



# The Power of Community-led Change

MakeWay 2022 Year in Review

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In October MakeWay staff gathered with community members and funding partners in Prince Albert and Muskoday First Nation for a 2-day visioning and co-creation session. The focus was on creating a funding and support system for rural and remote Indigenous communities in Saskatchewan. The gathering built from the **'Learning Journey'** conducted between 2020-2022, which highlighted current Indigenous community development needs and available supports. Only 3% of Canadian grants are made to Saskatchewan recipients, which are mostly in urban areas.

Participants touring the Musokday school Greenhouse and training space while discussing good support to Nations for their community-led priorities

Photo Credit: Julie Price

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# Letter from the CEO



*Without a doubt this was a big year for MakeWay and our partners!*

In the spring we launched a [new strategy](#) - a north star to guide how MakeWay will build partnerships and solutions to help nature and communities thrive together in the coming years. We're focused on seven bold interconnected priorities (page 5) as we apply all our tools and resources towards transformative change at the intersection of social justice and economic, cultural, and ecological wellbeing.

In early March, we also got a [once-in-a-lifetime](#) call announcing a \$19M unrestricted gift from Mackenzie Scott, apparently the first donation by the ground-breaking philanthropist to a Canadian entity. To steward these funds in a good way, we are moving fast and slow to mobilize and leverage strategically for more impact. Already, we've

provided wrap-around supports to community initiatives, unrestricted grants to collaboratives and partners in remote, Northern and Indigenous communities, and nimble seed funding and research and development to innovate and push boundaries.

We launched the [Fair Earth Living funders collaborative](#) - the first of its kind in the country—a new space for philanthropy and change makers on shifting culture and behaviours for nature and climate action.

With invitations from communities, we went on a listening and learning journey in Saskatchewan (page 1) to see how new forms of funding could play a role in a part of this country almost ignored by philanthropy.

We also welcomed several new Community Advised Funds alongside our Donor Advised Funds (page 16), to enable more trust-based funding and community decision making.

This report offers an inspiring glimpse of the many exciting partnerships and solutions, stories and transformations that are taking place in the MakeWay ecosystem, every single day.

And as we look ahead with all of you, we know that collectively we can break down silos, disrupt an outdated charitable sector, and enable new beginnings as we build beautiful futures for people and planet together.

Warmest,

**Joanna Kerr**, CEO MakeWay



# Theory of Change

**If**

we build deep trust-based relationships and partnerships with community leaders, changemakers, and funders

**and**

provide unique, integrated solutions that support community-led initiatives advancing justice, reconciliation, and economic and ecological wellbeing

**Then**

transformational change will gain momentum to shift systems locally and across this country known as Canada...

**Which**

will move us closer to a planet where nature and communities thrive together.

# MakeWay Strategy 2022 – 2025

In April 2022 After a year of consultation with staff, partners, and community leaders, deep reflection on our key principles and direction, and collaborative team writing: we finally launched our new Strategic Plan. This will act as our North Star and help guide us toward the impact we

hope to achieve. Over the next three years, we will focus on seven interconnected priorities that reflect what we've heard about where MakeWay can and should play a role.



# Strategic Priorities





# Building Momentum for Change

Every member of the MakeWay team is passionate about building partnerships and solutions to help nature and communities thrive together.



In May, the MakeWay team gathered in Vancouver for a week of bonding, trust building, personal development, and learning. This was a rare opportunity for us to come together, understand more deeply about the work we're trying to advance, learn about each other, be inspired by amazing speakers, and have lots of very well-earned fun.

Photo: Kayla MacInnis



Philanthropy trailblazer MacKenzie Scott gifted USD \$15 million to MakeWay, among the first Canadian organizations that she has supported. With these unrestricted funds, MakeWay is mobilizing nimble support for its existing partnerships and programming, while leveraging the gift for even more impact.

## THIS YEAR WE

# Partnered

with various funders including **200 foundations**, **150 businesses**, **50 governments**, and over **2500 individuals** and families to help nature and communities thrive together.

# Mobilized

more than **\$14.5 million** in grants across the country, through partnerships with over **300 community-led initiatives and Indigenous partners** to enable community-led impact and systems change across Canada.

# Hosted

over **70 Shared Platform** projects across Canada: based in small towns and big cities from Alert Bay to Toronto, Inuvik to Halifax, and more.



This year, we opened our newest offices in Whitehorse, YT and Ottawa, ON. MakeWay staff work in a variety of regions across Canada, with offices in Iqaluit, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg, and Yellowknife.



We completed a full equity audit of all MakeWay policies as part of our ongoing efforts to advance justice, equity, diversity and inclusion within our organizational practices.



We go only where we are invited. Significant, sustainable change is not possible without taking the time to nurture deep place-based relationships. While we are open to working with any community, we only work in the places that we have been invited into.

Photo: Morgan Tsetta

# Where We Work

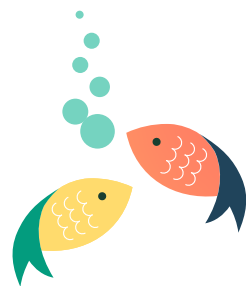
Representatives from four incredible programs across the North gathered on Northwest Territories to share their unique experiences across different cultures and lands.



# Measuring Impact: Our Approach

MakeWay engages in ongoing evaluation to measure impact. This process is highly relational, and involves building and maintaining long term partnerships rooted in trust. We try to reduce the administrative burdens placed on community partners. In addition to informal check-ins and community visits, we gather feedback from community partners at convenings, through surveys, and through regular grant reporting. To foster shared learning for both funders and grantees, a story sharing process is also used by some funding collaboratives to further learning and to inform decision-making.

## THIS YEAR WE



Established the [Indigenous Watersheds Initiative](#), a \$15 million partnership between the Province of BC, Watersheds BC and MakeWay, which has already deployed \$5.6 million to 21 Indigenous-led projects that are advancing watershed restoration, water security, and cultural values.



[Hosted a gathering on MacKenzie Island, NWT](#) to bring together hunters, harvesters, and guardians from across the territories and Inuit regions. The gathering's purpose was to co-design evaluation tools to show the community benefit of their programs.



Promoted [Community-led Change: Youth Voices](#), a booklet highlighting the stories, experiences and dreams of young changemakers leading important work in their communities across Northern Manitoba.



Launched the [Fair Earth Living](#) funding collaborative to catalyze sustainable and equitable ways of living, in partnership with OneEarth.



[Activated COVID-19 emergency funds](#) for Indigenous-led food security and food sovereignty initiatives in over 50 communities, supporting communities with their harvesting, processing, distribution of local foods, setup of community gardens, food storage, and more.



Doubled our grantmaking to Northern women and girls programs across the North, in partnership with the Canadian Women's Foundation.



Supported the development and implementation of over 50 Indigenous guardian programs in the North and Pacific.



[Worked with 97 partners and deployed \\$1.5 million in funding](#) to community-led work throughout Northern Manitoba, a significant increase from funds deployed in 2021.



Supported Indigenous-led conservation and stewardship initiatives across every single region in BC.



Welcomed the [Womxn's Collective on Nature and Climate Action](#) and supported a 9-part webinar series – [Care and Systems Change: Meeting at the Intersections](#) – that included participation of over 300 women from 17 countries and featured speakers from around the world.



Community partners, donors and other non-Indigenous allies gathered on Mushkegowuk Traditional Territory  
Photos: Joanna Kerr

## A visit in Mushkegowuk Territory

This summer, CEO, Joanna Kerr, spent four days in Northern Ontario hosted by the Mushkegowuk Tribal Council. This was a donor trip that included representatives from MakeWay, Moore Foundation, and OceanKind.

For the past few years, MakeWay staff have been in conversation with the Mushkegowuk Council, working to understand their needs. The Mushkegowuk Traditional Territory is home to nearly 1500 species and supports the livelihoods of over 30,000 people. It also faces a multitude of ecological threats such as pollution runoff, increased mining development, and habitat fragmentation. Communities have been looking to advance collective well-being and conservation but have faced barriers in accessing government and philanthropic funding to do so.

This year, these conversations have accelerated as community leaders have been connecting with MakeWay program leads for different supports, alongside other key non-Indigenous allies. We plan to continue these conversations and use our

role as an intermediary to connect philanthropic supports to community partners in ways that are designed and directed by the community, for the community.



# An Act of Reclamation, of Ourselves and our Culture: How Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq (Kitikmeot Heritage Society) Holds Space for Language and Culture to Thrive

[Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq \(also known as Kitikmeot Heritage Society/KHS\)](#) is an Inuit-led charitable organization that focuses on the priorities of Inuinait—a distinct regional group of Inuit living in the Central Canadian Arctic. Their work focuses on reclaiming cultural identity, ensuring the survival of Inuinnaqtun language, and connecting new generations to their ancestors and traditional knowledge.

MakeWay was thrilled to support KHS’s recent project, “Creating a Cross Community Network to Revitalize Inuinnaqtun and Inuinait Culture”. The initiative was created to address issues around

Inuinait cultural and language reclamation and develop platforms to facilitate Inuit access to their digital heritage. The project also provided workshops around teaching and documenting

Inuinait knowledge and experiences from digital storytelling to delta braiding to Kakivak (fish spear making) and parka making.



Participants pose in parkas they made during a workshop. This was part of KHS’s “Creating a Cross Community Network to Revitalize Inuinnaqtun and Inuinait Culture” project.  
Photo: Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq/Kitikmeot Heritage Society



# Clearing the Path to ‘Right Relations’

*[This article was written by Amy Romer and published in The Philanthropist Journal. Click this link to see the original piece.](#)*

*MakeWay is grateful to host and contribute to this bold, transformative, and joyful work. After a decade of baby steps towards correcting power in conventional philanthropy, the Right Relations Collaborative is a leap forward.*

“A lot of how we do the work in Nuxalk is very different from this capitalistic, desk-driven, boardroom-style way of doing business.”

That’s Nuskmata (Jacinda Mack). As she says this, I sink into my office chair. It’s taken us three weeks to find a time to connect on the phone. Partly, she’s been out on the land: fishing, hunting, visiting with elders – “the real work,” she says. But partly it’s me: I’ve been desk-driven hard in my basement boardroom. “Like, that’s not how we do business,” she says.

Nuskmata is one-third of a council of three Aunties – along with K’aayhlt’aa Haanas (Valine Brown) and Marilyn Baptiste – that forms the governance backbone to the Right Relations Collaborative. Since 2020, the three Aunties and their two co-leads, ‘Cúagilákv (Jess Háusti) and Kim Hardy of MakeWay, have brought together community-rooted Indigenous change-makers and aligned philanthropic partners to break down the institutional barriers that define conventional philanthropy and, at the same time, find new ways of being “in relationship” with one another.

It’s a project that is hosted at MakeWay, which both funds and functions as the administrative home for the collaborative. Any funder that wishes to offer money to the organization is vetted by the council of Aunties, demonstrating things like how their organization acquired its money, how their organization engages with the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action, how their organization supports the concepts of #LandBack and #CashBack, and so on. If accepted, the Aunties alone decide how and where the money is used, shifting power away from conventional philanthropic top-down models while addressing some of the deep-rooted inequalities of a colonial status quo.



In September, Nuskmata took part in a “Stutu7apsulh” – a community-building event that happens between potlatches. Nuskmata’s family is building a cabin and the Stutu7apsulh is a way of bringing the community together, sharing their progress, food, and family time that will “help bring some good energy back to the village,” she says.

Photo: Olivia Nowak



# Funding Partners

We sincerely thank the following partners who provided support to community-led initiatives across the country. This list represents a wide range of individuals, governments, and organizations who contributed to programs, shared platform projects, collaboratives, and campaigns in fiscal year 2022. These contributions are vital to helping nature and communities thrive together.

*Lists include all donors of \$1,000 or more.*



## Businesses

Businesses provided generous support to innovative projects and programs. We help businesses interested in supporting community-led change develop charitable giving strategies and improve their grantmaking practices.

1st Unit Fire & Safety Sutton  
7group  
Against The Grain Industries  
Argyle  
Barbara Durley - Travitude Travel Group  
Bellagio Fruit Tree Services  
Blue Systems by Robell Inc.  
Boundless Philanthropy  
Brankson Hall  
Bullfrog Power Inc.  
C.R. Wall & Co.  
Carmanah Management Corp  
CD/M2 Lightworks Corp.  
Chrome Angelz RC Street Angelz Chapter  
CoCreative Consulting, LLC  
Common Factor Media  
Crossfield Publishing  
Crossfield Publishing  
Delta Duracher Full Circle Family Care  
Donald Ellis Gallery  
Dragonfly Ventures Holdings Ltd.  
DTES Literacy Roundtable  
Ecotone Software Consulting Inc.  
Edmund Williamsmon Professional Corp.  
Elva Keip & Associates  
ER Services  
Farewell Harbour Lodge  
FLECK Productions  
Fox Rothschild LLP  
Freer Inc.  
Gemini Windows, Doors & Siding  
Generation Capital Limited  
Gizhiwe  
Global Justice Ecology Project  
Greatful Living

Greenwin  
Happy City  
Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP  
Hide-Away Canoe Club  
Hudson Pacific Properties  
iA Financial Group  
Industrial Light & Magic Vancouver Inc  
Invictus Accounting Group LLP  
J. Michael Robbins & Associates Inc.  
Jillian Harris Design  
John Fluevog Boots and Shoes Ltd  
Juno College of Technology  
Karlee Vukets & Co.  
Kingston Data & Credit Inc.  
Kitsch Goods  
Know History Inc.  
KPMG  
Lemay CO Inc.  
Little Sunshine Baby Co Ltd.  
Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation  
Lush Handmade Cosmetics Ltd.  
Mackenzie Financial Corporation  
Madeleine Service  
Makwa Creative Inc.  
Manulife  
Mark Hardy and Rose Goldstein  
Meika Makes  
Mommy Connections North Edmonton &  
St. Albert  
Montship Inc  
MTBA Associates Inc.  
Native Shoes  
Nature's Path Foods  
New Roots Herbal Inc.  
New Society Publishers Ltd

Nine Designs  
Northgrave Medical Inc.  
Number TEN Architectural Group  
Ocean Outfitters  
Okanagan Court Reporters  
Ontario Inc.  
Overlander Sports Ltd.  
Paliare Roland Barristers  
Park Property Management Inc.  
Patagonia Inc.  
Peelee Island Winery  
Pilar Agueci Design Inc.  
Pinch Social  
Plural Works Inc.  
Prism X Strategy  
Propagandhi Inc.  
PRSM Solutions Inc.  
QuadReal  
Quidnet Inc.  
Rangate North Woodworking Solutions Inc.  
Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd.  
Recycling Alternative  
Redchurch Brewing LP  
Resilience Planning  
Restore Human  
Revel Cider Company Inc.  
Roger E Taylor Professional Corporation  
RUX  
Rylee & Ink  
Save On Meats  
Scandigenous Beadwork Designs  
Skican  
Smiling Moose Farm  
Squamish Cornerstone Developments Ltd.  
St Genève

Stellar Recruitment  
Storage Warrior  
Strata VR-1705  
Strathcona Park Lodge Ltd.  
Sure-Fix Service Group  
Systems Thinking Marin  
Talk Like That  
TELUS  
The AME Consulting Group Ltd.  
The Applegath Group  
The Big Carrot  
The Box Of Life  
The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited  
The Centre for Health Innovation  
The Denim Gene  
The Greater Strategy Consulting Inc.  
The Language of Birth  
The McDonald Family  
The Pacific Forensic Mental Health  
Practice Ltd.  
The Wandering Dog Inn  
TNMI True North Management Inc.  
Tutoring with Mandi  
Ungalli Clothing Co. Inc.  
University of Toronto - IRY Project  
Vancity  
Vitamin Advantage Medical  
Waterwoman Consulting Ltd  
Wild Women Expeditions  
Worldocean Consulting  
Wyldewood Surf Club  
YPT Toronto

## Individuals & Families

In fiscal year 2022, we received over **2500 donations from individuals and their families** across Canada. Our community of individual donors work with us to support hundreds of initiatives, ranging from neighbourhood-scale social programs to national conservation efforts.

## Governments

We partner with local, provincial, territorial, federal, and Indigenous governments to support solutions that integrate healthy communities, a healthy planet, and healthy economies.

BC Hydro  
Bowen Island Municipality  
Canada Council for the Arts  
City of Toronto  
City of Vancouver  
City of Victoria  
City of Yellowknife  
Department of Education, Culture, and  
Employment - NWT Arts Council  
Government of British Columbia - Ministry  
of Environment & Climate Change Strategy  
Government of British Columbia - Ministry  
of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Government of British Columbia - Ministry  
of Social Development & Poverty  
Reduction  
Government of British Columbia - Ministry  
of Tourism, Arts and Culture  
Government of British Columbia - WorkBC  
Government of Canada - Agriculture and

Agri-Food Canada  
Government of Canada - Business  
Development Bank of Canada (BDC)  
Government of Canada - Canadian  
Heritage  
Government of Canada - Canadian  
Northern Economic Development Agency  
Government of Canada - Department for  
Women and Gender Equality  
Government of Canada - Employment and  
Social Development Canada  
Government of Canada - Environment and  
Climate Change Canada  
Government of Canada - Fisheries and  
Oceans Canada  
Government of Canada - Immigration,  
Refugees and Citizenship Canada  
Government of Canada - Indigenous  
Services Canada  
Government of Canada - Innovation,

Science and Economic Development  
Canada  
Government of Canada - National  
Research Council Canada  
Government of Manitoba - Ministry of  
Indigenous & Northern Relations  
Government of Manitoba - Province of  
Manitoba - Minister of Finance  
Government of Ontario - Ministry of  
Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Government of Ontario - Ministry of  
Education  
Government of Ontario - Ministry of  
Labour, Training and Skills Development  
Government of Ontario - Ministry of Seniors  
and Accessibility  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
- Department of Education, Culture, and  
Employment  
Government of the Northwest Territories -

Department of Executive and Indigenous  
Affairs  
Government of the Northwest Territories -  
Department of Health and Social Services  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
- Ministry of Environment and Natural  
Resources  
Inuvik Community Corporation  
Metro Vancouver  
Ontario Trillium Foundation  
Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia  
Squamish Nation  
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District  
The Town of Saugeen Shores  
Village of Lions Bay  
Tlcho Government

## Foundations, Charities, & Nonprofits

Foundations, charities, and nonprofits are important members of the MakeWay community. Their donations help us support community-led initiatives across the country

Vancouver Foundation - The Philip and  
Muriel Berman Foundation Fund  
444S Foundation  
A Better Life Foundation  
Aboriginal Sport Circle of the NWT  
Academy for Systems Change  
ACAP Saint John  
Arrell Family Foundation  
Ashoka Canada  
Balsam Foundation  
Beaumier Churcott Foundation  
Boag Foundation Ltd.  
Both ENDS  
Branksome Hall  
Breakfast Club of Canada  
Broadhead Fund - Ottawa Community  
Foundation  
California Community Foundation  
Canada Gives - Harrison Walker Family  
Foundation  
Canada Helps  
Canada Post Community Foundation  
Canadian Film Centre  
Canadian Health Food Association  
Canadian Online Giving Foundation  
Canadian Roots Exchange  
Canadian Women's Foundation  
Carolyn Garlich and Peter Miller Gift Fund  
Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto  
Chamandy Foundation  
Chan Family Foundation  
Charities Aid Foundation Canada  
CHIMP: Charitable Impact Foundation  
(Canada)  
Chisholm Thomson Family Foundation  
CJ Foundation  
Clean Economy Fund  
Clean Foundation funded by Environment  
and Climate Change Canada  
Community Food Centres Canada  
Community Foundation of Greater  
Peterborough  
Community Foundation of the South  
Okanagan Similkameen  
Community Foundations of Canada  
Congregation Emanu-El  
Counselling Foundation of Canada  
Echo Foundation  
Eco Canada  
EMBERS  
Energy Transition Fund  
Environment Funders Canada  
European Coalition for Corporate Justice  
(ECCJ)

For Our Kids Montréal  
Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family  
Foundation  
Freshwater Future Canada  
Garfield Foundation  
GEKKO Foundation  
Google.org Charitable Giving  
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation  
Hamilton Community Foundation - Great  
Lakes Trust  
IISAAK OLAM Foundation  
Imagine Canada's Grant Connect  
Indigenous Climate Action  
J.P. Bickell Foundation  
Jackman Foundation  
James Family Foundation  
Jericho Investment Trust  
Laidlaw Foundation  
Laurence Goldberg & Diane Spivak  
Lawton Partners Charitable Giving  
Foundation Inc.  
Learning by Giving Foundation  
Lilian Kay Charitable Fund  
Link Charity Canada Inc.  
Louis Bonduelle Corporate Foundation  
Manitoba Race to Reduce  
Maple Leaf Centre for Action on Food  
Security  
Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies  
Marin Community Foundation  
Mastercard Foundation  
Max Bell Foundation  
McConnell Foundation  
McLean Smits Family Foundation  
McMillan Family Foundation  
Metcalfe Foundation  
Michael and Honor Foundation  
MLSE Foundation  
Nature Canada  
Nature United  
Nawalakw Healing Society  
NDN Collective  
New Venture Fund - Climate Justice  
Resilience Fund  
Nicola Wealth Private Giving Foundation -  
Parachute Fund  
North Family Foundation  
Northwest Territories Recreation and Parks  
Association  
NoVo Foundation  
NWT Association of Communities  
NWT Recreation & Parks Association  
Oak Foundation  
Ottawa Community Foundation

Ottawa Community Foundation - Blattel  
Family Fund  
Ottawa Community Foundation - Nadine  
Martel and Jean-Michel Lemieux Fund  
Park People  
Paypal Giving Fund Canada  
Peterborough K. M. Hunter Charitable  
Foundation  
RBC Foundation  
Rideau Hall Foundation - Arctic Inspiration  
Prize  
Ripple Effect Arts & Literature Society  
Robert Kerr Foundation  
Rosutec Charitable Foundation  
Rotary Club of Burlington North  
Rotary Club of Burnaby Foundation  
Rotary Club of North Scarborough  
Foundation  
RSF Social Finance  
Saint Paul University  
Samworth Foundation  
Sarnia Community Foundation  
SaskOrganics Association Inc  
Schwab Charitable Fund  
Senft Family Foundation  
Sfaira Foundation  
SGNC Foundation  
Sierra Club of BC Foundation  
Small Change Fund - Public Voice Fund  
Smith Share Foundation Inc.  
Somers Family Foundation  
Somerset Foundation  
SPARC Social Planning and Research  
Council - BC Society  
Spark Foundation  
Spark Innovation Educational Center Inc.  
St. Stephen's Community House  
STEER Friends  
Suncor Energy Foundation  
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation  
The Allstate Foundation of Canada  
The Canadian CED Network  
The Catherine Donnelly Foundation  
The Chowkers Foundation  
The David and Lucile Packard Foundation  
The Edith and Bernard Ennis Foundation  
The Ellis Foundation  
The Good Partnership  
The Gordon Foundation  
The Grocery Foundation  
The Harbinger Foundation  
The Housson Foundation  
The Illahie Foundation

The McLean Foundation  
The Peter Gilgan Foundation  
The Rotary Club of Toronto Charitable  
Foundation  
The Sitka Foundation  
The Sprott Foundation  
The Trotter Family Foundation  
The University of British Columbia  
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation  
The Windward Fund  
The Winnipeg Foundation  
Tides Foundation - Patagonia  
Environmental Grants Program Fund  
Toronto Environmental Alliance  
Toronto Palestine Film Festival  
Tula Foundation  
UK Online Giving Foundation  
U'mista Cultural Society  
Unifor Social Justice Fund  
United Way British Columbia  
United Way East Ontario  
United Way of Greater Toronto  
United Way of Northwest Territories  
United Way of the Lower Mainland  
United Way Southern Interior BC  
University of Toronto - Division of General  
Surgery  
Urban Systems Foundation  
Vancouver Foundation  
Vancouver Foundation - The Pender Fund  
Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program  
- The Lindsay F. and Patti Paxton Eberts  
Fund  
Victoria Foundation  
Victoria Foundation - Sun Star Fund  
Wellspring Philanthropic Fund  
West Vancouver Foundation  
Western Organization of Resource  
Councils Education Project  
Wilburforce Foundation  
Windrose Fund of Common Counsel  
Foundation  
Wordham Family Fund at the Community  
Foundation of Mississauga  
World Wildlife Fund Canada



# Grantee Partners

MakeWay is proud to work with grantee partners creating positive environmental and social change in their communities and across the country. We are big believers in supporting locally-led solutions and creating new pathways for funding on community terms and in the spirit of reciprocity. This means backing ideas and movements already taking place on the ground, building deep relationship within communities, and working in active collaboration with communities to direct investments that maximize positive, sustainable, community-led change.



Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
 Aboriginal Mother Centre Society  
 Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights  
 Adsum Association for Women & Children  
 Altitude Project Community Support Foundation  
 Amnesty International Canadian Section  
 Anduhyoun Inc  
 ArtsCan Circle  
 Aunt Leah's Independent Lifeskills Society  
 Barren Lands  
 Barrows Community Council  
 BC Cancer Foundation  
 BC Spaces for Nature Society  
 Breast Cancer Action Québec  
 Brigadoon Children's Camp Society  
 Brigantine Incorporated  
 Broken Promises Rescue  
 Brunswick Street Mission  
 Canada Learning Code Inc  
 Canada-Ukraine Foundation  
 Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives  
 Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives B.C. Office  
 Canadian Coastal Research Society  
 Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society  
 Canadian Red Cross Society  
 Canadian Roots Exchange  
 Canadian Society Promoting Environmental Conservation  
 Canadian Unicef Committee  
 Carleton University  
 Carrefour Des Ressources en Interculturel  
 Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources  
 Chalmers Foundation  
 Chemawawin Cree Nation  
 Children First Society  
 Children's Peace Theatre  
 Churchill Research Centre Inc  
 Clean Economy Fund  
 CODE  
 Commission Scolaire Francophone de Division  
 Community Care Network Society

Community Food Centres Canada  
 Conservation Manitou  
 Cormorant Community Council  
 Cornerstone Housing for Women  
 Council of the Haida Nation  
 Crane River Community Council  
 Crohn's and Colitis Canada  
 Cycle Toronto  
 Dauphin River Community Council  
 Dawson City Shelter Society  
 Dechinta Initiatives dba Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning  
 Definitely Superior Art Gallery of Thunder Bay  
 Dehcho Divisional Board of Education  
 Doctors Without Borders Canada  
 DreamRider Productions Society  
 Duck Bay Community Council  
 Dzawada?enuxw First Nation  
 Earthroots Fund  
 East Scarborough Boys' and Girls' Club  
 East Side Family Place Society  
 Easterville Community Council  
 Ebus Oshati Education Society  
 Ecojustice Canada Society  
 Ecology North  
 Ecotrust Canada  
 Eenou-Eeyou Community Foundation  
 Egale Canada  
 Environment Funders Canada  
 Environmental Defence Canada Inc  
 Environmental Education Commission  
 Équiterre  
 Esquimalt Nation  
 Faith & The Common Good  
 FarmFolk/CityFolk Society  
 Finding Our Power Together  
 First Peoples' Cultural Foundation  
 Fondation Communautaire du Saint-Maurice  
 Fondation Habilitas Habilitas Foundation  
 Food Banks British Columbia  
 Food Stash Foundation

Foodshare Toronto  
 Fort Nelson First Nation  
 Fort Simpson Historical Society  
 Foundation for Environmental Stewardship  
 Freshwater Future Canada  
 Friends of Cortes Island Society  
 Friends of Humane Society International  
 Friends of RAVEN Foundation  
 Georgia Strait Alliance  
 Gitanyow Huwlp Society  
 Gitga'at First Nation  
 Malahat First Nation  
 Manitoba Food Charter Inc  
 Master and Fellows of Massey College  
 Mathias Colomb Cree Nation  
 Maziwa  
 Meadow Portage Community Council  
 Metlakatla  
 Mi'kmaq Family and Children's Services of Nova Scotia  
 Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Society  
 Minwaashin Lodge - Indigenous Women's Support Centre  
 Misipawistik Cree Nation - Lands Department  
 Moccasin Footprint Society  
 Movember Canada  
 Multifaith Housing Initiative  
 Municipality of Cambridge Bay  
 Municipality of Fort Good Hope - Charter Community of K'asho Got'ine  
 National Abortion Federation Canada  
 National Arts Centre Foundation  
 National Gallery of Canada Foundation  
 National Zakat Foundation dba Nisa Homes  
 Native Women's Shelter of Montreal  
 Nature Canada  
 Nellie Philanthropy Foundation  
 New Brunswick Lung Association Inc  
 Nikanihk Ohci Foundation, Inc  
 Nogdawindamin Family and Community Services  
 North-End Community Health Association  
 Northern Association of Community Councils  
 Northern Village of Salluit

Northern Youth Abroad  
 Northwest Institute for Bioregional Research Society  
 Norway House Cree Nation  
 Nunavut Literacy Council  
 Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.  
 Nuxalk Nation  
 Office of the Wet'suwet'en  
 Old Massett Village Council  
 Opaskwayak Cree Nation  
 Options Bytown Non-Profit Housing Corporation  
 Or Haneshamah - Ottawa's Reconstructionist Community  
 Ottawa Community Foundation  
 Ottawa Riverkeeper Inc  
 Our Place Society  
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 Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre  
 PEERS Alliance  
 Peguis First Nation  
 Peguis Foundation Inc  
 Peoples Food Institute  
 Pflag Canada  
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 Philanthropic Foundations Canada  
 Phoenix Youth Programs Charitable Foundation  
 Planned Parenthood Ottawa  
 Plenty Canada  
 Poplar River First Nation  
 Project Rozana Canada  
 Province of BC - Minister of Finance  
 Qqs (Eyes) Projects Society  
 Raincoast Conservation Foundation  
 Raven Indigenous Impact Foundation  
 Reconciliation Canada-A New Way Forward Society  
 Résilience Montréal  
 Resource Library for the Environment and the Law (Toronto)  
 Right to Play International dba Right to Play  
 Rise Women's Legal Centre  
 Rock of Victory Ministries Int'l Canada  
 Rock Ridge Community Council  
 RSBC Rivershed Society of British Columbia  
 Ryerson University  
 Sahtu Divisional Education Council  
 Sahtú Renewable Resources Board  
 Saint James Music Academy  
 Salal Foundation  
 Salt Spring Inst for Sustainability Edu & Action  
 Salvation Army Yellowknife Corps and Resource Centre  
 Save the Cedar League  
 Sawa World Foundation  
 School District of Mystery Lake 2355  
 SeedChange  
 Shepherds of Good Hope  
 Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation  
 Shingwauk Education Trust  
 Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre  
 Sierra Club of BC Foundation  
 Simon Fraser University  
 Sistering - A Woman's Place  
 SkeenaWild Conservation Trust  
 Skidegate

Skownan First Nation  
 Small Change Fund  
 Smith's Landing First Nation  
 Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre  
 Social Planning Council of Sudbury  
 Songhees First Nation  
 Souls Harbour Rescue Mission  
 South Slave Divisional Education Council (SSDEC)  
 Spence Lake Community Council  
 St Andrew's United Church  
 St Andrew's Wesley Church  
 Street Health Community Nursing Foundation  
 Swim Drink Fish Canada  
 T.Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation  
 Tahltan Band Council  
 T'akhu Â Tièn Conservancy  
 Taku River Tlingit First Nation  
 Tamir Foundation Inc  
 Teet'it Gwich'in Band Council  
 The Against Malaria Foundation (Canada)  
 The Arctic Eider Society  
 The Arctic Rose Foundation  
 The Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society  
 The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver)  
 The Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment Foundation  
 The Carold Institute dba Community Knowledge Exchange  
 The Circle on Philanthropy and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada  
 The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq  
 The Couchiching Conservancy  
 The David Suzuki Foundation  
 The Dena Kayeh Institute  
 The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association  
 The Dugout Drop-In Centre Society  
 The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver  
 The Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund  
 The Group of 78  
 The Jur-Ed Foundation  
 The Kelsey School Division No. 45  
 The Khyber Arts Society  
 The Kidney Foundation of Canada  
 The Kidsafe Project Society  
 The Lesbian Gay Bisexual Youth Project Society  
 The Narwhal News Society  
 The Nature Conservancy of Canada  
 The Nature Trust of British Columbia  
 The Neighbourhood Group Community Services  
 The Odawa Native Friendship Centre  
 The Okanagan Indian Educational Resources Society  
 The Ottawa Mission Foundation  
 The Period Purse  
 The Reading Partnership  
 The Realistic Success Recovery Society  
 The Redwood ... for Women and Children Fleeing Abuse  
 The Schad Foundation  
 The Side Door Ministries  
 The Society of High Prairie Regional Environmental Action Committee  
 The Stop Community Food Centre  
 The Sustainability Institute of Canada

The Ulnooweg Indigenous Communities Foundation  
 The Vancouver East Cultural Centre  
 The Vancouver Waldorf School Society  
 The Victoria Youth Clinic Society  
 The Western Front Society  
 Thompson Seniors Community Resource Council Inc  
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 United Way of Greater Toronto  
 United Way of Northwest Territories  
 University College of the North  
 University of Victoria - POLIS Project  
 Urban Native Youth Association  
 Vancity Community Foundation  
 Vancouver Chinatown Foundation for Community Revitalization  
 Vancouver Sun Children's Fund Society  
 VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation  
 Victoria Community Food Hub Society  
 Walpole Island First Nation  
 Water First Education and Training Inc  
 Watershed Watch Salmon Society  
 WCS Wildlife Conservation Society Canada  
 West Coast Environmental Law Research Foundation  
 West Point First Nation  
 Western Canada Wilderness Committee  
 White River First Nation  
 Wigwamen Incorporated  
 Winnipeg Regional Health Authority  
 WISH Drop-In Centre Society  
 Women's Shelter, Saakaate House Inc  
 Women's College Hospital Foundation  
 Women's Healthy Environments Network  
 Women's Shelters Canada  
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 Young Women's Christian Association  
 Yukon Arts Centre Foundation  
 Yukon University  
 Yukon Women's Transition Home Society  
 YWCA NWT



# Mobilizing Advised Funds for Community-Led Change

Advised funds are a powerful tool to unlock more funding for community-led initiatives. So how can we ensure funds at MakeWay are unique, building healthy pathways between philanthropy and community? This year, we've refreshed our advised fund offering with this question in mind, to better centre community and enable nimble, transformative philanthropy.

We created Community Advised Funds (CAF) as an additional tool to evolve the traditional Donor Advised Fund (DAF) model, shifting more power to community leaders. We'll also be aligning new funds with one or more of our organizational priority areas, heightening transparency around purpose, value, and investments of advised funds, and aiming to reach a 5% minimum disbursement rate for all advised funds.



# How Looking for 'Another Way' Sparked a 15-Year Partnership

*"During one particularly mind-numbingly boring finance meeting I had a very clear thought: 'there's got to be another way'"*

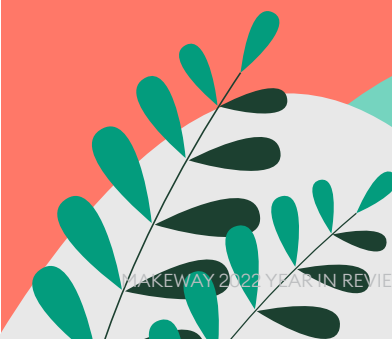


Annabelle White, Founder, Dragonfly Fund

At the age of 19, Annabelle White (Bella) unexpectedly became the beneficiary of a trust fund. Due to the terms of the trust, she would not have any control over its distribution or investment until she turned 35, and she was searching for a way to give that aligned with her own values. "I knew I was eventually going to be involved in managing my own wealth," she explains, "a few weeks before my 35th birthday, I met [Carol Newell](#), one of the co-founders of what was then Tides Canada [now MakeWay] who shared her financial story. The values of working together for a just and healthy Canada through collaboration and deep community relationships resonated with me. 'Here was the other way!' I thought."

In 2008, Bella decided to open a [Donor Advised Fund](#) at MakeWay called The Dragonfly Fund and use it as an entry point to start her philanthropic journey. Almost 15 years later, the fund has granted over \$10.7 million to initiatives working on issues ranging from protecting Canada's water resources, to toxics elimination, to mental health and wellbeing, and much more. And now they are getting ready to transition into their own foundation.

We sat down with Bella to talk about the last 15 years, the things she's most proud of, and lessons she is taking with her into the next chapter of [Dragonfly](#).





# Grantmaking



MakeWay is an intermediary that builds relationships with both funders and communities and creates pathways for funding and special supports that enable impactful and thoughtful grantmaking efforts (from advisory services to grant program management).

We manage funds for our partners, and mobilize grants that advance community-led change.

# Community and Donor Advised Funds

MakeWay has a 20-year track record as home to hundreds of advised funds. Our fund partners include diverse individuals, families, foundations, and communities that want to access this powerful tool for philanthropy. We seek partners who are excited to learn from community, who have the courage to share power, and who are active in their approach to social, environmental, and economic justice.

## Transparency

We value transparency. All grants are posted quarterly on our website. By sharing detailed grants information, we aim to foster innovation and knowledge exchange across the charitable sector, support more effective grantmaking, and further our commitment to transparency. Our grantmaking takes place through our program funds, our advisory services, and our donor advised funds.

## Program Funds

Program funds at MakeWay are strategically managed by our staff and support community-led initiatives that align with our mission.

### NATIONAL

Harvesting Learnings & Measuring Impact Fund  
Women's Leadership Collective

### NORTH

MakeWay Arctic Strategy Fund  
Arctic Marine Fund  
Northern Terrestrial Conservation Fund  
Indigenous Stewardship Fund  
Emerging Northern Leadership Fund  
NWT On The Land Collaborative Fund  
Northwest Territories Water Fund  
Northern Sustainable Livelihoods Fund  
Indigenous Cultural Revitalization Fund  
Northern Women and Girls Fund

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

Healthy Lands, Waters & Climate Fund  
Food, Culture & Community Fund  
Indigenous Authority and Leadership Fund  
BC Marine Protection Fund  
Indigenous Watersheds Initiative  
Right Relations Collaborative  
Capacity for Conservation Fund  
Pacific Salmon Watersheds Fund

### MANITOBA

Northern Manitoba Food, Culture & Community Collaborative

444S Fund for the Environment  
7th Generation Fund  
Agro Roasters Fund  
Aguacene Fund  
Alberta Clean Economy Fund  
Alexander Graham Bell Innovation Fund  
Andrew Heintzman Giving Fund  
Animal Spirit Fund  
Aurora Fund  
Ayalik Fund  
Ayalik Fund  
Bealight Fund  
Biodiversity-Based Solutions Fund  
Black Philanthropy Fund  
Burton Family Fund  
CarbonFlip Fund  
Central Coast Conservation Fund  
Chaloult Wallace Fund  
ChangeCapital  
Chauvel Fund  
Children and Nature Fund  
Chosen Waters Fund  
Christopher Robin Fund  
CNIS Surgical & Obstetrical Skills Education Fund  
Communications & Broadcasting Canadian Trust Fund  
CPAWS Nova Scotia Conservation Fund  
Dark Horse Fund  
David J. Sokol Endowment Fund  
Dene Ts'ili - Dene Way of Life Fund

Division of UBC PM&R Fund  
DLN Fund  
Don Rubenstein Housing Fund  
Dr. Bik May Wai & Dr. Chung Nin Lam Endowment Fund  
Dragonfly Fund  
Draimin-Haddon Endowment Fund  
Elements Fund  
Endswell Long-Term Fund  
Équiterre Fund  
ESP Fund  
Friends of Qatuwas Fund  
Funding Awesome Fund  
FuturePLAY Fund  
Gail O'Riordan Climate and the Arts Series Fund  
Gitanyow Wilp Sustainability Fund  
Glenn Powers and Melanie Wong Foundation Fund  
Harbinger Fund  
Harmony Fund  
Harry and Bernice Kosansky Family Foundation Fund  
Hollyhock Scholarship Fund  
Hoops 4 Hope Fund  
Ikaarvik Giving Fund  
Illahie Fund  
IPCA Development Fund  
Jantzi Research Fund  
Jesse and Julie Rasch Foundation Fund  
Joel and Dana Solomon Fund  
John Kenneth Galbraith Prize Endowment Fund  
Jokabeca Foundation Fund  
Jon Gates Foundation Fund  
Joy Family Giving Fund

Juno Foundation Fund  
Justice Impact Fund  
Ketaorati Fund  
Kremen and Fineman Giving Fund  
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Language Documentation and Revitalization Fund  
Lights On Fund  
Lindalee Tracey Award Fund  
Lunapads Global Opportunity Fund  
MacGavin Fund  
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Michael and Amelia Humphries Earthise Legacy Fund  
Mother Tree Fund  
Myer Fund  
New Literacies Fund  
Noelle Marcus Fund  
Nonprofit Centers Fund  
OnePull Fund  
Planeterra Fund  
Power of Giving Fund  
Prescription for Change Canada Fund  
Renewal Funds Charitable Giving Fund  
Reverence for Life Legacy Fund  
Richardson Family Fund  
Rideau Institute Research Fund  
Roar Fund  
Robert Huber Memorial Fund  
Robin Wheeler Legacy Fund  
Roses Fund

SHLF Endowment Fund  
Skeena Watershed Fund  
SkeenaWild Conservation Trust Fund  
Social Innovation Conference Series  
Social Venture Institute Fund  
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Stephen Hui Trail Fund  
Strachan Hartley Legacy Foundation Fund  
Strategic Philanthropy Course Fund  
Sustaining Design Fund  
Tegan and Sara Foundation Fund  
Terrevive Fund  
the deer crossing the art farm fund  
Tlatsini Conservation Endowment Fund  
Transformation Fund  
Trevor Bass Fund  
Twin Island Protection Fund  
Twyla Roscovich Memorial Fund  
V. Paul Lee Family Foundation  
Valerie Elia Fund  
Vancouver Bicycle Fund  
Vancouver Tomorrow Fund  
Vern's Community Fund  
Wilburforce Canadian Conservation Fund  
Wild Faith Fund  
YouMeWe Foundation Fund





Staff at the Binnars' Project hard at work! This project is dedicated to improving economic opportunities and reducing the stigma of being informal recyclables collectors (or "binners").

Photo: Binnars' Project



# Shared Platform





# Shared Platform

## Accelerating and amplifying impact

It takes a lot of hard work to create positive and lasting change. The precious time and energy available to changemakers should be spent on making it happen. With MakeWay's shared platform, changemakers share a suite of centralized organizational supports, and coaching when needed, so more time and money can go toward building strong, vibrant, just communities and a healthier planet. MakeWay's shared platform is home to over 60 unique projects working on community-led solutions from coast to coast to coast.

## Shared Platform Projects

<a href="#">Above Ground</a>	<a href="#">Community Resilience to Extreme Weather (CREW)</a>	<a href="#">Indigenous Food Collective</a>	<a href="#">Project Neutral</a>
<a href="#">AIDS-Free World Canada</a>	<a href="#">Connecting Women With Scarborough Services</a>	<a href="#">Inner Activist</a>	<a href="#">Qanak</a>
<a href="#">Arctic Funders Collaborative</a>	<a href="#">Dasiqox-Nexwagwez?an</a>	<a href="#">Innovative Young Indigenous Leaders Symposium (IYILS)</a>	<a href="#">Rainforest Solutions Implementation Project</a>
<a href="#">Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Marine Stewardship Initiative</a>	<a href="#">Dene Nahjo</a>	<a href="#">IPCA Innovation Program</a>	<a href="#">Reel Youth Film Project</a>
<a href="#">Atlantic Water Network</a>	<a href="#">Digital Justice Lab</a>	<a href="#">Jane's Walk</a>	Resilient Indigenous Leaders Network
<a href="#">Ayalik Project</a>	<a href="#">Digital NWT</a>	<a href="#">Let's Grow</a>	<a href="#">Resilient Waters</a>
<a href="#">BC Freshwater Initiative</a>	<a href="#">East Scarborough Storefront</a>	<a href="#">Marine Plan Partnership for the North Pacific Coast</a>	<a href="#">Round River Canada</a>
<a href="#">Binners' Project</a>	<a href="#">EcoAnalytics</a>	<a href="#">Nawalakw Culture Project</a>	Sacred Seeds Collective
<a href="#">Black Environmental Initiative (BE Initiative)</a>	<a href="#">Echo Conservation</a>	<a href="#">Northern Birthwork Collective</a>	<a href="#">School for Social Entrepreneurs - Ontario**</a>
<a href="#">Canadian Biotechnology Action Network</a>	<a href="#">ENRICH Project</a>	<a href="#">Northern Confluence Initiative</a>	<a href="#">Sea to Cedar</a>
<a href="#">Canadian Coalition for Environmental and Climate Justice</a>	<a href="#">EntrepreNorth</a>	<a href="#">Northern Indigenous Stewardship Network</a>	<a href="#">Share Reuse Repair Initiative</a>
<a href="#">Canadian Freshwater Alliance</a>	Farms at Work**	<a href="#">Northern Youth Leadership</a>	<a href="#">Shift</a>
<a href="#">Centre for Connected Communities (C3)**</a>	<a href="#">First Nations With Schools Collective</a>	<a href="#">Not Far From The Tree</a>	Stein Nahatlatch IPCA
<a href="#">Climate Change Connection</a>	<a href="#">Food Communities Network</a>	<a href="#">Ontario Indigenous Youth Partnership Program</a>	<a href="#">summerlunch+</a>
<a href="#">Coalition for Action on Toxics</a>	<a href="#">Food Bridge</a>	<a href="#">Organizing for Change</a>	<a href="#">Supporting Wellbeing*</a>
<a href="#">CommUNITY Doulas Project</a>	<a href="#">Forum for Leadership on Water</a>	<a href="#">Our Living Waters</a>	<a href="#">The Existence Project</a>
	Gaagige Zaagibigaa	<a href="#">Orijinative Men's Circle</a>	<a href="#">The Together Project</a>
	<a href="#">Hidden Harvest Ottawa</a>	<a href="#">Our Voices</a>	<a href="#">Turtle Island Institute</a>
	<a href="#">Howe Sound/Átl'ka7tsem Marine Reference Guide**</a>	<a href="#">Pathways to Conservation</a>	<a href="#">Western Arctic Youth Collective</a>
	<a href="#">IndigenEYEZ BC</a>	<a href="#">Powered By Data</a>	<a href="#">Yotuni**</a>

\*Opened in FY23  
\*\*Closed in FY22

# 2022 Shared Platform Highlights



The [ENRICH Project](#) (Dr. Ingrid Waldron) and the [Canadian Coalition for Environmental and Climate Justice](#) (Dr. Ingrid Waldron, Naolo Charles and partners), called on MPs to pass Bill-226, which would lead to Canada's first environmental justice law to address environmental, social, and public health issues that impact Indigenous, Black, and other vulnerable communities across Canada.



[Dene Nahjo](#) hosted a moose hide camp outside Fort Simpson, NWT for the first time since 2019, creating in-person space for people to connect to the land, their cultures, and one another.



[Átl'a7tsem/Howe Sound Marine Stewardship Initiative](#) participated in the 2022 UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon and are planning post-event learning sessions to share the experience with their community.



The [IPCA Innovation Program](#) opened their Clayoquot Campus in Tofino to host programming that reconnects people to the land and facilitates Indigenous-led conservation, research, governance, knowledge, and culture.



[Northern Birthwork Collective](#) supported countless expectant parents during the pandemic-induced shut down of Yellowknife's biggest obstetrics unit.



[Reel Youth](#) returned to in-person events after two years of virtual screenings and programming, including a youth-focused film screening for the Vancouver International Film Festival.



[EntrepreNorth](#) launched their Facilitator Certification Program: empowering Northern Indigenous entrepreneurs (who are program alumni) with workshop facilitation and community impact building skills.

## Atlantic Water Network: empowering communities to advocate for healthy waters

What powerful things can happen when people connect with each other to share knowledge and advocate for healthy waters?

This is a driving question for [Atlantic Water Network \(AWN\)](#), a community-based water-monitoring hub located in Kijipuktuk (what is now known as Halifax). The project, which joined MakeWay's shared platform this year, provides equipment, training, and resources for water monitoring to communities in the region. They're working to build a future where "Atlantic Canadians are collectively

empowered to leverage local knowledge in support of healthy waters now and for generations to come."

AWN hopes to see more hubs like theirs form throughout the Atlantic. They've even started doing mentorship "boot camps" with community groups in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to help make this vision a reality.



Atlantic Water Network supports communities in gathering and sharing information on local waters. Their work empowers everyday people with no science background to make a real difference in improving water quality in their areas.

Photo: Atlantic Water Network

## CommUNITY Doulas: recreating the village and supporting Black parents and families



Jordyn Gibson, Director of CommUNITY Doulas, wants to see more material supports for the next generation of Black communities, young people, and parents.

Photo: CommUNITY Doulas

"I feel like the purpose of this work is really to recreate the village, to re-establish networks, and to create systems of support [for Black parents]. That's the community piece: bringing the village to the modern environment." – Jordyn Gibson, Director of CommUNITY Doulas

[CommUNITY Doulas'](#) mission is to bring longer-term community care support to new and pregnant parents. Director, Jordyn Gibson, aims to increase and provide doula education, support, and services for marginalized communities, and specifically Black families. Jordyn was recently selected as part of the [2022 Leading Social Justice Fellowship](#) cohort with University of Toronto, which includes community leaders who are working on social justice issues. CommUNITY Doulas will spend their time in the cohort creating a fundraising kit that will articulate the Black Maternal Health Crisis in Canada and potential solutions.



## Engaging mental health in on the land programs: How Supporting Wellbeing answered a need in their community



Supporting Wellbeing hopes that, by providing trauma-informed mental health response training to land-based program leaders, these teachings will also spread within communities so folks can support each other.

Photo: Supporting Wellbeing

In 2018, Leaders of on the land programs across the Northwest Territories came together to discuss the challenges they faced. A common theme was that many program participants and staff struggle with trauma and barriers to mental health support. [Supporting Wellbeing](#) was born out of these conversations. The project develops training programs that prepare land-based leaders to respond to mental health challenges on the land. Since their initial pilot program, they've seen overwhelmingly positive feedback.

Participants not only drew useful skills they could apply to their own programs, but also passed those skills on to members of their communities. In 2022, the project was awarded a \$500,000 Arctic Inspiration Prize, funding that recognizes new and innovative projects that improve the lives of people in the North.

## Bringing people together again: the Reel Youth Film Festival returns in-person with films highlighting youth stories and voices

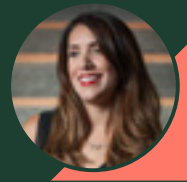
Since their inception in 2004, [Reel Youth](#) has made over 2500 films with youth across Canada and around the world. One of their biggest offerings is the [Reel Youth Film Festival](#), which premieres at the Vancouver International Film Festival each year and also features youth-made films at community screenings. These screenings went virtual for the past two years, but have finally come back in-person in 2022.

“It was really exciting for us to bring everyone together again, celebrate the work that’s been done, and engage with each other in-person,” said Mark, “There’s something special about sitting face to face with people. Being able to make eye contact and see each other and hear each other. That’s a really powerful thing for us.”



Reel Youth supports young people in creating films that share their visions for a more just and sustainable world.

# Board of Directors



**Denise Williams,**  
Chair



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**Maxine Ifill**



**Caroline Merner**



**Michael Jantzi**



**Erica Barbosa**



**Nancy Karetak-Lindell**  
(Outgoing)



**Julie Gelfand**



**Raïsa Mirza**

## MakeWay welcomes Denise Williams (Cowichan Tribes) as new Board Chair

Denise Williams was appointed the Chair of MakeWay's board of directors. Denise is from Hul'q'umi'num speaking Peoples of Cowichan Tribes, a nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. As the Chief Executive Officer of the First Nations Technology Council from 2015-2022, Denise led a theory of change that advanced Indigenous digital equity and that brought seven generation wisdom into the digital realm.

*"Upon us is one of the most important times for consciousness in our human story. We are on a journey of increasing awareness that we are not separate from the environment, from each other or from our decisions. This interconnectedness calls us to walk more mindfully, with love, generosity and kindness. I increasingly find myself in places where these intentions are lived into and realized in myriad ways and MakeWay is one of those important places. Being asked to chair the board of directors is an incredible honour. I have deep respect for the work, the many good people that make it possible and the past and present board members that I serve alongside." - Denise Williams*

We give deep thanks to Andrew Heintzman for his impactful service and facilitative leadership as Chair of the MakeWay Board since 2018. Although stepping down as Chair, Andrew remains an active member of MakeWay's Board of Directors.



From left to right: MakeWay CEO Joanna Kerr, Maxine Ifill, Julie Gelfand, newly appointed MakeWay CFO Gayle Gioiosa, Caroline Merner, Erica Barbosa and Leslie Campbell, grabbing a pre-board meeting bite in Yellowknife.



# Financials



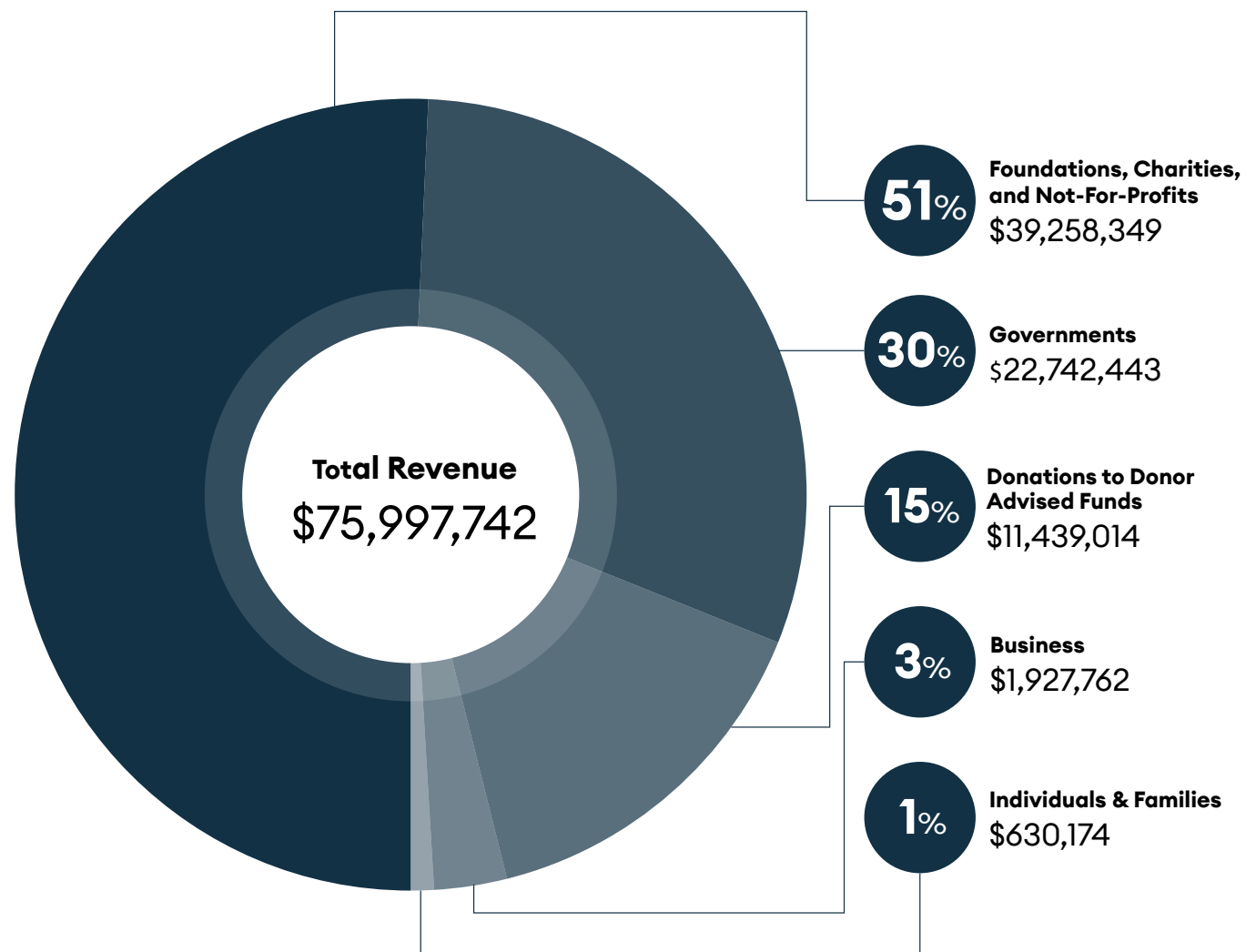
MakeWay is home to MakeWay Foundation and MakeWay Charitable Initiatives Society. The following provides a summary of the combined fiscal year 2022 financial results for MakeWay.

MakeWay operates a public foundation, not an endowed foundation. This means that we partner with funders and communities, and house and manage programmatic and advised funds that mobilize funding for community-led charitable work. Much of the funding received as revenue each year is restricted and recognized in full when received. It is granted out to support specific programming in communities over multiple years. The below info is for our fiscal year 2022 from April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022.

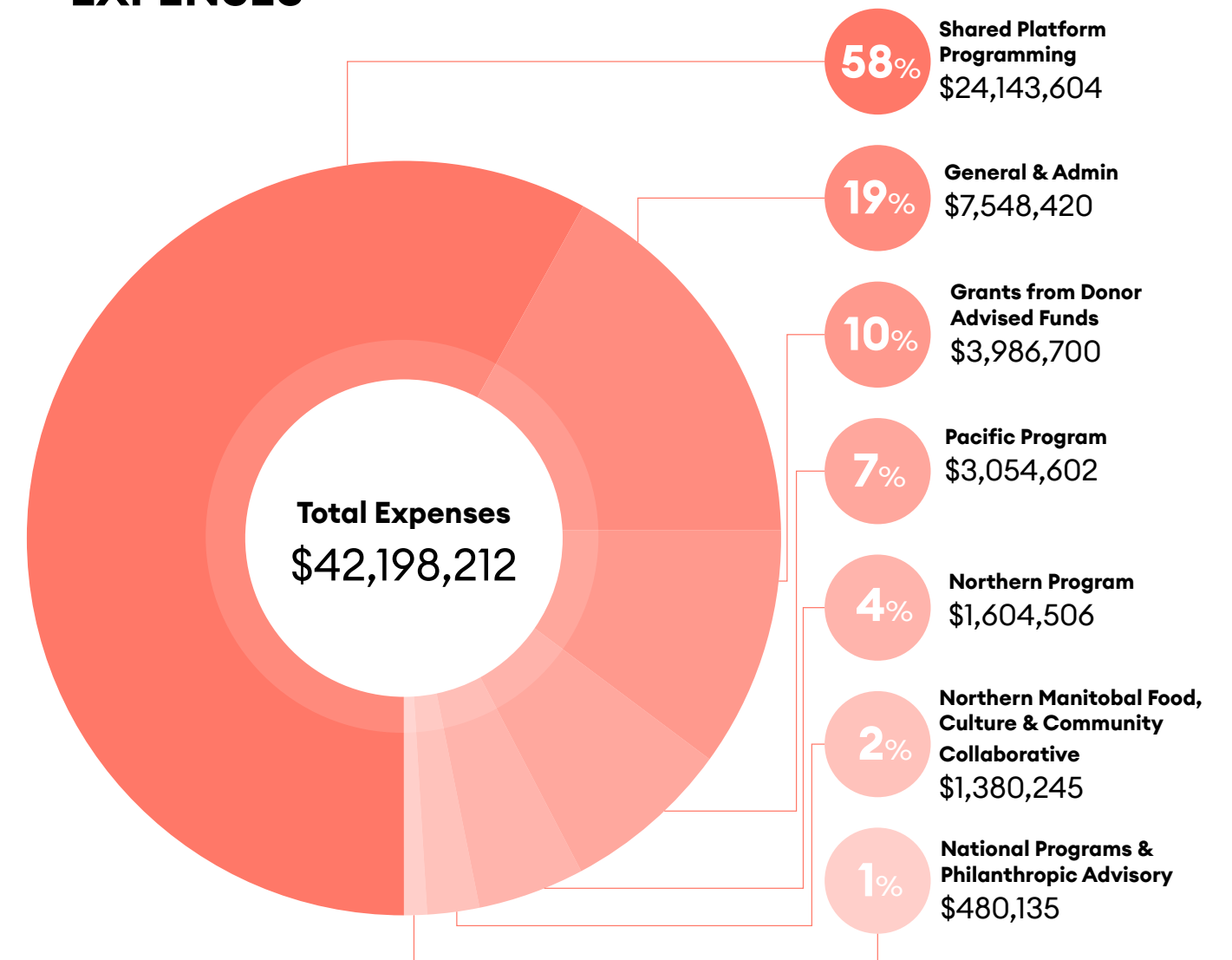


## REVENUE

[View full list of funders](#)



## EXPENSES





## COVER PAGE PHOTO

Connection to your Highest Self - Featuring Makeway Retreat participants in an interactive embodied workshop offered from a Coastal First Nations perspective, facilitated by Jessica and Gahtuwos (Ǿatuwas) who offered play, breathwork, sound healing, ceremony, and deep rest.

### About the Collective:

Jessica Barudin is Kwakwaka'wakw, a member of the 'Namgis First Nation living in Alert Bay, BC. She is the founder of the First Nations Women's Yoga initiative (FNWYI), a community wellness strategy that braids cultural and spiritual knowledge systems through a trauma-informed lens. With the guidance of the Indigenous and South Asian advisors from the FNWYI, Jessica is leading the development of the Indigenous Yoga Collective - a grassroots organization that promotes contemplative and embodied practices for Indigenous peoples.

Gahtuwos (Ǿatuwas) Brown is proud of her Haffzaqv and Nuučaañuł existence that continues to ground her in her work with language and cultural revitalization. She has a diverse set of skills that integrates Indigenous language learning with breaking intergenerational cycles of trauma through movement, play, and ceremony. She has proven experience in creating brave spaces from teaching in classrooms across the province to leading Haffzaqva (Heiltsuk language) movement and meditation classes. She is passionate about healing justice where she finds her work intersects through reclaiming energy, land, and body sovereignty.

**Photo: Kayla MacInnis**

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**MakeWay is a national charity and public foundation with a goal to enable nature and communities to thrive together. We do this by building partnerships, providing solutions, grants, and services for the charitable sector across the country.**

MakeWay Foundation (BN 868947797) is a national charity and public foundation with a goal to enable nature and communities to thrive together.

MakeWay Charitable Society (BN 130560188 RR0001) is an operating charity that houses social change projects ranging from neighbourhood-scale initiatives to national conservation efforts on a shared administrative and governance platform.

**[makeway.org](https://makeway.org)**

