



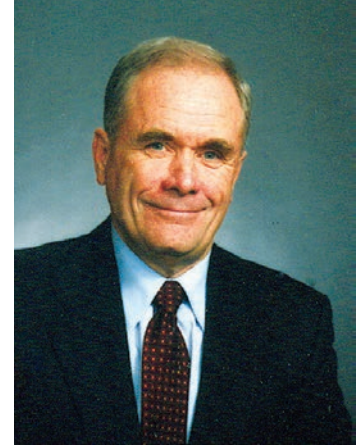
**St. James Scholarship
Foundation
ANNUAL
REPORT
2023**





President's Remarks 2023

This year, the St. James Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors continued to welcome a return to normal following the lingering impact of the world pandemic on our operations and our ability to celebrate student success and achievement.



Our Board of Directors attended to governance matters this year with a review of our fundamental authorities, including our Organizational By-Law and our Incorporation Act. Updates to our By-Law concluded this process.

During the year, we experienced some changes to our Board of Directors membership. New members include Jean Moir, representing the St. James Legion No. 4, and Lindsay Sawyer Fay, who re-joins our Board after previously serving with us prior to 2018.

Our awards program expanded this year with the addition of two new memorial awards in remembrance of former Principal **Jack Carnegie** and **Darryl Johnson**, a former Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and long service member of our Board of Directors. New awards for the **International Student Program** and from the **Indigenous Leadership Development Institute** were also added.

Favourable investment returns in our Agency Fund at the Winnipeg Foundation allowed us to double the size of both the **Edith and Thomas Cox Memorial Award** at St. James Collegiate and the **Julie Larson Memorial Awards** at Linwood School, Stevenson-Britannia School, and Bruce Middle School.

Our Foundation continues to receive administrative support from Division employees. We are pleased to recognize Monika Kananowicz, Accounting Supervisor, Elizabeth Gwilliam, Management Secretary, and Michelle Lancaster, Communications Specialist, for their professional support and advice freely given to our Board.

We look forward to continuing to serve our community as we work to recognize the many dedicated and capable young people attending our community schools. We welcome contributions to our endowment fund, which directly supports deserving students in their future endeavors.

Bruce G. Alexander
President, St. James Scholarship Foundation

Donor Profile

Jim and Lillian Huggard Memorial Award

An award that honours family lessons and future possibilities

by Michelle Lancaster

For Jim Huggard, it's been almost 20 years since his family decided to establish the Jim and Lillian Huggard Memorial Award. The scholarship was created in 2005 in honour of Jim's late mother Lillian and his late father of the same name. Both were life-long advocates of the value of education, and they impressed upon Jim the importance of schooling to unlock opportunities that might not otherwise materialize.

The War Years

Jim's parents had their lives interrupted by the outbreak of World War II. Lillian, then from the British Territory of Newfoundland, joined the Canadian Army and served in Halifax; while Jim,

then from Kingston, Ontario, served in the Italian Campaign and ended up in Northwestern Europe at War's end. The two met in the Halifax area while serving and the rest is history. After the war, they never returned to their studies, though Jim completed Grade 12 prior to enlisting.

"My parents always believed that education was something they missed," explains Jim, adding that not going to university was out of the question for him when it came time to consider life after high school.

The First of Many

Jim and his future wife grew up in Kingston, Ontario. Jim graduated from Queens University



On the Coast. The Huggard's on a recent family trip to Newfoundland and Labrador. (From left to right, top to bottom): Candace Huggard, Racheal Huggard, Taylor Huggard, Will Huggard, Jim Huggard, Stacey McMillan, Gord McMillian, Brian Huggard, Ann Huggard and Kenzie McMillian.

with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology in 1978. "I was the first person to go to university from my family," he explains.

Jim later met and married Ann, who attended Nursing College in St. Catharines, Ontario. The couple moved west for better job opportunities and eventually settled in the St. James-Assiniboia area in the mid-1980s, where they raised two children that attended school in the Division.

Ann worked as a Registered Nurse for 44 years in neuroscience and rheumatology. Jim spent his career in the wholesale and retail sector, working in retailing and eventually supporting operations in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and the Yukon.

His son William obtained a Bachelor of Science, and a Bachelor of Recreation Management and Community Development from the University of Manitoba. He currently works as a police officer in Winnipeg. Jim's daughter Stacey obtained a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education from the University of Winnipeg, along with a Special Education (Resource) Certificate from her Alma Mater. Stacey works as a resource teacher at Lakewood School.

William and his wife Candace volunteered for many years with the Scouts, while Stacey is a volunteer paramedic with the R.M of Headingley. Stacey's husband is a volunteer firefighter.

Establishing a Legacy

After Jim's parents passed away, the family felt the need to do something. "We had a family conference and the kids said: 'why don't you do a scholarship?' and that's what we did."

The award is divided into two annual scholarships of \$500 that are distributed to students in good academic standing that are active in their communities. One scholarship goes to a student from Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate (*William graduated from Silver Heights*), while the other is awarded to a John Taylor Collegiate student, where Stacey graduated.

Not counting upcoming award recipients for

the 2023-2024 school year, the Jim and Lillian Huggard Memorial Award has financially supported 36 students over a 19-year period. That's \$18,000 that has gone towards university, college or post-secondary technical training for a deserving student.

Feeling Fortunate

Jim counts himself lucky, and his family fortunate, for the life they lead in West Winnipeg. But he understands that the resources set aside for his children's education may be a bridge too far for others. "We understand what an education can do for a person," he explains. "To us, education is a great equalizer."

With four grandchildren either attending school in St. James-Assiniboia School Division or enrolled in post-secondary, Jim feels a strong sense of connection to his community and the public school system. His daughter Stacey runs Lakewood's current breakfast program, while Ann helps out, on one occasion frying upwards of 100 pancakes to feed students.

"We are very lucky. This is an excellent School Division," he says. "They have given us so much." Each year, William and Stacey hand out the memorial award at Sturgeon and John Taylor respectively. Jim enjoys the energy of convocations and is inspired by graduates and their plans for the future. "We're in pretty good hands here," he says. "We need people to go to school and pursue their careers."

Going the Distance

Jim recalls receiving a thank you note from an award recipient that detailed her efforts to raise enough money to pay for tuition. "I know it's only \$500, but it made a world of difference to her, and I'll always remember that," he explains.

"You can go through life and I'm sure lots of people make donations. In our family we decided that there are certain things we would donate to. And I would rather give something substantial over lots of little things," he explains, "you get more distance out of it."

St. James-Assiniboia Scholarship Foundation
Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2023 - Unaudited

		2023	2022
ASSETS			
Current Assets	Cash & Short-Term Investments	124,660	\$ 111,469
	Accounts Receivable	12,852	\$ 11,937
		<u>137,512</u>	<u>\$ 123,406</u>
Non-Current Assets	GIC Investments	40,618	\$ 39,584
	Patronage Equity	918	\$ 896
		<u>41,536</u>	<u>\$ 40,480</u>
		<u>179,048</u>	<u>\$ 163,886</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current Liabilities			
	Accounts Payable	\$ 21,536	\$ 17,342
		<u>21,536</u>	<u>\$ 17,342</u>
Net Assets			
	Restricted Fund	66,923	\$ 58,656
	Unrestricted Fund	90,589	\$ 87,889
		<u>157,512</u>	<u>\$ 146,544</u>
		<u>179,048</u>	<u>\$ 163,886</u>

St. James-Assiniboia Scholarship Foundation
Statement of Revenues & Expenses - Unaudited
For the Period Ending December 31, 2023

		Restricted Funds 2023	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
Revenues					
	Donations	\$ 11,159	\$ 2,640	\$ 13,799	\$ 20,959
	Interest	\$ -	\$ 3,536	\$ 3,536	\$ 2,359
	WF Spending Grant	\$ 8,544	\$ 4,091	\$ 12,635	\$ 11,933
Total Revenue		<u>\$ 19,703</u>	<u>\$ 10,267</u>	<u>\$ 29,970</u>	<u>\$ 35,252</u>
Expenses					
	Awards	\$ 12,973	\$ 3,500	\$ 16,473	\$ 17,252
	Administrative Expenses	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 40
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 12,973</u>	<u>\$ 3,570</u>	<u>\$ 16,543</u>	<u>\$ 17,292</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)		<u>\$ 6,730</u>	<u>\$ 6,698</u>	<u>\$ 13,427</u>	<u>\$ 17,960</u>
Net Assets, Beginning		<u>\$ 64,693</u>	<u>\$ 83,891</u>	<u>\$ 148,584</u>	<u>\$ 148,584</u>
Transfers to WF Endowment Fund		\$ (4,500)	\$ -	\$ (4,500)	\$ (20,000)
Net Assets, Ending		<u>\$ 66,923</u>	<u>\$ 90,589</u>	<u>\$ 157,512</u>	<u>\$ 146,544</u>

St. James Scholarship Foundation

2023 Award Recipients

ST. JAMES COLLEGIATE	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Bill Moir Award	\$500	Nolan Day
Captain Gordon Oliver Alexander Memorial	\$250	CJ Rocas
Constance and George Waters Memorial Award	\$500	Nolan Day
Deer Lodge Centre Award	\$100	Nicole Mercado
Dr. D. Young Humanitarian Award	\$125	Honey Flett-Frampton
Edith and Thomas Cox Memorial Award	\$800	Irish Gonzaga
Eric Jonasson Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Griffin Wright
Jan Ernest Carlson Scholarship	\$400	Michaela Laydia
Norman E. Lawson Award	\$100	Drayson Day
Paul Havixbeck Memorial Award	\$100	Mason Chapman
Penny Mead Memorial Scholarship	\$100	Andrew Viray
St. James Collegiate Alumni Award	\$100	Kristian Ayo
Tom Dercola Humanities Award	\$150	Julianna Cases
George Chapman Family Award	\$500	Jerin Mabanag
Resilience Award	\$500	Aura Stevenson

COLLÉGE STURGEON HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Deer Lodge Centre Award	\$100	Sara Stimpson
Ethan Robert Graham Memorial Award in Vocational Industrial Education	\$250	Nevea Chadwick-Stade
Ethan Robert Graham Memorial Award in Music Education	\$250	Brianna Beilby-McLeod
Jim and Lillian Huggard Award	\$500	Browyn Holroyde
Joyce Aiken Award	\$100	Ria Sagert
Penny Mead Memorial Scholarship	\$100	Ricardo Martinez
Resilience Award	\$500	Sidnee Morgan
Silver Heights Alumni Class of 60 Award	\$500	Noah Kankam
Susan Bohonos Memorial Award	\$500	Tessa Hattie

CONTINUING EDUCATION	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Isabelle Lawson Award (Health Care Aide)	\$100	Rajab Gatete

DIVISION-WIDE SENIOR APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Indigenous Leadership	\$1,000	Nathasha Krause
Winnipeg Airports Authority	\$500	Josh Enns

St. James Scholarship Foundation

2023 Award Recipients

WESTWOOD COLLEGIATE	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Anne Simpson Memorial Award	\$500	Nolan Olijnek
Deer Lodge Centre Award	\$100	Ella Kozun
Penny Mead Memorial Scholarship	\$100	Zachary Skakum
Resilience Award	\$500	Sophia Zamick
Shannon Ellis Scholarship	\$150	Ashley Stamper

JOHN TAYLOR COLLEGIATE	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Deer Lodge Centre Award	\$100	Calvin Laguardia
Jim and Lillian Huggard Award	\$500	Samantha Robinson
Resilience Award	\$500	Price Enoch
Madison Claven-Enns Memorial Award	\$200	Kole Kaluznick
Louis Simkulak Award	\$300	Michael McCarthy
Penny Mead Memorial Scholarship	\$100	Liam Hutter

JAMESWOOD ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Resilience Award	\$200	Scarlett Peridon
	\$200	Nina Beauregard
	\$200	Fatuma Mohamud

LINWOOD SCHOOL	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Julie Larson Memorial Award	\$25	Charlie Reimer
	\$25	Raina Fabro

STEVENSON-BRITANNIA SCHOOL	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Julie Larson Memorial Award	\$25	Faith Harawa
	\$25	Rachel Mangubat

BRUCE MIDDLE SCHOOL	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Julie Larson Memorial Award	\$50	Zo Deutscher

AWARDED ANNUALLY TO A MIDDLE SCHOOL	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
Neil Krebs Award	\$100	Jayden Boulette
O'Neil Coaches	\$100	Gabby Levasseur

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL	AMOUNT	RECIPIENT
James McLeod Memorial Award	\$100	Christine Tarrant

Our History

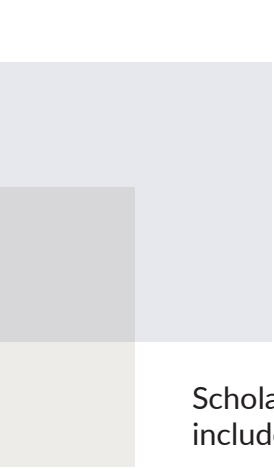
The history of the St. James Scholarship Foundation is a little like the history of St. James itself, a story of citizens getting together for the advancement of a common cause.

Founded in 1938 and incorporated by an act of the legislature in 1958, the St. James Scholarship Foundation has fulfilled a vital function for many years administering thousands of dollars in scholarships and awards to deserving students in the St. James-Assiniboia School Division.

The Foundation began with nothing—no funds and no organization beyond a group of 12 dedicated volunteers. Six months after the inception of the Foundation in December of 1938, the group received its first


contribution of \$3.00 raised by the ladies of a bridge group. In the years to come throughout the Second World War, further funds were raised by a group of St. James Collegiate Alumni. The Foundation remained very much a “kitchen table” organization guided by local volunteerism for the next twenty years. It wasn’t until 1958 when a more formal organization was suggested. An interested and passionate group petitioned the Manitoba Government to incorporate the St. James





Scholarship Foundation. The petitioners included:

R F Wightman, MLA St James
T B Finlay, Mayor of St James
W S Scott, Treasurer
A W Hanks, Editor, St James Leader
J S Hannah, Barrister
C Pearl L'Ami, Social Editor
Elinor Wheeler, widow
Fannie Cook, widow
Esther Argue, teacher
V G Clark, principal



The St. James Scholarship Foundation Incorporation Act came into effect April 9, 1958. This began an era of more formal organization and a closer linkage with the administration of the school division, as well as the finance department. The foundation benefited greatly from this linkage as members of the finance department began to take on the role of Secretary Treasurer on the board. This significant expertise and experience helped best manage the Foundation's resources. During this period, donated capital was invested into guaranteed investment certificates (GIC) at banks and credit unions. The GIC provided safety for our capital and with historical high interest rates, income could endow an award in perpetuity.

Over time prevailing interest rates began to change and could no longer generate the income needed for the scale of the awards program. This resulted in some underfunded awards being discontinued. With no end in sight and the decline of interest income, the Foundation decided to take a new direction rather than reduce the program. In 2014, an agency fund was established at The Winnipeg Foundation. The fund was initially established with a

transfer of \$20,000 from our capital, which was matched with \$15,000 from The Winnipeg Foundation.

In a relatively short period of time, the agency fund has grown substantially. The agency now produces over \$12,000 of new revenue per year to benefit the awards program. The income produced has allowed for expansion in our program, such as in 2017, the Indigenous Leadership Award was introduced on an annual basis in the amount of \$1,000.

The agency fund continues to be of great benefit to donors. It works to enable perpetual awards and can accept donations in many forms as opposed to strictly cash. Donated funds now benefit from professional money management services provided by The Winnipeg Foundation producing income that more than doubles our GIC investments.

During this time the Foundation also developed a web presence on the St. James-Assiniboia School Division website. This enables interested members of the public to review our governance procedures, our meeting minutes and our annual reports. This access to information has been important in encouraging new donations.

The St. James Scholarship Foundation, partnered with The Winnipeg Foundation now sees a future of sustainability and growth. Our partnership continues to attract new donors, both private and corporate, to benefit deserving students in St. James-Assiniboia schools. The St. James Scholarship Foundation is a registered charity and all donations are tax deductible. As we reflect on our 80 years in the community, we look forward to continuing to grow our scholarships and awards to best support youth in accomplishing their dreams.

How to Donate

The St. James Scholarship Foundation serves our award recipients and our donors by maintaining two endowment funds. These are funds on deposit with local financial institutions and our Agency Fund at the Winnipeg Foundation.

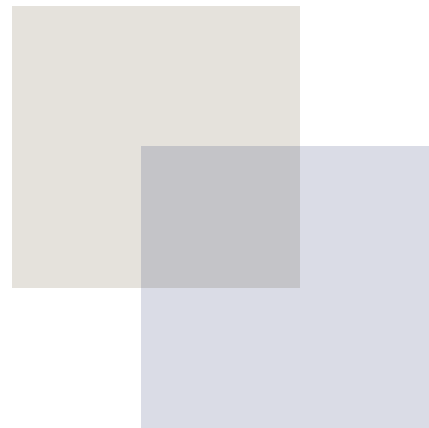
Prospective donors may choose to fund a new scholarship or alternatively, they may prefer to donate to the pooled fund in one of our two endowment funds. Prospective donors wishing to establish a new award are advised to contact the school principal at the chosen school to complete the application form required by the school division. Principals are able to give good advice on possible award criteria as they are very well aware of the needs of their students and their awards program. Alternatively, members of the scholarship board can be contacted for advice using the contact information listed below.

Locally Endowed Awards

Funds held in our local endowment are managed using GIC's at prevailing interest rates. Interest rates have been at historic low levels recently and for this reason they do not permit perpetual endowment of awards. Prospective donors are advised that our local endowment can support an award for a term of years. As an example, a donation of \$2,500 would support a \$250 annual award for approximately ten years. Donors may also choose to contribute to our general pool of funds and in this way provide a more general benefit to our fund.

Winnipeg Foundation Agency Fund Endowed Awards

Prospective donors wishing to endow an award in perpetuity are able, through us, to establish a sub-fund within our Agency Fund. These donations must be a minimum of \$10,000 to be accepted by the Winnipeg Foundation. They also benefit from the dollar matching program at the Winnipeg Foundation. Because the Winnipeg Foundation employs a staff of professional money managers they can accept donations in a variety of forms such as investments, as well as cash. Again, to establish an award of this type prospective donors should first contact the school principal or the St. James Scholarship Foundation for advice. Prospective donors wishing to contribute to our pooled funds at the Winnipeg Foundation can make their donation directly to the Winnipeg Foundation referencing the St. James Scholarship Foundation Agency Fund.



Tax Deductible Receipts

All donations are income tax deductible and official receipts will be promptly provided.

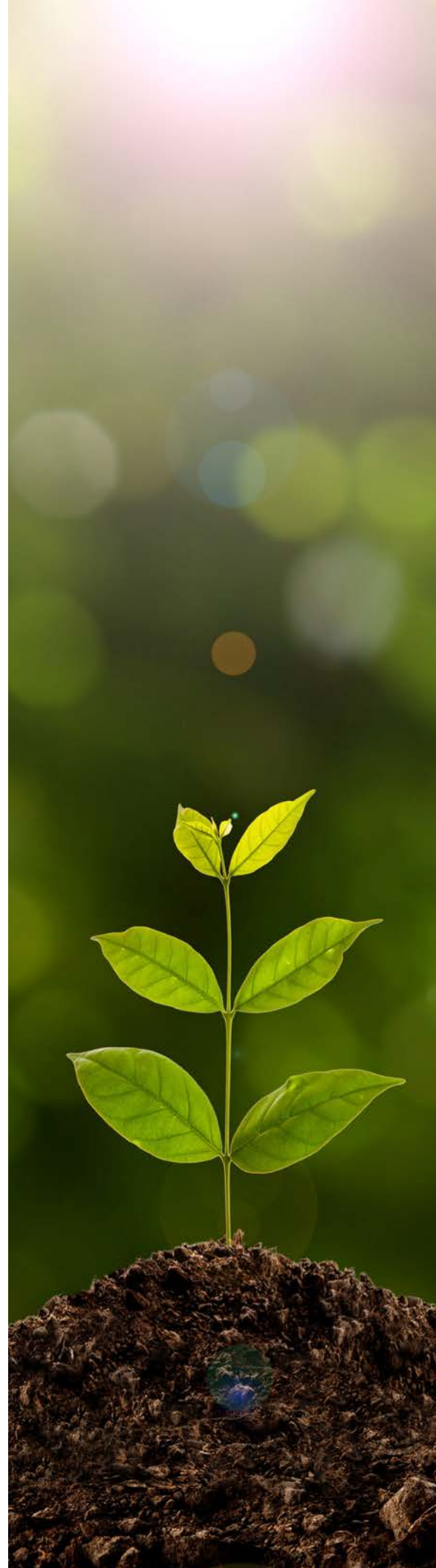
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A Word of Thanks to Our Donors

This year, we have received a total of \$26,434 from individuals, members, community groups, local partnerships and organizations. The St. James Scholarship Foundation would like to acknowledge and say thank you to all of our donors for their generosity.

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Thank you to The Winnipeg Foundation for their ongoing partnership.





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