

# Community Roots RESOURCE CENTRE

# Gratitude Report

2022



## **President's Message**

Community Roots Resource Centre has had a significant year: we formed a brand new Board of Directors, established essential organizational policies, restarted in-person programming after the pandemic, co-created a new iteration of our relationship with Jubilee Mennonite Church, and worked on establishing a new vision, mission, and values that will guide the work of CRRC. This first year as an independent organization has been one of growth, learning, and positioning ourselves towards what CRRC is becoming.

We are grateful to Laura Jackson, the former executive director, who provided us with a new and creative way to envision programs and we look forward to the ways the next executive director will continue to contribute and shape our organization.

We are profoundly grateful for the donors and partners who provide the financial resources we need to continue to meet the needs of nourishment, connection, and belonging for our community. Likewise, we are grateful for the volunteers who help to make our programming visions a reality. We could not do what we do without Jubilee Mennonite Church. They provide office and program spaces, financial support, and most importantly, a belief in the way our programs impact community.

But at the very heart of it all, we are thankful for the community members that are on this journey with us. You are the reason we are committed to deepening our roots and growing our reach to better meet the needs of our community.

## Kate McIntyre CRRC Board President

# About CRRC

Community Roots Resource Centre (CRRC) strives to support community building by providing programs and resources that nourish the body, mind and soul. We do this in a loving, encouraging environment in equitable ways in hopes to amplify marginalized voices.

CRRC walks alongside individuals and families within the neighbourhood. It exists as a gathering place – a place to receive support and resources and as a place to belong.

We strive to understand the strengths and challenges of the community, to uncover new ways to care for and support each other. CRRC strives to create an environment where all community members feel valued.

## **Re-Growing the Roots of Community in 2022**

#### **BBQ's**

After a long period of not being able to gather in person, our community celebrated by having two summer BBQ's. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to gather together in community once again and enjoy the warm weather!

#### **Community Garden**

In the summer, the yard is a busy, bustling place - full of joy and laughter. Your support provided seeds and tools for the gardeners to share, facilitated information events for both new and seasoned gardeners to learn and helped kids grow their love of digging in the dirt through children's garden programming.

#### **Coffee Time**

After a long hiatus, Coffee Time was able to meet again in person. Because of caring people like you, our community had the space to come together each week to relax and chat over a cup of coffee (or tea!). The Coffee Time group even began expressing their creativity through crafts - making things like cards and clay earrings.

#### **Emergency pantry**

Have you seen the price of eggs lately?! As you probably know, the cost of groceries has gone up a lot recently. Your donations helped stock the shelves of the emergency pantry so when your neighbours needed food, it was there.

## **Community Kitchen Highlight**

Community Kitchen is one of CRRC's most popular programs. The purpose of Community Kitchen is to help build community, teach cooking skills and help alleviate food insecurity.

How this purpose plays out has changed over the past few years. The Community Kitchen program faced pandemic restrictions as well as struggled when our kitchen space experienced flood damage in the spring of 2022.

Community Kitchen started back up in the fall of 2022 with meal kit delivery. Though we missed coming together, we were glad to be able to provide meals and share new recipes with the group. Community Kitchen also builds community through an active Facebook group, the Community Kitchen Divas.

Your support helped Community Kitchen adapt to changes and continue to provide nourishment to the community. We're hopeful that our next session of Community Kitchen will be back in the freshly restored kitchen. Thank you to Jubilee Mennonite Church, and other community volunteers, for the hours of work and skill you put into restoring the basement and kitchen space. And a big thank you to Carla Mendres for her joy, passion and commitment to Community Kitchen!

## Winter Extravaganza Highlight

Community Roots once again celebrated the holiday season with a dinner and a pay what you can toy store.

Through the Toy Store, you brought the magic of the holidays to over 100 kids by providing toys for them to wake up to, rip open and enjoy!

It warmed our hearts to see the room filled with joy and laughter at the Winter Dinner - Santa even came to visit! Despite the blustery winter weather, over 80 neighbours came and shared a delicious meal together.

The holidays can be full of joy, but also can be lonely and dark. We are so grateful to have kind hearted people like you as part of our community. Thank you for bringing joy and love to the neighbourhood through your donations, volunteering and by attending events.

"The best gift of all was the smiles and laughter, the cheer and love that I saw in the faces and hearts of all who attended the dinner."

- Santa Claus

## **Financials**

Thank you to Jubilee Mennonite Church for your work tracking and reporting our 2022 finances. This responsibility transitioned over to CRRC in 2023.

## **Partners & Donors**

Government of Canada • Canada Summer Jobs

Province of Manitoba

- Manitoba Urban/ Hometown Green Team
- Manitoba Housing
- Arts, Culture & Sports

Winnipeg Foundation Second Harvest Mennonite Conference Greensite Recycling River East Church Jubilee Mennonite Church Individual & Anonymous Donors

## JUBILEE MENNONITE CHURCH on behalf of COMMUNITY ROOTS RESOURCE CENTRE INC. INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT JAN 1 - DEC 31, 2022

### INCOME TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

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Grants	\$	46,778.00
Donations	\$	10,952.54
Contribution from JMC	\$	13,162.50
Non Receipted Donation - Benefactor	\$	13,523.25
Non Receipted Donation eg. United way	\$	1,600.05
Sales	\$ \$	1,061.15
TOTAL INCOME	\$	87,077.49
EXPENSES TO DECEMBER 31, 2022		
Salaries & Benefits	\$	19,653.05
Director Salary & Benefits	\$	26,685.75
Equipment/Capital	\$	15.00
Program Purchases	\$	4,582.23
Supplies	\$	10,713.45
Snacks/Meals	\$	9,866.75
Christmas Meals/hampers/toys	\$	5,142.56
Bus Tickets	\$	-
Other	\$	308.86
Gas	\$	-
Special Expenses	\$	1,460.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	78,427.99
SURPLUS	\$	8,649.50

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supports Community Roots Resource Centre!

Whether through donating funds, volunteering your time and skills and especially for those who attend our programming. We are so thankful you're here helping build our community. 💙 🧡 🖤 🖤

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