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Show N Shine Milestone

Despite less than ideal weather, the 16th Annual Labour Day Show N Shine delivered, with nearly 400 exhibitors, as well as community members and sponsors, helping to raise over \$32,744 for the Regina Food Bank. The show eclipsed an impressive milestone this year, totaling over \$320,000 raised for the Regina Food Bank, which translates into over one million meals raised for families battling food insecurity.

“Through the tireless efforts of the planning committee and the unwavering support of our community, the 16th Annual Access Communications Labour Day Show N Shine has not only showcased remarkable vehicles but also illuminated the spirit of giving,” said John Bailey, CEO of the Regina Food Bank.

The Labour Day Show N Shine is hosted by Access Communications and the Collectors Car Club of Saskatchewan, and made possible by title sponsor CAA and many other local sponsors. To see more, visit myaccess.ca/shownshine.



Photos: John Bailey (Regina Food Bank) David Didych (Collector's Car Club), Jim Deane (Committee Chair), Fred Titanich (CAA Saskatchewan) and Carmela Haines (Access) pose for a cheque presentation; guests admire some of the nearly 400 cars on display.

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COMMUNICATIONS CO-OPERATIVE

OUR MISSION & VALUES

OUR MISSION

We are a community owned co-operative dedicated to providing exceptional communications and entertainment services and unique opportunities for local expression.

OUR VALUES

Integrity

We live by our belief in honesty, respect, and trust in everything we do.

Employee-Centered

We enable everyone's involvement, growth and contribution in a challenging, safe and fun environment.

Customer-Focused

We deliver extraordinary value reliably, dependably and consistently.

Community-Oriented

We are an integral part of the communities we serve, contributing to their energy and progress.

Innovative

We create and embrace change that enhances customer service, the community and our organization.

Member-Driven

We are guided by committed and supportive members.

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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In Memoriam

Access unfortunately lost a dear friend and colleague, Cal Gee, who passed away unexpectedly in June. Cal was a dedicated employee and an integral part of our success as a Network Analyst for the past 21 years. He will be greatly missed by his team and those that knew him. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family and friends.



Cal Gee

We were also deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our first President & CEO, Fred Wagman, in July. Fred was instrumental in our cable television license application in the late 70s. He oversaw the rapid rollout of cable television in the city and the growth of Cable Regina (now Access Communications). We send our heartfelt condolences to Fred's family and friends.



Fred Wagman

Call for Nominations

Each January at our Annual General Meeting, the membership holds an election to fill vacancies on the Co-operative's Board of Directors. Our Board's Governance Committee is now actively searching for nominees. Successful candidates will ideally have some business experience, board experience and demonstrated interest in both community investment and Access Communications.

If you are interested in learning more about joining our Board of Directors, please contact member.relations@myaccess.coop. And be sure to mark your calendar for our next Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**.

Access Member Profile

Every issue, MyAccess will profile one of our organizational members and how they make a difference in Saskatchewan.

The United Way of Estevan holds one major fundraiser every year to support community impact projects and member agencies. The United Way Telethon is a 33-hour live event held every October to raise hundred of thousands of dollars for the community of Estevan and area. In 2022, the telethon raised over \$350,000. The 47th Annual United Way of Estevan Telethon airs October 13 and 14 on AccessNow TV.



Serving the community.



Our co-operative is all about bringing you the technology you want, the service you deserve and helping our province be the best it can be. [Click here to view the 2023 Community Report.](#)

BBQ Tour Retrospective

And that's a wrap! Our 2023 Summer BBQ Tour has come to an end, and it was another successful year. Our BBQ team visited over 50 communities in Saskatchewan over 15 weeks, travelling more than 47,000 km all over our wonderful province. And community members certainly brought their appetites – we served over 10,500 burgers and hot dogs (and just as many smiles). The BBQ Tour is one of the many ways Access says THANK YOU to the communities that support us all year round.

We're also grateful for the generosity of the folks that attended. While the burgers, hot dogs and water are free, we welcomed donations to our registered charity, the Access Communications Children's Fund. The BBQ Tour managed to raise \$7,100 in donations for the Children's Fund.

"It was a beautiful day for a BBQ, and the Access BBQ Tour really brought the community out. The staff were great to work with and we are happy to see organizations walking the talk and supporting towns like Wilkie in person," said Mayor David Ziegler of Wilkie.



Mayor, David Ziegler (left)

You can learn more about this year's BBQ Tour by visiting myaccess.ca/bbqtour. And if you have any feedback for our team, please send that to bbqtour@myaccess.coop.

Wolseley 125th Anniversary



Wolseley 125th Anniversary Trade Show

The Town of Wolseley was the place to be this summer as the town hosted a weekend-long celebration in honour of its 125th anniversary. Access Communications took part in the town's trade show and parade, giving away some swag and letting visitors know all about our not-for-profit co-operative. Access is soon launching new services in Wolseley, including AccessHyperSpeed 1 Gig and AccessNexTV Stream, and we know the community is excited.

Children's Fund Corner

The Access Communications Children's Fund continues to make a difference in the lives of children at risk or in need. Our charity's impact this year has been remarkable so far – over \$726,000 donated since December 2022 to over 65 nonprofit organizations with programs supporting youth in one of three key areas: health and wellness, literacy and education, and social inclusion.

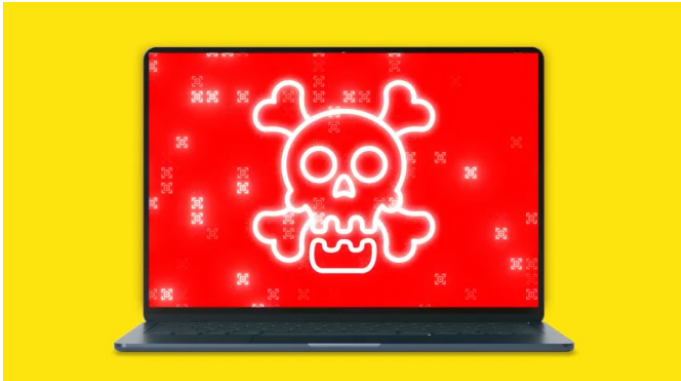
One of those organizations was CityKidz, who received \$14,000 towards their "Summer to Remember" program that provides summer programming and activities for children at risk who would not otherwise be able to afford to participate in any summer activities.

To learn more about the criteria for funding and to fill out an application form, visit myaccess.ca/childrensfund.



Children's Fund donation to CityKidz.

Cyber Security



One of our four PSA videos for the cyber Security Campaign.

In July, Access launched a Cyber Security Awareness Campaign to help educate the public on cyber crime. Our campaign centres on four topics: phishing scams that can trick users into revealing personal information, tips for creating strong and secure passwords to protect users from hacking attempts, the importance of updates that deliver important bug fixes and security patches, and the risks that can be associated with public Wi-Fi and how VPNs can help.

To learn more about the steps you can take to protect yourself from cyber crime, visit myaccess.ca/cybersecurity.

Connecting Saskatchewan

Access Communications continues to improve services offerings across the province. In June, Access launched AccessBusiness Smart Wi-Fi, powered by Plume Workpass. It's the perfect Wi-Fi management solution for small and medium-sized businesses, offering unparalleled performance, security, business analytics, and guest management capabilities in the palm of one's hand. Learn more by visiting myaccess.ca/access-business/internet/smart-wi-fi.

This year Access has also launched gigabit internet services, streaming television, phone and security monitoring for residential and business customers in many communities, including Birch Hills, Cochin, Hague, Imperial, Nokomis, Osler, Simpson, and Young. And this fall, we're launching these same services in Aberdeen, Bruno, Dundurn, Glaslyn, Govan, Muenster, Strasbourg, and Wolseley. For the best pricing and promotion in your area, visit myaccess.ca/deals.



AccessBusiness Smart Wi-Fi is here.

Refer a friend

At Access, we know our members are our biggest ambassadors. But did you know you could also save by referring your friends and family to Access Communications? It's true.

If you refer a friend or family member to Access, and they sign up for services, you can earn \$25 per service (up to a total of \$100 per referral). That credit would appear on your account once services are maintained for 60 days total.

To learn more (and for full terms and conditions), visit myaccess.ca/deals/referrals

