



**President Report  
Annual Meeting  
November 27, 2019**

**Mission Statement**

**SCCR is a community based non-profit organization providing education, hope and support to individuals and their families.**

**Vision**

**To improve the lives of our clients and their families throughout their battle with cancer.**

This past year has been a blur for me but thankfully because SCCR has such a dedicated, competent and very talented board of directors and resource coordinators in 2018-2019 SCCR has been able to continue to provide services, programs and assistance to cancer patients and their families.

Special thanks to Rachel Dell, Vice President, all board members, Meg Peters and Deb Thiessen our dedicated staff for all you have done in my time of need.

SCCR Board members and resource coordinators have had the privilege to meet many amazing, generous and caring people who have supported our efforts in striving to meet our mission. We truly feel blessed.

In May 2019 board members and resource coordinators attended a Strategic Planning Day facilitated by consultant Ruth Mealy. This day was beneficial in team building, goal setting, action planning and guided us in examining and revising our Mission, Vision and Values statements. This productive day helped the Board and staff focus on what is important for cancer patients and families and to take action on new programs, revising existing programs and guiding us in improving the lives of cancer patients and their families.

SCCR was grateful to receive a grant from the Winkler Foundation for our Wellness Program for Fitness and Nutrition. The grant was used to present the

Workshop held in Winkler to promote fitness, proper nutrition and overall wellness for all.

Ruth Reimer, of Katie Cares and Citizen of the Year for Winkler Community Foundation named SCCR as the recipient of the grant in memory of her mum Katie Friesen and her daughter Kaitlyn Reimer. The funds received will be used for children with cancer. Thank you so much Ruth for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

It was most rewarding to take a look at what we have accomplished with the support of the generous and thoughtful communities we serve and to recognize how far we have come in our 16 years helping cancer patients and their families.

We were thrilled to be able to welcome you to our Open House today to visit our newly renovated office space. This project was only possible because of the hard work of board members led by Sam Hilhorst and the generosity of our benefactors including: PV Moving & Storage, Matt Klassen Painting, Alex Kurtz & Team, SubCan Ltd., Thomas Sill Foundation, Access Credit Union, Vera's Carpet, Willow Creek Curated, Evelyn's Wig Shop in Lorette, and Lasered Edge.

Renovations were necessitated to promote a more hygienic environment for immune compromised people, to promote confidentiality, enhance comfort for all, enlarge Hair Haven to accommodate the large selection of wigs and head coverings and to brighten the space for those fighting cancer.

The cost of renovations was over \$18,000 but with the many generous gifts, donations and amazing support the cost directly to SCCR was \$1800.00. Wow! Great work team and community.

To think that 16 years ago SCCR began with a \$5000 grant in operating to a revenue of \$268,000 and expenses of over \$299,000, less than 50 clients in our first year to an average of 12 new individuals and families a month and a client list today of over 600 people.

This reflects the sad reality that the incidence of cancer is on the rise in all ages despite the fine work of CancerCare Manitoba, the Canadian Cancer Society, other cancer agencies, Health Canada and of course SCCR and like organizations.

On the positive side great strides have been made in research for treatment and causes and survival rates for many cancers are on the increase.

SCCR is so thankful we can provide hope, support and help to people when a cancer diagnosis overwhelms so many.

Thank you goes out to each and everyone one of you for your generous support of SCCR so that we can continue our vital, much needed and appreciated programs and services. Pritchard Memorial Golf Tournament, The Carman Curl for Cancer, The Legends Car Rally, Legends Drag Races, The Racing W Barrel Races, SubCan Car Wash and Bake Sale, Bob's Bed Push, the Barnswallow's donation, the many foundation grants, the lemonade stands, the bake sales, the in memory gifts, the straight out donations, community Canvases and many more all make it possible for us to continue giving back. Thank you so very, very much from each and every person affected by cancer that utilize our services.

It is heartwarming and very rewarding to receive the many thank yous and notes of appreciation for the work we do.

Committee Reports:

### **Program, Policy and Personnel Committee**

- Met twice since September 30, 2018
- Updated many existing policies and procedures
- Created policies on Record Retention and Destruction, Staff Health Program, Whistleblower Policy and revised Confidentiality and Privacy Policy
- Organized and attended the Strategic Planning Day, May 3, 2019
- Performed Staff Performance Interviews
- Collaborated with Health Canada in sponsoring an Awareness Program giving out over 40 Radon Testing Kits and covered lab costs for these. As part of this promotion we had a Pay it Forward and Get Rewarded initiative where prizes were awarded. We are so thankful to Polar Plumbing and Heating, Bergmann Plumbing and Heating and Boundary Plumbing and Heating for partnering with us and promoting Radon Testing for all.
- Established a cleaning schedule and contract for a housekeeper for the office

### **Fundraising Committee**

- Created a manual outlining duties, responsibilities and steps to operate our Annual Fashion Show the board owned annual major fundraising event
- Presented “Around the World” the title of our Annual Fashion Show with a profit of over \$37,000. Funds that support Transportation and Accommodation Program, Lymphedema Support Program and our Wellness Programs
- Working on creating lists of those who donate to a specific fundraiser so that these generous individuals, businesses and organizations are not canvassed more than once a year for support unless they indicate they want to donate
- Committee is busy preparing for “A Walk in the Park”, the theme for the April 22, 2020 Annual Fashion Show and partnering with the Winkler Co-Op who has been our giving clothing provider for the last few years

### **Finance Committee**

- Continues to oversee the investments, expenses and income for SCCR
- Generates the Annual Budget
- Works with Meg to prepare for the yearly Engagement Review Report
- Recommends increases for funding for various programs including volunteer drivers, Lymphedema Support Program, Transportation Program, staff salaries, limits for Staff Health Benefit Program as well as recommends efficiencies in operation

We also have 2 subcommittees. The Fashion Show Committee has board members and volunteers at large and the renovations committee.

This concludes my report for 2018-2019 but I would be remiss if I did not recognize the board members and staff of SCCR. Please stand when I introduce each of you, Wes Schroeder signing authority from Morden in his 3<sup>rd</sup> term, Rachel Dell Vice President from Morden in her 3<sup>rd</sup> Term, Elaine McLennon from Mather-Cartwright in finishing her 2<sup>nd</sup> term, Alice Harms from Snowflake/Manitou in her 1<sup>st</sup> term after a leave from the Board, Myrna Wiebe, signing authority from Morden in her 1<sup>st</sup> term, Dianne Mestaghe, Board secretary from Morden in her 1<sup>st</sup> term, Richard LaRiviere from Morden 1<sup>st</sup> Term, Carol Braun from Winkler who just started in September, Gail Shimonek from Altona finishing her 1<sup>st</sup> Term, Sam Hilhorst from Morden also finishing her 1<sup>st</sup> Term. We are looking forward to

welcoming Teresa Dyck, long time supporter of SCCR join our team. Thank you each and everyone for all you do to make SCCR a vibrant organization, your time, your talents and each of your expertise all make this Board a pleasure to be part of. Thank you.

Meg Peters, Administrative Coordinator and Deb Thiessen Program Coordinator are two people that provide the services and programs and ensure operations run smoothly, efficiently and effectively. Our Communities are proud to have you two amazing women at the helm, comforting and caring for our clients, their families and for your input to the board, printing SCCR and working so diligently to make SCCR the organization it is today. Thank you ladies so very much.

Thank you all for coming tonight and if you have any questions I'd be happy to answer them.