

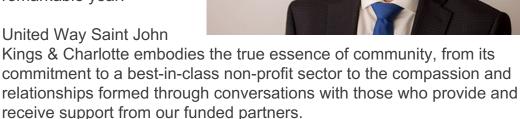


# Reflecting on a

Our Annual General Meeting, held last month, has me reflecting on a remarkable year.

year that was





After years of exploring innovative ways to connect and collaborate, it was refreshing to return to in-person events and opportunities. Our sold-out 2022 campaign kickoff at the Delta Hotel and our Songs of the City event at the Imperial Theatre reaffirmed that others were eager to come together and support our community.

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## Amy's story: Fleeing with her family

Amy grew up in an unhealthy and stressful home and did not want her children to experience the same, yet she found herself in a relationship where her partner was controlling and abusive – verbally, emotionally and financially.

Then the physical violence began. She was terrified, fearing for her children's safety as well as her own.

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### Jane's story: From trauma to hope



After living the trauma of harassment and unfair treatment at her job, Jane decided to uproot herself and move to Saint John to build a new life.

As part of her new beginning, Jane enrolled in subsidized counselling

at Family Plus, a United Way funded partner. She wanted to work through not only the turmoil of the harassment but early life events that also traumatized her.

Through counselling, she also ended up disclosing significant struggles with functioning day-to-day. She preferred isolation, and tended to neglect self-care. She felt overwhelmed and not in control with her own life

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# **#LOCAL LOVE FACT**

93% of women who found help at Second Stage Safe Haven continue to live free from intimate partner violence three years later.





# New foundation to strengthen non-profits in our communities

The seeds of a new foundation created to propel forward innovation in the non-profit sector in our communities were sown more than a decade ago.

Dave Grebenc of Saint John had just heard a speech by noted entrepreneur, philanthropist and venture capitalist Desh Deshpande about an entrepreneurial approach that had been taken by the Akshaya Patra Foundation in India to multiply by more than 10-fold the number of people served by a lunch program.

He walked away from that speech in Fredericton pondering the role social entrepreneurship could play in transforming social services in New Brunswick.

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### The big kickoff is coming!

Our campaign kick-off date has been chosen so mark your calendars and plan to join us at the Delta hotel in Saint John on Sept. 15 at noon.

We look forward to seeing you there! Find more information and register.



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