**Saskatoon Preschool Foundation 2015 Annual Report**

**Mission Statement:**

To advocate for and support access to preschool programs.

**Vision Statement:**

**WE SEE**

* all preschool 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 interests of children.
* support for families.
* respecting the values and cultures of families.

**A Message to Our Community**

2015 was a watershed year for the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation. We received more requests for tuition subsidies than in any other year. We exceeded our subsidy budget by $20,000.00 before being forced to close down the application process for two months at the end of the year. As well, a further decision was made by the Board that in the 2016/2017 school year, we would no longer fund tuition for the month of September. These decisions came after much soul searching and discussion by Board members and were not made lightly.

As tuition costs increase in the City and surrounding area, our maximum tuition subsidy of $800 per year per child was granted in almost every application resulting in our increased funding of 114 children for a total of $79,568.50.

This past year, we found that more of our applications came from families new to Canada and Saskatoon. We anticipate this is a trend that will continue in the coming years necessitating renewed efforts in our fundraising. We are considering new ideas to meet the increased demand for tuition subsidies.

Again in 2015, we provided opportunities for preschool teachers to attend workshops on a variety of issues and going forward, we plan on dealing with the immigrant/refugee issue.

Our Board is fully committed to our mission of advocating for and supporting access to preschool programs and are working hard toward accomplishing this goal.

We cannot thank enough our corporate and individual donors, for without your continuing support, we would not be able to fulfill our mission.

Sincerely,

**Terry Sirois,** President

**Advocacy/Public Relations Committee**

**Three main goals regarding Advocacy/Public Relations provide the framework for many of the activities of the SPF**. The goals are foundational to activities that are supported by all of the board members:

* **To raise the level of awareness within Saskatoon and the surrounding area regarding the SPF and its work**.

Examples:

* the annual raffle, including a ticket/information booth in a local business, and
* workshops related to Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) and children with exceptional learning needs for individuals who work with preschool-age children.
* **To ensure that all children have access to preschool.**

Examples:

* fundraising activities
* tuition subsidies for preschoolers whose families would have difficulty providing the resources, and
* exploration of the gap for preschoolers with a degree of special need that places them in the zone outside the 2% of children who qualify for school division supports (e.g., a preschooler with an intellectual disability in the mild range who may not be toilet trained).
* **To continue to improve public relations and communication.**

Examples:

* website updates,
* presentations and distribution of information about the Foundation at workshops and conferences (e.g., the Preschool Information Registry System),
* invitations to interested individuals to attend our Annual Meeting, and
* recruitment of new board members representing a wide variety of preschool populations

**Workshops for Preschool Teachers**

The SPF continued to sponsor full-day workshops at no cost to participants on topics of interest to preschool and pre-kindergarten teachers. These workshops provided information regarding positive behavior support as well as instructional strategies for children with diverse learning needs. Feedback from the workshops indicated that the participants found the workshops to be highly valuable. Providing the workshops at no cost to the participants makes attendance more accessible due to the financial restraints related to PD for many individuals who work with preschoolers.

**Jean Bacon**

**Budget & Finance Committee**

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.

Ernst & Young LLP were appointed as our auditors. A review, not an audit, was considered appropriate again this year.

**Holly Matkowski,** Chairperson

**Corporate Committee**

Increased demand for tuition subsidies in 2015 meant we had to increase our efforts to obtain new funding opportunities from a variety of groups and foundations. Our individual donor base increased as well. The committee continues to look forward to working hard to support the foundation.

We would like to thank the following corporate, individual and interest group donors. Without their support and generosity we would not be able to continue our work.

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**We are very grateful to:**

**Saskatoon Golf & Country Club –** Meeting space.

**The Saskatoon Public School Division –** providing office space and support.

**Terry Sirois**, Chairperson

**Subsidies to Preschools**

Subsidies totaling $79,568.50 were granted in 2015. These provided preschool tuition for 114 children. The following preschools received assistance:

Alerces Spanish Immersion Preschool

Arlington Preschool

Boy’s & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – College Park Bilingual

Boy’s & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – John Lake Preschool

Buena Vista Creative Preschool

Busy Bees Preschool

Busy Fingers Preschool

Care-A-Lot Preschool

Delisle Playschool Inc.

Dundonald Preschool Inc.

Eastview Centre for Early Learning

Erindale Co-operative Preschool

Explorer’s Preschool

Hampton Free Methodist Preschool

Hansel & Gretel Preschool Inc.

Holliston Community Preschool

Huskie’s Den Preschool

Lawson Heights Co-operative Preschool

L’il Lights Preschool

L’il Vikings Preschool

Little People’s Preschool

Little Sprouts Preschool

Lutheran Early Learning Center

Mes Amis Preschool

Northern Heights Co-op Preschool

North Park Richmond Heights Preschool

North Saskatoon Preschool

Over the Rainbow Preschool

Park Heights Creative Preschool

Petits Pandas Preschool

Queen Elizabeth Co-op Preschool

Rosewood Co-operative Preschool

Saskatoon Misbah School

Sunshine Corner Preschool (Greystone)

Varsity View Co-op Preschool

Willowgrove Preschool

**Seven grants were issued to preschools at a cost of $2,050.00**

**Arley Wieler,** Chairperson

**Preschool Raffle**

Proceeds from this year’s raffle were shared equally between the participating preschools/ prekindergartens and the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation. This year the Board was, once again, able to offer a $100.00 gift certificate from Wintergreen Learning Materials to the preschool that sold the most tickets. Little Sprouts Preschool was the winner, with ticket sales amounting to $1230.00.

We would like to thank the following preschools/ prekindergartens for taking part in the raffle:

Alerces Spanish Immersion Preschool

Boy’s & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – College Park Bilingual

Boy’s & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon – John Lake School

Building Blocks Preschool - Osler

Care-A-Lot Preschool

Dundonald Preschool

Erindale Co-operative Preschool

Holliston Community Preschool

Little People’s Preschool

Little Sprouts Preschool

Northern Heights Co-operative Preschool

Over The Rainbow Preschool

The Foundation would like to thank the following businesses for the raffle prizes:

**Superstore Gift Card –** Donated by Brossart Construction Ltd.

**Prairie Meats Gift Card** – Donated by Prairie Meats

**Skating Package** – Skates, helmet & on-ice sessions donated by Canlan Ice Sports – Gemeni

**Kids Cross Country Ski Set** – Donated by Eb’s Source for Adventure

**Dyson Handheld Vacuum –** Donated by Saskatoon Preschool Foundation Inc.

**Jen Boutin,** Chairperson

**Financial Statements**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**2015 2014**

**ASSETS**

Current assets

Cash $ 88,815 $ 51,875

Accounts receivable $ 47,755 $ 20,244

**$136,570** **$ 72,119**

Investments $495,119 $538,023

**$631,689 $610,142**

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| **LIABILITIES**  Current liabilities |  | |
| Deferred contributions  **NET ASSETS**  Restricted for endowment | $ 2,319 | $ 4,369 |
| purposes | $ 216,212 | $216,212 |
| Unrestricted | 413,158 | 389,561 |
|  | **629,370** | **605,773** |
|  | **$ 631,689 610,142** | |

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2015**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Restricted Unrestricted** | **2015** | **2014** |
| (endowment)  Balance, beginning  Of year $216,212 $389,561 | $ 605,773 | $ 536,090 |
| Excess of revenues  Over expenditures |  |  |
| 00 23,597 | 23,597 | 69,683 |

Balance, end of year

**$216,212** **$413,158** **$629,370** **$605,773**

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2015**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Revenues** | **2015** | **2014** |
| Raffle | 6,380 | 3,867 |
| Contributions | 91,692 | 66,404 |
| **Expenditures** | 98,227 | 95,559 |
| Advertising and promotion | 117 | 205 |
| Insurance | 1,726 | 1,319 |
| Interest and bank charges | 547 | 431 |
| Office | 945 | 3,457 |
| Professional fees | 4,173 | 3,985 |
| Telephone and utilities | 483 | 480 |
| Tuition supplements | 76,366 | 59,415 |

Wages and employee benefits 21,825 20,632

**106,182 89,924**

**Deficiency of revenues over**

**expenditures from operations** (7,955) (5,635)

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| Investment earnings  **Excess of revenues** | 31,552 | 64,048 |
| **over expenditures** | **$ 23,597** | **$ 69,683** |

**Thanks to our Donors!**

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