

Human Rights and Needs

I moved into Pan Am Place the day I turned 18. Without it I would have been sleeping in churches, homeless shelters, empty buildings or public parks.

Pan Am Place provides me with food, entertainment, shelter and friendly staff members each day without fail. It also helped me get my first job. The individuals that constitute our society are also the responsibility of our society. People who are unable to obtain these human rights may grow up to be unhealthy, psychologically damaged, physically impaired, without social connections, in a state of dependence/lacking autonomy, and much more.

If an individual ends up with these issues, then not only will they be unable to exert themselves to their fullest potential, they'll be more likely to become burdensome to society.

- Abraham Bwalya, a resident of Pan Am Place



Abraham Bwalya

RECIPIENT | Pan Am Place
GRANTS | \$79,462, drawn from the Moffat Family Fund, which is a Donor-Advised Fund; the Nourishing Potential Fund; the Youth in Philanthropy Fund; and from The Foundation's Employee Charitable Contribution Fund

Pan Am Place uses the principles of boxing and healthy living to teach young men the discipline it takes to win their battle against homelessness by providing a safe place to stay, nourishing food, mentorship and volunteer opportunities.

CITIZEN PRIORITIES

HOUSING

1. Increase supports for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
2. Improve the affordability of rental housing
3. Improve the affordability of home ownership

POVERTY

1. Provide increased opportunities to earn a living wage
2. Increase services that encourage and support transition into the workforce
3. Increase supports for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless

FOOD SECURITY

1. Increase access to affordable and nutritious food
2. Support programs to decrease food waste
3. Support policies and programs to reduce reliance on food banks

SAFETY

1. Provide gang prevention programs to youth and adults
2. Reduce incidence of family violence/domestic conflict
3. Increase neighbourhood watch programs



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HOUSING

HOUSE PRICES

Average resale price of a home in Winnipeg

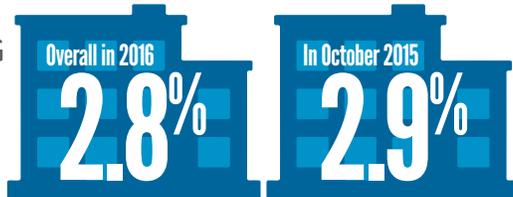
SOURCE: CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION, 2016



RENTAL HOUSING

Winnipeg has a low but stable vacancy rate

SOURCE: CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION, 2016

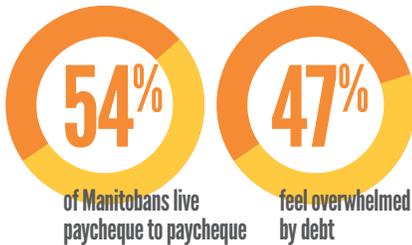


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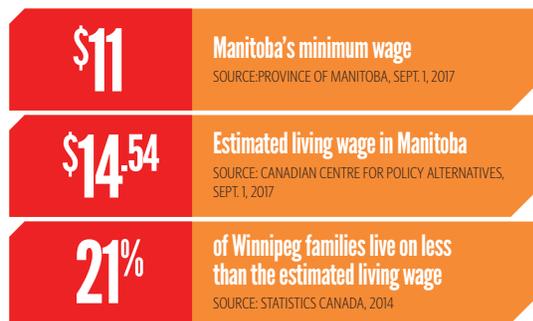
Average rent in Winnipeg
SOURCE: CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION, 2016

POVERTY

FINANCIAL SECURITY



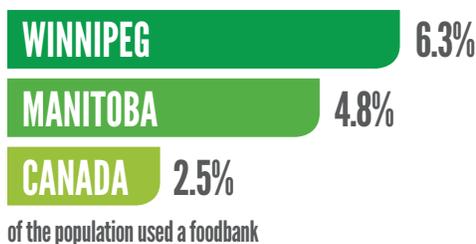
SOURCE: CANADIAN PAYROLL ASSOCIATION, 2016



A living wage is based on the principle that full-time work should provide families with a basic level of economic security. This means a family of four, with two parents working full-time, can pay for necessities, support the healthy development of their children, escape financial stress, and participate in the social, civic and cultural lives of their communities.

FOOD SECURITY

FOOD BANK USAGE



SOURCE: FOODBANKS CANADA, MARCH 2016

FOOD COSTS



FRUITS & VEGETABLES



SAFETY

NEIGHBOURHOODS

Criminal code violations in Winnipeg per 100,000 people

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, 2016

1,291

72%

of Winnipeggers feel safe walking alone at night

SOURCE: CITY OF WINNIPEG CITIZEN SURVEY, 2016

Community leadership

ACCESSING SERVICES

Many in the low-income community don't access the services they're entitled to because they don't know what's available. SEED Winnipeg's *Access to Benefits: Increasing Capacity & Reducing Barriers* helps people take full advantage of benefits they deserve.

MAKE WAY FOR MAMA BEAR

North Point Douglas Women's Centre's Mama Bear Clan patrols the streets twice a week to provide a positive presence in the downtown neighbourhood. To further increase safety, the Centre also organizes neighbourhood events, domestic violence awareness and support, self-defence classes, and more.

DIGNITY AND RIGHTS

In 2003, The Winnipeg Foundation made the largest grant in its history: \$6 million to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The Museum aims to demonstrate and educate visitors that we are all born free and equal in dignity and rights.

HUMAN RIGHTS HUB

A project of Christie McLeod supported by The Foundation's Emerging Leaders' Fellowship, the Global College *Human Rights Hub* centralizes information and events around human rights in Winnipeg through the creation of a website.

Families

I became a ward of CFS when I was eight and a mom at 17. Ma Mawi's *Family Group Conferencing* program helped me break the cycle of CFS involvement in my life.

When you have a child, you have more success if you have more supports in your life. *Family Group Conferencing* helped me realize I have people in my life who want to ensure my family succeeds. *Family Group Conferencing* empowers families and gives them their voice back.

Today, I help young women in the same way I was helped. I was drawn to the field because I want to make sure our young people, especially our Indigenous women, are keeping their kids. Where you came from doesn't have to determine your success and accomplishments.

- Angeline Spence, Team Lead of Ma Mawi's Isobel's Place, and former *Family Group Conferencing* participant

Angeline Spence (middle) with Mitchell and Jade



RECIPIENT | Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre's *Family Group Conferencing* program

GRANTS | \$1 million over three years, drawn from the Moffat Family Fund

Ma Mawi provides an Indigenous solution to supporting and rebuilding families. *Family Group Conferencing* is an Indigenous-based and Indigenous-led process that shifts the decision making regarding the care and protection of children to the entire family and community.

CITIZEN PRIORITIES

FAMILIES

1. Improve access and availability of affordable childcare
2. Improve the availability of parenting and family support programs
3. Support to keep families together



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CHILD CARE SPACES



27,056¹

licensed child care spaces in Manitoba

16,568²

children on Manitoba's Online Child Care Registry

1,035³

children on the list who are not yet born

SOURCE: MANITOBA CHILD CARE ONLINE, ¹MAR. 31, 2017 / ²JUL. 31, 2017 / ³JUL. 31, 2017

CHILDREN IN CARE

10,293 CHILDREN IN CARE IN MANITOBA

8,960 OF THOSE ARE INDIGENOUS

THAT'S **87%** OF ALL CHILDREN IN CARE

SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, 2014

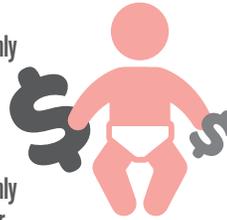
544 KIDS AGED OUT OF CARE BETWEEN APR. 1, 2015 AND MAR. 31, 2016

SOURCE: CHILD AND FAMILY INFORMATION SYSTEMS

DAYCARE COSTS

\$651 Median monthly fee for infant day care in Winnipeg

\$451 Median monthly fee for toddler and child day care in Winnipeg



SOURCE: CANADIAN CENTRE FOR POLICY ALTERNATIVES, 2016

WHAT YOU SAY: ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY OF CHILD CARE

46% OF WOMEN

37% OF MEN

say Winnipeg needs to improve access and availability of affordable child care

SOURCE: WINNIPEG'S VITAL SIGNS 2017 ONLINE SURVEY

CARING FOR PARENTS

154,000

Manitobans spent time providing care for a friend or family member with a long-term illness, disability or because of aging

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, 2012



MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME



\$89,740 for a couple, with or without kids, living in Winnipeg



\$43,270 for a lone-parent family, with at least one child, living in Winnipeg

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, 2015

LOW INCOME CUT-OFF (LICO)

\$38,117 LOW-INCOME THRESHOLD FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR AFTER TAX

LICO is an income threshold below which a family will likely devote a larger share of its income to food, shelter and clothing than the average family. It's a national measure based on family and community size.

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, 2014

FAMILIES IN POVERTY

35.1% of Winnipeg lone-parent families are low income

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA, 2014



Community leadership

FAMILIES FIRST

Family resource centres are busy neighbourhood hubs that support Winnipeggers of all ages. The United Way's *For Every Family* initiative helps these centres keep their doors open longer and better-serve local families.

REAL-LIFE LEARNING FOR EVERY AGE

South Winnipeg Family Information Centre offers job training for women on social assistance and a variety of educational programs. Its workshops help youth build study skills, become babysitters and learn to be independent.

SUPPORT FOR NEWCOMER PARENTS

Mosaic Newcomer Family Resource Network helps newcomers gain English language skills, and learn about Canadian customs and systems. Mosaic also builds supportive social networks, helping ensure families thrive.

What you told us at the last Vital Conversation

GAUGING WINNIPEGGERS' VIEWS ON THEIR NEIGHBOURHOODS

How walkable are Winnipeg neighbourhoods? Are they accessible by transit? Does that matter? These are some of the questions The Foundation's Vital Conversation helped answer at last May's pop-up fundraiser, Table for 1200 More.

The annual dinner supports Storefront MB, a group dedicated to advancing awareness and appreciation of architecture, design and the built environment throughout Manitoba. This year's event was held May 2018, and wound along the riverwalk starting at The Forks Historic Port, stretching to the Queen Elizabeth Way bridge.

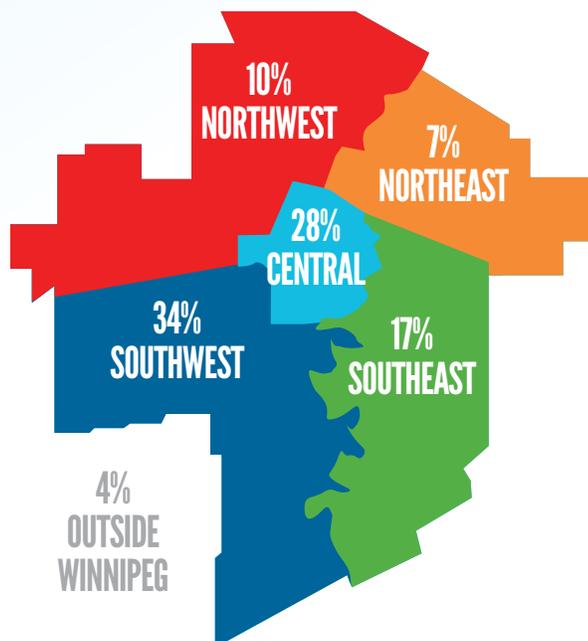
Attendees were invited to fill out a short survey on this warm sunny evening. The mood and setting allowed for great conversations about our Winnipeg.

WHAT WE LEARNED

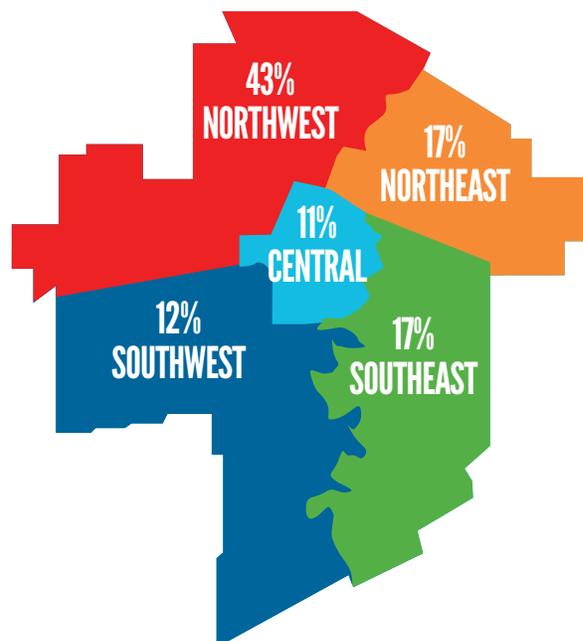
This Vital Conversation was an opportunity to talk about the neighbourhoods diners call home, the accessibility of those neighbourhoods, and other city neighbourhoods they know the least about. The survey also asked attendees what they think is the biggest social issue facing Winnipeg, and more.

The short survey told us our sense of community is what people are most proud of. Our small-town feel, the people and diversity, our arts and culture scene, and - of course - the Winnipeg Jets all topped the list. We learned that most diners lived in the southwestern part of the city and know the least about the northwest area of the city. Walkability and accessibility to public transit is important in their neighbourhoods and sustainability is the most pressing social issue Winnipeg is facing.

WHAT AREA ARE YOU FROM?



WHICH AREA DO YOU KNOW LEAST ABOUT?



Results from May 2018 Vital Conversation.
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IS YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WALKABLE?



IS YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ACCESSIBLE BY PUBLIC TRANSIT?



IS THE WALKABILITY/ACCESSIBILITY OF YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPORTANT TO YOU?



DO YOU TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?



WHAT MAKES YOU PROUD TO BE A WINNIPEGGER?

HERE'S A SAMPLE OF THE MORE THAN 375 WRITTEN RESPONSES WE RECEIVED:

"I appreciate the fact that I live in an affordable city."

"I'm proud of the livability of the city, being able to afford to live, enjoy the city safely (walkable, clean, safe) and the amount of options available for entertainment."

"Multicultural, art, music, generosity of public."

"The diversity of the culture mixed with wonderful people and kindness."

"I am proud of the steps taken so far in reconciliation compared with other provinces but more needs to be done."

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE MOST PRESSING SOCIAL ISSUE IN WINNIPEG TODAY?



PRESENTERS

Dr. Myra Laramee

Dr. Myra Laramee is the Elder/Traditional Knowledge Keeper for Winnipeg School Division. A grandmother, mother, sister and daughter, Myra is a member of Fisher River Cree Nation.

Andrea Burkhart

Andrea Burkhart has had the honour of working alongside many people and organizations to address complex issues like human trafficking and poverty. After co-founding and leading the Action Coalition on Human Trafficking (ACT Alberta) for six years, Andrea joined End Poverty Edmonton as the inaugural Executive Director in 2017.

Kirsten Bernas

Kirsten Bernas is a Steering Committee member of Make Poverty History Manitoba. She is also the Director of Housing at the West Central Women's Resource Centre and Chairs the provincial working group of the Right to Housing Coalition.

Al Wiebe

Al Wiebe is a Make Poverty History Manitoba Steering Committee member, Chair of the Lived Experience Circle, and Founder and Chair of the National Lived Experience Advisory Council and Peer Engagement Specialist for the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.

Jackie Anderson

Jackie Anderson is a proud Metis Woman and mother to three adult children. She has worked with the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre for 18 years. She specializes in the areas of Children in Care and Family Group Conferencing, and is considered a national expert in the areas of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

Host: Eva Kovacs

Eva Kovacs started her career in journalism 20 years ago years ago at Global News. She's taken on many different roles; from daily reporter to news anchor, morning news host and now community producer. Raising two children with her husband Jeff, Eva is proud to call Winnipeg home.

WHAT ARE VITAL CONVERSATIONS?



Vital Conversations convene citizens on issues of importance, as determined by the community. They were born out of the community's enthusiastic response to sessions held as a part of Winnipeg's Vital Signs®. Released October 2017, the Vital Signs report combines research, a public survey and community conversations to provide insights on what's important to Winnipeggers. Four themes emerged: Reconciliation, Belonging, Well-being, and Lines that Divide our community. Find out more: WinnipegVitalSigns.org.

ABOUT THE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION



The Winnipeg Foundation is **For Good. Forever.** We help people give back to our shared community by connecting generous donors with Causes they care about **For Good.** We're an endowment-based public foundation, so gifts are pooled and invested, and the annual earnings are distributed back to the community **Forever.** Formed in 1921, we are proud to be the first community foundation in Canada.

ABOUT MAKE POVERTY HISTORY MANITOBA



Make Poverty History Manitoba is a multi-sectoral collaborative coalition representing business, education, student, youth, Aboriginal, newcomer, labour, women's, disability, urban, rural, and northern communities. The coalition's efforts are directed primarily at the provincial level. However, its work contributes toward the achievement of Make Poverty History's national campaign objectives. The coalition is committed to changing public policy to achieve a Manitoba without poverty.