

From Poverty to Possibility

Pioneers Receive Recognition on National Philanthropy Day

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Darrell Liebrecht (l) and Rick Gauthier with the Outstanding Community Group award the Pioneers received at the National Philanthropy Day luncheon in Regina.

The philanthropic activities of the SaskTel Pioneers were recognized recently on National Philanthropy Day.

National Philanthropy Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the daily impact generosity has on our communities. This internationally recognized day celebrates the heartfelt contributions individuals and organizations make to countless causes and missions across the world.

In Regina, the 2019 National Philanthropy Day Luncheon took place on 12 Nov 2019 at the Conexus Arts Centre.

“We were nominated by the United Way of Regina,” said Pioneer Manager Darrell Liebrecht. “And we were honoured to receive the Outstanding Community Group award at the luncheon.”

The award recognizes a community or group of volunteers who demonstrate outstanding skills in coordinating and motivating donors and volunteers for fundraising projects for the benefit of charitable institutions.

Darrell attended the luncheon with Rick Gauthier. Rick, a SaskTel retiree, is a big part of Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) in Regina. CVITP, which is a program of the Canadian

Revenue agency, works with volunteer and charitable groups like the SaskTel Pioneers and the United Way Regina to host free personal income tax filing clinics.

“I have seen first-hand the tremendous amount of work and dedication the Pioneers have provided through the numerous Tax Clinics that have been held,” said Trish Taylor, Director of Individual & Corporate Giving for the United Way. “I cannot thank them enough for their commitment to supporting our community and providing this incredibly essential service for those who would otherwise not have the knowledge, skills or means to complete taxes on their own.”

“Your efforts help move people from a life of poverty to one of possibility. You are incredible champions for our community, and in recognition of all your time and work, we were happy to nominate you.”

Of course, their work with the CVITP is only one of many causes the Pioneers support. The group contributes more than 60,000 volunteer hours to Saskatchewan causes every year.

“It was a great feeling to be recognized, particularly on such a special day, and along with the other organizations and individuals who were also honoured,” said Darrell.