



YOUR GIFT

**YOUR IMPACT**

**Report to Donors**

April 2022 to March 31, 2023

# YOUR GIFT - YOUR IMPACT

## AND OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE

### MESSAGE FROM KAREN MENKIS, CHAIR, DASCH FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As newly-minted chair of the board, I have the privilege of serving alongside a group of talented individuals who are committed to advancing our mission and achieving our goals. DASCH Foundation began 2023 as many other foundations did: in recovery mode. As we emerge from the shadows of the pandemic, we apply lessons learned and continue to build on the shared commitment to create greater possibilities for people with intellectual disabilities. With your help, we continue to face challenges head on and embrace every opportunity for success.

Beyond your financial support, we are truly humbled by the trust you have placed in us. Our progress has been made possible in large part by the dynamic partnership we have forged with donors, sponsors and funders. DASCH Foundation provides DASCH with the ability to put resources to their highest and best use for the people we support. On behalf of an appreciative board, I offer our sincere gratitude to all of you who have let us share in your generosity.



Chair, Board of Directors  
DASCH Foundation

### RECOGNIZING LEADERSHIP JUDY WAKEFIELD

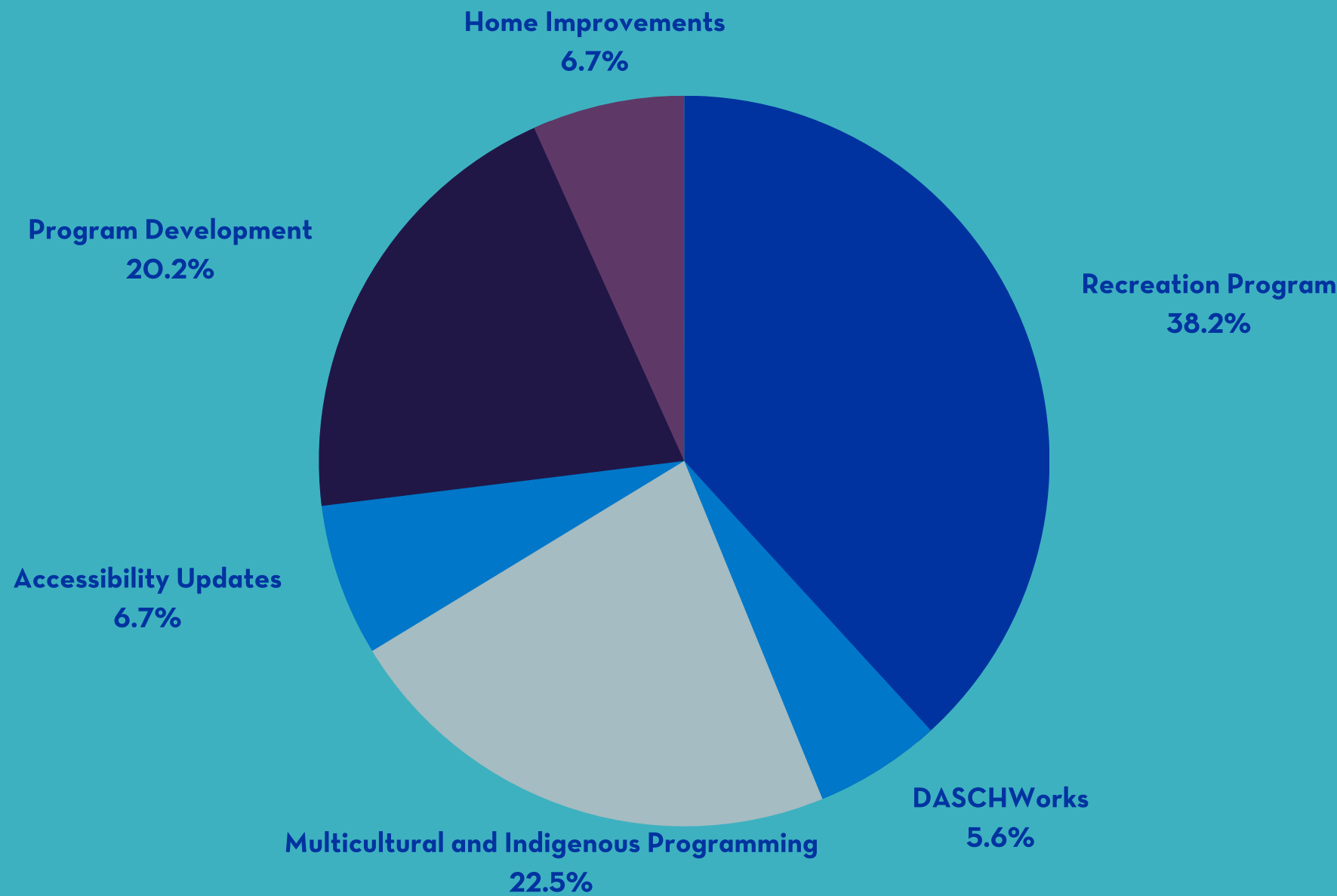


In April, Judy Wakeford's term ended as chair of the Foundation. On behalf of a very grateful board, staff team and the people DASCH serves, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for Judy's exceptional leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment throughout her tenure.

For the countless hours, sacrifices, and energy you have invested in shepherding the DASCH Foundation, thank you, Judy.

# YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

## DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO DASCH PROGRAMS



# DASCH FOUNDATION

## BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

### MESSAGE FROM KAREN FONSETH, CEO & DOROTHY ROSS, CDO

Every day, DASCH challenges and addresses pervasive discrimination to ensure all people with intellectual disabilities have choice, freedom, safety, and full inclusion in their community. We imagine a life for the people we serve where they can enjoy their best lives in a welcoming environment, where their strengths and talents are recognized and developed.

And, that's where the support of DASCH Foundation comes in. With the inspiring generosity of our community of donors, volunteers and supporters, DASCH has the ability to be innovative, to push boundaries of inclusion and to ensure the people we serve have every opportunity for a more inclusive world.

Many, many thanks for your ongoing support,

Chief Executive Officer  
DASCH Inc.

Chief Development Officer  
DASCH Foundation



## DASCH INNOVATION

### DASCH RECREATION PROGRAM

Since the pandemic launch of DASCH's Recreation program in 2020, it has become a much-loved part of DASCH's services. Every activity is designed to support participants' well-being, physical, social and mental health and aids the entire Winnipeg community by building an awareness and culture of inclusion. The program is carefully designed to be inclusive for people of all abilities and offers diverse activities including arts and crafts, movies, bingo and social nights, fitness classes, and more. These activities and gatherings provide a vital opportunity for people who use our services to meet others and build long-term, meaningful relationships. Thanks to DASCH Foundation's community of supporters for making this program better every single day.

**The Recreation Program enhancements would not be possible without the generosity of the following donors:**

- The Georgina Foundation;
- Donors supporting our 2022 Giving Tuesday campaign;
- The Ministry of Arts, Culture, Sport and Community; and
- Government of Canada.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### RECENT EVENTS FOR DASCH FOUNDATION



#### Jenna Rae Cakes

Jenna Rae Cakes, a much-loved bakery in Winnipeg, contributed a percentage of cupcake sales during January and raised \$1,218 to support DASCH Foundation. That's a lot of cupcakes!

#### Salisbury House

For the second time in a row, DASCH Foundation was a lucky benefactor of Salisbury House's Pay it Forward campaign and received \$8,007 in 2022.



#### TipTap with Mary Brown's Chicken

In June, participating Mary Brown's Chicken locations in Winnipeg graciously encouraged their guests to add a tip for DASCH Foundation.

#### Wesman Golf Tournament

As charitable partners of the Wesmen Golf Tournament, DASCH Foundation received \$800.



#### Calabria Market and Fine Wines

A tasty fundraiser and an impactful way for our community to start the holiday season. In November, Calabria collected donations for the Foundation and hosted a wine and cheese event that raised \$3000.

# DONOR PROFILE

## ASSINIBOINE CREDIT UNION

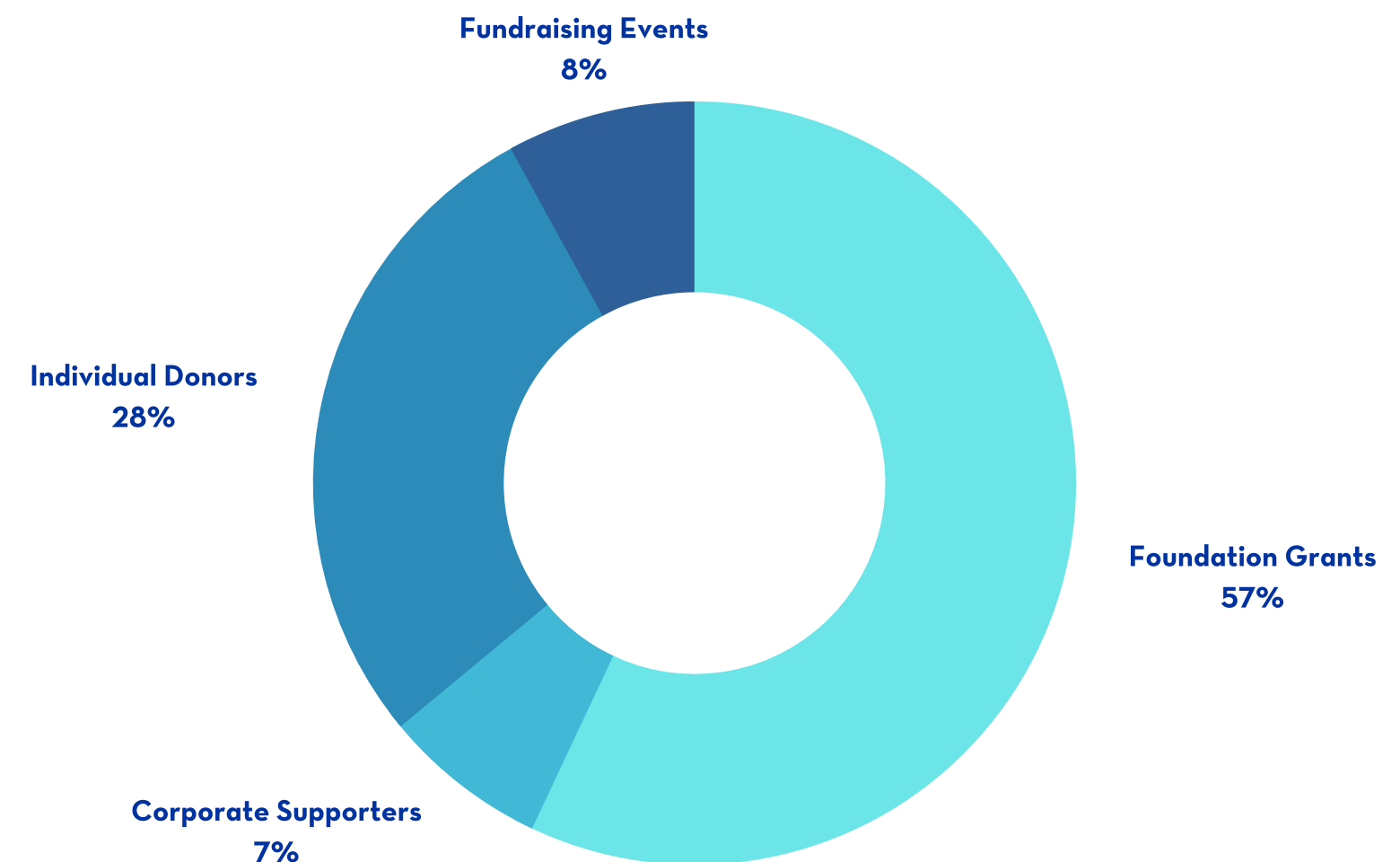
Assiniboine Credit Union (ACU) recognizes healthy, vibrant and diverse communities don't just happen; they're created over time by people. That's why, through their community giving program they champion inclusion for marginalized people, environmental sustainability, and community enterprise development.

A long-standing community partner, Assiniboine Credit Union sponsors the DASCH Foundation's Possibilities Gala, our holiday appeals, and through their community grants, the credit union has contributed to many special projects, including updating DASCH's outdoor signage and creating a video of DASCH's mission at work and sharing stories of the people we serve.



Money doing more.   
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## FUNDING SOURCES





# A YEAR OF DASCH



Oliver had his room freshly painted, thanks to the generosity of our donors through the 2022 holiday appeal.



Community events and outings provide opportunities to meet new people, actively participate in the community and add an extra dose of happiness to their lives.



Making the most of our Winnipeg winters! Thank you to our generous donors for sponsoring outdoor events.

The new DASCHWorks space expands training opportunities and opens new employment possibilities for more participants.



Keith at the Mary Brown's TipTap Launch Party. We wouldn't be where we are without the support of our corporate donors.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD HOMES INCLUDING:

- 4 independent living homes
- 2 foster care locations
- 1 respite location, and
- 51 neighbourhood homes

158



## PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES INCLUDING:

- 142 adults and
- 16 youth

150+



## RECREATION AND EVENTS INCLUDING:

- Games and crafts nights
- Picnics and the summer carnival
- Yoga and art in the park events
- Manitoba Moose, Winnipeg Blue Bomber and Goldeyes games
- Snowshoeing
- Museum tours and so much more!



## ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT

# THE PEMBINA DAY PROGRAM

DASCH has multiple day programs that provide a safe space for people with intellectual disabilities to gather, learn, socialize and more.

Our facility, located on Pembina Highway, hosts approximately 40 people throughout the day and evening for different events. And while we are proud of having ample space, some areas, including the washrooms, were not fully accessible to all community members who also have more significant physical disabilities.

Through grant funding from The Winnipeg Foundation and the Thomas Sill Foundation, DASCH was able to renovate the washrooms at the Pembina Day Program to make them more extensive and accessible and provide a better space for all visitors and staff members.

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## DASCH INNOVATION

### DASCH MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS

DASCH's commitment to Indigenous and multicultural programs offer a transformative opportunity for both the people supported by DASCH and our staff. By engaging in culturally-themed dinners and celebrations, crafting, fishing, nature walks, participating in pow wows, and tending to the healing garden, the DASCH community can foster meaningful connections with their housemates, neighbours, and the wider community. These immersive experiences not only celebrate cultural diversity and also nurture a deeper understanding and appreciation of one another's backgrounds and traditions.



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