



Yellowknife
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Annual **Report** 2022

Leadership Message

New beginnings, and a stronger future.

2022 saw us emerging from the challenges of the pandemic, personally, organizationally, and globally.



The past year has been a transformative period for our organization, marked by significant milestones and a renewed sense of purpose. We embarked on a path of resilience and growth, embracing new opportunities and adapting to the ever-changing landscape of Canadian philanthropy. Through the collective efforts of our dedicated team and the unwavering support of our stakeholders, we were able to further our community impact.

In 2022 we were honoured to receive more than \$1.5M in donations, many in memory of family, friends and to strengthen community groups. We embarked on a multi-faceted five-year strategic planning exercise, and we are confident that this work will help us transform our organization. This year also brought into focus the work

we have been doing throughout the NWT as several of our funds have been providing grants and scholarships beyond Yellowknife. This trend will likely continue, and compels us to take a closer look at what this may mean for our organization as a whole.

We are fortunate to work with enthusiastic and skilled board members and staff. Looking ahead, we remain committed to making a lasting impact in our community, while continuing to embrace new beginnings, seeking fresh perspectives, and harnessing the power of collaboration with our grantees, donors and community partners.

On behalf of the Board and Staff, we would like to thank all of our donors for their continued generosity—we could not do this rewarding work without you. And to those who receive funds—thank you for making our communities a better place to live. Together we are realizing the Foundation's vision: **to be a catalyst for sharing, supportive and connected communities.**

Our organization has been so fortunate to work with inspiring leaders. We remember Bronwyn Watters and Elaine Keenan-Bengts for their many years of service to the Foundation and our broader community.

Another loss to our community is Gerry Avery. Not only was he a founding member, but his firm, Avery, Cooper and Co. continues to be a strong supporter of the Foundation.



Why do people give through the Foundation?



Lance Morrison – Sharon Morrison Memorial Indigenous Education Fund

“When we moved to Yellowknife in 1981, we moved here with no family, no support, and little money. My parents were both high school drop-outs and not a lot of opportunities were available. In 1985, my mom decided to make changes. Aurora College was launching a Homecare/ Long-Term Care program, and Mom saw her chance to break the cycle of poverty we had always known. In her later years, she was passionate about learning nêhiyawêwin, our ancestral language. Mom’s traditional name was Red Butterfly Woman and when we look at the lifecycle of a butterfly – from caterpillar to cocoon to butterfly – it represents a life of amazing transformation. Therefore, I wanted to ensure these bursaries and grants would also be transformational to their recipients. Mom would be glad her legacy can live on in these recipients for years to come.”



Gordon Parker – Helen and John Parker Community Fund

“Helen and John Parker focused so much of their lives on helping and supporting others, not for personal accolades but in the spirit of making the community stronger. Their hearts will always be in Yellowknife, as they both wished to see the community grow and prosper into the future. The fund established in their names will hopefully continue that community support, and perhaps encourage future community developers to follow the path.”



In late 2022, and early 2023, we created and approved our 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. Through these exercises, we have recreated our Mission, Vision and Values.

MISSION:

The Yellowknife Community Foundation is a charitable organization that inspires and enables impactful giving in Yellowknife and the Northwest Territories. We strive to align donor interests and community needs through evidence-based grant-making, fundraising, strategic investment, public education, and community relations.

VISION:

Our vision is to be a catalyst for sharing, supportive and connected communities.

VALUES:

Generosity, Integrity, Learning, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, Fiscal Prudence.

Yellowknife Community Foundation funds by type

Administration Funds	\$605,733
Community Impact Fund	\$1,840,934
Resilient Communities Fund	\$107,128
Northern Legacy Funds	\$19,700
Field of Interest	\$935,612
Designated Funds	\$136,824
Hybrid Funds	\$610,625
Pending Funds	\$1,234,769
Student Award Funds	\$1,617,340

New Funds Established in 2022

- Sharon Morrison Memorial Indigenous Education Fund
- Jerry and Monica Loomis Sahtu Education Legacy Fund
- Milo Martin Memorial Fund
- Eugene Roach Memorial Fund
- Holy Family Lutheran Legacy Fund
- Gerry Avery Memorial Administration Fund
- Eva Henderson Memorial Fund
- Helen and John Parker Community Fund

Visit our website at www.ykcf.ca for a full list of our funds!

Community Impact

In 2022, we gave out more than \$192,000 and since our inception, have directed almost \$1 million to various projects, programs and people throughout the Northwest Territories.

Fund/Fund Type

Impact

	Program & Initiative	Awarded
Student Award Funds	Student awards, scholarships & bursaries to NWT residents	\$38,000
Community Impact Fund	Habitat for Humanity NWT – modular home build	\$35,000
	Yellowknife Tennis Club – equipment and upgrades	\$3,300
	Folk on the Rocks – barrier free improvements to site	\$8,000
	Foster Family Coalition of the NWT – equipment for tutoring centre	\$22,000
	NWT Literacy Council – building upgrades	\$12,000

Fund/Fund Type**Impact**

	Program & Initiative	Awarded
Albert Hall Seniors Enhancement Fund	AVENS – A Community for Seniors – flexipasses for Yellowknife facility use	\$1,750
Helen and John Parker Community Fund	CNIB – CNIB Mobile Hub	\$2,000
	Foster Family Coalition of the NWT – Northern Stars program	\$4,000
	YWCA – Good Food Box for Families program	\$4,000
Barb Bromley Fund for Seniors and Elders	Alzheimer Society of AB/NWT – “Let’s sing” program	\$5,000
	Yellowknife Women’s Society – rent security and health equipment program	\$5,000
Elliot Michael Brown Fund	Jessica Francis – Yikaih Creations	\$5,000
Chris Argue Memorial Fund	Aisling Dunn – cross country ski program	\$1,500
Get Her Elected Fund	She Can Campaigns	\$2,000
Helmets for Hardy	St. Patrick’s High School – helmet giveaway	\$4,000
Loraine Minish Cooper Garden of Hope Fund	City of Yellowknife – garden maintenance	\$2,800
Mary Beth Miller Memorial Fund	Wren Acorn – speedskating program expenses	\$1,000

Granting Stories from 2022



"I was awarded the Elliot Michael Brown Fund in 2022 for my sewing business Yikaih Creations. The grant has been so beneficial to my small business! I have been able to purchase small tanned hide portions from local elder tanners which contributes to my community. I was able to attend small local markets to advertise my sewing business which led to me being able to attend the Adaka Cultural Festival in Whitehorse Yukon. Being awarded these funds has also encouraged me as an entrepreneur."

Jessica Francis, Yikaih Creations
2022 Recipient of the Elliot Michael Brown Fund

"The funding received from the Helen and John Park Community Fund has been essential to supporting program development and allowing the program to thrive! The after-school program, catering to the needs of children and families with experience with the foster care system, focuses on providing children with fun, inclusive and accessible recreational, cultural and educational programming. Funding has supported activities from baking to dog sledding and giving these children memories they can cherish forever!"

Foster Family Coalition of the NWT
2022 Recipient of the Helen and John Parker Community Fund

"I received the Pat McMahon Memorial Fund at the beginning of the 2022 academic year while completing a Master of Public Administration. It was an honour to receive this award as the person it is named for was instrumental in many areas of public administration in the City of Yellowknife. The funds alleviated some of the financial pressures being a mother and working full time. The scholarship assisted greatly!"

Melanie Gentles,
2022 Recipient of the Pat McMahon Memorial Fund

Watch for more of these impact stories



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We thank our knowledgeable, passionate, and dedicated volunteer board of directors for their excellent guidance and support.

Ian Legaree – Celebrating 30 Years with YKCF

Yes, it's true!—Ian was one of our founding board members in 1993; he has served for three consecutive 9-year terms, with a year off in between. Ian has had a hand in all aspects of the Foundation—helping to shape governance, granting, finance and communications policies.

Our heartfelt thank you! to Ian for his dedication to the Foundation.

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The Yellowknife Community Foundation's physical office is located in Sòmba K'è on Chief Drygeese Territory in Treaty 8, the traditional home of the Yellowknives Deve and the North Slave Metis, also known as Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.