

Mrs. Lucci's Resource Centre Annual Report 2023-2024



Mission Statement
Helping to foster the wellbeing of the community and
the people in it.

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Resource Centre Philosophy

1. To work in partnership with all agencies to enhance the social support networks of all community members.
2. To work with parents and children, to enhance all children's opportunity for success through healthy early childhood development.
3. To create an environment that will improve an individual's success within a variety of diverse learning environments.
5. To be a self-sustaining, accountable and genuine organization with a strong human resource base.

A Brief History

Mrs. Lucci's Resource Centre is a non-profit organization operating in the community of Lac du Bonnet. Since opening in August 1998, the Centre has been providing residents in the community and surrounding area with a variety of services and support.

In October 2004, Mrs. Lucci's moved to the new facility at 76 Third Street. This was made possible with funding from Whiteshell Community Adjustment Fund, Manitoba Community Services Council and Manitoba Community Services Council. Mrs. Lucci's is located at 76 Third St. The building is approximately 4,500 square feet. The main floor consists of a 1,055 sq ft second hand store, 422 sq ft café, 331 sq ft kitchen, 361 sq ft multipurpose room, plus a central resource centre space. There are five offices upstairs.

In January 2005, Families First and Healthy Baby, two Interlake Eastman Regional Health Association programs, moved into one of the rental offices on the second floor. Office space was also rented out to the Health Inspector and Child and Family Services.

In June 2015, Mrs. Lucci's rented space at 67 Park Avenue to house a furniture and housewares second hand store; Mrs. Lucci's Too! Fabulous Finds on Forth. In the summer of 2017, a truck was purchased to allow for pick-ups and deliveries for the furniture store. The purchasing of the truck was made possible with a grant from Manitoba Community Services Council.

In May 2018, Mrs. Lucci's purchased a commercial property across the street from our main location on Third Street. Lucci's Three, is a space for our Adult Services clients to receive day programming.

Program Funding History

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| 1998 – 2009 | Human Resource Development /Service Canada
<i>Funding supported individuals between the ages of 16-29 who were unemployed and not in school</i> |
| 2000 – Present | Healthy Child Manitoba
<i>Funding supports children and families</i> |
| 2012 - Present | Province of Manitoba – Family Services – Adult Supported Living
<i>Funding support adults living with cognitive challenges</i> |

**August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024
A Year in Review**

Healthy Child Manitoba

We continued to provide advocacy and support for individuals and families. This could be assistance in writing letters, to and /or attending meetings with agencies such as the schools, daycare, Social Assistance, Child and Family Services, Employment Assistance and landlords. Many community members drop by the Centre requesting information on a variety of issues. Lucci's staff works with the individuals to answer their questions and to make the appropriate referrals when necessary. Time is always given to community members as all programs have originated from an expressed need. All services supports and programs are developed based on community needs and exist to fill gaps in service delivery.

Healthy Child Programs

- Direct Farms, Farmer's Market Voucher program – providing families with access to Farmer's Market healthy food options
- Babysitting course – for all grade 6 students
- Home Alone – for all grade 4 students
- Kids in the Kitchen – grades 1-6 (3 sessions first come first serve)
- Parents Helping Parents – drop in groups (parent and child; grandparent and child)
- Summer Camps – sponsor children who would not otherwise not be able to attend
- Peace Makers – identified need by elementary school teaching meditation and conflict resolution skills
- Pre-Teen Social Group – identified need by elementary school
- Life Skills – identified need by elementary school

Adult Supported Living

We continue to support adults with cognitive disabilities. Day services include a range of support and training to help individuals participate in the community through a variety of community-based activities. Clients have the option of working in either of the secondhand stores, the café or attending programming at Lucci's Three.

Alternative Classroom

Sunrise School Division rented space for the Alternative Classroom as well as supported the program with a teacher and coordinator. Students who needed an alternative setting and adapted programming attended the classroom. In June, the Lac du Bonnet Senior School Principal made the decision to move the classroom back to the school, thus ending our nine-year collaboration with the Lac du Bonnet Senior School.

Profit Sharing

Mrs. Lucci's continues to offer the Profit-Sharing Program to organizations and service groups in Lac du Bonnet. Volunteers work in the secondhand stores and receive a donation to their organization. The following organizations worked during this fiscal year:

Pioneer Club	LdB Trails Association	LdB Quilters
Historical Society	Catholic Ladies	Fire and Water
LdB Library	Lutheran Church	Christmas Hamper
Pioneer ladies	Pinawa Friendship Quilters	

Community Give Back

Thanks to all of the generous donations from community members, this year, Mrs. Lucci's donated money to the following organizations:

LdB Pioneer Club	Kitchen	2 500.00
LdB Legion	Air Conditioner	2 000.00
LdB Slow Pitch	Outdoor kitchen	3 500.00
Centennial School	Outdoor classroom	5 000.00
LdB Library	Pergola	6 000.00
Pinawa Hospital	Large print books	1 000.00
Pinawa Hospital	Scanner	2 000.00
Lunch is on Us	Food	1 000.00
LdB Arena	Public skating	2 000.00
Centennial School	Library	1 000.00
Whitemouth School	Discretionary funds	500.00
LdB Christmas Hamper		4 000.00
LdB Legion	Christmas dinner	1 000.00
Centennial School	Student support	6 800.00
Two Rivers Seniors	Christmas dinner	450.00
IERAH	Adult Day Program	1 000.00
LdB Bursary		100.00

LdB PCH	Happy hour	3 500.00
Community Cupboard		3 000.00
Closer Connections	Mental Health	11 412.50

Thanks to the generous donations and continued support, between August 2023 and July 2024, Mrs. Lucci's Resource Centre has given \$58 760.00 back to the community. Our year to date community contribution is \$388 699.33.

Future Projects Fund

During this fiscal year, we opened a café/ice cream store in the front third of Lucci's Too. It is our intention to have the café serve as another place where our adult services clients can receive work experience.