



Shine On



Saskatoon

2023-2024

Annual Report

YMCA of Saskatoon

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The YMCA of Saskatoon - An organization in transition with a bright future, built on our values and incredible members!

The 2023-2024 year was a year of change and transition for the Y. On behalf of the Staff and Board of Directors, I want to sincerely thank you for your patience during this time. Your ongoing patronage and generosity has been greatly appreciated.

We have a lot of work left to do, and as I continue to meet members (old and new), volunteers, parents, children and youth participants, I am continually heartened by the enthusiasm and deep love so many of you have for the Y. I look forward to working toward a future that sees this organization play an even larger role in the health, wellness and happiness of individuals and families in Saskatoon for many years to come.

*DeeAnn Mercier
CEO*

Our Mission

To ignite life-enhancing opportunities and to strengthen the foundations of our community by being an organization that nurtures health, wellness and a collective sense of community.

Our Vision:

To become the leading charitable provider of health and wellness programs, family-centered activities and childcare in our community.

The YMCA of Saskatoon operates on Treaty 6 Territory – the traditional homeland of the Nehiyaw and Nehithaw Cree, Dene, Nahkawe Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota and Nakoda peoples, as well as the homeland of the Métis.

2023/2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BOARD CHAIR'S MESSAGE

This past year has been one of significant transition and resilience for the YMCA of Saskatoon. The board announced the sale of our downtown building to the City of Saskatoon in January of 2024. This sale allows us to continue operating in the building for the foreseeable future and provides the opportunity to envision investment in future Y opportunities including being the operating partner of new civic leisure facilities.



As we welcomed a new CEO, DeeAnn Mercier, in February 2024, we also faced the realities of a challenging operational environment while staying true to our mission of building healthy communities.

Leadership transitions are never simple, and I want to acknowledge the dedication of our staff and volunteers during this period of change. Our new CEO has brought fresh perspectives, and together we have navigated necessary organizational reviews, difficult financial decisions, and the development of a clearer path forward to sustainability and impact.

We continued to experience the pressures that many non-profits are facing: rising costs, aging infrastructure, and changing community needs. Despite these challenges, the YMCA of Saskatoon has maintained its commitment to serving children, youth, families, and seniors through quality programs that fosters belonging and well-being.

This year, we have also made progress on strategic initiatives, including strengthening our governance practices, reviewing our facility operations, and exploring new partnerships to better serve the community. These steps have not been without their difficulties, but they reflect our board's commitment to ensuring the YMCA of Saskatoon remains a trusted and effective community organization for years to come.

On behalf of the board, I want to thank our staff for their hard work and flexibility, our members and program participants for their continued support, and our volunteers for the countless hours they dedicate to advancing our mission. I also want to thank my fellow board members for their thoughtful leadership and dedication during a year that demanded patience and courage.

As we move into the next year, we remain committed to strengthening our financial health, advancing our partnerships strategy, and supporting our CEO and staff team in delivering on our mission in a sustainable, impactful way.

Thank you for your continued support of the YMCA of Saskatoon.

Mike McKague
Board Chair
YMCA of Saskatoon

ChildCare

This year, the YMCA of Saskatoon continued to support families through high-quality, licensed childcare, providing 327 childcare spots across five locations in our Downtown, Sutherland, Fairhaven, Brighton and Martensville locations. Thanks to government funding, the cost to families at all our childcare locations is \$10 a day.

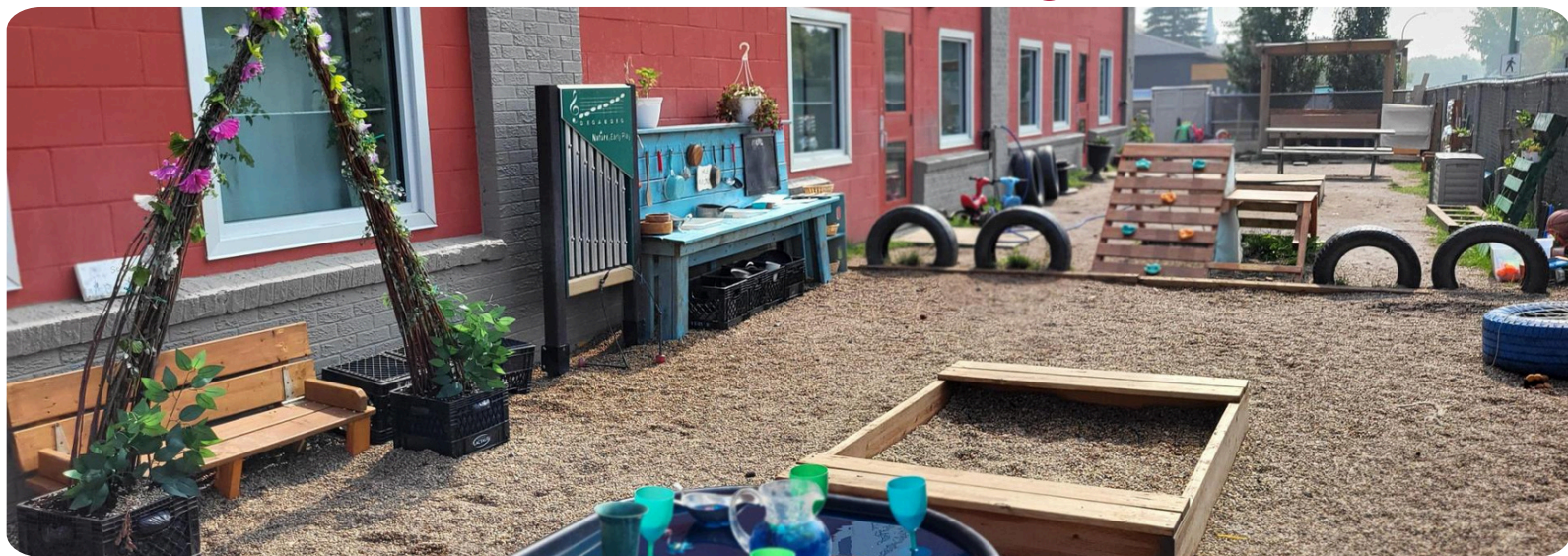


Our childcare programs focus on creating nurturing, inclusive environments where children can learn, grow, and thrive, while providing parents and caregivers with peace of mind as they work or attend school. Our dedicated childcare teams foster social, emotional, and physical development through play-based learning, healthy routines, and caring relationships. We continue to align with provincial early learning frameworks and utilize the YMCA Playing to Learn™ curriculum which prepares children ages 0-6 for school and life-long achievement by nurturing curiosity and development through play!

We would like to say a special thank you to Roxane Kaskiw, Director of Childcare who retired in December of 2023 and long-time childcare staff member Caley Eikelenboom for stepping into the role.

As the need for accessible, quality childcare grows in Saskatoon, we remain committed to addressing gaps in our community by working with families, funders, and partners to expand and strengthen our programs. We are grateful to our staff, families, and community supporters who make this work possible.

Fairhaven Building



On September 29, 2023 the YMCA took possession of the Fairhaven Building that houses our Childcare and West Side Early Years Family Resource Centre. We also have studio space there for community programming, a great investment by your YMCA!



Over the past year, the SEYFRC welcomed new families into our West Centre. They used our Centre as a hub to bond and play with their children while also socializing and sharing a glimpse of their lives with the other families around them.

Due to how beneficial and significant our Centre was to the community, the ministry announced a second location to be opened in Brighton. To be recognized for the role we play in helping support and shape the community was truly a turning point for our Centre and our staff!



Our second site opened in Brighton March 2024, and is growing with it's own families and programs.

Sept. 2023-Aug. 2024

4,414
Children

3,932
Adults

30
Programs





Martensville-Warman Early Years Family Resource Centre

Operated by YMCA of Saskatoon

The Martensville-Warman Early Years Family Resource Centre opened its doors to families at our temporary location in Warman in May 2024. We had a mixture of outdoor programming in both Warman and Martensville as well as drop-in events. Throughout the summer, our permanent location was under construction in Martensville and we received the news we could officially move in, in September 2024. We made many new connections in both the Warman and Martensville communities and we are excited to continue building relationships in our new space.



May 2023-August 2024

**Children
49
Adults
30**



Our East Centre in Brighton had the privilege of working with Kevin Pee-Ace, a Saskatchewan-based Indigenous artist, on this mural. He was inspired by seeing our Centre and families in the community. We are thankful and honoured to have worked with him and to witness and appreciate his process of planning and painting.



Over 500 children enrolled in our Before and After School Care (BASC) program. All our locations were at capacity and we became 'waitlist only' for registration!



We operate our BASC program out of 11 schools in Saskatoon, 2 schools in Martensville, and 1 School in Warman. . Our program supports schools, parents, caregivers, and children through providing a caring and fun place to go before and after the school bell, until they can be picked up to go home. In our program children form relationships with other kids and create friendships that are not always possible during the school day. The leaders are there to provide quality care to the children in our program with engaging activities that the children love to do. We provide care to all kinds of family dynamics and offer financial assistance for families that require additional financial support. We believe that everyone deserves the same opportunities for childcare around school hours regardless of their financial status.



Fun Facts

Over 70 staff run our Before and After School Care at our 14 locations

Our BASC kids create Valentine's cards to hand out to the Ronald McDonald house, Children's Hospital, Fire Station, and Police Station.

"I love BASC because it is a place I go to have fun with my friends"
- Lake Vista BASC child

"Working with BASC gives me the opportunity to make a difference for the children within the communities I work in. Watching children work and grow is one of the most rewarding positions this life can give. Having a direct hand in shaping our new generations is challenging, but there also is no larger reward. The amount of love you bring into the room and receive from the children not only changes them, but it changes you as a leader as well." - BASC leader

YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP

1811

2023/24 Campers



School's Out Day Camp:

Campers spend their day out of school at the Downtown YMCA.

Full of fun activities such as swimming, gym games, crafts, and more!

Total camps hosted: 19

Total participants: 792



Blackstrap Summer Camp:

Located on Blackstrap Lake, just 30 minutes south of Saskatoon.

Campers enjoy an unplugged outdoor experience – packed full of fort building, kayaking, swimming, large group games, crafts, archery, sports, and more!

Total weeks: 7

Total participants: 567

Super Summer Camp:

Activities are hosted in our Downtown YMCA of Saskatoon building, where campers enjoy swimming, crafts, fun activities, weekly field trips to awesome places, and a bouncy castle!

Total weeks: 8

Total Participants: 452



As an ongoing tradition, all our summer camp leaders have camp names that they pick before camp starts. Campers love trying to guess the Leaders' real names throughout the week. When camp wraps up at the end of the summer, our leaders get to add their names to the 'Leader Wall of Fame' that we have in the Cabin at our Blackstrap Camp. This year, we added 19 new camp names to the wall!

At our Downtown YMCA and Fairhaven locations we were proud to offer Junior Leaders, Computer Coding Classes, First Tee Golf, Baton Twirling and Basketball.

Youth Basketball Volunteer Coach Mira Witt (left), brother Ashwin (right) and a few of our youth basketball players.

HFA Members

1,907 members as of August 31, 2024 - Average monthly users 8,415

Hazem Hussein and family

The YMCA is more than a gym — it's a place where people grow.

Our family has benefited from the supportive programs that go far beyond access to pools and fitness equipment. My oldest son developed athletic skill and discipline through squash. My daughter is building confidence in a leadership program. And my youngest recently brought home gold for Team Sask in the U-14 Manitoba Open Judo Championship — thanks to the YMCA's Judo program.

These opportunities allow my children to explore their interests, something we wouldn't have been able to provide on our own. The Y has given our kids a place to grow in confidence, character, and resilience. It's become a foundation for our family. As Yassine puts it: "Judo has taught me dedication, devotion, desire, and discipline."



Financial Assistance

374 Members/Families received Financial Assistance

Paula Gioino

How Financial Assistance has been life-changing for our family

Our family of five joined the YMCA five years ago, and it's been a blessing ever since. With three young kids, the Y has given us opportunities we couldn't have accessed otherwise — all made possible through their financial assistance program.

The central location has been a lifesaver. We were without a car for years, and even now, we're a one-car family. Being able to walk to the Y made it accessible and welcoming — it truly feels like a second home.

Our kids have learned to swim, joined judo, and gained confidence and skills through every program. The Y staff, like Breanne and Pablo, always go the extra mile to support us. They've made us feel part of the YMCA family.

YMCA camps have also been essential. As two working parents, we rely on their affordable camps during school breaks — without them, childcare costs would be overwhelming.

A few years ago, I began volunteering with the judo club, giving back to a place that's given us so much. The Y has supported our family's growth every step of the way, and we're grateful to be part of this community.



PARTNERS

Organization Partners

Sask Judo	Global Gathering Place	Islamic Basketball
Wado Kai Karate	Radius	Autism Services
Kendo	Saskatoon Triathlon	Meewasinota
Sask Squash	Aqualenes	Men's Reintegration Unit
Saskatoon Underwater Hockey	I love Waterpolo	CNIB

Program Partner Group Volunteers

Paula Gioino	Jonathan Dingwall	Lance Wall	Leif Pederson
Ralph Ibanez	Andrew Yuen	Tiina Liiving	
Chris Hodgson	John Renouf	Martin Mau	
Warren Seib	Josh Hagen	LJ Veszi	
Chad Litzenberger	James Stephenson	Jon Lovering	
Greg Cooper	Neil Gendzill	Selena Doell	
Nichelle Russell	Kyle Zeabin	Matt Gessell	

Fitness Volunteers

Annette Piche	Jane Mallett	Rob Friedt	Margie Brown
Anchal Gill	Kris SetoDavis	Roland Dumont	
Carey Schindel	Luke Von Eschen	Shawna Ryan	
David Newton	Melissa Powell	Cheryl Crofford	
Dennis Couzens	Peggy Anderson	Melissa Nicholls	

FUNDERS

Core Funders

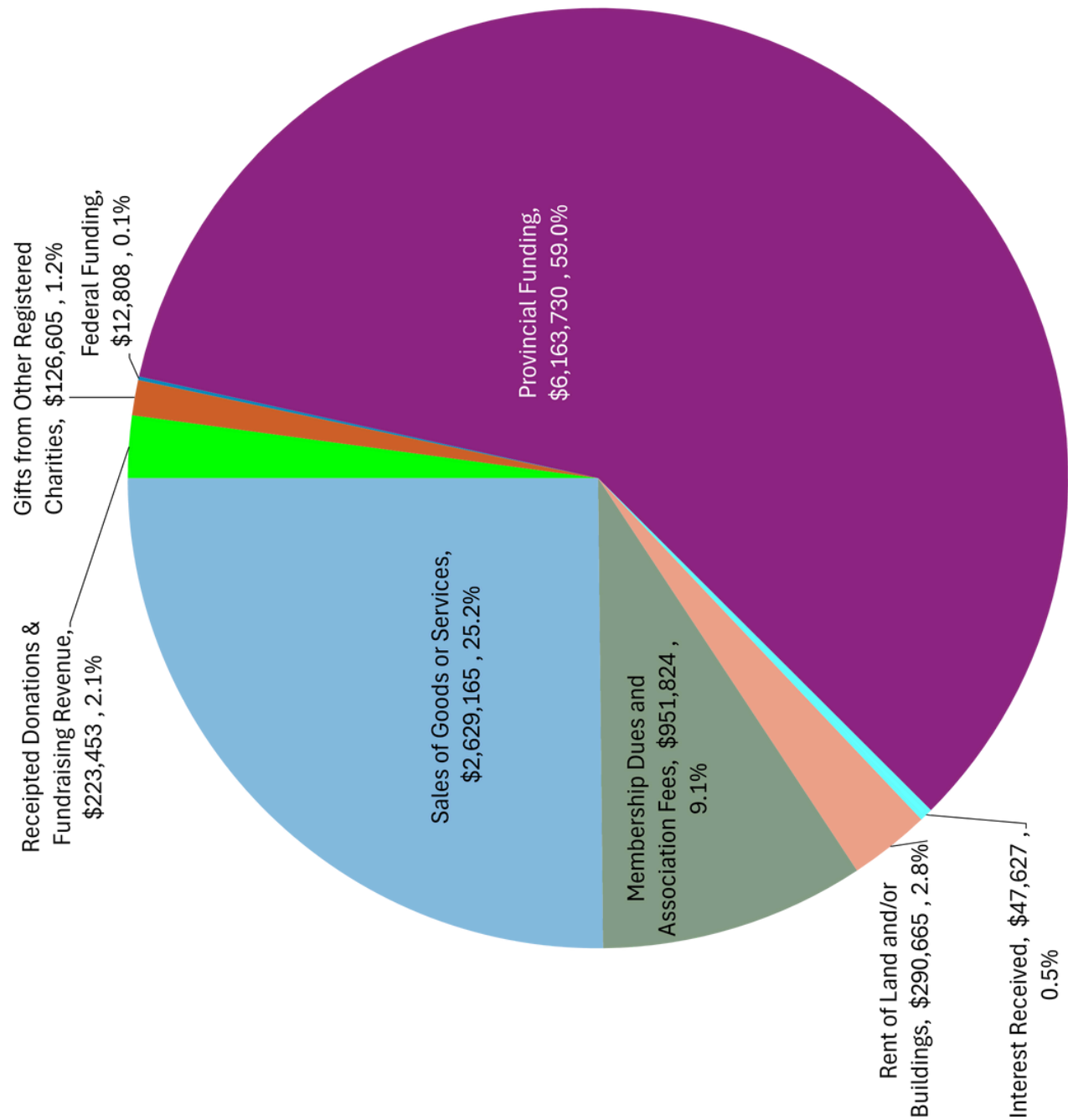
Government of Saskatchewan,
Ministry of Education Early Years Branch
City of Saskatoon
YMCA Canada

Funding Partners

Community Initiatives Fund
United Way of Saskatoon
Saskatoon Community Foundation
Jumpstart
Participaction Community Challenge
Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon
Saskatchewan Lotteries
Dream Community Foundation

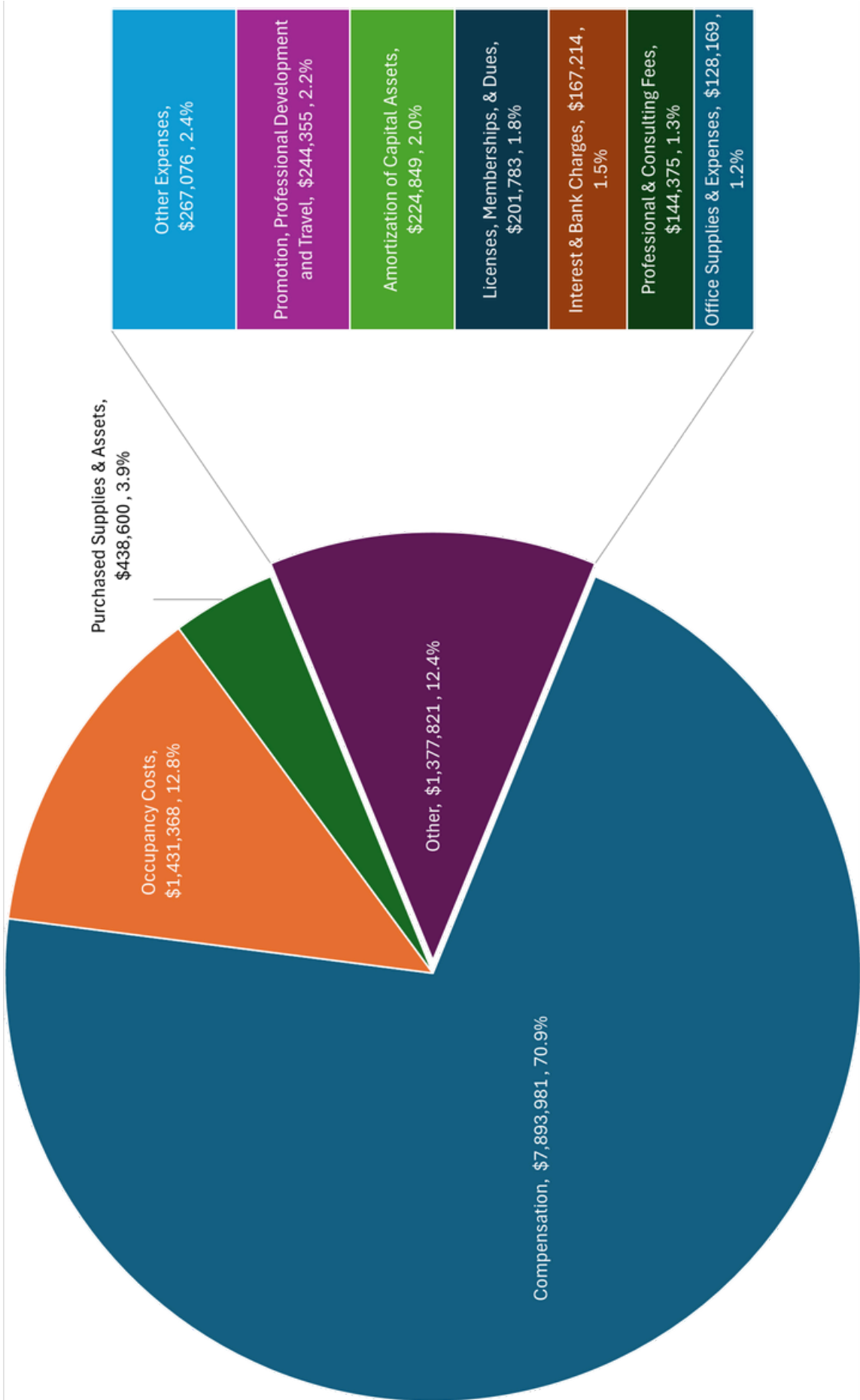
Financial Summary

2023 - 2024 Revenues \$10,445,877

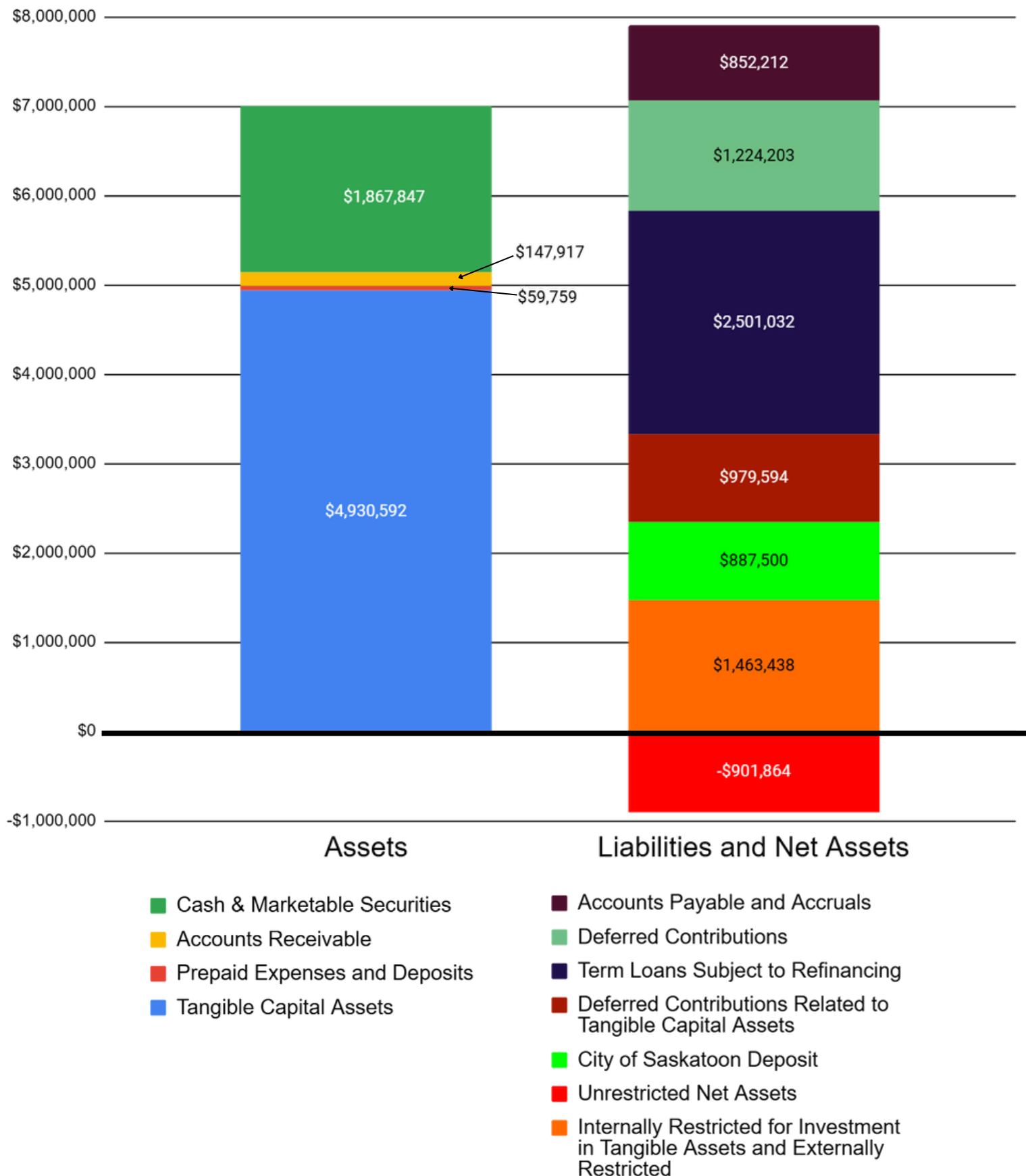


Financial Summary

2023 - 2024 Expenses \$11,141,770



Statement of Financial Position



On February 28, 2024, Saskatoon City Council provided final approval of the purchase of the YMCA of Saskatoon's land and building located at 25 - 22nd Street East. All conditions on the purchase of this property were subsequently removed except the requirement for either the City of Saskatoon or the YMCA of Saskatoon to provide a 180-day notice period before transferring the property title from the Organization to the City of Saskatoon. The initial deposit from the city of \$887,500, received August 31, 2023, is reflected in the Statement of Financial Position as at August 31, 2024, and the remaining payment terms for the sale of the building are set out as follows:

- A second deposit of \$2,000,000.00 - received in September 2024
- The sum of \$5,617,250.00 less applicable adjustments - to be received on the closing date

2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year Donors

Supporter \$100 - \$499

Lisle and Barbara McCallum

Kris Seto Davis

Gloria and Herman Boerma

Robert Merasty

John and Dorothy Wolchak

Gail Mattern

Barbara Baillod

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Gale Paske

Anonymous

Hernandez Montes de Oca Hernandez

Breanne Buehler

Loretta Coombe

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Richard Rodda

2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year Donors

Illuminator \$2,500 - \$9,999

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William Black

Dream Builder \$10,000 - \$24,999

Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon

Jerry & Tina Grandey

Bob Racine

Community Leaders \$25,000+

Dorothy Yuel

Caribou Legacy Club

The Caribou Legacy Club began in 2018 as a Heritage & Planned Giving Society of the YMCA. The members of this club are those members and donors who have given a major gift or gifts to the YMCA, or who have designated a bequest to the YMCA in their Will. We thank all of these members and donors, past and present, for their thoughtful and heartfelt contributions:

Founding Members

Daniel Ford Beavis
Dennis and Lorrie Couzens
Serena Dallas
Dean Dodge
Gerard & Jaquie Gardiner
Terry & Bea Gibson
Pauline Melis
Richard Rodda
Dr. Ralph Schnieder
Jordyn Sharfe
James Shwier

Members

Dale Maxwell Beavis
Janis Beavis
Chapman Family
Eric Cline
Ruth Epstein
Jerry Grandey
Clare Heagy
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Floyd McNabb
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Darryl Yausie



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Childcare Centres

YMCA Child Care - Brighton
115 Secord Way,
Saskatoon, SK S7V 0L9

YMCA Child Care - Downtown
25 - 22nd St. East
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0C7

YMCA Childcare Centre - Fairhaven
309 Fairmont Dr.
Saskatoon, SK S7M 5G7

YMCA Child Care - Martensville
1451 Parr Hill Dr.
Martensville, SK S0K 2T1

YMCA Child Care - Sutherland
300 112 St.
Saskatoon, SK S7N 1V4

Family Resource Centres

EAST CENTRE
142-163 Gibson Bend
Saskatoon SK S7V 0P1

Martensville-Warman Centre
7 Centennial Drive North,
Martensville, SK, S0K 2T0

WEST CENTRE
309 Fairmont Drive
Saskatoon SK S7M 5G7

Before-and-After School Care

Lake Vista (Martensville)
Holy Mary (Martensville)
Holy Trinity (Warman)
St. Luke (Saskatoon)
St. Matthew (Saskatoon)
Dundonald (Saskatoon)
Egnatoff (Saskatoon)

Forest Grove (Saskatoon)
Montgomery (Saskatoon)
Sutherland (Saskatoon)
Wildwood (Saskatoon)
Westmount (Saskatoon)
James L Alexander (Saskatoon)
St. Gerard (Saskatoon)