

Seeding What's Possible



MAKEWAY 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW





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Program participants and staff pictured during the final full day of [Northern Youth Leadership's \(NYL\)](#) Leadership Development Program in Tulita, Northwest Territories. Over the course of a few days, youth paddled down the Keele River, learned and grew in their leadership, and shared lots of laughs. NYL is a project on MakeWay's Shared Platform.

Photo Credit: Northern Youth Leadership

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Letter From the CEO

From my earliest conversations with staff, board, community partners, and leaders in the sector, it was clear that MakeWay is more than an organization – it is an ecosystem of people committed to social justice, healthy lands and waters, and Indigenous sovereignty in ways that are practical and courageous.

In my first months as CEO, I listened more than I spoke. I've heard stories of longstanding partnerships built on trust, and I have witnessed the creativity and determination that staff bring to complex, often rapidly shifting realities. This has been a year defined by change – political uncertainty, rising economic pressures, and the intensifying impacts of climate crises. MakeWay and our partners have not been immune to this turbulence.

Yet, across regions and initiatives, I have seen something constant: communities responding with ingenuity, mutual support, and a deep commitment to place. This report offers a glimpse into some of this transformative work – stories that show what's possible when we walk alongside one another:

Like the work of [Dr. Ingrid Waldron and ENRICH Project](#), who have fought tirelessly against environmental racism in Canada, raising the alarm on an issue that has been overlooked for decades. And the [Northern Journalism Training Initiative](#), whose mission is to amplify northern voices and get more Indigenous journalists into newsrooms. Or the [Northern Manitoba Food](#)

[Culture and Community Collaborative](#) and their approach to funding, pooling resources and centering community leadership and guidance.

As we embark on developing our new strategy together with partners in the year ahead, I am energized by what this collaborative effort can unlock, and [we invite your input](#). Our upcoming strategic conversations will offer an opportunity to chart our direction, and to ask ourselves what kind of partners we want to be in a world that demands both humility and boldness. We will move at the speed of trust, informed by community leadership, to focus on strengthening our support for communities leading their visions for change.

Looking ahead to 2026, I feel a profound sense of responsibility and gratitude. Gratitude for the indelible mark left by outgoing CEO Joanna Kerr, whose leadership and significant contributions have made our ecosystem strong: with the people, values, and relationships to make transformational change possible across the country and beyond. Together, we will continue to show that solidarity is not an abstraction, but a practice – one that honours the now and here, bridges across divides, and with daring collective action answers a fundamental question: if not us, then who? and if not now, then when?

With solidarity,

Alex Sardar, CEO, MakeWay

Reflections From MakeWay Staff

MakeWay is made up of dedicated people located in communities across country. We have offices in Toronto, Yellowknife, Vancouver, Whitehorse, and Winnipeg. What brings us together is our passion for helping nature and communities thrive together. We asked some of the team to reflect on 2025, their work, and how it resonated with them.

"I felt especially proud of how we strengthened our connection with our Advised Fund partners. This year felt like big steps toward building a true community; one where people can learn from each other, from the sector and from MakeWay. I'm so excited that we're bringing people along in this way, sparking more dialogue, shared learning, and inspired giving."

- **Antonia Taylor**, Manager, Philanthropic Services

"There has been a lot of change this year. What has really resonated with me is how strong, resourceful, and adaptive, the Shared Platform team has been. We're a tight knit group, working in complex environments, managing a multitude of priorities, and doing it with grace. We wear each win and each challenge of the projects, and continue to show up."

- **Richard Magleo**, Shared Platform Project Specialist

"Strengthening our internal financial systems this year showed how our behind-the-scenes work directly supports community outcomes: by making funding smoother, and ensuring resources reach where they're needed most."

- **Zahra Laarif**, Director, Finance

"The work that resonated most for me this year was building our Internal Communications Strategy. It's been such a team effort. From our initial conversations and dreaming up what we wanted internal comms to look like, to the actual implementation. It feels like we are deepening not just how we communicate, but how we connect as a team."

- **Talitha Tolles**, Senior Manager, Learning & Development



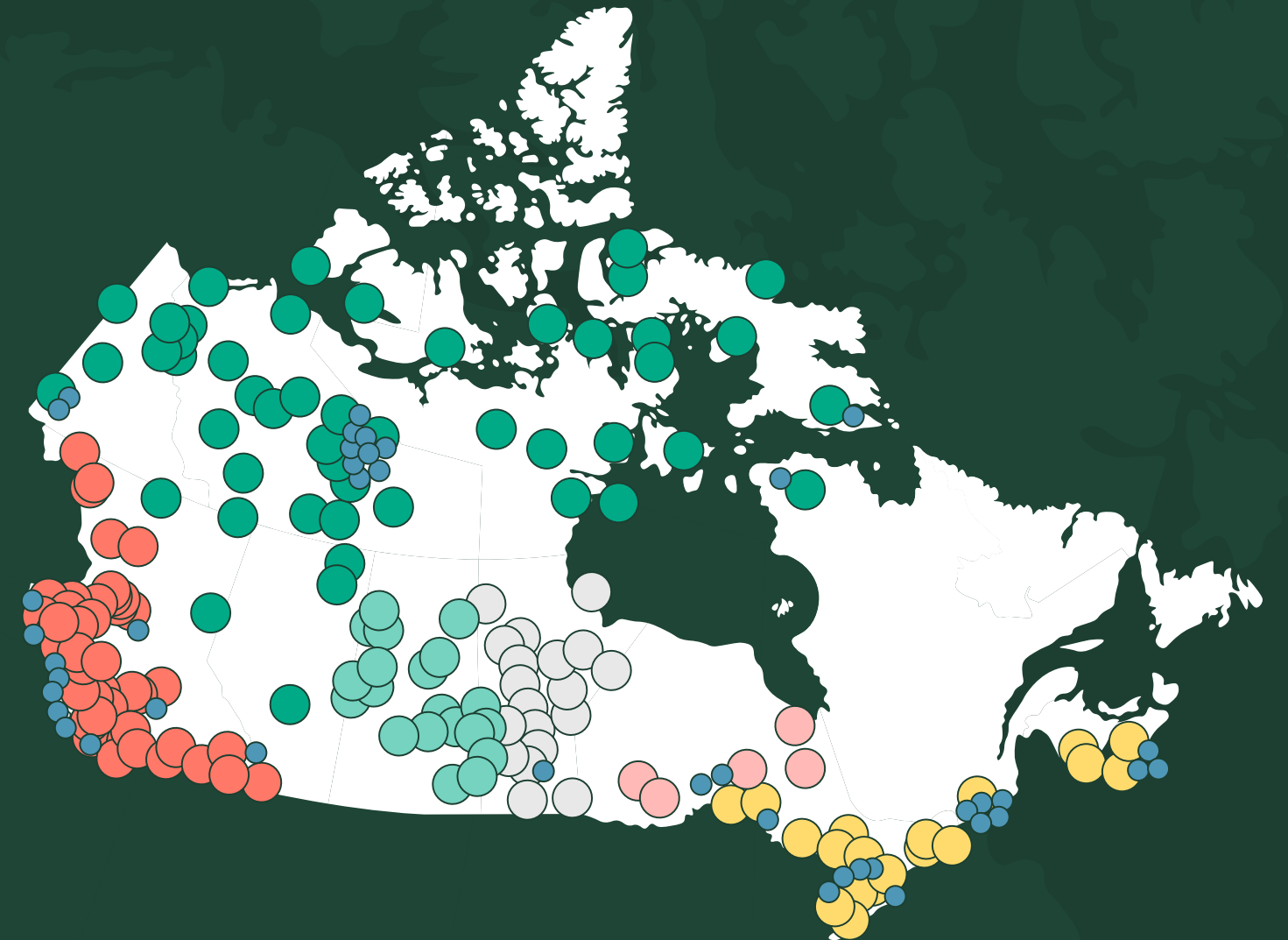
Our Approach

MakeWay's mission is to build partnerships and solutions to help nature and communities thrive together. We do this by fostering deep, trust-based, and long-term relationships with partners across the country, especially in remote, northern, and Indigenous communities where traditional philanthropy has often fallen short. We work to co-create charitable solutions and innovative operational supports that accelerate lasting community-led change.

Our approach is highly relational, and so is our process for measuring impact. We recognize the work we support is holistic, based on reciprocity and dialogue with partners. That's why MakeWay engages in different forms of ongoing evaluation, including informal check-ins, community learning visits, and light-touch, flexible grant reporting. We also center storytelling to highlight the incredible community-led work that MakeWay is able to support and to foster shared learning for both funders and grantees.

In Place

British Columbia
The North
Manitoba
Sîhtoskâtowin - Saskatchewan
Northern Ontario
Urban Neighbourhoods
Shared Platform Projects



This Year We...



Welcomed four new projects to the Shared Platform: [The Agguag Collective](#), [We Always Remember](#), [Reconnection Vision](#), and the [Arctic Indigenous Fund](#).

Supported peer networks in BC, like the Indigenous Food Champions Network and BC Watersheds Collaborative. These networks **provided space and opportunities for sharing learnings, and coordinating funding.**



Completed a multi-year research project with partners across Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. The findings **quantify the economic impact that Indigenous Hunter and Guardian programs have in northern communities.** Among many other benefits, the research found that, when considering only food security and employment outcomes, **programs return up to \$2.25 for every \$1 invested.**

Celebrated four years of the Sîhtoskâtowin Program supporting community initiatives in rural and remote Saskatchewan. The program held an event in Toronto to honour the work, and to hear stories directly from community. **Learn more about the program and its community-centered funding approach in the [Sîhtoskâtowin program video](#).**



[Welcomed Alex Sardar](#) as the new President & CEO of MakeWay. A lifelong advocate for democracy, human rights, and community-led change, **Alex brings decades of experience leading organizations and supporting social movements around the world.**

Dr. Ingrid Waldron's Unexpected Journey to a Landmark Victory Against Environmental Racism in Canada—and What's Next

Dr. Waldron has become a household name in Canada when it comes to tackling environmental racism. But her path to this work wasn't a straight line – it wasn't something she dreamed of studying as a child or even planned to pursue during her early academic years.

She was interested in mental health. “One of the first things I wanted to be when I was a child was a child psychiatrist or psychologist,” Dr. Waldron explains. “So, my college degree and my undergraduate degree focused on psychology, and that's what I thought I would just stick with.”

In 2008, she moved to Kijipuktuk (Halifax) to teach at Dalhousie University. It was here that she encountered an unexpected opportunity to broaden her focus, when a local environmentalist reached out to her by email. He introduced her to the concept of “environmental racism” and asked if she would be interested in leading a project to understand the issue in Nova Scotia.

Dr. Waldron took a collaborative approach. She brought together community members and

leaders, fellow academics, and others interested in the topic. Together, they began applying for grants to develop a dedicated team to study the issue. This effort led to the creation of the [Environmental Noxiousness, Racial Inequities and Community Health Project \(The ENRICH Project\)](#). Over the next few years, Dr. Waldron's team uncovered and documented instances where polluting and hazardous facilities were placed in or near Mi'kmaw and African Nova Scotian communities. As the project gained visibility, requests for speaking events, media appearances, and lectures began pouring in.

In 2018, Dr. Waldron published her first book, [There's Something in the Water: Environmental Racism in Indigenous and Black Communities](#). Then, something serendipitous happened: actor Elliot Page tweeted about Dr. Waldron's book, sparking a chain of events that led Page to later fund and co-produce a [documentary of the same name](#). The documentary was accepted to the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) and later picked up by Netflix.



Dr. Ingrid Waldron, founder and Executive Director of the ENRICH Project, standing in front of the Africville Museum in Kijipuktuk (Halifax). The ENRICH Project is a project on MakeWay's Shared Platform.

Photo Credit: The ENRICH Project

“For me it was important because I still felt that people didn't understand the term environmental racism, and here we are, we're getting it out to the media in the United States and Canada,” explains Dr. Waldron. “I'm still in shock about everything that's happened.”

Celebrating Indigenous-led Watershed Security Work Across British Columbia

This year, MakeWay and the [Indigenous Watersheds Initiative \(IWI\)](#) celebrated the incredible achievements of community partners stewarding, protecting, and restoring watersheds across British Columbia.

From 2022 to 2025, the program supported 49 First Nations-led and co-led projects with \$12 million in flexible, accessible funding to advance Indigenous-led visions of watershed security. This support recognized the interconnected benefits of this work—for water, land, wildlife, climate, and communities alike.

“The health of watersheds is deeply holistic and an indicator of the health of whole ecosystems and relationships,” says Bridgitte Taylor, who leads MakeWay’s BC Program.

Watersheds across the province have been under stress for decades, and climate change is making things worse by bringing more frequent droughts and the spread of invasive species. “There’s a big need for watershed restoration and repair, and to do so in a way that supports First Nations visions and rights” Bridgitte shares.

The Province of British Columbia provided the funding for the Indigenous Watersheds Initiative as part of a larger \$30 million investment in water security. It was administered through a partnership between MakeWay and [Watersheds BC](#), with decision-making and guidance of [nine Indigenous Advisors](#).

With support from the Indigenous Watersheds Initiatives, First Nations and their partner organizations restored 4,841 hectares of



The Indigenous Watersheds Initiative (IWI) was a 3-year initiative guided by [a group of nine Indigenous Advisors](#). IWI was delivered through an administrative partnership between MakeWay Foundation and Watersheds BC. In 2025, IWI premiere the film “[Our Waters](#)”, featuring the work of Ts’il Kaz Koh First Nation, Hesquiaht First Nation, Quatsino First Nation, Stqee’ye’ Learning Society, and the Upper Fraser Fisheries Alliance.

Photo Credit: IWI

watersheds across 58 sites – efforts that have already improved salmon habitat and water quality. Projects also supported more than 350 jobs, promoted community wellness, and strengthened Indigenous self-determination.

Regional gatherings brought project teams together across watersheds to share knowledge and build lasting relationships, ending with a final celebration, “Watershed Reflections”, in Vancouver, which honoured their dedication and accomplishments.

Although the Indigenous Watersheds Initiative has concluded, it leaves a powerful example of what is possible when Indigenous leadership and values guide public investments in watershed security.

Who We Are



THIS YEAR WE...

Renewed

our **commitment to reconciliation by re-signing [The Philanthropic Community's Declaration of Action](#)**. This work, facilitated by [The Circle on Philanthropy](#), invites settler philanthropic organizations to commit support, action and resources to Indigenous-led organizations, movements and communities.

Supported

[Innoweave](#) to offer coaching and capacity strengthening support that helps changemakers get clear on their goals, grow as leaders, and move their work forward with confidence. This year, Innoweave tested new ways of offering coaching to make the program more flexible and accessible. Since joining MakeWay in 2023, Innoweave has supported more than 50 groups with coaching.

Developed

a shared JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) strategy, giving the team space to learn together, to engage in meaningful dialogue about how we care for one another, and to continue deepening equity practices across MakeWay.



Members of MakeWay's Shared Platform team travelled to Yellowknife to meet with Northern colleagues and projects. From seeing the Northern Lights to sharing meals, stories, and laughter, it was a trip full of connection, learning, and gratitude.

Photo Credit: MakeWay

Partnered

with **150 foundations, 30 businesses, 40 governments**, and over **1000 individuals** and families to help nature and communities thrive together.

Mobilized

more than **\$37 million** in grants to over **400 community partners** across the country.

Hosted

over **60 Shared Platform projects** across Canada: 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 60 unique projects working on community-led solutions from coast to coast to coast.

Above Ground
AIDS-Free World Canada
Arctic Funders Collaborative Á
Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Marine Stewardship Initiative
Atlantic Water Network
Agguaq Collective
Arctic Indigenous Fund**
BC Freshwater Initiative
Binners' Project
Black Environmental Initiative (BE Initiative) *
Canadian Biotechnology Action Network
Canadian Coalition for Environmental and Climate Justice
Climate Change Connection
CommUNITY Doulas Project
Community Resilience to Extreme Weather (CREW)
Dene Nahjo

Digital Justice Lab
East Scarborough Storefront
EcoAnalytics
ENRICH Project
EntrepreNorth
Food Communities Network*
Food Bridge
Forum for Leadership on Water
Gaagige Zaagibigaa
IndigenEYEZ BC
Indigenous Food Collective*
Inner Activist
Innoweave
IPCA Innovation Program
Jane's Walk*
Nawalakw Culture Project
Nexwagwez?an – Dasiqox Tribal Park Initiative
Northern Birthwork Collective

Northern Confluence Initiative
Northern Indigenous Stewardship Network
Northern Journalism Training Initiative
Northern Youth Leadership
Northwest Territories Art Centre Initiative
Not Far From The Tree
Ontario Indigenous Youth Partnership Project
Organizing for Change
Our Living Waters
Pathways to Conservation
Project Neutral
Qanak
Rainforest Solutions Implementation Project
Reconnection Vision**
Reel Youth Film Project
Resilient Indigenous Leaders Network
Resilient Waters

Round River Canada
Sea to Cedar
Share Reuse Repair Initiative
Shift
Stein Nahatlatch IPCA
summerlunch+
Supporting Wellbeing
The Existence Project
The Together Project
To Swim and Speak with Salmon
Turtle Island Institute for Indigenous Science
Urban Climate Leadership
We Always Remember
Western Arctic Youth Collective*

Active in FY25
Closed in FY25*
Opened in FY26**



A picture from the [Together Project](#), an initiative on MakeWay's Shared Platform. Founded in 2016, the Together Project matches groups of volunteers in Toronto, Mississauga, Vancouver, Winnipeg, and Moncton with refugee newcomers from over 25 different countries for social and integration support.

Photo Credit: The Together Project

This Year We...



The Reconnection Vision (RV) is the Yukon First Nations' (YFN) unified approach to climate action. Developed by 13 Yukon First Nation youth from 2021-2023, the RV is a societal transformation guide and toolkit that sees all people living as whole people and in good relation with themselves, each other and the Land. MakeWay was excited to welcome RV to the Shared Platform this year.

Photo credit: [Reconnection Vision](#)



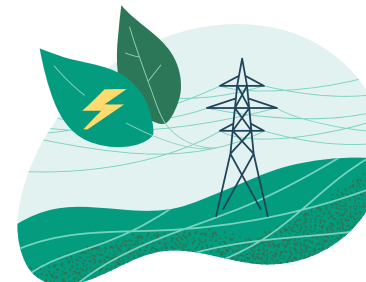
Celebrated The [Ontario Indigenous Youth Partnership Project \(OIYPP\)](#) completing a year of granting to Indigenous youth-led projects in their communities. The project relaunched their micro-granting opportunities with the Makakikedaa Grant (meaning “let’s build a basket” in Anishinaabemowin). **Through this grant, 22 Indigenous youth-led initiatives received a combined \$116,199 to support their work.**

Saw [summerlunch+](#) celebrate its tenth year supporting children’s health, nutrition, and learning during the summer months. Over the decade, the project has **served 287,000 nutritious meals and snacks to thousands of families across Ontario.**



Supported [EntrepreNorth](#) and [Nawalakw](#): **two initiatives that transitioned from being hosted by MakeWay’s Shared Platform to becoming autonomous charitable organizations.** MakeWay celebrates both organizations as they grow and deepen their transformative, Indigenous-led work. We are grateful for our many years of partnership and will continue to collaborate in new ways.

Watched [EcoAnalytics](#) launch the two-year [Clean Cities Research Project](#), a collaboration of public administrators, elected officials and NGOs. The project uses mixed research and detailed communication guidance to **support cities in Ontario and BC that wish to advance climate-friendly policies in the face of challenges like high cost of living, geopolitical upheaval and mis- and disinformation.**



Celebrated Adam Scott, Director of [Shift](#), as he was named one of [Canada’s Clean50](#) for the project’s efforts to help pension members engage on climate issues. **Clean50 honoured the progress Shift made in pushing Canada’s largest pensions to address the climate crisis.**

By the North, for the North: NJTI on Reclaiming Narrative Sovereignty with Trainings Rooted in Community



In late 2019, a diverse group of Indigenous and Northern media professionals gathered around veteran Northern journalist Sara Minogue's kitchen table. The group, including notable figures such as [Paul Andrew](#), [Louie Goose](#), and [Marie Wilson](#), confronted two critical questions: where are the Northerners and Indigenous journalists in our newsrooms? And how do we bring them into the industry?

[The Northern Journalism Training Initiative \(NJTI\)](#) was born out of these conversations. The project provides journalism training opportunities to Indigenous and Northern people, and exists to amplify the voices from the North. In 2023, they completed their first successful training program in Inuvik, NT in partnership with [Journalists for Human Rights](#) and supported by the [Google News Initiative](#). They joined MakeWay's Shared Platform the following year.

We spoke with [Kaila Jefferd-Moore](#), NJTI's Program Director, on the challenges Northern journalists like herself faced in pursuing training. "There aren't many Northern and Indigenous reporters in reporting pools out there in the field. We have Indigenous language hosts at CBC North and CKLB here in Yellowknife. But for the most part, the representation was lacking," she explained.

"You can teach someone how to work a camera or hold a mic, but understanding the North's cultural, political, and geopolitical context takes decades."

This sentiment emphasizes the importance of training programs rooted in the North, where aspiring journalists can learn within their own communities, guided by mentors who share their lived experiences.

Felix Beaver practices his on-camera news reading skills in front of NJTI's Elder-in-residence, Louie Goose. This was part of NJTI's Community Journalism Training Program: a month-long, hands-on experience grounded in ethical journalism and active storytelling rooted in their Northern context

Photo Credit: The Northern Journalism Training Initiative (NJTI)

"For so long, stories have been told about us without us," Kaila explains. By equipping Northern journalists with the tools to tell their nuanced stories, NJTI is fostering a media landscape where Indigenous and northern perspectives and voices are centered in meaningful and transformative ways.

"I'm just so proud of folks who finished the pilot program and who go on to use these skills," Kaila reflected, "That's confidence they'll carry with them. The skills to take these complex,

convoluted policy papers, for example, and turn them into 500 words that's accessible to their friends on Facebook. That is true power, that's media literacy. That's narrative sovereignty."

Where We Work

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 are shaped by the visions of local community initiatives leading transformative change. Our teams work together with partners, providing key supports including grants, tools, and strategic partnerships to tackle critical challenges.



In January 2025, NMFCCC supported a series of mentored youth winter fishing events in Barren Lands First Nation. Led in partnership with the Brighter Futures Initiative and prevention staff, youth and experienced adults spent time setting nets, pulling nets, cleaning fish, and sharing the catch with the community. Learning to be safe and confident on the ice is an important life skill for northern youth. This event welcomed 25 youth, ages 9-17, who participated and strengthened their winter fishing skills.

Photo Credit: [Northern Manitoba Food, Culture, and Community Collaborative \(NMFCCC\)](#)

This Year We...



Supported the Northern Manitoba Food Culture and Community Collaborative (NMFCCC) to grant more than \$1.5 million to over 70 community led projects in northern Manitoba for culture and food sovereignty work.

Partnered with PlanIt North to develop a tool to help communities across the North understand and compare available legal options for establishing Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs).



Deployed over \$9 million through our BC Program to organizations and Nations across 15 regions.

Hosted the Sīhtoskātowin Program gathering at [Turnor Lake Birch Narrows](#) “Home Away from Home Camp” in Northern Saskatchewan. Community members came together to reflect on how their initiatives were growing to fruition, build relationships and connection with one another, and share resources community-to-community.



STORY

NMFCCC's Unique, Collaborative Approach to Philanthropy

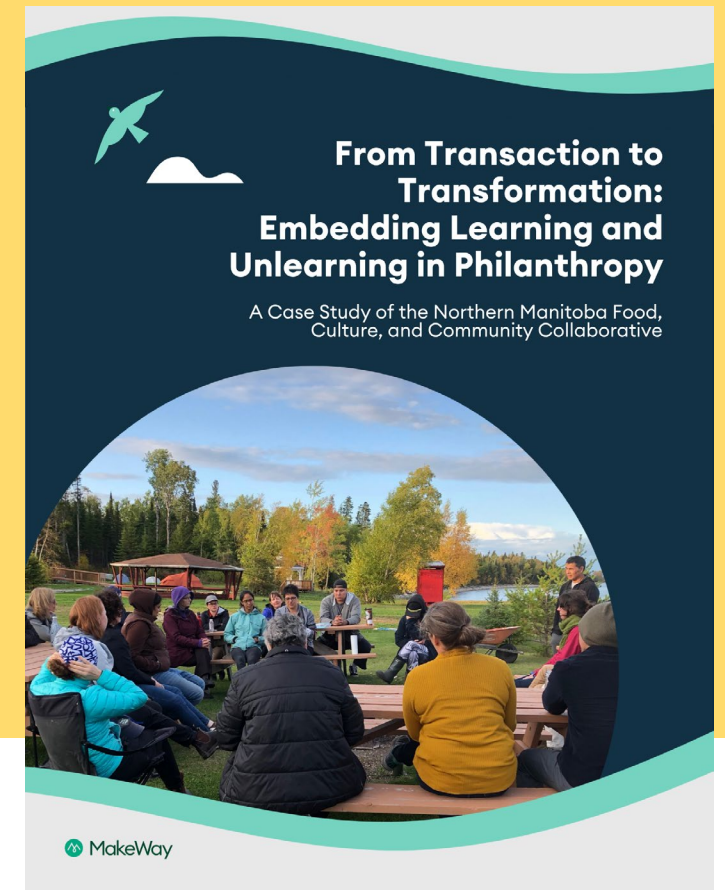
At MakeWay, we are proud to host [several funding collaboratives](#) that support positive change across Canada.

Funding collaboratives are an innovative way for funders to pool resources, share knowledge, and reduce burdens on community partners - creating deeper and more coordinated impact. By applying to a collaborative rather than multiple individual funders, grant seekers often face simpler processes and benefit from staff who understand regional contexts and can help facilitate partnerships.

In some cases, these collaboratives go further by integrating community leadership and guidance. This helps shift traditional power dynamics, ensuring that those closest to the issues have a meaningful voice in how resources are distributed.

About a year ago, we set out to explore how these community-advised funding collaboratives influence the funders that participate and whether they apply lessons from their experiences elsewhere.

As we spoke with those involved in the [Northern Manitoba Food, Culture, and Community Collaborative](#) (NMFCCC), which MakeWay hosts and participates within, we realized that its unique approach deserved a deeper look.



One of the things that sets NMFCCC apart is its deliberate focus on helping funders learn and unlearn so they can better understand community priorities, opportunities, and the lasting impacts of colonialism. By embedding this learning into the grantmaking process, NMFCCC strengthens relationships and understanding without slowing the flow of resources or placing the responsibility of education on communities.

One of the key insights from this study is that funders don't need to have all the answers before engaging with Indigenous communities. Learning can happen alongside the work, and NMFCCC shows it's possible. By weaving learning and action together, NMFCCC is not only impacting the communities they serve—it's reshaping funders, their institutions, and the broader philanthropic landscape.

Fostering a Stronger Advised Fund Community at MakeWay

This year marked significant steps forward in modernizing and strengthening [our Community and Donor Advised Funds program](#). We focused our efforts on creating a sense of community for Advised Fund holders, making philanthropy more approachable, joyful, and connected to the people leading change.

THIS YEAR WE...

Introduced

a new framework called [“A Year in Philanthropy”](#) to engage Fund Advisors seasonally and support them in giving with greater purpose while encouraging reflection, learning, and responsiveness to community needs.

Enhanced

our Community Advised Fund (CAF) offering to provide community partners with more hands-on support as they establish funds and governance structures that reflect their values and priorities.

Launched

the new Advised Funds Portal, a modern and user-friendly hub that gives Fund Advisors real-time access to their fund information, enabling them to manage their philanthropy more effectively.

ADVISED FUNDS: YEAR IN NUMBERS



Collectively, these numbers tell a story of steady stability, increased engagement, and continued generosity among MakeWay’s Fund Advisors who are aligning their giving with community-led impact.

Love in Action — Susan Wright’s Journey of Deepening Her Philanthropy

Susan Wright is many things to many people – an author, teacher, Integral Coach, and a matriarch to many. She is also a Fund Advisor who conducts her philanthropic giving through a [Donor Advised Fund at MakeWay](#).

Susan’s story holds many threads: a childhood in northern Ontario alongside Cree neighbours, the experience of building schools in Central America, late-in-life theology studies, the creation of a new gathering place she calls Circles in the Square, and her deep commitment to reconciliation activated through the [Right Relations Collaborative](#).

When asked what she would say to those just beginning their philanthropic journey, Susan is clear: “Don’t wait. I wish I had started sooner. Giving is not only about money, it’s about time, attention, and wisdom. Find your wisdom and share it.”

As she approaches her eightieth birthday, she shows no sign of slowing down. [Circles in the Square](#) is bustling, theology studies are nearly complete, and she continues to deepen her role in reconciliation and justice work.



Fund Advisor, Susan Wright, pictured at Circles in the Square: a community hub she created in Vancouver. The space is meant to host conversation, reflection, and collective action, and is open to any member of the community

Photo Credit: Circles in the Square

Supporting Strong Partnerships and an Equitable Charitable Sector

Throughout the year, MakeWay worked closely with partners across the charitable and philanthropic sector, engaging in federal policy work, research, and knowledge-sharing to support a more equitable and transparent sector. We also looked inward, reflecting on our own practices and inviting feedback, to ensure we continue showing up as thoughtful and respectful partners.

HIGHLIGHTS

Increasing Foundation Investment Transparency

Most foundations hold the bulk of their funds in investments, but these are rarely disclosed publicly. This year, [MakeWay continued to push for greater investment transparency](#) across the sector, while taking concrete steps to make our own investment practices and holdings more visible.

Evaluating Our Support for Indigenous Partners

In 2025, we wrapped up a multi-year research project exploring MakeWay’s support for Indigenous-led initiatives advancing healthy lands and waters, food sovereignty, and cultural and language resurgence. The research sparked deep reflection on our role and approach—where we add value, where we’ve stumbled, and how we can keep building strong partnerships for years to come.

Celebrating Funding Collaboratives

This year, we collaborated with the Northern Manitoba Food, Culture, and Community Collaborative to [document the value of collaborative funding models](#). The work highlighted how these models benefit communities by creating accessible, aligned philanthropic support and fostering learning among funders.

Community and Donor Advised Funds

For over 20 years, MakeWay has been home to hundreds of advised funds. Our unique approach to philanthropy enables nimble, transformative giving, amplifying community-led solutions through flexible tools. We seek partners who are excited to learn from communities, who have the courage to share power, and who are active in their approach to social, environmental, and economic justice.

444S Fund for the Environment
7th Generation Fund
Agro Roasters Fund
Aguacene Fund
Alexander Graham Bell Innovation Fund
Andrew Heintzman Giving Fund
Animal Spirit Fund
Artemis and Petunia Fund
Auerbach Family Fund
Aurora Fund
Ayalik Fund
Bealight Fund
Biodiversity-Based Solutions Fund
Black Philanthropy Fund
Broid Marcus Family Fund
Burton Family Fund
CarbonFlip Fund
CATE Fund
Central Coast Conservation Fund
Chaloult Wallace Fund
Change Ripples Fund
Chauvel Fund
Children and Nature Fund
Chosen Waters Fund
Christoper Robin Fund
CNIS Surgical and Obstetrical Skills Education Fund
CPAWS Nova Scotia Conservation Fund
Dark Horse Fund
David J. Sokol Endowment Fund
Dene Ts'Jl] - 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
Environmental Justice Micro Fund
Equinox Fund
Équiterre Fund
ESP Fund
Flourishing Leadership Fund
Funding Awesome Fund
FuturePLAY Fund
GHD Foundation STEAM Horizons Fund
Gitanyow Wilp Sustainability Fund
Glenn Powers and Melanie Wong Foundation Fund
Harbinger Fund
Harmony Fund
Harry and Bernice Kosanksy Family Foundation Fund
Hollyhock Scholarship Fund
House of Numst' Fund
Hummingbird Fund
Illahie Fund
Impact United Academy Fund
Indigenous Youth Leadership in Arctic Research Fund
IPCA Development Fund
Jantzi Research Fund
Joel and Dana Solomon Fund
John Kenneth Galbraith Prize Endowment Fund
Jokabeca Fund
Jon Gates Foundation Fund
Joy Family Giving Fund
Juno Foundation Fund
Justice Impact Fund

KEATCA (Knowledge, Education and Training Canada) Fund
Ketaorati Fund
Kremen and Fineman Giving Fund
Kremen and Fineman Invested Giving Fund
Kwiakah Fund
Language Documentation and Revitalization Fund
Lights On Fund
Lindalee Tracey Award Fund
Lone Wolf Fund
Lunapads Global Opportunity Fund
MacGavin Fund
Mary Fund
Mashkawi-manidoo bimaadiziwin - Spirit to Soar Fund
Mother Tree Fund
Myer Fund
New Literacies Fund
Nonprofit Centers Fund
One Pull Fund
Phil in the Blanks Fund
Power of Giving Fund
Prescription for Change Canada Fund
Renewal Funds Charitable Giving Fund
Reverance for Life Legacy Fund
Richardson Family Fund
Rideau Institute Research Fund
Rights of Canadian Nature Fund
Roar Fund
Robert Huber Memorial Fund
Robin Wheeler Legacy Fund

Roses Fund
Sailech Fund
Sephora Canada Impact Fund
SHLF Endowment Fund
Skeena Watershed Fund
Social Innovation Conference Series Fund
Social Venture Institute Fund
Sokol-Rubenstein Family Endowment Fund
Stephen Hui Trail Fund
Strachan Hartley Legacy Foundation Fund
Tegan and Sara Foundation Fund
Terrevive Fund
the deer crossing the art farm fund
Tlatsini Conservation Endowment Fund
Transformation Fund
Trevor Bass Fund
Tribal Parks Gateway Centre 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
Wildlands Fund
Wonderful Life Fund

Grantmaking

MakeWay is an intermediary that builds relationships with both funders and communities. We create pathways for funding and tailored supports that enable impactful and thoughtful grantmaking efforts, from advisory services to grant program management. We manage funds for partners and mobilize grants that advance community-led change.

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 Womxn's Leadership Collective Northern Ontario Fund	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 Northern Sustainable Livelihoods Fund Indigenous Cultural Revitalization Fund Northern Women and Girls Fund Yukon Collaborative Fund	BRITISH COLUMBIA BC Marine Focus Fund BC Freshwater Collaborative Pacific Food, Community and Culture Fund Indigenous Watersheds Initiative BC Program Fund Watersheds BC BC Marine Conservation Fund	MANITOBA & SASKATCHEWAN Northern Manitoba Food, Culture & Community Collaborative Sīhtoskātowin Program Manitoba Indigenous Agriculture Fund
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Funding Partners

Lists include all donors of \$1000 or more.

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 2025. These contributions are vital to helping nature and communities thrive together.

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.

2089373 Ontario Inc.	Farm Credit Canada	lululemon Centre for Social Impact	RPK Ltd
2524996 Ontario Limited	Feschuk.Reid		RUX
Barlean’s Organic Oils LLC	Gore Mutual Insurance	Lush Handmade Cosmetics Ltd.	Salty Sea Dog Designs
Coors Seltzer	hcma Architecture + Design	Mikey Consulting Inc	Sephora Beauty Canada, Inc
De Beers Group of Companies	Interac Corp.	Nature’s Path Foods	The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited
DMCL LLP	karibu adventures	Paliare Roland Barristers	Wild Timber Industries Ltd.
Dragonfly Ventures Holdings Ltd.	Leckie Studio Architecture + Design	Proof Strategies	Government
Expansion PME		Red Door Events Inc.	
Farewell Harbour Lodge	Left Turn Right Turn Ltd.	Red River Mutual	

Individuals & Families

Individuals & Families In fiscal year 2025, we received **over 1000 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.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Government of the Northwest Territories - Department of Executive and Indigenous Affairs	Northern Affairs Canada
BC Hydro	Government of Manitoba - Environment and Climate Change		Indigenous Services Canada
Bowen Island Municipality	Government of Manitoba - Ministry of Municipal & Northern Relations	Government of the Northwest Territories - Department of Health and Social Services	Metro Vancouver
British Columbia Arts Council			Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
Canada Council for the Arts	Government of Nova Scotia - Department of Environment and Climate Change	Government of the Northwest Territories - Department of Municipal and Community Affairs	Ontario Trillium Foundation
Canadian Heritage			Parks Canada Agency
Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency	Government of Ontario - Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development	Government of the Northwest Territories - Environment and Climate Change	Polar Knowledge Canada
City of Toronto			Tlicho Government
City of Vancouver	Government of Quebec - Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	Government of Yukon	Women and Gender Equality
City of Yellowknife		Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	
District of Squamish	Government of the Northwest Territories - Department of Education, Culture, and Employment	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	
Environment and Climate Change Canada		Indigenous Relations and	
First Nations Health Authority			

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 Foundation	Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund-Schoenewald Family Fund	Ottawa Community Foundation	The Grocery Foundation
Arrell Family Foundation	GEKKO Foundation	Pacific Salmon Foundation	The Harbinger Foundation
Balfour Bowen Family Foundation	GHD Foundation (Canada)	Paul Liebman Family Foundation	The Illahie Foundation
Balsam Foundation	Global Justice Ecology Project	Philip Fox Fund	The Kinsmen Club of Winnipeg
BC Parks Foundation	Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	RBC Foundation	The KPMG Foundation
BenefAction Foundation	Gore Mutual Insurance Company Foundation	Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia	The Lang Family Foundation
BHP Foundation	Healthy Horizons Foundation Inc	Regenerators	The Marjorie and Joseph Wright Memorial Foundation
Bonneville Environmental Foundation	Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation	Robert Kerr Foundation	The McLean Foundation
Brigantine Incorporated	Howard C. Green Memorial Fund, held at Vancouver Foundation	Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors	The Peter Gilgan Foundation
Brodhead Fund - Ottawa Community Foundation	Ihnatowycz Family Foundation	Ronald S. Roadburg Foundation	The Schad Foundation
CAF Canada	Inspirit Foundation	RSF Social Finance	The Sitka Foundation
Canada Gives - ONNI Gives	Jackman Foundation	S. M. Blair Family Foundation	The Sprott Foundation
Canadian Race Relations Foundation	Journalists for Human Rights	Sarnia Community Foundation	The Trottier Family Foundation
Canadian Women’s Foundation	Kalliopeia Foundation	Senft Family Foundation	The United Church of Canada Foundation - Clarke and Carol Wilkie Fund
Carolyn Garlich and Peter Miller Gift Fund	Ken Lyotier Fund held at and administered by Vancity Community Foundation	SGNC Foundation	The University of British Columbia
Catherine and Maxwell Meighen Foundation	Lakehead District School Board	Sisters of our Lady of the Missions	Tippet Foundation
Chan Family Foundation	Liz Claiborne Art Ortenberg Foundation	Small Change Fund	Trust for Mutual Understanding
Charitable Impact Foundation (Canada)	Maple Leaf Centre for Food Security	Somerset Foundation	TSADIK Canada
Charities Aid Foundation America	Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies	SPARC Social Planning and Research Council - BC Society	United Way of Greater Toronto
CHIMP: Charitable Impact Foundation	Marin Community Foundation	Spatz Foundation	United Way of Northwest Territories
CJ Foundation	Mark Torrance Foundation	Spergel Goldblatt Foundation at the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto	United Way of Winnipeg
Clean via Environment and Climate Change Canada	Mastercard Foundation	Squamish Community Foundation	University of Victoria - Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions
Climate Impact Fund	Mazon Canada	Steelworkers Humanity Fund Inc	Urban Systems Foundation
Climate Justice and Community Resilience Fund c/o Vancity Community Foundation	McConnell Foundation	Swift Foundation	UVic Community-Engaged Learning
Coast Funds	Meliore FUP	Taylor Irwin Family Fund at Toronto Foundation	Vancity Community Foundation
Cogeco Fund	Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation	TD Friends of the Environment Foundation	Vancouver Foundation
Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen	National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation	The Antle/Mears Charitable Foundation	Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program-The Lindsay F. and Patti Paxton Eberts Fund
Community Foundations of Canada	National Christian Foundation - The Herschend Enterprises Fund	The Bradstreet Family Foundation	Wellspring Philanthropic Fund
Co-Operators Community Funds	National Trust for Canada	The Catherine Donnelly Foundation	WES Mariam Assefa Fund
Cotton Family Charitable Foundation	Nature Canada	The Chawkers Foundation	West Vancouver Foundation
de Gaspé Beaubien Foundation	Nature United	The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia Society	Wilburforce Foundation
Definity Insurance Foundation	Nelson Arthur Hyland Foundation	The Dragonfly Fund	Wordham Family Fund at the Mississauga Foundation
Dehcho First Nations Association dba Dehcho First Nations	Nishnawbe Aski Nation	The Edith and Bernard Ennis Foundation	Yellowknife Community Foundation
Donner Canadian Foundation	North Family Foundation	The Energy Transition Fund, a sponsored project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors	Yukon University
Dr. Ann Worth Charitable Foundation	Northwest Territories Recreation and Parks Association	The Freedom Fund	Zero Emissions Innovation Centre
Echo Foundation	Nuclear Waste Management Organization	The George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation	Zoom Cares Fund, a fund of Tides Foundation
EMBERS	NYAD Community Inc	The Gordon Foundation	
	One Earth		

Community 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 relationships, and working in active collaboration with communities to direct investments that maximize positive, sustainable, community-led change.

MakeWay Program Community Partners

Anishinaabe Cultural and Language Support Centre	Commission scolaire francophone de division	Gitxaala Nation	Kitasoo First Nation	Mathias Colomb Cree Nation	PHA Public Health Association of British Columbia with Ts'msyen Culture Society	South Slave Divisional Education Council (SSDEC)	Upper Nicola Band
Association Advocating for Women and Community	Community Food Centres Canada	Gwich'in Tribal Council	Kitikmeot Heritage Society	Meadow Lake Outreach Ministries Inc.	Pine Creek First Nation	SSDEC dba Lutsel K'e Dene School	Upper Skeena Development Centre Society with Senden Agricultural Centre
Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation	Contigo International Inc	Haida Gwaii Museum Society with swiilawiid sustainability society	Kitselas First Nation	Meadow Portage Community Council	Pinaymootang First Nation	St. Theresa Point First Nation	Waterhen Community Council
Avataq Cultural Institute	Cowichan Social Planning Society with Quw'utsun' Cultural Connections Society	Hamlet of Baker Lake	Kitsumkalum Band Council	Misipawistik Cree Nation	Poplar River First Nation	Takla Lake First Nation	Waterhen Lake First Nation
Awí'nakola Foundation	Cowichan Tribes First Nation	Hamlet of Ulukhaktok	Kivalliq Inuit Association	Moccasin Footprint Society	Porter Creek Secondary School	Taku River Tlingit First Nation	Watershed Watch Salmon Society
Barren Lands First Nation	Crane River Community Council	Homalco First Nation	Kwanlin Dun First Nation	Municipality of Fort Good Hope - Charter Community of K'asho Got'ine	Qajjuqturvik Community Food Centre	The Arctic Eider Society	WCS Wildlife Conservation Society Canada
Barrows Community Council	Dauphin River Community Council	Home Base Yellowknife	Kwantlen Polytechnic University Foundation	Municipality of Igloolik	Qaujigiartiit Health Research Centre (AHRN-NU)	The Governing Council of the Salvation Army in Canada dba Salvation Army NWT	West Point First Nation
Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation	Dechinta Initiatives dba Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning	Homebrook - Peonan Point Community Council	Kwiahah First Nation	Muskowekwan First Nation	Qikiqtani Inuit Association	The Iqaluit Music Society	Wildsight with Youth Climate Corps.
Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board	Dechinta Initiatives dba Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning	Ilisaqsivik Society	Lac La Ronge	Nature United	Qqs (Eyes) Projects Society	The Kelsey School Division No. 45	Witset First Nation
Boys and Girls Club of Yukon	Deh Gáh Got'îê First Nation	Ilitaqsiniq	Laichwiltach Family Life Society with 7 Generations Stewards Society	Nature-Based Solutions Foundation with Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations	Quatsino First Nation	The Narwhal News Society	Wolf Willow Institute for Systems Learning
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation	Dehcho Divisional Educational Council	Inclusion Northwest Territories	Lax Kw'alaams Band	Nikanihk Ohci Foundation, Inc	RSBC Rivershed Society of British Columbia	The Okanagan Indian Educational Resources Society dba En'owkin Centre	Wrinch Memorial Foundation with Storytellers' Foundation
Campbell River Indian Band dba Wei Wai Kum First Nation	Dehcho First Nations Association dba Dehcho First Nations	Incorporated Community of Seymourville	Les Partenaires communautaires Jeffery Hale / Jeffery Hale Community Partners	Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation	Sahtu Divisional Education Council	The Polis Foundation	Wuikinuxv Nation
Cape Mudge dba We Wai Kai First Nation	Déljñę Got'jñę Government	Institute for Multi-disciplinary Ecological Research in the Salish Sea	Let's Grow - Learning and Living Hub	Northern Association of Community Councils Inc	Salmon Coast Society	The Society of High Prairie Regional Environmental Action Committee	Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation
Centre régional de rétablissement Isuarsivik dba Isuarsivik Regional Recovery Centre	Deninu K'ue First Nation	Institute for New Economics Public Interest Research Association Inc. (with Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition, Wilp Gwininitxw, and Wilp 'Wii K'aax)	Lhtako Dene Nation	Northern Mosaic Network	Salt Spring Institute for Sustainability Education & Action dba I-SEA	Thompson Seniors Community Resource Council Inc	Yellowknife ED1 - Ecole William McDonald Middle School
Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic dba Hamlet of Tsiigehtchic	Eagle Valley Community Support Society with Rise Up Indigenous Wellness Society	Inuit Heritage Trust	Liard First Nation	Northern Village of Buffalo Narrows	Sambaa K'e First Nation	Tli Cho Community Services Agency	Yellowknife Public Denominational District Education Authority dba Yellowknife Catholic Schools
Children First Society	Earthroots Fund	John Howard Society of Saskatchewan	Lil'wat Nation dba Mount Currie	Northwest Institute for Bioregional Research Society	Saskatchewan Health Authority	Tli Cho Government	Yellowknife Women's Society
Churchill Joint Group Committee	Ecology North	K'omoks First Nation	Living Lakes Canada Society with Blueberry River First Nation	Norway House Cree Nation	Saulteau First Nations	Town of Leaf Rapids	York Factory First Nation
Churchill Research Centre Inc	Finance Engage Sustain	Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation	Lyackson First Nation	Nunatsiavut Government	Save the Cedar League with Conservation North	Trellis Work	Yukon University
Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Society with Nuu-chah-nulth Youth Warrior Family Society	Flying Dust First Nation	Kamloops Food Policy Council with the Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty	Ma Mawi-Wi-Chi-Itata Centre Inc	Nuxalk Nation	School District of Mystery Lake 2355	Ts'il Kaz Koh	YWCA Agvvik Nunavut dba YWCA Agvik Nunavut
Clayoquot Indigenous Conservation Innovation Centre	Fort Good Hope - Charter Community of K'asho Got'ine	Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington Health Unit Charitable Organization	Malahat First Nation	Office of the Wet'suwet'en	Sierra Club of British Columbia Foundation with the Indigenous Law Research Unit	Tsay Keh Dene Nation	YWCA NWT
Coast Conservation Endowment Fund Foundation	Foster Family Coalition of the Northwest Territories	Kinosao Sipi Minisowin Agency	Mallard Community Council	Opaskwayak Cree Nation	SkeenaWild Conservation Trust	Tsilhqut'in National Government	
	Fox Lake Cree Nation		Manitoba Food Charter Inc	Onion Lake Cree Nation	Skeetchestn Indian Band	Ucwalmicw Centre Society	
	Gitanyow Huwilp Society		Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.	Park People	Skidegate dba Skidegate Band	United Way Niagara	
	Gitga'at First Nation		Matheson Island Community Council	Pasqua First Nation #79	Songhees First Nation	University College of the North	
				Peguis First Nation			
				People's Food Institute			

Advised Funds Grantees

Directed by Advised Fund holders and MakeWay conducts due diligence to ensure charitable compliance and mission alignment.

(A.C.C.E.S) Accessible Community Counselling and Employment Services	Health Foundation	East Side Family Place Society	Jewish Family Services Agency of Vancouver
Actua	Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources, Inc.	Ecojustice Canada Society	Jewish Family Services of Ottawa
Adaptive Sports Foundation	Centre for Sexuality Society	Ecology Action Centre	Jump Math
Adsum Association for Women & Children	Cetus Research & Conservation Society	Ecotrust Canada	Kina Social Ventures Society
Agrarians Foundation	Chapleau General Hospital Foundation	Environmental Defence Canada Inc	Kwiahah First Nation
Altitude Project Community Support Foundation	Charities Aid Foundation Canada	Équiterre	Lay-Up Youth Basketball
Amnesty International Canadian Section	Children’s Aid Foundation of Nova Scotia	Farm Radio International	Les Amis de la Montagne (Mount-Royal) Inc
Anduhyau Inc	Christ Alive Community Church	FarmFolk/CityFolk Society	Let’s Talk Science
Animations Scientifiques Prof. Dino	Church of the Messiah	Farms at Work	LI - The Leadership Institute dba Hollyhock
ArtHeart Community Art Centre	CJPME Foundation	Fédération du Québec pour le planning des naissances	Liard First Nation
ArtsCan Circle Linking Creative Artists With At Risk Youth	Coastal Rivers Conservancy	First Peoples Justice Center of Montreal	Literary Review of Canada
Awí’nakola Foundation	Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	First Peoples’ Cultural Foundation	Living Lakes Canada Society
BC Cancer Foundation	Community Food Centres Canada	Foodshare Toronto	Majengo Canada
BC Spaces for Nature Society	Community Forests International	Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society	Master and Fellows of Massey College
Canadian Cancer Society	Conservation Manitou	Friends of Cortes Island Society	Mazon Canada
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives	Cornerstone Housing for Women	Girls E-Mentorship Innovation	McMaster University
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives B.C. Office	Cortes Island Community Foundation	Gitanyow Huwlp Society	McMichael Canadian Art Foundation
Canadian Council for Refugees	Cortes Island Museum & Archives Society	Greenpeace Canada Education Fund	Mile End Community Mission
Canadian Friends of the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind	Cottingham Junior Public School	Habitat For Humanity Halton-Mississauga-Dufferin	Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust
Canadian Lawyers for International Human Rights	Cowichan Social Planning Society	Haida Gwaii Museum Society	Momentum Community Economic Development Society
Canadian Mental Health Association, Vancouver-Fraser Branch	Daily Bread Food Bank	Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter Native Women Inc.	Mother Tree Network Society
Canadian Opera Company	Dan’s Legacy Foundation	Hot Docs	Mount Pinnacle Land Trust
Canadian Organic Growers Inc.	Dechinta Initiatives dba Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning	Human Rights Watch Canada	Multifaith Housing Initiative
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society	Deer Crossing - The Art Farm Society	IGB-CSA Canada	Music Heals Charitable Foundation
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Northern Alberta	Definitely Superior Art Gallery of Thunder Bay	Inclusion Canada	Muskoka Community Foundation
Canadian Rights Action Foundation	Dehcho First Nations Association dba Dehcho First Nations	Indspire	My Friend’s House, Collingwood Crisis Centre
Canadian Society Promoting Environmental Conservation	Doctors Without Borders Canada	Institute for Change Leaders	Myriad Canada Foundation
Carleton University	Don’t Mess with the Don	Institute for New Economics Public Interest Research Association Inc.	NAN Charitable Trust
Carnegie Community Centre Association	Doug Philpott’s Inner-City Children’s Tennis Fund	Instruments of Change Society	National Abortion Federation Canada
CEE Centre for Young Black Professionals	Douglas-Coldwell Foundation	International Association for Transformation	National Arts Centre Foundation
Centre for Addiction and Mental	Dufferin Arts Council	International Conservation Fund of Canada Inc	National Gallery of Canada Foundation
	Dufferin Community Foundation	Interval House of Ottawa	National Wildlife Centre
		Inuit Art Foundation	Native Women’s Shelter of Montreal
		Inuvialuit Regional Corporation	Nature Canada
		Islamic Relief - IR Canada	Neighbours United For Nature Society
		Jack.org	

Northern Youth Abroad	Sawa World Association	Greater Vancouver	Variety - The Children’s Charity of BC
Northwest Institute for Bioregional Research Society	SeedChange	The Great Canadian Theatre Corporation	VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation
Nuxalk Nation	Seva Canada Society	The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra (2000) Inc	Victoria Foundation
Oakwood Vaughan Community Organization	Shambhala School Society	The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation dba The SickKids Foundation	Volcano Non-Profit Productions Inc
OASIS Initiative Canada	Shepherds of Good Hope	The Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia	Watershed Watch Salmon Society
Oceans Research and Conservation Association - ORCA	Sierra Club of British Columbia Foundation	The Jur-Ed Foundation	Welcoming Arms
Old Brewery Mission	Sierra Club of Canada Foundation	The Kensington Health Foundation	West Coast Environmental Law Research Foundation
Or Haneshamah - Ottawa’s Reconstructionist Community	Simon Fraser University	The Kidney Foundation of Canada	Western Canada Wilderness Committee
Ottawa Salus Corporation	Sinai Health Foundation	The Kidsafe Project Society	White Ribbon
Pacific Wild Alliance	SkeenaWild Conservation Trust	The Narwhal News Society	White River First Nation
PAL Canada Foundation	SKETCH Working Arts	The Nature Conservancy of Canada	Wigwamen Incorporated
Parkdale Community Food Bank	Skipping Stone Scholarship Foundation	The Nature Trust of British Columbia	Wildlands League
Pedal Foundation	Small Change Fund	The Odawa Native Friendship Centre	Wildsight
Pender Islands Conservancy Association	Social Innovation Canada	The Okanagan Indian Educational Resources Society	WISH Drop-In Centre Society
Pepaken Hautw Food Systems Education Foundation	Society For Canadian Women In Science & Technology	The Ottawa Food Bank	Women’s College Hospital Foundation
Performing Arts Lodges, Toronto (PAL Toronto)	South Asian Women’s Centre	The Ottawa Mission Foundation	Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund Inc
Phoenix Youth Programs Charitable Foundation	Southminster-Steinhauer United Church	The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation	Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative Foundation
Pink Pearl Foundation	St George’s College Foundation	The Realistic Success Recovery Society	YMCAs of Quebec Foundation
Planned Parenthood Ottawa-Carleton dba Planned Parenthood Ottawa	St. Faith’s Anglican Church	The Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine St. John’s Convent	Young Women’s Christian Association
Qqs (Eyes) Projects Society	Stqeeye’ Learning Society	The Society of High Prairie Regional Environmental Action Committee	Youth Science Canada
Queen’s University at Kingston	Stratford Hall (School) Society	The Toronto Public Library Foundation	
Rainbow Railroad	Swim Drink Fish Canada	The University of British Columbia - Faculty of Forestry	
Raincoast Conservation Foundation	Sylva M Gelber Music Foundation	The Veritas Foundation	
RAVEN (Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs)	Taking IT Global Youth Association	The Writers’ Exchange Society	
Redd Fish Restoration Society	Taku River Tlingit First Nation	Toronto Accessible Sports Council	
Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning McGill University	Tamir Foundation Inc	Toronto Metropolitan University - Centre for Free Expression	
RSBC Rivershed Society of British Columbia	The Art Gallery of Hamilton	Tostan Canada	
Saint James Music Academy	The Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society	Ucwalmicw Centre Society	
Salal Foundation	The Birnie Hodgetts Children’s Fund	United Way of Greater Toronto	
Salmon Coast Society	The Black Business and Professional Association	University of Ottawa - Development Office	
Salt Spring Institute for Sustainability Education & Action dba I-SEA	The Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)	Vancity Community Foundation	
Saturna Island Marine Research and Education Society	The Canadian Civil Liberties Association	Vancouver Public Library Foundation	
Save the Cedar League	The Canadian Network for International Surgery	Vancouver School of Theology	
Save the Children Canada	The Carol Institute		
	The David Suzuki Foundation		
	The Dena Kayeh Institute		
	The Downtown Eastside Women’s Centre Association		
	The Elizabeth Fry Society of		

Board of Directors

We give deep thanks to our Board of Directors for their thoughtful and strategic guidance, and extend gratitude to these remarkable individuals who bring a wealth of experience and wisdom to MakeWay’s work. We look forward to continued collaboration in 2026.

In 2025, MakeWay committed to [“slowing down to move forward”](#), as we reimagine how we connect with new potential board members.

“It’s about slowing down, making space, and creating pathways that honour different ways of knowing, leading, and relating to power,” Alex Sardar, President and CEO, reflected. As we continue this journey, we’re inviting new voices into our governance in ways that are thoughtful and community-led.



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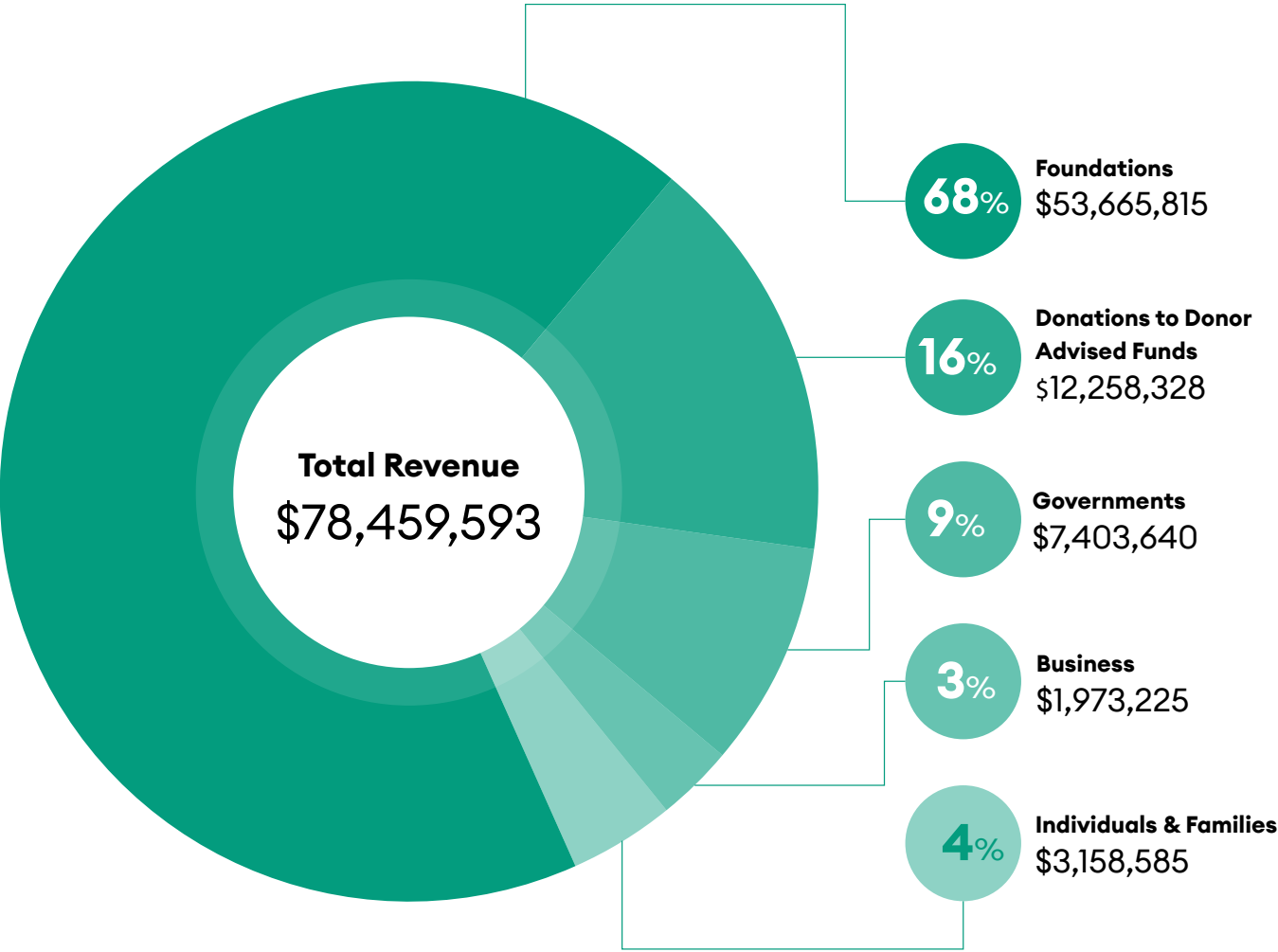
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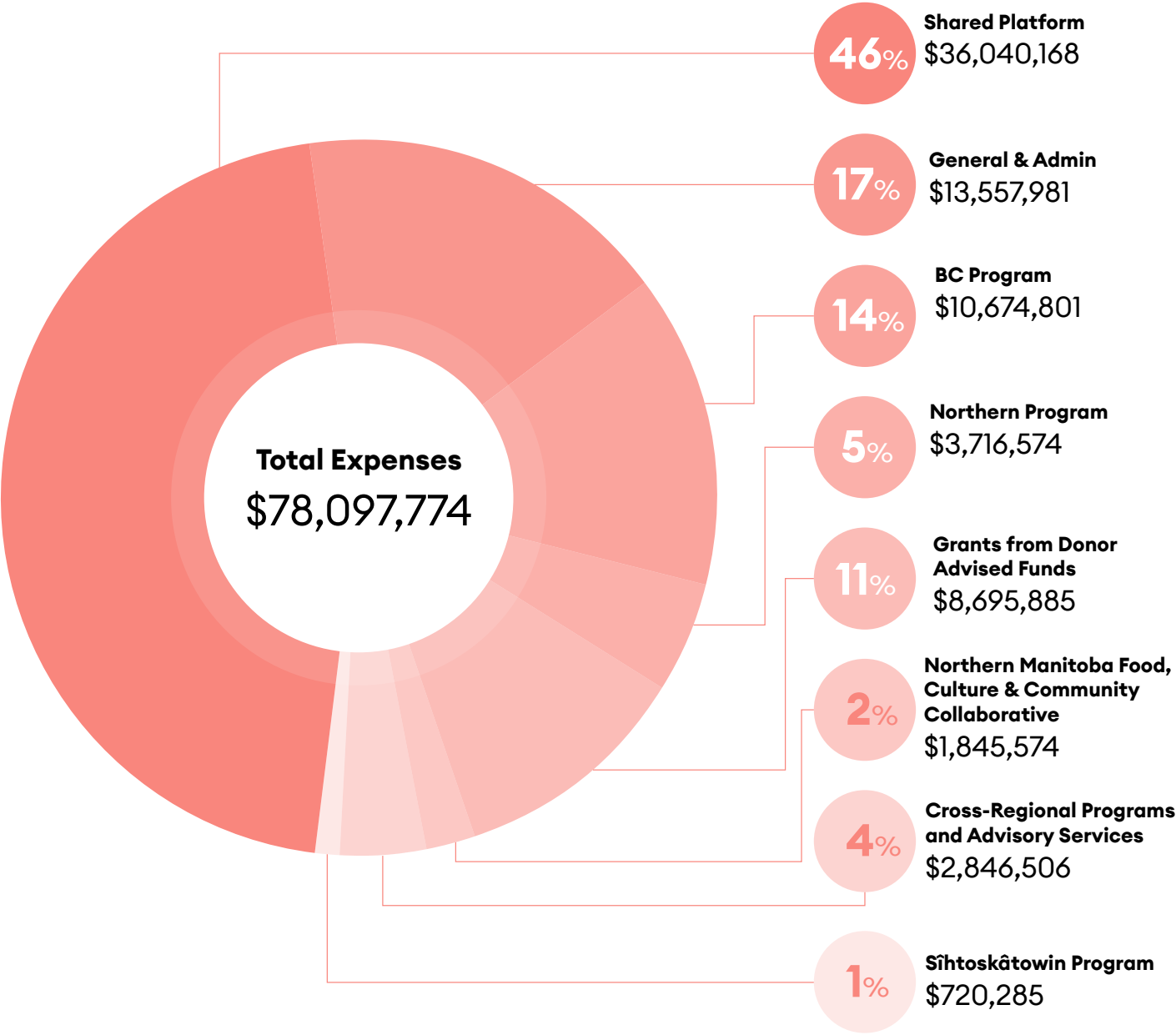
MakeWay is home to MakeWay Foundation and MakeWay Charitable Initiatives Society. The below info is for our fiscal year 2025 from April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025.

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.

REVENUE



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Cover Page Illustration - About the Artist

Samantha Mathews is a self-taught multimedia Omushkego artist based in Timmins, Ontario. As the CEO of Strategic Sketch, she is passionate about capturing ideas and facilitating discussions through visual representation, graphic recording and illustration. Samantha proudly resides on the traditional territory of the Omushkegowuk and Anishnaabeg peoples. Alongside her professional pursuits, she loves being a new mom to her two young children, Finnigan and Liam.



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.

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