



## Holiday donations and acts of kindness

Staff and caregivers worked to make the holiday season meaningful for the children, youth and families served by Ranch Ehrlo Society. Homes were decorated, festive treats were prepared, stockings were hung and, for those who wished, visits with Santa were arranged.

While the holidays are about more than gifts, these moments helped create connection, belonging and a sense of being seen. Once again, community members and local businesses came together to ensure youth and families felt remembered, included and celebrated. Through shared meals, thoughtful gifts and meaningful experiences, their generosity helped create lasting holiday memories. Thank you to:

- Century 21 Dome Realty: Hot lunch and gift cards to support classrooms at Ranch Ehrlo's Schaller school
- CJ's Climb and Play Prince Albert in partnership with Fitness for 10 Prince Albert: Toy drive for youth in Prince Albert and Buckland.
- Dance City: Toy drive for youth in Ranch Ehrlo's family programs
- John Adams (Déjà Vu Cafe), FCAP Families received 16 turkeys for

### Christmas

- Kim Oberthier from RE/MAX Crown Real Estate: 10 Regina Pats hockey tickets and \$200 for spending at the game
- Michel Chambers: Sixty-two handmade stockings for youth at the Pilot Butte campus
- KPMG \$15,000 for Ehrlo Sport Venture
- Brxton \$2,500 for Ehrlo Sport Venture
- Heather Collins \$1,000 family programs
- St. Peter Axillary \$1,000 Ehrlo Sport Venture

## Conference underlines agency's commitment to excellence

Through a commitment to education, collaboration, and innovation, Ranch Ehrlo Society continues to enhance its programs



Photo from the fourth annual Paper Crane Christmas Craft Extravaganza, where participants enjoyed food and drinks, created cards, origami, ornaments and lanterns, and were entertained by live Christmas music from Music 4 Souls, a trio from Campbell Collegiate.





Vance Heaney (left)

and services – creating meaningful change for individuals, families, and communities. This past fall, Vance Heaney, director of clinical services, presented at the 21st annual Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) conference in Chicago. His presentation, “Beyond Compliance”, highlighted how Ranch Ehrlo has successfully integrated TCOM’s person-centred assessment tools with the incredible standards of its accrediting body, the Council on Accreditation.

TCOM is a framework developed by Dr. John Lyons and is used across Ranch Ehrlo’s treatment programs to collect and analyze person-centred data to determine care needs and measure outcomes. TCOM’s assessment tools are used in our Supported Living Programs (the Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment), Group Living Treatment Services (Child Adolescent Needs and Strength), and the family programs (the Family Advocacy and Support Tool).

Ranch Ehrlo’s collaboration with Dr. John Lyons and TCOM has been long-standing. This relationship recently advanced further through a formal data-sharing partnership, enabling researchers to conduct a deep analysis of Ranch Ehrlo’s assessment data.

“This is a significant advantage for Ranch Ehrlo; it positions us to be a leader in the field of treatment services and reaffirms our commitment to excellence,” said Heaney.

Looking ahead, Ranch Ehrlo will continue to build on this momentum. In March 2026, Heaney and Kim Sanders of Grafton Integrated Health Network will co-present

at another conference in Chicago. This opportunity, after only one year of Ukeru implementation at Ranch Ehrlo, highlights the progress and dedication to innovative, client-centred care.

## Ehrlo Housing application moves online

Change can bring uncertainty, but in this case, it also brings the promise of efficiency and user-friendliness. The move to an online housing application for Ehrlo Housing was sparked by conversations around making the process smoother for applicants and more aligned with the newly updated website.

Shelley Sayer, director of Ehrlo Housing, said the digital form will expedite and bring ease to the application process both for prospective tenants and the team processing applications. That’s no small thing for Ehrlo Housing, which receives approximately 20 applications each month – far more than the number of available units.

“The information that was included in the previous application is still included on the online application form, but an additional layer of verification is built within – ensuring only eligible applicants are able to complete and submit the application,” explained Sayer.

Built-in checks will notify applicants if they don’t meet eligibility criteria. This prevents applicants from investing time in a process they’re not eligible for, while saving staff time too. The online application also provides applicants with peace of mind, as a secure form with enhanced security features designed to protect personal and confidential information.

*Ehrlo Housing provides affordable housing in Regina, managing over 100 units for single parents, low-income families, youth transitioning from care, and individuals with chronic mental health conditions.*



## New season of hope

For young players in the Outdoor Hockey League (OHL), lacing up a pair of skates and holding a hockey stick is more than gearing up for a game – it’s stepping onto the ice and into a world of belonging and possibility.

This season, we mark a special milestone as 46 Indigenous players experience that joy firsthand, proudly using their very own sticks, skates, and gear



OHL family and First Shift recipient

thanks to a powerful collaboration between Ehrlo Sport Venture (ESV), OneHoop, and a team of community-minded partners. On November 1, dozens of families converged on the Brandt Centre as the NHL First Shift Program dressed players from head to toe – gifting the children equipment and giving them the pride of calling it their own.

“We are privileged to participate in the NHL First Shift Program. This is an incredible opportunity made possible through the joint sponsorship of OneHoop and Innovation Federal Credit Union, in partnership with Hockey

Regina, Bauer Hockey, StratLab

Marketing, and the Regina Pats Hockey Club,” said Gloria Patrick, manager of ESV.

Each child who received equipment will take to the ice as part of the OHL in January, a free, inclusive league that ensures every child has the opportunity to play.

The NHL First Shift Program opens the door to hockey for children ages six to 10, offering select players a complete set of Bauer equipment, six weeks of on-ice instruction, expert equipment fitting, and Hockey Canada insurance. This group, focused specifically on supporting 46 Indigenous youth from Regina, represents the very heart of what the program stands for: breaking down barriers and building up communities.

“We’re honoured to support NHL First Shift because it embodies our values of accessibility, inclusion, and community building,” stated Thomas Benjoe, partner at OneHoop. “Every child deserves the opportunity to experience the transformative power of sport, regardless of their background or financial circumstances. We are happy to remove some of those barriers that our young people sometimes face so that they can enjoy being kids and fall in love with hockey.”

OneHoop is dedicated to supporting and strengthening relationships between Indigenous communities, governments, and the corporate sector and works to advance reconciliation across Canada. Together with OneHoop, community partners and supporters, this initiative advances ESV’s shared commitment to creating spaces where children can learn, play, and grow through sport.



Conference planning committee

## Staff mental health conferences

The dedicated efforts of managers and clinicians to plan, prepare, and deliver two conferences came to fruition last fall, as over 300 staff members participated in a day focused on mental wellness.

The conferences held in Rosthern and Regina, provided staff with a supportive, safe space to learn and sharpen practical tools for reflection, self-report, and coping.

The conferences were organized in response to staff feedback that indicated an interest and expressed need for greater psychological safety and mental health supports.

Natasha Anderson, co-organizer, said the conferences were designed to strengthen empathy and awareness in staff, while helping them recognize the signs of stress and mental health challenges in themselves and others.

“Ultimately, the goal is for all staff to feel heard, valued, and supported,” said Anderson. “The positive mindset, openness to learning, and eagerness to reflect were evident throughout the day.”

The committee worked diligently for over 18 months to create a day that offered diverse perspectives and meaningful dialogue. Keynote speaker Duane Bowers – along with a panel of mental health professionals, experienced support workers, organizational leaders, and Ranch Ehrlo’s own experts – educated and inspired attendees.

A heartfelt thank you to the committee members:



Aleisha Martin, Elizabeth Beattie, Madison Genoway, Ashley Lapointe, Jelaina Holroyd, Kelsey Lagus, Sydney Campbell, Sarah Ovens, Jill Kusisto, Jacqui Wong, Derek Schmidt, Levi Moore, David James, and Natasha Anderson.

## Thank you to our sponsors and donors

Thank you to all of our donors and sponsors who helped Ranch Ehrlo in the past several months. Please see our first story for the list of amazing holiday donors:

- Regina Catholic School Board \$5,000 - ESV skate program
- One Hoop Advisory Services Corp - First Shift program, \$ 1,500 ESV
- Regina Speech Centre, \$300 ESV
- Aaron Fox, \$100 donation to ESV

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## Holiday Smile Cookies



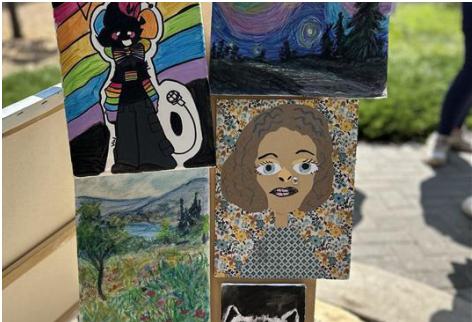
With energy and dedication, Ehrlo Sport Venture staff partnered with local Tim Hortons owners, selling Holiday Smile Cookies across the city to raise funds and bring opportunities for youth in sport and recreation.

## Music-themed art auction



In November, participants from Ranch Ehrlo displayed original music-themed artworks at Black Dog Art Supplies in Regina as part of an art show and silent auction, showcasing techniques such as shading, pointillism, and cross-hatching.

## Tiny Art Show



Youth and adult participants from Ranch Ehrlo programs, along with artists from Pilot Butte, showcased their miniature artworks at the Tiny Art Show at Pilot Butte Town Hall, held in partnership with the Pilot Butte Public Library.

## Meet and Greet



Ehrlo Counselling hosted its fall Meet & Greet with community stakeholders, connecting with familiar and new faces while sharing ideas to strengthen support for the community in the hopes of fostering a stronger, healthier community.

## Orange Door campaign



The Orange Door Project returned for the season of giving. From Nov. 12 to 21, local Home Depot stores in Saskatoon raised funds to support Ranch Ehrlo's northern group living programs, and store staff toured the campus to see the programs in action. Ranch Ehrlo thanks Home Depot and everyone who helps youth build brighter futures.