



## Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition Inc. receives Charitable Organization Status in June, 2022

The concept of an oral health coalition began as a plan to expand partnerships and networking in the community. It was identified during a Saskatoon Health Region- Dental Health Program Review in 2008. Best practice literature indicated that developing a coalition focused on oral health, and including community partners and stakeholders, was an excellent practice to expand the importance of oral health to a broad and diverse group of individuals and agencies in the community.

The inaugural meeting of the Saskatoon Oral Health Coalition (OHC) was May 26, 2010. There was wide support for an Oral Health Coalition to tackle oral health issues. The coalition began meeting twice each year and providing professional development on oral health issues focused on vulnerable populations, in addition to developing a wide range of resources and training. By May 2012, there was a shift and members voted to expand the focus of the coalition to the province. It became the Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition (SOHC).

In 2017, the SOHC became a not for profit corporation. The SOHC Inc. became a charitable organization in June 2022 with seven Directors. This is a huge achievement over 12 years! We will continue to work diligently to grow the SOHC Inc. into a successful charitable organization that will benefit and improve the oral health, and overall health, of the people in Saskatchewan.

There is a significant need in Saskatchewan to work collaboratively to improve the oral health of Saskatchewan people.

**When considering your future charitable donations, please support the SOHC Inc.!**

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Mission: The SOHC Inc. serves as a collaborative, inter-disciplinary group that addresses the needs of vulnerable populations to improve the oral health and overall health of Saskatchewan people.