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is dedicated to:

Fred Clipsham

Board Member & Treasurer (retired)

We would like to thank and honour Fred
for 26 years of dedication to Circle Project!!

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To our more than 200 volunteers
who contributed
3,600 hours in 2024/25 and
3,843 hours in 2025/26!

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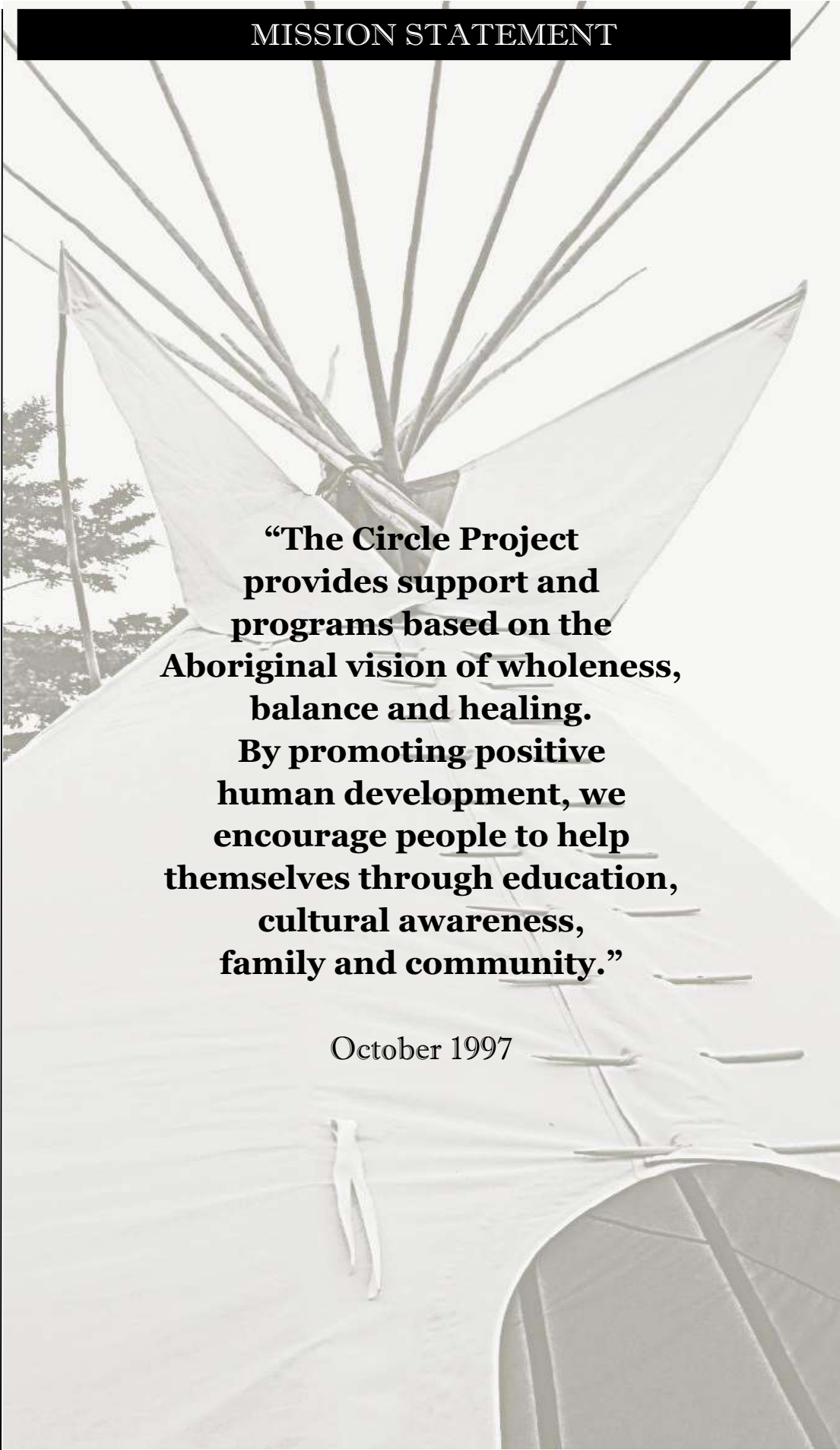
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MISSION STATEMENT



**“The Circle Project
provides support and
programs based on the
Aboriginal vision of wholeness,
balance and healing.
By promoting positive
human development, we
encourage people to help
themselves through education,
cultural awareness,
family and community.”**

October 1997

Thank You!

Circle Project would like to thank the many organizations and individuals who donated to our Community Lunch and Community Outreach programs. These programs rely heavily on the community for their success and the community does not disappoint! We would like to take a moment to highlight those who donated lunches over the last two years.

We would like to thank Hilton Double Tree, Farm Credit Canada, Stepping Stones Lunch Program, City of Regina and Pro Bono Law for donating lunches that we were able to share with the community. We would like to share a special thank you to two individuals, Shirley and Lexia... their sweet treats have provided a little something special for the community.

Thank You Volunteers!

Volunteers are the heart of Circle Project's Community Lunch and Community Outreach programs, including the many special events held each year. Our volunteers show dedication and are instrumental in creating a welcoming and supportive environment for community members facing various challenges. Each hour represents a meaningful act of compassion and community building, ensuring that we can continue to provide consistent, dignified support in a way that uplifts and respects everyone involved. We are deeply grateful for our volunteers, whose efforts reflect the very spirit of community and whose impact is felt far beyond the hours they give.

VISION

The Circle of Life shows that everything is connected to everything else. As human beings, this is true as well. Our physical well-being is related to our emotional, spiritual and mental well-being. If something is wrong in one area, it affects all the others. It follows; therefore, that development in any one area must be balanced and connected with efforts in other areas.

Who are we and why are we on this earth? We turn to the Creator to guide us, to give us the answer to what path we will take. The Circle Project is a spiritually based organization that uses traditional Indigenous culture and teachings as a framework within which to offer programs and services to all who request help.

PHILOSOPHY

Our approach to the social problems faced by many in our community is a holistic one. A person must develop mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Therefore, we offer a variety of programs designed to help an individual overcome challenges, become physically healthier, regain pride, build self-esteem and grow spiritually.

The Circle Project offers self-development programs and services within a cultural framework that has proven comfortable and acceptable for Indigenous people. Any person who desires assistance is welcome. Traditional people have been a fundamental part of our organization from the beginning and they provide guidance to us generally, as well as work with individuals who need their help.

MANDATE

Today's Circle Project Assoc. Inc. is an urban based, Indigenous organization that provides programs and services in Regina and surrounding areas. Although our program participants are both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, our main focus is working with Indigenous people in a community based setting. The Council (Board of Directors) maintains an Indigenous majority as part of the mandate.

Programs and services are delivered through an integrated program model, which was developed by the Circle Project in 1997. The linkage of programs creates a network of services, which serve as stepping stones for vulnerable individuals and families as they work toward independence and sustainability.

The Circle Project, a non-profit charity, has been operating since 1988 and has been supported by federal, provincial and municipal governments, corporations, businesses and the community.

MESSAGE FROM BOB CANTIN, PRESIDENT AND ANN PERRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you to Indigenous Services Canada, Anonymous Donor and City of Regina

Welcome friends! As we reflect on the past year, we do so with gratitude, humility and hope. Our organization has continued to serve the community with dedication and compassion, each and every day. This is made possible by the unwavering support of our funders, donors, sponsors, community partners, volunteers, Council and staff who have our sincere thanks for helping us make this another successful year for Circle Project.

This year has brought us to a pivotal point. Like many organizations, we are navigating an ever-changing landscape marked by financial pressures and evolving needs. While the future may not be entirely clear, our purpose remains steadfast. The challenges before us do not diminish our mission—they reinforce its importance.

Throughout our 38 year history, we have demonstrated resilience, adaptability and a commitment to those we serve. These same qualities will guide us through the next chapter understanding that change can be difficult however, it also creates opportunities for growth and innovation. We are embracing this time with thoughtful planning, stewardship and confidence in the strength of our community.

We recognize that uncertainty can raise questions, yet we remain optimistic. The foundation of the Circle Project is built on the wisdom and prayers of the founding Elders and on people who care deeply about making a positive difference. We have overcome challenges before, and together, we will continue to move forward.

As we look ahead, we are committed to listening to the community we serve and adapting to any challenges that we will face while remaining true to our values and mission. We believe the future holds new opportunities that will build our capacity and strengthen our impact and reach in the community.

Please take the time to read the entire report as it reflects the daily operations and the special events and activities we host and participate in as we work to make a positive impact in people's lives and the community we serve.

It is an honour and privilege to present the Circle Project's 2026 Annual Report.



Bob Cantin, President



Ann Perry, Executive Director

Elder's Party 2025

"Enjoyed the wonderful meal, the Circle Project staff and all their help. I also enjoyed the door prizes, the fiddle music and the photo booth. I get a souvenir."

"Good to see old friends and maybe meet new ones."

"Thank you to Circle Project for all your hard work. Happy Holidays!"

"The Elders' party is the one I look forward to every year. It is always well organized and a happy celebration to get together with our Elders."

"What do I like best about the Circle Project? Friendship."

"Meeting everyone again. Thank you for everything you do for the community."

"It's great to see the love and respect for the Elders! Great music, very fun evening, great meal and amazing staff. Great job Circle Project!"

"Getting together to share an awesome meal and spread Christmas wishes. Keep up the great work. All the best in 2026."

"I really look forward to THIS party. All the friendly staff meet you and the slow pace is just right to meet and talk."

"It was a very special Christmas dinner. The staff works so hard to make it happen. Thank you very much Circle Project."

Participant Quotes

"You are great and you are doing a great job."

"It's so great to be here!" – Child

"This is nice what you are doing here."

"I love what you guys do here."

"I remember you, you gave me lunch." – Child

"My granddaughter likes your sandwiches!"

"Thanks for the help. The food was great!"

"You make great coffee"

"I feel safe here. If I run away from school I will come here." – S.W.

"The staff here give my heart the warm fuzzies." – C.H.



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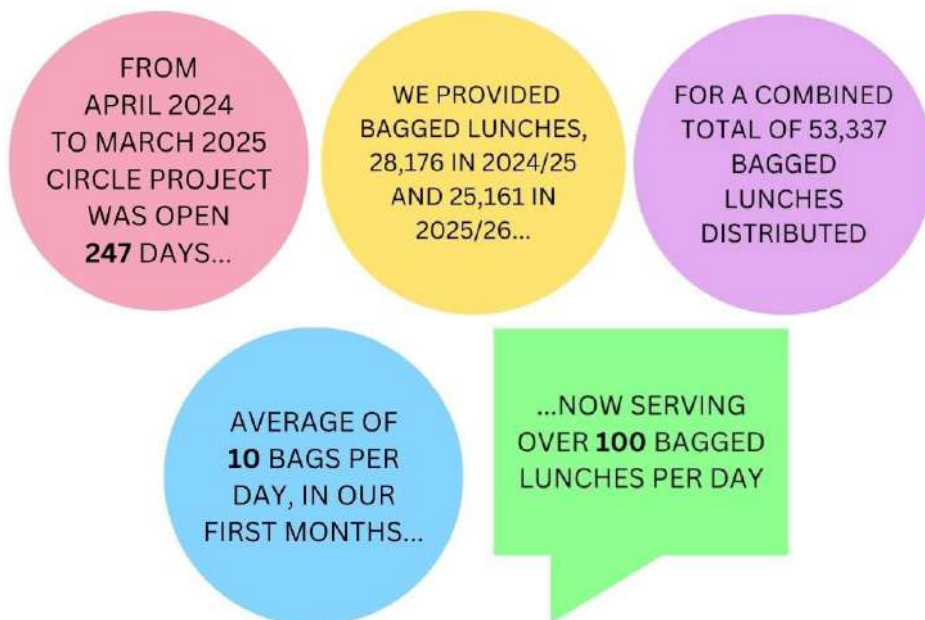
In 2024/25, due to extenuating circumstances, Circle Project did not publish an annual report. This year's annual report also includes highlights from that year.

COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM

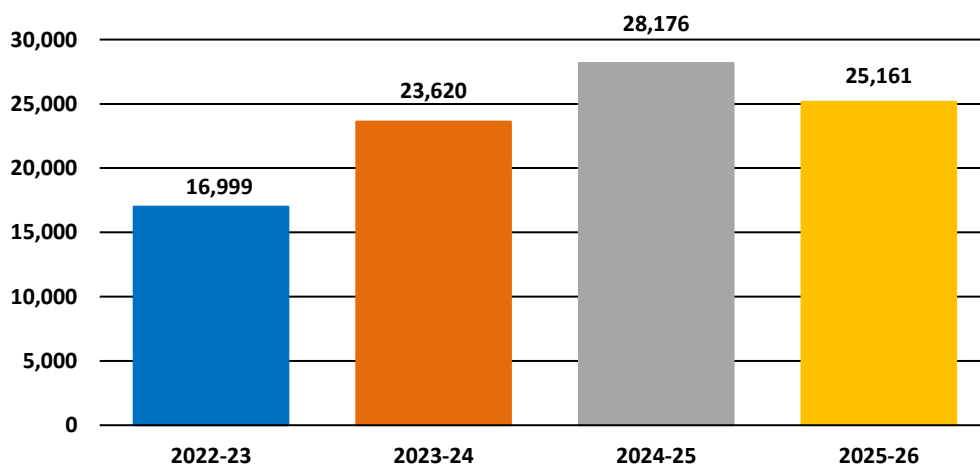
"by the Community..."

It is important to have this vital food security program available in the community. We know how many people rely on this program and how it is important that the Hub is open consistently, Monday – Friday (excluding holidays).

Circle Project's Community Lunch program would not be possible without the generous help of their sponsors, volunteers and friends. Without the donations and the time that the volunteers put in, we would not have accomplished our goal of having a successful lunch program.



Total Number of Bagged Lunches Distributed by the Community Lunch Program



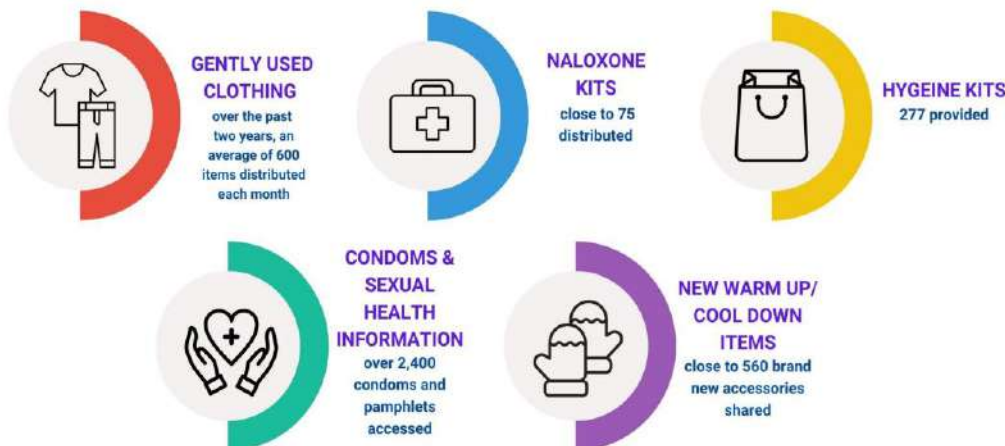
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

for the Community”

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” – Maya Angelou

Circle Project’s Community Outreach program was created to provide support to individuals in our community who are the most vulnerable; primarily Indigenous adults and children who are living at or below the poverty line. It is incredibly important that support is provided in a thoughtful and respectful manner, without judgement or the attachment of labels. When we can build trust and relationships with vulnerable individuals, we can connect with them in meaningful ways. When individuals trust us, they are more willing to share their challenges. We are then able to assist them directly by providing our resources or indirectly by connecting them with the appropriate external programs or services.

Items distributed from 2024 to 2026 through our Community Outreach program.



Circle Project Council Vice President Rhonda Bird and volunteer Marsha Joyea making sandwiches.



Casinos Regina & Moose Jaw volunteers helping with the lunch program.

Participant Quotes

“Thanks for ALL the help. You guys help me out a lot.”

“This place is awesome.”

“It’s always spic and span when I come here.” – L.

“Everyone is always so polite here.” - M.D.

“Thank you for the lunch bags, they are a real life saver in my family. We love you and thank you!!!” – K.S.

“You guys look after everyone.”

“I don’t think you hear it often enough, but I am really grateful for you guys!” – L.

“I feel safe here.” – S.V.

“Miigwetch for going the extra mile to help my daughter.” – B.N.

“You guys are such a blessing.”

Thank you!

A special thank you to Brandy and Ann for the excellent work on producing the 2026 Annual Report.

Participant Quotes

"I've noticed such a difference in my communication since I started this program. I used to feel it was so important that I make people see my point of view, but I now realize I don't need that. I am so much happier now. Life is much better. I have been sharing my experiences here with friends and I have one who I am recommending to call you to book with the group. Since completing the program, my wife and I have reconciled and our home is different from how it was in the past. I listen to her and her needs. We never go to bed angry. Everything is going so well. Thank you for all your help" – F.N.

"This course has given me the tools to improve my life and the lives of those I love. When I am a better person, they benefit. This also benefits me." – D.S.

"Everyone makes mistakes. Don't let your mistakes define you, instead use mistakes as learning opportunities." – D.A.

"I learned how to manage the outcome of a violent situation with communication, being accountable and being honest." – A.A.

"There are ways to deal with a situation other than anger. I can be angry but it's my problem, not everyone else's. I learned real skills to see what I can do when I feel disrespected or go through racism." – L.M.

"Baby steps. Things won't automatically be fixed, they still need that work. But I am better equipped going forward." – A.B.

FAMILY VIOLENCE

Thank you to the Victims Services Branch - Ministry of Justice

The Anger Resolutions Techniques (ART) program assists individuals in developing techniques to identify anger that can lead to outbursts or aggressive behaviours that could lead to violent situations and to learn ways to control these emotions. Participants also learn about domestic violence and how their behaviours impact those around them. Individuals learn how to make positive lifestyle changes for themselves and their families. This program consists of a total of twenty-program hours delivered over eleven weeks, two – one hour Orientation sessions and nine – two hour program sessions.

This year the ART programming hours remains consistent with the previous year with 120 programming hours. There was a decrease in the number of makeup programming hours. This year there were 34 makeup programming hours compared to 90 in 2024/25. These hours are provided for participants that had an occasional absence due to other commitments, illness or circumstances beyond their control. By providing these additional sessions, we ensure that participants are able to complete the program.

For over 25 years, the Circle Project's Family Violence program has been actively leading the way in violence prevention and intervention in the community. In 2026 we served 216 participants compared with 238 in 2025. A total of 58 participants successfully completed the program in that time period. One of the biggest challenges that the ART program continues to face is participant commitment to program completion. During our in depth program review, we learned that over the past 5 years, an average of 41% of participants did not attend Orientation #1 and an additional 22% of participants did not attend ART program Module #1. This makes it very challenging to accommodate participant completion and it reduces the number of available program spaces for each session. We are currently working to further address the challenges around attendance, including increased phone contact before upcoming sessions. We are also exploring the implementation of programming that has a continuous intake, similar to the women's Bringing Peace to Relationships program.

It is an honour to work in the community, supporting those facing life challenges. We would like to thank our funder, community partners, Circle Project Elders, Council and Staff for their support throughout the year. We would also like to say a special thank you to Ann Perry for her continued support and guidance. We look forward to continuing our important work in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandy Churchill, Family Violence Coordinator
Manny Pratt, Family Violence Co-Facilitator

BRINGING PEACE TO RELATIONSHIPS

Thank you to Victims Services Branch - Ministry of Justice

Last year was our first full year of the Bringing Peace to Relationships program (BPR). This ground-breaking program is for female offenders. The overall feedback that we have received about the program has been extremely positive. All participants shared they have a deeper understanding of their past behaviours. One participant shared, *"I am handling things differently. When something occurs, I don't just shut down, I process it and I move forward in a healthier way. My mom notices a big difference in me. She says I am not so angry. I feel happier and more content."* – K.G.

Over many years, the Circle Project has worked as a part of the Regina Domestic Violence Court Treatment Option (RDVCTO) team. During this time of working with the RDVCTO and in the community, it had become more apparent that for many female offenders, their underlying issues (including histories of past victimization) were having a deeper impact on their current circumstances than what we had previously accounted for. This is why we made the change to begin delivering this female specific program on a continuous intake basis. Our program takes referrals from the RDVCTO and we have opened up our registrations for referrals from outside agencies such as Probation Services and Social Services, for example. We also take self-referrals from individuals who are looking for help in making changes to the way they interact with their loved ones. We have increased our maximum enrollment to accommodate the additional demand.

This year, we have seen the involvement in the program increase by 30% from the previous year, 30 participants in 2025/26 compared to 23 in 2024/25. Additionally, we are happy to share that our program graduations have increase by 83%, 11 graduates in 2025/26 compared to 6 graduates in 2024/25. The women who participated in the program this year have all reported that the program has helped them learn about themselves, their behaviours and how to make better choices. They've learned to develop strategies to deal with conflict that reflects the values of creating peaceful relationships. The 16 week program has flexibility built in for those who may need more time to complete assignments. It is held once a week for a total of over thirty-two hours per participant. The program allows participants a better opportunity to share the full picture of their experiences, optimising their chances for healing in an environment that stresses honesty and accountability regarding the actions that led them to the BPR program.

We are pleased to report that through the support from our funder and the community we were able to successfully implement the program as a permanent addition to the Family Violence program and to respond to community need through partnership. Thank you to our Executive Director, Ann Perry for her continued guidance and support of this vital community program.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandy Churchill, Family Violence Coordinator

Participant Quotes

"My final thoughts are that I'm ashamed of how I got here but I am grateful it brought me to this program/experience because it's been a big positive in my life." – A.B.

"Through the program I realized that I have never really had a positive adult relationship. There were aspects of each person that was good but overall we were all very unhealthy. It made me realize what I was missing." – J.M.

"The final testimony brought everything together in the end. It showed me how much I have changed over these weeks, it tied it all together and gave me a sense of accomplishment." – A.B.

"My family can see the changes in me. I can see the changes in me. I feel happier. Just getting to see yourself is helpful, learning to understand your triggers." – H.N.

"I would recommend this program because it helped me to look at my faults in my relationships and not to fully blame others as my part in the relationships is critical." – J.M.

"At first I was all 'It's not gonna help me!', thinking negatively, but after that I really enjoyed the program. It made me feel good to graduate." – R.L.

"I now understand what is happening when I get upset or mad. That I can't just stay silent or run away. The other person needs to talk and share too." – K.C.

Participant Quotes

"You're like family to us. You do so much and I appreciate all of your patience with me." – R.D.

"Thank you for finding me. I'm not sure where I would be without your help." – J.S.

"This feels like my home. I would be lost without you. You saved me." – S.F

"I feel like a weight has been lifted from my body because of all your help." – A.C.

"This program is a gift from the creator, one that saved me." – M.R.

"I feel like I can focus on my future instead of just surviving day to day." – C.P

"You guys have gone above and beyond your work description to help our client and for that, I thank you." – C.C.

I got a fresh start, you guys believed in me. I haven't had that before." – M.P.

2025 & 2026 Highlights

The Housing Manager and a member of the housing support team attended the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness conference in Ottawa in 2025 and in Montreal in 2026. While there, they took part in learning sessions and connected with others working in the homelessness sector. As the housing crisis continues to grow, it remains essential to come together with a shared commitment to ending homelessness nationwide.

HOUSING MATTERS

Thank you to Community Entity – Namerind Housing Corporation and Reaching Home – Regina Community Advisory Board

The Housing Matters Program was created to be part of the solution in reducing homelessness within our community by supporting Regina's homeless population. Our mission is rooted in compassion and connection – offering not just resources, but relationships that foster trust and hope. At our informal drop-in center, individuals can access a variety of essential services including bagged lunches, phone and fax access, housing lists, and personal hygiene packages. These services provide an entry point for connection. As trust builds, individuals begin to open up about their personal circumstances. This allows staff to conduct assessments and make referrals for housing support in a safe and comfortable environment, helping clients take their first step towards stability.

The Housing Matters program has seen remarkable success over the past two years. We are proud to report this year 39 individuals (15 adults and 24 children) who were once homeless, secured permanent homes. Last year 52 individuals (20 adults and 32 children) were housed bringing our two year total to over 90 people including 56 children. These individuals, each with their own unique story, now have a roof over their heads and the chance to build a brighter future. Homelessness is a complex issue, often tied to factors like job loss, mental health struggles, addiction, or lack of affordable housing. For each person we've helped it wasn't just about providing a place to sleep, it was about offering hope, dignity and the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

Due to the highly vulnerable participants we work with in the Housing Matters program, many have faced hardships in these last two years that caused some fluctuation reflected in our caseload. This included death, incarceration, addiction and mental health struggles, however, we were overjoyed to celebrate 17 graduations this year compared to 11 graduations last year. Graduation means a move to independence equipped with the skills to maintain stable, safe housing for the foreseeable future.

Over the past two years, the Housing Matters staff was more active than ever before in the community by participating in several events aimed at raising awareness and fostering collaboration. At each event, we hosted informal booths, shared resources and educated the public about the full scope of services offered by both the Housing Matters Program and Circle Project.

As we look to the future, our commitment remains unwavering and we will continue to work toward breaking the cycle of homelessness, advocating for more affordable housing and creating pathways to stability for those who need it most. Thank you to our funders, community partners, and our Executive Director, Ann Perry for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Sydnee Manklow – Housing Matters Program Manager
Ashley Dick – Housing Matters Support Worker

BUILDING CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Thank you to Creator

The Building Cultural Competency (BCC) training was developed as a unique learning opportunity to engage both the Indigenous and non-Indigenous community to promote understanding as a positive way forward in our community and an important step in reconciliation. Through the building of this understanding, Indigenous people gain insight into their own history and culture. When non-Indigenous people begin to connect the past history with present day realities that Indigenous communities face, they begin to see that trauma isn't in the past, that it is ongoing. The BCC program consists of carefully developed training modules that are tailored towards the needs of each group. Exposure to teachings from Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers are key components to the success of the program.

Over the past two years, we've entered into an exciting training agreement with local community partner agencies to provide the BCC training for their staff. This group represents a diverse group of professionals who vary in age, gender and ethnicity. An important aspect of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action is sharing Indigenous history, culture and traditional teachings with newcomers and non-Indigenous peoples as an important step towards true reconciliation. These individuals provide services to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of our community. At the conclusion of the training, participants shared their excitement about incorporating what they learned into their work.

As we move forward into the future, we are looking forward to exploring new opportunities to share cultural awareness and reconciliation as we bridge the gaps in our community through building cultural understanding.



96% of participants rated their Overall Satisfaction as either Excellent or Good.

Participant Quotes



"I'm status but have always felt disconnected from my culture as I wasn't taught traditional ways. This feels like a great start to those ancient connections. Thank you!" - N.K.

"The most impactful thing I learned was about inclusivity - being cautious about how rules create divisiveness. Lovely reciprocity of gratitude from the land and giving back what you take." - J.K.

"So much to continue thinking about, learning and as we work towards reconciliation together." - D.W.

"I gained new understanding so that I can support the people I work with in other ways of healing." - K.B.

"I hope I can find a way to bring this understanding into my time spent with the young mothers I work with." - S.Y.

"I can integrate what I learn in my job to improve my practice & approaches." - R.K.

"I learned to always be mindful. Many don't intend to cause harm, they function within the systems and structures that we have. It is important to step back and reflect before we act." - J.S.

From the Mouths of Babes

"Why do you keep growing, you're getting so tall?" the teacher asked J.A. who said, "I asked the Creator to keep me this small, but it's not working."

"Look at my chicken dance! I can dance good cuz I like powwow dancing." – O.K.

"I'm going to make a medicine wheel so I can teach my mom and dad the colours of it." – Q.K.

"Look at this deadly breakfast you're going to eat." – N.O.

K.I. was asked if he likes bannock, he replied *"Only my Auntie's."*

A.S.K. and N.D. were playing and not getting along. *"A.S.K. is not using her respect."* – N.D. (Child referring to the Seven Grandfather Teachings that he learned from the Cultural Connections for Kids program, where respect is the buffalo.)

Kinder group was watching a video about Indigenous people cooking hamburger soup. B.K.L. said, *"I like my burger on a bun not in soup!"*

The children were sitting at circle time and everyone is excited for our new kitchen. They said, *"It's going to make the daycare look so beautiful!"*

80% of the families who accessed our childcare programs this year self-identified as Indigenous.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Thank you to the Ministry of Education – Early Learning and Child Care Service Delivery and REACH

Licensed by the Ministry of Education – Early Learning and Child Care Branch, the Circle Project Children's Centre and the Infant & Toddler Centre are operated under the umbrella of Circle Project. The Centre is among a very few Indigenous child care centers in Regina that provide quality and culturally based childcare for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years old. We are licensed for a combined total of 106 spaces. and enrollment has increased to 90%, up from 88% the previous year. Children are engaged in daily activities and circle times, fostering social and cognitive development. Additionally, they receive three nutritious meals per day, carefully curated according to the Canadian Food Guide to ensure balanced nutrition essential for their growth and well-being.

The physical environment in a childcare setting plays a vital role in supporting children's development across physical, emotional, spiritual, and cognitive domains. Both centres received Preventative Maintenance grants from the Ministry, allowing for essential renovations and upgrades. At the Children's Centre, interior walls were repainted, new lockers were installed to improve organization, and new blinds were added to enhance comfort and aesthetics. All classrooms received new shelving to create better storage and improve accessibility for children of all ages. The kitchen also underwent upgrades, giving it a refreshed look and ensuring it remains well equipped to provide nutritious meals and snacks each day.

Meanwhile, the Infant & Toddler Centre saw significant renovations aimed at creating a more adaptable and functional space. The kitchen was completely renovated to optimize meal preparation and service, ensuring a more efficient workflow for staff and a better dining experience for the children. In addition to the kitchen upgrades, the centre also undertook fencing enhancements to further secure the outdoor space. These improvements provided a safer and more structured environment for outdoor activities, allowing children to engage in play and exploration with greater security and freedom.

Our childcare staff is dedicated to providing high-quality care, meaningful cultural experiences and ongoing improvements that support each child's development. With a strong, caring team and a nurturing environment, both centres offer a safe and engaging place for early learning and growth. We deeply appreciate all staff members at both centres for their hard work and dedication. Their teamwork and commitment to excellence continue to strengthen our programs and the quality of care we provide. We would also like to offer a special thank-you to Circle Project's Council and to Ann Perry for their ongoing guidance and support throughout the year. Their leadership and contributions are invaluable to our success.

Respectfully submitted,
Tyrah Kaiswatum, Director of Childcare Services

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS FOR KIDS

Thank you to the Sask Knights of Columbus and Circle Project

At our childcare centres, we believe that culture is not just something we teach, it's something we live. Through the Cultural Connections for Kids (CCK) program, we've created an environment where children experience culture as a daily part of their learning and play. From songs and stories to language and ceremony, our programming is designed to help children build a strong sense of self-worth, increased self-esteem and overall well-being.

Introducing cultural learning in early childhood is essential for nurturing a strong sense of identity, belonging and respect for diversity. In a childcare setting, these experiences lay the foundation for children to understand who they are and where they come from, while also learning to appreciate the backgrounds of others. Through stories, language, traditions and celebrations, children begin to see culture not as something separate, but as a vibrant part of everyday life. This early exposure helps build empathy, curiosity and confidence, qualities that support healthy social development and lifelong learning. When children see their own cultures reflected and valued and are invited to explore those of their peers, they grow up feeling seen, respected and empowered.

We've had the privilege of witnessing firsthand how this approach empowers our children. Since the program's introduction, our young learners have shown remarkable growth—emotionally, culturally, and socially. One of the most rewarding aspects has been hearing directly from families about the pride they feel and the knowledge their children are bringing home. The excitement in the children's voices and the joy shared by their families truly reflect the impact of this meaningful work of identity and belonging.

Our educators have gone above and beyond, embracing this work not just as a part of their role, but as a significant opportunity to connect with the community and to build lasting relationships. Parent Nights have also become a cherished part of our programming, offering meaningful opportunities for families to connect, engage and build community. These special evenings bring parents, caregivers, and community members together to share meals, participate in cultural teachings and enjoy creative, hands-on activities. This year, we were proud to host events such as vision board workshops, paint nights and Red Dress pin making sessions, each one fostering reflection, creativity and conversation. We're incredibly grateful to all the families who joined us and helped make these gatherings so special.

Hiy Hiy,
Tyrah Kaiswatum, Director of Childcare Services



Parents participating in cultural teachings and hands-on cultural activities.



Parent projects in progress.



Spending time with Kokum is the most favourite activity for all of the children, big or small!

Parent Quotes

"I love being in a creative group setting." – B.K.

"I enjoyed everything, especially the life stories and experiences." – J.S.

"I enjoyed the conversation and learning to bead." – M.C.

"The beading was fun. I appreciated the talk about MMIW. This is an issue close to my heart." – C.M.

Event Photos

National Indigenous People's Day



The prize winners from the children's quiz draw.



The female pow wow dance demonstrators.



Elders visiting in the Elders' Tent.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



The Honour Walk in progress.



Those who gathered shared messages of hope and reconciliation.



Elder speaking to the children during story time in Circle Project's tipi.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

National Indigenous People's Day Community Celebration Thanks to Celebrate Canada, City of Regina and SaskCulture

The National Indigenous Peoples' Day Annual Community Celebration is a vibrant gathering that brings together people of all ages to honour Indigenous culture, heritage, and traditions. Beloved activities including traditional drumming, dance demonstrations, storytelling and our ever-popular free community BBQ are always a hit. Music from the DJ—featuring powwow, fiddle, and flute tunes—inspires spontaneous dancing, singing and even a few song requests. Family-friendly programming remains a priority, with carnival games, Indigenous-themed crafts, face painting and the always-popular family photo tent. A new highlight is story time in the tipi, where guest readers shared Indigenous stories with children. After each reading, the children were entered into a draw to win the featured book—an exciting moment for many. As always, we extend heartfelt thanks to our funders, sponsors, organizing committee, volunteers, entertainers and community members for making this celebration such a joyful and meaningful success.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Thanks to Celebrate Canada and Co-operators

Held each year on September 30, the Annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Honour Walk and Awareness Event was hosted by Circle Project at Victoria Park. Circle Project, along with our community partner, came together to honour the discoveries of unmarked graves at former Residential School sites. This important event is well received by the community who gathers each year to show their support for the Indigenous community.

The event begins with a prayer from our Elder and land acknowledgements by our Oskapios (cultural helper). The walk provides quite an impressive visual with the majority of those in attendance wearing orange as they follow the drum group who leads the Honour Walk with songs and the beats of the hand drums. The walk ends beside the Circle Project tipi which represents the traditional home of the Indigenous peoples. Once the walk is completed, individuals are invited to write their messages of reconciliation on orange shirt cut-outs which are then hung on a display, which provides a snap shot on the public's thoughts and feelings around Truth and Reconciliation and the issues facing Indigenous people in our community. They are able to then view the displays of information that focuses on the historical impacts of colonization and Residential Schools on Indigenous Peoples along with interesting cultural information. We are grateful and wish to thank the community for coming together in solidarity to honour those impacted by Residential Schools.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Circle Project Children's Annual Christmas Party Thanks to UNIFOR Local 1-S

The Children's Christmas Party was especially meaningful as it marked 30 years of partnership with Unifor Local 1S. Held at the Turvey Centre, the event brought together Circle Project families, council members, staff and volunteers for a joyful afternoon. The celebration began with a warm welcome and an opening song from Circle Project's drum group and knowledge keeper, setting a respectful and uplifting tone. Guests enjoyed a festive meal served by Unifor volunteers, while children took part in fun activities—including face painting, balloon animals, a colouring contest and family photos with Santa. Each family received a free 5x7 photo and every child went home with a goodie bag and a Christmas book.

A special presentation was made to Unifor to honour three decades of partnership. They were gifted a piece of Indigenous artwork symbolizing community, which will be proudly displayed in their office. Another heartfelt moment came when a retiring Unifor member and long-time supporter of Circle Project was honoured with a star quilt and an honour song in recognition of their years of dedication. Overall the event received glowing feedback from families and staff. It was a joyful and meaningful celebration of culture, community, and connection—making the Children's Christmas Party a memorable success.

Circle Project Annual Elders' Christmas Party Thanks to TC Energy, Circle Project and Brian Sklar

It was a joyful and heartwarming occasion as Circle Project once again hosted our Annual Elders' Christmas Party, bringing together community Elders and Circle Project's Council and staff to celebrate the holiday season. The room was filled with laughter, hugs, and the joyful sounds of the Elders reconnecting, sharing stories and celebrating the season together—an important reminder of the strength, wisdom and cultural richness they bring to our community, especially during times of gathering and reflection.

The evening began with a prayer led by Circle Project's Elder, followed by an opening and honour song by Lone Creek Drum Group. Our lively MC, Jeff Cappel, kept the evening flowing with warmth and humour. A delicious Christmas meal was served, followed by entertainment from Brian Sklar & the Tex Pistols, whose performance had everyone tapping their toes. Spot dances, door prizes and giveaways kept the energy high, and every Elder went home with a tin of treats. As tradition holds, the "Rez Dog" found a new home, and there was plenty of jigging on the dance floor. Special gifts were presented to the Oldest Man and Oldest Woman in attendance. Elders were treated to professional portraits to take home and the night ended with a beautiful Round Dance, a celebration of community, friendship and the spirit of the season. We thank everyone who joined us and look forward to another unforgettable gathering next year.

Event Photos

Children's Christmas Party



Presentation of Star Quilt to retiring Unifor manager and long time supporter of Circle Project's Children's Christmas Party.



Circle Project Staff at Children's Christmas party.

Elder's Christmas Party



The winners of the Christmas Quiz.



"The Elders' Party has been really excellent. I've really enjoyed the staff. Everything really has a good spirit feeling. Thank you to the staff!" – A.S.



Circle Project "elves" preparing a sweet treat for the Elders' Christmas party.

Event Photos



Partner panel.



Hearts hung in the park.



SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Hearts in the Park *Thanks to Justice Canada*

Circle Project, together with our dedicated community partners, came together once again to host the Annual *Hearts in the Park* community awareness event in Victoria Park, located in the heart of downtown Regina. Held during the national *Victims and Survivors of Crime Week*, the event embraced the theme “*Putting our Hearts on the Line – The Power of Collaboration.*” The community partners spoke at the event to share the diverse perspectives of their organization and the work they are doing in the community to address the ongoing impacts of domestic, family, and interpersonal violence in our community.

Hearts in the Park continues to raise awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding violence by encouraging attendees to write the relationship of someone they know who has been affected by violence on a heart and display it in the park. This deeply personal act served as a visual reminder of the widespread effects of violence and the importance of community-based healing. This year, 72% of the hearts reflected an immediate or extended family member as being impacted by violence, underscoring the urgent need for continued collaboration, education, and support.

STAFF & COUNCIL BRUNCH SERVICE AWARDS

Staff and volunteer turnover can significantly impact the effectiveness and capacity of an organization. At Circle Project we have been very fortunate in building solid tenure with both staff and volunteers. We are so grateful for the commitment shown and show our gratitude through service awards. We were so excited to come together at Christmas to acknowledge our staff and Council for their commitment to the success of Circle Project.

10 Years of Service

Brandy Churchill (2015)

15 Years of Service

Keon Flamont (2009)

20 Years of Service

Amanda Froh-Barry (2004)

30 Years of Service

Bob Cantin (1995)

Ann Perry (1995)



Keon Flamont and Amanda Froh-Barry.



Bob Cantin, Ann Perry and Brandy Churchill.

Thank you for your combined 105 years of service! We look forward to celebrating many more years with you.

HIGHLIGHTS



Casinos Regina & Moose Jaw Survey Says Charity Challenge

For the past two years, Circle Project took part in the Survey Says Charity Challenge—a lighthearted competition that brought together local organizations for a fun evening of trivia and community connection. While we didn't place near the top, the event was a great opportunity to raise awareness about our work and connect with others who are also making a difference.

Staff & Council enjoyed stepping out to spend time together, build team spirit, and share information at our display booth. Events like these help strengthen relationships within the community and give us a chance to celebrate the impact of the non-profit sector in a relaxed and engaging way. We're always grateful for the chance to share our story and look forward to more opportunities like this in the future. Thank you Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw!

Circle Project in the Community

Circle Project took part in a special community event at the Cornwall Centre, where staff connected with the public and shared information about our programs and services. Our team handed out pamphlets, naloxone kits, granola bars, and answered questions from those who stopped by.

Alongside volunteers, we helped distribute 300 care bags filled with winter essentials, toiletries, snacks, and warm coffee to people in need. It was a meaningful day spent supporting the community and raising awareness about the resources available through Circle Project.



Run for Regina

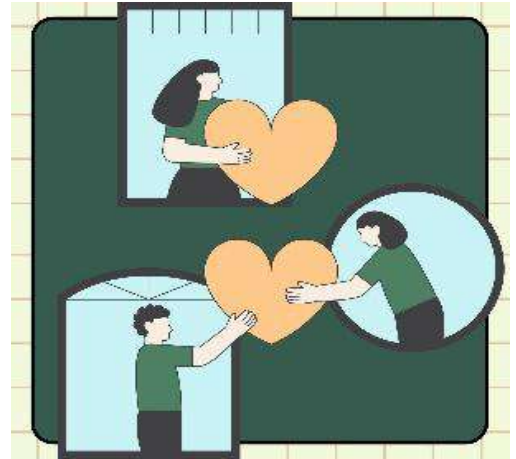
The Run for Regina was an important gathering that brought people together to promote unity, health and community connection. Circle Project was proud to once again be selected as the Charity of Choice, a reflection of the strong partnerships that continue to grow across our city.

Support from community groups helps to advance our shared goals of inclusion, understanding and reconciliation. Working together, we can build lasting relationships and continue supporting Indigenous communities in meaningful and respectful ways.

HIGHLIGHTS

Sharing with the Community

This year, we have seen an increase in clothing donations. There have been clothing drives from our corporate friends, especially in the winter months, along with donations from schools, churches and the general public. Thanks to this increase, Circle Project has been able to give back to the community in even greater ways. As responsible stewards of these contributions, we ensure that any surplus is not wasted or left unused. Instead of storing excess items or risking them expiring, we share them with other local organizations whose work reaches beyond our usual scope. This spirit of collaboration allows us to extend our impact and support even more individuals throughout the city of Regina.



Thought Leadership in the Community

Circle Project was proud to take part in the Reimagining Non-Profits Conference, hosted by Luther College at the University of Regina. In a thought-provoking session led by Victor Roman Morrow of the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation, our Executive Director, Ann Perry, joined Family Service Regina's CEO, Kirk Englot, for a powerful conversation on *Beyond Tokenism: Building Intentional & Purposeful Partnerships*. The panel sparked meaningful dialogue around how intentional partnerships can drive meaningful change and foster a more inclusive community.



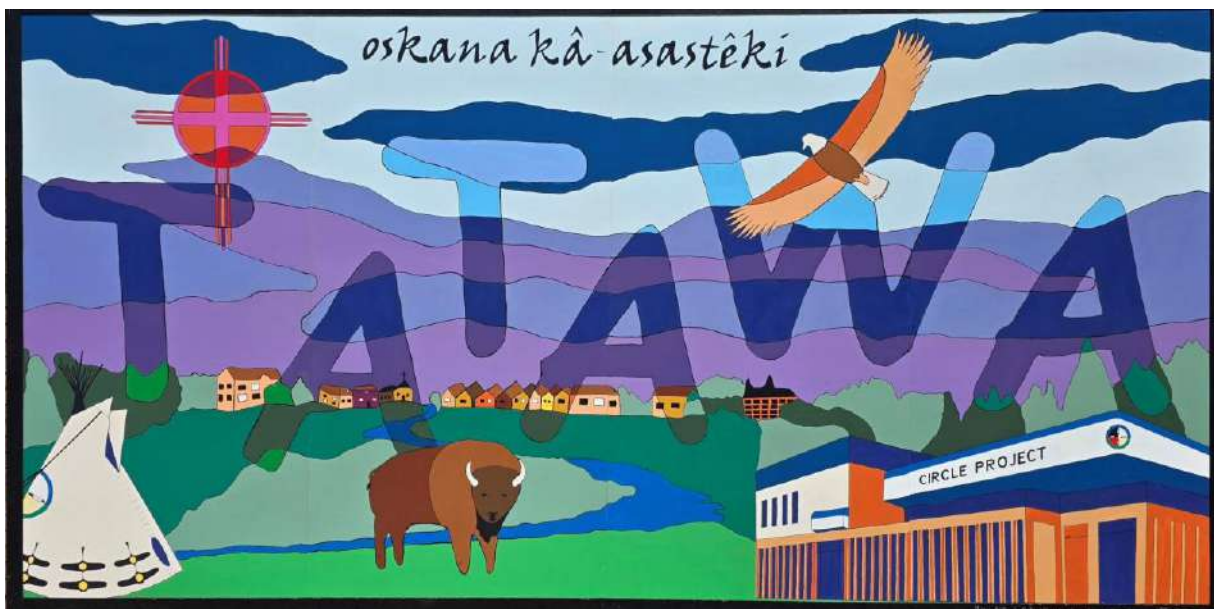
Partnership in the Community

This year, Circle Project actively engaged with community partners to explore ways we can work together to respond to community needs and move towards addressing these needs. The best and most recent example of this is our work with Rally Around Homelessness and their laundry voucher program. We consulted with them around their intentions for the program and offered guidance on best practices for the sharing of this resource. In addition to creating a process to ensure accountability, we have successfully shared vouchers with the community and have been able to continue to offer support as this program grows and faces challenges. Circle Project is a main distribution point in the community for sharing the vouchers; greatly appreciated by those who have accessed the service.



NEW MURAL UNVEILED AT COMMUNITY & CULTURAL HUB

The mural is titled "TATAWA" which means "Come in, there is room" often translated as, "Welcome". The artwork attempts to restore the dignity and image of Indigenous Peoples of "where the bones are piled" while extending a sincere welcome to all newcomers, in truth and reconciliation. The creation and installation of the mural is a joint community project made possible through community partnership.



KITCHEN EXPANSION AT COMMUNITY & CULTURAL HUB

This year we are excited to share that we have successfully expanded our kitchen facilities to include a commercial kitchen to accommodate the ever increasing community demand for the Community Lunch program. Hunger continues to be the most pressing need for the most vulnerable members of our community. From April 2024 to March 2026, we provided a total of 53,337 bagged lunches. With this kitchen redesign we will also be able to provide access to the space for our programs, such as the Cultural Connections for Kids Parent Nights. This will be vital in ensuring that we are not only able to provide lunches, but to also expand our programs as we continue to work to connect with some of the most vulnerable individuals in our community in meaningful ways, building trust and relationships. This is a vital step forward in our ongoing efforts to support the community.

BEFORE:



AFTER:

NOTES:

2025/2026

FINANCIAL
INFORMATION

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The charity's financial position and operating results for the year remained consistent with the previous fiscal year. No significant changes occurred in the charity's operations, funding sources, or financial obligations during the year. Management maintained prudent financial oversight and continued to monitor expenditures to ensure the effective use of resources. Overall, the year's financial results reflect continued stability and sustainability, comparable to the financial performance reported in the preceding fiscal year. The Council (Board of Directors) and management remain committed to responsible financial oversight, transparency and accountability. We will continue to balance careful fiscal management with strategic investments that strengthen our programs, support our participants and staff and maximize our community impact.

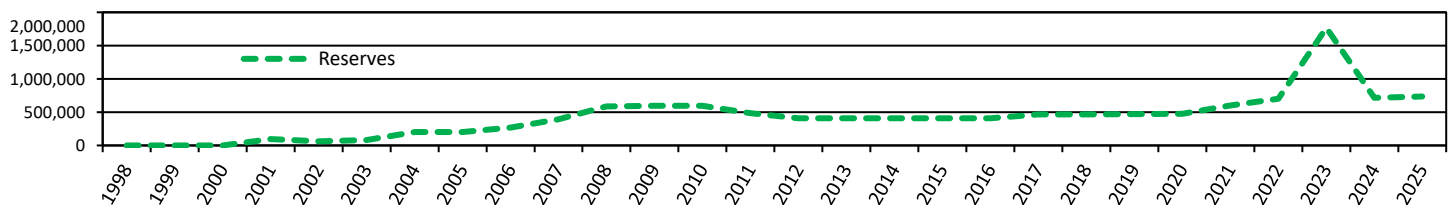
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The organization ended the year in a stable financial position, with assets, liabilities, and net assets remaining generally consistent with prior years. With consideration given to the preservation of assets, namely the facilities owned by Circle Project, considerable resources were allocated to various capital renovations at all three centers. Additional grants were secured to help offset some of the costs. Changes in cash were consistent with the financial activities in the year. Management believes the charity has sufficient resources to continue its operations and meet its commitments in the foreseeable future.

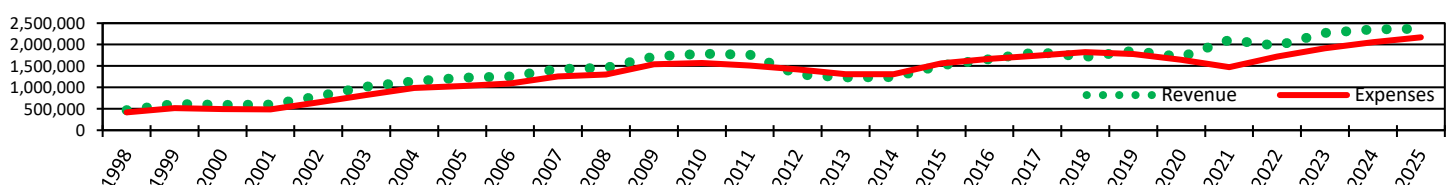
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

Revenue levels were stable, supported primarily by program grants and community support through sponsorships and donations. Unfortunately, donations have decreased by over 60% as many people struggle to make ends meet with the tougher economic times we are in. Economic uncertainty has also affected corporate donations but to a much lesser degree. Management recognizes that the charitable sector continues to face uncertainty related to funding availability, economic conditions and growing community needs. Expenditures were in line with budget expectations and continued to be directed toward the delivery of programs and services that support the organization's mission.

Restricted Reserves



Revenues & Expenditures



Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of The Circle Project Assoc. Inc.:

The accompanying summarized financial statements, which comprise the summarized statement of financial position as at March 31, 2026, and the summarized statement of operations for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements of The Circle Project Assoc. Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2026. I expressed an unqualified audit opinion on those financial statements in my report dated June 18, 2026.

The summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations. Reading the summarized financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of The Circle Project Assoc. Inc.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these summarized financial statements.

Auditors' Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the summarized financial statements based on my procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Opinion

In my opinion, the summarized financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of The Circle Project Assoc. Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2026 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

Regina, Saskatchewan

June 18, 2026



Chartered Professional Accountant

The Circle Project Assoc. Inc.
Summarized Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Assets		
Current		
Cash	2,521,918	2,297,331
Marketable securities	734,958	713,628
Accounts receivable	95,201	104,955
Prepaid expenses	27,530	28,382
	3,379,607	3,144,296
Capital assets	2,457,205	2,558,503
	5,836,812	5,702,799
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable	189,282	166,301
Deferred contributions	53,780	35,030
	243,062	201,331
Deferred contributions – capital assets	2,052,184	2,159,896
	2,295,246	2,361,227
Net Assets		
Equity in capital assets	405,021	398,607
Reserves	750,322	750,322
Unrestricted net assets	2,386,223	2,192,643
	3,541,566	3,341,572
	5,836,812	5,702,799

Approved on behalf of the Board



Director



Director

The Circle Project Assoc. Inc.
Summarized Statement of Operations
For the year ended March 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Revenue		
Indian and Northern Affairs	130,976	130,976
Ministry of Justice	155,496	150,967
Gov of Saskatchewan	1,108,638	1,015,293
City of Regina	45,000	45,000
REACH	26,100	26,100
Heritage Canada	25,400	29,000
NIB Trust	-	44,000
Co-operators	132,000	50,000
Summer student grant	3,747	-
Namerind Community Entity	209,512	150,277
Transfer from deferred contributions	37,621	11,006
Child care fees	235,771	221,680
Donations and sponsorships	65,942	182,711
Donations/grants – capital assets	106,457	137,684
Grants – other	24,900	30,395
Memberships	56	47
Reimbursed expense	-	65
Interest	53,600	90,492
Other self-generated	6,000	40,856
	2,369,916	2,356,549
Expenditures		
Activities - special/cultural/community	66,466	85,414
- lunch program groceries	63,715	51,971
Advertising	14,000	9,379
Accounting	27,402	25,962
Bad debts	238	3,729
Bank charges	1,702	6,157
Dues and subscriptions	2,994	1,494
Groceries	35,564	30,459
Honorariums	2,400	2,104
Hospitality	1,404	1,800
Insurance	31,481	30,122
Office	32,823	23,128
Materials and supplies	46,276	30,863
Facility costs	200,182	213,554
Repairs and maintenance	26,301	31,852
Property taxes	18,260	14,936
Training	1,139	7,136
Meetings and travel	9,064	7,164
Utilities	50,163	56,975
Vehicles	1,650	1,800
Wages and benefits	1,520,183	1,402,558
Workers' compensation	16,515	19,052
	2,169,922	2,057,609
Surplus for the year	199,994	298,940

ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT

To the Membership;

The Circle Project Assoc. Inc. Council have read and approved all of the submitted Circle Project financial statements for the year April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 on a regular basis throughout the fiscal year. An annual audit has been conducted and the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures is included in the 2026 Annual Report.

In addition to maintaining best practices including the approval of monthly Financial Statements and signature of Council Meeting Minutes, the Circle Project is:

- ✓ current on all of its statutory deductions for its employees and has made all of the required remittances to Canada Revenue Agency;
- ✓ current on wage payments to all employees;
- ✓ current on all required property tax payments;
- ✓ registered and a member in good standing with the Non-Profits Corporation Branch of Saskatchewan;
- ✓ in good standing with Canada Revenue Agency as a registered charity;
- ✓ current in all licensing requirements;
- ✓ has sufficient cash resources to operate in an efficient manner.
- ✓ registered and in good standing with CanadaHelps to receive donations.

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