

# Stories of Resurgence



MakeWay 2023 Year in Review



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Watersheds BC and MakeWay Foundation are stewarding \$15 million of provincial funding through the Indigenous Watersheds Initiative (IWI). These funds are supporting 49 Indigenous-led or co-led projects across British Columbia that advance watershed health and security in alignment with UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples).

With the guidance of Indigenous Leadership Advisors, IWI has granted \$11.8 million to support projects that are protecting and restoring watersheds and ecosystems, (re) connecting with land and waters, and strengthening intergenerational connections and organizational capacity. IWI will run until March 2025 and ongoing work includes supporting project teams through peer learning opportunities and sharing project impacts. To learn more about the IWI supported projects see the [IWI website](#).

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A youth participant learns how to trap and relocate minnows stranded in pools as a part of drought management work in the summer of 2023. The project is in Gitksan Territory, led by the Gitksan Watershed Authorities and supported by the Indigenous Watersheds Initiative.

Photo Credit: Alex Stoney, 2023



# Letter from the CEO

**Resurgence. It is a word we use a lot at MakeWay, and it feels an apt theme for this moment.** The resurgence of nature. Of Indigenous language and culture. Of community-defined solutions that center care, healthy local foods, and a regenerative economy.

It is what we can collectively enable.

Last year we were emerging out of COVID. This year was marked by devastating wildfires. It directly affected our partners – like the peoples of the Stein Nahatlatch Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area who are rebuilding again. As it did over 50 of MakeWay’s staff, who with their families, evacuated parts of the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, temporarily unlivable. But what comes back after the fires?

As we navigated through this now too common reality, [we were inspired by the words of kelsie kilawna](#), a syilx and Secwepemc storyteller and new MakeWay team member, who shared that her peoples, “who live in kinship with fire, remember that its medicine can be both a creator and a destroyer, a symbol of transformation and renewal”.

Indeed, these are profoundly challenging times. Whether it’s protracted global conflicts, climate disasters, escalating costs, or political turmoil, people are experiencing a vast amount of suffering. Meanwhile, inside organizations, there are huge transitions that make work-life more complex than ever: like building trust through

virtual relationships, managing AI, or engaging in real un-colonization, Indigenous sovereignty, healing justice, and anti-Racism work. In these days of extreme volatility, countless leaders across the country are very tired or just hanging on.

Yet, I am reminded everyday why this is more than a job. In the face of all this, I get to connect with changemakers and funders, working from the bottom-up in community and making positive changes for people and nature. These next pages provide merely a glimpse into what we get to be a part of every single day across the rich and thriving MakeWay network of initiatives, community actions, and beautiful solutions.

That’s why we hold onto this notion of resurgence – defined as a rising again into life, activity, or prominence – as the force that we work with and for, together with all of you.

Thank you once again for your partnership, love, and determination.

**Joanna Kerr**, CEO, MakeWay



A class of adult literacy learners participating in an on-the-land day trip near Yellowknife. On these trips, students had the opportunity to practice on-the-land and cultural activities such as fishing, cleaning and preparing fish, learning about animals and plants from the land and more.

Photo Credit: Inclusion NWT



# This Year We...



Celebrated the [Northern Manitoba Food, Culture, and Community Collaborative \(NMFCCC\)](#)'s 10-year anniversary, granting more than \$2 million to community-led culture and food sovereignty work in the region.

Deployed over \$13 million in holistic funding through our [BC Program](#), towards a range of interconnected issue areas. We worked with over 61 distinct First Nations, dozens of chagemaker organizations, and collaborative partnerships, to support initiatives such as stewardship planning, watershed restoration, Land-based youth programs, traditional harvests, and more.



Launched MakeWay's [Saskatchewan Program](#) by establishing a community-based working group, creating new program principles, and granting \$145,000 to 20+ Indigenous-led projects in rural and remote Saskatchewan.

Celebrated Terrellyn Fearn, Project Director of [Turtle Island Institute](#), who co-produced [The Nationals](#): a film that tells the story of two Haudenosaunee youth who found connection to identity and homeland through the game of lacrosse. The film featured in several film festivals including the prestigious Tribeca Film Festival in New York City.



Connected five families to hands-on doula support, fresh produce, and self-care gifts for them and their newborns as part of [CommUnity Doulas](#)' first year of program delivery. The project will welcome an additional five families to participate in the program in 2024.



Expanded partnerships and grantmaking into Nunavik (northern Quebec), supporting Inuit stewardship and cultural revitalization in the region

Released a [new research report](#) with [The Firelight Group](#) highlighting the experience of implementing Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area (IPCA) agreements in the North. The release included a webinar discussing the report's findings attended by 200 community members.



Supported shared platform project [Shift](#) as they released their [Canadian Pension Climate Report Card](#), establishing a benchmark for pension fund climate strategies. The report provides a first snapshot of the climate progress for Canada's largest pension managers.



Saw a 54% increase in [Binners' Project's](#) social enterprise economic opportunities. The 107 bidders who joined the program earned a total of \$148,204 by sorting and diverting waste from landfills.



Helped [East Scarborough Storefront](#) further expand their presence in the community through three events that brought residents together, built social capital, and mitigated social isolation.



# 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 light-touch 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.

# Stories of Impact

Storytelling illustrates impact in ways that traditional metrics simply cannot. We recognize that the following stories are dynamic, nuanced, and not easily defined by just one of our seven priority areas. We hope, however, that they give a snapshot into the incredible, community-led work that MakeWay has supported and engaged in this year.





# Healthy Lands and Waters

At the heart of all life are the vital sources of land and water. MakeWay helps amplify and accelerate community-led initiatives and advance policy and systems change for the health of lands and waters across the country.

Guardians share learnings and knowledge at gathering in Yellowknife.

Photo Credit: Amos Scott



## HOW A NEW INITIATIVE IS BUILDING CONNECTIONS AND SUPPORTS FOR GUARDIANS ACROSS THE NORTH

It's the last week of February in Somba K'è, on Chief Drygeese Territory, Treaty 8 homelands of the Yellowknives Dene, where 30 Indigenous guardians and allies from three northern territories have gathered to share their knowledge. While Indigenous guardianship looks different across different cultures and landscapes, there are commonalities between them. As the eyes and ears of their territories, guardians are responsible for environmental monitoring, caring for cultural sites, managing protected areas, and interacting with homeland guests. They also play an important role in land-based knowledge transfers and practices with younger generations.

Facilitated by [MakeWay's Northern Program](#), this is the first in-person gathering of the [Northern Indigenous Stewardship Circle](#), a project on MakeWay's Shared Platform. Designed and led by Indigenous northerners, the Stewardship Circle was established in 2021 to build connections and facilitate information-sharing amongst Indigenous guardians and environmental stewardship programs across northern Canada.

## RIGHTING PHILANTHROPY'S POWER IMBALANCES: RIGHT RELATIONS COLLABORATIVE RELEASES INAUGURAL RECIPROCITY REPORT

[The Right Relations Collaborative](#) is one of the most inspiring examples of what philanthropy can look like when it leans wholeheartedly and unreservedly into the transformative work of learning, unlearning, and finding respectful ways to support systematically oppressed groups—MakeWay is honoured to be a part of this work. The Collaborative invites funders to apply to an Indigenous Council of Aunties to participate in a shared space for learning and building authentic relationships.

This year, they released their inaugural [Reciprocity Report](#), a beautiful collection of achievements, learnings, and reflections that provides invaluable insight for the philanthropic sector. The Collaborative has developed a shared gift-making practice designed to meet the real needs of Indigenous community organizations and an Engagement Framework to assess whether funders' values are aligned with those articulated by the Council of Aunties. Eight funder partners have joined so far, creating a pool of unrestricted funds flowing to Indigenous-led organizations.

Right Relations Collaborative: 2023 Reciprocity Report

Photo Credit: Arianna Augustine



# Bold Inclusive Leadership for Healing and Justice

All around us, bold new thinking and leadership offer innovative solutions to the complex social and environmental issues of our time. MakeWay works to strengthen networks of diverse and emerging leaders addressing today's most pressing challenges.



# Indigenous Authority, Language, and Cultural Resurgence

Language and culture are essential to a rooted identity. Yet, colonialism has caused intentional negative impacts on Indigenous Peoples. MakeWay builds partnerships with people, communities, and organizations that are strengthening Indigenous-led authority, language, and cultural resurgence across the country.

## GRATITUDE, LEARNING, AND CONNECTION: MEETING THE NAWALAKW CULTURE PROJECT

[The Nawalakw Culture Project](#) (Nawalakw) is a catalyst for community renewal through language revitalization, wellness, and healing in the Kwakwaka'wakw territory, located in what is often referred to as the Great Bear Rainforest of British Columbia. They work to strengthen the connection with the land and language for youth and create economic opportunities for the local community.

Nawalakw joined MakeWay's Shared Platform in 2019. The movement grew from a bold vision to deliver healing programs and teachings in all aspects of the Kwakwaka'wakw language and culture. Today, Nawalakw is the second largest employer in Alert Bay, BC, with 94 staff growing and distributing food to the community and offering camp programs for youth.

A few folks from MakeWay were invited by Nawalakw to spend time with their team in Alert Bay, and shared some of their reflections and memories from the trip.



Folks from MakeWay were invited by the Nawalakw Culture Project (Nawalakw) to spend time with their team in Alert Bay, BC.

Photo Credit: Visitors from MakeWay

## BUILDING COMMUNITY-LED NETWORKS OF SUPPORT WITH THE PEOPLE OF EAST SCARBOROUGH: MEET EAST SCARBOROUGH STOREFRONT

[East Scarborough Storefront](#) has been on MakeWay's Shared Platform for nearly 20 years. Since their inception, they've used the power of collaboration to support people and build community in the diverse, suburban neighbourhoods of East Scarborough, Toronto.

People in marginalized communities like East Scarborough are often disconnected from resources like employment, legal services, or mental health support. That's the challenge the Storefront set out to solve nearly two decades ago. This year, they hosted the East Scarborough Works Symposium: an event that brought job seekers, employment trainers, union representatives, and other community members together to recommit to making positive change in local employment and ensure that people in East Scarborough are first in line for local jobs. "Residents' voices were heard at the top of the event. They were heard in the front of the room with a microphone. All of those things were really intentional," said Storefront Director, Sahar Vermezyari.



From the East Scarborough Works Symposium, a hybrid event that brought job seekers, employment trainers, union representatives and other community members together to recommit to making positive change in local employment and economic opportunities.

Photo Credit: East Scarborough Storefront

# Shared Wealth and Economic Well-Being

Imagine if wealth and abundance were redefined so that the economy supported all people and the planet. MakeWay helps link and amplify initiatives that promote fair economies and support the wellbeing of the many, instead of a wealthy few.



# Transformed and Indigenous Food Systems

Food matters—for the health of our families and cultures, for the climate, and for the ecosystems on which we depend. MakeWay prioritizes local and Indigenous food sovereignty work that strengthens soil, water, animals, and humans while celebrating connection and culture.

## INDIGENOUS FOOD SYSTEMS ARE PROVIDING PATHWAYS TO GENERATIONAL HEALING AND SUSTAINABILITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Braden Etzerza gained his appreciation for harvesting and sharing homeland foods through the Matriarch of his family on his Ts'msyen side.

“My great grandmother had so much knowledge related to seafood harvesting and processing,” Braden remembers. “She was a master of her trade and craft and knew how to smoke sockeye salmon, jarr abalone, dry seaweed and halibut, or how to prepare chiton. She knew the importance of a healthy ecosystem and the benefits of eating our traditional foods.”

Braden is now bringing his love of homeland foods he learned through generational knowledge transfers to his work with MakeWay’s BC Program. His role is to build authentic kinships and find ways in which MakeWay can learn from communities and work in collaboration towards a range of holistic initiatives, including supporting Indigenous food systems, food sovereignty, and food security.



Photo: Salmon in smokehouse. Photo Credit: Braden Etzerza

## FROM SCARCITY TO ABUNDANCE: FAIR EARTH LIVING’S VISION FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Around the world, people and communities are responding creatively to the climate and biodiversity crises. From remote Indigenous communities to dense urban neighbourhoods, there is a groundswell of people and communities coming together to protect and nourish lands, and waters and promote sustainable and equitable ways of living. Despite their potential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, these solutions have not received as much focus by philanthropy.

Joanna Kerr, CEO of MakeWay, noticed this gap not only existed within MakeWay’s grantmaking priorities, but also across the broader funding sector as a whole. In 2020, Joanna met Vanessa Timmer, Executive Director of [OneEarth Living](#)—a Canadian organization advancing sustainable everyday living around the world. The two realized they shared similar visions.

Together, MakeWay and OneEarth Living launched the [Fair Earth Living Collaborative](#) to help more funders see the opportunities for new ways of living.



Fair Earth Living is about helping people eat, play, consume, work, dwell, and move in ways that support climate action and healthy communities.

Photo Credit: Not Far From The Tree

# Fair Earth Living and Climate Action

Fair earth living, at its heart, is about a society-wide effort to inspire and create the conditions for people to play, eat, work, dwell, and move in new ways to support the future of our planet. To do this with equity in mind, MakeWay supports community-led solutions with a focus on shifting cultures and behaviours to ensure sustainable ways of living are accessible and affordable to everyone.



# An Equitable Charitable Sector for Planet and People

Philanthropy and charity have done considerable good over the decades, but recently this system has been facing scrutiny of its inherent inequalities and contradictions in privileging the few. By changing processes and advancing policy change, and by removing barriers that keep communities from accessing supports, we can help build new forms of philanthropy rooted in reciprocity.

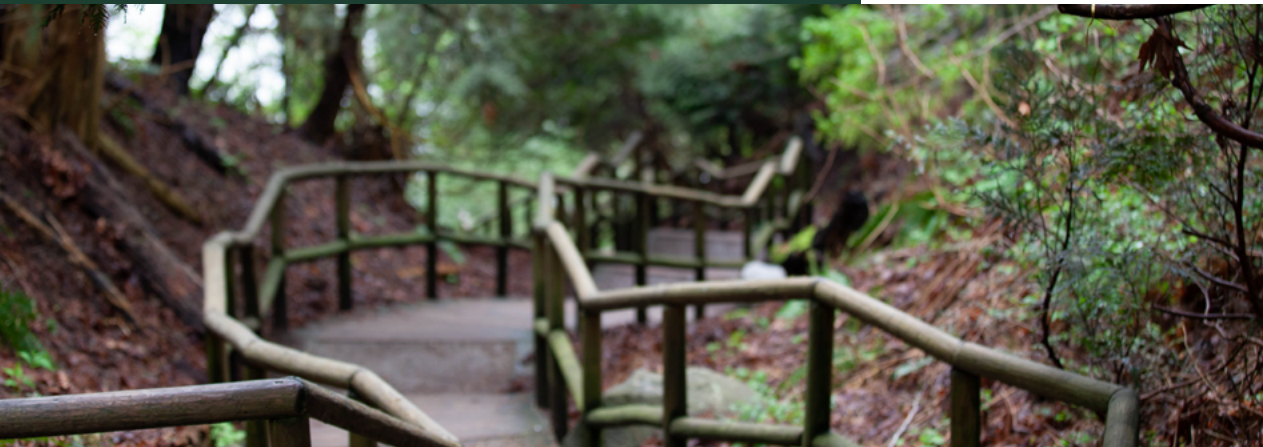


Photo Credit:  
Kayla Macinnis

## INVESTMENT TRANSPARENCY AT MAKEWAY

At MakeWay, we are committed to improving investment transparency as we adapt our investment strategy. We are actively working toward greater transparency and plan to share what we learn about this process along the way.

We have identified three areas where we can improve transparency around our investments:

- 1. **GOVERNANCE:** The policies and personnel governing our investments, such as the composition of our investment committee, our investment policies, and any documents that govern our decision-making, including impact frameworks.
- 2. **MANAGEMENT:** The investment managers who oversee our investments.
- 3. **OUR INVESTMENTS:** The distribution of our investments by their asset classes, the funds we invest in, and, eventually, details about our holdings.

MakeWay has started to share a lot of this investment information on our website, and we are determining the most effective way to share the remainder. In the meantime, we are undertaking research to help us navigate all of this. We hope these efforts will help other foundations interested adopt a more transparent approach to their investments.

## SPOTLIGHT

# Research and Policy for a More Equitable Charitable Sector

Self-reflection and growth are critical to achieving our mission and creating real impact. That’s why we’ve committed to engaging in research and evaluation to better understand our work, priority areas, and role. Through these efforts, we can become better partners and use our voice to shift policy, contributing to positive systemic change in the philanthropic sector as a whole.

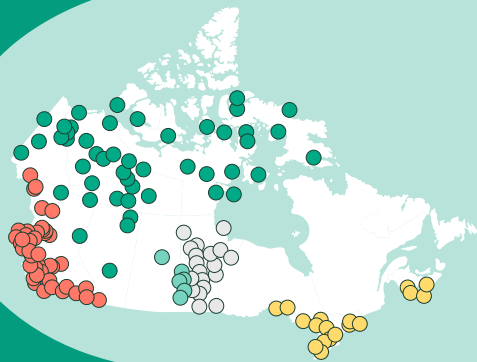
MakeWay’s policy and research work in 2023 began with engaging in the CRA’s consultation on draft guidelines for gifts to non-qualified donees. We worked with sector partners to put forward a submission focused on the practical implications of CRA’s new policy and the possible unintended harms to community-led initiatives. We also collaborated with others in the non-profit sector by contributing to the 2023 Alternative Federal Budget organized by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

In order to learn more about how MakeWay is supporting healthy lands and waters, Indigenous food sovereignty, and Indigenous cultural and language resurgence, we launched a three-year evaluation research project with Gimiwan Consulting. This research will put our theory of change to the test and feature voices of community partners: their thoughts on MakeWay’s way of working, what we are doing well, and where we can improve.

Looking ahead at the year to come, we aim to continue our commitment to research, evaluation, and policy engagement, sharing what we learn along the way.



# Who We Are



MakeWay staff team grew by 24 across both the MakeWay Foundation and MakeWay Charitable Society, working in big cities and small towns from coast to coast to coast.



The Indigenous Employees Network at MakeWay had their first in-person gathering on the homelands of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council (known very briefly as Whitehorse, Yukon).



Our JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion) Standing Committee held a retreat in Toronto & virtually to review past action plans, discuss healing justice, and collaborate on new frameworks. Additionally, MakeWay has launched the Living, Learning, Leaning, and Leading into Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion program for 2023-2024.



MakeWay is dedicated to uncolonizing its internal frameworks and dismantling oppressive systems, creating a safe and empowering work environment for its Indigenous, Inuk, and Métis team members. In alignment with this commitment, the Indigenous Employees Network was established, and its members eagerly boarded planes to come together in person. In alignment with this commitment, the Indigenous Employees Network was established and held its first in-person gathering this year. In this picture, the group is shown honouring Braden Etzerza through blanketing him inside the Healing Yurt.

*Photo Credit: kelsie kilawna*

## THIS YEAR WE

### Partnered

with various funders including **180 foundations, 120 businesses, 40 governments, and over 1200 individuals** and families to help nature and communities thrive together.

### Mobilized

more than \$20 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 **60 Shared Platform projects** across Canada: based in small towns and big cities from Alert Bay to Toronto, Inuvik to Halifax, and more.



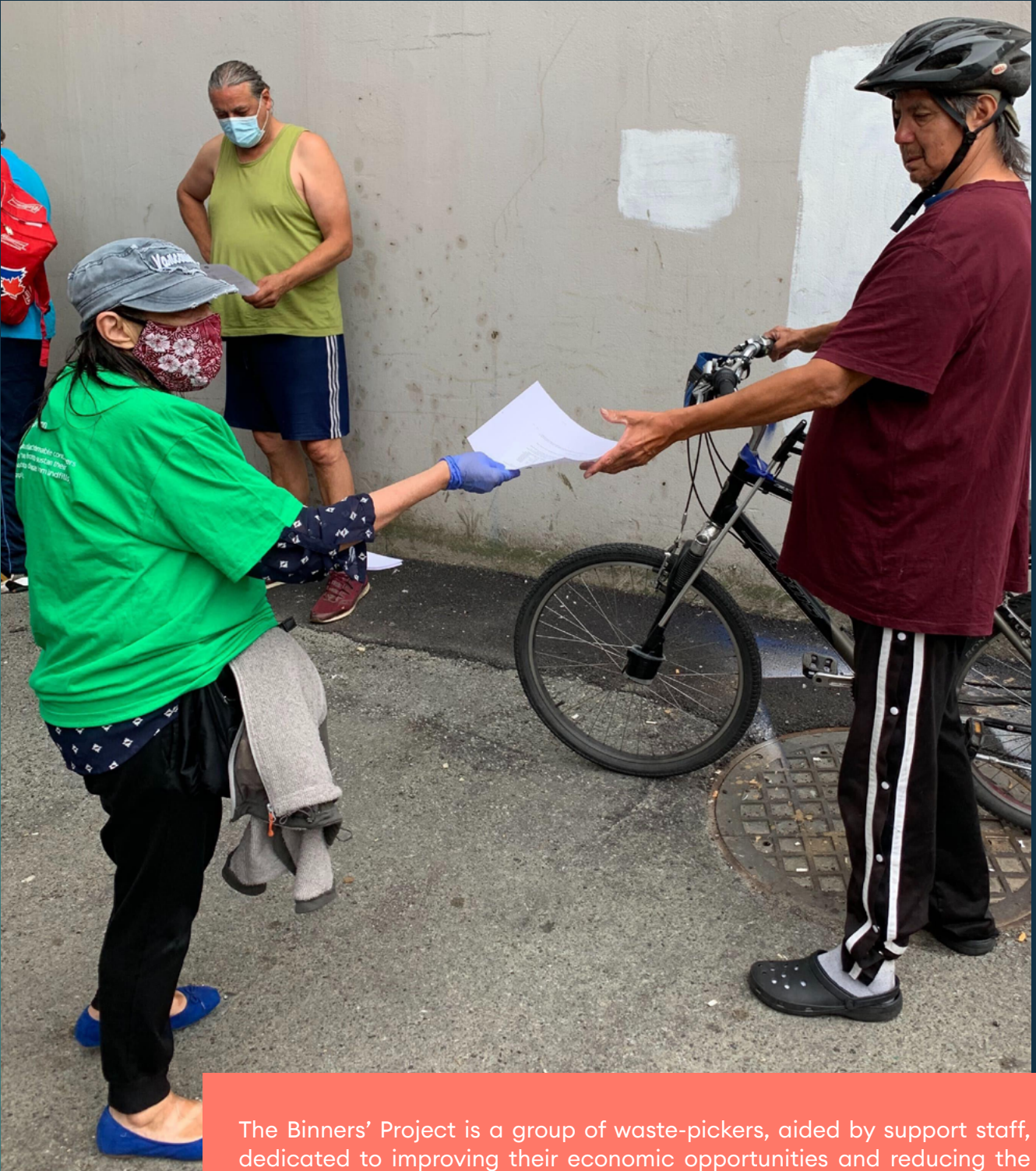
# Shared Platform

## 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 65 unique projects working on community-led solutions from coast to coast to coast.

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

Active in FY23  
Closed in FY23\*\*  
Opened in FY24\*



The Binners' Project is a group of waste-pickers, aided by support staff, dedicated to improving their economic opportunities and reducing the stigma they face as informal recyclable collectors.

*Photo credit: The Binners' Project*





# Where We Work

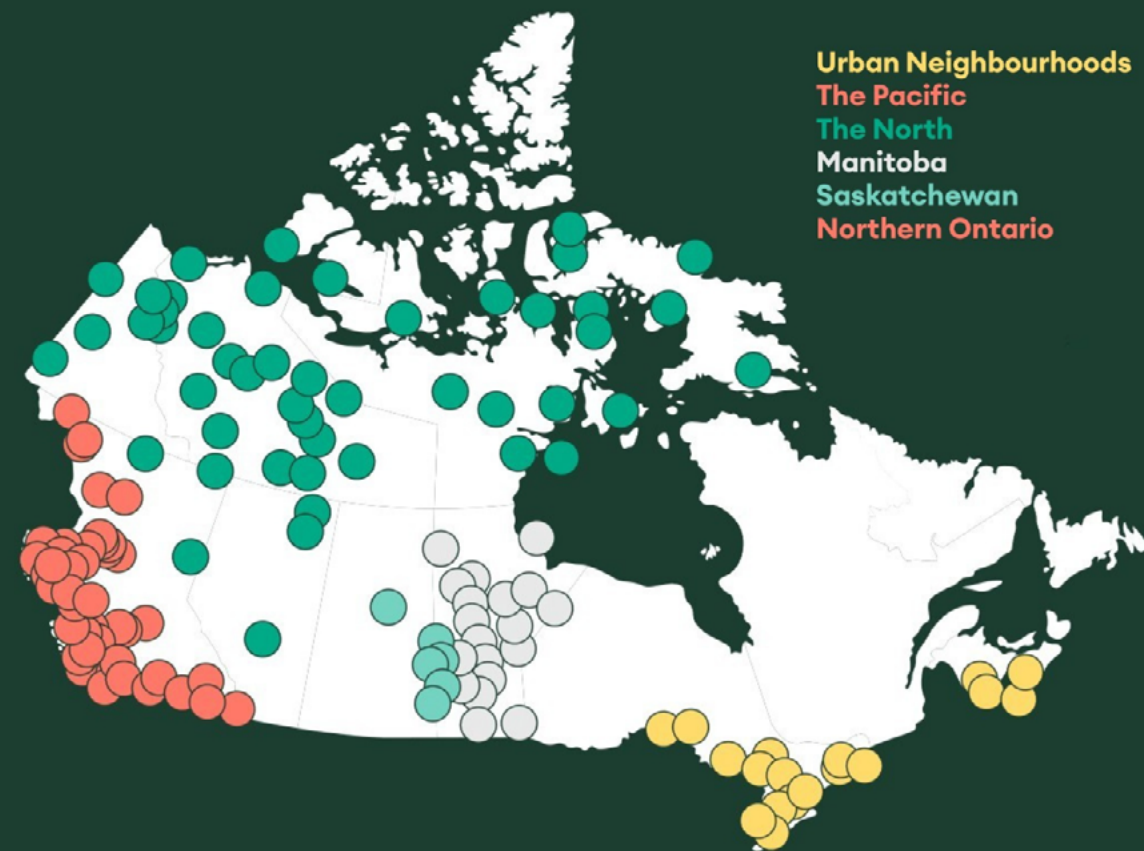
MakeWay staff gathered with 30 participants and sailed to the Youth Haven camp, operated by the Lac La Ronge Indian Band Education department. Over the past year, MakeWay has been bringing diverse voices together, transcending geographies, forming a new program, and fostering meaningful partnerships in Saskatchewan.

Photo Credit: kelsie kilawna



We go only where we are invited. Significant, sustainable change is not possible without taking the time to nurture deep place-based relationships. With over two decades of experience, MakeWay is committed to building place-based programs that connect people, share learnings, and grow networks of changemakers to build innovative community-led solutions that are powerful and sustainable.

# In Place



MakeWay's BC team hosted an inaugural gathering of Indigenous food systems champions on Haida Gwaii and provided nimble supports for community leaders to access training and knowledge sharing opportunities.

*Photo Credit: kelsie kilawna*



## COMMUNITY AND DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

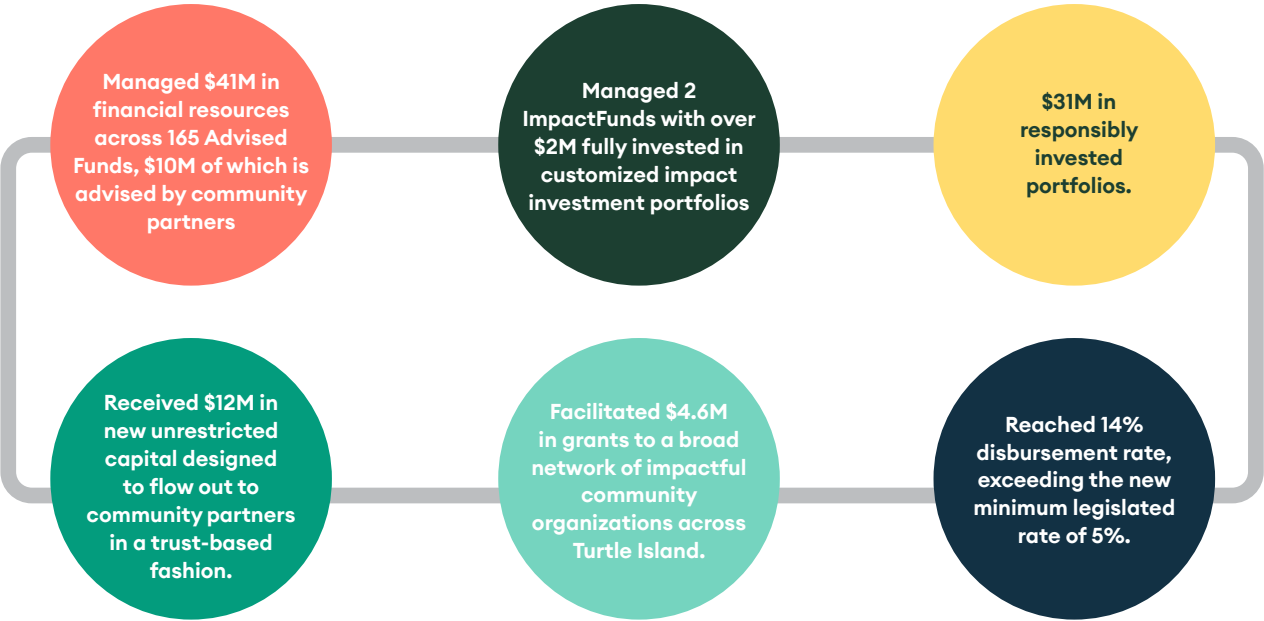
This year, we embarked on a journey to test and refine activities that set MakeWay's Advised Funds apart. We committed to five key priorities to ensure our Advised Funds were in line with our mission: to help nature and communities thrive together.

Advised Funds are powerful tools to unlock more funding for community-led change. At MakeWay, we house Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) and Community Advised Funds (CAFs).

- 1 STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:**  
Ensured all new Advised Funds aligned with one or more of our organizational priority areas.
- 2 EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES:**  
Introduced Community Advised Funds, a groundbreaking approach aimed at shifting more power to community partners.
- 3 FLEXIBLE FUNDING:**  
Enhanced strategic philanthropic support for Advised Fund partners, increasing the flow of flexible funding to community partners.
- 4 TRANSPARENCY:**  
Heightened our commitment to transparency, with the goal of sharing insights into the purpose, value, disbursements, and investments of our Advised Funds.
- 5 PEER LEARNING:**  
Fostered a culture of learning and collaboration by providing peer-learning opportunities for both donors and community partners.

This new chapter of our Advised Fund offering has led to even more purpose-aligned funds that are invested for positive impact. As we reflect on the year, we know that it is crucial to continue evolving and expanding to meet the challenges of our times. In the year ahead, we plan to further our commitments to transparency, equity, and increased access to capital, all in support of mobilizing more funding for community-led change.

## THIS YEAR WE



## Undeployed Assets: Investing in Social, Economic, and Environmental Equity

We pride ourselves in the active flow of unrestricted capital out to communities. At the same time, some financial assets are preserved for future purposes. We want to ensure that any ‘undeployed assets’ held in the Advised Fund program are invested for social, environmental, and economic equity, in alignment with our mission.

MakeWay is working towards an investment portfolio that generates strong positive social and environmental returns. To get there, we’re applying negative screens, investing in place-based impact funds, working to launch community investment instruments, and developing new sector-leading transparency practices.

In addition to being one of the first Canadian foundations to move to a fossil-free portfolio, this year, we made investments in three place-based impact funds –Thrive Impact Fund, Verge Breakthrough Fund II and the Fair Finance Fund . We’re investing in these funds because we believe that place-based action can lead to positive community change on critical issues such as food security, affordable housing, and climate.

As stewards of tax-exempted funds, we are also committed to increasing the transparency of our investment portfolio and investment governance. Governance documents and personnel, along with the names of managers, a list of asset allocations and invested funds are all available on our website.



# 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 2023. 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.

Adrem Brands Inc.	Greenwin Corp.	Paliare Roland Barristers	Investments Inc.)
Annabelle White	HCMA Architecture + Design	Paquin Entertainment Group	Summer Wind Holdings Limited
Blue Ant Media Inc	HRJ Consulting Ltd	Patagonia Inc	The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited
Blue Wave Production Ltd	ImpactWX	Plan It North	Tim McGrady
Brainrider Canada Inc.	Kakivak Association	Radiate Communications Inc.	Vancity
Carmanah Management Corp	Liam Montgomery	RBC Global Asset Management	Vestido Investments Ltd
Ceres Trust	Long Beach Lodge	Richardson Wealth	Western Forest Products Ltd.
De Beers Group of Companies	Mackenzie Financial Corporation	Rio Tinto Diavik Diamond Mines Inc	Whistle Buoy Brewing Company
Deltera Inc.	Native Canada Footwear Ltd.	RP Investment Advisors LP	White Pine Pictures Inc
DIVA	Nature's Path Foods	RPK Ltd c/o Rick and Michelle Keihauer	Wild Women Expeditions
Donald Ellis	New Roots Herbal Inc.	RUX	
Farewell Harbour Lodge	Northgrave Investments Limited c/o Stacey Northgrave and Tom Currie	Skican	
Fogale Music	Ocean Outfitters Ltd.	Stuart and Victoria Lazier (Axia	
Golden Properties Ltd			

## Individuals & Families

In fiscal year 2023, we received over 1200 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 Arts Council	Government of Canada - Canadian Heritage	Government of Canada - National Research Council Canada	Affairs
BC Hydro	Government of Canada - Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency	Government of Manitoba - Ministry of Indigenous & Northern Relations	Government of the Northwest Territories - Environment and Natural Resources
City of Toronto	Government of Canada - Department for Women and Gender Equality	Government of Ontario - Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development	Islands Trust
City of Vancouver	Government of Canada - Employment and Social Development Canada	Government of Ontario - Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	Metro Vancouver
District of Tofino	Government of Canada - Environment and Climate Change Canada	Government of the Northwest Territories - Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs	Ontario Trillium Foundation
First Nations Health Authority	Government of Canada - Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	Government of the Northwest Territories - Department of Health and Social Services	Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia
Government of British Columbia - Ministry of Attorney General – Multiculturalism & Anti-Racism Division	Government of Canada - Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada	Government of the Northwest Territories - Department of Municipal and Community	The Council of the Federation Secretariat
Government of British Columbia - Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy	Government of Canada - Indigenous Services Canada		Tlcho Government
Government of British Columbia - WorkBC			
Government of Canada - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada			

## 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.

444S	Ford Foundation	Pacific Salmon Foundation	The Harold E. Ballard Foundation
Abbott Foundation	GEKKO Foundation	Philosophy of Science Association	The Houssian Foundation
Alberta Breastfeeding Committee	Grant Thornton Foundation	PLUSlx Arkells	The Houssian Foundation, on behalf of Mira Oreck
Alkw Media Society	Grassroots Foundation	Public Service Alliance of Canada - Atlantic Region	The Jarislowsky Foundation
Arctic Inspiration Prize	Ihnatowycz Family Foundation	RBC Foundation	The Jeffrey and Marilyn McCaig Family Foundation
Arrell Family Foundation	Inspirit Foundation	Ronald S. Roadburg Foundation	The Marion Armstrong Charitable Foundation
Balfour Bowen Family Foundation	Inter Pares	Rotary Club North Scarborough	The MacDonald Family Foundation
Branksome Hall	International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR), a project of The Tides Center	Rotary Club of Burlington North	The McLean Foundation
Brodhead Fund - Ottawa Community Foundation	Inuvialuit Community Economic	Rotary Club of Burnaby Foundation	The Midloch Foundation
CAF Canada	Iris Jacobson and Alan Levine Donor Advised Fund	Ryerson University	The Parachute Fund, held at Nicola Wealth Private Giving Foundation
California Community Foundation	Ivey Foundation	S. M. Blair Family Foundation	The Slaughter Family Foundation
Canada Helps	Jackman Foundation	Saint Mary's University	The Sprott Foundation
Canadian Canoe Foundation	James Family Foundation	Samworth Foundation	The Trottier Family Foundation
Canadian Race Relations Foundation	Jericho Investment Trust Foundation	Sarnia Community Foundation	The WB Family Foundation
Canadian Roots Exchange	Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal	SaskOrganics'	The Winnipeg Foundation
Canadian Women's Foundation	Kitikmeot Inuit Association	Schwab Charitable Fund-Richard and Susan Jacobsen Fund	Toronto Environmental Alliance
Carolyn Garlich and Peter Miller Gift Fund	Kwiahah First Nation	Senft Family Foundation	Trust for Mutual Understanding
Catherine and Maxwell Meighen Foundation	Les Missionnaires Oblates de Saint-Boniface Inc	SGNC Foundation	Tula Foundation
Chan Family Foundation	Les Soeurs Grises de Montréal - Manitoba	Sisters of our Lady of the Missions	Unifor Social Justice Fund
Charitable Impact Foundation (Canada)	Liz Claiborne Art Ortenberg Foundation	Sisters of The Holy Cross	Unitarian Church of Vancouver
Chisholm Thomson Family Foundation	Malvern Onyx Lions Club	Small Change Fund	United Way East Ontario
CJ Foundation	Maple Leaf Centre for Food Security	Small Change Fund	United Way of Greater Toronto
Clean Foundation funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada	Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies	Somerset Foundation	Vancouver Community Foundation
Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen	Marguerite Fund at The Illahie Foundation	Sonora Fund at The Illahie Foundation	Vancouver Foundation
Congrégation des Filles de la Croix	McMillan Family Foundation	South Okanagan Similkameen	Vanguard Charitable-The Glenn Powers and Melanie Wong Fund
Counselling Foundation of Canada	Metcalf Foundation	Suncor Energy Foundation	Victoria Foundation's Community Grants Program
Dechinta Initiatives	Mindset Social Innovation Foundation	TELUS Friendly Future Foundation	We Matter
Definity Insurance Foundation	MLSE Foundation	The Bradstreet Family Foundation	Wellspring Philanthropic Fund
Donner Canadian Foundation	Nature Canada	The Calgary Foundation - The Isford-Harrison Family Fund	Willow & Grace Foundation
Dorais Charities Inc.	Nature United	The Catherine Donnelly Foundation	Windrose Fund of Common Counsel Foundation
Ducks Unlimited Canada - Alberta	NDN Collective	The Chawkers Foundation	Wordham Family Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga
Echo Foundation	Nelson Arthur Hyland Foundation	The Community of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary	Yasodhara Ashram Society
Eco Canada	Nihtat Gwich'in Council	The Conn Smythe Foundation	Zoom Cares Fund, a fund of Tides Foundation
Ecological Society of America	North Family Foundation	The David Suzuki Foundation	
Edgerton Foundation	Northern Youth Abroad	The Dragonfly Fund	
EMBERS	NoVo Foundation	The Edith and Bernard Ennis Foundation	
Enterprise Holdings Foundation	NWT Recreation & Parks Association	The Freedom Fund	
European Climate Foundation	Oak Foundation	The Gordon Foundation	
European Coalition for Corporate Justice (ECCJ)	Ottawa Community Foundation	The Grocery Foundation	
	Oxfam Canada	The Harbinger Foundation	



444S Fund for the Environment	Draimin-Haddon Endowment Fund	Language Documentation and Revitalization Fund	Social Innovation Conference Series Fund
7th Generation Fund	Elements Fund	Lights On Fund	Social Venture Institute Fund
Agro Roasters Fund	Environmental Justice Micro Fund	Lindalee Tracey Award Fund	Sokol-Rubenstein Family Endowment Fund
Aguacene Fund	Equinox Fund	Lone Wolf Fund	Stephen Hui Trail Fund
Alberta Clean Economy Fund	Équiterre Fund	Lunapads Global Opportunity Fund	Strachan Hartley Legacy Foundation Fund
Alexander Graham Bell Innovation Fund	ESP Fund	MacGavin Fund	Strategic Philanthropy Course Fund
Andrew Heintzman Giving Fund	Friends of Qatuwas Fund	Mashkawi-manidoo bimaadiziwin - Spirit to Soar Fund	Street Kids International Fund
Animal Spirit Fund	Funding Awesome Fund	McMillan-Dobell Fund	Sustaining Design Fund
AnQi's Little Angels Foundation Fund	FuturePLAY Fund	Mentoring Excellence BC Fund	Tegan and Sara Foundation Fund
Aurora Fund	Gail O'Riordan Climate and the Arts Series Fund	Michael and Amelia Humphries Earthrise Legacy Fund	Terrevive Fund
Ayalik Fund	Gitanyow Wilp Sustainability Fund	Mother Tree Fund	the deer crossing the art farm fund
Bealight Fund	Glenn Powers and Melanie Wong Foundation Fund	Myer Fund	Tlatsini Conservation Endowment Fund
Biodiversity-Based Solutions Fund	Harbinger Fund	Naramata Conservation Fund	Transformation Fund
Black Philanthropy Fund	Harmony Fund	New Literacies Fund	Trever Bass Fund
Burton Family Fund	Harry and Bernice Kosansky Family Foundation Fund	Noelle Marcus Fund	Twin Island Protection Fund
CarbonFlip Fund	Hollyhock Scholarship Fund	Nonprofit Centers Fund	Twyla Roscovich Memorial Fund
Central Coast Conservation Fund	Hoops 4 Hope Fund	OnePull Fund	V. Paul Lee Family Foundation Fund
Chaloult Wallace Fund	House of Numst' Fund	Pacific Wild Fund	Valerie Elia Fund
ChangeCapital	Illahie Fund	Planeterra Fund	Vancouver Bicycle Fund
Chauvel Fund	Indigenous Youth Leadership in Arctic Research Fund	Power of Giving Fund	Vancouver Tomorrow Fund
Children and Nature Fund	IPCA Development Fund	Prescription for Change Canada Fund	Vern's Community Fund
Chosen Waters Fund	Jantzi Research Fund	Rani Luthra Charitable Fund	Wellbeing Fund
Christopher Robin Fund	Jesse and Julie Rasch Foundation Fund	Renewal Funds Charitable Giving Fund	Wilburforce Canadian Conservation Fund
Climate Heroes Fund	Joel and Dana Solomon Fund	Reverence for Life Legacy Fund	Wild Faith Fund
CNIS Surgical & Obstetrical Skills Education Fund	John Kenneth Galbraith Prize Endowment Fund	Richardson Family Fund	Wonderful Life Fund
Communications & Broadcasting Canadian Trust Fund	Jokabeca Foundation Fund	Rideau Institute Research Fund	YouMeWe Foundation Fund
Coyle Family Foundation Fund	Jon Gates Foundation Fund	Rights of Canadian Nature Fund	
CPAWS Nova Scotia Conservation Fund	Joy Family Giving Fund	Roar Fund	
Dark Horse Fund	Juno Foundation Fund	Robert Huber Memorial Fund	
David J. Sokol Endowment Fund	Justice Impact Fund	Robin Wheeler Legacy Fund	
Dene Ts'ı̨łı̨́ - Dene Way of Life Fund	KEATCA (Knowledge, Education and Training Canada) Fund	Roses Fund	
Division of UBC PM&R Fund	Ketaorati Fund	Sailech Fund	
DLN Fund	Kremen and Fineman Giving Fund	SHLF Endowment Fund	
Don Rubenstein Housing Fund	Kremen and Fineman Invested Giving Fund	Skeena Watershed Fund	
Dr. Bik May Wai & Dr. Chung Nin Lam Endowment Fund	Kwiakah Fund	SkeenaWild Conservation Trust Fund	
Dragonfly Fund			

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.

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

Harvesting Learnings & Measuring Impact Fund

Womxn's Leadership Collective

Fair Earth Living Collaborative

Northern Ontario Fund

Common Ground Arts Society

Keepers of the Water Society

Foundation for Environmental Stewardship

Padma Centre for Climate Justice

Women Transforming Cities

Arctic Marine Fund  
Northern Terrestrial  
Conservation Fund  
Indigenous Stewardship Fund  
Emerging Northern  
Leadership Fund  
NWT On The Land  
Collaborative Fund  
Northern Sustainable  
Livelihoods Fund  
Indigenous Cultural  
Revitalization Fund  
Northern Women and Girls  
Fund  
Yukon Collaborative Fund

- Indigenous Authority and Leadership Fund
- Capacity for Conservation Fund
- Great Bear Sea Fund
- Pacific Salmon Watersheds Fund
- BC Marine Focus Fund
- BC Freshwater Collaborative
- Right Relations Collaborative Fund
- Pacific Food, Community and Culture Fund
- Indigenous Watersheds Initiative
- BC Program Fund
- Watersheds BC

Northern Manitoba Food,  
Culture & Community  
Collaborative

Saskatchewan Program

Manitoba Indigenous  
Agriculture Fund

# Community Partners

Akisiq'nuk First Nation  
A Better Life Foundation  
AAC Educational Foundation  
Achillea Endeavours  
Adsum Association for Women & Children  
Altitude Project Community Support Foundation  
Anduhyaun Inc  
ArtsCan Circle  
Ashoka Canada  
Barren Lands First Nation  
Barrows Community Council  
BC Cancer Foundation  
Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation  
Beaufort-Delta Divisional Education Council  
Berens River Community Council  
Beverly & Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board  
Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria Capital Region  
Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation  
Breast Cancer Action Québec  
Brigantine Incorporated  
Brunswick Street Mission  
Campbell River Indian Band (Wei Wai Kum First Nation)  
Camperville Community Council  
Canada-Ukraine Foundation  
Canadian Canoe Foundation  
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives  
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives B.C. Office  
Canadian Friends of the World Union for Progressive Judaism  
Canadian Network for International Surgery  
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society  
Canadian Society Promoting Environmental Conservation  
Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities  
Carcross/Tagish First Nations  
Carleton University  
Centretown Community Health Centre Inc  
Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic  
Chez Doris The Women's Shelter Found Inc  
Children First Society  
Children's Aid Foundation of Nova Scotia  
Children's Peace Theatre  
Churchill Research Centre Inc  
Coastal Zone Canada Association  
Commission Scolaire Francophone de Division  
Community Food Centres Canada

Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Interior First Nations  
Cormorant Community Council  
Cortes Community Health Association  
Cortes Island Community Foundation  
Council of the Haida Nation  
Cowichan Social Planning Society  
Cowichan Tribes First Nation  
Crane River Community Council  
Crossing the Divide Experience Ltd  
Dauphin River Community Council  
Dawson Bay Community Council  
Dechinta Initiatives dba Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning  
Deh Gáh Got'îë First Nation  
Dehcho Divisional Board of Education  
Deninu K'ue First Nation  
Doctors Without Borders Canada  
Don't Mess with the Don  
DreamRider Productions Society  
Dufferin Community Foundation  
East Side Family Place Society  
Ecojustice Canada Society  
Ecotrust Canada  
Eden Community Homes  
Ending Violence Association of BC  
Environment Funders Canada  
Environmental Defence Canada Inc  
Équiterre  
Esquimalt Nation  
Faith & The Common Good  
Farm Radio International  
FarmFolk/CityFolk Society  
Fighting Blindness Canada  
First Nation Healing Centre Inc  
First Nation of Nacho Nyäk Dun  
First Nations Fisheries Charity Fund Society  
Fisher River Cree Nation  
Flavours of Hope Society  
Flying Dust First Nation  
Food Banks British Columbia  
Food Stash Foundation  
Fort Good Hope - Charter Community of K'asho Got'îne  
Fort Nelson First Nation  
Fort Simpson Historical Society  
Foster Family Coalition of the Northwest Territories  
Foundations for Social Change  
Gitanmaax Band Council  
Gitanyow Huwilp Society

Gitga'at First Nation  
Gitwangak dba Gitwangak Band Council  
Gitxaala Nation  
Greenpeace Canada Education Fund  
Gwich'in Tribal Council  
Habitat Acquisition Trust  
Haida Gwaii Museum Society  
Haisla Nation  
Hamlet of Baker Lake  
Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet  
Hamlet of Pangnirtung  
Hamlet of Sachs Harbour  
Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk  
Hamlet of Tulita  
Head & Hands Inc  
Heiltsuk Tribal Council  
Hope Blooms Youth Social Entrepreneurial Ventures Inc  
Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning Society  
Hot Docs  
Hungry Bear Food Support Committee  
I.C.C. Foundation  
Ilisaqsiq Society  
Inclusion Northwest Territories  
Indian Summer Arts Society  
Institute for New Economics Public Interest Research Assn  
  
International Association for Transformation  
Inuvialuit Charitable Foundation  
Islamic Relief - IR Canada  
Islands Trust  
Jean Marie River First Nation  
Jeunes Karibus / Young Karibus  
Jewish Family Services of Ottawa  
Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver  
Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation  
Kamloops Food Policy Council  
KBF Foundation Canada  
Kina Social Ventures Society  
Kitasoo First Nation  
Kitikmeot Heritage Society  
Kitselas First Nation  
Kitsumkalum Band Council  
Kivalliq Inuit Association  
Kluane First Nation  
K'omoks First Nation  
Ktunaxa Nation Council Society  
Kwiakah First Nation - Peter Wohleben  
Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation dba Lheidli T'enneh Band  
LI - The Leadership Institute dba Hollyhock  
Liidlii Kue First Nation  
Literary Review of Canada  
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation  
Lynn Lake Friendship Centre Inc  
Maiwa Foundation  
Majengo Canada  
Malahat First Nation  
Mallard Community Council  
Manitoba Food Charter Inc  
Meadow Portage Community Council  
Mennonite Central Committee Ontario  
Metlakatla  
Misipawistik Cree Nation  
Misipawistik Cree Nation - Lands Department  
Moccasin Footprint Society  
Mount Pinnacle Land Trust  
Multifaith Housing Initiative  
Muskoka Community Foundation  
Nak'al Bun Education Society  
NAN Charitable Trust  
National Abortion Federation Canada  
National Arts Centre Foundation  
National Gallery of Canada Foundation  
Native Friendship Centre of Montreal Inc  
Native Women's Shelter of Montreal  
Nature Canada  
Nikanihk Ohci Foundation, Inc  
NISA/Northern Initiative for Social Action  
North Coast Cetacean Society  
Northern Youth Abroad  
Northwest Institute for Bioregional Research Society  
Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.  
Nuxalk Nation  
OASIS Initiative Canada  
Office of the Wet'suwet'en  
Old Massett Village Council  
Ontario Water Centre  
Or Haneshamah - Ottawa's Reconstructionist Community  
Ottawa Community Foundation  
Ottawa Salus Corporation  
Parkinson Canada Inc  
Peguis First Nation  
People's Food Institute  
Pepaken Hautw Food Systems Education Foundation

Plan International Canada Inc  
Plenty Canada  
Power to Be Adventure Therapy Society  
Qikiqtani Inuit Association  
Qqs (Eyes) Projects Society  
Queen's University at Kingston  
Raven Indigenous Impact Foundation  
Receiver General for Canada  
Red Rock Indian Band  
Redd Fish Restoration Society  
Regional District of Central Okanagan  
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen  
Résilience Montréal  
Right to Play International dba Right to Play  
Riparia  
Rise Women's Legal Centre  
Rock Ridge Community Council  
Rossland Historical Museum and Archives Association  
RSBC Rivershed Society of British Columbia  
Ryerson University  
Ryerson University - Centre for Free Expression  
S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation  
Sahtu Divisional Education Council  
Sahtú Renewable Resources Board  
Saint James Music Academy  
Salal Foundation  
Salmon Coast Field Station Society  
Salt Spring Institute for Sustainability Education & Action dba I-SEA  
Sambaa K'e Dene First Nation  
Save the Cedar League  
Sayisi Dene First Nation  
Scarborough Arts  
Scarborough Women's Centre  
SeedChange  
Sherbourne Health Centre Corporation  
Sierra Club of BC Foundation  
Sik-E-Dakh (Glen Vowell Band)  
Skeena Knowledge Trust  
SkeenaWild Conservation Trust  
Skidegate  
Skidegate dba Skidegate Band  
Small Change Fund  
Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre  
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - Hope Cottage

South Slave Divisional Education Council (SSDEC)  
Spence Lake Community Council  
Squamish Nation dba Squamish Indian Band  
St Andrew's United Church  
St Michael's Hospital Foundation  
Staqeeye' Learning Society  
Stratford Hall (School) Society  
Streams Community Hub  
Surfrider Foundation Canada Chapters  
Tahltan Central Government DBA Tahltan Band Council  
Take A Hike, Youth At Risk Foundation  
Takla Lake First Nation  
Tamir Foundation Inc  
Teet'it Gwich'in Band Council  
The Arctic Eider Society  
The Art Gallery of Hamilton  
The Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society  
The Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert)  
The Board of Education of School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)  
The Bridge Youth & Family Services Society  
The Calgary Foundation  
The Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment Foundation  
The Carold Institute dba Community Knowledge Exchange  
The Children's Aid Society of the County of Dufferin  
The Circle on Philanthropy and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada  
The David Suzuki Foundation  
The Dena Kayeh Institute  
The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver  
The Firehall Theatre Society  
The Great Canadian Theatre Corporation  
The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra (2000) Inc  
The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation dba The SickKids Foundation  
The Jur-Ed Foundation  
The Kanpe Foundation  
The Kelsey School Division No. 45  
The Kidney Foundation of Canada  
The Kidsafe Project Society  
The Local TO Publishing  
The Narwhal News Society

The Nature Conservancy of Canada  
The Nature Trust of British Columbia  
The Okanagan Indian Educational Resources Society  
The Ottawa Food Bank  
The Ottawa Hospital Foundation  
The Ottawa Mission Foundation  
The Period Purse  
The Power of Hope Society  
The Realistic Success Recovery Society  
The Seymour Salmonid Society  
The St Christopher House dba West Neighbourhood House  
The Stop Community Food Centre  
The Students Commission of Canada  
The Sustainability Institute of Canada  
The Toronto Symphony  
The Tree of Peace Friendship Centre  
The United Church of Canada Foundation  
  
The University of British Columbia - Faculty of Forestry  
The Western Front Society  
Thompson Seniors Community Resource Council Inc  
Tla-a-qui-aht First Nation  
Tli Cho Community Services Agency  
Tlicho Government  
Tobacco Plains Indian Band  
Town of Leaf Rapids  
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation  
T'Sou-ke First Nation  
Ucwalmicw Centre Society  
Ulnooweg Education Centre  
United Way of Greater Toronto  
University College of the North  
University of Ontario Institute of Technology  
University of Victoria - POLIS Project  
Upper Nicola Band  
Upper Skeena Development Centre Society  
Vancouver Chinatown Foundation for Community Revitalization  
Variety - The Children's Charity of BC  
VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation  
Victoria Community Food Hub Society  
Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre  
Victoria Foundation

Waabinong Head Start Family Resource Centre  
WCS Wildlife Conservation Society Canada  
Wekweëti Community Government  
West Coast Environmental Law Research Foundation  
Westbank First Nation  
Western Canada Wilderness Committee  
Wigwamen Incorporated  
Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve  
Wildsight  
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority  
WISH Drop-In Centre Society  
Women's College Hospital Foundation  
Women's Healthy Environments Network  
World Wildlife Fund Canada  
Yellowknife Education District No. 1  
Yellowknife Public Denominational District Education Authority  
Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
York Factory First Nation  
York University  
Young Women's Christian Association  
Yukon Arts Centre Foundation  
YWCA NWT



# Board of Directors

## A Message From Our Board Chair


MakeWay is a home for bold ideas and people. A home for hope, change and Reconciliation. Together, we have lent our hands to another year of facilitating community led solutions, partnerships and inspirational impact. I am so proud to be a part of this kind of community, one that celebrates a world in which we craft ways to truly honor our interconnectedness and responsibilities.

I've had several opportunities this year to sit and listen to the communities we work with and to the generous hearts and minds that have given to MakeWay, some who have been on the journey with us for decades and others that are just coming into relationship with us. I learned that what weaves us together is a shared set of fundamental values and a deep desire to be part of work that is tangibly transformative. It is always remarkable to be in circles and conversations where there is such shared love and kindness for our planet and for one another. I am humbled to have experienced it and to be a part of the MakeWay team and growing community as we reach for even more ambitious goals.

This year we have also welcomed new leaders to our Board from across Turtle Island, bringing a wealth of experience and wisdom. We are curious and committed as to how we can bring approaches from Indigenous governance into our work as a board, including principles of reciprocity, respect and relationship to nature.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank everyone on the MakeWay team and all of our incredible community partners for shining so bright and for being the ones that shed light on the path ahead. You are an extraordinary community to witness and be a part of.

Huy ch q'u,

  
**Denise Williams**



**Aerin Jacob**



**Erica Barbosa**



**Barend  
van der Vormb**



**Katie Johnson**



**Bo Aganaba**



**Leslie Campbell**



**Caroline Merner**



**Maxine Ifill**  
Treasurer



**Cathy Galligos**



**MJ Sinha**



**Denise Williams,**  
Chair



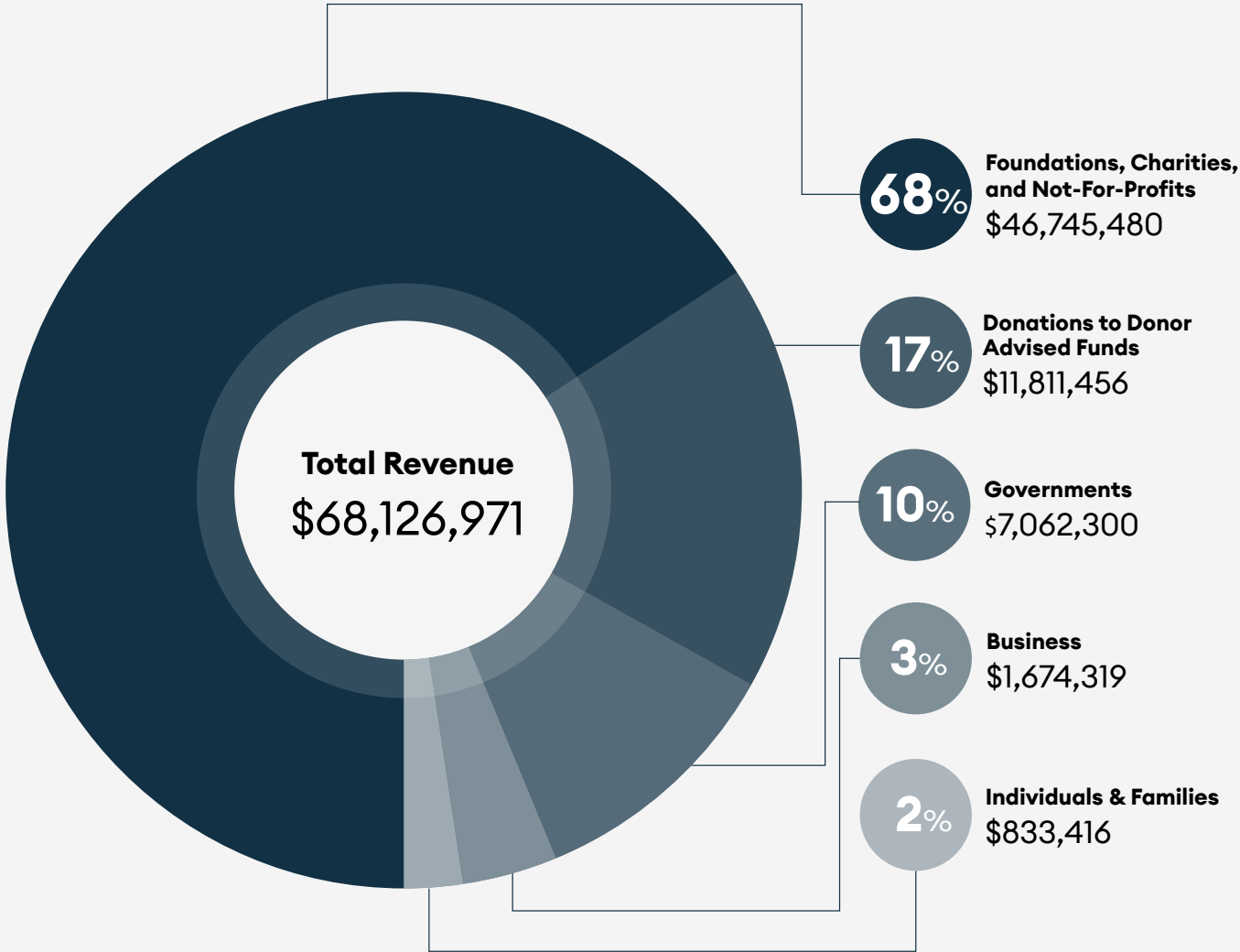
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# Financials

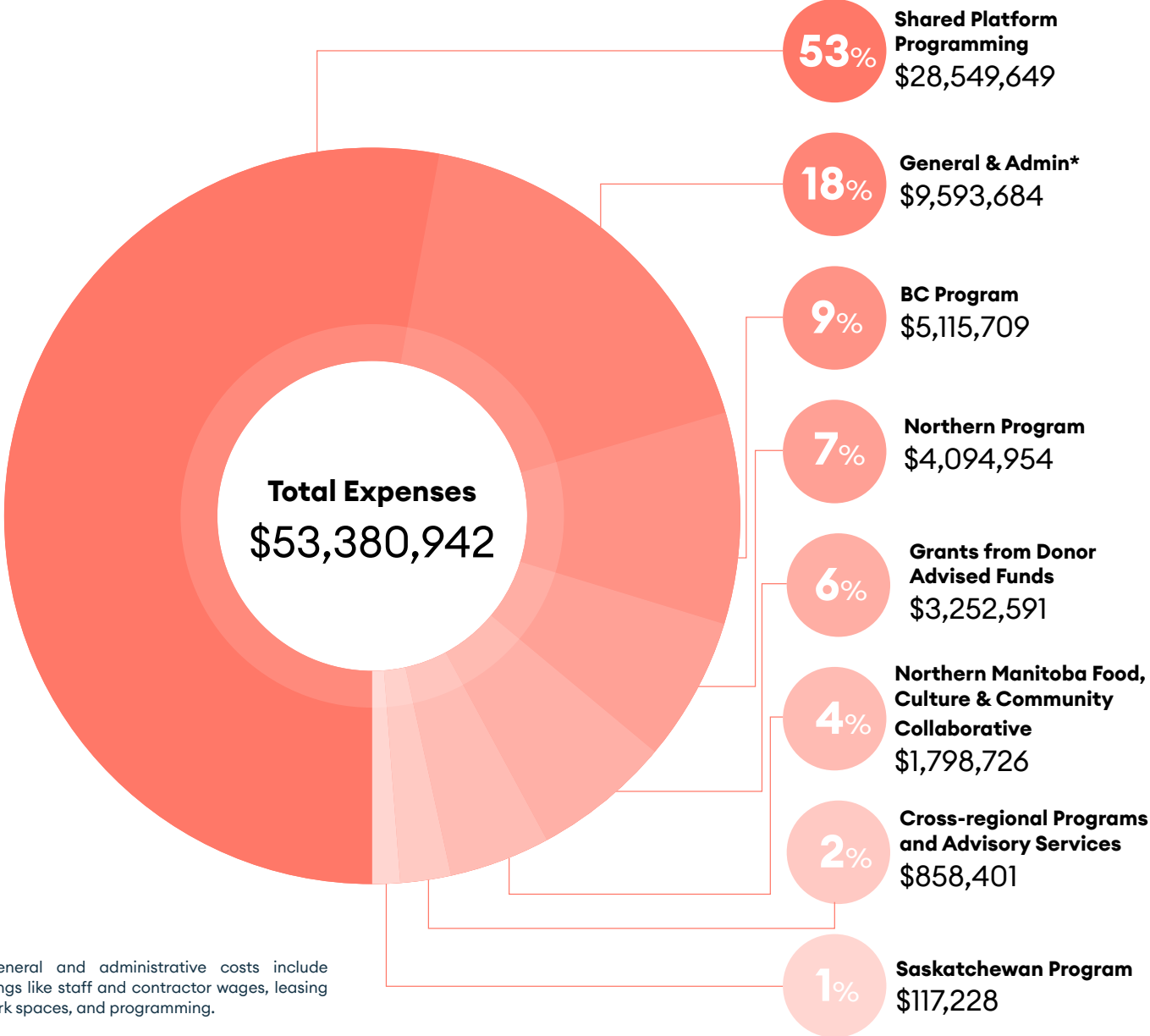
MakeWay is home to MakeWay Foundation and MakeWay Charitable Initiatives Society. The following provides a summary of the combined fiscal year 2023 financial results for MakeWay.

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 2023 from April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023.

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES



\*General and administrative costs include things like staff and contractor wages, leasing work spaces, and programming.



## COVER PAGE ILLUSTRATION

### “Rooted Harmony”

This year’s front cover was designed by Lauren Marchand. Lauren is a graphic artist and illustrator who has been nurtured throughout her life to embody syilx ways of being while engaging in her art practices.

The artwork captures the intricate connections within a forest, depicting diverse life forms at different stages and with various intentions. The intricate root networks symbolize the silent conversations that echo throughout the woods, including the integral ties between nature and humanity, encouraging viewers to recognize their place within the interconnected tapestry of the natural world.

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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.**

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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.

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