



Foundations Learning & Skills Saskatchewan

(formerly READ Saskatoon)

2021-22 Annual Report



**Learn together.
Grow together.**

1979 to 2022

From READ Saskatoon to Foundations

READ Saskatoon is now Foundations Learning & Skills
Saskatchewan.



Original logo
1979 to 2006



READ Saskatoon
2006 to 2016



READ logo
2016 to 2020



READ logo
2020 to 2022



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Meet Mason

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Mason participated in Spark this year. He is a tenacious student who spent many years working to improve his reading skills. He struggles to focus which makes reading a challenge.



Mason was this year's Spark Literacy Award winner. Congratulations, Mason!

Spark provides one-to-one support to strengthen children's reading strategies. Trained volunteers are matched with an elementary school student and meet during the day at the school. Each student receives 30 minutes of instruction twice a week for eight weeks with the goal of bringing the student's reading to grade level.

Mason completed the program in the evenings, online with a reading guide, and demonstrated an eagerness to learn, logging on at least five minutes early for each session. He also developed his own tools to increase his reading skills. When he found a word difficult, he wrote it on a Post-It, put it on his wall, and reviewed those words each night. When he met with his reading guide, he would ask her to quiz him to see the improvement. As his reading skills grew by leaps and bounds, he also focused on improving his punctuation and spelling. During the program, he found books he enjoys reading, he was able to complete his spelling at school, and his reading increased five levels.

By the Numbers

Program Recap



1385
individuals served



980
adults



234
children



171
*individuals attended a
family literacy event*



174
volunteers engaged



47
*new trained
facilitators in family
and financial
literacy this year*



94
*trained facilitators
throughout the
province delivering
a Foundations
literacy program*



172
community partners



19%
*increase in adult
literacy program
participants served
this year*

Program Outcomes

Year-over-year comparison 2019 to 2022



145%
*increase in Spark
children served*



96%
*increase in trained
financial literacy
facilitators*



52%
*increase in financial
literacy participants
served*



40%
*increase in trained
volunteers*



23%
*increase in family
literacy program
participants*

Money Talk

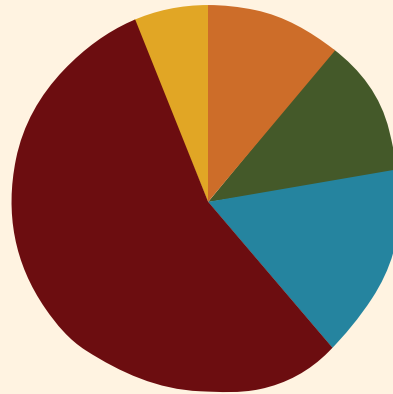


amount raised
\$1,301,441



amount spent
\$1,239,238

Funding Sources



- \$699,837 (54%)**
Grant revenue
- \$215,615 (17%)**
Government grants
- \$169,650 (13%)**
Office sales, contracts, other
- \$151,529 (12%)**
Individual donations
- \$64,810 (5%)**
Fundraising

Thanks to your support...



“

When I first came here, I wasn't as good and then when I kept coming and reading more, I got better.

That's the whole point of getting better at reading... is to keep reading to get better. Once you get better, you can understand more things because you can read more.”

*- Stephen, Grade 4,
December 2021*

Meet Craig

Craig is a business owner, father, husband, and volunteer.

Craig's work with Foundations gave him the confidence to first read to his kids, and later, start a business.



This year, a local fundraising organization was selling entries to win a Mustang, and Foundations (then READ Saskatoon) was chosen to receive a portion of the funds raised. Craig offered his company's towing services free of charge anywhere the Mustang needed to go. It was then that Craig reached out and told us how his connection to our agency started over 20 years ago.

Craig realized his struggles in reading to his daughters when they were little. They would catch him saying words incorrectly or skipping words in storybooks. "I felt ashamed; I felt my kids were smarter than me. I am supposed to be the one to be the teacher of them."

Craig saw a billboard inviting participants to contact READ Saskatoon. He wrote the phone number down and kept it in his pocket for six months before he reached out. He was matched with a literacy coach in the Lead Adult Literacy Program to achieve his goal of increasing his reading skills.

Lead matches trained volunteer literacy coaches with adult learners looking to strengthen reading, writing, spelling, comprehension, listening, speaking, and numeracy skills.

That connection opened doors for Craig. After working with a literacy coach, he increased his skills and was more confident reading to his kids. Learning is a life-long endeavour. Craig continued to grow his skills, and years later, gained the confidence to start his own business: Royal Towing.

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