives.
- ✓ **Your opinion matters as a member.** We want member feedback through surveys and focus groups.
- ✓ **We celebrate community.** We'll invite you to our community events.
- ✓ **Membership has its privileges** including insurance benefits/discounts from Co-operators.
- ✓ **Be in the know** with regular updates through our quarterly member newsletter, Annual Report and Annual Community Report.
- ✓ **We'll see you there.** Members elect delegates at our bi-annual regional District Meeting.
- ✓ **We're accountable to our members.** You'll be invited to participate in our Annual General Meeting.
- ✓ **Help shape the future of Access.** You can become a voting delegate or run for our Board of Directors.

Application forms are online at myaccess.ca/members or by scanning the QR code.

Questions?

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