



2020- 2021 Annual Report

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Fall portrait



Spring portrait

President's Report

2021 much like 2020 has been a year of change and developing new avenues and ways to approach groups, classes, and life itself.

As always it has been great to hear the kids in the hall, as the restrictions allowed. The teachers have done an exceptional job of keeping the kids engaged – through face to face and zoom.

In 2021 we continued with programs, started new ones and are moving towards more home visits for families. This is exciting news, and it brings back a bit more normality to the centres and families we assist.

Kids First, Family Outreach, Parents as Teachers (PAT) programs continued to reach out to families through this year. I can't say thank you enough for continuing to adapt in our new world.

Our Early Years Family Centre's were closed around the city due to restrictions in 2020. We bought a new building in 2020 and are almost finished renovating it in 2021. What the Staff and AI have managed, in the middle of the pandemic, is something to see. They have managed to create a warm and loving space for the community and are slowly starting to open the doors more and more to groups.

I look forward to what 2022 has to bring for the ELC and EYFC. The holiday season is just around the corner and with the new year we look at the potential for 2022. Thank you for attending the 2021 AGM and I am looking forward to positive things for our organization in 2022 and beyond.

Dianne Beauchamp, President



Treasurer's Report

As Treasurer of the Regina Early Learning Centre Inc., I submit to you, the membership, the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021. These statements were approved by the Board of Directors on Nov. 23, 2021. The complete audited statements will be posted on the Centre's website: www.earlylearning.ca. Of note in regards to the Audited Statements, is that this is a clean audit. The Auditors have not identified any issues of concern in terms of the Centre's financial management.

Some highlights from our financial statements are:

Cash account balance decrease from last year, which was due to the renovation of the Early Year's Family Centre located at 5th ave.

Revenue from fundraising decreased from last year, which was driven by Covid restrictions.

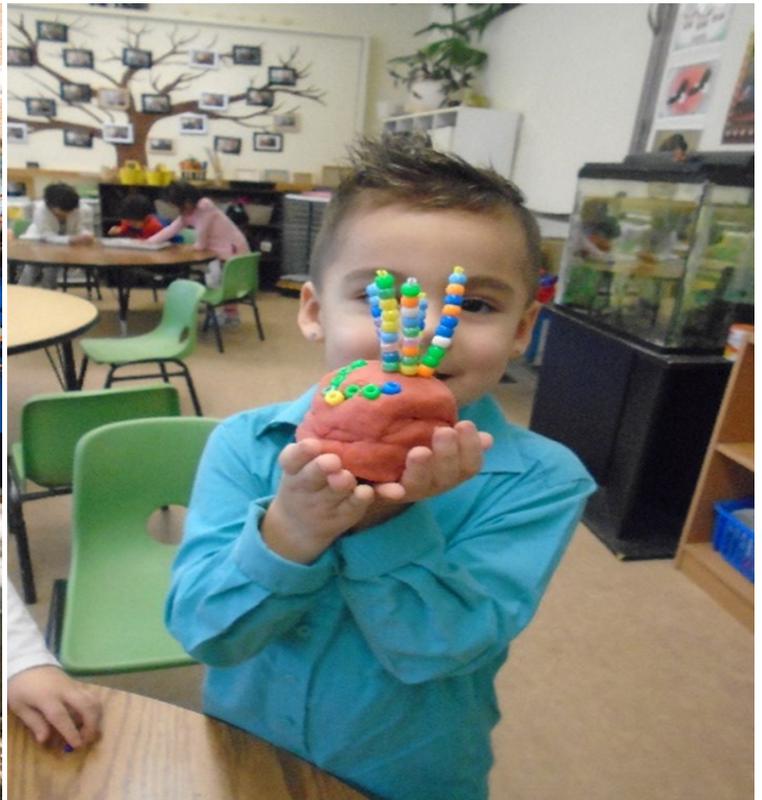
The finance committee, is working to develop new fundraising ideas, and new ways to obtain to donors, to meet our growing needs.

We obtain savings in our expenditures due less in person programs.

Overall we closed the fiscal year with a modest surplus.

I would like to thank all our stakeholders, staff, volunteers, funders and donors, for their part in making the Early Learning Centre's programs successful, in this ever changing environment. The programs offered by the centre have long lasting positive impacts on youth and their parents, and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Natasha Beriault, Treasurer



Executive Director's Report

This is my last Executive Director report to the membership of the Regina Early Learning Centre. It has been a great privilege on both a personal and professional level to be a part of this wonderful organization. There have been huge challenges but I am heading into retirement more convinced than ever about the importance of the work we do and of the overall quality and effectiveness of what the ELC offers.

I believe one of the ELC's greatest strengths has been remaining true to the organization's vision, mission and values. As an organization we are all about caring for our children, working in partnership with parents, working in ways that are affirming and respectful. We believe that all parents and families want what is best for their children and that working together we can provide programs to support children's development during the critical first years of life and to provide families with information and supports they need to help their children thrive.

2020-21 has been another challenging year due to the pandemic. As a result of the pandemic and the related public health directions and advice, modifications have been made in all program areas. Staff have been incredibly creative and have worked hard to provide quality programming. I would like to acknowledge how cooperative parents have been. While we all long for a return to "normal", I believe as an organization and as families we have done our best to make the best of a very challenging time. Over the past year 108 children participated in the Preschool program, 128 children and their families participated in the KidsFirst Program, 54 children and their families participated in the PAT Program, many of these families participated in programs offered by the Family Support staff. In the Triple P (Positive Parenting Program), 340 individuals participated in group programs and 119 individuals received one on one support. 96 individuals have participated in programming through the Regina Perinatal Health Network and many more have followed the information provided on social media. Finally hundreds of families have followed and participated in online programming offered through the EYFRC and over the summer a number of programs began to be offered outdoors and in our new location.

Monica Totton will become the new Executive Director effective Jan. 1. Monica has been part of the ELC for the past five years as the Regina Early Years Family Resource Centre Coordinator and most recently as the Assistant Director. I am confident that Monica brings a deep commitment and a wide range of skills to this position. I know in my heart that she is completely committed to the ELC and that she has a commitment to our core values but also an openness to embracing new opportunities for the ELC.

I am thankful for the staff, Board members, parents, donor and community members, that I have had the privilege of working with not just in the past years but over the past 15 years.

In closing I would like to share one of the major highlights of the year - the purchase and renovation of a new site for the Regina Early Years Family Resource Centre. The new space is located at 3079 5th Ave. – in many ways a return to our roots in North Central. Our new site has become a place of possibility, providing new opportunities to support families. I am pleased to share a short video highlighting the space

Mary Ann McGrath
Executive Director

