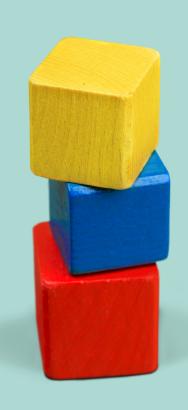
# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Building the Foundation



# Square One Community Inc.



# MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Square One Community Inc. was born in 2020 from the Community COVID Response Committee. Housing instability was an area that had been named in a city-wide survey of agencies as being a priority and with that in mind, local agencies were invited to meet. Anecdotal evidence showed the need for housing, coupled with wrap-around services to support the individual's new beginnings as they started over at "square one" in their life. Throughout the year, meetings delineated our Mission, Vision, Goals and Objectives; we became incorporated and created an infrastructure with which to meet those goals. The Square One Community Board has seen much change as the year progressed, and yet the determination and vision held strong and kept the Board forging forward. For this Board to go literally from "square one" to hiring a coordinator and building partnerships, is a feat, and yet, there is so much more to do to affect homelessness. It is with that in mind that we look to this year with renewed passion and hope, building on what we have learned and developed to this point. We do so trusting in the power of collaboration and community.

Most sincerely submitted,

Della Ferguson

Vice-President of Square One Community Moose Jaw Inc.

# WHO WE ARE

Square One Community Inc. was established in 2020 with the Mandate to provide clean, secure housing options for people who face multiple barriers.

#### **Our Mission**

is to support and advocate for those who are facing homelessness and barriers due to substance abuse, mental health, incarceration, acquired brain injury and other social barriers. We are wanting for people to have a sense of community and belonging. We believe in a harm reduction approach, low barrier model that supports individuals wherever they are on their journey.

#### **Our Vision**

is that everyone in our community has the opportunity to have their housing and basic needs met.

#### **Our Goals are**

to support and advocate for those facing homelessness and barriers; to foster a sense of community and belonging; and to provide secure, safe, and clean housing options.

## **FUNDRAISING REPORT**

The Fundraising Committee was developed from the Square One Community Inc. Board, for the purpose of raising funds to develop, maintain and grow the programming for Square One Community Inc.

The following tasks and fundraising events were completed between April 2021 and December 2021:

- Created Terms of Reference; Ethics Policies; and Fundraising Toolkit
- Online Welcome and Easter Sign sales: created by Meagan Jasper
- Initiated the 100Women Who Care Moose Jaw Initiative featuring the vision of Square One Community through the messages of: Jody Oakes (Square One's Chair at the time and Manager of "My Place" of the John Howard Society), Meagan Jasper's personal story of living homeless, and the poetry of Sue Karner. This initiative was presented through a partnership with the United Way with the proceeds for the event being: \$2856.35.
- Wakamow Market Table: May 29, June 5, 12, 26, 2021 Proceeds: Merchandise: 391.50, Raffle Tickets: 207.00

Many connections were made and awareness raised through the sharing of pamphlets created by the communications committee.



### **FUNDRAISING REPORT**

#### **Square One ZOOM Lunch and Learns:**

Lunch and Learn Zoom sessions were created to raise awareness of issues facing the people we serve (as well as their families), and to raise funds through donations.

The following Lunch and Learn Zoom Sessions were offered and well-received:

- April: Rand Teed: There is more to Quitting than Quitting What Recovery is about
- May: Ronni Nordal: Harm Reduction as a part of the Recovery Continuum
- Shiny Varghese: AIDS Programs Southern Sask. Speaking on the value of Harm Reduction Initiatives
- June: Mary Lee Booth "Spread the Word on Meth"
- July: Sue Delanoy "The Over-Incarceration of Women. Young Mothers. Indigenous Women. What we need to do to support early prevention and intervention." 9 in attendance. Session recorded and shared
- August: Andrew Love, Interim Moose Jaw Branch Manager of CMHA: Harm Reduction-Focus on needs of Family
- September: Mary Lee Booth and Tracey Jasper- "Supporting family members of individuals affected by crystal meth"
- November: Speaker: Stacey Simms Drug Treatment Court and Chad Kobelsky Drug Treatment Court Graduate

Lighting Your Way Home Quilt Raffle: (Quilt created and donated by Colleen Oshowy) 806 tickets sold. \$1612.00 proceeds . Kathy Knudson, MJ was the winner



# **FUNDRAISING REPORT**

#### Highlight

#### Stronger Together Initiative with Bill and Laurette Keen

The STRONGER TOGETHER initiative was proposed by Bill and Laurette Keen in early 2021. These well-known local metal artists and community members became acutely aware of the needs for stronger mental health supports and approached Square One Community Inc. with this initiative to raise funds for the purpose of supporting those who are homeless in securing housing and creating a "wrap-around" system of support for them to successfully navigate living independently. In the spirit of "Stronger Together," this campaign is a collaborative effort between "the Keens," Square One Community Inc. and John Howard Society's "My Place" program.

All proceeds from the engraved leaves are donated to the "Stronger Together" initiative, supporting the mental health programming of "My Place" as facilitated by John Howard Society, and supported by Square One Community. The initiative began in August 2021 with an Art Show at the Mosaic Gallery in which the Keens donated the proceeds of the art show after expenses to the My Place program, and began selling leaves for the "Stronger Together Initiative".





# COMMUNICATION REPORT

This first year of Square One Community Inc. has been very busy for the Communications Committee. We focused initially on letting people know about this new non-profit organization, and then kept them updated on our fundraising events, involvement in community support and information about Square One in general.

A Facebook page, SquareOne Community Inc., was developed shortly after we were established, and that has been our main means of communicating with the public. Each month, we see more people liking and sharing our posts and responding to our requests.

Along with our Facebook presence, our entire Square One membership shares information of our mission and goals through local newspaper articles and radio interviews, distribution of our brochure, and, in the summer of 2021, exposure at The Wakamow Farmers Market.

Many of the events this committee publicized were for the fundraising projects for Square One's present and future initiatives. This included several Lunch and Learn sessions, the ongoing Sarcan can/bottle Drop and Go, a quilt raffle, and the Streets Rib Supper. Other times, we worked alongside various community groups in their work with those who are homeless or newly-homed: this upheld Square One's commitment to partner with local agencies to foster a sense of community and belonging. The Communication Committee requested community involvement and donations for: the Stronger Together initiative; several food, household items and clothing drives; gift card promotions; the "Adopt a Person" Christmas box project .

We look forward to the development of a website in the near future. Along with the website, we will continue to share the Square One vision through face-to-face discussions, and a Facebook, radio and newspaper presence.

## **GRANTS REPORT**

The Grants Committee first began with the development of a proposal for the need for hiring an employee to support the initiatives of Square One Community. The proposal included demonstrated need, purpose, outcomes, steps, timeline, budget. Following the development of the proposal, eight grant applications were completed. The successful application was for \$25,000 from the Community Initiatives Fund in December 2021.



#### Square One Community Inc. Annual General Meeting Location: Via Zoom April 14, 2021 at 4:00 pm

Present: Jody Oakes, Della Ferguson, Kyle Lichtenwald, Lynn Kirk, Susan Karner, Jason Moore, Sharon Bourdeau, Meagan Jasper, Nicole Moore, Sharon Bourdeau, Cristin Sullivan, Stacey Simms

Chair: Jody Oakes

Recorder: Christine Boyczuk

#### Agenda

1. Call to order - Welcome and introductions

2. Additions to agenda- none

3. Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be adopted as presented Boyczuk / Bourdeau Carried

Budget

Motion: That the budget be adopted as presented

Kirk / Bourdeau Carried

Bylaws

Motion: That membership fees be set at \$10.00

Moore J / Ferguson Carried

6. Elections

All positions are 1 year terms-(Maxamum of 8)

President: Jody Oakes

Vice-president: Jason Moore Secretary: Christine Boyczuk Treasurer: Sharon Bourdeau

Directors at Large 1.Kyle Lichtenwald 2. Meagan Jasper 3.Lynn Kirk

4.Della Ferguson

Motion: That the members be approved as presented.

Bourdeau / Moore J Carried

Signing Officers

Signing officers shall be any 2 of 3 of President, Treasurer and /or Secretary Motion: That the signing officers shall be Oakes, Boyczuk, Bourdeau

Ferguson / Kirk / Carried

8. Adjourment

The Chair moved adjournment at 4:25

Recording Secretary:

President:

Date:

Email: communitysquareone@gmail.com

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I have made a detailed examination of the accounts of Square One Community Inc. for the year 2021. As a result of such examination, I report as follows:

That the statement of Income attached to this report is a statement of the Income of the Corporation for the year according to the Bank Deposits and other records examined by me. The Statement of Expenses is a statement of disbursements of the Corporation during the year 2021 as verified by the Bank records and cancelled cheques examined by me.

That the Balance Sheet attached to this report is a statement of the financial position of the Corporation as of December 31, 2021

That attached to this report is a copy of the Account Bank Statement for December 2021showing the balance in the Account as of December 31, 2021

Respectfully submitted

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Name

Signature

Date

#### Square One Community Inc. Income and Expense Statement January 1, 2021 -December 31, 2021

Income			
A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	500.00		
Lunch N Learn	600.00		
Memberships	120.00		
Fundraising -Raffle	2,015.00		
Interest	6.00		
Donations	5,330.00		
Fundraising - Merchandise	493.00		
Gift cards	90.00		
Fundraising - Rib nite	4,124.00		
Total	12,778.00	12,778.00	
Funances			
Expenses DO Box	407.45		
PO Box	197.40		
Fundraising Expense	2,870.00		
S/C	29.00		
Stronger Together Campaign			
Office supplies	161.11		
otal	3,450.65	3,450.65	
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Balance @December 31, 2021		9,327.35	

#### Square One Community Inc.

#### Balance Sheet

#### As of

#### December 31, 2021

ASSETS
Cash in Bank as per statement attached\$9,520.49
LIABILITIES
Expenses included in Statement of Expense
(John Howard Society - \$193.14 but not paid until after December 31, 2021 \$193.14
Membership Equity - December 31, 2021
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Balance - December 31, 2020......\$0.00

DEPOSITS DURING THE YEAR.......\$12,778.00

Withdrawals during the year.......\$3,450.65