History of the Agency

Family Visions Inc. was created with the intention of providing a better quality of life for individuals living with intellectual disabilities. The agency would provide residential care to individuals with intellectual disabilities and support to their families.

In September 1999, an information session was held with a number of community members discussing the possibility of developing a Board of Directors to support an agency.
In January of 2000, a Board was formed and in March 2000, incorporation with charitable status was pursued. Board meetings began to occur on a regular basis, and by late spring, an apartment had been acquired through Manitoba Housing. From the beginning, the Board felt that access to out of home respite services was crucial to families. Therefore, the respite apartment was opened, where individuals along with a respite worker could go and stay for a period of time. Having a family member with an intellectual disability can be a huge responsibility, placing many stresses on a family. The respite apartment provided the opportunity for family caregivers to get a break, and for individuals to have a chance to experience life as independently as possible. Between November and December of 2000, the Agency made the decision to provide residential support services to seven individuals living in the community.

In 2003, the Agency purchased and renovated a building at 820 9th Street in Brandon. This building provided several years for administration and Day Services but with continued growth in Residential and Day Services, a decision was made to sell the building on 9th Street and locate a larger building. On June 1st, 2011, Family Visions moved to 2705 Victoria Avenue. On May 2nd, 2018, Family Visions moved to our current location at Unit A – 116 Industrial Drive. The Day Program was revamped and is now called Community Recreation Activities program. Instead of coming to a physical location each day, the individuals partake in recreation activities leaving from their homes and returning when the activities end.

In 2012, another milestone was made when Family Visions decided to develop a 5-bedroom residence, 'Heidi's Place' located at 506 Victoria Avenue East. The residence provides a safe and comfortable environment for four residences and their support staff. The residence was open in 2013.

The Agency receives financial support through Department of Families and continues to move forward in its efforts to acknowledge all people as valued citizens, recognizing that all people have the right to be participating citizens of the community, and to have access to necessary services, supports, and opportunities.