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ANSWERS:
1. Three campaigns a)1995 for the Com-
munity Ctr b) 2007 for the Spray Pad
c) 2010 for the gym
2. Over \$400,000 and of that, \$385,000
has been contributed to LWCC
3. *To solicit and receive donations in
support of projects and programs
*Promote the mental, moral, physical
and social well-being and development
of all the residents "without discrimi-
nation as to age, sex, race, creed,
colour, nationality or place of origin.
4. The foundation created a scholarshp
program and now annually awards one
to a student from each of U of M and U
of W
5. They became a charity in 1992
6. Three ways—through cash or cheque
donations (mailed or delivered) at
LWCC, on-line contributions at
Canadahelps.org, or investment/
shares/stock sales.

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DID YOU KNOW...?

Linden Woods Community Foundation (LWCF) history quiz. (Answers-Page 4)

- 1) How many major fundraising campaigns have been held since inception of LWCF?
2) How much money has been raised through fundraising since 1992?
3) What is the purpose of LWCF?
4) What is the connection between LWCF and the universities in the city?
5) What year did LWCF become a registered charity?
6) How many ways can they now receive donations?

No Family Holiday Party for 2023

In the unfortunate event where we find ourselves without a Special Events board member, the board regrettably has had to cancel the hopes of bringing a Children's Holiday Party to Linden Woods Community Centre!

Although we've been very fortunate through this year, to have had sufficient volunteers to plan & run a summer carnival, fall festival and LWCC craft sale... it has proven to be too much of a challenge to get this event off the ground. We look forward to changing this situation for 2024.

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LINDEN LIGHTS 2023

So many of our neighbours show such comradery, skill and creativity when preparing for this time of year! They do not need encouragement from LWCC, but once again, we seek to celebrate the efforts of the community. This year, we've got some youngsters (think 'no driver's license') and some more seasoned critics lined up to cruise our themed streets and decked-out homes.

Our most favourite part about this event is when a street gets a theme/design in mind and then neighbours help neighbours to bring it to fruition. Some streets have been doing this for years! You'd wonder if maybe it isn't in the buyer's contract when they agree to buy a home on one of those streets! We can't confirm this is the case, but you can be assured that the first Christmas season in their home, they surely are invited to participate! We appreciate and thank those who continue to celebrate those neighbourly relationships! THE BEST OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, to you and yours!

PS. Please find the 'best route' map on our website, to reduce congestion and ensure safe passage for emergency vehicles should the need arise!!

CAN YOU HELP SPRUCE UP LWCC? Literally?

...we've hired a house & grounds employee by the name of Bryan Shearer, who has begun his role at LWCC. He's responsible for a large chunk of the community centre building as well as property maintenance and upkeep. In this role, he needs some help!

USED CHRISTMAS TREES — For this holiday season, Bryan is looking to 'spruce' up the look and feel around LWCC. Literally! He's looking for your used, but still in good condition, artificial Christmas trees. Ideally, these trees would be 6ft or taller. He's not concerned about whether they are pre-lit or not. He just would like for you to drop off your any colour, un-wanted, artificial trees, at the centre, before Dec16th...

HELP WITH OUR RINKS — He's looking for your energy, grit and warm mitts... on any given day once we get the ice in! (Remember we have to wait for a string of cold days, before the base will freeze and stay frozen) If you're interested in sprucing up the ice conditions, call the office about a seminar mid-December. If you're just interested in being the 'muscle', we can work with that too. Just let us know you are up for the task!

HARVEST MANITOBA

As we look towards getting our rinks ready to use, we think about the cold weather that we hope to have, in order to have a good 'ice' year. Unfortunately, there are many folks whose hopes are much more important, such as staying warm and putting food on the table.

With that in mind, Harvest Manitoba bins have arrived in the centre. LWCC is providing one more location where our visitors can pay-it-forward, by depositing one or two non-perishable items, when popping by to skate, walking pets, watching child's sports, etc. We hope you will consider contributing. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, you are invited to go here — https://www.harvestmanitoba.ca/donate-money/



- 1. Canned Fruit
2. Canned Soup/ Stew
3. Canned Tuna
4. Canned Vegetables
5. Pasta
6. Pasta Sauce
7. Rice
8. Peanut butter
9. Baby formula/food
10. Instant Oatmeal

YOU DID IT – WE GOT THE MATCH

We turned the first \$25,000 donation into \$75,000! Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped make it happen, but especially to **Hubert and Bernice Kleysen** for providing the \$25,000 matching incentive. The final tally of community donations as of October 31, 2023 was **\$25,843**. The Linden Woods Community Foundation (LWCF) has already forwarded \$50,000 to the City of Winnipeg to pay for the play structure, with the rest being held until spring for the second phase of the project. Read more here >>

If you missed the matching portion of this fundraising campaign, you are still welcome to contribute. The Foundation has continued to receive donations that will be put towards the play structure, as directed. In the meantime, the LWCF wishes to thank all the generous donors who contributed to the Kleysen Park fund-matching offer—Both those who selected the option on CanadaHelps.org to remain anonymous and those listed below :

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Jennifer Zyla - A Volunteer Like No Other

Community volunteers are the bedrock of vibrant community centres, and the glue that holds communities together. Most of them work tirelessly behind the scenes, often day after day, month after month, and year after year, but few can match the contributions of **Jennifer Zyla** to the community of Linden Woods and to the community Centre. After arriving on the scene in 1998, when she signed up for a term as Treasurer on the Victoria-Linden Woods Community Centre Board, she worked tirelessly (some might say relentlessly) on so many different things both on and off the Board, that it is impossible to enumerate them all. She served a term as President, chaired the building committee for the gym, drafted the Linden Woods Community Centre constitution and by-laws, worked on two community surveys, etc., etc.

Jennifer, with the volunteer heart still beating, but a paycheque coming her way, she helped us through a global health crisis, when she became available as a bookkeeper, keeping her thumb on the pulse of the community centre during a time when keeping the lights on, was a bit tough, with minimal people coming and going. That role kept her busy for a couple of years, but now, twenty-five years after her foray as treasurer, Jennifer is no longer living or working in the community, but is still always just a phone call away, helping where she can and attending community events (e.g. craft sale). It is a little overdue, but not too late, to say “Thank you, Jennifer, for everything you have done, all the time you gave to Linden Woods. The Linden Woods Community Centre would not have become what it is today without you!”

FARMER’S MARKET

Imagine a vibrant Farmer’s Market here in Linden Woods, every week during the summer! A place for you to pick up your weekly local produce, meat, and baked goods, and peruse local artisanal products, just a short walk or bike ride from home.

Spring 2022, there was a whisper about a Farmer’s Market. We had a volunteer who had an idea, and it has been smouldering in the minds of a few since then! Well, now, even though we don’t have a special events board member specifically (still looking if you are interested), we do now have a board member who is getting the kindling ready. Are you intrigued? Maybe you have a few friends that have some know-how, as well?

We are looking for volunteers to provide the right kind of fuel and the right kind of energy and ideas, to create a future Farmer’s Market here in our community. If you are interested in becoming involved, please email cbarker@lindenwoodsgc.com

NEWER PROGRAMS

*Knit and Pearl - No specific instructor, no specific students . . . but a group of same yarn-minded folks, coming together to learn from each other, and challenge each other to knit and chat about family, worldly and neighbourly things. “Where pearls are easy, but purls are the challenge :)”

*Intro to Sports is a youth program that offers multiple learning opportunities for several sports.

The goal is to provide youth with the opportunity to try a variety of sports and learn the fundamentals of these sports without having to commit to a long-term team. Check it out here—www.lindenwoodsgc.com/intro-sports.html See dates and ages in next column

NEW this Fall Board Game Drop-In on Thursdays from 4-5:30pm. Under 10 years should be accompanied with an adult.

SPORTS—DROP IN

Badminton Drop-in

Come by the Centre for some drop-in Badminton fun! There is a drop-in fee of \$3.00 per person. Bring your own racquets. Nets and birdies are provided. Please bring clean indoor gym shoes. Check online calendar for all times and dates

Pickleball Sign-up and Drop-In

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis - all for a great workout and lots of fun. The sign-up link indicates the times available, as we take advantage of changes in gym availability, to maximize pickleball play time. Case-in-point, there are few pop-up evening events in December.

Volleyball Drop-In

Come by the Centre for some drop-in Volleyball fun! There is a drop-in fee of \$3.00 per person. Nets and balls provided. Please bring clean indoor gym shoes. Adult Volleyball is offered every Mondays from 8:00-10:00pm

Tai Chi Drop-In

We practice Tai Chi in Linden Woods Community Center from September to May . Drop in fee \$8.00



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

- Intro to Soccer - Ages 5-8 Mondays 5:30-6:30pm
—Classes start January 8th.
- Intro to Badminton - Ages 8-12 Mondays 6:45-7:45pm
—Classes start January 8th .
- Intro to Basketball - Ages 5-8 Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm
—Classes start January 10th.
- Intermediate Basketball - Ages 8-12 Wednesdays 6:45-7:45pm
—Classes start January 10th
- Line Dancing -Thursdays 9:30am-11:00am
—Classes start January 11th.

SPRING BASKETBALL

It may seem as if Spring Basketball registration is a long way off but it actually starts in **February!** Please mark your calendars to watch social media or Facebook for dates.

- If your child is new to the sport, there’s a place for them.
- If they’re an intermediate and looking to improve, we have a spot for them too.
- If they’re really good and want to play with their friends, we help!

Please register at www.wmba.ca and use the LWCC as your home community centre. See you SOON!

YOUTH SOCCER needs you...

The most valuable thing to those youth who want to play soccer, is those volunteers who are willing to help the community centre in any way possible during the season, so that their season is possible.

It seems we are looking for anyone who is interested in helping out in some capacity. If it is doing the entire convenor job, or some portions of that role, to ensure we can run a youth soccer program.

If you are the one who can help us out, contact **Jordan at 204-487-2435**.

LWCC’s CRAFT SALE

We are truly grateful to our vendors, our volunteers and our shoppers, in attendance at this year’s craft sale. Those 3 ingredients— mixed together— created a fun, successful event! More results in next newsletter, but you can bet we need volunteers to keep this going. If you missed this year’s event and would like to inquire about a spot for 2024, find the most recent details here - www.lindenwoodsgc.com/special-events.html

