

# 2017 ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT











#### Vision:

To stimulate a world of generosity and positive social change through fundraising best practice.

#### Mission:

The Association of Fundraising Professionals empowers individuals and organizations to practice ethical fundraising through professional education, networking, research and advocacy.

### **Guiding Principles:**

Ethics and Trust. As champions of ethical fundraising, fundraising professionals work to increase public trust in charitable giving. We are accountable to donors and their organizations to perform to the highest standards. We practice courage and integrity in the stewardship of private and public resources.

**Professional Preparation.** Fundraising professionals are prepared to serve as leaders and mentors within and on behalf of our organizations. We embrace continuing education and credentialing as pathways to advance in all stages of our professional careers. We use knowledge and skills to strengthen our organizations and communities. We understand, promote and share best practices to use and grow the fundraising body of knowledge.

**Advancing Philanthropy.** Fundraising professionals are leaders in developing a culture of philanthropy within our organizations and communities. We train staff, Board's and volunteers in ethical and effective fundraising practices. We work across organizations and nations to advance positive social change.

Inclusivity. Fundraising professionals reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. We work to address the needs of a diverse society. We welcome and support a diversity of individuals and offer pathways for them to succeed.

Partnership and Collaboration. Fundraising professionals are trusted partners with donors in achieving social good. We collaborate locally and globally with other organizations around shared priorities. We work effectively with decision makers in government and business to achieve shared objectives through philanthropy.

Creativity and Innovation. Fundraising professionals stimulate giving through innovative practices and solutions. We imagine and research new ways to connect with donors and achieve results. We share effective ideas and techniques to promote success across the philanthropic sector.



### President's Report Carolyn Basha, CFRE



Carolyn Basha, CFRE

It has been an honour to serve as the President of the Board for the AFP Manitoba Chapter for the past two years. AFP Manitoba is part of an international association of fundraising professionals with chapters across Canada, throughout the United States, Mexico and beyond. In my leadership role with our local chapter I have had the opportunity to collaborate with fundraising colleagues and chapter leaders. In this international landscape of more than 200 chapters, our Manitoba Chapter is respected for its work and achievements.

In 2017, we were recognized with the designations of Ten Star Gold as well as the Friends of Diversity award. These achievements are earned through the hard work of our Board and committees and the commitment to the association by our membership and the community. Our combined efforts in chapter growth, education, advocacy, diversity and the support of AFP International's work resulted in these significant accolades.

On a national and international front, there have been some notable milestones in the past year. In October, 2017, AFP International announced the appointment of a new CEO, Mike Geiger. On the Canadian front, the first AFP Canada Board was created and announced at the International Conference in May 2017. Our local member, Pam Simmons was named as one of the founding members of this new Canadian Board. The creation of a Canadian Board will bring an elevated voice for Canada to AFP and I believe will net future positive results for chapters throughout Canada.



In my role as President, I have been focusing on the following five priorities: 1) Strategic Communications Planning and Implementation 2) Diversity and Inclusion Programming 3) Building support for members new to the profession 4) Raising the profile for AFP locally and 5) Creating a shared file system for Chapter materials. I would like to thank the Board for their work with me on these priorities. Our progress in 2017 in these areas are highlighted through individual Board reports. I have noted some of the achievements below:

- The Chapter made initial preparations to select and fund a provider to develop a communications plan for the Chapter with a focus on raising awareness of AFP, supporting membership and promoting our programs.
- Our Diversity and Inclusion Chair, Mary Beth Taylor organized a diversity panel presentation at the Western Canadian Fundraising Conference in June, 2017.
- We launched a new mentorship program last spring and continued to grow the program in the Fall, 2017
- We participated in the Day in the Ridings government advocacy efforts and connected with Manitoba MPs.
- Our 2017 Manitoba Philanthropy Awards moved to the RBC Convention Centre this year, elevating the opportunity to bring in more guests and the increase visibility for AFP through this event.

With the generous support of our members and those who believe in the work of AFP, 2017 was an exemplary year for the fundraising efforts of the Every Member Campaign. We increased our donations by approximately 25% over the previous year.

It is clear to me that we are very fortunate to have the commitment of our members and volunteers who serve on the Board and committees. Your generous gifts of time, talent and treasure is critical to our Chapter's success. I would also like to thank our chapter administrator, Lise Carbonneau for her work in our day to day operations. Our Chapter is better because of all of you. In particular I would like to recognize our hard working Board for their dedication. And it is with deep gratitude and a fond farewell that I recognize three members who are leaving the Board this year after a significant and productive tenure: Tania Douglas - Past-Chair, Bridgette Parker - Treasurer, and Tim Sidock -Co-Chair, National Philanthropy Day.

### Past President's Report

Nominating and Governance report, Tania Douglas, CFRE



2017 Board of Directors: Front row: Carolyn Basha, Bridgette Parker, Sana Mahboob, Monica Dinney, Mary Beth Taylor, Courtney Leiman Back row: Heidi Struck, Pam Simmons, Bill Pratt, Kris Olafson, Tim Sidock, Kristen Pachet, Tania Douglas (missing: Kristine Betker, Danielle Robidoux, Stephanie Bevacqua)

#### **Committee Members:**

Carolyn Basha, CFRE and Sana Mahboob

I would like to thank the following Board members who are completing their term of service or have stepped down from the Board of Directors during the 2017/2018 term.

Kristine Betker

Bridgette Parker, CFRE

Tania Douglas, CFRE

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Kris Olafson

Tim Sidock

During the 2017/2018 term, the Board of Directors welcomed Heidi Struck by special election into the vacant position of Sponsorship & Stewardship, and more recently, Genevieve Cloutier into the vacant Professional Development Co-Chair position. We are happy to have their expertise and enthusiasm at the Board level.

As noted above, this is also my last term of service and after nearly 8 years, I am truly proud to have been a part of the work that AFP does to advance the fundraising profession and promote philanthropy. I would like to thank all members of the 2017/2018 Board of Directors for their volunteer time and dedication. I am continually amazed by your passion and I know that AFP Manitoba is in good hands.

#### Nomination Slate AFP Board of Directors 2018/2019

The Nominating committee is pleased to present the following slate of Directors for consideration at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. If approved, these members will serve in the following positions from July 1st 2018 to June 30th 2019.

POSITION	July 1/ 2018 - June 30/2019		
■ President	Sana Mahboob Annual Giving Officer University of Manitoba		
■ Past-President/Nominations	Carolyn Basha, CFRE Director of Major Gifts University of Manitoba		
■ President-Elect	Nicole Hrehirchuk National Manager, Stewardship World Vision Canada		
■ Treasurer	Valorie Block, CFRE Assistant Director, Donor Relations MCC -Mennonite Central Committee		
■ Awards & Scholarships	Pam Simmons, CFRE President Coreniche Consulting Inc.		
■ Government Relations	Bill Pratt, CFRE Director of Development Winnipeg Art Gallery		
■ EMC/Resource Development	Courtney Leiman Annual & Mid-Level Giving Officer Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba		
■ Membership	Kristen Pachet Student Recruitment Events Coordinator University of Manitoba		

POSITION	July 1/ 2018 - June 30/2019
■ Communications	Allison Zacharias Annual Giving Officer St. Amant Foundation
■ Outreach	Stephanie Bevacqua Donor Relations Officer Winnipeg Humane Society
■ National Philanthropy Day Co-Chair	Vacant
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■ Professional Development Co-Chair	Monica Dinney, CFRE Executive Director Bookmates Inc.
■ Professional Development Co-Chair	Genevieve Cloutier Alumnae Relations Coordinator Balmoral Hall School
■ Sponsorship & Stewardship	Heidi Struck Director of Development MTYP – Manitoba Theatre for Young People
■ Diversity and Ethics	Mary Beth Taylor, CFRE President & Chief Fundraising Strategist The Creaddo Group Inc.
■ Mentorship	Karen Fowler, CFRE Major Gifts Officer St. Boniface Hospital Foundation
■ Member-at-large (on leave)	Danielle Robidoux Development Officer St. Boniface Hospital Foundation

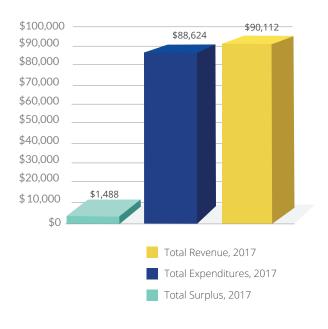
### Treasurer's Report

Bridgette Parker, CFRE

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the 2017 consolidated financial statements for the Association of Fundraising Professionals - Manitoba Chapter. The statements were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at the April 10, 2018 Board meeting. I am pleased to report that we completed the 2017 fiscal year in a surplus position. My thanks to the Board for their prudent management of their portfolios to achieve these positive results and to Lise Carbonneau for her ongoing administrative work.

### **Revenue and Expenditures**

During the 2017 fiscal year, the Association of Fundraising Professionals Manitoba Chapter had total revenue from all sources of \$90,112 and total expenditures of \$88,624 resulting in a surplus of \$1,488. Overall our revenue and expenses were down compared to 2016. This is mainly related to the bump that the Leadership Retreat, hosted by the Manitoba Chapter in summer 2016 created in the previous fiscal year.





#### **Total Assets**

At the end of fiscal year 2017, the Chapter had total assets of \$77,986 up from \$76,498 in the 2016 fiscal year. The 2017 assets consisted of a \$20,411 term deposit GIC and a \$10,135 redeemable term deposit GIC with Assiniboine Credit Union and a high-interest account and a non-interest bearing chequing account with Assiniboine Credit Union with a combined balance of \$36,056.41. The Chapter at year end had \$840 in accounts payable.

### Awards and Scholarships

Chair: Pam Simmons, CFRE

The Manitoba Chapter of AFP continues to be committed to supporting members in their professional development by sponsoring a program of education grants. Scholarships and educational grants increase member's professionalism, knowledge, and skills by providing financial support to attend relevant conferences, courses, and workshops offered locally, nationally and internationally.

This Committee also facilitates the search for nominations and judging for the Manitoba Philanthropy Awards given out each year in November on National Philanthropy Day.

#### **AFP Professional Development Spring Grants**

Tania Douglas, formerly Planned Giving Officer, Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba for the Western Canada Fundraising Conference

Allison Zacharias, Annual Giving Officer, St. Amant Foundation, AFP Fundamentals of Fundraising eLearning Course

Chantal Champagne, Partnership & Events Coordinator, St. Amant Foundation, AFP Fundamentals of Fundraising eLearning Course

#### **AFP Manitoba Susan Storey Scholarship Fall Grants**

Bill Pratt, CFRE, Development Director, Winnipeg Art Gallery for the 2018 AFP International Conference.

Zoé Nakata, AFP Manitoba Executive Director, Ste-Anne Fund Inc. for the 2018 AFP International Conference.

#### Manitoba Chamberlain Scholarship

Sana Mahboob, Annual Giving Officer, University of Manitoba to the AFP 2018 International Conference.

#### **National Philanthropy Day** - Manitoba Philanthropy Awards

- Outstanding Philanthropist Gail Asper, O.C., O.M. Co-nominated by University of Manitoba and Royal MTC
- Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Tina Jones Nominated by Health Science Centre Foundation
- Outstanding Large Philanthropic Organization - The Richardson's Group of Companies Co-nominated by University of Manitoba and Royal MTC
- Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Over 15 - Chelsey Meade Nominated by University of Manitoba
- Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Under 15 - Atticus McIlraith Nominated by Winnipeg Harvest
- Outstanding Professional Fundraiser
  - Diane Boyle

Co-nominated by Gail Asper and Carolyn Basha

Thank you to the 2017 adjudicating committee: Susan Glass, Michel Lagacé, Harvey Secter, Leslie Weir, and Phil Chiappetta.

Members of the Awards and Scholarships Committee: Pam Simmons (Chair), Juliette Mucha, Shona Connolly, Derek Yarnell, Jackie Markstrom, Kirsten Halden.



Past and current Award recipients: John Buhler, Gail Asper, Bonnie Buhler and Marjorie Blankstein

### **Government Relations**

Chair: William Pratt, CFRE

The Government Relations Committee was active in 2017-18. The committee actively participated in national government relations committee meetings. The national committee was heavily focused on an initiative named, "A Day in the Ridings". Chapters across Canada met with Members of Parliament and made connections to AFP. The Manitoba Chapter participated in this initiative.

In Manitoba, the Government Relations Committee provided briefing notes to the chapter Board of directors when provincial and federal budgets and thrones speeches were delivered.

A special thank you goes out to Scott McFadyen for his volunteer work with the committee this past year. In particular, Scott played an important role in helping with issues related to social impact bonds and provincial funding for social service organizations.

### Communications

Chair: Kristen Pachet

The Communications committee continues to raise awareness of the Manitoba Chapter. Using e-blasts, all events, professional development opportunities and scholarships and awards are communicated to members regularly.

Through our three social media platforms, we continue to post communications, often on a bi-weekly basis. Highlights from this year include profiles of our Manitoba Philanthropy Award winners and any post referring to our job Board!

We look forward to working toward a full integrated strategic communications plan over the next year.



We continue to work toward our goal of engaging both members and non-members and elevating the fundraising profession in our province.

### **Every Member Campaign**

Chair: Courtney Leiman



Thank you to all our Every Member Campaign Donors. 2017 was a successful year for the Every Member Campaign.

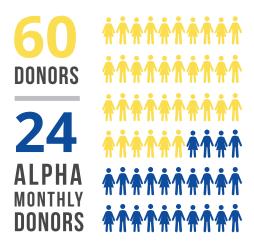
The AFP Manitoba chapter met our high-range goal, had 100% Board participation and had an increase in total funds raised from 2016.

Donations to the Every Member Campaign provides AFP Manitoba with funds for scholarships/bursaries; mentoring and training opportunities; development of new educational programs; as well as increasing the public's awareness by funding important sector research and promoting National Philanthropy Day.

Consider making an investment in yourself and your fundraising career. Please consider becoming an Every Member Campaign Donor in 2018. Thank you.

## 201/ RESULTS





**PARTICIPATION RATE OF MEMBERS** 

31%

PERCENTAGE OF ALPHA DONORS 40%

### **Every Member Campaign 2017 Donor List**

Jennifer Aarhus	Tansey Buike, CFRE	Lori Hunter	Kristen Pachet	Vanessa Shaff
Laura Asher	Genevieve Cloutier	Marian Jones, CFRE	Bridgette V. Parker, CFRE	Tim Sidock
Ron Bailey, CFRE	Monica L. Dinney,	Katarina Kupca		Pamela Simmons,
Christina Barwinsky,	CFRE	Courtney Leiman	Kathy Penner	CFRE, APR, BA
CFRE	Tania Douglas, CFRE	Crystal Leochko	William Pratt, CFRE	Judy Slivinski
Carolyn Basha, CFRE	Val Dunphy	Johnston, MA, BA	Roberta Pronteau,	Shelly Smith-Hines
Kristine Betker,	Karen Fowler, CFRE	Jonathon Lyon	CFRE	Karrie Smyth
CFRE, BA	Krislyn Gutierrez,	Sana Mahboob	Lawrence Prout, CFRE	Heidi Struck
Stephanie Bevacqua	CFRE	Pamela McFarlane	Aimee Rice, MA	Charlotte Sytnyk
Joan Blight	Kirsten M.H. Halden,	Thomas McLeod		Mary Beth Taylor,
Valorie Block,	CFRE	Laura Milanda	Carolyn Rickey, CFRE	CFRE
CFRE, MA	Janet e Hamel	Laura Mikuska	Patricia Robertson	Kyla Wiebe, BA
Gina Borkofski	Nicole Hrehirchuk	Juliette Mucha	Danielle Robidoux	
Diane Boyle	Dawn Huck	Kristine Olafson, BA	Tara Sawchuk	Justin Wilson
	- Janni Hack		- rara sarreman	Anastasia Ziprick, BA

My AFP membership is my most valuable tool as a fundraiser. With it, I have been able to keep up-to-date with best-practices, have the endorsement of an ethical code, and create a solid network of colleagues from across Canada who I can call on for advice or expertise. Being an AFP member has made all the difference in my career.

- Tania Douglas (AFP member since January, 2007)

### Membership

Chair: Nicole Hrehirchuk

Membership Committee: Arthur Heathcote, The Salvation Army, Lesley Lewis, University of Manitoba

The AFP Manitoba Chapter started the year strong with 220 members as of January 1, 2017, ending the year soft with a membership complement of 189. Even though this year saw membership dip, our Chapter remains relatively healthy. New initiatives were launched in 2017 to aid in the increase of membership including a recruitment campaign with a Chapter rebate offer, as well as informal networking sessions held bi-monthly across the city to bring members and non-members together more frequently. In addition, AFP International brought forward a new payment installment plan for Professional and Associate Membership categories.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Membership Mixer was a wonderful success held at the unique and collaborative "Across the Board" restaurant and game house in downtown Winnipeg. "Funding Change" was our sponsor for the event and held an engaging presentation on their business offerings to our fellow members. With several informal networking get-togethers throughout the year, we ended with an ethics learning session holiday bash at" The Pony Corral Pier 7" which was a learning and festively social experience for all who attended!



Throughout 2018, AFP Manitoba will remain focused on offering maximum value for your membership with continued receptivity to innovation and creativity for exceptional engagement.

We are continuously striving to grow and diversify our membership to help those in our profession expand their fundraising knowledge and maximize their career potential and gain the benefit of a local peer group.

Thank you to the membership who engaged in the Association offerings this year! We welcome your ongoing feedback and input on how we can serve you better. Thank you also for your commitment to your profession and to AFP Manitoba! We look forward to enhancing the value of your membership in 2018!

### **Quotes from members:**

I decided to become an AFP member because I believe that donors are sophisticated and that they expect & deserve the very best from major gift professionals. AFP provides the support and education required to stay updated on the latest changes and opportunities in the charitable sector.

- Rob Berkowits (AFP member since January, 2018)

My subscription to AFP Manitoba has been an invaluable asset in my professional career. The AFP membership has allowed me to network with outstanding fundraisers in our community and connect with other similar non-profit organizations with a spirit of collaboration. The professional development offered at in-person luncheons, webinars and online tools and resources has expanded my technical knowledge in the field helping me achieve fundraising goals and improve performance.

- Zoé Nakata (AFP member since July, 2014)



Tim Sidock, Co-Chair, National Philanthropy Day Sana Mahboob, President-Elect and Chrissy Troy, MC

### **Professional Development Report**

Co-Chairs: Kristine Betker, CFRE and Monica Dinney, CFRE

The Manitoba Chapter of AFP supports members in their professional development through providing regular education sessions on a range of topics, and relevant for those at different stages in their careers.

In 2017, we conducted a member survey for ideas and suggestions for upcoming sessions. We offered seven education sessions, including one at the Western Canada Fundraising Conference held in Winnipeg in June. We also hosted a conference call offering information for those interested in obtaining their CFRE credential.

The sessions offer information, inspiration and networking opportunities for our members and the fundraising community as a whole.

We wish to acknowledge and thank all of the presenters who shared their expertise on a variety of relevant and motivating topics, outlined in the accompanying chart.

We appreciate the support of our colleagues on the Board and all of our Manitoba Chapter members who demonstrate their commitment to our profession by attending these professional development opportunities as well as offering ideas for future speakers and topics.

Special thanks to TELUS for their generous sponsorship support for our March session, "Tales from the trenches: an insider's look at corporate funding".

We look forward to continue learning and working together to advance philanthropy in Manitoba.

January 26, 17	March 1, 17	April 6, 17	May 10, 17
Education Session	Education Session	Education Session	AGM & Membership Mixer
Kimberley Mackenzie, CFRE	Shannon Gorman Christi Cruz	Mary Beth Taylor, CFRE and Damon Johnston	Chapter President, Chair, Membership
Transformative Leadership (Full Day Workshop)	Tales from the trenches; an insider's look at corporate funding	How the beauty of Indigenous perspectives on philanthropy can impact our local charitable sector	Annual General Meeting & Networking Event

June 1-3, 17	September 26, 17	October 25, 17	November 21, 17	December 11, 17
Education Session, presented at the Western Canada Fundraising Conference	Education Session	Education Session	Education Session	Education Session Conference call
Mary Beth Taylor, CFRE, Bruce Miller, Damon Johnston and Rick Frost	William Pratt, CFRE	Buffy Davey	Shannon Doolittle	Carolyn Basha, CFRE, Lesley Philips, Certification Coordinator, CFRE International, Kristine Betker, CFRE, Monica Dinney, CFRE
Can Philanthropy be a tool for Reconciliation? Philanthropy in for First Nations, Metis & Inuit Communities	Leading a Charity	Social Media	Webinar: Getting to Know You: Donor Surveys for the Win	Information Session - CFRE Certification

### Sponsorship and Stewardship

Chair: Heidi Struck

AFP Manitoba is grateful for the support of our numerous sponsors during 2017. TELUS presented our March professional development session Tales from the trenches; an insider's look at corporate funding featuring speaker Shannon Gorman and Christi Cruz. Funding Change sponsored our 2017 Annual General Meeting and offered an interactive presentation for our membership. As well, our sponsors helped us formally recognize the contributions of philanthropists, volunteers and professional fundraisers at the Manitoba Philanthropy Awards luncheon.

Thank you to the following sponsors for choosing to support the 2017 Manitoba Philanthropy Awards:

#### **Award Sponsors**

- Great-West Life
- The Winnipeg Foundation
- Investors Group

#### **President's Reception Sponsor:**

University of Manitoba

#### **Partner**

- KCI Philanthropy
- **RBC Convention Centre**
- United Way

#### Contributor

**Brook Recognition** 

#### **In-Kind Sponsors**

- Digital Drum
- Freeman Audio Visual
- Winnipeg Metro
- Quantum Graphics and Consulting

### Diversity and Ethics

Chair: Mary Beth Taylor

AFP Manitoba has provided its membership with increased education in ethics and diversity and inclusion. Membership participated in an ethics forum, presented by Bill Pratt and Mary Beth Taylor that outlined scenarios and encouraged audience participation in determining the ethical response. Thankfully, our Chapter members present had a perfect score during this presentation!

AFP Manitoba believes strongly in diversity and inclusion to create a strong, vital and united force for the effective pursuit of an organization's mission and achieving philanthropic success. We view diversity as seeking and achieving a broad representation of experiences, perspectives, opinions and cultures to ensure that our community has the best possible thinking, ideas, opportunities, and solutions to create a respectful and welcoming environment that appreciates the unique contribution of every member of our community. This year, we continued on our Reconciliation journey and are committed to this as an ongoing focus of our work. AFP Manitoba presented two presentations that highlighted the opportunities for Philanthropy as a form of Reconciliation and provided a toolkit to our membership on ways to incorporate the actions of the TRC within their organizations. This will be developed more formally in 2018, along with the recruitment of a formal committee to oversee this important work for our Chapter. We are grateful to the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg for their ongoing education and partnership with our Chapter.

### Community Outreach Report

Chair: Stephanie Bevacqua, Committee members: Zoé Nakata, Roxanne Tackie



As a new portfolio on the AFP Manitoba Chapter Board, Community Outreach has a mission to engage with the community and establish an ongoing dialogue with professionals in the fundraising field. In addition, we are working to engage professionals outside of the fundraising field to help promote AFP & fundraising professionals.

We are encouraging new professionals to grow their fundraising knowledge and seek support from other AFP members to grow the community. A CFRE study group has been brought together for fundraising professionals wanting to write their CFRE in 2018 and we are very impressed with the interest that was expressed for this group.

In addition, we have been attending the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce Luncheons to connect & network with hundreds of business professionals to promote AFP and our fundraising community.

To further build AFP Manitoba's branding and credibility to the public, the Community Outreach portfolio has purchased a domain and provided each of our Board chairs professional AFP e-mails. Our website can now be more easily accessed by visiting afpmanitoba.org.

We are looking forward to further connecting and building our Fundraising Community in 2018.

The Community Outreach team has worked hard to engage with fundraising professionals who are not yet members of the AFP community and involve them by participating in various AFP events.

### National Philanthropy Day Report

Co-Chairs: Tim Sidock, Kris Olafson

Committee: Sana Mahboob, Kristen Pachet, Pamela Simmons, Monica Wood, Ashley Davidson, Heidi Struck



2017 Award recipients and presenters: Carolyn Basha, Gail Asper, Daryl Levy, Diane Boyle, Kelly Harris, Tina Jones, Janice Filmon, Katerina Bletnisky, Atticus McIlraith, Cathy Cox, Julie West, Susan Hagemeister, Chelsey Meade

National Philanthropy Day is an annual celebration of philanthropy and in Manitoba we recognize this day with our Manitoba Philanthropy Awards. This is a highlight of the year for the Chapter as we pay tribute to the leaders, volunteers and donors in our community. This year's event featured six outstanding recipients. Their impact, as expressed by their nominators, has made our community better in so many ways from world class museums and the performing arts, to poverty and social issues, hospitals, education and so much more. Our 2017 award recipients and nominators are listed in the Awards and Scholarship Report.

While we were challenged by some early winter weather on the morning of November 15th, the snow and the slippery roads did not stop our guests from making their way to the RBC Convention Centre for the Awards Luncheon event. More than 300 guests attended to help recognize this year's honourees. In attendance were past recipients, nominators and nominees, fundraising leaders and AFP members, volunteers and community supporters.

The event was hosted by 103.1 Virgin Radio Host Chrissy Troy. Featured speakers and honoured guests included the Honourable Janice C. Filmon and the Honourable Cathy Cox.

This was the first year that the event took place in the RBC Convention Centre and this new venue offered a great space for the pre - event reception that was open to all attendees this year. Both the reception and the lunch was a wonderful celebration of philanthropy thanks to the hard work and dedication of the National Philanthropy Day committee. Special thanks to Chrissy Troy for hosting and to Geraldine De Braune for her contributions to our video presentation. As well, we are so grateful for our sponsors who help to deliver this exceptional event.

- Quote from Chelsey Meade (recipient of the Youth in Philanthropy Award (16-25)

Chelsey Meade discovered philanthropy as a little girl living in The Pas. She and her dad would walk to the local store for an ice cream treat.

"Attached to the DQ was a liquor mart so a lot of the homeless or less fortunate people would hang around there," explains Meade.

"When we left DQ my dad would hand me our change and tell me to give it to the people outside. I think when I stopped to talk to them and saw their face light up, regardless of how much we gave, was really my first 'aha' moment. The moment I realised I was helping people and could make a difference."



### "Excerpt from the Lieutenant Governor's remarks at the 2017 Manitoba Philanthropy Awards"

"This year, as I have been visiting communities large and small, taking part in festivals and celebrations, and applauding at performances and awards ceremonies, I have been thinking of the many Manitobans who commit themselves to creating that Canada.

Some of them found great public institutions. Others find the time for a volunteer shift at the local community centre. And they do everything in between.

Some of them devote large amounts of their time and energy for years and decades to the public good.

Those are the people we celebrate today – outstanding philanthropists and volunteers, fundraising professionals, inspiring young people with careers in volunteering ahead of them, and the leaders who dedicate their organizations to philanthropy".

- The Honourable Janice Filmon, C.M., O.M. Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

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