



SEKWEHA

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



A stylized, dark blue illustration of a wolf or coyote standing on a rock. The animal is facing right, with its head turned slightly back. In the bottom left corner, there is a stylized flower with a circular center and several petals. The background is a solid dark blue.

Raising a **generation**

Janvier Sekweha Youth Centre

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A message of **resilience**





We asked our Chair and Executive Director for their thoughts on the past year. Here's what they shared with us.

What did 2021 look like at Sekweha?

The year was challenging as we continued to face ever-changing government restrictions. We were forced to close our doors more than once in 2021 and so we had to be flexible; thankfully, our staff was incredibly adaptable. They provided online programming and found creative ways to gather needed funding and supports. I am so proud of our team—we survived and overcame obstacles we couldn't have imagined. It was a great learning experience and we continued to serve our youth and this awesome community despite the year's challenges.

If you could capture the year in a word or phrase, what would it be?

Resilience. Adaptability.

Our centre and staff had to adapt to every situation and find ways to continue to serve and care for the community. It was incredible to see the creativity from our board and staff members. Everyone worked towards improvement and used the challenges we faced as teaching and learning moments. It was such a great example of success and delivery on our promises for the youth. We survived because there was no other option. The youth needed us.

What were some important highlights and lessons learned in 2021?

We've had to be patient with our plans for the centre. They will come as we continue to focus on our youth and our purpose. A 2021 highlight for me was hearing about the August trip to Camp Kindle. Our youth had an incredible time and we are so proud to offer the opportunity and experience for them.

Do you have any final thoughts and plans for 2022?

Thank you to our staff and board members, keep up the positive work and attitudes. I am so thankful for your dedication and impact as we continue to empower and support our youth and this community. We are excited to get back on track. We are focused on continuing to provide opportunity and growth for our youth, concentrating on the long-term impacts of the support we provide, growing our team to do so, and looking forward to a centre full of life and purpose, in-person empowering our community.

For the youth,
Dustin Nokohoo
Sekweha Chair



Experiencing a **reawakening**



What did 2021 look like at Sekweha?

We did our very best to work under tight COVID-19 health and safety restrictions and continue to support our youth and community with a virtual calendar and lots of outdoor and creative activities. Summer brought positive change in the weather and the lifting of restrictions, so we were able to bring in our summer student staff, host a camp for our youth and open our doors again. It was such a challenge this year to balance government restrictions and health requirements with our goals as a centre and our abilities to serve the youth, but we did it!

If you could capture the year in a word or phrase, what would it be?

A reawakening.

It was difficult to push through the year's challenges. We lost a former staff member this summer and had to find the strength to carry on through our grief and healing. Our sponsors were so supportive during this time. We felt our community support and encourage our staff and board. After some time, we found the inner strength to continue on.

What were some important highlights and lessons learned in 2021?

An important lesson learned this year was to appreciate the small things; the day-to-day tasks that make our centre what it is. The big trips and activities are great, but so are the typical; just being together as a community is often just as impactful. We learned as a staff and board to continue on, even when you don't feel up to it. Always move forward.

Do you have any final thoughts and plans for 2022?

Thank you to our staff and board, for your resiliency and sound decision-making during a trying year. We are so excited to move forward, keeping our youth number one. We have plans to focus on much-needed renos for our facility, to develop programming related to healing and reconciliation, and to find ways to honour other community groups. The ideas are endless and our staff is tougher than ever to be able to see them through.

Looking forward to the future,
Kerri Ceretzke
Executive Director



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Thank You ♥ Donors

Our services and programming wouldn't be possible without the incredible generosity of our donors. Thank you for your continued support during another challenging year.



Sekweha would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the numerous organizations, companies, and individuals who volunteer and provide donations of all types. From door prizes and food to crafts and PPE, contributions of all sizes make a big difference. Your generosity is appreciated by many.

Revenue Snapshot

GRANTS AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

Syncrude	\$ 50,000	Suncor Energy	\$ 75,000
Cenovus	\$ 25,000	ConocoPhillips	\$ 50,000
Canadian Roots Exchange	\$ 25,000	CNOOC International	\$ 20,000
Enbridge	\$ 8,500	Chipewyan Prairie First Nation	\$ 2,000



Youth Fundraising
\$13,066



COVID Relief
\$140,504



Donations
\$26,050

See the Financial Highlights section for additional information.



2021 Sekweha Staff

Thank you to our staff for your dedication to our youth and for providing friendship, a safe space, healthy meals and educational programming.

Aiden Black

Karley Emerson

Summer students

Amber Lemaigre

Kaylen Duke

Aiden Black

Doreen Janvier

Keisha Boucher

Asten Cornell

Emily Laprise

Keisha Lemaigre

Dion Herman

Emma Harpe

Kerilynn Herman

Emma Harpe

Haley Herman

Melissa Herman

Frankie Janvier

Jessica Read

Tatianna Herman

Joshua Houle

John Harpe

Theresa Bear

KI Janvier Applegarth

Landon Janvier

Landon Patterson

Luke Houle

Tatianna Herman



In memory of Christine Marie Janvier

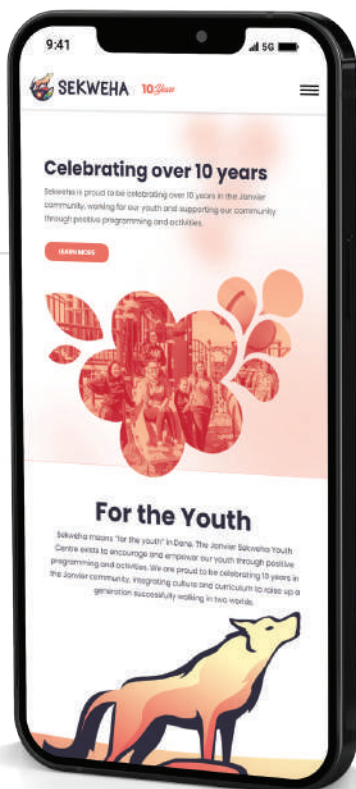
February 12, 1987 – August 15, 2021

Christine left us all too soon. She was an invaluable part of the family here at Sekweha. Her passion was helping children and youth in our community, and she worked so hard for all of us for years as a safe haven and adopted mother for many. Christine cherished and loved her own children so deeply (Weston, Landon, Reshauna and Autumn) and her warmth, beautiful smile and laughter were contagious. She touched so many hearts. Christine will be deeply missed but never forgotten.



2021 Facility Improvements

Many of our planned improvements were put on hold, but we were able to create and post much needed signage around our building (parking, slow down and cameras).



New Website

In addition to our recent brand refresh, our new Sekweha website was launched and incorporates our new logo and consistent branding throughout. Our website represents our youth in a modern way, but continues to incorporate our history and heritage.

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Programming and Activities

January 2021

- Snow sculpture contest
- Snowshoeing
- Sledding
- Snow volcano
- Snowman making
- Virtual events
- Hockey Bros

February 2021

- Online programs
 - Dēnē class
 - Homework help
 - Dēnē teaching



March 2021

April 2021

- Family fishing event

- Art therapy
- Meals delivered to households
- Girls Inc. kits
- Annual general meeting



May 2021

- Park clean-up
- Painting
- Dreamcatcher kits
- Mother's Day craft
- MMIWG2S
- Snack bags, available for pick up
- Every Child Matters
- Facebook survey and feedback
- Wellness kits
- Edmonton Oilers raffle

June 2021

- Find the Joker fundraiser
- Virtual bingo
- Father's Day poker rally
- Bird house making
- Car wash fundraiser
- Pride parade
- Garden clean-up
- Pizza night



July 2021

- Food hampers for pick up
- 50/50 raffle
- Every Child Matters walk to Fort McMurray
- Summer student program
- Swimming day at the harbour

August 2021

- Dēnē hand games
- Camp Kindle
- Cowpar Lake Camp



September 30, 2021 marked the first ever National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Orange Shirt Day takes place on the same day, and it was a meaningful experience as we came together to raise awareness and honour our lost children and the survivors of residential schools, their families and communities.

September 2021

- Hi-Tek Sports group
- Moose hunting
- Every Child Matters walk
- Colouring contest
- Teen bingo

October 2021

- Hockey Bros
- Arts and crafts
- Pumpkin carving
- Photo shoot
- Pumpkin smashing
- Halloween movies
- Baseball



November 2021

- Bissel Wave raffle
- Remembrance Day craft
- Hockey Camp
- Christmas decorating

December 2021

- Christmas market
- Prize bingo
- Christmas card making
- Dash the Elf
- Sponsor a youth tree
- Taco in a bag fundraiser
- Gingerbread kits
- Chromebook raffle
- Christmas bundle raffle
- Kids bingo
- Bake sale
- Fort kit family activity

Financial Highlights

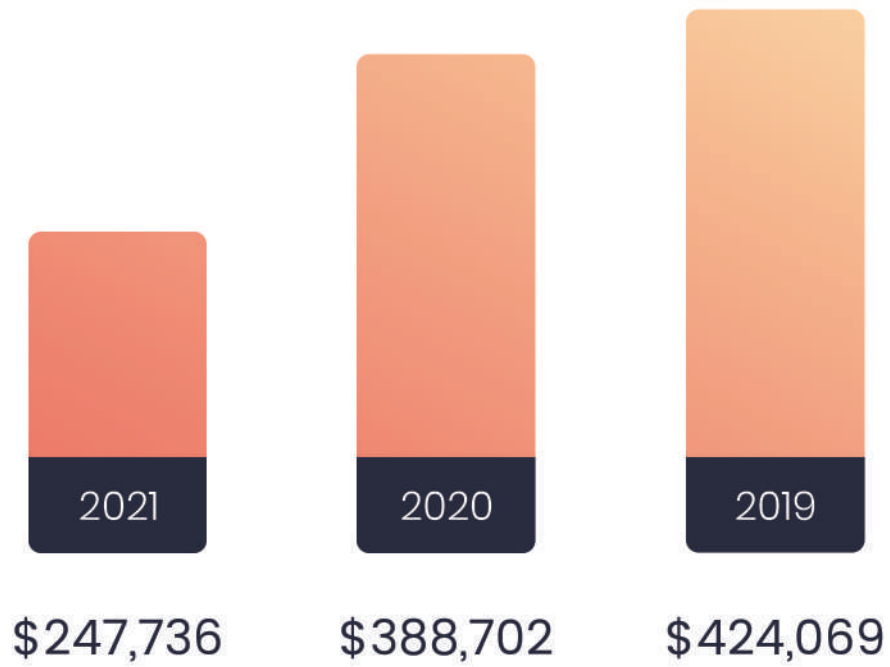
BALANCE SHEET | DECEMBER 31, 2021

Current Asset	2021	2020
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 197,876	\$ 380,122
Accounts receivable	\$ 31,462	\$ 20,216
Net assets	\$ 119,910	\$ 94,000
	\$ 349,248	\$ 494,338
Current Liability	2021	2020
Accrued liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 0
Accounts payable	\$ 6,493	\$ 9,192
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Visa payable	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,115
WCB payable	\$ (220)	\$ 810
Vacation payable	\$ -	\$ (16)
Receiver General	\$ -	\$ 799
Playground & parks fund	\$ 92,736	\$ 92,736
	\$ 101,511	\$ 105,635
Equity	2021	2020
Retained earnings	\$ 247,736	\$ 388,702
	\$ 349,248	\$ 494,338

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS | DECEMBER 31, 2021

Revenues	2021	2020
Grants	\$ 100,000	\$ 129,711
Donations	\$ 26,050	\$ 9,500
RMWB	\$ -	\$ 20,000
ConocoPhillips	\$ 50,000	\$ 72,980
Enbridge	\$ 6,000	\$ -
Chipewyan Prairie First Nation	\$ 2,000	\$ -
Community Investment	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Summer Student Employment – Chipewyan Prairie First Nation	\$ -	\$ 16,992
Red Cross	\$ -	\$ 29,359
Canadian Roots Exchange	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Gaming	\$ -	\$ 34,158
Other Income	\$ 12,163	\$ 16,431
COVID-19 Relief – Red Cross, FCSSCA, CRA	\$ 146,702	\$ 131,124
	\$ 442,915	\$ 535,256
Expenses	2021	2020
Payroll expenses	\$ 298,242	\$ 270,739
General & administrative	\$ 129,480	\$ 116,362
Program expenses	\$ 85,352	\$ 118,699
Honorarium	\$ 12,680	\$ 13,900
Interest & bank charges	\$ 2,010	\$ 2,132
Professional fees	\$ 31,122	\$ 26,240
Travel	\$ 24,996	\$ 22,552
	\$ 583,881	\$ 570,623
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ (140,966)	\$ (35,367)

Retained Earnings





2022 Goals

1

Provide child and youth programming to develop skills, knowledge and values in all aspects of life.

2

Support the provision of food and well-being at home, online or at the centre.

3

Keep children, youth, families and staff safe in 2022.

4

Renovate the Youth Centre with safety and functionality in mind.



FOR THE YOUTH