



President Annual Report October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

It has been another eventful year for South Central Cancer Resource.

We welcomed Freda Lumgair, Jolene Bird, Margarita Friesen & Eileen Vodden to our Board. It is valuable to have representation from across the region on the board.

Some highlights of the year include:

- This year for the first time in 5 years we were able to show a positive bank balance at year end. This is a result of tremendous support from community fundraisers that range from lemonade stands to barbecues, cookie sales, golf tournaments, car club events, a curling bonspiel and barrel racing, Without the dedication of our major organizers – Carman Curl for Cancer, Legends Car Club, the Pritchard family, the Wiebe family, and Tim Hortons we would not be able to support our clients to the level of assistance that we offer.
- The annual fashion which was extremely well supported again this year. As a result of the hard work & dedication of our staff and planning committee over \$54,000 was raised. We were completely overwhelmed with the demand for tickets –selling out in mere minutes! For that reason, we are moving the 2025 show to the Meridian Event Center in Winkler where we can accommodate a much larger crowd. Planning is well under way – please save the date – May 15th. Tickets go on sale April 8th .and will be strictly online this year
- The continuation of presentations to Municipal Councils to promote awareness of who we are, the programs we offer and the difference between our agency and Cancer Care. There is a common misconception that we are one and the same or that we receive funding from either government or Cancer Care. Many are surprised to learn we are completely non-profit.
- Attendance by board & / or staff at 49 events across the region. These events offer further opportunity to promote our organization.
- Staff held 4 community meetings with our volunteer drivers – this had been a goal for some years and were well received. Transportation assistance is by far our largest program, and we are very thankful to the 70 volunteer drivers and 7 driver coordinators who assist in providing this very valuable service to our clients.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank our staff – Erika Friesen, Leora Hamm & Naomi Fehr. We are so very fortunate to have 3 extremely dedicated and caring employees. I am constantly impressed by all that they do to support our clients and the Board.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our board members – listed below. They are a dedicated group of volunteers who give freely of their time to make our organization successful.

Respectfully,
Dianne Mestdagh
SCCR Board Chair

**South Central Cancer Resource
Board Members**

Directors are elected for 2 years with maximum of 3 terms (6 years)

Pam King- Jan. 2019-2021-**1st** Jan 2021-Jan 2023-**2nd** Jan 2023 – Jan 2025 **3rd**
Dianne Mestdagh –Nov 2019- Nov 2021-**1st** Nov 2021-Nov. 2023-**2nd** Nov 23 – Nov 25 **3rd**
Lawanda Friesen -Jan 2021-Jan 2023-**1st** Jan 2023 – Jan 2025 – **2nd**
Jack Pethybridge – Nov. 2021-Nov. 2023-**1st** Nov 23 – Nov 25 **2nd**
Angela Braun-Oct. 2022-2024 **1st**
Tara Bennett-Oct. 2022-2024 **1st**
Shannon Bergsma – Jan 2023 – Jan 2025 **1st**
Shania Ginter – May 2023 – May 2025 – **1st**
Freda Lumgair – Oct 2023 – Oct 2025 – **1st**
Jolene Bird – Feb 2024 – Feb 2026 - **1st**
Margarita Friesen -May 2024 – May 2026 - **1st**
Eileen Vodden – Sept 2024 – Sept 2026 - **1st**
Linda Reimer – Nov 2024 – Nov 2026 – **1st**