

# ANNUAL REPORT

2021|2022



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# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**Tansi,  
welcome everyone, we are grateful to be  
sharing this space and time together now.**

**In this gratitude we are mindful of the ways this land has  
cared for many generations, and that we are all connected  
here and now by the land of Treaty 6 territory.**

**The spirit of the land that holds us all with such generous hospitality,  
for all those who have and will call this place home. Cree,  
Anishnaabeg, Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Dene, the Métis homeland, settler  
people and newcomers.**

**In a spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge this has not always been  
walked in a good way.**

**Would we all be reconciled to and with each other, the land, water, and  
air, and all our non-human relatives in a good way. Would all the  
ancestors of these lands be honored by our mindfulness and  
intentions in this place because much as we are hosting you,  
we are always being hosted by the land.**

**For we are all treaty people, as long as the grass  
grows, the water flows, and the wind blows. All  
my relations. Hiy Hiy - or  
Kahkiyomihwakomakanahk.**

# MISSION

CHEP works with children, families, and communities to improve access to good food and promote food security.

# VISION

CHEPs vision is for a food secure community. A global and local situation in which:

- Everyone has assured access to adequate, appropriate, and personally acceptable food in a way that promotes health, respect, and dignity.
- People are able to earn a living wage by growing, producing, processing, handling, retailing, and serving food.
- The quality of land, air, and water is maintained and enhanced for future generations.
- Food is celebrated as central to community and cultural integrity.





**I wanted to share with you how much the kids loved the program (Chefs in Training) at Caroline Robins Community School. Their classroom teacher was thrilled with the students sharing what they had learned throughout the 5 weeks. Thank you for having the program at our school.**



Donna Blunt



# OUR BOARD

**Crystal Chan** - Chair  
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**Lucy Pereira**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

When COVID-19 first hit in March 2020, most of us thought that this would be short-lived. We thought things would be back on track in a few weeks.

Little did we know the pandemic would continue for another 2 years. There was also drought, forest fires, and flooding. With the disruption to the supply chain we once again saw empty shelves at the grocery store. And then the war broke out in Ukraine in early 2022.

This year we saw the highest annual inflation rate on food prices since 2009 - a 7.7% increase according to Statistics Canada's data from March.

With this in mind, I would like to first express my sincere gratitude to the Executive Director, Gord Androsoff, who took on this leadership role in the middle of a pandemic.

Gord handled the ever-shifting food security environment well and worked with the amazing staff at CHEP to keep our various programs going.

I would like to commend the staff at CHEP for their dedication, creativity, and hard work – pivoting to the virtual platform in a short timeframe and with limited resources.

CHEP would also not be successful without the support from our volunteers and our donors. Last year, we were able to raise more than **\$37,100** from the Christmas appeal and more than **\$9,600** with our Empty Bowls fundraising event.

In the past year, the Board worked closely with the Executive Director to ensure a safe and healthy working environment for the staff. We also laid the groundwork for our upcoming strategic planning session this fall. Given the dedication of the staff and volunteers and support from our sponsors, CHEP will continue to fulfill our mission of promoting food and nutritional security for our community. I hope you will join us in this quest.

Crystal  
Chan

BOARD CHAIR

**"NUTRITION AND FOOD SECURITY  
HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN EVER".**



Top to Bottom | Left to Right

**Shelby Anderson** - Markets Outreach Coordinator

**Katie Crawford** - Centralized Purchaser

**Kevin Crickett** - Driver's Assistant

**Larissa Crookedneck** - Centralized Kitchen

**Dale Jack** - Driver/Community Markets

**Heather Jackle** - Community Relations Facilitator

**Cory Lang** - Food Access Coordinator (Good Food Box)

**Ali Lewis** - Community Nutritionist (Registered Dietitian)

**Jordan Morton** - Indigenous Food Sovereignty Facilitator

**Terri Lynn Paulson** - Urban Agriculture Coordinator

**Janet Phillips** - Collective Kitchens/Seniors Nutrition Coordinator

**Racheal Sapp** - Driver/Community Markets

**Sandra Schweder** - Community Gardens Educator

**Rita Stalker** - Centralized Kitchen

**Barb Zintel** - Accounts Coordinator

Not pictured:

Sadie Childs - Research Support Assistant

Eduardo Nunez - Driver/Community Markets

Staff that have moved on this year:

Zoe Arnold, Della Harder (retired), and Henry Wolf

# OUR STAFF

Gord Androsoff  
Executive Director





# PROGRAMS & SERVICES



## YEAR IN REVIEW

Programs and services at CHEP continue to evolve as we enter the 3rd year of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Programs such as the Centralized Kitchen, that delivers brown bag lunches to schools without nutrition programs, has seen significant increases. The community market at Station 20 continues to see growth, with the addition of two weekly satellite markets and plans for a third.

As community demand for programming increases, the financial resources available to be drawn upon are decreasing. This is true for the non-profit sector across the country, and combined with inflation (esp. food and fuel), has added to the costs of providing programs and services to the community.

## CENTRALIZED PURCHASING

The centralized purchasing program creates efficiencies and anchors all of our food programs. We purchased \$17,452 in local produce for the Good Food Box and community markets. An additional \$309,631 in produce, bread, milk and eggs was purchased to support other programs.

Our core children's school nutrition programs, bulk buying and centralized kitchen, operated fully over the past fiscal year (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022). The **bulk buying program** supported **school nutrition programs** in 27 elementary and secondary schools, and provided food for 450,615 breakfasts and lunches during the fiscal year. In the same period, 22,917 centralized kitchen **school lunches** were prepared and delivered to 26 elementary schools without nutrition programs. The **centralized kitchen** returned to the North Park Wilson School site in the fall of 2022.



**The community fresh food market** at Station 20 West continues to operate Monday to Friday and is supported largely by nearby residents. We restarted two weekly community markets, one at Mayfair Community School and one at Christ Church Anglican. Another market is planned to open in the Broadway district this spring. Planning for the July - August mobile market locations are underway with the intent to locate near high density seniors housing.

**The Good Food Box** program continues steady growth since re-opening after the early pandemic pause in operations. The number of depot locations has been reduced from pre-pandemic numbers but continues to regain traction and is supported by a base of 265 residents who are regular purchasers.

The **Senior's stores** program remains a boxed seniors delivery program that runs much like the Good Food Box but tailored to seniors and elders. We will be refocusing our approach to attempt to increase uptake and re-evaluate over the coming months.



## FOOD SKILLS & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Emergency food** is an ongoing program we support for vulnerable community members. Most requests are referrals by SHA social workers.

**Volunteers** are beginning to return as residents become more comfortable during these uncertain times giving their time and support once more. Community markets, the Good Food Box program and the Centralized Kitchen could not operate without volunteer support.

Food skills and education programs all restarted with in-person sessions. The **Collective Kitchen** and **Chefs in Training** programs are supported by Facilitators. We trained 5 Facilitators in fall 2021 and another training session is planned for spring 2022. We have had 100 children participate in Chefs in Training during the fiscal year with new sessions taking place currently.

Adult community cooking (Collective Kitchens and Cooking Experience) education was delivered to 48 participants, over 4 weekly sessions, in the fiscal year.

Our **Community Nutritionist** delivered 20 presentations to 224 participants by request from the community. Sessions were both by zoom and in-person.





We continue to support **community gardens** in the city. Our role in the current season continues to be an educational focus supported by our Community Garden Educator. Several informational in-person sessions are being planned. Two new gardens are being added to municipal spaces in 2022.

In 2021, the **askîy internship program** acquired a second growing location at the former Riversdale Lawn Bowling site and four interns participated. For 2022, four new interns are in place; Jewel Charles, Ivy Kish Greer, Olaf Olson, and Matthew Recollet. The model for food harvested will be a subscription community-supported agriculture approach.

Our **Indigenous Food Sovereignty** Facilitator continues to develop partnerships with Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities and organizations, as well as other entities seeking Indigenous food sovereignty. Invitations into school classrooms have allowed for cultural learning discussions in elementary schools. This position provides mentorship within the askîy internship program and evolves as the community comes together.



## NEW INITIATIVES

Two new initiatives in the coming year include a 1-week Sprouts **kids camps** in July and August and a **Métis language cookbook** project with St. Michael school. The Sprouts camps are being run with several community partners and the cookbook project will begin in the fall. The Universal School Lunch Research Project began in fall 2021 and in early 2022, CHEP staff began contributing to the curriculum and classroom support to compliment this project.

The gradual introduction of a **national school lunch program** by the federal government, intended to be co-funded with other provinces, will have implications for increasing the scale of our role in supporting school nutrition programs in Saskatoon. We follow the developments closely through our membership in the Coalition for Healthy School Food.





**I like learning about the history of Canada, and how we got here. It's hard sometimes but good to know so we can do better in the future.**



GRADE 7 STUDENT  
SHARING CIRCLE  
OUR INDIGENOUS FOOD SOVEREIGNTY  
FACILITATOR PARTICIPATED IN A CULTURAL  
LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM.

# HIGHLIGHTS



**129**

HOUSEHOLDS  
ASSISTED WITH  
EMERGENCY  
FOOD HAMPERS.

**100**

CHEFS  
IN TRAINING  
STUDENTS  
PARTICIPATED IN  
THE PROGRAM.

**4,200**

CUSTOMERS  
SERVED AT  
STATION 20 WEST  
COMMUNITY  
MARKET.

**2**

GREEN  
APRON  
COOKING  
COMPETITIONS  
SUCCESSFULLY  
HOSTED.

**182**

BOXES  
DELIVERED  
THROUGH THE  
SENIOR STORES  
PROGRAM.



3,936

POUNDS  
OF FOOD  
PRODUCED.

BAGGED  
LUNCHES  
PREPARED  
AND DELIVERED  
TO STUDENTS.

22,917

120

CHILDREN  
REACHED  
THROUGH THE  
INDIGENOUS FOOD  
SOVEREIGNTY  
PROGRAM IN  
MARCH 2021.

SEED  
PACKS  
PROVIDED TO  
THE  
SASKATOON  
SEED  
EXCHANGE.

14,500

20

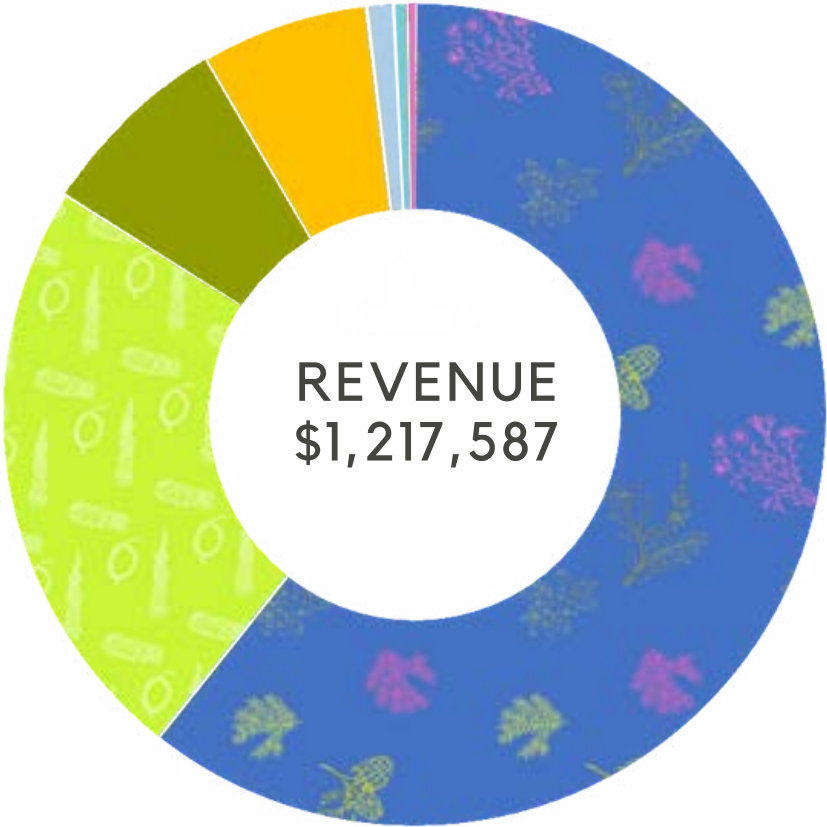
PRESENTATIONS  
MADE ON  
NUTRITION FOR  
THE  
COMMUNITY.

3,176

GOOD  
FOOD  
BOXES  
SOLD.

# FINANCIALS

APRIL 1, 2021 TO MARCH 31, 2022



GRANTS - \$739,171



FUNDRAISING - \$14,017



FOOD SALES - \$283,366



OTHER - \$6,570



DONATIONS - \$92,611



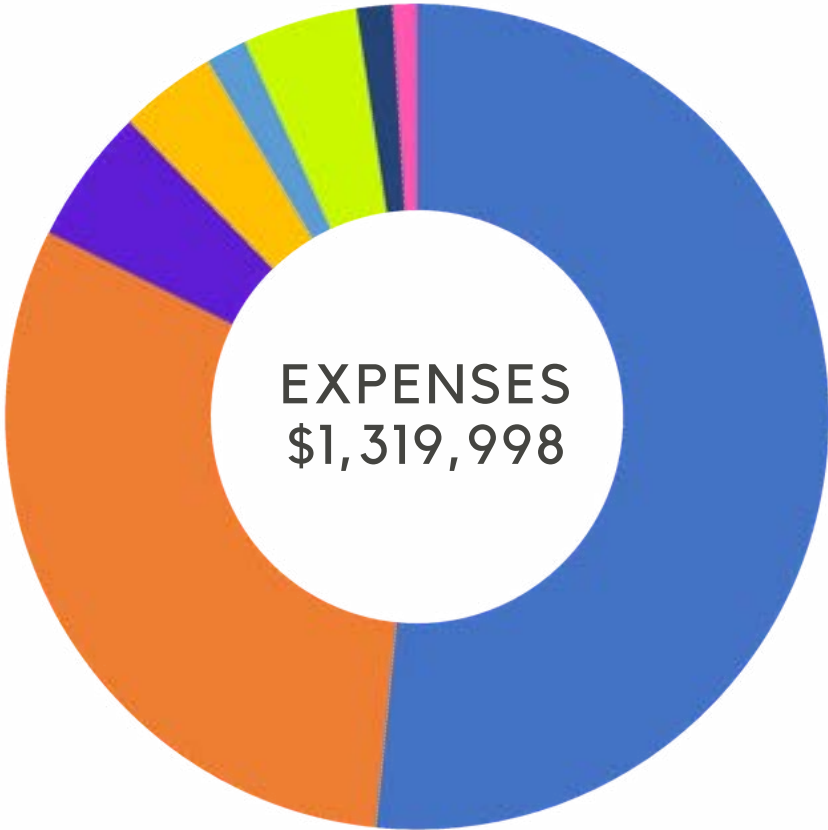
PARTNERSHIP FUNDS - \$3,000



GOOD FOOD BOX - \$78,852

# FINANCIALS

APRIL 1, 2021 TO MARCH 31, 2022



STAFF - \$681,138



FOOD - \$406,206



RENT - \$70,163



GENERAL OPERATIONS  
\$50,359



PROGRAM MATERIALS,  
EVENTS, HONORARIUMS  
\$21,538



GOOD FOOD BOX - \$59,344



AMORTIZATION - \$18,598



OTHER - \$12,652

# **THANK YOU**

## **Funders & Sponsors**

**Affinity Credit Union**  
**Ardent Mills**  
**Canadian Institutes of Health Research**  
**Christ Church Anglican**  
**City of Saskatoon**  
**Co-op Saskatoon**  
**Community Food Centres Canada**  
**Community Initiatives Fund**  
**Crocus Co-operative**  
**D'Lish by Tish**  
**Food Matters Manitoba**  
**Friendship Inn**  
**Lowe's Saskatoon #3163**  
**Métis Cultural Development Fund**  
**Mosaic Company**  
**New Horizons for Seniors Programs**  
**Newman's Own Foundation**  
**Nutrien**  
**Saskatchewan Health Authority**  
**Saskatchewan Ministry of Education**  
**Saskatoon Community Foundation**  
**Saskatoon Forestry Farm & Zoo**  
**Saskatoon Potters Guild**  
**Saskatoon Spinners and Weavers Guild**  
**SaskCulture**  
**Service Canada**  
**The Better Good**  
**The Grocery People**  
**The Night Oven**  
**United Way Saskatoon & Area**  
**University of Saskatchewan**  
**University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine**  
**4N Farms**





**I THINK IT (COLLECTIVE KITCHENS)  
IS GREAT VALUE FOR THE MONEY. I  
APPRECIATE HAVING SOMEONE  
THERE TO WALK THROUGH THE  
RECIPE TOGETHER. I ALSO  
APPRECIATE THE SENSE OF  
COMMUNITY.**



**ANONYMOUS PARTICIPANT**

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