

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Steinbach
Community
Foundation

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THANK-YOU

All gifts small or large add up to a strong, vibrant, and caring community. Thank you to all SCF donors for your partnership and investment in communities in southeast Manitoba.

THE STEINBACH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INC.

We acknowledge that the Steinbach Community Foundation operates on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We recognize that our community is located on Treaty 1 and Treaty 3 Territories, and we respect the spirit and intent of the Treaties made with these Nations.

We honor the history and contributions of Indigenous peoples and are committed to moving forward in partnership, in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. We strive to foster a community that respects and celebrates the diverse cultures and traditions of all who call this land home.

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TOTAL GRANTS

\$231,022.07



GIVING TO YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Your local Community Foundation is a charitable non-profit organization that contributes time, leadership and financial support to initiatives that benefit your community most.



DRIVING AWARENESS A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Over the past year, The Steinbach Community Foundation has continued to strengthen its visibility, community presence, and regional impact through intentional outreach and awareness-building initiatives.

A successful wine and cheese event helped raise awareness of SCF leadership while also shining a light on the new building expansion project at the Pat Porter Active Living Centre. In addition, grants were awarded to 10 fire departments throughout southeastern Manitoba, reinforcing awareness that these communities fall within SCF's expanded catchment area.

SCF also hosted a grant awards evening and launched a new promotional video highlighting grants distributed in Steinbach and Ste. Anne. Outreach efforts to the Rural Municipality of Reynolds resulted in the establishment of a new community fund, while additional outreach to other rural municipalities helped communicate that The Steinbach Community Foundation is open for business and available to support local community initiatives.

The organization also celebrated the establishment of two additional new funds this year. The Giving Challenge continues to grow in both participation and visibility, including a new partnership with Clearview Co-op, where coffee sale proceeds from two days of sales across 12 southeastern Manitoba locations supported the initiative.

Internally, SCF developed a new three-year strategic plan focused on outreach, awareness, and building organizational strength through strong policies, processes, and governance practices.

SCF also continued its education in Indigenous engagement through partnerships with The Winnipeg Foundation, focusing on training opportunities and strengthening connections with local First Nations communities.

Moving forward, The Steinbach Community Foundation looks forward to building on the successes of 2025 by continuing to strengthen community partnerships, expand regional outreach, and create opportunities that support vibrant and sustainable communities throughout southeastern Manitoba.



Thank you to our fundholders and donors for your trust and support of the Foundation. Through your generosity, we are able to fulfill our mission to help our community thrive equally, now and in the future, by supporting a legacy of generosity and caring that connects donors and community partners to address the needs of our community.

Thank you as well to our grant recipients for their dedication and continued service in improving the quality of life for residents throughout southeastern Manitoba. We are proud to partner with you in this important work.

Warm regards,

Mary Jane Hiebert, Chairperson
The Steinbach Community Foundation Inc.

SCF — ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Steinbach Community Foundation Inc. (SCF) is a member of Endow Manitoba of The Winnipeg Foundation (TWF). TWF holds all SCF's endowment funds for investment purposes. Being a member of TWF not only provides the Steinbach Community Foundation with stronger interest rates and greater returns on investment, but it also provides the opportunity to work with the Endow Manitoba team. Endow MB offers professional training, educational resources, and general support SCF may require from time to time to grow and flourish within the community foundation movement.

NOTE: Except where marked, the following funds are open and will accept gifts made by any person, business, non-profit, or corporation.

GENERAL COMMUNITY FUND

A Non-Designated Endowment Fund developed to support general community projects for the SCF catchment area as determined by the SCF Board. All grant decisions are made by the SCF's board in accordance with SCF's granting policy and CRA rules and guidelines.

ARTS STABILIZATION FUND

A Designated Endowment Fund created by Arts Stabilization Manitoba, Inc. to support the Steinbach Arts Council's internal operations regarding office equipment, computer software, and/or hardware, professional development, and/or engaging a consultant to improve organizational effectiveness.

NAMED FAMILY FUNDS

Designated or Donor Advised Endowment Funds created and augmented by individuals or families. These fundholders have the ability to recommend grants made to support their preferred charity or field of interest.

MENNONITE HERITAGE VILLAGE HERITAGE FUND

An Agency Endowment Fund set up to support the long-term sustainable revenue for the day to day administrative work of MHV Museum. For every \$2 gift to the fund, the Manitoba Heritage Trust Program administered by The Winnipeg Foundation will stretch the gift with an additional \$1. If the funds available from the Manitoba Heritage Trust Endowment Fund are insufficient to payout at the \$1 for \$2 rate, then stretch will be applied on a pro-rated basis. Deadline for qualifying gifts is September 30 each year.

MENNONITE HERITAGE VILLAGE SIGNATURE MUSEUM FUND

A Designated Endowment Fund founded by the Manitoba government to provide annual support for governance and management, operational standards, and enhancement of visitor experiences at the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum. **Closed fund.**

Through the interest earned on the above endowment funds, SCF provides grants to support local projects and programs focused on youth, seniors, arts, culture and heritage, health, education, environment, sports and recreation and more.

These grants help improve community health and well-being.

SPEND DOWN DONOR ADVISED FUND

A Donor Advised Fund created with a single large gift that is spent within a set time, a strategy for donors to provide a greater benefit in a shorter amount of time.

THE CHRYSALIS FUND

A Donor Advised Fund created by a community of women philanthropists that strategically pool their resources and leverage them to impact specific causes and interest areas in the community and surrounding area.

The goals of The Chrysalis Fund are to encourage healthy development and increase the life skills of children, youth and their families. The Chrysalis Fund also provides opportunities for children and youth to learn, grow and give back to the community.



THREE NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS FOR 2025

ANONYMOUS FAMILY FUND

A Donor Advised Endowment Fund created to support registered charities within the City of Steinbach relating to food securities.

STEINBACH FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

An Agency Fund set up to support long-term sustainable revenue for day-to-day operational costs including but not limited to utilities, mortgage, equipment, furniture, building maintenance and repairs, office supplies, staff wages, professional development, strategic planning costs, advertising, marketing, etc.

REYNOLDS COMMUNITY FUND

A Community Fund developed by the Rural Municipality of Reynolds to support general community projects for the Rural Municipality of Reynolds catchment area. All granting decisions are made by the Reynolds Community Fund Granting Committee in accordance with the Steinbach Community Foundation's granting policy and CRA rules and guidelines.

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**Contact the SCF office for more information on how to start
your own fund to address your passion for the community.**

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SCF ANNUAL GENERAL COMMUNITY FUND

GRANTING FOR 2026

SCF General Community Fund granting by the Board takes place in spring, annually. The deadline for grant applications is March 31st at 5pm. April, the SCF Board reviews all applications and connects with the grant applicant for a casual conversation about the project, the organization, and building relationships. May, the SCF Board makes the final granting decisions. June, the SCF Board invites stakeholders, fundholders, donors, volunteers, past grant recipients, and the general public to a grant awards wine and cheese evening in celebration of all grant award recipients.

Please refer to the Grants section on The Steinbach Community Foundation Inc. website for a grant application form and information or contact the SCF office.



STEINBACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Inflatable Fire Education House and Trailer

Teaching children about fire prevention and fire safety in a fun and engaging way is a top priority for The Steinbach Fire Department. This traveling inflatable firehouse will be accessible to all children and adults throughout southeast Manitoba for presentations made inside or outside, at schools, fairs, manufacturing plants, or anywhere. SCF made this grant in partnership with the Thomas Sill Manitoba Fund (\$22,903.32) and an anonymous donor (\$4,294). Total amount granted: \$27,197.76

Congratulations and thank you for working to keep our communities fire safe.

STEINBACH ARTS COUNCIL

New Security System

When you make a gift, grants are made enabling organizations to offer their best to community. SAC hosts a vast number of opportunities for adults and children from preschoolers to teenagers and works to ensure a safe space where all people belong. This project includes video surveillance and an entry security system to assist staff in monitoring the safety of all who enter the building.

SCF made this grant in partnership with the Carmen and James Koepke Family Fund (\$236) and an anonymous donor (\$8,764).

Total amount granted: \$9,000

Congratulations and thank you for developing a safe, creative space for community to flourish.

JAKE EPP LIBRARY

Expansion of WonderBook Collection

Stronger literacy skills build stronger families and stronger communities. Your gift improves peoples' lives by enabling children who are learning to read, learning English, or who experience learning difficulties. Literacy skills improve when reading WonderBook electronic interactive read-along books. This grant is made in partnership with the William and Agnes Lepp Family Fund (\$977) held at SCF and an anonymous donor (\$8,968). Total amount granted: \$9,945.00



Congratulations and thank you for supporting community as this grant enables the library to purchase over 120 new WonderBooks.

VILLA YOVILLE INC.

Courtyard Community Fireplace in Ste. Anne, MB

During COVID we learned people need people and visiting outside was an option, therefore staff started bringing outdoor firepits to work. The residents loved it so much. Villa Youville made it a mission to obtain funding for a beautiful outdoor fireplace for their residents to enjoy the outside with the warmth of friendship by a fire. All supplies and installation were purchased locally in support of local businesses in southeast Manitoba. Total amount granted: \$5,000.00

Congratulations and thank you for taking one more step toward creating a better living environment for your residents.



SAFE FAMILIES CANADA, STEINBACH BRANCH

Specialized Volunteer Training

Safe Families Canada, Steinbach hosts vulnerable children and creates extended family-like supports for desperate families through volunteers devoted to keeping children safe and families together. Volunteers who are equipped to handle volatile or emergency situations are better able to help the family stabilize more quickly and more effectively. Stable families can create stable communities.



Total amount granted by an anonymous donor: \$6,220.00

Congratulations and thank you for helping stabilize community one family at a time.

SCF ANNUAL GENERAL COMMUNITY FUND

MUSÉE POINTE-DES-CHÊNES MUSEUM INC.

Relocate Historical Métis Log House at Ste. Anne, MB

This 150 year-old Métis log house has been part of the Ste. Anne heritage for many generations and is used as a teaching tool for local schools and tour groups. Moving the house to a permanent location will bring safety and new life to the house, allowing more educational opportunities. Métis elders paired with students, leads to great discussions on ways of life, recipes, and more good stories and understanding. Total amount granted: \$12,468.75

Congratulations and thank you for preserving a part of Manitoba's Métis heritage.



CEDARWOOD SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INC.

Replace Security Keypad Entry System

Your generosity has made it possible for Cedarwood to offer improved safety and care of seniors. This grant replaces an old, outdated security system with a NEW easy to use FOB system that will allow seniors easier and more secure access to their building. This grant is made in partnership with the SCF General Fund (\$1,287) and an anonymous donor (\$9,959.35). Total amount granted: \$11,246.35

Congratulations and thank you for improving systems to create a safer environment for seniors.





CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION FOUNDATION

2 adapted tricycles, 1 iPad

You help transform lives with your gift! The Children's Rehabilitation Foundation supports children in southeast Manitoba to live their best life and to be included regardless of their ability. Just seeing their bright smiles enables better communication and encourages inclusive communities affecting families, schools, businesses, and community as a whole one child at a time. Total amount granted by an anonymous donor: \$10,173.21

Congratulations and thank you for uplifting and changing children's lives.

SOUTHEAST CANCER SUPPORT SERVICES

Database Computer System

Your partnership helped develop a specialized database system to manage information on clients, volunteers, donors, and to gather statistics for research to identify needs in southeast Manitoba. This program was designed by a local Steinbach computer programmer to lower time spent on administration tasks to spend more time supporting programs offered and helping those in need. This grant is made in partnership with the SCF General Fund (\$8,538.79) and an anonymous donor (\$581.21). Total amount granted: \$9,120.00



Congratulations and thank you for your care and services for all in southeast Manitoba.

STEINBACH FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

Commercial Stove and Installation

Volunteers with a dream and a new stove gives SFRC the ability to enhance food programming that supports families facing food insecurities. A commercial stove will allow SFRC to expand their capacity to provide hot, nutritious meals during group programming, cooking classes, and emergency food support initiatives. In the past six months alone, dedicated volunteers have prepared 17 batches of soup, totaling 85 gallons (322 litres), providing approximately 460 meals to families in need. Your partnership feeds families! Total amount granted by an anonymous donor: \$15,000.00



Congratulations and thank you for your passion to feed families in need.

SCF ANNUAL GENERAL COMMUNITY FUND

FIRE SAFETY MONTH

Grants to Our Local Fire Departments

The Steinbach Community Foundation Inc. is thrilled to announce that during October's Fire Safety Month, we awarded \$10,000 in grants to our local fire departments throughout southeast Manitoba. This initiative was designed to recognize, highlight, and support the courageous firefighters and the vital equipment they shared in combating the wildfires that threatened our communities this year.

Our decision to prioritize direct grants to local fire departments stemmed from the Winnipeg Foundation's (TWF) 2025 Manitoba Wildfire Response Fund. While TWF reached out to encourage community foundations to contribute to a broader initiative, the SCF Board felt it was more impactful to focus on immediate support within our own catchment area. This includes communities spanning east of Hwy 75, south of Hwy 1, west of the Manitoba/Ontario border, and north of the United States border.

We express our deepest gratitude to all who dedicated their time and resources during the wildfires. With this grant, local fire departments are free to utilize funds for equipment upgrades, community outreach, or any other local initiatives they deem necessary. Our goal is to empower them to make the best choices for their communities, ensuring ongoing safety and preparedness.

\$1,000 grants were made to:

Steinbach Fire Department
Richer Fire Department
Sainte-Anne Fire Department
Hanover Fire/Rescue
Village de/of St-Pierre-Jolys

Taché Fire Department
Reynolds Fire Department
Southeast Whiteshell Fire Department
Woodridge Fire Department
La Broquerie Fire Department



2025 BOARD MEMBER SERVICE AWARDS

SCF makes grants in the amount of \$300 each for retiring board members to the charity of their choice as a thank you for their volunteer services and commitment. Lindsey Banman chose Steinbach Arts Council and Wes Unger chose Southeast Cancer Support Services



L-R: Lindsey Banman, David Klassen Executive Director, Steinbach Arts Council, Cindi Rempel Patrick Executive Director Southeast Cancer Support Services, Wes Unger, Heather Jowett Chair Southeast Cancer Support Services.

NEW CATCHMENT AREA:

Many people in southeast Manitoba rely on services within the City of Steinbach and close surrounding area. Therefore, in response to the needs of this extended community and opportunities to participate in large government granting programs, The Steinbach Community Foundation Inc. is expanding its boundaries to include the following area:

East of Highway 75,
South of Highway 1,
West of the
Manitoba/Ontario border,
and **North** of the
United States border

**If you and/or your organization fall into this new designated area,
please feel free to contact the SCF office to discuss.**

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A vertical advertisement for Pinot Noir. The background is a deep, dark red. On the right side, a bottle of Pinot Noir wine is shown, partially cut off by the edge. The bottle has a dark label with a small illustration of a bunch of grapes. To the left of the bottle, there is a detailed illustration of a bunch of dark grapes hanging from a vine with large, serrated leaves. Below the grapes, a triangular slice of Swiss cheese with characteristic holes is visible. The overall composition is elegant and focuses on the natural ingredients of the wine.

The Wine & Cheese Party was an excellent opportunity to celebrate community and discover how your support can leave a lasting legacy—because when people help people, amazing things happen! Contact PPALC for more information and ways to donate.



ENDOW MANITOBA GIVING CHALLENGE



November 10 – 16, 2025 was a great time to invest in southeast Manitoba!

The Steinbach Community Foundation reached their Giving Challenge goal once again! Gifts made to the SCF General Community Fund during the Giving Challenge week were stretched by Harvest Honda, Ledingham Chevrolet, TDS Law Office, Anne Barkman and David Banman, The Winnipeg Foundation, and the Manitoba government. **A HUGE thank you to all matching partners for your support.**



total gifts	\$17,803.00
+ matching funds	\$10,000.00
= Challenge total of	\$27,803.00

That's nearly \$2,000 more than last year. Thank you for your thoughtful and generous gifts.

A NEW Giving Challenge partnership in 2025! Clearview Coop is committed to provide SCF with a portion of the proceeds from coffee sales on Thursday, November 12 and Friday, November 13 from 12 locations in southeast Manitoba, including the South Junction Steinbach, Brandt Street Steinbach, Mitchell, Ste. Anne Gas Bar, Lorette, Ile des Chenes, Vita, St. Malo Gas Bar, Grunthal, East End, Stone Creek, and Blumenort.

The Steinbach Community Foundation (SCF) plays a vital, lasting role in all aspects of life in southeast Manitoba. Thanks to generous gifts from donors from all walks of life, the Foundation makes grants to a wide variety of worthy causes from daycares to seniors' homes, scholarships to school improvements, food banks to mental health, and more. Your one-time gift will grant out every year forever. That improves life for all of us.

Community foundations pool and endow (permanently invest) all monetary gifts, and the investment income earned supports a variety of projects within the Foundation's designated area, year after year after year. The original gifts (contributions) are never spent, only interest earned is spent (granted), ensuring a lasting legacy for donors and a permanent source of support for the community. The SCF General Community Fund is set up for charities to apply for grants which in turn will support their projects that address current needs of the community.



BOARD BIOGRAPHIES



Refer to the SCF website for full bios:
www.steinbachcommunityfoundation.ca



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Youth Representative

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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THE STEINBACH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	341,086	353,147
Short term investments	100,000	100,000
Accounts receivable	18,913	66,676
	<u>459,999</u>	<u>519,823</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS (note 3)	1,207	2,639
FUNDS MANAGED BY THE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION (note 4)	<u>3,312,736</u>	<u>2,938,261</u>
	<u>3,773,942</u>	<u>3,460,723</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	7,283	5,832
Grants payable	70,725	33,675
Future grant commitments (note 7)	126,941	105,762
	<u>204,949</u>	<u>145,269</u>
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO CAPITAL (note 8)	-	35
	<u>204,949</u>	<u>145,304</u>
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	122,850	174,554
EXTERNAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	132,199	200,000
ENDOWMENT RESTRICTED FUNDS (note 6)	3,312,736	2,938,261
INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	1,207	2,604
	<u>3,568,992</u>	<u>3,315,419</u>
	<u>3,773,941</u>	<u>3,460,723</u>

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THE STEINBACH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INC. STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	Year Ended December 31	
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Winnipeg Foundation grants	220,692	281,166
Other income	17,057	4,109
Donations	-	218,300
	<u>237,749</u>	<u>503,575</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Administration	67,877	59,373
Advertising and promotion	14,054	8,553
Grants approved	246,595	158,086
Insurance	-	1,738
Office and supplies	11,137	21,693
Professional fees	9,463	2,036
Rent	5,983	5,871
Memberships	2,145	2,258
	<u>357,254</u>	<u>259,608</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE AMORTIZATION	(119,505)	243,967
AMORTIZATION		
Current	1,432	1,980
Deferred contributions	(35)	(419)
	<u>1,397</u>	<u>1,561</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>(120,902)</u>	<u>242,406</u>

THE STEINBACH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INC.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year Ended December 31					
	Investment in Capital Assets	Endowments Restricted Funds	External Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Net Assets	2025 Total	2024 Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
NET ASSETS						
Balance, beginning of year	2,604	2,938,261	200,000	174,554	3,315,419	2,811,575
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditure	-	-	-	(120,902)	(120,902)	242,406
New gifts	-	157,558	-	-	157,558	55,862
Net change in unrealized gains (losses)	-	89,183	-	-	89,183	223,780
Investment income	-	307,430	-	-	307,430	151,089
Administration fees paid	-	(52,091)	-	-	(52,091)	(46,557)
Interfund transfer	-	-	(67,801)	67,801	-	-
Grants paid	-	(127,605)	-	-	(127,605)	(122,736)
Amortization	(1,397)	-	-	1,397	-	-
Balance, end of year	<u>1,207</u>	<u>3,312,736</u>	<u>132,199</u>	<u>122,850</u>	<u>3,568,992</u>	<u>3,315,419</u>



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