



President Annual Report October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

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

We welcomed Angie Braun, Martina Taylor, Shania Ginter, Shannon Bergsma & Tara Bennett to our Board. We had to say a fond farewell to Gail Shimonek after completion of her 6 years on the board. We were also sad to see Martina Taylor and Myrna Wiebe leave the board.

We also said farewell to program resource coordinator Karla Leite who supported our clients in a very caring & professional manner for 2 ½ years. We are truly fortunate to have recruited Naomi Fehr to take this position.

We have received tremendous support from community fundraisers that range from lemonade stands to barbecues, cookie sales, golf tournaments, car club events, a curling bonspiel, barrel racing, and yoga. Without the dedication of the 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.

We were very pleased by the enthusiasm generated by the 2023 fashion show. This is a large undertaking and organized by the Board and staff. The show raised record profits of just over \$55,000. Planning of the 2024 show is well under way – please save the date – April 25th at the Access Event Center. Tickets go on sale March 15th.

One of the Board undertakings that began this year is 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. The first presentation was made in September and was well received. The plan is to continue these across the region and to reach out to Chambers of Commerce.

Transportation assistance is by far our largest program, and we are very thankful to have 70 volunteer drivers and 6 driver coordinators who assist in providing this very valuable service to our clients.

Our staff have kept very busy! Client numbers have increased significantly. We are so fortunate to have 3 extremely dedicated and caring employees – Erika Friesen, Leora Hamm and Naomi Fehr. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly Thank them for 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 very 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)
October 2022**

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**