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President's Message

Dear Friends,

It is with pride that I share a recap of 2023 with you!

There are just over 200 Community Foundations in Canada, and 57 of them are in Manitoba. Manitoba has the largest concentration of Community Foundations per capita in all of North America. Westshore Community Foundation is proud to be a member of the province's philanthropic movement.

Since our inception with one Community Fund 24 years ago, Westshore Community Foundation has grown to 29 Endowment Funds, with total assets of over \$5.4 million dollars and has provided over \$2.1 million in grants, scholarships and disbursements within our catchment area which stretches along the west shore of Lake Winnipeg from Riverton to Dunnottar.

With the help of our generous donors, we were able to continue to fulfill our mission in 2023 of “Building a Lasting Legacy” by providing \$378,520 in support within our catchment area.

At the end of 2023, we saw the departure of Tim Arnason, Darcy Jacobs, Rosanna Cuthbert and Nikki Chapnick from our Board of Directors to pursue their personal interests. The Board expresses its gratitude for their dedicated and committed service. We are pleased to welcome Darin Lemieux, Doug Anderson and Patti McIntyre to our Board and look forward to working with them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our donors, sponsors and volunteers who supported and assisted us in 2023 in our fundraising activities—our annual Lakeview/Westshore Fundraiser Golf Tournament and our New Year's Eve Gala. These fundraisers partially cover our administrative costs to help ensure our Foundation continues to grow.

Next year will be an exciting year for Westshore Community Foundation as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary. Twenty-five years is a very meaningful time for our Foundation. We are humbled by the vision, dedication and commitment of volunteer members of our community who have been a part of the Board of Directors over the years. The years of service, our growth, the trust and respect within the catchment area tells us that our donors and supporters believe in us and reinforces our commitment to continue strive for excellence.

I would also like to encourage you all to follow our social media platforms on Facebook and Instagram, as well as our website, to find out any other special activities for the exciting year to come and read about special milestones in our history.

Our future is bright and our commitment has never been stronger! This is not our Community Foundation, it is YOUR Community Foundation and we are excited to continue to deliver on our mandate.

For further information on Westshore Community Foundation, please visit us at www.westshorefoundation.ca or contact us by e-mail at admin@wcf-foundation.ca or phone at [204-642-9796](tel:204-642-9796).