



SEKWEHA

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

2024

A year of growth, grit and gratitude

Janvier Sekweha Youth Centre

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Message from the Chair

Another successful year for Sekweha in 2024! Over the past year, we've seen tremendous growth from everyone involved. The staff have been outstanding—providing meaningful programs and guidance to the youth and showing them what it takes to become leaders. Thank you to all the staff for your hard work and dedication.

I would also like to thank Jessica Janvier for her incredible contributions to Sekweha over the years. Jessica, you are an inspiration—your growth within the organization and your willingness to learn have been remarkable. You've set a great example for both our youth and our community. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

A heartfelt thank you as well to all our sponsors. Your continued support plays a vital role in keeping our programs running and contributes greatly to the wellbeing of our youth and community. I'm excited to see what the future holds for Sekweha.

Dustin Nokohoo
Sekweha Chair



Message from the Vice-Chair

The year 2024 marked an exceptional milestone for our youth centre. The nurturing and secure environment we continue to cultivate remains both vital and deeply appreciated within our community.

Each passing year brings more young people through our doors—eager not only to grow personally but also to contribute meaningfully to the youth centre and to their broader community.

Though our facility may be modest in size, the passion and commitment that fuel Sekweha are truly unmatched.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, the inspiring youth we serve and the many supporters who have stood by us this year. Each of you plays a vital role, and we are sincerely thankful for your continued contributions.

Melinda Richter
Vice-Chair

Sekweha Directors



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2024 Sekweha Staff

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible Sekweha team. Your dedication, compassion and tireless efforts continue to shape the lives of the youth we serve and strengthen the fabric of our community. Thank you for showing up every day with purpose and heart—your impact is truly immeasurable.

Jessica Janvier	Keisha Lemaigre	Lexie Lemaigre
Brandon Cardinal	Marley Applegarth	Vada Deltess
Isiah Janvier	Candice Janvier	Teal Black
Akacia Montgrand	Rolanna Janvier	Karen Fontaine
Tatianna Herman	Emma Harpe	Amber Lemaigre
Reanna Herman	Erica Janvier	Laythan Janvier-Bourque

Summer Students

Tatianna Herman	Jadon Boby	Carson Carlson
Angie Lemaigre	Isiah Morice	Creighton Janvier-McDonald
Landon Janvier	Ashten Montgrand	Tanika McDonald
K'I Janvier	Frankie Janvier	David Bouchier-Plews
Henry Jr. Herman	Addison Nokohoo	Dawson Deltess

Supervisors: Brina Cardinal, Kiara Morice, Amber Lemaigre
Maintenance: John Harpe



Thank You to Our Donors and Supporters

To our generous donors—thank you. Your continued support empowers us to create meaningful, lasting impact in the lives of our youth and within the community we serve.

We are also deeply grateful to the many organizations, companies and individuals who contribute their time, resources and energy. Whether through volunteering or in-kind donations, your commitment strengthens everything we do.

Together, we are building a brighter future.

Revenue Snapshot

Please refer to the Financial Highlights section for more information.



Other
\$21,311



Donations
\$45,931



Gaming
\$61,661



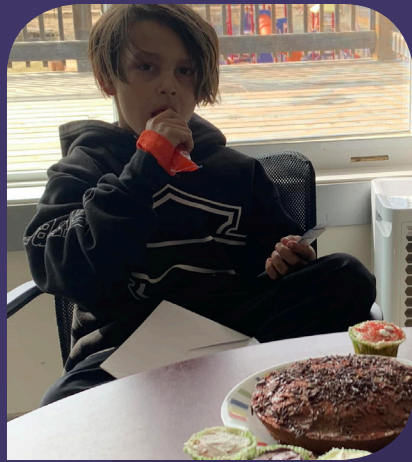
Corporate
\$354,668



Grants
\$148,990



Programming and Activities



January

- 1 Facility was broken into; closed to the public.
- 8-10 Facility broken into again; closed due to vandalism and water damage.
- 17 Facility reopened to youth.

February

- 5 Youth and staff attended the Multicultural Association Festival in Fort McMurray.
- 7 Lac La Biche Home Hardware donated a Keurig to Sekweha.
- 15 Homemade pizzas with youth.
- 16 DJean Enterprise donated tickets to watch local hockey star Dwayne Jean Jr. of the Red Deer Rebels. Sekweha van was out of operation, so tickets were donated to a family.
- 27 Youth attended a three-day hockey camp in Fort McKay with the three Nolan brothers.



March

Various fundraising initiatives were held throughout March.

- 21 Youth tie-dyed clothing.
- 23 Sekweha collaborated with Chard Métis and RMWB for a Community Easter Event.
- 27 Chard Métis Nation donated a security system for the youth centre.
- 30 Collaborated with Chard Métis Nation to host a Community Poker Rally.



April



- 7 Cultural activities.
- 10 Slime making.
- 10-14 Youth and staff attended the 2024 Every Child Matters Youth Conference in Edmonton, AB, participating in workshops, powwow, round dance and Dene hand games.
- 16 Youth designed and hosted a fashion show at the youth centre.
- 26 Spring flower planting with youth.



May



- 2 Sekweha participated in the Janvier Red Dress Solidarity Walk and community lunch.
- 7 Participated in the Janvier Community Clean-Up, Mother Earth Day.
- 8 & 10 Participated in the Edmonton Oilers Watch Party at Chard Métis Nation.
- 11 Mother's Day crafting.
- 14 AGM postponed due to Fort McMurray wildfire evacuation.
- 23 Sekweha closed as staff prepared for the Chipewyan Prairie First Nation Graduation Celebrations.
- 25 2024 Chipewyan Prairie First Nation Graduation Celebration.
- 29 Sekweha closed due to fundraising initiative at the ATC Golf Tournament.

June

- 6 Annual General Meeting held. Welcomed Board of Directors:
- Chair – Dustin Nokohoo
 - Vice-Chair – Melinda Richter
 - Treasurer – Candace Black
 - Secretary – Kayla Marцениuk
 - Directors – Connie Mercredi, Keith Black, Marina Nokohoo
- 10 Ribbon skirt and shirt making.
- 15 Spring Carnival.
- 16 Father’s Day Barbecue.



July

- 2 Sekweha Summer Student Program began with 15 students.
- 4 Scavenger hunt and hot dog eating contest.
- 6-7 Treaty Day events and concession.
- 15-17 Learner’s License Training Program provided by ATC.
- 17-25 Youth Centre closed due to wildfire evacuation.
- 26 Youth Centre resumed normal operating hours.
- 28 Youth swimming trip.
- 29 Careers and Keyano College gave youth the opportunity to explore different careers through simulator experiences.



August

- 6-9 Youth Summer Cultural Camp.
- 13 X-Calibre Paintball trip.
- 20-21 First Aid courses.



September

Farewell and 11-year celebration for outgoing manager Jessica Janvier. Welcomed new manager, Amber Lemaigre.

- 11 & 23 RMWB hosted a Star Wars Fun Night and a Teen Craft Night.
- 13-16 Youth participated in the Bears' Lair Youth Entrepreneur Camp in Anzac, AB, sponsored by Keyera Corp.
- 16 Youth attended a motivational flag football camp with Leroy Fontaine, Dylan Elias and Alicia Gladue.
- 27 Three-day Fall Hunting Camp held at North Bay, Winefred Lake. Youth learned to set traps and nets, clean fish, hunt moose and chickens, practice fire safety, and understand sacred fire traditions, including types of wood for cooking, smoking and ceremonial use.
- 30 National Truth and Reconciliation Day.



October

- 1 Halloween crafting and decorating began.
- 2 Staff attended the Mental Health and Healing Symposium in Fort McKay, AB.
- 7 Thank you to Board Secretary Kayla Marcenik for painting and completing the Sekweha logo inside the youth centre.
- 14 Sekweha hosted a Thanksgiving dinner.
- 18 Pumpkin carving, Dene hand games, slime making and face mask painting.
- 19 Youth attended Movie in the Park hosted by the Justin Slade Youth Foundation.
- 23 Halloween activity with Wood Buffalo Library.
- 29-30 Staff created a spooky Haunted House.
- 31 Staff handed out candies donated by DJean Enterprise, served hot dogs and kept youth warm with a fire. The evening ended with prize bingo.



November

- 3 Keychain and bracelet making.
- 7 Nerf Wars.
- 10 TikTok challenges.
- 17 Canning carrots with Elders Virginia Loewen and Marlene Janvier.
- 20 Youth created posters for an upcoming hockey game.
- 23 Youth attended Oil Barons vs. Wolverines hockey game. Tickets and transportation sponsored by DJean Enterprise.



December

- 6-9 Sekweha's annual Winter Wonderland event, featuring Christmas activities, Festival of Trees, Christmas Market and Merchandise Bingo. Sponsored by:
 - TJ's Group
 - SD Janvier Enterprise
 - Ambipar Response Canada
- 18 Christmas garland craft.



- 19 Sekweha announced Festival of Trees winners. Prize trees donated by:
 - Dene Skilled Labour Force
 - Dellack Contracting
 - DJean Enterprise
 - Nighthawk Enterprise
 - Chipewyan Prairie First Nation
 - Nah-K Bros
 - Athabasca Tribal Council
 - Chard Métis Nation
 - Secure Energy
 - YMM Dance
- 21 Bannock making with Elder Jacqueline Nokohoo.
- 24 Gingerbread contest.
- 25 Christmas Dinner.
- 27 Mini bingo and pizza making.
- 31 New Year's Eve Celebration.

Financial Highlights

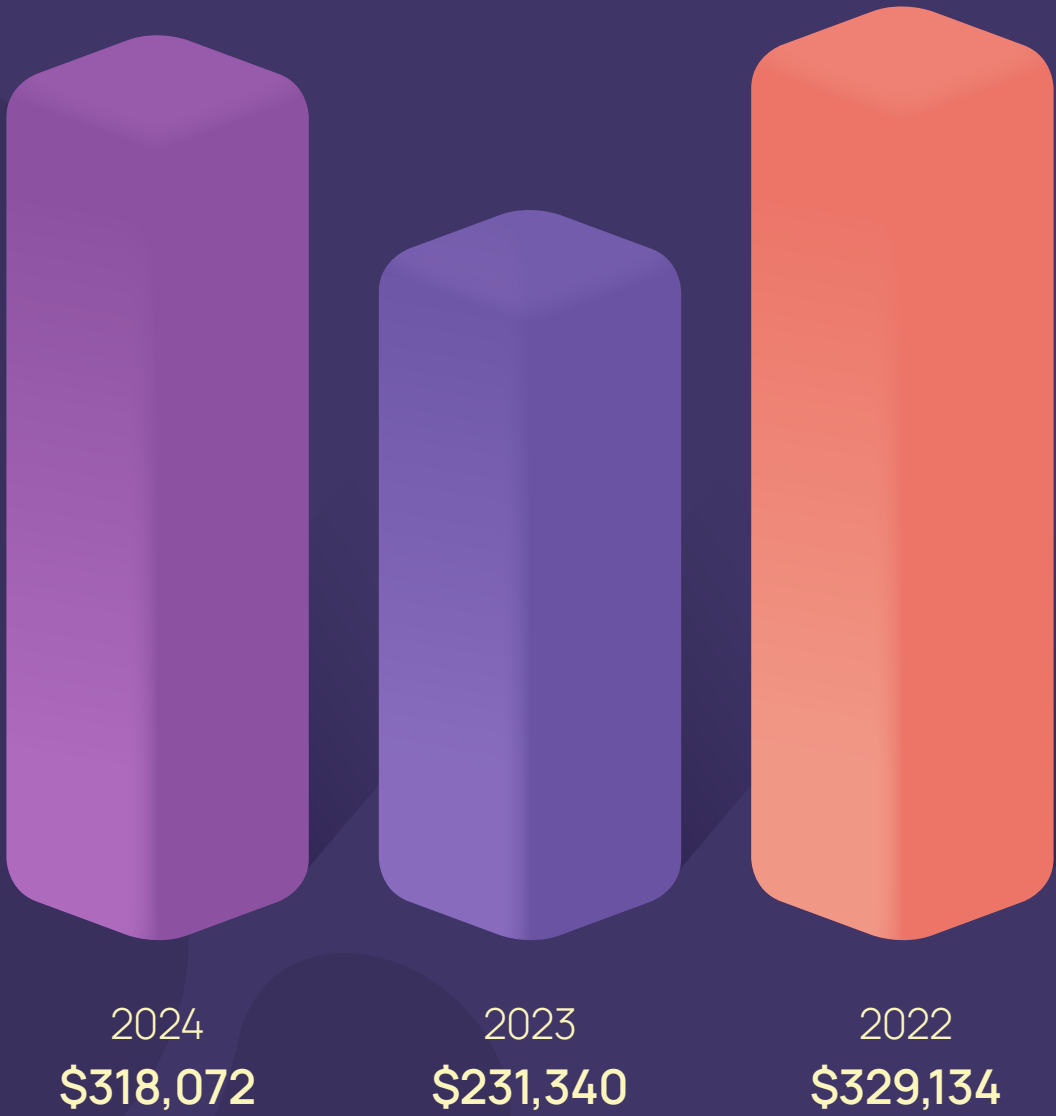
BALANCE SHEET | DECEMBER 31, 2024

Current Assets	2024	2023
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 256,753	\$ 71,831
Accounts receivable	\$ 677	\$ 92,523
Net assets	\$ 163,757	\$ 163,139
	\$ 421,188	\$ 327,494
Current Liability	2024	2023
Accrued liabilities	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06
Accounts payable	\$ 5,825	\$ 2,363
	\$ 5,825	\$ 2,363
Visa payable	\$ 5,445	\$ 344
WCB payable	\$ (822)	\$ -
Vacation payable	\$ -	\$ 717
Receiver General	\$ (68)	\$ (7)
Playground & parks fund	\$ 92,735	\$ 92,735
	\$ 103,115	\$ 96,154
Equity	2024	2023
Retained earnings	\$ 318,072	\$ 231,340
	\$ 421,188	\$ 327,494

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS | DECEMBER 31, 2024

Revenues	2024	2023
Grants	\$ 148,990	\$ 7,500
Donations	\$ 45,931	\$ 131,770
Corporate	\$ 354,668	\$ 239,909
Gaming	\$ 61,661	\$ 10,682
Other income	\$ 21,311	\$ 26,907
	\$ 632,562	\$ 416,769
Expenses	2024	2023
Payroll expenses	\$ 295,808	\$ 293,716
General & administrative	\$ 87,487	\$ 82,039
Program expenses	\$ 90,944	\$ 74,388
Honorarium	\$ 21,600	\$ 7,700
Interest & bank charges	\$ 2,136	\$ 3,618
Professional fees	\$ 26,987	\$ 35,263
Travel	\$ 20,865	\$ 17,835
	\$ 545,830	\$ 514,563
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 86,732	\$ 97,793

Retained Earnings



2025 Goals

- 1 Enhance Land-Based Learning Opportunities**
Provide youth with meaningful cultural experiences through traditional practices such as hunting, harvesting medicinal plants, snaring and ice fishing.
- 2 Promote a Safe and Supportive Environment**
Continue prioritizing the safety and wellbeing of children, youth and families through consistent care, supervision and inclusive programming.
- 3 Broaden Access to Sports and Recreation**
Introduce a wider variety of athletic activities to encourage physical fitness, teamwork and personal growth among youth.
- 4 Foster Lifelong Skills and Values**
Offer programming that builds essential life skills, encourages critical thinking and promotes strong values across personal, cultural and social areas of development.



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YEARS

FOR THE YOUTH