



Lac du Bonnet & District Charitable Foundation

2022 Annual Report

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President's Message

It never ceases to amaze me how our community rises to challenges and continually supports all of the everchanging needs in Lac du Bonnet. On behalf of our Foundation, I want to start by extending a huge "Thank You" to each and every one of you for your support this past year. Without this level of commitment, we would not be able to provide the type of help for our entire community that we do.

During this past year, we were able to return to a more "business as usual" approach and have been able to meet face to face more often. We recognize that there is a certain demographic that prefers to interact directly with each other. This is essential to us, as we are continually looking for ways to increase our exposure within and outside of our geographical area. For those that are not fully aware, our catchment area consists of both the Town and Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet, along with Ward 4 of the Rural Municipality of Alexander (Bird River area).

Our Foundation members have been very busy behind the scenes looking at new opportunities to meet our community's constantly changing needs. In May, we held our *Annual Public Meeting and Celebration of Giving* and were very encouraged by the excellent response from our community. The youth program (YIP) has been working tirelessly with the school administration at LDBSS to maintain not only a presence with the students, but also to enable them to make a contribution for their own future.

We have been able to get back into the community with our presence at the Great Outdoors Expo, "Giving Challenge Week" in November and the annual Christmas Craft Sale. Unfortunately, our summer Night Market was cancelled due to weather.

In closing, I am very proud of the dedication and effort that our entire Board puts into "giving back" to our community. But most of all, a huge thank you to all the citizens, businesses and organizations, past and present, for your unwavering support!

*Gary Rollins
President
Lac du Bonnet & District Charitable Foundation*



Gary Rollins, President
*Lac du Bonnet & District
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Board Members 2022
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Dave Johnson – Chair
Dick Campbell – Treasurer
Laurette Greenlay –
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Laverne Wojciechowski
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***Proud to be serving the
town and RM of Lac du
Bonnet
and Ward 4 of the RM of
Alexander since 2008.***

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Endow Manitoba Provincial Conference 2022

The Endow Manitoba Community Foundations Provincial Conference was held October 27-29 at the Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites. The conference was attended by more 165 people representing 46 community foundations from across the province. The conference offered a choice of 20 sessions in five different areas: Governance, Finance and Administration, Fund Development, Grant Making and Strategic Initiatives. The following Board Members represented the LDB Foundation at the Conference:



Dick Campbell: The Conference was a way to interact with other Community Foundations (CF) by meeting new members, who like myself, were there to learn how other CFs operated. It was an enjoyable, educational, entertaining couple of days with people who feel as passionate about their Community Foundation as I do.

Laverne Wojciechowski: The big takeaway from the marketing sessions was identifying our target audience and “who is not at the table”. This was not just about who is or is not on the board, but who are we reaching in our community. We need to build understanding of community needs and be intentional and inclusive in our efforts. Our Foundation has more to offer than just providing grants twice a year. We need to be a cheerleader for other projects and groups in the community.



Dave Johnson: Many of the sessions were very well presented, however, I felt that the major benefits were from both formal and informal discussions with Community Foundations, Endow Manitoba and Community Foundations of Canada. These discussions provided opportunities to exchange information and ideas with Foundations across the province and to develop personal connections with those parties.

Annual Public Meeting and Celebration of Giving

The LDB Foundation held its Annual Public Meeting on May 18 at the Anglican Church Hall. This year we tried something new by adding a *Celebration of Giving* to the Agenda. We asked each of the organizations that received grants in 2021 to present brief summaries of their respective projects for the celebration part of the evening. This was done in-person, by video, or through a written submission. The information shared was most interesting and appreciated by all who attended. Part of the celebration also included the awarding of grant monies to the successful 2022 recipients from our Spring Granting session.

There was a total of nine presentations at the event with 32 people in attendance representing 10 community organizations. It was a wonderful success and we look forward to continuing this new tradition of a joint *Annual Public Meeting and Celebration of Giving* in future years.



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Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge 2022



The Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge, which this year was held during the week of November 14-20, is LDB Foundation's major annual Fundraiser. Besides our mail-out and on-line fund-raising campaigns, we were able to meet donors in-person at the LDB Christmas Craft Sale on November 19. It was such a pleasure to say hello to the many people who generously help support our community through the Foundation.

Over \$33,000 was raised for our community during this year's Giving Challenge. A very special thank you goes out to our local

Challenge Group Fund whose commitment to matching donations dollar for dollar up to \$11,000 helped the Foundation surpass last year's fund-raising efforts, and to the Province of Manitoba and Endow Manitoba for stretching funds by \$1.00 each for every \$5.00 donated up to \$4000. Thank you to everyone who donated. Your investment in our community is greatly appreciated.

Community Events

After a two-year Covid hiatus, the LDB Foundation Board Members were pleased to be able to take part in several community events this year including the Great Outdoor Expo in May, Canada Day Parade in July, the opening of Ronald McDonald House in September and the Christmas Craft Sale in November.

On September 14, Dave Johnson, Chairperson of the LDB Foundation, attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new **Ronald McDonald House** in Winnipeg. The LDB Foundation has committed to granting this project \$1000 annually for a five-year period. Ronald McDonald House offers free accommodations to families in rural areas that require extended medical care for their children in Winnipeg, a service that families in our area are able and have needed to access.

The LDB Foundation was proud to take part in Lac du Bonnet's **Canada Day Parade**. Thank you to Marie and Eldon Heibert for the use of their 1967 Dodge Monaco Convertible Classic Car and to Board Members: Dick Campbell, Dave Johnson, Laverne Wojciechowski, and Janice Leroux and friends of the Foundation, Cait and Wendy Post for their participation.



The **Great Outdoor Expo** took place in Lac du Bonnet on April 30 to May 1. Thank you to John Barnard for organizing this event and to all of the Board members, both current and former, for taking part. The Board would like to thank all who stopped by the Foundation booth to enter our door prize draw, provide donations, and/or learn more about the Foundation.

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Lac du Bonnet Foundation Grants

Three Foundation Board members sit on the Grant Committee: Chair Mitch Walker, Gary Rollins and Dick Campbell. In 2022, six grant applications were approved for **\$17,737.32** in total with an additional **\$3,500.00** awarded in Scholarships and Bursaries. Total funding for the year was **\$21,237.32**.



Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

The Lac du Bonnet Regional Library received \$972.32 towards the purchase of a tent canopy and fencing to provide a safe environment for the children's outdoor reading program.



Children's Rehabilitation Foundation

The Children's Rehabilitation Foundation received a grant of \$1,765 towards the purchase of a customized tricycle for a child with physical challenges who resides in Lac du Bonnet.



Pioneer Club of Lac du Bonnet

The Pioneer Club of Lac du Bonnet received \$7,500 towards the purchase of a floor cleaner for the Pioneer Club.



Lac du Bonnet and District Arena Board

The Lac du Bonnet and District Arena Board received \$3,500 towards the Brine Pump Overhaul and System Repair project for the Lac du Bonnet Arena.



Fire and Water Festival

The Fire & Water Music Festival received \$3,000 towards the purchase of speakers and a sound mixer.

Ronald McDonald House Charities received \$1,000 in the third payment of a five-year commitment towards a \$20 million project constructing a new 40-bedroom Ronald McDonald House in Winnipeg.



Ronald McDonald House

Bursaries and Scholarships

The **Winnipeg River Bursary Fund** was created by donor Gus Wruck and is awarded annually to a deserving high school student based on need and possible relevance or benefit to the Lac du Bonnet region.



A \$500 bursary was awarded to **Courtney Yerex**, pictured left, to pursue her selected field of study in graphic design at the Visual College of Arts and Design in Calgary.

A \$1,000 bursary was awarded to **Abbee Pelland**, pictured right, to pursue her selected field of study in medicine at the University of Winnipeg



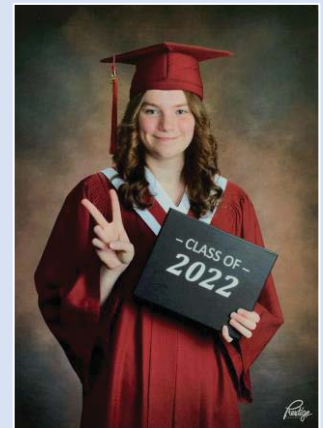
A \$1,000 bursary was awarded to **Serenity Poirier**, pictured below left, to pursue her selected field of study in microbiology at the University of Manitoba.

The **Chuck Reynolds Memorial Scholarship** was created by the Reynold's family to support Lac Du Bonnet Senior School graduates in their attempts to pursue their passions at the post-secondary level. The donor committee looks for applicants who are fueled by a combination of passion, talent, intellect, achievement and determination.



A \$500 scholarship was awarded to **Serenity Poirier**, pictured left, to pursue her selected field of study in microbiology at the University of Manitoba.

A \$500 scholarship was awarded to **Lily Hodgson**, pictured right, to pursue her selected field of study in the Bachelor of Arts program at Brandon University.



Donations to the Lac du Bonnet Foundation can be done:

- On-line at www.lacdubonnetfoundation.ca
- By mail at Box 744, Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba, R0E1A0
- By contacting us at info@lacdubonnetfoundation.ca

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Community Partnerships

In 2019, the **Eastman SnoPals** Inc entered into a flow-through fund agreement with the LDB Foundation to solicit donations for the Kings Kookout Shelter Replacement Project with the RM of Lac du Bonnet being the sponsoring charitable organization. According to John Fleming, President of Eastman Snopals Inc, the project was a tremendous success. Through this agreement, subsequent donation campaigns, and other granting opportunities, the club was able to build a new twenty-four by twenty-four foot shelter.



“This partnership [with the LDB Foundation and RM of Lac du Bonnet] was a critical aspect of the donation campaign, and we believe that without the support of the Foundation and RM of Lac du Bonnet, we would not have been able to reach our goal as quickly as we did,” stated Fleming in a letter to the Foundation. “This type of partnership clearly has the potential to help so many local non-profit groups reach their goals, strengthening the individual groups and making Lac du Bonnet a wonderful place to live, work and play.”

Youth in Philanthropy (YIP)



Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) is the youth arm of the Lac du Bonnet & District Charitable Foundation. This leadership program originated with the Winnipeg Foundation and was established at Lac du Bonnet Senior School through a three-way partnership with the Thomas Sill Foundation, the LDB Foundation, and the Lac du Bonnet Senior School in 2017. YIP is designed to introduce young people to philanthropy through a hands-on process of building an endowment fund, learning about community needs and engaging in the granting process.

The LDBSS YIP Committee has been awarded \$3,500 annually since 2017 by the Thomas Sill Foundation for the first three years of the program and then by the LDB Foundation to the end of 2023. Of the \$3,500 awarded each year, \$2,500 goes towards granting purposes and \$1,000 towards administrative costs. By January 2024, the desired goal is to have a well-established YIP Endowment Fund from which the committee can function independently utilizing the annual earnings. The YIP Endowment Fund currently sits at \$17,213.79.

Members of the 2022-23 YIP Committee are Birkley Ross and Eva Buhay (Co-chairs), Haley Stevenson (Secretary), Vada Andrelunas (Treasurer), Alayna Boulet (PR) and Elizabeth Van Linden (Member-at-large) with Principal Kim Stevenson as their advisor. The group spent fall 2022 establishing themselves as a group with plans to research community needs, fund-raise in the spring and complete the granting in fall 2023.

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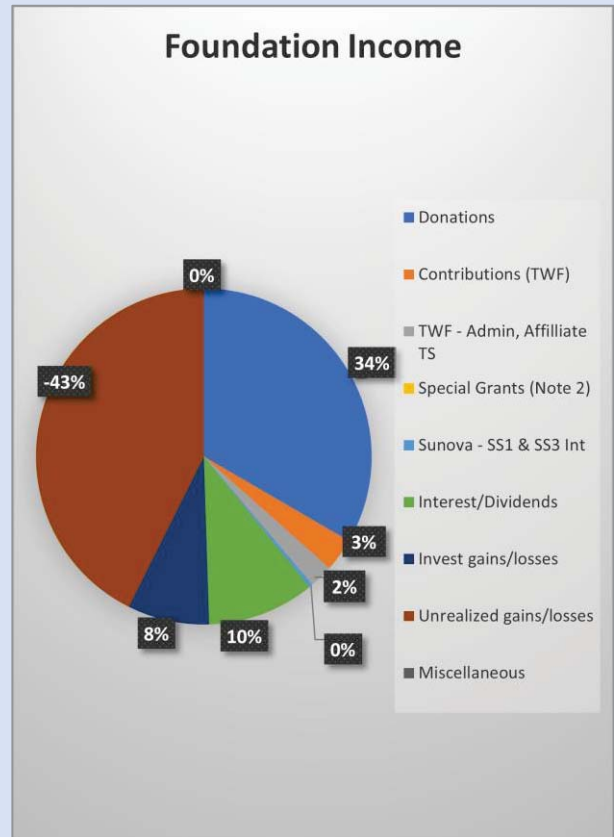
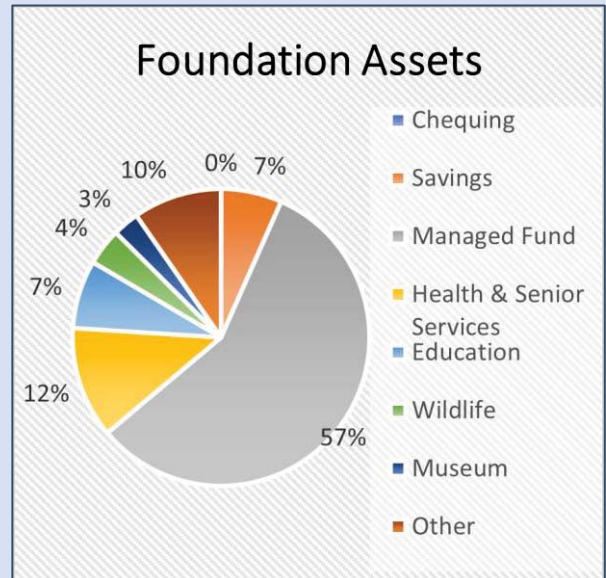
2022 Financial Summary

ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

Chequing	\$207.24
Savings	\$57,749.17
Managed Fund	\$499,457.26
Health & Senior Services	\$105,742.92
Education	\$64,851.54
Wildlife	\$35,065.77
Museum	\$25,053.15
Other	\$84,364.31
	\$872,491.36

INCOME AND EXPENSES AS OF DEC 31, 2022

INCOME	
Donations	
Received	\$45,026.40
Not Received	\$25,936.26
Admin Donations	
Received	\$0.00
Not Received	\$0.00
Contributions (TWF)	\$6,765.00
TWF - Admin, Affiliate TS	\$4,767.00
Sunova - SS1 & SS3 Int	\$790.96
Interest/Dividends	\$21,955.60
Invest gains/losses	\$16,754.67
Unrealized gains/losses	-\$90,627.30
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total Income	\$31,368.59
EXPENSES	
Accounting & Legal	\$340.00
Admin Fee (TWF + CFC)	\$3,763.93
Advertising	\$4,813.48
Grants	\$45,982.32
Investment Fees (TWF)	\$3,230.64
Membership Dues	\$530.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,648.64
Office Supplies	\$788.36
Website Hosting	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$61,097.37
Net Income	-\$29,728.78



Thank You to our Generous Donors 2022

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Anonymous (5 donors)	Froese, Karen & Rick	Pedruchny, Jo Anne & Fred
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