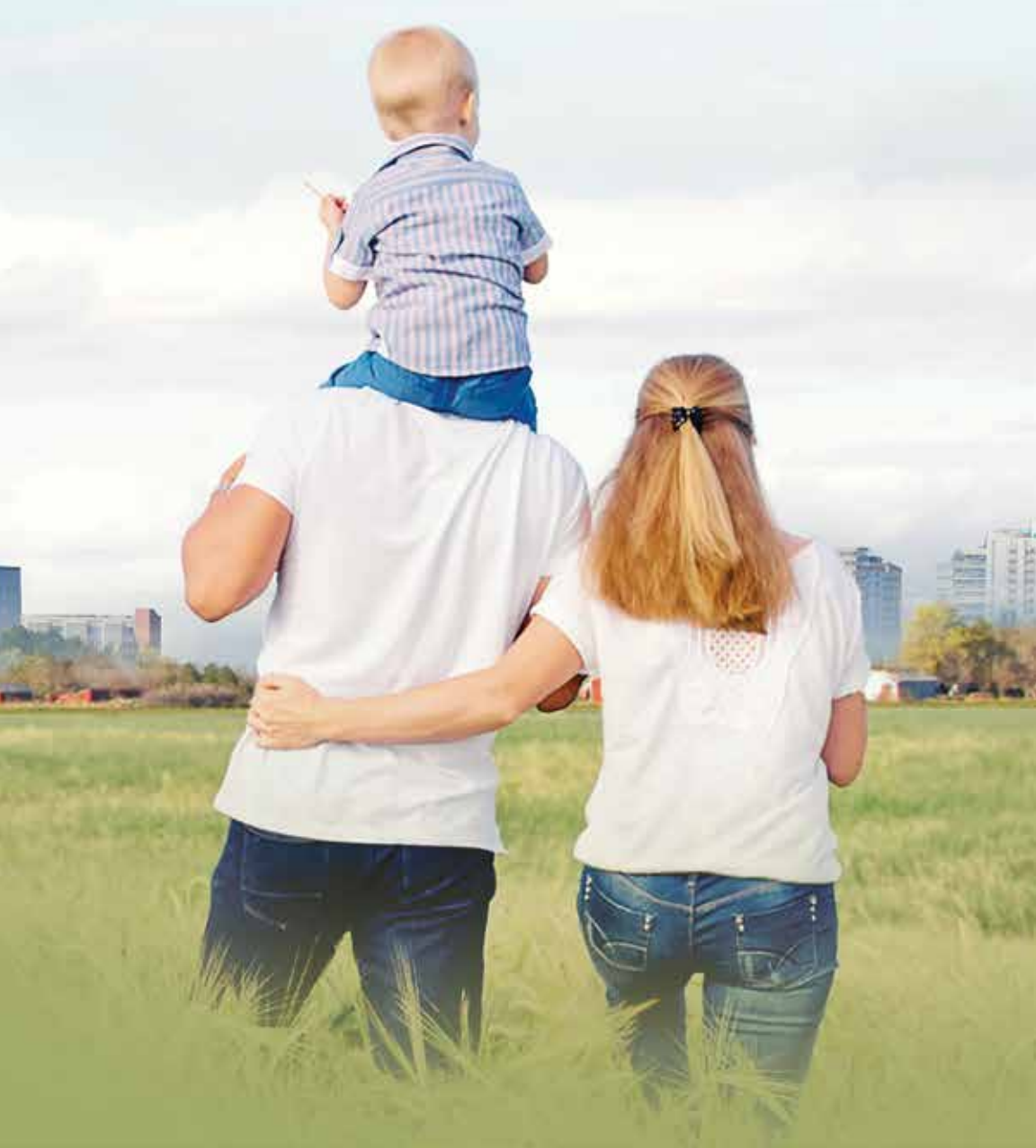




Better Together

2017 Community Report



Our Mission

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

Our Vision

Delivering unrivalled communications and entertainment services.

Our Values

- **Integrity** — We live by our belief in honesty, respect and trust in everything we do.
- **Employee-Centred** — 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.

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Message from the Chair of the Board

Anyone who calls this province home can tell you Saskatchewan is full of many great things—big and small. We interact with each other daily; we share classrooms, coach teams together and work to build sustainable and prosperous communities.

At Access Communications, we work together, growing and **re-investing 100% of our earnings into the over 230 communities we serve**. This obviously strikes a chord in the hearts of each and every Access Communications employee and volunteer. We understand that sustainability, governance and social impacts are interconnected. We're grounded in the principle that respecting the relationship between our organization and the communities around us can help us thrive within them, and help them build on their wonderful spirit and involvement.

Our 43 years of success as a co-operative could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of many people who deserve our recognition and appreciation. On behalf of your board of directors, I would like to say thank you to our employees, customers, volunteers and partners that are part of the Access family—in all parts of the province.

We are so grateful for the members of our co-operative. By joining together in a co-operative unit, we are able to be much stronger and more effective in an increasingly competitive marketplace. This proves that not-for-profit, community ownership works, and works well.

We truly are better together.

Sincerely,



Dale Ripplinger, Chair
Access Communications Co-operative

2017 Board of Directors

Brenda Watson • Patrick Kelly • Doreen Polischuk • David MacLeod
Twila Walkeden • David Dekker • Dale Ripplinger (Chair) • Ken Shaw
Hiedi Pearson • Dick DeRyk (Vice Chair) • Bernadette McIntyre • Alan Bachynski



Together as Members

Our members call Saskatchewan home, which is why Access Communications Co-operative was designed to accommodate both individuals and non-profit community organizations as members.

As Access has grown and changed over the years, our membership structure has proven to be strong. Membership is open to any resident 18 years of age or older, residing in an Access Communications service area, and to any organization with community, member or patron objectives based in any of those communities. Our balanced voting structure provides a strong co-operative base for our successful operation.

At district and general meetings, **members have the opportunity to provide input on issues facing the co-operative.** Members also receive valuable information about Access Communications Co-operative through a members' newsletter and other publications. We work with other co-operatives to promote and provide benefits to our members and to support the co-operative business model.



Access at a Glance

A lot of hard work and co-operative effort has brought us this far, and we're very proud of that fact. Our staff, members, customers, volunteers and partners continue to be a part of a well-oiled machine that just can't be beaten when Access' vision, mission and values are put into action.

We're also committed to what's coming tomorrow, and next week, and the months and years after that. At Access we're seriously focused on the future of each person who makes his or her home in Saskatchewan, the future of every community within our Access family and the future of this province and its place in our country.

We know that wonderful things happen when we work together.



- We are a locally-owned not-for-profit service co-operative incorporated in 1974 under The Co-operatives Act of Saskatchewan.
- Our earnings are not returned to the membership as dividends, but are retained by the Co-operative to improve the service to subscribers or to increase and broaden community channel programming.
- A board of twelve directors is elected by members for three-year terms at annual meetings—to guide the development and strategic direction of the Co-operative.
- Our membership policy is non-restrictive and new members are welcome!

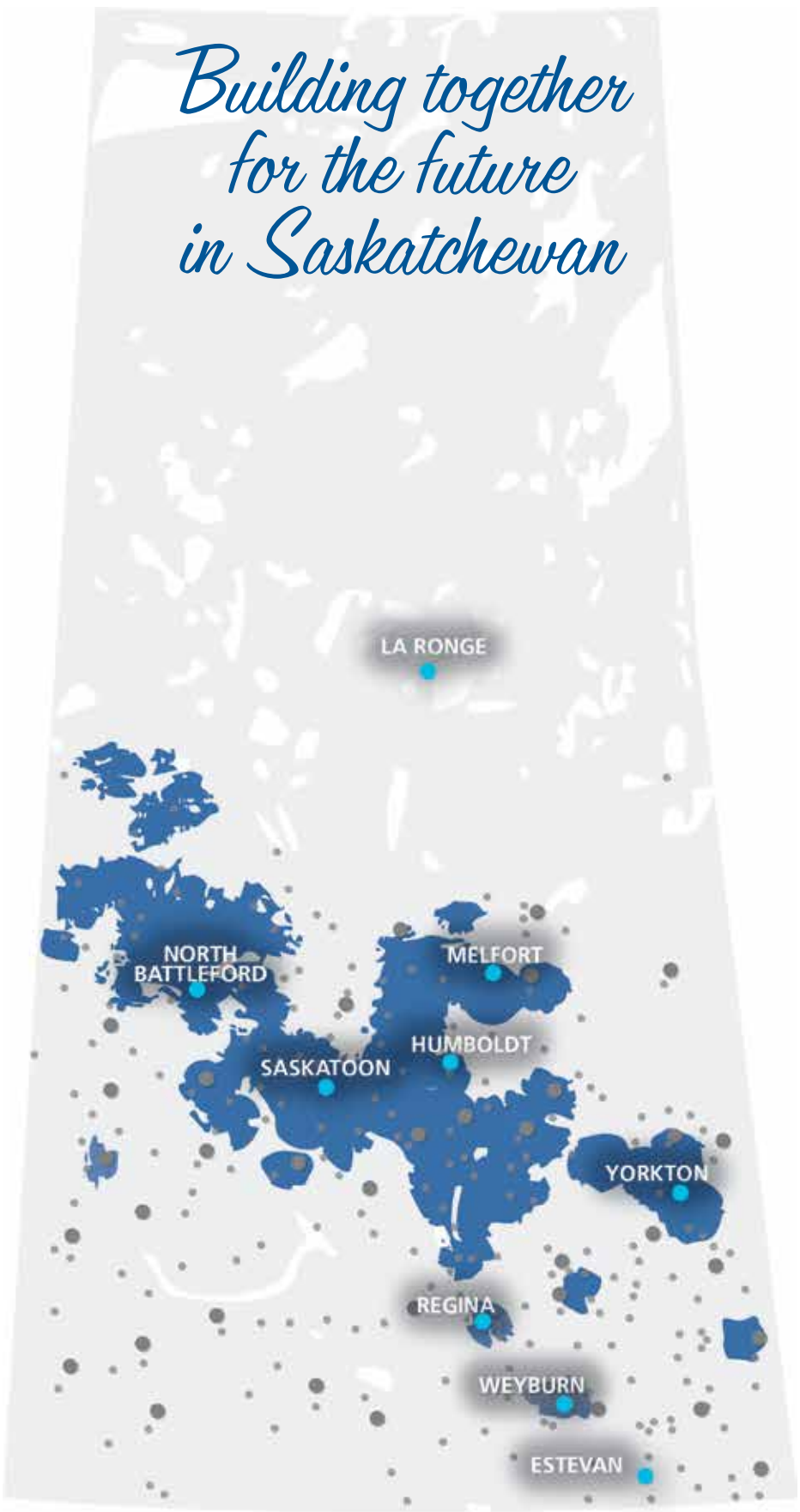
over
295
employees
in Saskatchewan

1,600
charities &
non-profit groups
supported last year

57%
of executive team
are women

over
235
communities served
in Saskatchewan

Building together for the future in Saskatchewan



- City with Access Services
- Town with Access Services
- AccessWirelessInternet Service Areas
- Community Offices

Together in the Community

We have a talented group here at Access Communications. Because of our co-operative roots, we are a true piece of the Saskatchewan puzzle, and we make every effort to invest in improving the lifestyles of the communities we serve.

It takes the combined efforts of our staff, our members, our customers and our volunteers to make Access what it has become, with a reputation second-to-none for community involvement, activity and support. Our community programming on Access7 connects families, friends and neighbours, and celebrates life in our great communities. **The 2,500 hours of local first-run programming** that Access7 creates and broadcasts to over 90 communities would not be possible without the efforts of **235 volunteers who donate 600 hours each month to make it happen.**

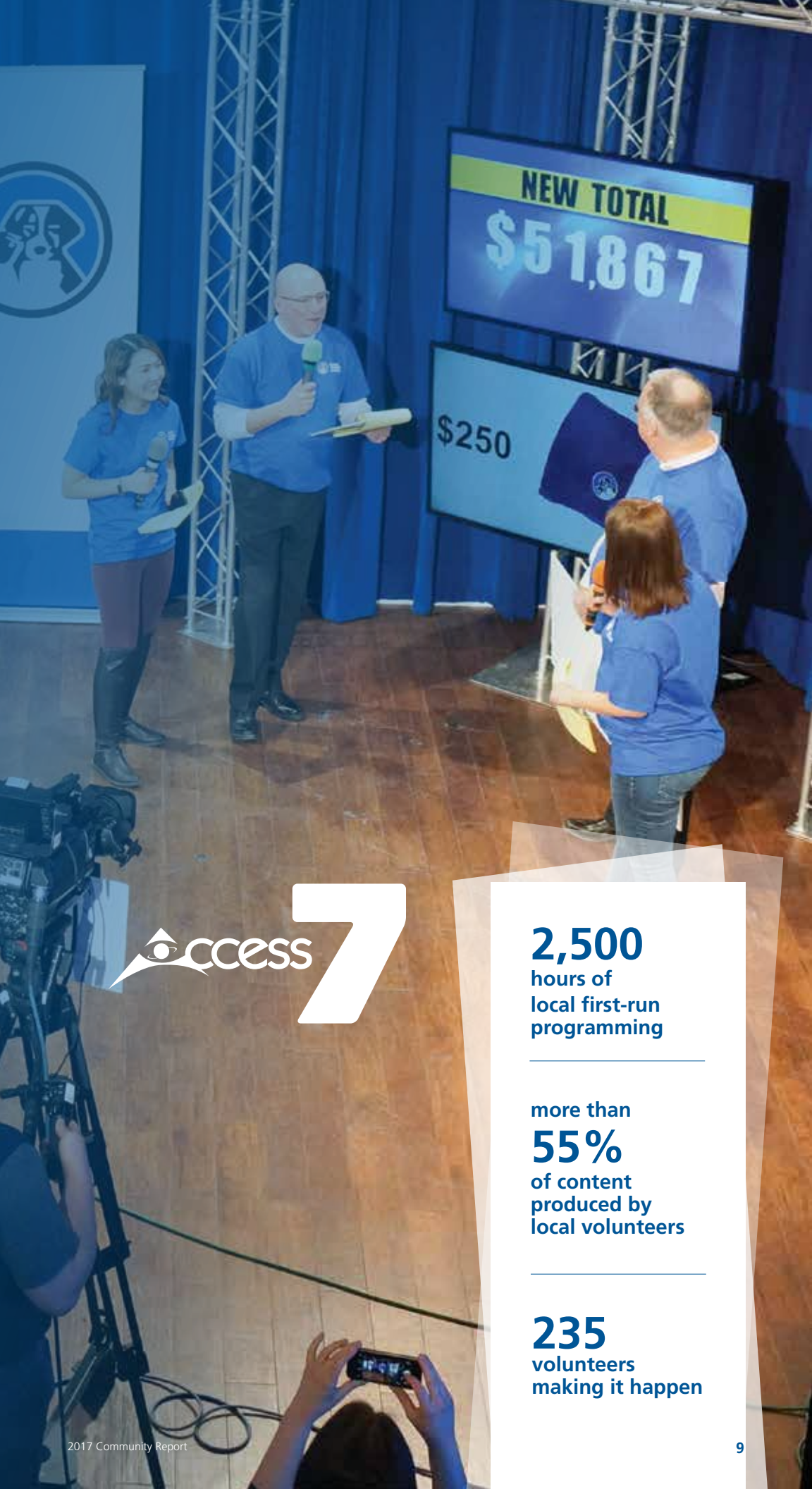
As a co-operative, Access Communications has a special connection with our volunteers. Each and every one of them demonstrates the desire to give back to their communities, and they show amazing enthusiasm and commitment to the people of Saskatchewan. Each year, Access honours and celebrates our volunteers by hosting appreciation events across the province during National Volunteer Week.

The Community-Producer Program provides the opportunity and supports individual volunteers and groups learn how to produce quality TV shows that will deliver their message to their own communities and audiences across the province. More than 55% of Access7 total programming is now produced by these local volunteer Community Producers. The more Access7 expands and revitalizes its mandate, roster of programming and hands-on community involvement—the more it attracts viewers, volunteers and compliments on programs such as the award-winning *Invisible Wall*, *The Four*, *Access7 Sports*, *RezX*—just to name a few! As well, we continue to support the fundraising efforts of many local organizations such as the Regina Rotary Carol Festival, United Way telethons in Estevan and Weyburn, and the Regina Humane Society Telethon.

Community programming naturally inspires appreciation for Saskatchewan's stunning landscapes and infinite horizons. Programs such as *Saskatchewanwanderer* features breathtaking footage from every corner of the province – inspiring awe and appreciation for Saskatchewan's beauty and biodiversity.



Access Communications'
Saskatchewanwanderer 2016
took home the national award for
Best Community Television Production
at the Yorkton Film Festival 2017.



2,500
hours of
local first-run
programming

more than
55%
of content
produced by
local volunteers

235
volunteers
making it happen

Giving Back Together

We are so proud to support **over 1,600 community groups** with in-kind sponsorships, fundraising support and promotion through community programming.

All year long, Access Communications staff and volunteers work together to enrich the lives of those less fortunate and have a lot of fun doing it. Some examples of this year's charitable giving include:

- **Annual Labour Day Show N Shine in support of the Regina & District Food Bank**
- **St. Joseph's Hospital Radiothon**
- **Annual Salvation Army Christmas Dinner**
- **United Way of Estevan Telethon**
- **Ignite Adult Learning TV Auction**
- **Regina Humane Society Telethon**
- **Weyburn & District United Way Communion**
- **Regina Food Bank's Annual Food Drive**

Each year we provide a safe haven for trick-or-treaters with our annual **Pumpkin Patrol**, which operates in many Saskatchewan communities, including Regina, Weyburn, Estevan, North Battleford, Battleford, Yorkton, Humboldt, Melfort and La Ronge.



Supporting Sustainability Together

We live in a beautiful province, and Access Communications strongly believes in reducing our impact on Saskatchewan's environment through recycling, raising awareness and embracing sustainability in our everyday processes.

Access Communications' Green Team recycles cell phones, batteries, technical equipment, electronics, paper, plastic, pens, metal and computers. As well, our office locations are public **Call2Recycle** depots for batteries and cell phones—so stop by any time and drop off your recyclables.

For example, we know that reducing unnecessary idling is the simplest and easiest way to help our environment, so our fleet vehicles are equipped with GPS idling notification software. This is just one way of making less of a footprint for our future generations.



Last year, Access Communications recycled:

28,000
pounds of
set-top boxes
and equipment

6,600
pounds of
batteries

13,600
pounds of
metal

1,280
pounds of
plastic

20
pounds of
pens

*We strongly believe in
reducing our impact on
Saskatchewan's environment.*

Celebrating the Future Together

At Access Communications, we're passionate about the dreams and goals of Saskatchewan students.

Grade Twelve graduates across Saskatchewan have the opportunity to apply for scholarships awarded through the **Access Communications Scholarship Program**, which recognizes graduating students who demonstrate exemplary community involvement as well as academic achievement. Each year, Access is proud to award \$1,000 scholarships to 20 graduates; another way for Access Communications to show its support to our many talented students province-wide.

In addition to the Access Communications Scholarship Program, scholarships are also awarded each year to students enrolled at the University of Regina through the **Access Communications/Fred Wagman Scholarship in Film & Video**.

over
\$275,000
in scholarships
awarded since 2005

1,234
students benefitted
from the program



Message from the Chair

of the Children's Fund Board

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to reach his or her potential, both as an individual and as a citizen. It provides them with the tools to do positive things for themselves, their families and their communities. We're proud to say that as our co-operative continues to evolve and grow, so does our registered charity.

In 2006 we wanted to come up with a way to raise more funds for the Access Communications Children's Fund, while having some fun along the way. That's when TV Bingo was launched and became one of our most popular program. Since then, the Fund has **donated \$1.5 million** to support children at risk or in need, right across Saskatchewan. We are so proud of this number, because it demonstrates the support people of this province show for one another. Donations are granted to support education, literacy, health and wellness, pathways out of poverty and crime prevention for children at risk and in need. Contributions are also raised through the generous support of public donations and Access staff fundraising initiatives. And, 100% stays right here in Saskatchewan.

I'd like to take a moment to thank our volunteers, caring members of the community and Children's Fund board members. Your efforts allow us to grant deserving children an opportunity to escape their challenges, and that's something you should be very proud of. There are no paid staff and we are pleased with the level of money we raise that goes directly to children in Saskatchewan. Within this report, we have included our recipients and financial statements for 2016.

Sincerely,



Doug Alexander

Chair of the Access Communications Children's Fund

2017 Access Communications

Children's Fund Board of Directors

Bernadette McIntyre • Doug Alexander (Chair) • Ainsley Scott • Beth Drozda
Ryan Youck • Tom Boyko • Brent Allin





Access Communications

Children's Fund



Helping Children Together

Each year, the Access Communications Children’s Fund receives hundreds of applications from across the province. Each and every one of these organizations do wonderful work for at-risk and in-need children in their communities, and for that we thank them.

In 2016, **the following non-profit organizations received donations from the Children’s Fund:**

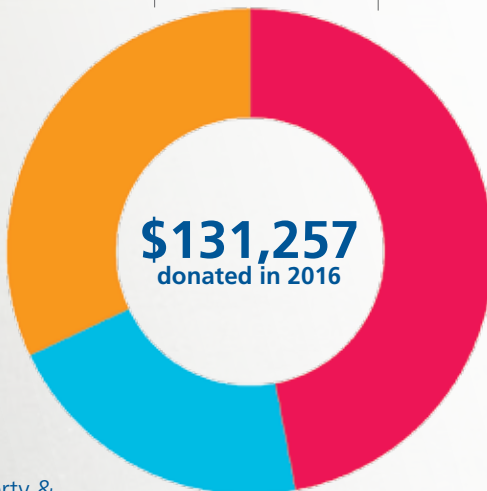
- **Arthritis Society** | Youth Conference
- **Battlefords Boys & Girls Club** | After School Program
- **Big Brothers of Regina** | Big Group Activities
- **Big Brothers of Weyburn** | Big Group Activities
- **Camp Monahan** | Back to Nature Fund
- **Connaught School** | Playground Upgrade
- **Coronach Library** | Story Time Program
- **EYES** | Summer Camp Bursary
- **Girls Rock Camp Regina** | Summer Camp
- **Lumsden Beach Camp** | Camp For All
- **Moose Mountain Literacy Group** | Story Time Program
- **Open Door Society** | Summer Program
- **Saskatchewan A.G. Bell** | Summer Camp
- **SCEP Centre** | Summer Friends Program
- **Shaunavon Wellness Committee** | Summer Active Program
- **Stoughton Central School** | Kids Matter
- **Tamarack Foundation** | Camp Tamarack
- **Women of the Dawn** | Come & Eat Program
- **Yellow Grass School** | Playground Upgrade

Education & Literacy

26%

Health & Well Being
of Children & Youth

42%



\$131,257
donated in 2016

Pathways out of Poverty &
Crime Prevention

32%

For more information about the Access Communications Children’s Fund, visit MyAccess.ca/ChildrensFund.

Report of the Independent Auditors

on the Summary Financial Statements

To the Directors of Access Communications Children's Fund Inc.

The accompanying summary financial statements of Access Communications Children's Fund Inc., which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2016, and the summary statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, are derived from the complete audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, of Access Communications Children's Fund Inc. as at and for the year ended December 31, 2016.

We expressed a qualified audit opinion on those complete financial statements in our auditors' report dated March 28, 2017.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations applied in the preparation of the complete audited financial statements of Access Communications Children's Fund Inc. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the complete audited financial statements of Access Communications Children's Fund Inc.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements, in accordance with the basis described in Note 1.

Auditors' Responsibility

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

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the entity derives revenue from donations and fundraising, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of Access Communications Children's Fund Inc. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether, as at or for the year ended December 31, 2016, any adjustments might be necessary to donations or fundraising revenues and excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses reported in the statements of operations and current assets and net assets reported in the statement of financial position. This caused us to qualify our audit opinion on the financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the summary financial statements derived from the complete audited financial statements of Access Communications Children's Fund Inc. as at and for the year ended December 31, 2016 are a fair summary of those complete financial statements, in accordance with the basis described in Note 1.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

March 28, 2017
Regina, Canada

Summary Financial Statements

ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND INC. Summary Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2016

	General	Bingo	Total 2016	Total 2015
Current Assets				
Cash	\$ 46,821	\$ 56,528	\$ 103,349	\$ 18,455
Accounts receivable	8,258	85,530	93,788	66,265
Inventory	-	15,856	15,856	21,099
	\$ 55,079	\$ 157,914	\$ 212,993	\$ 105,819
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 269	\$ 35,347	\$ 35,616	\$ 29,948
Net Assets	54,810	122,567	177,377	75,871
	\$ 55,079	\$ 157,914	\$ 212,993	\$ 105,819

ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND INC. Summary Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2016

	General	Bingo	Total 2016	Total 2015
Revenues				
Net bingo fundraising	\$ -	\$ 185,775	\$ 185,775	\$ 80,210
Charitable gaming grants	46,394	-	46,394	20,052
Fundraising	8,408	-	8,408	10,266
Donations	13,414	-	13,414	13,366
	68,216	185,775	253,991	123,894
Expenses				
Donations	-	131,257	131,257	152,237
Administrative	12,051	-	12,051	12,699
Travel	9,177	-	9,177	11,648
Advertising	-	-	-	2,997
	21,228	131,257	152,485	179,581
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	46,988	54,518	101,506	(55,687)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	7,822	68,049	75,871	131,558
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 54,810	\$ 122,567	\$ 177,377	\$ 75,871

See accompanying note to the financial statements.

Approved by the Board:



Director



Director

Summary Financial Statements

ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND INC.

Note to Summary Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2016

1. Basis of Accounting

These summarized financial statements of Access Communications Children's Fund Inc. are derived from the complete financial statements as at and for the year ended December 31, 2016, prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit entities, of Access Communications Children's Fund.

The preparation of these summarized financial statements requires management to determine the information that needs to be reflected in them so that they represent a fair summary of, the complete financial statements.

Management prepared these summarized financial statements as follows;

- The summarized financial statements include a statement for each statement included in the complete financial statements with the exception of the statement of cash flows;
- Information in the summarized financial statements agrees with the related information in the complete financial statements;
- Major subtotals, totals and comparative information from the complete financial statements are included; and
- The summarized financial statements contain the information from the complete financial statements dealing with matters having a pervasive or otherwise significant effect on the summarized financial statements.

The complete financial statements of Access Communications Children's Fund are available upon request.

Access Communications Children's Fund

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A photograph showing a man and a child from behind, both wearing red t-shirts with the word 'VOLUNTEER' printed on the back. They are standing on a grassy area and looking at the open hood of a dark-colored car. The man is wearing blue jeans and has sunglasses on his head. The child is wearing a green baseball cap and a plaid hoodie. In the background, there is a light-colored building with several satellite dishes mounted on the roof.

*Our staff, our customers,
our volunteers, and our partners
are all part of the
Access Communications family.*

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