

Coming together to support reconciliation

Ranch Ehrlo's staff, stakeholders, and board observed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, honouring Indigenous peoples by listening to their lived experiences and installing a permanent tipi where youth can find belonging and connection to their culture.

"When we take the time to understand the experiences and perspectives of Indigenous Peoples, we gain a deeper understanding of our shared history, our communities and the world around us," said Jamie Lerat, Indigenous advisor. "That understanding helps us build respect, strengthen relationships and move forward together."

On September 30 this year, a special gathering was held in both the northern and southern parts of the province providing an opportunity for adults and youth to commemorate the day.

In Regina, participants and staff had the pleasure of hearing from local hip-hop artist Brad Bellegarde at Darke Hall. As a proud Nakota/Cree member of Little Black Bear First Nation, Brad shared his own experiences through lively music and a presentation.

In the north, staff, participants, and special guests joined Elder Vernon Linklater at the Corman Park campus to celebrate the addition of a new permanent tipi and to enjoy an afternoon of Indigenous games and activities.

"We have the privilege of supporting Indigenous children, youth, adults, and


Corman Park campus



Learning to play lacrosse

families across our programs and services. With that privilege comes a responsibility to listen to Indigenous youth, families, leaders, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and community partners, and to learn from their experiences and guidance," CEO Natalie Huber said in addressing the crowd.

The raising of the tipi was a true community effort. The tipi was funded in part by The Home Depot Canada's Orange Door Project spring campaign, where Saskatoon Home Depot stores selected Ranch Ehrlo Society as their local charity partner.

The poles were sourced from trees removed from Ranch Ehrlo's Buckland Campus (to make room for a new multi-purpose building). The raw timber was sent to the federal penitentiary in Prince Albert, where, through a work rehabilitation program (CORCAN), they were debarked, prepared, and processed for use.

Outcomes serve as a roadmap

Every year, we collect, analyze, and report outcome data to understand the growth of the children, youth, adults, and families we serve. From admission to discharge, we measure key targets that show how far participants have come, and how effective our programs are in helping people heal.

At Ranch Ehrlo, these numbers don't sit in a spreadsheet. They move.

They move through the hands of our quality improvement team, a department dedicated to ensuring our programs are meeting, and often exceeding, high standards of care. They move to executive leaders and board members who use the findings to guide decisions, shape services, and plan for the future.

These outcomes are more than numbers; they are evidence of lives being transformed.

This year, and every year, we look at these outcomes with a close eye:

How do we measure up to last year?
What are participants and families saying about our care?
Where are we succeeding, and where can we be better?

We celebrate accomplishments, but we also use the data to pinpoint areas where we need to invest more time, energy, and focus. In this way, the Outcomes Report becomes both a reflection and a roadmap.

As we mark 60 years of service, we reflect on this growth of Ranch Ehrlo and our continued commitment to children, youth, families, and communities.

We invite you to explore the 2025-26 Outcomes Report which draws on statistical and anecdotal information gathered throughout the year—from participant surveys, client feedback, interviews, and follow-ups. Together, these pieces give us a fuller picture of our programs and services, highlight strengths, and reveal key areas for improvement.

In this year's report, we share the numbers and the stories behind them. We celebrate:

- Ranch Ehrlo opened in 1966, serving six boys. In 2025-26 we served 286 boys and girls in youth group living programs.
- Over the past four years, an average of 81 per cent of youth reported that Ranch Ehrlo helps them with their problems, demonstrating the lasting impact of our services.
- Eight-five per cent of parents/ guardians feel the Ranch is a safe place for their child.
- In this reporting period, 91 per cent of youth attained all or part of their goals.

The complete 2025-26 Outcomes Report is available now.

60th Annual General Meeting provides opportunity for reflection, celebration

Ranch Ehrlo Society held its 60th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday,

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September 23, in a virtual format, inviting internal and external stakeholders to take part in a year-in-review.

More than a formality, the annual meeting provides an opportunity for the executive and board to reflect on the fiscal year — celebrating the growth and achievements of programs and participants, sharing the financial position of the agency, and looking ahead to future priorities.

This year's meeting was especially notable as it marked the 60th year for Ranch Ehrlo Society. Despite the anniversary falling outside of the 2025-2026 reporting period, planning and early celebrations began in February. The milestone recognized the agency's exponential growth, evolution, and continued commitment to children, youth, families, and communities.

Board Chair Blair Swystun opened the meeting and delivered the Chair's Report, recognizing the impact of thoughtful and deliberate investment in workforce and infrastructure over the past year.

Ranch Ehrlo Society was named a Saskatchewan Top Employer for the 15th consecutive year, a distinction honouring the agency's commitment to building brighter futures for participants and staff through continued investment.

"We continued to invest in facilities and infrastructure to support participants, staff, and communities. Ehrlo Sport Venture and Paper Crane Expressive Arts Centre relocated to a new community hub in Regina. Construction began on a new $2.5 million gymnasium at the Buckland campus, and a new training space was acquired in Prince Albert," explained Swystun.

CEO Natalie Huber acknowledged the busy and exciting year, sharing several highlights, beginning with the eighth annual powwow. As one of our most anticipated annual events, the powwow brought together a record-breaking number of dancers, drummers, and community members.

She also shared the Ranch's continued efforts to work and build relationships that are important to the delivery of care and participant outcomes.

"These relationships support ongoing dialogue, strengthened understanding of community needs, and increased awareness of agency programs," she explained. "Staff also participated in cultural humility training and blanket exercises. A Kohkum in the Classroom program was introduced in eight southern youth classrooms. Northern education programs incorporated pipe ceremonies and cultural artists in their programs, further strengthening land-based learning opportunities and reconciliation-focused practice."

Shelley Reddekopp, vice-president of support services, went on to provide a high-level review of the financial results for 2025-2026. The 2025-2026 financial results for the agency were positive with the year-end results providing a net surplus of $3.9M.

The board announced its extension of Deloitte's appointment as the agency's audit service provider until 2026-2027 and welcomed new board members Shawn George, Lindy Pelletier, and Joleen McCullagh. Leaders extended their appreciation to retiring board members Robin Clarke and Louise Greenberg, who rotated off the board after the meeting.

The full Annual Report is on ehrlo.com.

Twenty years of keeping families together

Laughter, carnival games, and smiling faces filled Regina's Celebration Church as families, staff, and community partners gathered to celebrate the Family Treatment Program's (FTP) 20th anniversary.

For 20 years, the FTP has been a cornerstone of Ranch Ehrlo's family services, helping families build stability, strengthen relationships, and create safe environments for children. Since 2016 alone, the program



has helped 509 children remain safely with their families at the end of intervention, while 324 children have been reunited with their parents.

Patti Petrucka, executive director of FTP, shared, "These aren't just numbers on a report. These are kiddos that were able to go home with their parents."

While this milestone represents the program's long-standing service, it also recognizes the countless families whose lives have been impacted along the way. Throughout the afternoon, families connected and reflected on the importance of community, support, and resilience.

"My children have grown a lot from being in the program. We have learned to work together through our problems and understand what we went (are going) through," said a participant of the program.

Thank you to our sponsors and donors

Thank you to the donors and sponsors who contributed to Ranch Ehrlo in recent months:

- Canadian Tire Jumpstart , $3,159 Ehrlo Soccer League
- OneHoop/Flowing River Capital's golf tournament, $1,705 for ESV
- Canadian Tire Jumpstart, $12,000 for MNF
- KLM Ventures, $5,000
- Football Saskatchewan & Regina NFL Youth Flag Football League, donation of 70 footballs
- Prairie Blankets for Angels Sask, 150 blankets for family programs

Happy retirement



After 42 years, we're celebrating Shelley Sayer (left with Ranch CEO Natalie) and her incredible Ranch Ehrlo legacy. Shelley joined Ranch Ehrlo at 21 and has witnessed decades of growth and change while staying committed to the people and families at the heart of our work.

Act of Kindness continues



As part of our 60th anniversary, programs and departments are completing 60 acts of kindness across the province. In Prince Albert, Friendly Fridays included cards and thank-you messages for local police, firefighters and paramedics.

Activity winners



It's not every day that a food truck rolls up to your workplace. The team at Thunderbird House took part in our Activity Planning Challenge and was drawn as the winner. Staff were treated to some delicious food, and spent time together to celebrate the incredible work they do.

EmpowerHer



Ehrlo Counselling was honoured to participate in the EmpowerHER Conference in Regina, where they had the opportunity to share their accessible services and connect with attendees from across the community.

FASD Awareness Walk



Each year, Ranch Ehrlo's CARS team joins community partners, families and advocates at the Regina FASD Awareness Walk to raise awareness and honour the ongoing work of truth and reconciliation. Throughout the year, CARS supports individuals and families affected by FASD through assessment and individualized clinical services.