



2022-2023

Annual Report

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Board of Directors

2022-23

The enVision Foundation exists to support the mission of enVision Community Living through a range of giving options. Governed by a volunteer board of directors, the Foundation provides funding to enVision for special projects, capital expenditures, and initiatives that might not otherwise be available for persons with intellectual disabilities.



Marcel Jodoin
President



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Vice President



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Director



Tony Lenchyshyn
Director



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Director

Report from the Foundation Board President



The enVision Foundation continues to grow and create a positive impact, despite the fundraising challenges in the past few years. The pandemic has impacted how we hold events and the giving habits of supporters. We are ever grateful for our core supporters, as well as all new donors that step forward to support our work.

This past year, the Foundation received a \$5,000 grant from Digital Manitoba for website upgrades to improve the online donation experience for users. We also handed out \$11,950 worth of grants to enVision Community Living for various projects. These included:

- Next Chapter Book Club to purchase books for use by the readers, and to have a movie evening as a capstone upon completion of a book
- Counselling for Couples in Supported Independent Living to learn how to be supportive partners, and have strong relationships
- Sensory Room equipment and Kindle Fire tablets to increase use of technology for people served at enVision Possibilities
- A resource nook of books and other resources for use by people served at enVision
- A backyard accessible lawn swing/glider at one of enVision's homes

For several years the Foundation fundraised for two accessible houses. We are pleased to report that the Province has now approved the operating budget of one of these homes. enVision hopes to break ground on the first house this summer. The second house is not far behind in the planning stages. We are still accepting donations toward both of these projects, as well as the accessible vehicle project. It's our donors and supporters who help to make increased accessibility a reality for people served by enVision.

The Foundation has been the beneficiary of several planned estate gifts in the past few years. We are grateful for these gifts, as they can make a big difference to the Foundation's ability to fund special projects of enVision Community Living. These gifts also help to ensure the long term stability of the Foundation. We encourage you to connect with Jeannette at enVision or see our website for planned giving if you want to include a gift to the Foundation in your estate.

Thank you to all of our donors for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcel Jodoin".

Marcel Jodoin
President

Finding the Calm and Developing Skills

With information from Sheila
Adrian and Staci Harder

Sensory equipment encourages learning through exploration, curiosity, problem solving, and creativity. At both enVision Possibilities' locations, 314 Reimer Ave. and 429 Main St., the sensory equipment gets a lot of use. Taking advantage of the enVision Foundation's annual call for proposals, Staci Harder, Life Skills Manager, pulled together the information to pitch a project to the Foundation for a grant to buy sensory equipment. The staff team spent a lot of time brainstorming and researching which items would be best suited for the people being served at these locations.

It was decided that a variety of items would be purchased to provide more options and a broader experience for people. The oversized bean bag chairs – one for each location, have been a very popular item. They are often in use and at times people have to wait for someone else to get out of the chair so they can be the next to use it. The chairs are soft and plush, enveloping the person's body when they sit in it. Two 15 pound weighted blankets were also purchased. These have proven to be very helpful for some people in times of extreme emotions to help them feel grounded. The team also selected various hand fidget items, including a hand muff type item with fidget items inside of it, and an item that has various zips, pulls, snap, and clips to help the people practice life skills and hand dexterity.

Almost everyone that attends at enVision Possibilities has benefitted from one or more of the new sensory items. The colour ball tracker is one item that has

provided tons of entertainment to everyone, staff included. Being part of this project has been incredibly satisfying from start to finish. From the brainstorming and research, to the shopping, and now finally getting these items in and watching people engage with them. It's so awesome to see the smiles on peoples' faces as they are developing their fine motor skills, and finding a new sense of calm.

When you donate to the enVision Foundation, the money is used to enhance and improve the lives of the people supported by enVision. The enVision Possibilities team loves to find creative ways to increase opportunities to assist people in various areas of their lives.



Accessibility & Beyond: Drive-Through Dinner

The enVision Foundation kicked off its annual fall campaign with the Accessibility and Beyond Drive-Through Dinner on September 23, 2022. The delicious smell of barbeque welcomed the steady stream of cars. Then our cheerful volunteers quickly approached the cars. There was a great sense of support as each vehicle brought greetings and good wishes. Supporters brought donations for the 2022 campaign project – the purchase of an accessible vehicle. This accessible vehicle will benefit people supported by enVision's Residential Services. These are services provided for people who need support in order to enjoy a full and meaningful life in the community. The volunteers included our sponsors from RIVR Financial, enVision staff, including Directors, Coordinators and Managers, and enVision supporters. The volunteers were a little cold but had fun running from car to kitchen to serve a delicious dinner.

Merv's Pitchfork Fondue of Manitoba ran the kitchen, serving steak sandwiches for each order. Sides of beans and potato salad were topped with a pickle, then boxed and handed off to the kitchen volunteers. Those volunteers added beautifully decorated cookies from Prairie Pickers Café to sweeten the deal. All this was

wrapped up in our delivery bags, provided by Sobey's Steinbach, and whisked away to enjoy.

We would like to thank everyone who attended this kick-off fundraiser! With your support, we are on our way to providing increased opportunity for people who use enVision's Residential Services. This means more access to community places, events and medical services. This also provides opportunity to maintain important relationships. The enVision Foundation continues its campaign for the purchase of a new accessible vehicle. We aim to reach our goal of \$85,000!

Thank you to our community for helping enVision inspire equality, inclusion and the value of all people.



Your Donations: Enhancing Quality of Life

It's important for charitable organizations to be able to show that the generous donations of their donors are fulfilling the intended purpose. The enVision Foundation is proud that the donations we have received have done just that; making a difference in the lives of others for over 20 years. The Foundation accepts donations that benefit enVision Community Living in two different streams. The first and most visible stream is where the Foundation raises funds for a specific larger project such as building an accessible house, buying an accessible vehicle, or investing in larger scale facility maintenance projects. The second stream is less visible to the general public, but still has a considerable impact on the people served by enVision Community Living and its employees.

Over the past 20 years, the Foundation has granted over \$165,000 to over 100 smaller projects at enVision. Although each project was a relatively small investment, the benefits to quality of services, and quality of life for people served by enVision, is substantial. Some of the smaller projects include:

- Pilot projects to test innovative ideas for future services and supports
- Therapeutic activities such as horse riding, music therapy, and counselling
- Staff training events to better equip enVision staff in their support of people
- Orientation videos to teach new staff about their roles
- Development workshops for people served, such as first aid, cooking, literacy, fitness and health
- Leisure and recreation activities such as vacation subsidies, gym memberships, and books
- Home renovations
- Resource materials for growth and development for both people served and staff, and for family workshops
- Furniture, bikes, and swings
- Technology and adaptive devices for communication and exercise
- Equipment for lifting, sensory rooms, and yard care employment
- Social events for people served to connect with friends and family

enVision Community Living's ability to enhance quality of life of people served is greater because of the generosity of donors to the Foundation. When you are looking for a meaningful way to impact someone's life with your donation, please consider the enVision Foundation, where your donation makes a difference!

FOUNDATION PROJECTS

Meeting At The Swing

With content from Cathy Acio, Manager

We can all relate to the relaxation that comes with the gentle back and forth motion of a swing. Add in a quiet back yard, rustling trees, warm weather and the smell of fresh air, and time can slip by pretty easily. With a grant from the Foundation, people living at enVision's home on Deerfield can now experience this pleasure. The swing has become a favourite place to socialize. Whether it's with family or friends that come to visit, or whether people served simply enjoy some relaxing time with each other and their support staff, the swing is the place to be.

The people served at this home, and their support staff, have been expressing the desire for a swing for several years. The need got more urgent, when barriers relating to accessibility became a bigger factor. As we know, swinging is not always accessible for everyone, whether it's because someone has limited mobility, or perhaps uses a wheelchair.

The Foundation grant provided enough funds to ensure that this swing would be accessible to everyone who wanted to use it. The grant allowed enVision to enlist the help of a builder to create a custom accessible lawn glider, which took about six weeks to build. The staff at Deerfield feel rewarded for their advocacy. They are thrilled that the end result is even better than what they originally thought it would be!

If you want your donation to make a difference in someone's life, please give to the enVision Foundation, so that they can fund more projects like this one.



Next Chapter Book Club

With content from Audrey Loewen, NCBC facilitator

In late 2019 enVision began facilitating the first Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC) in Steinbach. This book club - for people who live with a disability, and run by volunteers - is another example of the exciting and fulfilling initiatives of enVision.

The goal of NCBC, whose affiliates are found in North America, Australia, Africa, and Europe, is to provide opportunities for people who live with a disability to be exposed to new ideas, learn about their rights and self-determination, to use and grow their skills, and to expand their interests. The book club is a casual, inviting, and inclusive place, that welcomes diversity, and readers of any level are welcome! The group meets once a week, catching up with each other briefly before getting into the 'next chapter.' Originally the group met at a local restaurant, but then began meeting virtually when COVID hit.

enVision's NCBC has six regular members who love to read and who love books. The members have a wide range of reading abilities: some actively read, while others don't read at all, but do listen and engage in the discussion about the book. Members take turns reading and then the group talks about the characters, the



plot, and how the story relates to something in their own lives. The volunteer facilitators, Audrey Loewen and Bev Warkentin, are trained to engage each member in the way they wish to participate.

Members get excited about the books and eagerly return the next week to continue the story. Grants like the one from the enVision Foundation are essential to offer opportunities like the NCBC. It's very fulfilling and enjoyable to share the joy of reading with the group and to see the members grow in their confidence!

STATEMENT OF

Financial Position

As of March 31, 2023

Assets

Current Assets

Cash & Bank	\$ 1,224,934	\$ 1,107,170
Interest Receivable	8,760	3,058
Prepaid Expenses	287	240
Other Receivable	104	228

2023	2022
\$ 1,234,085	\$ 1,110,696

Long-Term Investments

\$ 272,058	\$ 298,317
\$ 1,506,143	\$ 1,409,013

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

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Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$ 1,346,247	\$ 1,247,637
Internally Restricted (Fundraised)	159,896	161,376

\$ 1,506,143	\$ 1,409,013
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STATEMENT OF

Revenues & Expenditures

As of March 31, 2023

Revenue

Donations
Interest and Other

	2023	2022
\$	167,643	\$ 191,835
	10,126	66,748
\$	177,769	\$ 258,583
\$	28,610	\$ 9,970
	21,637	29,147
	16,771	16,881
	13,621	7,954
\$	80,639	\$ 63,952
\$	97,130	\$ 194,631

Expenditures

Grants Made to enVision
Fundraising Costs
Life Insurance Premiums
Administration and Other

Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year

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Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting

The enVision Foundation (2012) Incorporated | Held on June 14, 2022 by Zoom

1 Call to Order

Marcel Jodoin welcomed everyone and provided instructions for voting and asking questions.

2 Introduction & Recognition of Board Members

Marcel Jodoin referred to page 3 of the Annual Report, introduced board members and acknowledged each for their length of service.

3 Approval of Minutes June 15, 2021 AGM

Betty Lou Toews read the minutes of the 2021 Foundation Annual General Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes made by Betty Lou, seconded by Randy Reimer. Carried.

4 Financial Report 2021-22

Darrel Friesen presented the financial report as outlined in the Foundation Annual Report. Cash increased in 2021. Darrel noted that donations received for a specific project are considered restricted and are earmarked for the specific project. Donations were approximately half of what they were the previous year. Expenditures were down mostly due to the lower fundraising costs. Motion to approve the financial report as presented made by Carla Anne Coroy, seconded by Lou Reimer. Carried.

5 Appointment of Auditors

A motion to appoint BDO Canada LLP as the auditors for the fiscal year 2022 – 2023 was made by John Reimer, seconded by Lou Reimer. Carried.

6 Fundraising Report

Lindsay Unrau, Fundraising Promotions Coordinator, reported on the success of enVision's first Accessibility and Beyond Drive Through Dinner. The Foundation uses donations to fund projects that are not funded through the provincial government. Grant proposals were approved for Information Technology - tablets to be used for people that are supported by enVision, and a new accessible patio was built at one of enVision's homes so residents can fully use their back yard. Lindsay will be leaving enVision this year. Marcel acknowledged Lindsay and her work and dedication to enVision.

7 Board Member Elections

Carrie noted that Betty Lou Toews was appointed by the enVision Community Living board and will not continue with another term. Another member of the enVision Board of Directors will need to be appointed to replace Betty-Lou. Lou Reimer will let his name stand for re-election. Carrie asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, Carrie moved that Lou Reimer be nominated for another 3-year term, Randy Reimer seconded. Carried.

8 Closing and Adjournment of the Foundation AGM

With no questions coming forward Marcel adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.