



Celebrating Growth
FAMILIES FIRST SOCIETY
2025-2026
ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT

This is our village.

**Hello! Welcome to our story of
Families First Society in our
2025-2026 fiscal year.**

Families First is a grassroots, not-for-profit organization that supports the healthy development of children and families in Fort Saskatchewan, Sturgeon County, and neighbouring communities.

Individuals and families come to see us looking for programs in early learning or parenting. Sometimes they also need family support or a helping hand, and aren't sure who could help.

We are proud to be the Hub and offer three spokes as part of the Fort Saskatchewan and Sturgeon Region Family Resource Network (FRN) along with our partners Creating Hope Society and BGC since 2020.

None of the work we do gets done alone. We have amazing community partners who we work closely with every day, all with the focus of building safe, strong, healthy future generations!

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A message From our board

The Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society Board of Directors is pleased to share this annual report with the families we serve, our valued volunteers, our generous donors and sponsors, and our many partners. We are proud of the impact of our programs, supports and services on families, children, youth and other individuals who trust Families First in their lives. We are honoured that they share their stories with us and welcome us as a part of their ongoing journey. The ability of Families First to provide quality supports, services and programs for families, children, youth and individuals could not occur without compassionate and skilled staff, many volunteers, and our donors, funders and sponsors.

As a board, we work with staff to set the budget and monitor how programs, supports, and services meet the needs of the community. We are responsible for identifying the strategic direction and providing oversight of how Families First is achieving our vision and goals, adhering to the values we promote and fulfilling the mandates of our funder contracts. As a Board, we are most proud of how well our staff address the needs of individuals, families, youth and children. The staff are a professional, caring group of individuals who welcome all families and demonstrate compassion as they hear their stories and respond as necessary. The Board is grateful for everything the staff do; without their dedication, Families First could not serve individuals, children, youth and families in the Sturgeon region and Fort Saskatchewan as we do. We are very fortunate these professionals work for us on a day-to-day basis.

The Board is also keenly aware of the need to support positive relationships with our volunteers, funders, donors and sponsors to help families thrive in Fort Saskatchewan and area. We appreciate the many volunteers who give their time to help Families First accomplish our goals in serving families. The generosity of volunteers sharing their time and talents is critical to our success. Please accept our gratitude for all that you do for Families First and the people we serve.

The Board sends a heartfelt thank you to our sponsors and funders, without whom we would be limited in our ability to serve the needs of families in Fort Saskatchewan and the surrounding areas. The number of contracts, grants and donations we receive annually is a testament to the community support for the aims and goals of Families First and the broad community commitment to ensuring that our local families and individuals, children and youth receive the services, supports and programs they need.

In closing, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your participation in Our Village through volunteering, donating items or funds, partnering with us on projects or with families, approving or allocating grants, joining us at our events, activities and programs, or making positive referrals to our programs. We are so fortunate to have you as part of Our Village. On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society, thank you once again for your support and the role you play in helping Families First reach our goals.

Sincerely,

Karen Sliwkanich
Chairperson, on behalf of the Board of Directors for
Fort Saskatchewan Families First



Reflections From our Board

One moment to me that demonstrated the growing impact of Families First was..

There are so many moments that demonstrate the growing impact of Families First on children, youth and families in our communities. One moment that stands out was during the recent community input workshop when partners from the communities we serve identified a number of positive aspects of our community work including:

- Our desire and availability to collaborate, problem solve and be “present”,
- Our compassion, proactive planning and relationships with program participants,
- Our relationship-building programs and available resources.
- Our focus on resiliency, community conversations and reasonable response times.

... from Karen

...during an encounter with a former student who approached me in a grocery store.

Life has been extremely difficult for her for a number of reasons. An acquaintance urged her to contact Families First because "they will help you when no one else will."

She told me she was not a 'joiner' but because of her kids she thought she better take whatever help she could get. She also told me that it wasn't just the programming that made the difference for her but the sense of community she got from Families First.

And all this while I was shopping for produce in Co-op. Still makes me emotional thinking about it.

.. from Shirley

The stories from families and individuals shared during the AGM's repeatedly speak about how the programs and staff have made an incredible positive impact.

People feel seen, feel supported, feel worthy, feel that they are stronger from the assistance they received from Families First. #thisisourvillage

.. from Joanne



Meet our team

Our mission:
Through improving the lives of our children, youth and families
today, we help create a resilient and healthy community for
tomorrow.



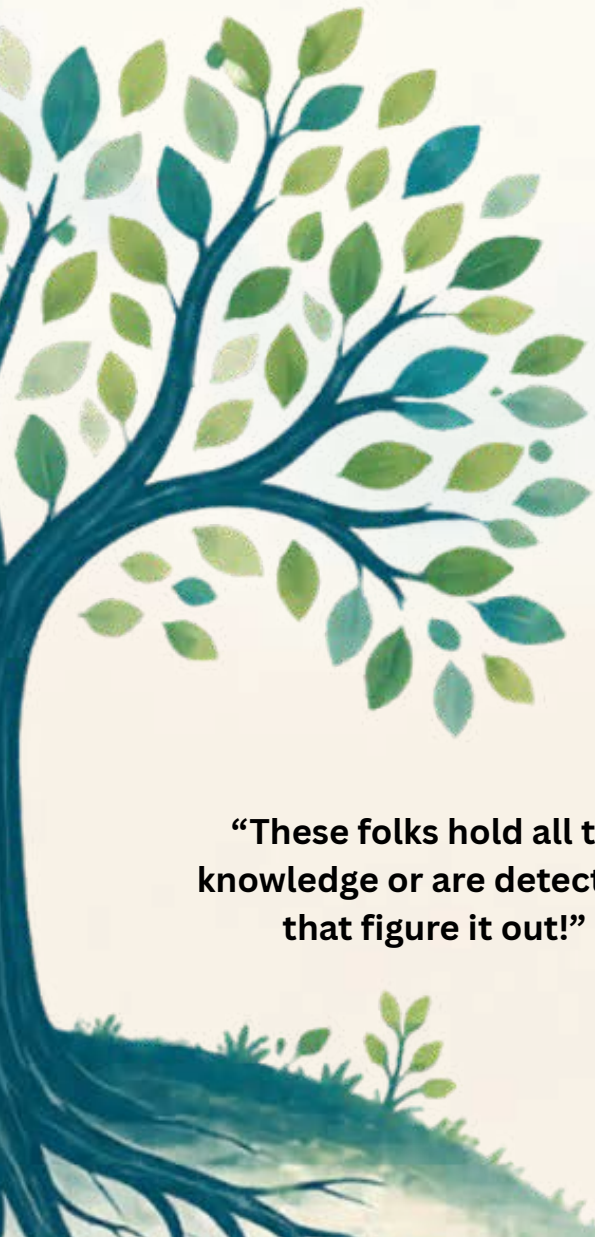
982 referrals made
981 phone call supports
482 walk ins met
355 email supports
95 packs of diapers given

A small moment that
meant big growth
was..

*"Witnessing a participant make a connection
between their current experiences and childhood
experiences and then make a commitment to
themselves to create change for their own
children."*

-Our intake specialist

The Hub



Our Hub is here to make sure that families get the right support at the right time for them. We provide information and referral support for a range of needs to families with children 0 to 18 years of age.

Acting as the glue that connects all of the FRN services together, the HUB supports by way of community engagement, system navigation, follow-up care, coordination of services and manages the service waitlist for all FRN spokes.

Trends our Hub noticed this year included a large increase in participants accessing basic needs and mental health supports.

Despite being short staffed for a portion of this fiscal year, our HUB continued to maintain connections within our community through Communities of Practice and interagency meetings.

**"These folks hold all the
knowledge or are detectives
that figure it out!"**



I saw growth happen when..

"A participant shared that they always felt like they had to second guess their parenting skills when around other parents they didn't know, so they initially didn't have the confidence to attend.

After meeting other parents and sharing their experiences together, they realized that they are doing what is right for their family and to be confident in that.

This growth happened because they felt supported, encouraged and reassured by facilitators and other parents about life as a parent. This allowed for her to relax, enjoy and ultimately grow her connection with her child during play programming."

-an ECD Play Facilitator

ECD- Play Spoke

Our Early Childhood Development spoke provides universal programming for families with children 0-6 years of age.

From drop-in play programs to developmental tools and screenings, our ECD team supports parents/caregivers to deepen their understanding of childhood development, attachment theory, and access the supports and services that they may need.

Building a strong foundation in the early years and fostering emotional well being and resilience is critical to support our goal of creating safe, healthy families in the future.

"This program has been a saving grace for me during post partum, my mental health has benefitted greatly from having community."

248 drop in programs

7 communities served

313 caregivers met

449 children that came to play



Growing our reach

This year our universal Early Childhood drop in programs grew by:

- Adding new programs in Morinville and Riviere Que Barre
- Meeting new participants: 70% of participants joining programs were new!
- Numbers of families served: Programs consistently saw 8- 13 families, resulting in 40-50 people coming to play at once!



“My child was so shy before coming to programs: now they are a lot more comfortable with other kids!”

**“We spent quality time together,
and got to meet other people in our
community”**



125 visits

22 families served

131 referrals made

Top 3 referred resources:

Basic needs

Mental health

Community supports

Home Visitation



"It helped to see what I should look for and expect from my little one. Also helped me to know what to do when overwhelmed"

This year taught me growth takes..

"...honesty, intention, and the kind of effort you give to things you genuinely care about.

...showing up, even when you can't fix everything.

...learning that being present and consistent matters more than having all the answers.

...patience - with people, with systems, and with yourself.

...finding hope in small victories others don't notice.

...recognizing resilience in places that are often overlooked"

-Our Home Visitor

Our Home Visitation team provides support to families with children prenatally to 6 years old. Our home visits are strength based, encouraging, and built on positive relationships.

Our staff travel throughout the region to meet families where they are—literally and emotionally—partnering with them to set and achieve personalized family goals.

Home visitors provide information about child growth and developmental milestones, and work together with parents to strengthen the relationship with themselves and their children.

This year our Home Visitors completed several core trainings and started meeting families during Silly Sprouts programming as a way to build relationships and a smoother pathway for families to refer to their spoke.

I saw growth happen when..

"when a participant in an abusive relationship moved from denial to acknowledgment, finding the courage to name her experience as abuse and taking the first step toward reclaiming her safety and voice."

-Our Family Wellness Worker

**"This program allowed my
children to express
themselves through play.
Just being there helped me."**

Family Wellness

Our Family Wellness Workers provide in home support to families with children ages 0-18 who require a little extra advocacy and care. This program supports families who are impacted by multiple risk factors or barriers.

This is a family-led, goal orientated program that promotes overall resiliency. This may involve support with challenging behaviors, access to education and health systems, network meetings, and more.

Our Family Wellness program consistently sees referrals primarily from school boards and children's mental health. This program had a waitlist of 4 families this year that were supported by our Hub staff while they were waiting, demonstrating the outstanding need within our community. Our Family Wellness team also has noticed a trend of families requiring more supports navigating complex services/systems.

216 visits

25 families served

168 referrals made

Top 3 referred resources:

Physical health

Mental health

Basic needs



I saw growth
happen
when..

I am gearing up to facilitate our programs: it has made me be more mindful of others circumstances and what they desire to achieve in that program. I'm always wanting to make sure I am as prepared as possible and locking in any nuggets that could be a potential game changer for someone else.

My favourite part though is WATCHING when that little nugget hits just so for a participant and it helps them shift their mindset and helps build their tool belt of confidence!

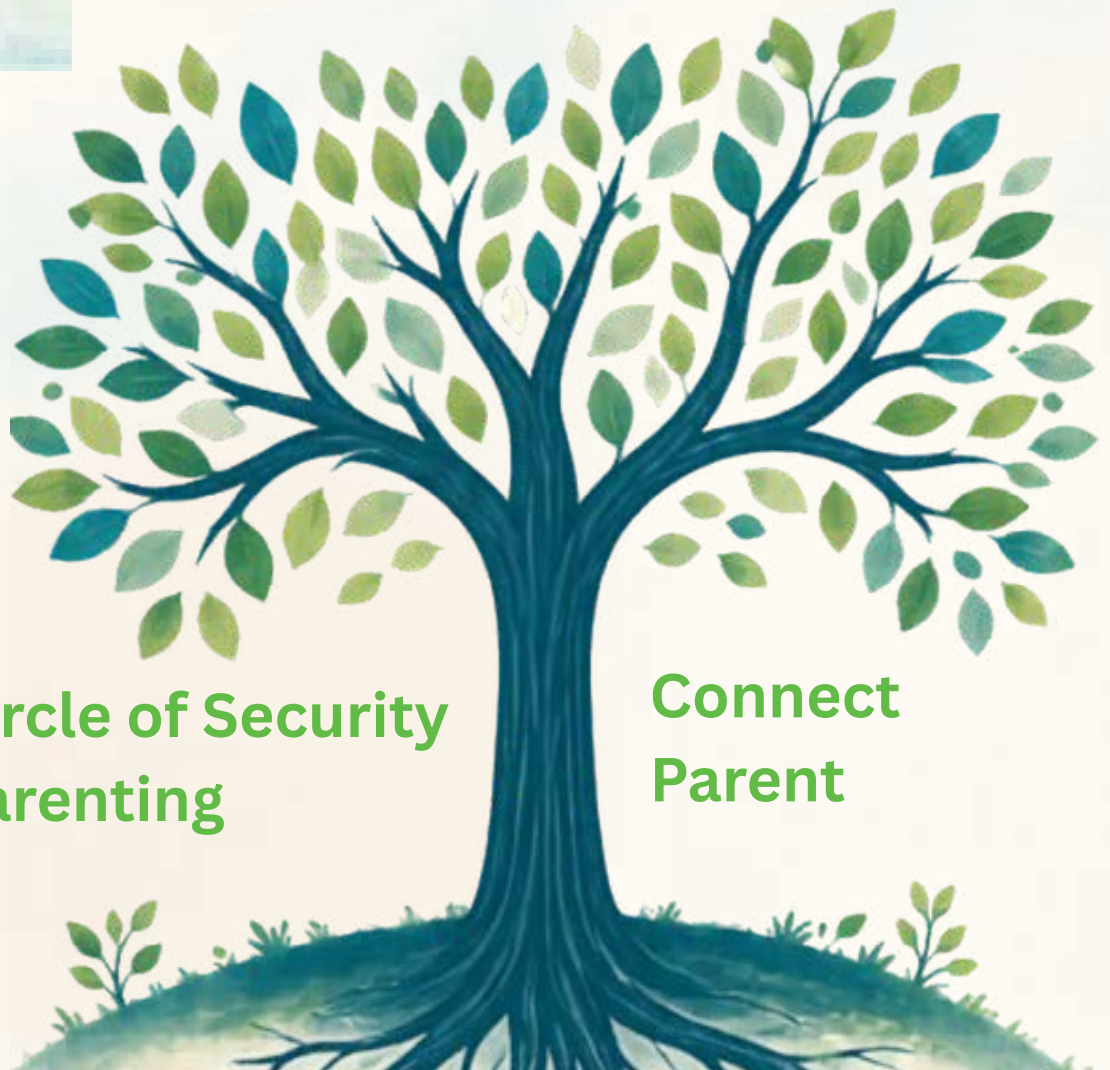
-A group facilitator

Caregiver Education Groups

We offer a variety of learning opportunities for caregivers wanting to know more about parenting, child development, and how to respond to their child's behaviour.

Our programs focus on helping parents see the attachment need behind their child's behaviour, knowing that connection and secure attachment predicts better long term outcomes.

“(This) program makes me feel self-reliant and trusting myself that I can help with what my kids need.”



Circle of Security
Parenting

Connect
Parent

Dragonfly

148 participants served

1097 appointments

**12 452 dollars given
through Helping Hands
funds**

**18 participants accessing
laundry passes**

SteadFast Connector

The Steadfast Connector provides personalized support for community members to navigate, maintain and increase social support systems, including but not limited to, government, addictions, mental health, funding streams and natural supports.

We are thankful to the City of Fort Saskatchewan for funding this position for our community members to access.

Our Helping Hands Fund is entirely driven through donations. With the support of community members, we are able to help families when they have otherwise no other options.

Our Steadfast connector primarily saw participants looking for support with finances, housing and legal supports during this reporting period.

A note of gratitude

I have been trying to find the right words to express how deeply grateful I am for everything you have done for me. Your support in helping me with my damage deposit and first month's rent has made a life-changing difference, and I truly do not take that lightly.

Because of your kindness and advocacy, I am able to begin this new chapter of my life with stability and hope. Moving into my new rental room here in Fort Saskatchewan represents more than just a change of address, it represents a fresh start, renewed independence, and a chance to rebuild with dignity. None of that would have been possible without your willingness to step in and help when I needed it most.

In a time when I felt uncertain and overwhelmed, you treated me with compassion, respect, and understanding. That meant more to me than I can properly put into words. You did not just assist financially you gave me reassurance, encouragement, and the confidence to move forward.

I want you to know that I see this opportunity as a responsibility as well as a blessing. Your support has strengthened my determination to stay focused, make responsible choices, and continue working toward long-term stability. I am committed to honoring the trust and assistance you have extended to me. Thank you for believing in me and for helping me take this important step forward. I will always remember your kindness and the impact it has had on my life.



197 people connected
34 intakes for long term
support were completed
68 Hours of Safety
Planning were done

Family Violence Prevention Program

"Without your support, I don't know where I would be. The program has helped me realize I am not alone. I was in a dark, hopeless place but now I have hope. I can see the good in things again which makes me a more positive dad to my son."



Growth, to me, was...

Our Family Violence Prevention Working Group expanding from a local collective to a regional collective. Our working group is now made up of multi sectoral not for profit organizations and government agencies from across the Heartland Region. Fort Saskatchewan, Strathcona County and Sturgeon County.

Our Elephant In The Room Campaign for the month of November was featured on CTV. It created engagement from people across the country.

-Family Violence Prevention Program Coordinator



The Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) provides long-term support to individuals impacted by domestic violence in Fort Saskatchewan, the Sturgeon Region and Lamont area.

The program includes both individual and group supports, risk assessments, safety planning, education, advocacy, court accompaniment and referrals to other community resources.

Through the FVPP we offer:

- Individualized supports for persons impacted by domestic violence
- Group supports and education for individuals impacted by domestic violence (for the parent/caregiver and their children)
- Transitional housing for families rebuilding after leaving their abusive relationship.

Family Violence Prevention Program

Growing Side by Side

I don't know that I will ever be able to find the adequate words to thank Families First Society for all the things they have done, and continue to do for my family. They are a critical resource and support for the City of Fort Saskatchewan. It grieves me to think that other communities are not as blessed as mine to have these resources. It's more than that, though. The relationships I have built with many of the staff at Families First Society are forever etched into my heart. These women are beloved to me. **Each of them is like a unique piece of fabric that has been sewn together forming a beautiful mosaic of colour, love and light, creating the "life quilt" of my family's journey.** My life would not look the same without them. I was told by the director of Habitat for Humanity, that every family is gifted a handmade quilt on their move-in day. I found this so fitting with the way I visualize all the people in my life who have come together to hold us through this most difficult time. That quilt will mean so much to me!

I will be leaving the Healing Homes program by August 2026 and "graduate" from DAWN in February 2027. That will not be goodbye. The impact Families First Society has made on my life has fueled a desire to want to help others and I will seek ways to become part of someone else's "life quilt."

My hope and prayer for Families First is that they are blessed richly with donors and sponsors, over the years, and are able to acquire more homes for precious families escaping domestic violence. No one should have to stay stuck in an unsafe home and live in the loneliness that accompanies domestic abuse. I had no idea how much Families First Society could help me and if I had, I would have asked for help sooner.

I trust my story will help raise awareness and bring more financial supports for Families First Society. I was able to make it work and live in a Healing Home without the help of donors. I KNOW that would not be the case for many. How many more families could be rescued if the Healing Homes program was fully, financially supported? How many more homes could be purchased for this program? This is a NEED, right here in Fort Saskatchewan.

Thank you for everything, Families First! I love you.

Sincerely,
-Healing Homes Participant



Beause of attending
therapy, what new skills
did you grow?

*Therapy taught me that progress isn't always visible.
Sometimes growth looks like setting a boundary, asking
for help, or responding differently than you would have a
year ago."*

*Before therapy, I spent a lot of energy trying to control
outcomes. Now I spend more energy focusing on what I
can control: my choices, my boundaries, and how I
respond."
-from a participant*

319 hours of 1-1 time

40 participants accessing
mental health support

7 groups ran

19 staff consults

44 666.50 dollars
subsidized by community
members to make this
possible

Our Mental Health Program



Our Mental Health program strives to fill in gaps to other services in community. In addition, when barriers are identified (long waitlist or financial constraints), our mental health program provides timely and free services to those most vulnerable.

Our therapeutic team provides quality care, not only to our Village, but also to our team by way of case consultations and debriefs.

None of this work would be possible without generous donations from the Edmonton Community Foundation, Dow International and Wolf Midstream alongside our community members, combined with our mental health team offering their supports to our village at a subsidized rate.

A small moment that meant big growth was..

"How our participants have shown up at the beginning of program feeling lonely and isolated and by the end have exchanged phone numbers, made connections with other participants and have set up outside playdates.

This shows that our programs hold space to open up about what is happening for them, conversations around child development and what's working versus what's not for them. They build a community and give participants a sense of not being alone in the journey."

-A PCMG facilitator

CALP Programming

We offer programs to support adult learning within Fort Saskatchewan. These programs are designed to strengthen our community when adults see themselves as continuous learners with their own gifts to share and contribute to our village. Examples of CALP programs we currently offer include:

- Parent-Child Mother Goose (PCMG)
- Building a Better You (BBY)
- Community Kitchens

We were so excited to have our Community Kitchens program bloom again! After a break from last year, we took an intentional pause to re-envision a program where participants could strengthen their numeracy skills in budgeting, measuring, estimating, doubling recipes in addition to growing community with each other and learning delicious family friendly meals!

123 CALP programs offered

132 stories, rhymes, songs and recipes learned

100% of caregivers reporting feeling more confident in their goals

4-6 caregivers on a waitlist each term wanting these programs to grow!



Wecan Food Basket Society

At Families First Society, we know how critical healthy nutrition is for a growing family, and we can relate to how stressful the price of groceries can be for our village. We are proud to offer one way to help with WECAN monthly food baskets.

Members pay a low annual fee of \$5 and prepay \$35 each month to receive quality produce and frozen meat at great prices.

Basket pickup takes place at the Families First Society building. It's a co-op, which means the more orders we place, the better prices WECAN can secure, allowing us to offer even better options to our community members.

This year we saw an increase in basket orders grow from approximately 70 baskets to over 100 orders. Adding an online order option this term has removed a barrier for accessing Wecan, and more families are benefitting. We could not do the work of being a depot without our volunteers that help us run this program!

- **111 Baskets ordered in total:**
- **214 produce orders**
- **192 meat orders**
- **118 non-pork orders**



Holiday Toy Program

Cram the Van and more!

A huge shout out and high five to our village for collecting and donating these toys to make the holidays special!

403 children receiving gifts

35 Gift cards for youth

21 Sponsors who shopped for a family

A note to the sponsors from a grateful family:

From the very bottom and all the way to the top of my heart, I want to thank you for creating the most beautiful Christmas for my children and I."



Rooted in Learning



At Families First Society, we remain committed to acknowledging the truth and taking active steps towards reconciliation in many ways.

Part of our ongoing work of learning this year occurred through TRC Lunch and Learns, two ribbon skirt teaching workshops, and participating in the “Healing Hands” of Fort Saskatchewan’s first community Tipi.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity for continuous learning through our partnership with Creating Hope Society and professional development events with Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society.



Our Staff learning and growing



We were honoured to attend a moving event that our FRN spoke partner Fort Sask BGC and community group Fort Black Society offered during Black History Month.

Our team also had opportunity to experience Ukrainian practices that are part of the seven traditions identified on UNESCO's List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

We are always looking to see how we can continue to build shared understanding and trust with all community members in our village.



Growth, to me, looked like..

"The team striving to authentically support each other regardless of how tumultuous the external factors as we know this is where our superpower lies."

-Families First Staff

Team Reflections

We often encourage our families to keep growing and doing the hard work, but it is just as important that we pause to reflect on our own growth too- because to truly understand the effort and vulnerability that growth requires, we have to be willing to walk that same path ourselves.

This year taught me that growth takes... time and patience to blossom and embrace its unique and remarkable foliage.

For growth to take place, it deserves meeting needs and nurturing them within safe spaces.

*Working with others as a team is often essential, as this can support seeing our own strengths and ways there is growth (& how I have grown)- **A Home Visitor***

Families First has supported my growth immensely over the past year, and throughout my entire time with the organization. It is such a supportive team that truly makes me believe that anything is possible.

My world has opened up in so many ways since becoming an employee at Families First Society, and I could not be more grateful. They have been patient and understanding throughout my college education, consistently encouraging me to do my best while also reminding me to take care of myself.

Families First has provided me with countless opportunities for learning, professional development, and personal growth. The impact this organization has had on my life is profound, and it is difficult to fully put my gratitude into words. **-A Children's Programmer**

When I think about the word growth and how it fits for Families First over the past year, I think of two words, Pivot and Trust. Pivoting when things aren't going according to the plan reminds us that resilience isn't about standing rigid in the storm, but rather learning to bend, realign and rise with renewed grace.

A wise friend once shared with me a poem about "Trusting the People". This wisdom has shown me that if as an agency, if we surround ourselves with the right people, and be vulnerable enough to reach out in times of change and adversity and asking for what we need; those people can show up for us in ways we never thought possible. We can all come out better for it on the other side. We can become who we were meant to be.

**-Family Violence
Prevention Staff**



Growing capacity with our Community



“Thank you for welcoming us so fully. It was an honour to learn and grow alongside you, and a reminder that this work is always stronger when it’s done together.”- The Imagine Institute

704 training hours
completed

22 different trainings
attended

49 team huddles to share
and reflect together

Our team is often sharing knowledge with community members, but just as often, we are the learners as well. We strive to uphold a standard of excellence by continuously learning and ongoing growth. Our team is so grateful for partners that host and offer accessible training to us.



Celebrating our values

It was so exciting to be chosen as this year's recipient of the Paint the Town Pink Campaign hosted by BGC Fort Saskatchewan in honour of Pink Shirt Day! Our team had so much fun decorating our space and encouraging community members to add messages of kindness for our village to read when they visit us.



Financials

Caring for what helps us grow- Audit Summary

Audited Financial Statements – Year Ended March 31, 2026

Audit was conducted by Givens LLP and this draft presented on June 11th, 2026.

Audit Opinion

The auditors issued a Qualified Opinion, consistent with prior years. The qualification relates to the inability to verify completeness of fundraising revenue, a common limitation for not-for-profit organizations. Except for this limitation, the financial statements fairly present the Society's financial position in accordance with ASNPO.

Financial Performance

	2026-2025	2025-2024	Notes
Revenue	\$1,032,657	\$1,171,360	Note 1, 2
Expenses	\$1,163,855	\$1,313,372	Note 3, 4
Difference	\$122,964	\$122,749	Note 5

Notes:

1. Decline driven by lower grants and donations.
2. Grants remain the primary revenue source.
3. Largest expenses:
 - a. Human resources: \$901,468
 - b. Program delivery: \$99,785
 - c. Administration: \$86,612
4. Overall expenses decreased year-over-year.
5. Deficit remains stable and consistent, but affordable.

Financial Position

	2026-2025	2025-2024	Notes
Assets	\$1,281,939	\$1,455,564	Note 1
Liabilities	\$1,152,967	\$1,203,628	
Net Assets	\$128,972	\$251,936	
Total	\$1,281,939	\$1,455,564	Note 2

Notes:

1. Cash decline driven by operating deficit and debt repayment.
2. Total is Liabilities + Net Assets

CashFlow Summary

- Operating activities: **-\$129,954**
- Financing (debt repayment): **-\$8,230**
- Ending cash: \$673,634 (down from \$811,818)
- Cash reduction driven by operating deficit and debt servicing.

Key Notes

Restricted cash includes externally restricted building funds and casino proceeds.

Capital assets remain strong at \$452,515.

Deferred revenue reflects multi-year grants and restricted contributions.

The Society remains compliant with CRA minimum spending requirements.

Overall Assessment

The Society remains financially stable, supported by strong capital assets and adequate cash reserves. However, annual deficits continue and cash reserves are gradually declining. The qualified audit opinion is standard for organizations with unverifiable fundraising revenue. Continued focus on sustainable funding, cost management, and long-term planning is recommended.

Volunteers and Supporters

The Hearts Behind our growth

Families First Society received many gifts of funding, space, materials, and time this past fiscal year. Warm thanks to the many generous individuals, organizations, and businesses for their donations within our April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 fiscal year.

Abigail Ellingson
Adam Peterson
Ashley Charlton
Ann Ferguson
Anna Daku
Barb Baker
Barb Materi
Barry Bennett
Ben Miller
Boston Pizza Foundation
Britney Petrie
BUNGE
Byron Anderson
Alberta Advanced Education
Carlos Santos
Catholic Parish of our Lady of the Angels
Catholic Women's League
Children and Family Services - Gov't of Alberta
Christine Rath
Cindy Lou Campbell
City of Fort Saskatchewan
City of Morinville
Cora - pictures at the front
Corrections
Costco Wholesale Canada - Sherwood Park Location

Dana & Jason Fournier
Darcy P. Hale
Darryl Racine
Daryn Staudt
Del Hoogenboom
Diane Achtymichuk
Don & Heather Boonstra
Doug Rees
Dow International
Dr. Turner Lodge
Edmonton Realtors' Charitable Foundation
Edward Carter
Eleanor Day
Eric Boulianne
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Fort Sask. Chamber of Commerce
Fort Sask Community Baptist Church
Fort Sask Public Library
Fort Sask Reno Inc.
Gale Laskey
Glen More
Graham Polischuk



Volunteers and Supporters

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Heartland Housing Foundation
Heartland Petrochemical Complex
Heather Menzies
Isolde Long
James Edward Cochet
Janel Smith-Duguid
Janelle Broen
Janet K. Melnyk
Jennifer Parker
Jennette Krebs
Jess MacDonald
Jill Gaumont
Jillian Raimondo
Joel Maendel
John Boonstra
Jonathan Jardon
Kaitlin Spears
Karen Fischer
Karen Rivard
Karen Sliwkanich
Kayla Pich
Ken Booker
Krystal Johnson
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Linda Winter
Lisa Wheeler
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Margaret Booker
Mason Floriant
Michaela Waldvogel-Smith
Michael Fischer

Michele Nixon
Mike Gerrior
Murray J. Melnyk
Naadhiri Ramesh
Neil Kitura
Nicholas Zachoda
Nicole Luft
North West Redwater Partnership
Nutrien

**Altogether, our village
donated 914 hours
of volunteer time
this year!**



Volunteers and Supporters

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Panago Pizza Fort Saskatchewan
Partridge Hill Community Club
Patti Lameroux
Paul Pankiw
PCL Construction
Rangers Athletic Club
Riviere Qui Barre Arena
Robin Hood Association
Samantha Evenson
Sandra Sorochan
Sarah Thompson
Scott Melnyk
Sharon Francis
Sherritt
Shelley Carter-Schofield
Shirley Cockburn
Shoppers Foundation for Women's Health
Southfort Chevrolet

Strathcona Vintage Tractor Association
Strike Group
Tammy Reinke
Ted and Kelsey Fellows
Teerapat Mahingsa
Timothy Hunt
Tom Beaulieu
Town of Bon Accord/ Bon Accord FCSS
Town of Gibbons/ Gibbons FCSS
Town of Legal/ Legal FCSS
Town of Redwater/ Redwater FCSS
Twice But Nice
Tyler Butler
Tyler Heglin
United Way
Velocity Truck Centres
Victoria L. Carter
Wolf Midstream

This report specifically names supporters who have come forward to us between April 1, 2025– March 31, 2026.

However, we need you to know that if your involvement with us has occurred outside this time, we value it equally.

The assistance we receive, whether it comes in the form of money, time, encouragement, donated items, food or fundraisers, allows Families First to continue to meet the growing demand for our programs and services.

Your contribution is absolutely essential and we do not take it for granted. We are grateful for every dollar, every minute, every item, every morsel! Thank you, village, we salute you!



Looking ahead:

What we are planting next!

We are excited about new possibilities that will continue to grow for our agency in the upcoming year:

Our staff will continue to expand as we add a Senior Manager to our leadership team and new FRN positions in our HUB and Home Visitation Spoke.

Our work as Fort Saskatchewan and Sturgeon Region's Family Resource Network will continue for another 2 years on this current contract.

We welcome a new donor from St. Albert Community Foundation grant, allowing us to increase our staffing and strengthen our early childhood development programming that we offer Sturgeon Region.

I would like to thank Families First for the continued support, help and guidance they have provided over the years.

**The staff have changed the outlook and trajectory of my life -
it is so wonderful to know that there are people in my corner.**

It is unfortunate that my own parents did not have access to this same type of support as I can see how the lack of support impacted my family.

I cannot express enough how thankful I am for the continued support that I have received over the years -

I do not know where I would be today if it were not for Families First! “

-from a participant



Thank-you,
Families First!
You saved us.
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