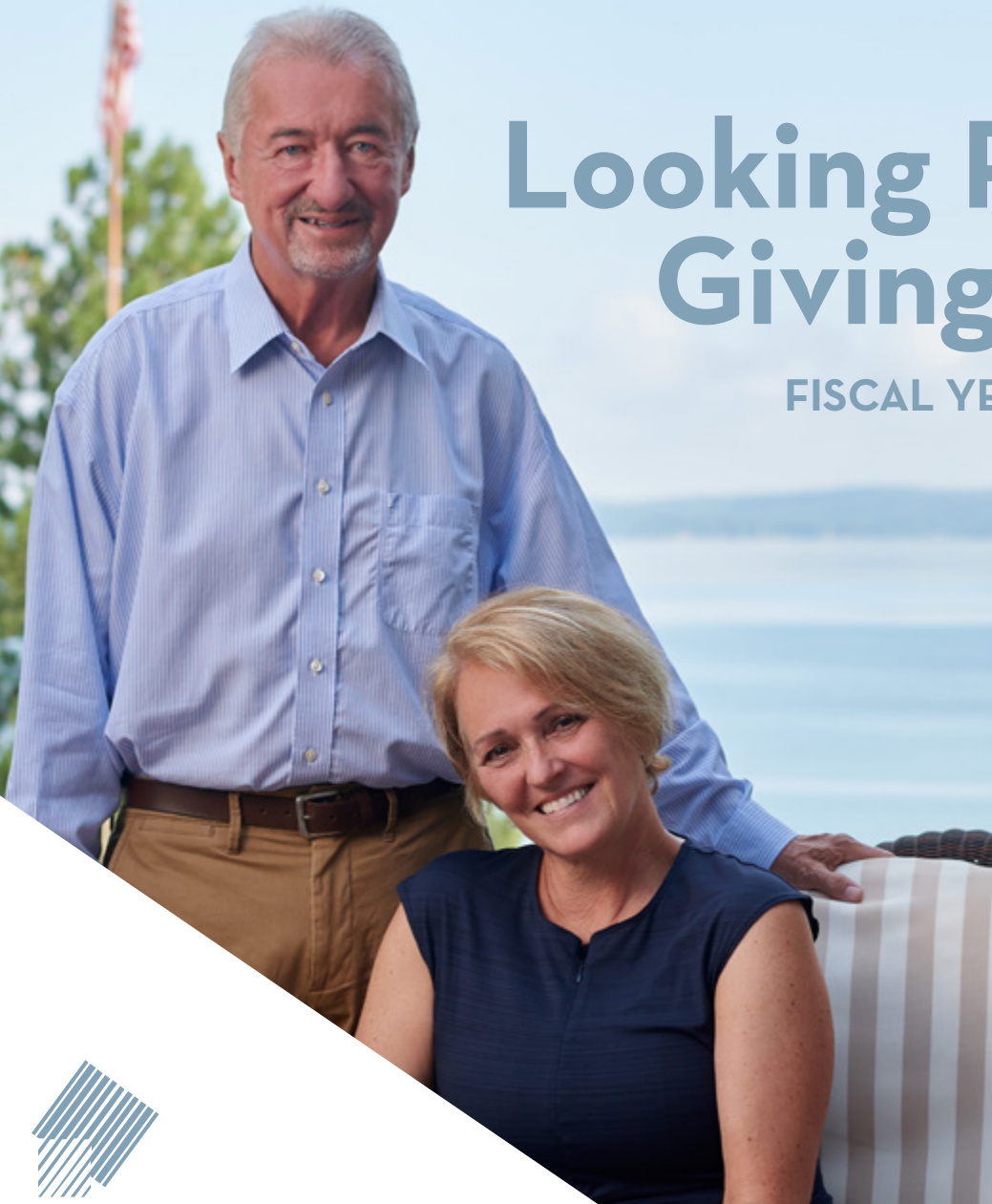
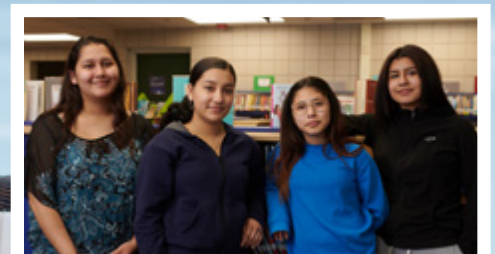


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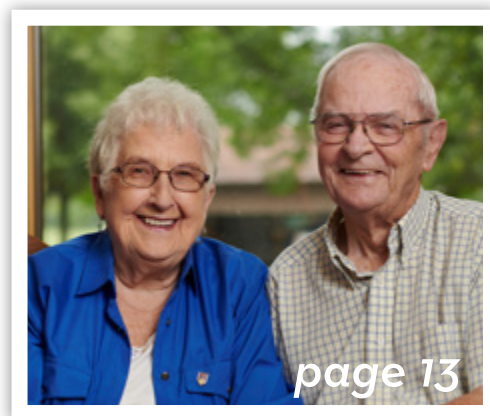
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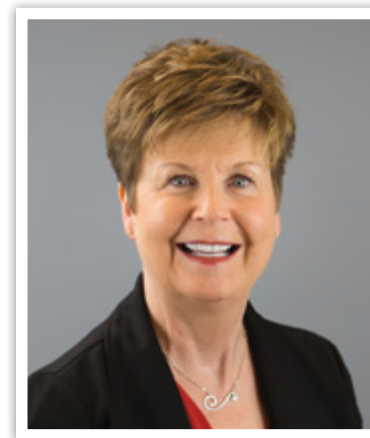
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Ensuring our next generation succeeds



Our work has been grounded in the belief that all kids are our kids and that each person—whether a parent, grandparent, employer, educator, elected official, community member—has a role to play.

The following pages are filled with names of people, businesses and organizations who believe in our work. Their generosity means people of all ages are safe, appreciated and have opportunities to get involved and live fulfilling lives in our rural region, keeping southwest Minnesota strong for the next generation.

We're also celebrating 20 years of our community foundation program, which has positioned our communities to be catalysts for lasting impact. We're proud of their local work to keep our communities strong, vibrant and welcoming.

To our donors and partners: Thank you! We are grateful you have chosen to give to the communities and causes you care about. Together, we're making a difference!

This is the last print edition of *Looking Forward, Giving Back*. Since the first issue debuted in 2007, the publication has doubled in size to accommodate the growing number of donors giving to dozens of different funds. Mindful of our commitment to be good stewards of the gifts we receive, we will explore more cost-conscious ways to express our sincere gratitude for the incredible support the foundation and our partners receive.

We're excited to see what's next as Grow Our Own moves from awareness to action. I hope you join in this excitement too because you are a part of helping our southwest Minnesota kids succeed!

Diana Anderson
 President and CEO

This issue of *Looking Forward, Giving Back* celebrates Phase I of Grow Our Own, a 10-year commitment by our Board of Directors to create prosperity for all southwest Minnesota kids and the communities they call home.

For the past three years, we've worked to raise awareness about the growing opportunity gap facing American kids today and the 1 in 6 southwest Minnesota kids living in poverty.

Socioeconomic status, community wealth, familial situations, race, ethnicity, English proficiency and other factors impact children's ability to reach their full potential. These kids are our future employees, entrepreneurs, community leaders, volunteers, homeowners, taxpayers and parents. **We believe ensuring our next generation can succeed is the most important thing we can do for the future of southwest Minnesota.**



With great appreciation, we recognize our generous donors for your contributions during our Fiscal Year 2019 from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. We believe this list is accurate and complete. However, please accept our apology if we have inadvertently omitted your name or listed your gift incorrectly.

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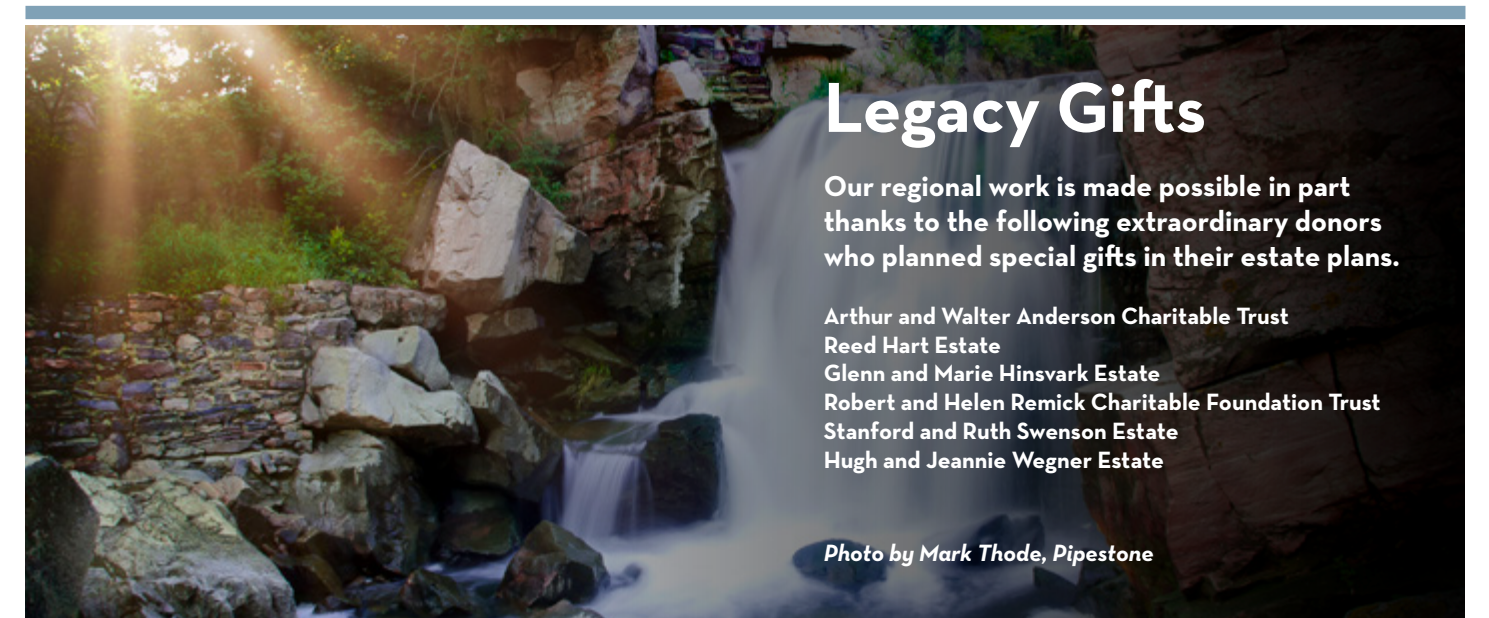
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Our Growing Home Circle recognizes the people, businesses and organizations that generously support the Southwest Initiative Foundation General Endowment with a gift of \$1,000 or more each year. Their gifts are invested as part of our permanent endowment, and each year a portion of earnings is spent connecting people, investing in ideas and building communities in southwest Minnesota. Growing Home Circle members are credited for nearly \$390,000 in our current budget. And these are dollars we can count on each year as dependable annual income in support of our mission.

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Funds that benefit people and organizations in all of southwest Minnesota

PAUL AND ALMA SCHWAN AGING TRUST ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowment fund that maximizes the social and economic contributions of elders throughout southwest Minnesota by keeping them well and engaged in community life.

Ron and Dorothy Williams

Awarded grants totaling \$153,334

Minnesota Planned Giving Council to maximize philanthropy throughout Minnesota for the public good by providing education and programming
Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging to work with small communities to learn their assets and address needs via a community building project
Prairie Five Community Action Council to address the needs and gaps in our communities, enabling older adults to age in place

SHERRY E. RISTAU REGIONAL IMPACT ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowment fund created in honor of long-time SWIF President/CEO Sherry E. Ristau that supports grantmaking across the southwest Minnesota region.

Greg and Betty Jodzio

As a SWIF-directed resource, this fund's grants appear in the Grow Our Own listing on page 9.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STUDENT ENRICHMENT ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowment fund that benefits youth in southwest Minnesota through a variety of enrichment programs and activities.

Awarded grants totaling \$5,000
ISD #347 - Willmar to bridge school and community resources, removing barriers to positive experiences for kids

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA TEACHER PREPARATION PARTNERSHIP FUND - A non-endowed fund to support the Teacher Preparation Pathway program in the southwest Minnesota region.

McKnight Foundation

Awarded grants totaling \$35,000

ISD #518 - Worthington: to create a Grow Our Own teacher career pathway, partnering with Worthington High School, Minnesota West Community and Technical College and Southwest Minnesota State University to support the communication, marketing, and recruitment position for Southwest Teacher Preparation Partnership
Southwest Minnesota State University to increase the number of teachers of color in the Worthington area

SUPPORTING THE FIELD - SWIF is involved in statewide and national efforts to maintain the integrity of the philanthropic field, equip board and staff to follow industry best practices and connect to professional networks and development opportunities.

Awarded grants totaling \$19,900

Council on Foundations for 2019 membership to help southwest Minnesota promote philanthropy and grantmaking
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits for 2019 membership to help strengthen and increase philanthropy in southwest Minnesota
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SWIF PROGRAM - EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE AND MINNESOTA THRIVE INITIATIVE - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF deliver its Early Childhood Initiative and the Minnesota Thrive Initiative in southwest Minnesota that, since 2003, worked to ensure our youngest children have the best possible start and a healthy life of learning, achieving and succeeding.

Minnesota Department of Education

Awarded grants totaling \$43,416

Big Stone Area Growth to host parent educator Katy Smith and engage early childhood professionals in an evening of stories, tips and laughter
ISD #347 - Willmar to promote literacy through the annual Books and Baseball event with the Willmar Stingers
ISD #423 - Hutchinson to support Early Childhood Family Education in "going mobile" and bringing parenting and child development information to parents and providers
ISD #775 - Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg to fund a preschool field trip to The Village Museum in Willmar
ISD #2159 - Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart to align developmental learning from preschool to 3rd grade
ISD #2169 - Murray County Central to secure a local Early Childhood Initiative Coordinator for Murray County
ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley to help fund ongoing sustainable projects in the future through the early childhood initiative coalition
ISD #2859 - Glencoe-Silver Lake to purchase and install a sensory path on the floor and walls in the GSL Early Childhood Learning Center
ISD #2903 - Ortonville to increase access to before-school child care by expanding current programming
Southwest Initiative Foundation: to secure a local Early Childhood Initiative Coordinator for Bird Island-Olivia-Lake Lillian
to secure a local Early Childhood Initiative Coordinator for Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg
to secure a local Early Childhood Initiative Coordinator for Lac qui Parle Valley
to secure a local Early Childhood Initiative Coordinator for Mountain Lake
to secure a local Early Childhood Initiative Coordinator for Ortonville
Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council to provide information, resources and support to family child care providers, child care centers and preschool programs that have received or are on the path to a Parent Aware Rating through the Full-Rating Pathway
St. Mary's School to add a preschool to the existing K-6 school
Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. to purchase math and science kits for preschool classrooms in southwest Minnesota Migrant and Seasonal Head Start rooms
United Community Action Partnership: to provide technical assistance, training and support for the Early Childhood Dental Networks throughout rural Minnesota
to collaborate with early childhood professionals, community partners, businesses and volunteers to plan and provide professional development and appreciation activities for early childhood professionals

Willmar Area Arts Council to offer expressive arts activities such as drama, movement, mask making, puppetry and music free of charge to youth in preschool through 3rd grade in the Willmar area

SWIF PROGRAM - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF leverage economic assets in the region that support broad-based prosperity and diversify the region's enterprises.

- Big Stone County
- City of Bird Island
- City of Buffalo Lake
- City of Currie
- City of Dawson
- City of Eden Valley
- City of Fairfax
- City of Graceville
- City of Granite Falls
- City of Hardwick
- City of Hendricks
- City of Heron Lake
- City of Kerkhoven
- City of Luverne
- City of Madison
- City of Milan
- City of Minneota
- City of Montevideo and Chippewa County
- City of Mountain Lake
- City of New London
- City of Olivia
- City of Silver Lake
- City of Stewart
- City of Tracy
- City of Walnut Grove
- City of Watkins
- City of Worthington
- Cottonwood County
- DeMars Fire Protection Design, LLC
- Granite Falls Economic Development Authority
- Hutchinson Economic Development Authority
- Jackson County
- Kandiyohi County
- Lac qui Parle County Economic Development Authority
- Lincoln County
- Lyon County
- McLeod County
- Meeker County
- Murray County
- Nobles County
- Pipestone County
- Redwood County
- Renville County
- Rock County
- Swift County

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development
U.S. Small Business Administration
Yellow Medicine County

Awarded grants totaling \$3,000
City of Glencoe to facilitate a plan for guiding downtown improvements in the areas of promotional events, tourism and civic infrastructure
Karen Organization of Minnesota to help grow and support our region's diverse workforce

Awarded sponsorships totaling \$15,461
Ag & Animal Science Conference
Border to Border Broadband: Transforming Minnesota conference
ConnectUP! MN conference connecting diverse entrepreneurs and investors
Economic Development Association of Minnesota Summer Conference
The State of Manufacturing focus group
The TIGERPATH Story: An Education & Economics Skilled Workforce Conference

Closed 30 loans totaling \$2.1 million

SWIF PROGRAM - CHILD CARE - To advance innovative child care solutions in southwest Minnesota through support for public relations, community planning, public policy, professional development and project investment and technical assistance.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation
Katherine Laleman
Amber and Scott Marquardt
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust

Awarded grants totaling \$253,818
Child Care & Nutrition, Inc. to provide license-required Develop Approved training locally and to offer Spanish- and Somali-language meal planner booklets

LOAN SPOTLIGHT

After Five Supper Club is a decades-old institution in Madison, with a reputation for its steak cubes and salad bar. When it went up for sale about four years ago, buyers were scarce. Finally, After Five found new owners last year and reopened in this city of about 1,400. Anne and Aaron Kells purchased the restaurant with help from Southwest Initiative Foundation, the Lac qui Parle County EDA and the Upper Minnesota Valley RDC.

With their sons getting older, plus Anne's family in Appleton and Aaron's family in Madison for support, the time felt right.

"After 20 years behind a desk, I was looking for a change," said Anne, who worked in accounting. "It has always been our dream to own a place where friends and family can gather together over a homecooked meal. And this community has been amazing and so supportive."

In fiscal year 2019, the foundation's loan programs leveraged \$13.8 million in outside funding. We closed 30 loans totaling \$2.1 million and supported seven new businesses solely owned by women.



Countryside Public Health to provide health education trainings to seven licensed child care centers and 13 school districts in Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift and Yellow Medicine counties
First Children's Finance to provide direct services to communities and child care providers throughout southwest Minnesota
ISD #177 - Windom to support a preliminary architectural review of the school district building for potential development of child care facilities

ISD #347 - Willmar to support a Child Development bridge course for adult students interested in careers in Child Care and Education
ISD #2754 - Cedar Mountain to expand the infant room to serve four additional infants
ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley to fund startup costs of a new child care center
Johnson Memorial Health Services to fund startup costs related to the development of the Blackjack Babies

Kandiyohi Area YMCA to fund expenses related to design, feasibility analysis, architectural or engineering services and/or curriculum for the development of a new child care center in Spicer
Kids-N-Kare Day Care Center to implement life skills and experiences that develop curiosity in young children
Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corporation to host an appreciation banquet on behalf of Lincoln County Child Care Providers and their families
Lower Sioux Indian Community to promote increased health and cultural belonging by connecting early childhood families to traditional healthy foods and practices in a school garden
Prairie Five Community Action Council:
to ensure new child care providers can afford start-up and training cost
to provide emergency disaster assistance focused on the health, safety and welfare of children
Real Food, Inc. to expand deliveries to Head Start locations in six counties surrounding Kandiyohi County
Ridgewater College to give high school students the opportunity to learn about careers in early childhood

Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission to create awareness and foster community engagement and investment to increase child care capacity in the region
Willmar Community Education & Recreation to fund professional development series supporting children's mental health in early education settings

SWIF PROGRAM - GROW OUR OWN - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF bridge the economic gap by raising awareness, presenting opportunities and funding local solutions to support southwest Minnesota kids and families living in poverty.

One Anonymous Gift
America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Bayer Fund, on behalf of Dean and Janel Zimmerman
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Paul Fest
Marcella Hansen In Memory of Loved Ones - Family & Friends
Ralph Manwarren Charitable Trust
Meeker McLeod Sibley Community Health Services
McKnight Foundation

Awarded grants totaling \$84,800
City of Pipestone to provide a safe, caring place for kids to grow their confidence and passions through entrepreneurial projects
City of Windom to assist with planning to support a regional Rebuilding Together office in Windom
ISD #423 - Hutchinson:
to improve connections between resources and families through events that promote family wellness
to support the REACH Program by funding a one-day Mental and Chemical Health Training for teachers from throughout Minnesota
to support work with youth
ISD #518 - Worthington:
to support work with parents to achieve student success
Community Education to support a gathering of women to brainstorm ideas for the future of Worthington and Nobles County
ISD #518 - Worthington Community Education to fund a series of active winter events for families with young children
Loft 180 to start a partnership with TreeHouse Partners
Luverne Area Community Foundation to support Luv 1 Luv All as it focuses on six areas that people in poverty are facing and work to improve and make a difference

Marshall Area YMCA to support community partners in addressing childhood obesity
Miles4Mentors to support initial launch of operational activities
Northcountry Cooperative Foundation to support leadership development and resident purchase of Sungold Heights Mobile Home Park
Prairie Five Community Action Council to complete federal and state income taxes free of charge for people with low-incomes
Renville County to support work with inmates to achieve positive outcomes
Southwest Adult Basic Education:
to allow online access for students to participate in seat-based classes using web conferencing
to educate the public by highlighting various cultural groups within the Marshall Community
Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership:
to reduce risks for landlords through rental assistance to families with children under the age of 17
to provide a training day for those working to end regional homelessness
Willmar Area Community Foundation to support the Kandiyohi Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities program

2019 Highlights

30 loans closed totaling **\$2.1 million**

7 new businesses we supported are solely owned by women



Rooted and growing in southwest Minnesota

Bob and Joanne Thurston



Our mission spoke directly to Bob's heart, and he served nearly 10 years on the Board of Directors – retiring from the board in 2019.

As a young boy living in the small farming community of Brewster and walking his show calves down the gravel roads of Nobles County, Bob Thurston knew he was destined to live in rural Minnesota.

“I remember feeling like there was no place else I would rather have been. I recall how I felt seeing miles and miles of corn and soybeans. I recall the peace and quiet, the earthy smells that one can only get from the country and how I knew, even then, that I would spend my entire working life in agriculture,” Bob said.

And he did, founding Thurston, Inc., one of the leading hybrid seed brokerage firms in the U.S., and Thurston Genetics, a national and international corn genetics licensing company – both based in Olivia, the self-proclaimed Corn Capital of the world. Bob spent more than 50 years working in agriculture and living in Olivia. His wife, Joanne, grew up on a farm near Marshall. They now live near Spicer.

“Our roots are so steeped in country and farming, hard work,” Bob said. “It would have been easy for us to leave, but we never seriously considered it. We’ve never dreamt about living anywhere else.”

Loving southwest Minnesota as they do, Bob and Joanne got connected to the Southwest Initiative Foundation. Our mission spoke directly to Bob's heart, and he served nearly 10 years on the Board of Directors. Bob impacted every aspect of the foundation's governance, especially in his role as board chair. He was the driving force to form the Emerging Leaders Cabinet, to help the board understand what a new generation of leaders face in the region and to strengthen their leadership skills.

“Bob was able to balance a strong entrepreneurial sense with a deep passion for mission, understanding the difference in his nonprofit and for-profit board experience and bringing insights from both to inform decision making,” said SWIF President and CEO Diana Anderson. “With microphone in hand, he could talk about Grow Our Own in a genuine way, bring credibility to our Keep It Growing farmland program or share why this organization and rural region are special to him. He was always ready to tell people about the foundation.”

Thurstons often opened their home for fundraisers, meetings and celebrations, with Joanne as host.

“I love meeting people and hosting, and I jumped at any opportunity I got to support Bob and the board,” Joanne said.

Their hospitality and passion introduced friends and neighbors to Southwest Initiative Foundation, many of whom became supporters, too. Bob and Joanne are also Growing Home Circle members, supporting our general endowment with an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more because they know their gift is invested and makes a difference in southwest Minnesota.

“We have so many good stories to tell at the foundation, and if you have a good story to tell, it's easy to get more people to support you,” Bob said.

Bob retired from the board in 2019. Traveling to every corner of southwest Minnesota was one of his favorite experiences during his board service, meeting the people and seeing the places that make the region what it is. The foundation's ability to network and connect people to resources impressed him.

“Look at the relationships we've built, like our local community foundation affiliates. To have all these partners that all believe in the same cause is powerful,” said Bob, who took an active role in fundraising to support the launch of the BIO Legacy Foundation, our local community foundation affiliate serving Bird Island and Olivia.

When the foundation embarked on the work of Grow Our Own in 2016, Bob was ready to begin his role as board chair, and he and Joanne learned 1 in 6 kids in southwest Minnesota were living in poverty and facing an opportunity gap.

“I didn't realize that was happening here in our own backyard. Then it's a no-brainer you have to do something and identify youth who need help,” Bob said. “And I can't think of a better initiative for economic development than Grow Our Own. We don't want our kids or our region to be left behind.”

Joanne has a passion for children who face unseen traumas. She's a retired licensed marriage and family therapist and started out working in in-patient care for children experiencing a mental health crisis. She understood that many kids are facing issues that won't bring them to a hospital but have consequences over time.



Bob and Joanne Thurston have deep roots in southwest Minnesota and have long supported the work of Southwest Initiative Foundation.



Bob was always ready to tell people about Southwest Initiative Foundation, including this radio interview at Farmfest with Linder Farm Network.

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As a young boy living in the small farming community of Brewster and walking his show calves down the gravel roads of Nobles County, Bob knew he was destined to live in rural Minnesota. He's pictured here with his grand champion breeding heifer in 1967.



Bob and Joanne Thurston are thrilled most of their children live nearby in southwest Minnesota. They have a blended family; Joanne has four adult children, and Bob has two. Together, they have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"My daughter works in the school system, and any teacher that you talk to talks about the children who are unable to afford their lunch or those who are left behind because they can't keep up or they're thinking about what happened last night at dinner or at home, and there's no way they can concentrate on the alphabet," Joanne said.

As Grow Our Own enters its fourth year, Bob and Joanne see progress in the foundation's work supporting and leading efforts connected to five areas kids need to succeed: stable families and parenting, high quality early childhood care and education, engagement in the K-12 years in and out of school, career on-ramps and welcoming and vibrant communities.

Maintaining those vibrant and welcoming communities will also be a way to draw people here to live, work and raise families. Thurstons are thrilled most of their children live nearby in southwest Minnesota. They have a blended family; Joanne has four adult children, and Bob has two. Together, they have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The rich traditions and new opportunities in Greater Minnesota make rural a place they'll hopefully choose to call home someday, too.

"My hope and goal is young people will want to raise families here. Our challenge is taking our richest assets and helping that evolve," Bob said.



Vibrant communities at every age

Dorothy and Ron Williams

Dorothy Williams is full of stories, appreciates history and loves people, especially seniors. She's applied all those qualities to enriching life for older adults. The accomplishments of her 85 years make quite a list, but Dorothy didn't achieve them alone. Her husband, Ron, was right alongside, ready to tackle each new project she dreamed up.

Read Ron and Dorothy's story on page 14 >

Ron and Dorothy Williams are long-time friends and supporters of Southwest Initiative Foundation. They both moved to Benson as children, met at Benson High School and married in 1953.

In 2001, the foundation honored Dorothy and nine others in the region for their outstanding contributions to the lives of older adults. And in 2003, she received the premiere Southwest Initiative Foundation Award for promoting our mission.



Ron and Dorothy have three grown daughters and seven grandchildren. The family gathered last year to celebrate the wedding of Tom Holland, Ron and Dorothy's grandson, and Alyssa Wittnebel.



Planting a tree at Scofield Place senior living in Benson to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Paul and Alma Schwan Aging Trust Fund are Luverne Ostby (from left), Ron Williams, Dorothy Williams, Beulah Sanders (Dorothy's mother), Adeline Ostby and Inez Larson.

Ron and Dorothy both moved to Benson as children. They met at Benson High School and married in 1953, making their home in rural Benson for five decades before moving to town. It never occurred to them to move anywhere else.

"We liked the community and were involved in a lot of different things. There's always a lot going on," Dorothy said.

Along with three grown daughters, Ron and Dorothy now have seven grandchildren. A survey of the photos on walls and shelves in the Williams' home gives a sense of how proud they are of their family.

Next to the photos are mementos and awards from Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF), given over many years of service. In 2001, the foundation honored Dorothy and nine others in the region for their outstanding contributions to the lives of older adults. Dorothy served on the advisory board of the Paul and Alma Schwan Aging Trust Fund (ATF) at the foundation, where her energy and ideas spread beyond Swift County to the whole region. In 2003, she received the premiere Southwest Initiative Foundation Award for promoting our mission. Ron and Dorothy were also ambassadors for SWIF at the annual Life Connections expo in Willmar and have attended countless events, trainings and meetings.

"I just loved all the meetings and Life Connections. I met a lot of good people and had a lot of fun," Ron said.

Dorothy's career serving seniors took off in 1987, when she became the Swift County Senior Citizen Advocate. She planned all manner of activities. As a member of Swift County Historical Society, Dorothy was inspired to invite local grade-schoolers to the museum where older adults could share their experiences of growing up. "School Days at the Museum" gave kids a tour of the museum. They heard the lived experiences of senior volunteers, who served as tour guides and hosted stations exhibiting artifacts from everyday life in different eras.

"The first year we had 600 kids. That was a lot of kids!" Dorothy said, noting the program continues today, and was highlighted by the National Council on Aging.

The foundation's current focus on our kids and Grow Our Own is possible because of the support of Dorothy, Ron and others who have contributed to vibrant, welcoming communities for all in southwest Minnesota. And the region has an incredible resource in the ATF to support more efforts that connect kids and seniors in meaningful ways.

When the Paul and Alma Schwan Aging Trust Fund celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2001, it was Dorothy's idea to travel the region hosting cake and coffee receptions and planting trees in 10 different communities, including one at Scofield Place in Benson.

"Ronnie and I worked on that together," Dorothy said. "I think the trust fund is such an important part of the foundation. It's important that older people are not forgotten."

A Korean War veteran, Ron spent his career farming 450 acres and sold automobiles, chainsaws and snowmobiles, among other things, before retiring. When he was diagnosed with cancer 20 years ago, the Williams took a step back from their involvement with SWIF. Ron made a full recovery, and they remain close friends of the foundation – and boosters for seniors in Benson and beyond. The couple has supported the foundation by making gifts to the Aging Trust Fund faithfully for 26 years.

"Dorothy and Ron have brought so much joy to the work of the foundation with their willing hearts and hands to serve. And through their generosity, they've positioned SWIF to engage and support our next generation of seniors in things that really matter. It's so important to have partners who are willing to grow and change with us as our work unfolds and we evolve to address our region's changing needs," said Liz Cheney, Director of Philanthropy at the foundation.

"It would be sad if we didn't have the foundation because it benefits so many people. It's so needed, and it's important for the kids in our region," Dorothy said. "There's so much value in brainstorming and getting ideas from each other. We can all learn from each other."



Alma Schwan

PAUL AND ALMA SCHWAN AGING TRUST FUND

In 1990, Marvin Schwan of Schwan's Company endowed the Paul and Alma Schwan Aging Trust Fund as a lasting tribute to his parents. Paul and Alma Schwan had visions of a healthy future for southwest Minnesota, and the fund that bears their name is dedicated to preserving that vision of prosperity for the region. Southwest Initiative Foundation hosts the Aging Trust Fund, managing its endowment and directing its use.

"This permanent asset of the foundation is a vital resource as we create vibrant communities that actively involve, value and support older adults, both active and frail, to effectively accommodate changing needs," said Nancy Fasching, SWIF Community Impact Director.

The Aging Trust Fund maximizes the social and economic contributions of elders throughout southwest Minnesota by keeping them well and engaged in community life. Southwest Minnesota leads the state in percentage of population age 85 or better, according to data from Minnesota Compass. In two of our region's counties – Lac qui Parle and Big Stone – more than a quarter of the population is age 65 or better. Prairie Five Community Action Council is working with communities in those counties, as well as Chippewa, Swift and Yellow Medicine, to address local needs and gaps, enabling older adults to age in place. That project received funding this fiscal year from the Aging Trust Fund.

To see all the grants from the fund this fiscal year, see page 7.



CELEBRATING

20 YEARS

In 1999, Southwest Initiative Foundation piloted a local community foundation program to give southwest Minnesotans a way to support the places that were important in their lives, and to retain wealth in this rural region. SWIF currently has 28 local affiliate partners across southwest Minnesota. The program has been adaptable to each community's specific needs and wants, while supporting a stronger region as a whole.

As we celebrate 20 years of this program, we're spotlighting volunteer board members - past and present - and grant recipients in the four pilot communities of Appleton, Dawson, Pipestone and Worthington. You'll find the stories with the community foundation's list of gifts and grants for fiscal year 2019.



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Pipestone Area Community Foundation Page 39

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Southwest Initiative Foundation Affiliate Gifts and Grantmaking

Funds that benefit people and organizations in multiple southwest Minnesota areas

2018 SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA FLOOD RELIEF FUND - A non-endowed fund to provide disaster relief in the wake of severe flooding in southwest Minnesota during summer 2018.

One Anonymous Gift
Dawn Ganje
Greg and Betty Jodzio

Awarded grants totaling \$1,000
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to assist homeowners in southwest Minnesota impacted by flooding in 2018

BRENDA MEYER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FUND - A related endowment and non-endowed fund created in memory of Brenda Meyer to benefit Minnesota West Foundation through scholarship support.

Thomas Meyer
Bill and Harriet Olson Family Fund

Awarded grants totaling \$1,000
Minnesota West Foundation to support scholarships for students pursuing a human services degree

CARECONTRIBUTESOLVE: PRINSCO, INC. EMPLOYEE HARDSHIP FUND - A non-endowed fund that provides financial assistance to employees of Prinsco, Inc. in emergency or hardship situations.

45 anonymous donors
Alexander Barrans
Brennen Deutsch
David Diaz
Samantha Ewald
Mario Garcia
Eladio Ibal Gonzalez
Greg Oevermann
Mark Remter
Travis Strom
Pat Whitmore

Awarded grants totaling \$6,503
To provide financial assistance to employees of Prinsco, Inc. and their families who experience undue financial hardship as a result of certain crises and emergencies

HEIMARK FAMILY ADVISED FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits a variety of charitable organizations and causes throughout Minnesota.

Awarded grants totaling \$7,825
Midwest Power Soccer Association to travel to the Midwest Power Soccer Association National Competition
Southwest Initiative Foundation to support the General Endowment with a FY19 Growing Home Circle membership

JENNIE-O TURKEY STORE, INC. CRISIS ASSISTANCE RELIEF EFFORT (CARE) FUND - A non-endowed fund that provides financial assistance to team members of Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc. and its subsidiaries and divisions in emergency or hardship situations.

John and Jennifer Court
Jennifer Ehresmann and Matthew Slinden
Jeff and LeeAnn Ettinger
Hormel Foods Corporation
Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc. Fundraising Proceeds
David and Ann Juhlke
Glenn and Tori Leitch
Steve Lykken and Dawn Sande-Lykken
Pat and James Solheid

Awarded grants totaling \$93,290
To provide emergency assistance for Jennie-O Turkey Store employees experiencing a crisis

MACCRAY #2180 FOUNDATION FUND - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the MACCRAY Independent School District.

AgCountry Farm Credit Services
Aaron and Shannon Ahrenholz
Ervin and Mary Ahrenholz
Arlyn and Julie Alsum
Lowell and Barb Anderson
David and Lila Beres
Bethany Reformed Church
Bethany Reformed Church Women Fall Fundraiser
Lee and Kim Bosch
Mike and Lindsey Bosch
Robert Brix
Robert and Judy Burner In Memory of Barb Goldenstein
Steven and Leanne Carmany
Dalen Caspers
Kathy Cavaness
Citizens Alliance Bank
Clara City Herald
Paul Condon
Ryan and Brittany Cook
Country Side Auto Body & Repair
Daniel Cronen
Daniel and Carrie Cronen
Crossroads Truck Repair, Inc.
David and Cristin DeLong
Michael and Vicky Dolezal
Dooley's Petroleum Inc.
Farmers Co-op Oil Co.
Joel Gronseth
Lee and Carin Hagemeyer
Jovita Harguth
Marlene Harguth In Memory of:
Harold Aalfs
Barb Goldenstein
Ruth Lange
Fran Menking
Rosemary Peterson
Keith and Sharon Harms
Heritage Bank, N.A.
Joyce Hinrichs
Impact Innovations, Inc.
Kevin and Kjersti Jaenisch
Cory and Steffanie Janssen
Randal and Cathy Janssen
Verna Janssen
Dana Johnson
Mark J. Kasella

James and Vicki Koewler
Linsey Kortgard Saue
Nicholas and Donna Krueger
MACCRAY #2180 Foundation - Silent Auction Proceeds
Next Level Ag Solutions, LLC
Northern States Supply, Inc.
Josie M. Oliver
Marvin and Diane Patten
Ross and Carissa Pederson
Dan and Rhonda Pieper
Pioneer Heritage Insurance, LLC
Mark and Cindy Plowman
Prairie West Insurance Company
Prinsburg Farmers Co-op
Phyllis Rand
Dennis and Donna Roberts
S & S Custom Meats
Tim and Kim Sandry
Beverly Schaller
Robert and Cathy Schueler
Jerry and Brenda Schwitters
Lane and Amy Schwitters
Lowell and Marcia Schwitters
Robert and Sharon Schwitters
Denise Smith
Smith Farms - Tim and Brandon Smith
Melissa and Victor Sparks
Amanda and Aaron Strommer
T & D Trucking, Inc.
Gene and Edith Tensen
Douglas Homan - The Homan Agency
Timothy and Carmel Thein In Memory of:
Ryan Boonstra
Leone Struxness
Thein Moving Co.
Ralph and Kari Thissen
Ron and Carol Thomton
Scott and Trudi Van Heuveln
Cynthia and Joshua VanDerPol
Wearda Implement Co.
Curt and Chris Yoose
Russell Zimmer

Awarded grants totaling \$13,569
ISD #2180 - MACCRAY to award grants for requests submitted by MACCRAY teachers

MINNESOTA STATE AUCTIONEERS FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowment fund that benefits the Minnesota State Auctioneers Foundation.

Minnesota State Auctioneers Foundation

ODELL WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND - A non-endowed fund that supports projects and initiatives in communities connected to the Odell Wind Farm in the counties of Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin and a portion of Watonwan.

Liberty Algonquin Business Services

Awarded grants totaling \$40,000

City of Butterfield to replace Butterfield Fire Department pagers

City of Darfur to purchase handheld radios for active firefighters for better communication

City of Mountain Lake: to match funds raised by the Mountain Lake Chamber of Commerce to buy community Christmas lights to update the Mountain Lake Community Center to purchase bikes for the bike rental system in Mountain Lake and Jackson to provide the Fire Department with updated auto extraction equipment

Cottonwood County 4-H to fund Elementary Field Days and University of Minnesota on the Prairie classes for youth

Good Samaritan Society - Mountain Lake to purchase a defibrillator for the long-term care facility

ISD #2448 - Martin County West to provide a subscription for an innovative way of learning math and language arts at Sherburn Elementary

Mountain Lake Christian School to purchase Chromebooks for all students

Mountain Lake Community Food Shelf to purchase refrigeration units

Reinbows Inc. of Windom to purchase an indoor/outdoor projector to use during the graduation program and other special events

Southwestern Mental Health Center to help provide housing for individuals and families experiencing long term homelessness

Windom Area Hospital to provide coupons for families in need to purchase fresh, healthy produce at the local farmers market

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowment fund that provides scholarships to long-term care nursing assistants in McLeod and Meeker counties in need of financial aid to pursue training required to become a licensed nurse.

Awarded grants totaling \$2,000
Ridgewater College Foundation to support two scholarships for non-traditional students from Meeker or McLeod county pursuing a nursing degree

Awarded grants totaling \$2,561
Prairie Ecology Bus Center to support its mission

PRAIRIE ECOLOGY BUS CENTER FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits Prairie Ecology Bus Center of Lakefield, which serves 20 counties in southwest Minnesota.

Awarded grants totaling \$2,561
Prairie Ecology Bus Center to support its mission

TPI HOSPITALITY PASSIONATE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND CRISIS EFFORT (PEACE) FUND - A non-endowed fund that provides financial assistance to associates of TPI Hospitality in emergency or hardship situations.

260 Anonymous Gifts
Brett and Kathy Aamot
Rebecca Aho
Patti Albrecht
Yoania Almanza
Jennifer Ames
Thurston Anderson
Perry Arent

Doug Arnold
Vivian Arzapalo
Fred and Diane Asche
Ashley Assaf
Amanda Augustine
Jackie Augustson
David Balroop
Hannah Banks
Damien Bartz
Kelly Basham
Amy Baumgart
Bradley Bearson
Cody Beaudet
Sampaguita and Dean Benedict
Jewel Bilges
Andre Birdsong
Chandler Boehm
Andrew Bohrer
Senada Bojic
Charles Borrell
Terry Bottenfield
Billy Boyd
Jessica Bradley
Sarah Brandhorst
Merida Bravo Rives
Teague Brennan
Lucas Bresnan
Emily Britt
Pete Bromelkamp
Terrica Broome
Kullen Broussard
Nikea Brown
Beverly Burton
Cora Butler
Terri Cambern
Bridget Cardenas
Gumercindo Carrion
Chantel Carson
Debra Carson
Cara Castelli
Maria Celis-Victoria
Rebekah Chaffee
Christopher Christians
Gabrial Clouser
Teresa Cooper
Divina Corkery
Quincy Courts Jr.
John Cox
Bethany Cramer
Ranger Crofton
Santos Cruz Jr.
Rebecca Dale
Clayton Daniels
Joel Danko
Kerstin Davis
Teresita De Los Reyes
Janet Demuth
Glenda Detwiler
Samuel Deyo
Karen Dion
Stephanie Dohmen
Tony Donatelle
Jean-Luc Dowu
Edward Dreyer
Erin Ebert
Abby Ehlert
Larry Eisenberg

Dean England
Hope Erdmann
Molly Erickson
Sydney Erickson
Catalina Estevez Sanchez
Aaron Etestad
Richard Ferguson
Sandra Ferguson
Ronald Fett
Lauren Fischer
Riley Fischer
Christopher Flagg
Tiffany Flynn
Mark Fobaire
Darius Fotouhi
Ursula Frausto
Amanda Friedl
Lindita Fteja
Alisha Gagnon
Margarita Garcia
Brandy Gatzlaff
Gena Geerdes
Nicole Geiszler
Destinee George
John Giannakopoulos
Dylan Golberg
Guadalupe Gonzales
Jennifer Goodman
Rovena Gora
Nathan Grav
Devilin Graves
Melanie Guski
Rebecca Hable
Jason Hall
Melissa Hall
Dean Hanenberger
Seth Haney
Jennifer Hanson
Tina Harpke
Danielle Harty
Danielle Hatten
Seth Hebrink
Michele Heggedahl
Christy Helmer
Allyn Hendrickson
Marie Hendrickson
Philip Herder
Georgina Hernandez
Charles Heureux Jr.
Tammy Hillyard
Chelsie Hinz
Ella Hirsch
Ida Hirsch
Allen Hjelle
Blake Hogue
Heather Horton
Desirae Howe-Clayton
Renee Howlett
Jialing Huang
Annabelle Huffman
Diana Hyde
Adam Imhoff
Jim Indahl
Ann Iverson
Rachel Jensen
Ann Jette
Ashley Johnson

Justina Johnson
Marcia Johnson
Sheraye Johnson
Trevor Johnson
Tamika Jones
Shallon Jorgensen
Mattie Joyner
Lisa Jungers
Edward Juntunen
Lauri Kaehler
Hatidza Kahric
Kyla Kainz
Augustino Kanneh
Famatta Kanneh
Kathryn Karsjens
Lily Karsjens
John Kasper
Alan Kazic
Amela Kazic
Emma Keenan
Todd Kimlinger
Charlotte Kirscher
Robert Kirwin
Brooke Klabunde
Nyah Kleindl
Yvonne Kleis
Rebecca Klesk
Jessica Kloss
Chad Kniefel
Dan Knoke
Michelle Kocina
James Kokoruda
Joel Komoto
Karen Korzenowski
Megaen Krachmer
Kevin Kubista
Shari Kuck
Amanda Kuperus
Danealle Kuperus
Stephanie Lacourse
Christine Lacroix
Erin Lafferty
Ashley Lahti
Tammy Landowski
Rachel Lane
Brenda Larson
Nancy Larson
Patrick Larson
Lindsey Le Grande
Kory Lesnick
James Lester
Mardee Loomis
Luz Lopez
Louinet Louime
Andrew Luther-Chapirson
Patricia Maninang
Sara Martin
Tammy Mathews
Jordyn McCormack
Rebecca McDermeit
Kara McFee
James McGrath
Tracy Mclver
Brian Medinnus
Janice Meiners
Leicy Mello Pereira
Gloria Menchaca Davila

Jason Mercord
Serena Meuwissen
Montanna Meyer
Charles Mickelson
Amanda Miller
Ryan Miller
Lance Mollenhauer
Michael Moore
Katelyn Murphy
Kimberly Murphy
Michele Nathe
Barbara Nelson
Dan Nelson
Dimy Nelson
Erica Ness
Tracy Neumeyer
Jessica Newman
Sarai Nieto Sorela
Patricia Nieves
Charlotte Nundahl
Melissa Olivarez
Bonita Olson
Kyle Olson
Dee Anne Osborne
Janice Oslund
Linda Paetznick
Suzette Parchment
Timothy Parkinson
Caryl Paulsen
Duwayne Peck
Ruth Peck and Louis Kopsidas
Charles Pemberton
Angela Perry
Michael Peters
Joseph Petersen
Derreal Peterson
Kimberlee Peterson
Mitchell Peterson
Ratsamy Phommahaxay
Christopher Poletes
Laci Poole
Lani Poole
Kimberlee Pouykhram
Melanie Preuss
Rebecca Provost
Sarah Purcell
Maggie Purmort
Rebecca Pustam
Bissoondai Ramnarain
Heather Raney
Jacob Raney
Tyler Ranvek
Holly Rath
Daniel Ratte
Zoe Rayman
Bhagwattie Raymond
Elizabeth Rech
Alyssa Redick
Pat Reding
Laura Reimer
Candy Rice
John Rivera
Nichole Roberts
Lillian Rocchio
Earnest Rodgers
Andrew Rohlik
Joe Romasiewicz

Kathryn Rosenberg
Penny Roth
Todd Roy
Diane Ruhl
David Runge
Michael Rupkey
Pete Rutske
Aileen Sanchez
Esther Sanchez Perez
Tanya Sather
Anna Schara
Ronna Schueller
Beth Schultz
Jaiden Schumacher
Danielle Schutz
Rhiana Scibilia
Derick Scott
Jim Sega
Maria Serrano
Maggie Setley
Chelsea Shapiro
Kandice Shaw
Chloe Sheehan
Amber Smith
Bret Smith
Deborah Smith
Lucas Smith III
Robert Smith
Justin Solbrack
Mary Lou Solis
Vanessa Solis
Courtney Sparks
Michelle Stackenwalt
Michael Stenger
Trevor Stevens
Travis Stevenson
Alexis Storey
Jason Subbert
Amy Suess
Suzanne Sukalski
Shelia Sutphin
Darin Swanson
Rachel Swanson
TPI Hospitality Fundraising Proceeds
Lisa Tekautz
Joell Thierry
Mia Thomas
Natalie Thomas
Lindsey Thompson
Sharon Thompson
Sue Thompson
Kate Thornburg
Robert and Joanne Thurston
Katherine Tillmann
Thomas Torgerson
John Tracy
Olivia Tschann
Sean Twedt
Lela Tweed
William Upshaw
Laurie Varpness
Keiry Villalta
Elizabeth Vineyard
Trista Vogelpohl
Joel Vogler
Helen Von Eschen

Johnny Vuong
Rose Wadman
Jenna Waller Smith
Sheryl Walton
Paige Wangen
Adam Wayne
Stacy Weisbrich
Amber Wenger
Amanda Westholter
Teresa Wilde
Megann Wilkins
Zachary Williams
Angela Winkel
Beth Winkels
Michael Wood
Stacey Wozniak
Touyia Xiong
Jenaja Yankaway
Kathleen Yovino
Dave Zellmer
Stacie Zuver

Awarded grants totaling \$29,554
To provide financial assistance to associates of TPI Hospitality and their families who experience undue financial hardship as a result of certain crises and emergencies

WALTER AND RAEANNA GISLASON ADVISED FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits the Willmar area, as well as other charitable organizations and causes in Minnesota and beyond.

Walter and Raeanna Gislason

Awarded grants totaling \$38,000
American Red Cross to support its mission
Interfaith Outreach to support its mission
Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota to support its mission
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Minnesota to support its mission
Rice Health Foundation to support its mission
Safe Avenues to support its mission
Smile Train to support its mission of providing free cleft repair surgery and comprehensive cleft care for children globally
Southwest Initiative Foundation to support the General Endowment with a FY19 Growing Home Circle membership

The Minneapolis Foundation to support its mission
The Salvation Army to support its mission

United Way of West Central Minnesota to support its mission

University of South Dakota Foundation to support the Theater Department/College of Fine Arts STARS Fund

to engage alumni through the theater
Willmar Area Community Foundation to support the Willmar Area Women's Fund

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Big Stone County area

CLINTON GRACEVILLE BEARDSLEY #2888

FOUNDATION FUND - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley Public School District.

Clinton Combined Fund Drive
Kathy Draeger
Malta Township - Fundraiser Proceeds
Becky and Jerry Parker
Janine Torgerson Teske

In Ortonville...

ORTONVILLE EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits children ages birth to 5 in the Ortonville area.

One Anonymous Gift
Angelo Family
Wanda Berry
Wanda Berry In Memory of Opal Olson
Eric and Kristyanna Brandriet
Sue Christensen
Kari Dorry
Kari and Chris Dorry
The CGB 3rd Grade Class
Ava Findlay
First English Lutheran Church
Arlene Gustafson
Sue Hanratty
Tara Harl
Brent and Kim Hasslen
Brian and Sandra Haugen In Memory of Bonnie Carman
Marilee Haukos
The Heinecke's
Deb and Glenn Henningson

Dale and Sharon Hoefert
Grocery Basket Store & Casino
Anne Johnson In Memory of:
Ruth Gehl
Eileen Monahan
Frank and Pat Nedoroscik
Richard and Christine Krogstad
Myron and Beth Mueller
Craig and Kippy Randleman
Ortonville United Appeal
Dave and Heather Rogers
John and Lila Salls
Levi and Ike Stattelmann
VFW Gambling Fund
Joanne Vangsness

Awarded grants totaling \$4,500

Big Stone Area Growth to support ongoing projects of the Ortonville Early Childhood Initiative

ORTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

FUND - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Ortonville Public School District.

One Anonymous Gift
Keith and Jane Anderson In Memory of Rose Fridgen
Judy Beckman In Memory of David Antroinen - Class of '60
Lance Beckman - Class of '58 and Judy Kanten Beckman - Class of '60 In Honor of Class of 1958 and 1960
Bob and Linda Brockmann In Memory of Roger Lundberg
Cargill On Behalf of Jeffrey Hansen

Class of 1961 In Memory of John Tobin
Heather Eastman
Janice Eifealdt In Memory of Jim Johnson
GoFasters Powersports, and Marine LLC
Jeffrey Hansen
Marcella Hansen In Memory of Loved Ones - Family & Friends
Duane and Sheila (Tobin) Hanson In Honor of Class of '58 - Virtual Glasses Challenge
Hasslen Construction

Julia Joplin
Patrick and Elizabeth Ketz In Honor of Grandchildren
Aaron and Michelle Knutson In Memory of:
Roger Lundberg
Glenora Tietjen
Ann Lundberg Family; Glenn and Margaret Fishbeck; Ray and Shirley Lunde; Roman and Carol Taffe; Morris and Glenora Tietjen; Art and Arlene Vollmer In Memory of Roger Lundberg

Larry and Elaine Cartwright; Barb Johnson; Kyle Kuechenmeister; Charles and Shari Lindquist; Rick and Pam Schneck; William and Claudia Sellin In Memory of Roger Lundberg
Ann Lundberg In Memory of Marvin Gess - Class of 1949
Stanley E. Lynne
Nelson's Electric Inc., of Ortonville, Minnesota
John and Judith Nichols
Northside Medical Center

Gerry Nypen In Memory of Glenora Tietjen
Ortonville Public School Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Pro Image Partners, Inc.
R & M Thompson Trust In Memory of Justin Scholberg
Jay Dee and Gloria Ross In Memory of Roger Lundberg
Jay Dee Ross In Honor of Cookies for Kids and Virtual Glasses
Jay Dee and Gloria Ross In Memory of Jim Johnson
Strong, Inc.
Susan Stuck In Memory of Herb King
Morris Tietjen In Memory of Glenora Tietjen
Bob and Gretta Yaeger In Memory of Glenora Tietjen
Investors Advisory Management Group of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

Awarded grants totaling \$3,900

ISD #2903 - Ortonville Public School:
to purchase a license to access Newsela to prepare 7th, 8th and 10th grade students for Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) testing to support 10 students attending the Business Professionals of America National Convention to award two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Chippewa County area

CHIPPEWA COUNTY MONTEVIDEO HOSPITAL ADVISED FUND

- A related non-endowed fund of the Montevideo Area Community Foundation that supports healthcare at Chippewa County-Montevideo Hospital.

Awarded grants totaling \$10,003

City of Montevideo to support the Montevideo Veteran's Home Clinic

JUNE LYNNE PRESERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND

- A related endowment fund of the Montevideo Area Community Foundation that benefits historic preservation in the Chippewa County area.

Dwayne and Barbara Knutsen In Memory of June Lynne

In Clara City...



CLARA CITY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- A permanent resource that benefits the Clara City area through grantmaking and community projects.

Winthro C. Block
Larry and Janet Bosch
Robert Brix
Clara City Foods, Inc.
Dave's Drafting Service LLC
Doesken Steel
Brian Doesken
John and Ginnie Donner
Brenda Groff
Tom and Sandi Gunter, Gunter Farms
Jim and Sheri Thein

Awarded grants totaling \$15,000

Bethany Reformed Church to put on fun events and supply educational materials for MACCRAY students through the local Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter

City of Clara City:
to purchase and install accessory furnishings for the initial opening of the Clara City Aquatic Center in 2019
to support an ongoing program for a volunteer Clara City Police Department reserve officer and an Explorers group
to replace the fire department's turnout gear, as required by law every 10 years
Clara City Lions Club to replace the siding of the Lions Shelter in the downtown park area

In Milan...

MILAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Milan area through grantmaking and community projects.

Allen and Leanne Stoeckman
David and Karen Zimmerman

Awarded grants totaling \$7,094

Appleton Ambulance Service to purchase a power load fastener system for the Appleton Ambulance Service that serves the towns of Appleton, Milan, Holloway, Big Bend and surrounding areas
City of Milan to replace the wheels and tires on a Fire Department truck
Food For Our Learning Youth to offer K-6 elementary students weekend meals
Greater Milan Initiative:
to replace windows in the Milan school building
to continue and enhance its arts and cultural programming at the Milan Youth Center
to provide youth and family opportunities for cooking and healthy eating classes to support an All School Reunion in the Milan Community Center/Old Milan School
ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley to provide funds for the Knowledge Bowl team to travel to the national tournament

Milan Village Arts School:
to provide funds for entertainment at the Taste of Syttende Mai 2019 festival
to paint the exterior of the 104-year old rural school house building now housing the Milan Village Arts School

In Montevideo...



MONTEVIDEO AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- A permanent resource that benefits the Montevideo area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift
Bruce and Kaia Bergeson
Thomas G. Birkey and Doris R. Thompson
Paul Blahosky
Co-op Credit Union
Lorine Hanson In Memory of:
Gordon Baker
Bill Botten
Donna Knothe
Richard Oleson
Ralph R. and Ada M. Hunstad
Allen Jacobson In Memory of Paul Goddard
Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.
Bardolph and Jean Johnson
Victoria Kiroff In Memory of Paul Goddard
Alexander Krueger
Nicholas Krueger
Nicholas and Donna Krueger
Kevin and Dena Kuenzel In Honor of Nick and Donna Krueger
Martha Kuhlmann
Dave and Juanita Lauritsen
David and Karen Lieser
Richard Mohagen
Montevideo Admirals
Janice M. Nelson
Jane Nerison In Memory of Riet Zegers-Erauw
Ross and Carissa Pederson In Memory of Paul Goddard
Prairieland Builders In Memory of Paul Goddard
Prudential Financial, Inc. On Behalf of Richard Mohagen

Todd and Alyssa Ricke
Anna and Adam Spray In Memory of Paul Goddard
Douglas Spray
Swift Properties Group, LLP
Talking Waters Brewing Company, LLC
Kevin and Judy TeBeest
Tostenson, Inc.

Awarded grants totaling \$9,606

Chippewa County Historical Society to install signage on the Gateway office building
City of Montevideo to increase the use of public art in the community by adding one piece each year
ISD #129 - Montevideo to support renovation of the weight room as a memorial to Paul Goddard
Montevideo Area Youth Center to create another level of physical activity for the youth at the Chippewa Valley Youth Club/Montevideo Area Youth Center
Prairie Five Community Action Council to ensure the well-being of older adults in the Montevideo community by providing nutritious home-delivered meals, education and a connection

MONTEVIDEO AREA REHABILITATION ENDOWMENT FUND

- A related endowment fund of the Montevideo Area Community Foundation that benefits individuals with physical disabilities in Chippewa, Lac qui Parle and Yellow Medicine counties.

Awarded grants totaling \$9,250

Chippewa County-Montevideo Hospital to provide financial assistance to individuals who are unable to start its medication assisted therapy program due to a hardship
Chippewa Enterprises, Inc. to purchase equipment to provide safe, respectful personal care
ISD #129 - Montevideo to provide a piece of playground equipment that is appropriate for students with autism and sensory issues

2019 Highlights

\$1.6 million granted from all funds to support regional work

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grants to support nonprofits, schools and organizations



Prairie Five Community Action Council to ensure the well-being of older adults in Montevideo by providing nutritious home-delivered meals, education and a connection to needed services

OLIVER AND JEAN REKOW FAMILY ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Montevideo Area Community Foundation that supports education and community betterment in the Montevideo area.

Awarded grants totaling \$2,000
ISD #129 - Montevideo to support the scholarship program at the school

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Cottonwood County area

COTTONWOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REMICK GALLERY ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Cottonwood County Historical Society Endowment Fund that benefits the Remick Gallery housed within CCHS, located in Windom and serving Cottonwood County.

Awarded grants totaling \$124
Cottonwood County Historical Society, Inc. to support its mission

In Mountain Lake... BRAD BEHRENS MEMORIAL FUND - A related non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that supports the Mountain Lake area.

Awarded grants totaling \$1,000
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota to provide a scholarship for a Mountain Lake High School student pursuing post-secondary education

HARDER FAMILY FOUNDATION ADVISED FUND - A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that benefits Mountain Lake and the southwest Minnesota area.

Awarded grants totaling \$16,425
City of Mountain Lake to remove diseased and hazardous ash trees and replace them with new ones

ISD #173 - Mountain Lake to add and replace instruments within the current inventory
Mountain Lake Chamber of Commerce to host speakers on various environmental issues

MOUNTAIN LAKE AREA FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION FUND - A related non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that benefits the Mountain Lake area school systems.

Awarded grants totaling \$39
ISD #173 - Mountain Lake to support Early Childhood Programs

MOUNTAIN LAKE AREA HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION FUND - A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that supports healthcare services in the Mountain Lake area.

Awarded grants totaling \$10,764
City of Mountain Lake to promote active living activities such as biking and pickle ball
Good Samaritan Society - Mountain Lake to offset expenses of the annual fun run/walk
Loaves and Fishes to fund the purchase of food to stock the shelves

Mountain Lake Ambulance Association to update training equipment
Mountain Lake Community Food Shelf to support its mission

Sanford Clinic Mountain Lake to purchase an audiometer



MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- A permanent resource that benefits the Mountain Lake area through grantmaking and community projects.

Bolton & Menk
David and Joyce Bucklin
Christian & Missionary Alliance Church
Diane S. Englin
Dr. Peter and Marion Franz
Fulda Area Credit Union - Mountain Lake Office
Mark and Sharron Hanson
Hanson Agency, Brad and Kelly Hanson
Hometown Sanitation Services, LLC
Paul Janzen
Lohrenz Excavating, Inc.
Maynards
Mountain Lake Area Foundation

Fundraising Proceeds
Mountain Lake EDA
Mountain Lake Lions Club
Mountain Lake Ministerial Association
Wade and Ann Nelson
Pauline Nickel
Dolores E. Peters
Eldean and Deanna Ratzlaff
Douglas and Debra Wiens

Awarded grants totaling \$19,825
City of Mountain Lake: to support the expenses of Christmas at the Village, including horse/wagon ride, food, crafts and downtown decorations

to fund improvements at the Community Center
Heritage Village Museum to help fund Christmas decorations
ISD #173 - Mountain Lake: to support Early Childhood Programs
to purchase additional auditorium seating
Mountain Lake Christian School: to purchase a document camera that would allow students a closer view of a project
to purchase two projector mounts for the kindergarten and first grade classrooms along with a camcorder to be used for student speeches, presentations and projects

MOUNTAIN LAKE EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND - A related non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that benefits children ages birth to 5 in the Mountain Lake area.

Awarded grants totaling \$24
ISD #173 - Mountain Lake to support Early Childhood Programs

In Windom... BUSINESS, ARTS AND RECREATION CENTER (BARC) ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowment fund that benefits the Business, Arts and Recreation Center in Windom.

Merle H. Sykora

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Jackson County area

LOIS POMERENKE BEHRENS MEMORIAL ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowment fund that benefits charitable causes within the Jackson County, Minnesota area.

Lois Pomerence Behrens

In Heron Lake and Okabena...



HERON LAKE-OKABENA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Heron Lake and Okabena area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift
Paul and Amy Bang
Carol Ann Baumbach In Memory of Don Steen
Brad and Jackie Baumgard
Jackie Baumgard In Memory of Thomas D. Wolff
Kathryn Christoffer In Memory of Byron Christoffer
Patrick and Marcy Costello
Costello, Carlson, Butzon & Schmit, LLP
Currie State Bank
Collette Diemer In Memory of: Rita Fest
Donald Hecker
Wyatt Henkels
David Pohlman
Laurie Steen
George and Collette Diemer
George and Collette Diemer In Memory of: Evelyn Aden
Byron Christoffer
Ardith Frederickson
Milton Wolff
Ethel In Memory of Marilyn Atz
Edward Jones - Jim Lesnar Jr.
Extended Ag Insurance Services, Inc.
Mark and Lisa Fest In Memory of Byron Christoffer
Margaret Ford In Memory of Grace Kay
Frank J. Zaher Charitable Trust
Karl and Bonnie Frederickson In Memory of: Grace Kay
Milt McKeown

Edward and Colleen Freking In Memory of Rita Fest
Jason and Tracy Freking In Memory of: Dale Aden
Nancy Duncan
Rita Fest
Wyatt Henkels
Grace Kay
Karen Mathias
Don Steen
Steve J. Freking Trust In Memory of Don Hecker
GiveMN In Honor of Give to the Max Day Golden Ticket winner James Schneider
Eric and Cheryl Hartman In Memory of Marilyn Atz
Molly Hoeger
HL Young Mens Club
Heron Lake-Okabena Class of 1984 In Memory of Milton Wolff
Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Sandra Horn In Memory of: Nancy Duncan
Edward "Ed" Freking
Merle Hamilton
Helen Horn
Robert Rykhus
Darline Schmidt
Richard Stelter
Steve and Barb Hussong In Memory of Dale Aden
Douglas and Cynthia Iverson
Ralph Manwarren Charitable Trust
Cleo Miranowski In Memory of: Marlene and Roger Anderson
Howard Damm
Don Steen
Tom Wolff
Osterberg Funeral Homes, Inc.
Terri Pelzel
Ed and Bardene Peter In Memory of: Ardith Frederickson
Don Steen
Tom Wolff
Wayne and Carmen Rasche In Memory of Don Steen
Eva Rostomily In Memory of: Evelyn Aden
Margaret Anderson
Raymond Kruse
Milton Wolff
Don and Marie Ruckelshausen
Mary Schmid In Memory of: Dale Aden
Don Steen
Milton Wolff
Tom Wolff

Dana and Christine Schmitz In Memory of Marilyn Atz
James and Patti Schneider
Security State Bank
State Farm Insurance - Jason Vote
Laura Steen In Memory of Don Steen
Michael and Hannah Stenzel
Thrivent Choice On Behalf of Delores Pelzel
US Bank Foundation On Behalf of Molly Hoeger
Mary Vassalotti In Memory of Virginia Hay
Jan Voit In Memory of Wyatt Henkels
Don and Maurita Volk In Memory of: Evelyn Aden
Ardith Frederickson
Don Steen
Laura Steen
Tom Wolff
Colleen and Robert Weimer

Awarded grants totaling \$13,676
City of Heron Lake to purchase an extractor washer for the Heron Lake Fire Department and EMS and Okabena Fire Department
City of Okabena: to purchase two snowflake decorations and replace three welcome banners
to repair the trailer used to house and transport the city's mini-golf course
to purchase replacement parts for the Okabena Fire Department Jaws of Life
ISD #330 - Heron Lake-Okabena Schools: to purchase Spalding Elite adjustable volleyball systems for the school volleyball program
to purchase and maintain school drumline instruments
to support the Summer Learning Academy at Heron Lake-Okabena Elementary
to help start a new chapter of Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
to purchase track and field equipment
to support Positive Behavior Intervention System within the high school
to purchase updated football equipment

to help fund the Skatetime program coming to Heron Lake-Okabena Elementary
Heron Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church to help fund the 2019 Vacation Bible School Program
Jackson County to purchase eBook titles to add to the digital library collection at the Heron Lake Library
Jackson County Food 4 Kids, Inc. to support weekend food backpack program for students
Okabena Legion Post #608 to support the HL-O Legion baseball program

In Jackson... FRIENDS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY LIBRARY FUND - A related non-endowed fund of the Jackson Area Community Foundation that benefits the Jackson County Library and its related programming.

Four Anonymous Gifts
Anonymous In Honor of Karla and Cindy for Book Sale
Anonymous In Honor of Great Library Staff
Carol Achterkirch
Jeanine Ackermann
Dean and Cindy Albrecht
Rebecca Alvero
Lynne Anderson
Dorothy Benda
Wanda Benda
Art and Sharon Benda
Bill and Harriet Olson Family Fund
Margie Bye
Vivian Calvillo
Hans and Carol Carlson
Patrick and Marcy Costello
Costello, Carlson, Butzon & Schmit, LLP
Joneva Currans
Shirley Dafoe
Dave and Anne DeJong
Dorothy Doppenberg
Tammy Doppenberg
Mary Lou Drahota
Jodi Edlin
Shirley Eggimann
Gary and Marcia Elsbecker
David and Barbara Fell
Jo Ann Flatgard
James and Mary Fricke
Nancy Garvin
Carole Gjertson

Verda Garms
 Richard and Nancy Garvin
 Richard and Nancy Garvin In Memory of Donna Stoner
 Mary Giese
 Paul and Julie Graupmann
 Shelly Gustin
 Cec and Curtis Handevitd
 Sharon Henning
 ITC Holdings Corp.
 Ruth Jacobson
 Tom Johnson
 Richard and Sonya Koch
 Becky Kruse
 Karla Kuipers
 Karla Kuipers In Memory of:
 Dean Anderson
 Esther Anderson
 Emil Buresch
 Dennis Kaderabek
 Donna Stoner
 Ruth Resch
 Margaret Wieskus
 Lynde Kuipers In Honor of Karla Kuipers
 Donna Lappe
 John Lee
 Connie Macek In Memory of Bernie Boell
 Pam Martens
 Nancy Maschler
 Paul and Tamara Meium
 Shirley Miller
 Kevin and Pam Nelson
 Kortney Nesseth
 Holly Nestegard Family
 Joyce Nordquist
 Mark Oeltjenbruns
 Daryl and Ann Olson
 Donna Olson
 Jason and Jessica Oye
 Ardy Palmer
 David and Nancy Pribyl
 Barbara Pritchard
 Steph Patten
 Ralph Manwarren Charitable Trust
 Rose Rolph
 Harlene Rose
 Daniel and Janeen Ruby
 Dave and Beth Schmidt
 John and Carol Schultz
 Renee Scriver
 Darlene Sebby
 Stan and Bonnie Shearer
 Donita Soucek
 Donita Soucek In Memory of:
 Bernice Boell
 LaVerne Handevitd
 Dewey Hendricks
 Roger Hesebeck
 Donna Stoner
 Bernice Tusa
 Margaret Wieskus
 Mark and Kay Steffen
 Thomas J. Stoner
 Laura Stubbe

Cindy Taylor
 Thrivent Choice On Behalf of:
 Arthur Benda Jr.
 Arthur and Sharon Benda Jr.
 Sharon F. Benda
 Karla Kuipers
 Delores Nestegard
 Holly Nestegard
 Mark and Linda Titus
 Kathy Voss
 Ron and Kathy Vrchota
 Diane Wells
 Joyce Williams
 Rita Yates
 Frank J. Zaher Charitable Trust

Awarded grants totaling \$10,100
 Jackson County:
 to support organization activities at the Jackson County Library
 to support the Summer Reading Program at the Jackson County Library
 to support programs and the purchase of materials at the Jackson County Library
 to fund a subscription for Ancestry.com at the Jackson County Library



JACKSON AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Jackson area through grantmaking and community projects.

AGCO Corporation
 Carol Achterkirch
 Lynne Anderson, Sue Pribyl, Jackson Women of Today
 Todd and Tracy Asa
 Charles and Kari Bigelow
 Center for Chiropractic Wellness - Travis and Dr. Katie Carter
 Brent and Terry Chosen
 Patrick and Marcy Costello
 Costello, Carlson, Butzon & Schmit, LLP
 Chet and Mary Dombrowski
 Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Alpha
 Richard and Nancy Garvin
 Drew Hagen
 Chelsea Honnette
 Jackson Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds

Jim and Sue Keul In Memory of Jeff Heser
 Ralph Manwarren Charitable Trust
 Thomas and Rosanne Narvesen
 Richard and Kathleen Peterson
 In Memory of:
 Barb Eckert
 Kent Ringkob
 Barbara A. Pritchard
 Brian G. Resch
 Rhythm of the River
 William and Amy Riffle In Memory of Kent A. Ringkob
 Debra A. Ringkob - Kent A. Ringkob Family Trust In Memory of Kent A. Ringkob
 Steven Ringkob In Memory of Kent A. Ringkob
 Paula B. Ringkob In Memory of Kent Ringkob
 Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust
 Adam Rouse In Memory of Kent A. Ringkob
 Gene and Marita Rouse In Memory of Kent A. Ringkob
 Sanford Health
 Santee Crossing, Inc.
 Donald Lee and Sharon Smith In Memory of Kent A. Ringkob
 Donita Soucek
 Kathleen Starrs In Memory of Kent A. Ringkob
 United Prairie Bank
 United Way of Lake County On Behalf of LaVonne Reif
 Ron and Kathy Vrchota
 Frank J. Zaher Charitable Trust
 Marie and Nathan Zimmerman

Awarded grants totaling \$7,900
 City of Jackson for an outdoor drinking fountain
 Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services for back to school supplies for families in need prior to the beginning of the school year
 JCC Music Booster Club Inc to provide keyboards used for accompanying students as they practice performing solos/ensembles
 Jackson County:
 to purchase digital audiobook titles for the Plum Creek Library System
 to update and improve the library collection of juvenile non-fiction books with general sciences selections
 Jackson County Food 4 Kids, Inc. to support the weekend back pack program at JCC Middle School in Lakefield

Jackson Food Shelf:
 for new software and hardware that will help track clients, pounds of food served, donations, grants and food waste
 to support the purchase of the building that houses the food shelf
 Lutheran Social Services to provide meals and transportation of meals to seniors in Jackson
 Rhythm of the River to provide youth activities and programming at Rhythm of the River

JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUND - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Jackson County Central School District.

Lynne Anderson In Memory of Caryl Morton
 Shirley Anderson
 Noel and Fran Behne
 Kelly Benson
 Laura Bidne
 Sue Buresch
 Patrick and Marcy Costello
 Costello, Carlson, Butzon & Schmit, LLP
 Dave and Anne DeJong In Memory of:
 Margeret Boyer
 Caryl Morton
 Michael Dibrito
 Tamie Egge
 Lowell Flatgard
 Dennis Hample
 Ryan Hample In Memory of Roxann 'Frau' Hample
 Janet Haren
 Shelly Hotzler
 Maria Hustedt
 Blaise Jacobsen
 Jo Ann P. Thrush Living Trust
 Jeff and Tracy Johnson
 Jim and Sue Keul
 Michael P. Kuntz
 Rahn and Paula Larson
 David and Suzanne Lovell
 Ralph Manwarren Charitable Trust
 Robin Medill
 Paul and Tamara Meium
 Todd Meyer
 Alvern Nelson
 Al Nelson
 Daryl and Ann Olson
 Palmer Bus Service of Jackson, Inc.
 Robyn Reed

Paul and Debra Rentschler
 Kerri Rose
 Rowe Enterprises, LLC
 Michael and Jordana Runck
 Carol Sandve/Sandve Heritage Foundation
 Rhonda Schmidt
 Donita Soucek In Memory of Patricia Kielty Chenoweth
 Barb Tvinnereim
 Jeff Voss
 Rod and Trisha Voss
 Ron and Kathy Vrchota
 Dan Winterfeld
 Mark Titus In Memory of Richard Franks
 Rafael York
 Frank J. Zaher Charitable Trust

Awarded grants totaling \$26,291
 ISD #2895 - Jackson County Central:

to support teacher grant requests to fund the Donor Recognition Board at the school
 to provide four scholarships to Jackson County Central students

KRISTI ELAINE TEIGEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - A related non-endowed fund of the Jackson Area Community Foundation created in memory of Kristi Elaine Teigen that provides scholarship support to graduating seniors of the Jackson County Central School District.

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Kandiyohi County area

In Willmar... BEATRICE F. OURADA ADVISED FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits First Presbyterian Church in Willmar, as well as other charitable organizations or purposes throughout Minnesota.

Awarded grants totaling \$1,000
 First Presbyterian Church to support One Great Hour of Sharing

BOB AND PATTI DOLS ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowed fund that benefits the southwest Minnesota area.

Robert and Patti Dols
Awarded grants totaling \$1,000
 Southwest Initiative Foundation to support the General Endowment with a FY19 Growing Home Circle membership

GARY AND NANCY GEIGER GRATITUDE FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits the Willmar, Minnesota area and beyond.

Gary and Nancy Geiger
Awarded grants totaling \$40,800
 Bethel Lutheran Church ELCA to support its mission
 Kandiyohi County Food Shelf to support its mission
 Luther Seminary to support its mission
 Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota to support its mission
 Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center to 'Fund A Cause'
 Rice Health Foundation to 'Fund a Cause'
 Safe Avenues to support the "No Show Gala"
 Southwest Initiative Foundation to support the General Endowment with a FY19 Growing Home Circle membership
 The Barn Theatre: to support the lighting project at the Barn Theatre to support the theatre's mission
 Willmar Area Community Foundation to support its mission
 Willmar Public Schools Foundation to support its mission

One Anonymous Gift
 Audrey Teigen
 Tom Teigen
Awarded grants totaling \$12,000
 Concordia University Chicago to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior of the Jackson County Central School District
 Dakota Wesleyan University to provide a scholarship for a graduating senior of the Jackson County Central School District
 Minnesota State University - Mankato to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior of the Jackson County Central School District

Rochester Community & Technical College to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior of the Jackson County Central School District
 South Dakota State University to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior of the Jackson County Central School District
 University of Minnesota to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior of the Jackson County Central School District
 University of Sioux Falls to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior of the Jackson County Central School District

GRANT SPOTLIGHT

Southwest Initiative Foundation is one of several funding partners supporting Kandiyohi Area YMCA's new Early Learning Center in Spicer. The foundation's grant helped fund expenses related to design, feasibility analysis, architectural or engineering services, and/or curriculum for development of the center. In the last fiscal year, Southwest Initiative Foundation leveraged \$549,000 to support community solutions to our region's child care crisis.



This year we launched a new piece of our work to support quality child care – a website that aims to help families, providers, employers and communities with online resources to explore child care solutions. We're especially excited about a feature to gather and list spaces available for FREE to host child care training in our region. Visit swifoundation.org/childcare to check it out.

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Lac qui Parle County area

LAC QUI PARLE MUSEUM ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Dawson Community Foundation and the Madison Community Foundation that benefits the Lac qui Parle County Historical Society and Museum.

Lac qui Parle Historical Society
Anthony Nathe

Awarded grants totaling \$770
Lac qui Parle Historical Society to support its mission

LAC QUI PARLE VALLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits children ages birth to 5 in the Lac qui Parle Valley School District.

Janet Faye Nelson

In Dawson...



DAWSON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Dawson area through grantmaking and community projects.

J. Dennis Anderson In Memory of Wayne Johnson
Shirley Anderson
Martin and Carol Bergeland
Jeff and Sandra Boss
Richard Budzynski In Memory of Leona Mae Taylor Budzynski
Dawson Designated Charities
JoAnn Erickson
Josh and Karin Falness
Doryce Farmen
Dennis Femrite
Femrite Enterprises
Dan and Luanne Fondell
Jim and Lois Ann Helgeson In Memory of Jon Helgeson
Terry and Karen Hermanson
Paul and Peggy Hill
Jim's Clothing and Sporting Goods
Elsie Johnson
Jeff and Carla Johnson

Alvin Kvaal
Ferman and Doris Lanning
Danny Larson
Peter and Sarah Lee
Donald and Pat Lindblad In

Memory of:
Marcella Christianson
Betty Fjoseide
Roy Huot
Wayne Johnson
Bob Kemen
Arbie Lee
Mark Mallak
Ronald Nelson
Lila Nevins
Norma J. Powers In Memory of Gordon Powers
Riverside Township Community Fund
Stanton and Sandra Smaagaard
Noel and Lois Stratmoen
Swenson, Nelson & Stulz PLLC
Virgil Thompson
Steven and Kelly Tufto
Susan K. Vaala
Lois Willand
LeRoy and Joan Winge

Awarded grants totaling \$9,250

City of Dawson:
to provide funds for hanging flower baskets on Dawson's Main Street
to help purchase the annual gnome and maintain the existing gnomes
ISD #378 - Dawson-Boyd to provide a scholarship to the Dawson-Boyd High School essay contest winner
Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest to purchase classroom kits for students at Stevens Elementary in Dawson
Prairie Five Community Action Council to continue meeting the needs of adults in Dawson with delivered and congregate meals at Riverside

DAWSON RSG (RUZICH, SEELING AND GUSTAFSON) SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Dawson Community Foundation created by Dawson sports alumni that generates scholarship opportunities in honor of Steve Ruzich, Ken Seeling and Charles Gustafson, three retired teachers and coaches.

Awarded grants totaling \$2,000
ISD #378 - Dawson-Boyd to award scholarships at Dawson-Boyd School

DAWSON-BOYD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Dawson Community Foundation that addresses the educational needs of youth of the Dawson-Boyd School District.

Lee D. Crane

DENNIS, RUBY, CHERYL AND STEVEN ANDERSON ADVISED FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits the Dawson, Minnesota area, including the Dawson Bank Museum and Scout Park.

Dennis and Ruby Anderson

JOHNSON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FUND - A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Dawson Community Foundation that benefits Johnson Memorial Foundation in Dawson.

Awarded grants totaling \$11,974
Johnson Memorial Health Services to support its mission

MAUREEN M. YAGODKA, PH.D. MEMORIAL FUND - A related non-endowed fund of the Dawson Community Foundation that supports the Dawson area.

Awarded grants totaling \$11,300
City of Dawson to provide funds to promote events for the weekend of the Riverfest celebration
Dawson Historical Properties to secure and enhance the Bank Museum exhibits
Dawson-Boyd Arts Association to support two matinee performances during the 2019-2020 season

Farmers For Dawson to provide funds to build a gazebo and sidewalk in Dawson's Veterans Park

ISD #378 - Dawson-Boyd to allow the team to participate in the First Robotic Competition and purchase the required kit of parts needed in the 2019-2020 season

RUSSELL AND BETTY DAHL MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND FOR DAWSON-BOYD PUBLIC SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT - A related endowment fund of the Dawson Community Foundation that supports the music department at ISD #378 - Dawson-Boyd.

Larry and LuAnn Dahl In Memory of:
Colette Berglund
Beryl Cebula
Kari Engretson
Kerry Kelly
Robert Kemen
Shirley Kittelson
Eileen Sather
Luanne Fondell In Memory of
Dwayne Larson
Beth Givens
David Pederson

Awarded grants totaling \$1,074
ISD #378 - Dawson-Boyd to purchase new choir folders

In Madison... BERNICE HALVORSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - A related non-endowed fund of the Madison Community Foundation that provides scholarship support to students pursuing a degree in the field of education.

Bernice Halvorson Scholarship Fund of InFaith Community Foundation
Joan Strei In Memory of Bernice Halvorson

Awarded grants totaling \$2,000
Northern State University to provide scholarships to two students pursuing a degree in the field of education

Dawson

199 grants over 20 years totaling \$276,871, and \$430,571 in assets



Loren Femrite served as a founding board member of the Dawson Community Foundation and is always happy to lend a hand for community projects, like serving as the chief gnome-maker in town.

Loren Femrite was minding his own business as a carpenter in Dawson when he was gnome-inated to take on an important task: crafting the annual gnome statues to honor community members who exemplify the local spirit of service.

Loren inherited making the gnomes from Doug Larson. This whimsical tradition dates to 1988. The first gnomes were made out of wood, and those reside in the local library, safe from the elements. Today's gnomes start out as liquid concrete. Loren makes a form and molds the statue from the bottom up. It takes about three days. At Dawson's Riverfest Celebration in June, the statues are revealed.

While Loren was reluctant to become the next gnome-maker – insisting he's a woodworker, not an artist – he's not one to shy away from service.

"I like doing community things. I think it's valuable," said Loren, who served as a founding board member of the Dawson Community Foundation.

Raised on a dairy farm outside Dawson, Loren was inspired to serve by Mr. Ruzich, his 7th grade civics teacher. Mr. Ruzich taught his students everyone has a responsibility to participate in a democracy. Loren went on to graduate from Dawson High School in 1964

and earned a degree in trade and industrial teacher education from Minnesota State University, Moorhead.

Over the course of just one year – 1969 – he married an elementary teacher named Carole, graduated from college, accepted his first teaching position, became a father, and was drafted into the Army. When Loren was discharged from service, the couple returned to Dawson. Carole taught elementary school and Loren started a business building kitchen cabinets.

Communities are shaped around their resources and creative thinkers, Loren believes. In Dawson, the agriculture industry has been a major force. The town is home to the first farmer-owned soybean processing plant in the state: Tri-County Soy Bean Cooperative Association began operating in November 1951.

"We were very fortunate four guys sat around a coffee table and said, 'Let's start a soybean processing facility,'" Loren said.

Looking to the future, he's concerned with job opportunities and attracting young families who will support the school system and keep the town vibrant.

"My hope is it can continue to be a place where people can earn a living," Loren said. "Small communities have something; you know people."



Southwest Initiative Foundation Community Philanthropy Officer Jeff Vetsch (left) visits Dawson Community Foundation Advisory Board members (back, from left): Josh Falness, Casey Clausen and Steve Tufto. Front: Dr. Phil Maus, Karla Perkins and Sharilyn Bates. Not pictured are advisory board members Dave Bothun, Barry Lund and Sue Roisen.

Read more about how current volunteer board members of the Dawson Community Foundation make a difference at swifoundation.org/dawson-community-foundation.



MADISON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Madison area through grantmaking and community projects.

Two Anonymous Gifts
Anonymous In Memory of Dr. Wm. Gualtieri
Roger and Joanne Abramowski
Cynthia Albrecht
David and Vicky Amundson
Terry and Rosella Anderson
Gary and Jane Boraas
Robert and Delores Bormann
Eric and Constance Carlson
Dallas and Michelle Croatt In Memory of Jeff Olson
Richard and Renee Ehlenz

Dr. W.A. Gualtieri
Dr. Brant and Julie Hacker
Aldon and Janice Halvorson
Gary Hauck and Vicki Hauck
Phyllis Hauck
Richard and Sherry Hauck
Charles Hauck
Heinrich & Ludvigson
Accounting
William Hiepler and Helen Alta
David Hofstad
Julie Brettner In Memory of Jim and Jean Hoover
Cynthia Huse
Eugene Isfeld
Marilyn Isfeld
Virginia (Ginny Chafee) and Lynn Johnson
Jerome and Jodi Kallhoff
Kinney/Sandquist Family Fund
Lac qui Parle County Post #1656
Lac qui Parle Study Club
Carlyle Larsen
Lund Implement Company
Madison Community Foundation

Fundraising Proceeds
Madison Dental Clinic
Mary Camp
Bradley and Janet Mork
Wayne Mosey
Roger and Sylvia Oie
Old National Bank
Carol Olson
Stanley C. Olson
Geven and Kathryn Rabe
Glenn and Delores Rheingans
Roger A. Sandquist and Mary L. Sandquist
Tim and Margo Roth
John Siebenand
The Philip D. Black and Brigitte L. Sandquist Foundation In Honor of Roger and Mary Lou Sandquist
United Prairie Bank
James and Darlene Vaala
Joyce West

Awarded grants totaling \$8,000

City of Madison to build a circular steel structure on public property that spirals and shows lite laser cut prairie plants both current and historic as an expression of public art
Food For Our Learning Youth to supply food for elementary and middle school students on the weekends
ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley: to provide funds for the Knowledge Bowl team to travel to the national tournament
to purchase new mallet equipment for preschool curriculum to allow all local community members to participate in summer rec activities to provide a new working refrigerator to the Kidstime Classroom

RTR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Russell Tyler Ruthton Public School District.

William and Diane Clark
Steven and Anna Hesse
James and Carol Kopel
John and Margaret Bornhoft
John and Margaret Bornhoft In Memory of:
Chris Meuke
Jacob Peterson
Craig and Jeanne Norgaard
Dale and Joy Schak
Mark and Joan Wiering

**In Ivanhoe...
IVANHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION FUND** - An endowment and non-endowed fund that benefits the Ivanhoe Public Library.

John A. Kaczrowski In Memory of Rose Kaczrowski

Awarded grants totaling \$487
Ivanhoe Public Library to support organization activities

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUNDATION FUND - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Lincoln Elementary School District #403.

Al Sheik Trucking, Inc.
Cynthia Bach
Lawrence and Marion Bennett
Charles and Laurie Bradley
Steve Citterman
B.D. Dombek
Evelyn Panka Living Trust
John Frensko
Joan Gawarecki
Mark and Kris Gawarecki
Dennis and Diane Healy
Marie Henriksen

Marjorie Jenkins
John and Stephanie Kaczrowski
Reed and Nancy Kaping In Honor of Mrs. Panka - Fourth Grade
Kelly and Nancy Krog
Dean and Judy Lichty
Lincoln Elementary School
Foundation Guys and Gals Gourmet Fundraising Proceeds
Allan Lundberg
Dr. Richard and Ruth Mulder
Myron Jerzak
Bruce Nielsen
Susan Paluch
Dale and Karen Richmond
Clyde and Wendy Rost
Merle and Sherry Rost
Robert and Kathleen Seefeldt
Dale and Rosemary Shippy
Dwayne and Rita Strand
Troy and Jennifer Vanoverbeke

Awarded grants totaling \$3,233
ISD #403 - Ivanhoe Public School to supply Chromebooks, charging cart and newsletters

In Lake Benton...



LAKE BENTON AREA FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Lake Benton area through grantmaking and community projects.

Jo An Burk In Memory of Carl Burk
Cilla Hughes In Memory of Carl Burk
Lake Benton Historical Foundation

Awarded grants totaling \$2,516
Lake Benton Volunteers for Education to support the Lake Benton After-school Program

**In Tyler...
JOHN AND MARGARET BORNHOFT FAMILY ADVISED FUND** - A related non-endowed fund of the Tyler Area Community Foundation that benefits Tyler, Minnesota, and beyond.

John and Margaret Bornhoft

Awarded grants totaling \$5,000
Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative to promote golf to youth at the Tyler Golf Club



TYLER AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Tyler area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift
Curtis and Pamela Anderson
Daniel and Linda Bettin
Donald and Susan Buhl
Ronald and Carole Carr
Weston and Kirsten Carr
Aaron and Alissa Christianson
Christianson Crop Insurance-Terry and Shawna Christianson
Christianson Farm Machinery, Inc.
Larry and Kathy DeBoer
Christopher and Amy Determan
Cade and Amanda Drake
Drake's Chimney Service & Construction - Clair and Deanna Drake
Paul and Stephanie Ekema
Allen Erickson
Jolean Faaborg
David and Kathy Guida
Axel and Judy Hansen
Beverly Hess
Trent and Jackie Hess

Steven and Anna Hesse
Terry and Jill Jaspersen
James and Joyce Jensen
Kyle and Kristie Johnson
Johnson's Flower Box
Randy and Thea Keifer
Wayde and Sharon Kenneke
Sharon Kolle
Sharon Kolle In Memory of Merle Hansen
James and Carol Kopel
Curtis and Darla Madsen
John and Margaret Bornhoft
Brandon and Jessica Merrill
Craig and Jeanne Norgaard
Tim and Stacy O'Leary
Paul Borresen Construction, LLC
Glen and Charlotta Petersen
Linda Petersen
Gordon and Virginia Rasmussen
Tyson and Kylie Rochel
David and Amy Rubin
Dale and Joy Schak
Jon and Jennifer Schreurs
Ryan and Jamie Schreurs
Carla Skjong
Shaun and Sara Thomas
John Thomsen
Tyler Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Tyler Motel
US Bank Foundation On Behalf of Jennifer Schreurs
Jeffrey and Candice VanderPlaats
Richard and Mary Jo Wiering
Sally Wyatt

Awarded grants totaling \$3,846
City of Tyler: to purchase flags to line Main Street in Tyler to help fund entertainment at the Wednesday night Bandshell Bazaar to purchase and install upgrades at the city pool
ISD #2902 - Russell Tyler Ruthton: to purchase sound equipment for the RTR High School to purchase recognition banners for the gym

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Lincoln County area



Glenn Krog will be remembered for his dedicated involvement and generous support of his community, local organizations and projects. He loved his hometown of Lake Benton. He graduated from high school there in 1952, attended college in South Dakota and then joined the United States Marine Corps. After his service, he returned to work the Krog family farm in rural Lincoln County. Being a good steward of the land was of great importance to Glenn, and he was passionate about supporting the next generation of farmers by offering them opportunities and wisdom regarding farming. Glenn continued to farm until just prior to his passing in June 2019.



More than a decade ago, Glenn decided to donate 320 acres to support his hometown through our Keep It Growing farmland giving program. Glenn was a willing ambassador in promoting this unique tool for retaining wealth in our rural region, and we're grateful for his enthusiasm on our behalf. Glenn structured his incredible gift so that it first supports a longtime friend and farmer, with the ultimate benefit to the community he loved via the Lake Benton Area Foundation. We're proud to be part of this legacy, offering a way for Glenn to support his friends and neighbors.

Read an update from the Lake Benton Area Foundation at swifoundation.org/lake-benton-area-foundation.

This fall, Lake Benton Area Foundation (LBAF) awarded several grants to support kids at Lake Benton Elementary School. Pictured are LBAF Advisory Board Treasurer Darcy Miller (from left); second grade teacher Alissa Christianson, first grade teacher Deb Rouge, fifth grade teacher Jennifer Castle, third grade teacher Angie Coe, and LBAF Advisory Board Chair Jess Gums.

Photo Credit: Lake Benton Valley Journal

2019 Highlights



\$2.1 million in gifts donated to all funds 2019



2,361 donors supported our work

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Lyon County area

In Balaton...



BALATON AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Balaton area through grantmaking and community projects.

Balaton Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds

Balaton Lions Club
Marvin and Charlene Chandler
Mary Harstad Compas In Honor of BHS Class of 1969

Rita Domagala In Memory of:
Lowell Klukas
Mary Lebert

Craig and Ann Gifford In Memory of Lawrence Drieks
Kent and Lori Henkel In Memory of:

Sean Meehan
Bonnie Weidauer

Susan (Johnson) Homan In Honor of BHS Class of 1969

Pamela Kamolz-Lafleur In Honor of BHS Class of 1969

Dave and Gayle Kaup In Memory of Mary Lebert

Bradley Knudson In Honor of BHS Class of 1969

Carol H. Krage In Honor of BHS Class of 1969

Lyon County

Kenneth and Audrey Miller
Del and Pat Rutz In Memory of:

Lorraine Cooreman
Mary Lebert

Helen Van Winkle
Schwan's Corporate Giving Foundation

Katherine M. Swift
June Herhark In Memory of

Sean Meehan
Fran and Mary Timmerman In Memory of:

Gordon Bakker
Lorraine Cooreman

Lowell Klukas
Cheryl Peterson

Bob Struchen
Steve Walter

Don Wheeler
Shirley Wendland

Shirley Wendland In Memory of Mildred Garbers

Willis and Joan Wendland In Memory of:
Mary Lebert
Don Wheeler
Theresa M. Zaske and Penni L. Spaid

Awarded grants totaling \$2,600
Balaton Area Historical Society to fund storage space for the historical society
City of Balaton to update playground equipment at Lions Park

In Cottonwood...



COTTONWOOD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Cottonwood area through grantmaking and community projects.

Cottonwood Lions Club
Terry and Linda Dieken
Extreme Panel Technologies, Inc.
Peter and Joy Hellie
Gregory and Anne Isaackson
Lakeview Booster Club, Inc.
Jeff and Lynn Mauland
Kurtis Parlin and Donna Bastemeyer-Parlin

In Marshall...

D.C. "PAT" MCFARLAND JR. MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND FOR FRIENDS OF THE ORCHESTRA, LTD. - An endowment fund created in memory of D.C. "Pat" McFarland Jr. to benefit Friends of the Orchestra, Ltd. in Marshall.

Awarded grants totaling \$5,557
Friends of the Orchestra Ltd. to support its mission

D.C. "PAT" MCFARLAND JR. MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND FOR PRAIRIE HOME HOSPICE, INC. - An endowment fund created in memory of D.C. "Pat" McFarland Jr. to benefit Prairie Home Hospice, Inc. in Marshall.

Awarded grants totaling \$10,940

Prairie Home Hospice and Community Care to support its mission

D.C. "PAT" MCFARLAND JR. MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ST. JAMES CHURCH - An endowment fund created in memory of D.C. "Pat" McFarland Jr. to benefit St. James Church in Marshall.

Awarded grants totaling \$13,965
St. James Episcopal Church to support its mission



MARSHALL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Marshall area through grantmaking and community projects.

Avera Health On Behalf of Steve and Mary Maertens
Linda Baun
Carr Family Foundation
William Curwick
Mark Goodenow
Wayne Hanson In Memory of Janet V. Hanson
Hy-Vee, Inc.
Marshall High School Honor Society
Lyon County
Gary and Wendy St. Aubin
Tom and Janet Vandendriessche
Western Printing of Marshall

Awarded grants totaling \$20,354

A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota to raise awareness through education, advocacy and connecting those experiencing memory loss to health, social and spiritual services in the Marshall community

Advance Opportunities to collect and refurbish donated laptops and computers to empower low income families with technology in their homes

ISD #413 - Marshall to implement ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training and purchase books, along with 2-story fire escape ladders for the high school and West Side Elementary

Marshall Area YMCA to create a Saturday destination for the Marshall Farmer's Market that will serve all regardless of age, social-economic status, native language or ethnic culture
Marshall Food4Kids to expand the weekend snack bags to children in the 7th and 8th grade
Marshall-Lyon County Library to fund a Toy Lending Library as a service to the Marshall community

Open Door Health Center to purchase portable dental equipment for quality outreach services to children at the Marshall Public Schools
Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation to sponsor the first annual Women's Leadership Conference

Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council to enhance community wellness with the purchase of two laptops to use during client intake to assess needs for additional community resources and provide appropriate referrals
United Community Action Partnership to help fund group leadership development activities with high school girls, including weekly meetings and college visits

Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. to purchase materials for the resource room in the Marshall office and items to meet the immediate needs of someone in crisis

In Tracy...

TRACY AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUND - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Tracy Area Public School District.

Family and Friends In Memory of Doug Halseth
Greg and Judy Bergs In Memory of Gene Thompson
Mike and Darcy Carlson In Memory of:
Gordon Bakker
Bud Hayes
Betty Klein
Art Marben
Richard Stelter
Carol Cooreman In Memory of Richard Stelter
David and Kathleen Stassen
Dennis and Linda Fultz In Memory of Elmer Klein
David and Jean Hicks

Helen Hollingsworth In Memory of Arthur E. Marben
Tom and Shannon Hook In Memory of Rose Onken
Jeffrey James In Memory of:
Doug Halseth
Art Marben
Jim and Sue Keul
Jim and Sue Keul In Memory of:
Dorothy Anderson
Lorraine Cooreman
Ken Drever
Bud Hayes
Betty Klein
Elmer Klein
Art Marben
Will Pattinson
Leona Peterson

Gary Schaar
Robert Struchen
Laurie Ziemke
Klein Family Trust In Memory of Elmer Klein
Kirk and Jane Landman In Memory of Art Marben
Sander and Peggy Ludeman
Lyon County
Ronald McDaniel In Memory of Art Marben
Brian McDonald In Memory of Art Marben
Clint Peterson, Mark and Anita Peterson In Memory of:
Art Marben
Carmen Marben

Clinton Peterson In Memory of:
Bev Holland
Leona Peterson
Clinton Peterson and Mark Peterson In Memory of Gene Thompson
Ray and Janet Randall In Memory of Art Marben
Dean and Judy Salmon In Memory of Art Marben
Barb Visker and Family In Memory of Shirley Strand
Wendell and Adele Thomas In Memory of Gene Thompson

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the McLeod County area

In Glencoe...



GLENCOE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Glencoe area through grantmaking and community projects.

Ameriprise-Russ Runck
Alan and Brenda Birkholz
Fahey Sales Agency, Inc.
Glen Knoll Properties, LLC
Glencoe Family Chiropractic
Glencoe Regional Health
Earl and Eileen Harff
Sharon Hoese
Kirk Miller
Miller 2 Realty, Inc.
Priority One - Metrowest Realty
Pure Life Chiropractic and Wellness Center, Ltd.
Noah and Tamara Retka
Ryan Voss Construction, Inc.
SLS Accounting
Security Bank and Trust Company
State Farm Insurance-Larry Anderson
Victor Ramirez Garcia

In Hutchinson...

CAROL M. ULRICH HAUKOS ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Hutchinson Area Community Foundation created in memory of Carol M. Ulrich Haukos to benefit McLeod County.

Anna Ulrich
Tim Ulrich

HUTCHINSON AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Hutchinson area through grantmaking and community projects.

Barry and Louise Anderson
Bridget and Jonny Block
Brian Brosz
Tom "Buzz" Burich
Mike and Amber Cannon
Matt and Liz Cheney
Mr. Thomas E. Daggett and Dr. Barbara L. Zajicek-Daggett
Cheryl Dooley
John and Gail Gillard
Anthony and Kristi Hanson
Mary Henke
Greg and Betty Jodzio
Don and Marlyce Lee
Brad and Jeri Lueneburg
Marc and Michele Max
Mike and Renae McKimm
Byron Melendy
Joe and Melanie Nagel
Dean and Carol Nissen
Parkview Dental, PLLC
Tim and Melanie Remple
Dr. Cris and Linda Remucal In Memory of Dr. Tom Kleinkauf
Mark and Wendy Schierman
Arnie and Myrt Severson
Joanne Clay Willmert In

Memory of:
Don Coles
Frank Fay
Sandra Lennes
James Sheedy

David and Marian Skaar In Memory of:
Kay Olson
Shirley Rath
The Nolen Family Trust
Anna Ulrich
Tim Ulrich
Daron and Lori VanderHeiden
Don and Susan Walser
Dave and Karen Westlund

Awarded grants totaling \$38,081
Aveyron Homes to support the purchase of software and computers for 13 Aveyron sites
Hassan Valley Lodge 109 to provide scholarships for a unique camping experience at Camp FA-HO-CHA for kids
Historic Hutchinson to install glass coverings on the exterior of the windows to protect against vandalism and weather damage
Hutchinson Area Community Foundation to support operations
Hutchinson Center for the Arts: to provide monthly creative arts activities for senior residents at up to six different locations
to support the McLeod County Agricultural Association's Monster Mural at the McLeod County Fair

Hutchinson Downtown Association to support Power of Produce, a program designed to inspire kids to think healthy and reach for fruit and vegetables while shopping

ISD #423 - Hutchinson: to provide newspapers at no cost to local teachers and students for educational purposes
to fund the purchase of a 5-man blocking sled for the Hutchinson Football Program
to purchase 35 sets of new uniforms in various sizes for the Hutchinson High School Girls Track and Field Team
to support the Hutchinson Lions as they replace two audio meters that are used for annual hearing screening of students
Lutheran Social Services to purchase two National Sanitation Foundation approved steel carts for transporting food at the Evergreen Central Kitchen in Hutchinson
McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence to purchase a TV and DVD player to replace current equipment and to purchase a year of air time for a Legal Advocate to utilize a Straight Talk phone with clients
New Century Academy to purchase band instruments and rent orchestra string instruments
United Way of McLeod County to continue providing every child under the age of 5 who lives in McLeod County a monthly book

Wheel and Cog Children's Museum of Hutchinson to update the theater exhibit that will target ages 3 through 12 with age appropriate accessories

HUTCHINSON HOSPICE ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Hutchinson Area Community Foundation that supports hospice services in the Hutchinson community.

Awarded grants totaling \$7,500
Presbyterian Homes Foundation:
to offset the cost of privacy rooms for hospice patients and families
to purchase sleeper sofas for the Harmony River Hospice Program

HUTCHINSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #423 FOUNDATION FUND - A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Hutchinson Area Community Foundation that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Hutchinson Independent School District #423.

Two Anonymous Gifts
Dawn Altermatt
Jennifer L. Anderson
Nancy Anderson
Kristin Bateman
Jennifer Becker
Brian and Jami Beffert
Bobbing Bobber Brewing Co. LLC
Brian and Rebecca Boll
Benjamin and Jessica Bouta
Alex Brown

Richard Buchholz
Keri Buker
Thomas "Buzz" Burich
Debra Card
Leah Carrigan
Michelle Carrigan
Yolonda Daak
Mr. Thomas E. Daggett and Dr. Barbara L. Zajicek-Daggett
Robin Dettman
Kris Dobratz
Shelli Dobratz
Rochelle Drahos
Jodi Drew
Dori Dueterhoeft
Jason and Erika Durheim
Angela Elton
Rory Fairbanks
Sandra Fredrickson
Jon and Alicia Frykman
Brad and Nancy Gapp
Marcia Garberg
Josh and Tamarah Gehlen
Mary Getzke
Tinea Graham
Valerie Grand
Todd and Lisa Grina
Scott and Shelly Grorud
Cindy Gruhlke
Ruth Hamlow
Johanna Hanneman
Chad and Darcy Harlander
Elizabeth Hauth
Nancy Heidebrink
Gloriann Heikes
Mike Hietala
Troy Higgins
Judy Hoeft
Erin Hoppe
Rhoda Hubbard-Anderson
Jenny Huiras
Julie Hutchins
Hutchinson High School Class of 1968
Hutchinson Independent School District #423 Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Kristin Ikem
Hannah Impola
Thad and Sara Johnson

Thayne C. Johnson
Danny L. Johnston
Nikki Juergensen
Patti Kaminsky
Bonnie A. Karl
Glen and Ginny Kegley
Kevin and Jodi Kleindl
Barclay Klinker
Michelle Kosek
Christopher and Lisa Kraft
Brianna Krause
Steve and Chanda Kropp
Allyson Kurth
John and Amanda Langins
Kari Larson
James and Lynn Lauer
Jay Liestman
Tim Longie
Daryl and Erin Lundin
Kim Macemon
Jacob Magner
Kristine Maiers
Nikki Mallak
Emily Marino
Don and Catherine Martinez
Julie Matheny
Sarah Mathews
Sarah McGraw
Rachel Mezera
Brian and Monica Mohr
Michael and Juli Monahan
Lori Moore
Carmen Morrow
Sarah Nelson
Kari Neubarth
Casey Nornes
Dan and Katie Olberg
Jason Olson
Erin Hoppe
Cassie Padrnos
Daryl Patrick
Jeff Peterson
Krista Picha
Nichole Plath
Gina Plotz
Kyle Podratz
Kyle Radloff
Pam Reisnouer
Scott and Abrah Renning
Michael Reponen

Annika Ring
Justin Rodeberg
Jordan Rozeboom
Corey Rude and Jill Herdina Rude
Bob and Sue Schantzen
Amy Scheele
Connie Schmidt
Jeff Schmidt
Kyle Schroeder
Denise Schroeder Einck
Chelsey Schumaci
Naomi Shadis
Kristin Sippel Hartman
Jeff Smith
Lisa Smith
Sarah Smith
Shirley Sommer
CariAnn Squier
Leah Starke
Melanie Strachota
Becky Stromley
Matt and Tera Telecky
Tim and Courtney Thode
Brian Tillmann
Kelli Totushek
Marc and Heather Vaillancourt
Daron and Lori VanderHeiden
Stacy Vilt
Tina Vorlicek
Ronald and Bev Wambeke
Monica Wehler
Michael and Katie Weisenberger
Jessica Wendland
Ross Wendling
Marin Werdahl
Richard and Peggy Westlund
Teri Wheatley
Nesha Withers
Pamela Woods
Al Wuetrich
Angela Young

Awarded grants totaling \$4,266
ISD #423 - Hutchinson to support grants to the school in the areas of math, special education, early childhood, foreign languages and science/technology

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Meeker County area

In Darwin...



DARWIN COMMUNITY LEGACY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Darwin area through grantmaking and community projects.

Seven Anonymous Gifts
American Legion Post 104
Dassel American Legion Post 364
Curt Anderson
Darrin Anderson and Holly Schultz-Anderson
Janice M. Anderson
Larry and Janice Anderson In Memory of Rudolph A. Radunz
Todd and Lisa Bapp In Memory of:
Janice Bapp
Betty Porth
Leo and Diane Bauer In Memory of Brothers and Brothers-In-Law
Dan A. Bergeron
Larry and Dawn Caswell
Larry Caswell In Memory of Dawn Caswell
Jeremy Cates
Charles and Mary Cozad In Memory of James M. Hughes
James H. Crowe
Jim Crowe
DRC, Inc.
Darwin Community Club
Darwin Lions Club
Darwin Lions Club On Behalf of Robert Hantge
Darwin Rod & Gun Club
Darlene Elam Miller In Memory of Robert (Bob) Elam
Dana and Catherine Elliott
Ellsworth Farm - Christine Ullom In Memory of Ellsworth Johnson
Phillip Flores
Eric Gabrielson
Jo Anne Gabrielson
Leo and Linda Garcia
Richard and Paula Goebel
Dorothy Goemer
Dave and Sharon Gorham
Chris Hansen In Memory of:
Richard Gabrielson
Audrey Harris
Phil Kloeckl
Vernice Olson

Howard Page
Bernie Peterson
Pete Riehle
Esther Wieland
Frank Wimmer
Christopher J. Hansen
Dorothy Hansen
Mike Hansen
Karen L. Hartneck
John and Maureen Herzog
Brad and Beth Holm
Darrell and Mary Huhn
Jeb and Amy Johnson
Jeb and Amy Johnson In Memory of Neil and Betty Johnson
Josh and Jen Johnson In Memory of:
Richard Gabrielson
Phil Kloeckl
Bernie Peterson
Lee Peterson
Jim Riehle
Judy and Nick Johnson In Memory of:
Dan Leppa
Bob (Bobby) Lewerenz
Mark and Cynthia Johnson In Memory of Neil and Betty Johnson
Max and Danielle Johnson
Tom Johnson In Memory of Neil and Betty Johnson
Brian Kelly In Honor of David J. Kelly
Brian Kelly and Maria Denzen-Kelly In Honor of David Kelly
David and Shirley Kelly In Honor of All Veterans
Stanley and Verna Kelly Family
Joel D. Kelly In Memory of Ben and Marc Kelly
Mark J. Kelly
Lee Peterson In Memory of:
My Wife - Bernie Peterson
My Dad - Bernie Peterson
Brian Larson
George and Shirley Leppa
Henry C. Lies
Barb and Henry Lies
Robert E. Lindell
Michael and Laura Loch In Honor of Peter Riehle's Coast Guard Service
Jerry and Margaret Maeckelbergh
John (Jack) McCormick
Meeker Memorial Hospital and Clinics
Joe and Kelsey Midthun
Howard and Linda Nordberg In Memory of Vietnam Era Veterans

Leon Nordberg
Bill and Bev Ooley
Perennial Bank
Perennial Insurance Agency
Mike and Brenda Pollock In Memory of Fran and Clarence Pollock
Chris and Leslie Polzin
Precast Systems
Gene and Cheryl Putzier
Debra Gabrielson, Megan Gibson and Melissa Webb In Memory of Richard (Pickle) Gabrielson
Kreger Family In Memory of Thomas E. Kreger
Jim and Elaine Riehle
Art and Carol Riehle
Keith and Mary Roediger
Dave and Joyce Rohy
Leon and Carol Schumacher In Memory of Kate and Ray Hughes
Leon and Carol Schumacher In Honor of Eugene Casey
Shirley Scott
Jean Shields
Sparboe Companies
Bob and Judy Tanner In Memory of Kristofor Tanner
Thrivent Financial Foundation On Behalf of Kelsey Midthun
Tom Beckman Electric, Inc.
Ralph Unterburger
Ralph G. Unterburger In Memory of Clarence Unterburger
VFW Admiral Benson Post 2818
Bob and Mary Vieyra In Memory of Jim Hughes
Carol Walls and Patrick Cattarin
Doug and Debbie Walls
Jan and Roger Werner In Honor of All Veterans
Kathleen Whitbeck
Mike and Betty Willing In Honor of Ralph Unterburger
Mike and Betty Willing In Honor of Ralph Unterburger
Mike and Betty Willing In Memory of:
Clarence Unterburger
Ruth Unterburger
Bill and Jill Wold
Everet and Marjorie Zeppelin In Memory of Henry A. Zeppelin
Ann Zillmer In Honor of Ernest Marking
Ann Zillmer In Memory of Bill Marking
Awarded grants totaling \$2,360
City of Darwin:

to sponsor Twine Ball Day and Darwin Night at the Ballpark
to support the city's downtown beautification projects including Main street welcome banners, planters and part-time maintenance personnel

In Litchfield...



LITCHFIELD AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

LITCHFIELD AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Litchfield area through grantmaking and community projects.

Nine Anonymous Gifts
Gary and Joy Agren
Vivian T. Anderson In Memory of Larry Charles Anderson LHS Class of '61
Rick and Julie Andrist
Eileen Pennertz Bentzen
Elaine Besonen In Memory of JoAnn Costigan
Kurt and Bridget Birkemeyer In Memory of:
Kim Birkemeyer
Kyle Birkemeyer
Richard Birkemeyer
K. Russel Bjorhus
Dan Brehmer
Karen Buckley In Memory of Allen and Adeline Snegosky
Craig and Cheryl Bulau
Voni Turck Cameron In Memory of Kathy Turck
John and Jo Carlson
Richard Carlson
CDS
Anne Christianson In Memory of Vi and Les Tyler
Tim and Valerie Doherty
Kay Hallquist Douglas In Memory of Ralph and Char Hallquist
Bonnie Eller
First District Association
Laurie Gelschus
Melvin R. George
Steve George and Sharon Capuano-George
Michael and Connie Hamm

2019 Highlight

Our **28** local community foundation partners have awarded grants totaling **\$6.6 million** in their communities over the last **20** years.



Judy Hansen
Gary Hess In Memory of Doug and Mary Ann Hess
Mark and Judy Hulterstrum In Memory of Don Brock
Dr. Daniel A. Johnson, Brenda Johnson
Suzanne Johnson
Richard and Polly Jones
Tab and Brenda Klimstra
Ed and Lois Konietzko
Suzanne Konietzko In Memory of Neil Konietzko
Bob and Connie Kopplin
Darlene Kotelnicki
Darlene Kotelnicki In Memory of:
Ruth Allen
Junior Christensen
Steve Davison
Gary Hein
Violet Nordling
Perry Dragt
Stan Fischer
Richard Gabrielson
Dwight Hinkleman
Keith Langmo
Connie Pearson
Roy Nygaard
John Sommerfeld
Warren Weiland
Richard and Barbara Larson
Litchfield Kiwanis Club
Helen Madden In Memory of Jim Madden
Tim and Tanya Miller
Joy Moriconi In Memory of: Ralph Lester Bierlein
Marquerite Sylvia Evenson (Bierlein)
John W. Mueller Law Firm
Todd Munson
Joe and Nancy Paddock
Kathryn L. Peterson In Memory of Milton and Lucille Langren
Van and Marcia Provencher
Randy and Kristi Quitney
Randy Reinke In Memory of: Maggie Fenton
Keith Langmo

Cris and Linda Remucal In Memory of Keith Langmo
Ted and Cathy Reynolds In Memory of Bob and Bev Everts
James and Julie Rick
Sara Schlauderaff
Mary Ann (Johnson) Shane In Memory of Ben Johnson Family
John Shannon
Michael and Karen Shaw In Memory of Helen Shaw Young
David and Ruth Shriver In Memory of:
P.J. Casey
Flo Casey
St. Cloud Moose Lodge #1400
On Behalf of:
Scoot and Patti Hennen
Everett Philipsek
Church of St. Philip
Marion and Dave Sutherland In Memory of Harlan and Myra Quinn
Allen Tews In Memory of Marvin Tews
David and Jeanne Tews In Memory of Marvin and Cora Tews
Dave and Judy Walstad
Kenneth and Mary Zachman

Awarded grants totaling \$8,550
ISD #465 - Litchfield to fund a parent presentation to address online safety
Litchfield Area Mentorship Program Kinship to build and maintain a vegetable garden that will provide an opportunity for volunteer mentors, youth and families to work together
Litchfield High School Marching Band Boosters to purchase new marching band uniforms
Little Red Schoolhouse, District 59, Inc. to construct a handicap ramp for the schoolhouse

Jason and Christine Larson
James and Sherry Robinson
Tom and Brenda Whitehead

MURRAY COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits children ages birth to 5 in Murray County.

Tina and Timothy Bengtson
Nancy and Mark Boerboom
Paul Haberman

Meeker County Historical Society:
needed to photograph or scan artifacts to enhance online and digital viewing to enhance the Samstad Family Cabin exhibit with visual and audio upgrades

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND - A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Litchfield Area Community Foundation that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Litchfield Public School District.

One Anonymous Gift
Bruce and Phyllis Anderson
Darrin and Holly Anderson
J. Terry Anderson - Anderson Chemical Company
Karin Brink
Gregory and Melissa Brock In Memory of Don Brock
Troy and Rebecca Bruning
David and Geraldine Buresh
John and Bette Jo Carlson
Wayne and Linda Carlson
Julie and Steven Dengerud
Ron and Maryann Dingmann
Luverne and Dorothy Erickson
Jared and Jennifer Fairbanks
Chuck and Sue Fenton
First District Association
Greg and Missy Brock
Robert and Arlene Groskreutz
Michael and Connie Hamm
Bruce and Linda Hamm
Duane and Darlene Henkelman
Lyle and Joann Hicks
Donn and Pamela Hoffman
Keith and Marian Johnson
Mary Ann Johnson
Ronald and Sue Johnson
Debra Judd
David and Shirley Kelly

25 Anonymous Gifts
Nola Aanenson
Betty Ackerman
Dan and Jaime Ahlers
Lonnie and Jan Anderson
Ryan Anderson
Becky Ankrum
Heidi, Kole, Caleb and Aiden Appel
Arends Family
B & K Designs

Stanley and Sylvia Kittelson
Adam and Darlene Kotelnicki
Steve and Amy Kotzer
Joseph and Loraine Langemo
Dr. Cecil and Ann Leitch
Litchfield Eye Center
Litchfield Public School Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Litchfield Rotary Club
Ed Marklowitz Jr.
Beverly and Eric Mathwig
Joseph Michels
Michael and Jody Miller
Daniel Moore and Melodie McKenzie
John W. Mueller Law Firm
Janice Nelson
Roger and Ann Patten
Patten Chiropractic Center, P.A.
Van and Marcia Provencher
Randy and Kristi Quitney
Jill Rogness
Neal and Kathleen Scharmer
Richard and Joanne Searl
Tom and Ann Springer
VFW Admiral Benson Post 2818
Harold Weseloh

Awarded grants totaling \$12,994
ISD #465 - Litchfield to support teacher grant requests

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL THEATER PROGRAM ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Litchfield Area Community Foundation that supports the Litchfield Public School District theater program.

Lee Hollaar

Marcy Barritt
Chris Baumberger
Jodi Beckmann
Pete and Krista Beerman
Karen and Randy Beers
Duane Behnke
Myron Bennett
Nicholas and Sharie Bergman
Justin and Tara Berreau
Joseph and Melissa Biren
Dan and Kristie Blankenship

Dusty Blankenship
Steven and Judy Bloemendaal
Mark Boerboom
Jeff Boerboom
Josh Bonnsetter
Jerry Braun
Karen Brown
Todd Burlingame
Marilyn Carlson
Joe and Denise Carlson
Loren and Ruth Carlson
Mark Carlson
Carlson's Northside Service, Inc.
Miron Carney
Adam Christensen
Brian and Jodi Christensen, Shellby Christensen
Jeremy Christenson
Lonnie Clark
Michele Clarke
Sheila Kuball-Corner Salon
Mark Coulter
Sharon Coulter In Honor of:
Drew Coulter
Payton Coulter
Marcia Cowan
Stacy Like
Currie State Bank
Currie Volunteer Fire Dept.
Eric Dahlgren
Missy Danneman
Gayle Davidson
Greg and Brenda DeBoer
Karen DeBoer
John and Kim DeLong
Kyle and Kate DeLong
Dana Deacon, Kyler Deacon
Judy Determan
Lisa Johnson
Jolene Dierks
Dierks Oil Co., Inc.
Jessica Doeden
Dave Doringhaus
Janelle Einck
Donna Ellefson
Mary Engbarth
Riley Engbarth
Richard and Carol Engelkes
Neal Everson
Mary Lynn Fabro
Dawn Blankenship
Finley Engineering
First Presbyterian Church
Neil and Wendy Forsberg
Angie Frisk
Carla Frisvold
Robert Gass
Colleen Gengler
Jim and Sharon Gerber
Natalie Gerber
Craig Gertsema
Kristi Gervais
Gervais Farms
Renee Giese-Corner Salon
Elizabeth Gillette
Eric and Krista Gillette
Denny and Sue Graphenteen

Nate and Lisa Graphenteen
Dan and Dana Gunnink
Lori Gunnink
Hadley Steel, Inc.
SuEllen Hafner
Denise Halbur In Honor of Grandkids Ayden, Landon and Vaeda
Teresa Hamman In Memory of Janice Kass
Donald Hansen
Doug Hansen
Matt Hanson
Susan Hanson
Wendy Hartle
Holli Hartman In Honor of Jeremy Steinle Family
Della Hauptert
Marti Haynes
Heartland Eye Care
Jenny Heinemann
Blake Heronimus
Vicki Hoffmann
Jesse and Amy Hoffmann
Justin Hoffmann
Dave and Merry Hollis
Randy and Karen Honermann
Ruth Hoyme
Lori Illg
Bradley Bergerson, CPA
Colleen Jansma
Sandy Jarmer
Darwin Johnson
Pam Johnson
Debra Johnson
Lacey Johnson
Terry and Teresa Johnson
James and Nikki Jorgenson
Dana Kass
Beth Kaufman
Justin Keller
Kenney Family
Kim Holm Insurance Agency, Inc.
Kim Holm, Noelle Kappes, Jennifer Voges-Kim Holm Insurance Agency Inc.
Jennifer Kirchner
Kiwanis Club of Slayton
Tom and Jodi Klein
Staci Kleven
Aaron and Bridget Kluis
James Kluis
Glenn and Margaret Kluis
Jan Kluis
Kim Konkol
Kasey Konrady
Katie Kremer
Pat Kremer
Clyde and Gwen Kreun
Lynette Ahlschlager
Janeane Robinson
Terry Larson
Evelyn Larson
Patricia Le Claire
Mike LeTendre
Rita Lear
Linda's Tax Service

Emmie Lolkus In Memory of John Lolkus
Mike and Brenda Loosbrock
Lynn A. Johnson Law Office, LLC
Josh and Britta Malchow
Paul Malone
Pam Marshall
Mindi Mathern
Debra McCormick
Emily McFarland
Bette Meinerts
Jody Mejia
Joe Meyer
Vet Clinic - Connie McNab
Midwest Supply of Slayton, Inc. - Myron Trulock
Brent Miller
Jason and Monica Miller In Honor of all the parents trying to do their best for their kids!
Miller Sellner
Minnwest Bank
Minnwest Insurance Agency, Inc.
Michelle Miranowski In Memory of:
Bob Ferguson
Becky Messenbrink
Robyn Moger In Honor of Alex Moger
John and Mary Ellen Moline
Sue Muck
Jennifer Muecke
Murray County Wheel Herald
Murrayland Agency, Inc.
Murrayland Realty
Kristin Nelson
Jean Nelson
Shawn Nelson
Paul and Barb Nepp
Nick Obermoller
Kim Olafson
Tammi Paulzine
Dale Pavlis
Wayne and Shannon Pederson
Wayne Pederson
Penoyer Painting
Barb Polk
Beth Prahm
Bridget Prahm In Memory of:
Blake Manderscheid
Lori Manderscheid
Lorin Prahm
Joan Prahm
Jon Heezen
Lacey Rachuy
Brad Reinsma
John and Patricia Remme
Kurt Richardson
Loren Richardson
Jessica Laleman
Madeline Robinson
Rob and Kris Rohrer
Brian Rosenberg
Julie Runksmeier
Virgil Rylaarsdam
Marilyn Samuelson

Judy Samuelson
Jacob and Erin Scandrett
Ivan and Sandy Schelhaas
Donna Schleisman
Natalie and Terry Schmidt
Daniel Schmitz
Doug and Karen Schmitz
Brittany Schneider
Cari Schreier
Kim Scheier
Lindsey Schreier
Maria Schreier
Patty Schuelke
Nathan Schunke
Lavina Sechser
Slayton Building Materials, Inc.
Dr. Mae Beth Lindstrom-Wold
Slayton Firemans Relief Association
Slayton Plumbing-Blake Heronimus
Nancy Snedeker
Staab's Power Washing
Lisa Staples
Betsy Stark
Jeaneen Stelter-Nelson
Steve's Auto Body & Glass, Inc.
Judy Stevens
James Swanson
Dave Swart
Makenzie Sweetman
Dee Behnke
Amanda Tentinger
Jeremy and Kim Winter
Tim's Plumbing and Heating, LLC
Karen Torbert
Edythe A. Troje In Honor of Paul Kenney
Joe Tutt
Lisa Tutt
Monica VanOtterloo
Janet Voges
Rhonda Vos
Linda Vosberg
Leslie Wajer
Rich Wajer
Sheila Walter - Page 1 Printers
Brenda Whitehead
Sam Wynia
Brandi York
Joan York
Steve and Sue Zenk
Carrie Zens
Mark Zinnel

Awarded grants totaling \$5,000
ISD #2169 - Murray County Central to support coordination costs for the Murray County Early Childhood Initiative

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Nobles County area

In Lismore...

LISMORE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Lismore area through grantmaking and community projects.

Lismore Cooperative Telephone Co.

Awarded grants totaling \$42,568

Church of St. Anthony to remove and replace the shingles on the roof of the church
 City of Lismore: to purchase and install a digital scoreboard at the city ball field
 to help purchase a tanker truck for the Lismore Fire Department
 to update and improve Lismore city parks and playground equipment
 Wilmont Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pacholl-Moser, Post 2603 to update the inside of the VFW with new lighting, restroom updates, flooring and stage area

In Worthington...

ELLEN BAKER-MERRIGAN ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits the Worthington area, as well as other charitable organizations and causes in Minnesota.

Awarded grants totaling \$3,800.00

ISD #518 - Worthington to support the cost of competing in the Regional Trojan Robotics Championship
 Immigrant Law Center to support the Southwest Minnesota Immigration Project
 Nobles County Art Center to support the cost of the artist's salary for art workshops
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic to provide education and financial assistance for medication

HOSPICE COTTAGE, INC. OF WORTHINGTON ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits Hospice Cottage, Inc. in Worthington.

Ron and Renee Ubl In Memory of Spenser A. Yeske

ROBERT J. AND BETTY DEMUTH FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ST. MARY'S SCHOOL - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits St. Mary's School in Worthington.

Awarded grants totaling \$685
 St. Mary's School to support organization activities

ROBERT AND FLORENCE WOLFF MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits youth in the Worthington area.

Awarded grants totaling \$4,025
 ISD #518 - Worthington: to purchase signs, t-shirts and incentive awards for the Million Words Club
 to support STEM Education at the school
 Immigrant Law Center to support the Southwest Minnesota Immigration Project
 Junior Achievement - Worthington to purchase Junior Achievement Kits for classrooms
 Nobles County to purchase LEGO Kits for STEM learning at the library
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic to provide education and financial assistance for medication

ROY AND DOROTHY NASERS FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND FOR MANNA FOOD PANTRY, INC. - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits Manna Food Pantry, Inc. in Worthington.

Awarded grants totaling \$1,697
 Manna Food Pantry, Inc. to support its mission

ROY AND DOROTHY NASERS FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE YMCA OF WORTHINGTON - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits the YMCA of Worthington.

Awarded grants totaling \$7,920
 Worthington Area YMCA to support its mission

WORTHINGTON AREA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits children ages birth to 5 in the Worthington area.

Awarded grants totaling \$2,055
 United Way of Nobles County to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library



WORTHINGTON AREA FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Worthington area through grantmaking and community projects.

John and Diana Anderson In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 Cheryl Avenel-Navara In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 First State Bank Southwest Carol Fleming In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 Grassroots Community Theatre Barry E. Gross In Honor of Gene and Marly Platt
 Henderson Financial & Insurance Services, LLC In Memory of Jeffrey R. Johnson
 Andrew and Jayne Johnson In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 Sharon Johnson Sharon Johnson In Memory of: Jeff Johnson
 Jeff Nickel
 Jorge and Julie Lopez In Memory of Jeff Johnson

John and Susan Lundholm In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 Lee and Betty McAllister In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 Gordon L. Moore III In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 Raymond Navara and Cheryl Avenel-Navara
 Alan and Janice Oberloh In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 David and Kathy Roslansky In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 Dave and Andrea Scamehorn In Memory of Jay Klein
 Bill and Lauri Keitel In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 Glenn and Karla Thuringer In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 Keith and Barbara Turpin In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 Amanda Walljasper-Tate In Memory of Jeff Johnson
 Al and Mary Willig In Memory of Jay Klein
 Jack and Sarah Woelber In Memory of Jeff Johnson

Awarded grants totaling \$26,732
 American Lutheran Church to bring 400 youth to Worthington to perform service projects
 City of Worthington to renovate the Boy Scout cabin in Chautauqua Park
 Cultural Awareness Organization to support the Worthington International Festival, an annual multicultural, educational and entertainment event
 First Lutheran Church ELCA to support Better Together and Backpack Meals
 Friends of the Auditorium, Inc. to cover composer costs for the 25th Anniversary Choral Commission
 Historic Worthington, Inc. for landscape renovation at the Historic Dayton House
 ISD #518 - Worthington to support the cost of competing in the Regional Trojan Robotics Championship
 Love INC of Worthington to help with the cost of translating print and online materials
 Lutheran Social Services to replace the steam table for the Meals on Wheels program

Worthington

212 grants over 20 years totaling \$197,026, and \$440,601 in assets

Over the last 20 years, Worthington Area Foundation has awarded \$197,026 in grants to support things like percussion equipment for Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra, books and food for kids, historic preservation and athletes competing with Special Olympics.

"I think that any project that goes to help early childhood development is extremely important to our community," said Jordan Huisken, who has served as the board's treasurer. "We receive many requests every year from the Worthington school district ranging from STEM programs to band and choir needs."

Jordan volunteered for WAF because he appreciated the mission of the foundation and wanted to be a part of meeting unfulfilled needs in the Worthington area. His involvement gave him a deeper understanding of the work at SWIF and was part of the reason he joined SWIF's Emerging Leaders Cabinet, a committee comprised specifically of people under the age of 40 created to explore current realities and trends and to create avenues of influence for a diverse group of leaders from across the region.

As a real estate lender at First State Bank Southwest, Jordan appreciates having so many businesses locally owned and operated who are equally invested in the success of the community.

"I enjoy Worthington because it offers a lot of the conveniences of a large city with the feel of a small hometown. The diversity of our community is also a blessing, helping Worthington remain a strong economic center in the area," Jordan said.

WAF strengthens Worthington too, helping it be a vibrant and welcoming community.

"I hope that in upcoming years we can pass the importance of the foundation on to others who can bring new ideas and energy and help carry the foundation forward to ensure continued success and community development," Jordan said.

Read more at swifoundation.org/worthington-area-foundation.



Worthington Area Foundation Advisory Board members include Dawn Gordon (from left), Jim Nickel, Jesse Flynn, Glenn Thuringer and Sharon Johnson.



Jordan Huisken joined the Worthington Area Foundation board because he appreciated the mission of the foundation and wanted to be a part of meeting unfulfilled needs in the area. Jordan lives in Worthington with his wife, Ashley, and their daughter, Rietta.

Minnesota West Community and Technical College
Worthington Campus to purchase STEM equipment
Project Morning Star to support the Residential Recovery Program

Special Olympics Minnesota, Inc. to support fall programming for Special Olympics in Worthington

Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra to help with bus transportation expenses for members

Worthington Christian School to purchase iPad keyboards, screen protectors and accessories
Worthington Elks Lodge #2287 to support annual budget costs of the Civil Air Patrol

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Pipestone County area

In Pipestone...

PIPESTONE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- A permanent resource that benefits the Pipestone area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift
A & S Drugs, LLC
All About Smiles
American Legion Auxiliary
Debra Brockberg In Memory of Ray Bleeker
Jeffrey and Debra Brockberg
Laurie and Chad Bucher
Buffalo Ridge Concrete, Inc.
C & B Operations, LLC
Brad and Kris Carson
Terry Carson
Ian and Cindy Cunningham
Dar's Pizza
Double D Gravel, Inc.
Wilson Manufacturing Co.
Tim and Linda Erickson
Paul E. Fellows
First Farmers & Merchants
First State Bank Southwest
First Bank & Trust
Gary and Pat Gillin In Memory of Gary Paulsen
Devin and Amber Gorter
Hank's Foods
Matt Haraldson
George and Mary Dee Hicks
Blake and Teri Klinsing
Kozlowski Insurance Agency & Financial Services, Inc.
Brian and Anne Kvamme
Class of 1965 In Memory of: Bernie Shane
John Westerbur

Steve and Peg Lange In Memory of:

Lavanelle Aanenson
Jean Agnitsch
Wayne Amdahl
Veva Baden
Pat Beyers
Dorothy Brinkman
Don DeSchepper
Dorothy DeZeeuw
Dennis Floody
James Folkerts
Ron Francis
Jane Frost
Bert Gunnink
Russ Harmsen
Leo Hillard
Pat Johannsen
Lorraine Johnson
Mary Keers
Doc Kennedy
Tena Kleinjan
Peggy Klinsing
Willie Langholz
LeRoy Lorenzen
Gloria Ludolph
Rev. Ken Matthews
Wally Melby
Beverly Mitchell
Larry Otter
Eva Regeon
Stacy Reis
Dick & Dianne Schulze
Gloria Shaffer
Emmett Sik
Lois Sorenson
Dorothy Stangeland
Russell Stevens
Ed Texley
Bill Thies
Dena Van Ruler
Jamie Winter
Arnie Zochert

Lange's Cafe
Gary and Linda Lee
Lincoln D. Wacker Foundation
Peter and Theresa Mahoney
Dan and Mary Lohmann McElroy
In Memory of Jack and Mary Keers
John and Mary Crockenberg
Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co., PLLP
Moeller Brothers Chemical
Moeller Seeds
Chris Morgan
James and Kim Morgan
New Horizon Farms
Daniel Oye
Marjorie Oye
Matt and Meghan Oye
Nancy Oye
Richard Oye
PVC Management II, LLC
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Pipestone
Pipestone Abstract & Title Co.
On Behalf of The Winter Group
Pipestone County Implement
Pipestone County Medical Center
Pipestone Cruizers
Pipestone Livestock Auction Market, Inc.
Pipestone Livestock Auction Market, Inc. On Behalf of Brian and Dawn Schneider Family
Pipestone Publishing Company
Pipestone Veterinary Services
Promotional Solutions
Robert J. Rath and Jeanine Viani
Carol Ann Sander In Memory of Jack Sander

Stout & Evink Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Ted and Joan Stout
Colin Taubert
Titan Machinery - Pipestone
Winter Realty, Inc.
Rick Zollner

Awarded grants totaling \$14,041

City of Pipestone Parks and Recreation Department to provide swimming lessons to families in need
Pipestone County Historical Society to bring history alive with the help of electronics and visual presentations outside of the museum
Pipestone Forward to purchase a new commercial refrigerator and dishwasher for Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels at the Senior Center building

TAUBERT FAMILY ADVISED FUND

- A non-endowed fund that benefits the southwest Minnesota area.

Awarded grants totaling \$11,000

Avera Health to support the Pipestone County Medical Center Capital Campaign
Southwest Initiative Foundation to support the General Endowment with a FY19 Growing Home Circle membership

Pipestone

100 grants over 20 years totaling \$1,160,892, and \$438,722 in assets

Kids had the chance to learn the secrets to creating their favorite games, apps and websites by playing around with computer programming at Code Club hosted by Meinders Community Library in Pipestone over the summer. Pipestone Area Community Foundation (PACF) granted \$5,000 to launch the Code Club and make other digital updates.

"Without the grant, we wouldn't have been able to do this," said library director Jody Wacker, who is also a board member of PACF.

The money helped Meinders Library create an entire Digital Discovery Makerspace. Staff purchased hardware and software, including Code Club, a curriculum that introduces people to computer programming.

Research on closing the opportunity gap for kids living in poverty shows engagement in the K-12 years, both in and out of school, helps our kids thrive. Through local community foundation grants like Pipestone Area Community Foundation's support for Code Club, southwest Minnesota is embracing Grow Our Own, a cradle-to-career approach to closing the opportunity gap.

"We'd been thinking about offering this for awhile because coding is a skill we're looking to develop in youth," said children's librarian Emily Blaeser, who coordinates Code Club. "We had 21 kids sign up, and the first couple weeks had new kids every week."

Emily has no prior computer programming experience and said one of the great things about the curriculum is how it encourages kids to practice problem solving and work together, not rely on adults or experts.

"The kids are bouncing ideas off each other, helping each other with problems. Often the older kids are willing to help the younger kids. We're the cheerleaders," Emily said, referring to herself and a volunteer who is a technology teacher at the elementary school. "We basically are there to put in codes when they pass a level."

Code Club is a fun way to introduce kids to one of the most important skills in the 21st century economy. They get a taste of computer programming, learn the fundamentals of logic and are better equipped to function the new economy.

Code Club also fills a need to engage kids at an age when they may not have a lot of other options in town.

"We have these kids who are 10 to 12 years old who are kind of left out. As a community, we are better at programming for younger kids," said Jody, the library director. "Pipestone, for how small it is, has a lot to offer. If we can open it up and make it feel as if there's something for everybody, make it little more vibrant, that's how we're going to keep our kids."

Read more about how the Pipestone Area Community Foundation builds community at swifoundation.org/pipestone-area-community-foundation.



Emily Blaeser, Meinders Community Library in Pipestone, coordinates Code Club to help kids learn computer coding skills. Pipestone Area Community Foundation supported Code Club with a grant.



Code Club is a fun way to introduce kids to one of the most important skills in the 21st century economy. They get a taste of computer programming, learn the fundamentals of logic and are better equipped to function in the new economy. Pipestone Area Community Foundation has supported the club with grant funding.

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Redwood County area

In Walnut Grove...



WALNUT GROVE AREA

FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Walnut Grove area through grantmaking and community projects.

Anonymous In Memory of Eileen Elias
John and Mara Wiggins - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Burnham Family In Memory of Stephanie Burnham
Bonnie and Robert Boerboom In Memory of:
Cleo Baker
Stephanie Burnham
Eileen Elias
Pat Fritz
Denny Hanson
Dorothy De Smith In Memory of:
Delores Sell
Kenneth Anderson

Scott Fujan - Class of 1984 - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Hansen Agency Walnut Grove, LLC - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Hansen Agri-Commodities, LLC - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
David Hemp - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Dave and Wanda Hoyt
Hoyt Oil and Convenience - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Integrity Bank - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Knakmuhs Agency - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Dr. Bruce Mathiason - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Bruce and Maydra Maas - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Erik and Andrea Porter - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Sanford Health
Sanford Health Westbrook - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor

Pam Steffen In Memory of:
Grace Anderson
Verona Knakmuhs
Bud Sell
Delores Sell
Pearl VanDeWiele
Joel and Lynn Swanson - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Randy and Kris Tietz - WGAF Golf Hole Sponsor
Leo and Janet Theisen In Memory of:
Grace Anderson
Cleo Baker
Lucille Bruns
US Bank Foundation On Behalf of Erik Porter
Walnut Grove Area Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Walnut Grove Combined Charities

Awarded grants totaling \$20,703

City of Walnut Grove to purchase air bags for the Walnut Grove Fire Department

ISD #2898 - Westbrook Walnut Grove:
to support the Backpack Food program at Westbrook Walnut Grove Elementary Schools
to award a scholarship to two Walnut Grove Area Foundation winners for 2018
to purchase an online intervention mapping system to improve intervention programming for students who exhibit social, emotional, and behavioral challenges
to provide funds for the John Baylor ACT Prep program
to provide books for guided reading and for a combination dry erase and magnet board
Wilder Pageant to rebuild the set that was damaged in last summer's flood

Cynthia Broderius In Memory of:
Buford and Elvera Broderius
Ruth Swezey
Buffalo Lake Community Fund
Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Public School Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Liz Cheney In Honor of Ken Anderson's 85th "Anniversary of Birth"

Janet S. Davenport
Lael Dornseif, Eric Sjogren, Louise Sjogren, Kara Verich In Memory of Kathleen Johnson
Marsha and Steve Frauendienst In Honor of Ken Anderson's 85th "Anniversary of Birth"
Karen Grasmon In Honor of Ken Anderson's 85th "Anniversary of Birth"
Nathan and Alyssa Homan In Memory of Miss Judy Lange
Julianne Isaacson In Memory of Janet Anderson

Greg and Betty Jodzio In Honor of Ken Anderson's 85th "Anniversary of Birth"
Keith and Denise Johnson In Memory of:
Guste Blad
Judi Lange
Norman Peterson
Ruth Swezey
Loren Walter
Eileen Koeberl In Memory of Judy Fiebelkorn
Linden Family; Eleanor Mickelson; Warren and Mabel Schultz; Carol Westhoff In Honor of Ken Anderson's 85th "Anniversary of Birth"
Robert and Mary Rasmussen In Memory of Gerald Kirtz
David and Deborah Rath In Memory of:
Dale Koebnick
Wesley Wulkan
Ardell Rettmann In Honor of Ken Anderson's 85th "Anniversary of Birth"
Warren and Mabel Schmalz In Honor of Ken Anderson's 85th "Anniversary of Birth"
Louise Sjogren In Memory of Guste Blad
Allen and Marie Walter

Awarded grants totaling \$3,594
ISD #2159 - Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart to support teacher grant requests, including Kindergarten chairs, books for several classrooms, a disc golf set for physical education, a refurbished 3D printer and a projector and screen

DOUGLAS C. HOSECK SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION FUND - A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Public School Foundation that provides scholarship support to students in the BLHS School District pursuing a degree in the field of agriculture in honor of Douglas C. Hoseck.

Kuttner Seed On Behalf of Kurt and Susan Sandgren
Kurt and Susan Sandgren

Awarded grants totaling \$2,000

Itasca Community College to provide a scholarship to a student in the BLHS School District pursuing a degree in the field of agriculture in honor of Douglas C. Hoseck
Southwest Minnesota State University to provide a scholarship to a student in the BLHS School District pursuing a degree in the field of agriculture in honor of Douglas C. Hoseck

DR. PAUL THOMPSON LEGACY ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the BIO Legacy Foundation created in memory of Dr. Paul Thompson that benefits the Bird Island and Olivia, Minnesota area.

Awarded grants totaling \$500
Olivia's House of Hope to purchase exercise equipment that will promote health and wellness for residents' physical and emotional health

In Bird Island...

ST. MARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND - A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the BIO Legacy Foundation that provides perpetual and immediate support to St. Mary's School in Bird Island.

Church of St. Mary

In Morton...



MORTON AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Morton area through grantmaking and community projects.

Anonymous In Memory of Patty Gallery
Linda Baun
Carol Billmeier In Memory of John Hellie
James P. Daun
Ronald and Margaret Keller In Memory of Patty Gallery
Judy Lutgens In Memory of John Hellie
Richard and Alice O'Donnell In Memory of John and Genny Colwell
Darin Prescott
Sandy Seehausen In Memory of John Hellie
John and Sandy Seehausen In Memory of:
Dorothy Caven
Patty Gallery
Jan McGowan

Patricia Tisdell In Memory of John Hellie

In Renville...

RENVILLE COUNTY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Renville County West Public School District.

A+ Insurance Agency, Inc.
Community Electric
Robert and Berdelle Enestvedt In Honor of Jane Schroeder Retirement
F&M Bank Minnesota
Farmward Cooperative
Hinderks Chiropractic P.A.
Brenda S. Holm In Memory of Bud Ashburn
J & R Electric, Inc.
Krogman Aerial Spraying, Inc.
Land O'Lakes Foundation
Minnwest Bank - Danube
Novotny Electrical Services
Renville County Hospital & Clinics
Renville County West Public School Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Renville Lions Club
Renville Sales, Inc.
Sacred Heart Jaycees
Sacred Heart Lions Club
Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative
Steve's Heating & A C

Awarded grants totaling \$1,709

ISD #2890 - Renville County West:
to provide funding for two school projects:
Embedding Technology for the 5th grade and Project Discovery for the 9th grade
to purchase an Entomology Kit for the Forensic Class and a Reading/Writing center for the first grade classrooms

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Renville County area



BIO LEGACY FOUNDATION

- A permanent resource that benefits the Bird Island and Olivia area through grantmaking and community projects.

Cathy Baumgartner
Bird Island-Olivia Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Greg Dallenbach
Lorraine Hammer In Memory of Charles Buboltz
John and Judy Jacobs
Jackie and Neil Kaufenberg
Island Financial Planning
Randall and Candia Miller
Neal and Brenda Prokosch
Vern and Helen M. Prokosch
Robert and Renae Saunders In Memory of:
Charles Buboltz
Mary Ryan
Roger Weis

Vivid Image On Behalf of Jackie Kaufenberg
Justin Vogt
Ryan and Sene Zupke

Awarded grants totaling \$12,297

BOLD 212 Youth Baseball, Inc. to update the youth baseball pitching machines
Bird Island Cultural Centre to train BOLD High School students in videography and create their family elder video
Christian Community Outreach Center to encourage an active lifestyle while students attend the After School Program
ISD #2534 - BOLD: to help send the BOLD High School's FIRST Robotics team to the world championship in Detroit, MI to purchase new equipment
Play Island, Inc. to provide STEAM supplies for the 2019-2020 school year
Renville County Back-the-Pack Program to provide weekend food supplies for children in the Renville County area

Renville County Public Health to purchase groceries for the Cooking Matters program to help families at risk of hunger with classes to make healthy, delicious and affordable meals
St. Mary's School Bird Island: to integrate the ukulele into the music experience at St. Mary's School
to grow the Literacy Library by purchasing additional leveled readers to ensure all students, grade K-3, are reading text that is at the appropriate level

BUFFALO LAKE-HECTOR-STEWART PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Public School District.

Susan Alstrom In Memory of Judy Fiebelkorn

John and Diana Anderson In Honor of Ken Anderson's 85th "Anniversary of Birth"
Kenneth Anderson In Memory of:
Janet Beverly Anderson
Jason Blaire Anderson
Virgil D. Anderson
Lorraine Buehler
Lowell Christiansen
Cynthia Glaser
Joe Haspert
Aleta Hill
Wally Huls
Gerald Kirtz
Bernadine Klammer
Judith Lange
Greg Markgraf
James Markgraf
Marietta Novotny
Ralph Novotny
Jim Porter
Dennis Rath
Donald Schauman
Douglas Torgerson
Loren Walter
Ervin Westphal
Alvin Wiechman
BLHS Teachers In Memory of Ashtan Suess

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Rock County area

In Luverne...
LUVERNE CHILD GUIDE ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowment fund that benefits the Child Guide Program in the Luverne area.

Awarded grants totaling \$2,457
 ISD #2184 - Luverne Public Schools to support the Luverne Child Guide Program

Child Guide incorporates Grow Our Own in Luverne

Child Guide started at the Luverne Elementary School in the 2001-02 school year. Each year, about 38 percent of students at the school are referred to the Child Guide Program for unmet needs like clothing, homework help, mentorship and connecting new students and their families to school and activities in the community to make the transition easier.

“The program has become a connector for families to resources. We know that in order to help our children at school, we need to work with the entire family and community together,” said Lisa Dinger, who has been the Child Guide at Luverne Elementary School for 15 years. “When we make an impact, we see students making better choices, becoming more involved in activities and their community, seeking help without letting their pride get in the way and giving back to the programs and community that have helped them. Our goal is to change one child, one family at a time; that will change our community as a whole.”

Students are referred to Child Guide for:

- Basic needs like school supplies, clothing or winter gear
- Help finding and registering for activities, plus scholarships and transportation, if needed: “For many children this is the first time they are allowed to participate in an activity,” Lisa said.
- Academic help for students struggling with homework
- Getting new students and their families connected to school and activities in the community to make the transition easier
- Help with social challenges, and referral to the school counselor if needed
- Lining up adult mentors for kids who may need another adult role model in their life

Child Guide activities like Homework Club, author visits and Bookin’ Buddies are open to all students, with or without a referral, and 75 percent of Luverne Elementary School students participate in these yearly. Incorporating ideas from Grow Our Own has helped Luverne be more inclusive as community members work together to close the opportunity gap.

“We have listened to those who have challenges and are working on meeting their needs with more resources and programs that fit. In the past, we did what we thought people wanted and needed instead of coming to them to find out what will truly help them to move upward and forward instead of spinning in the same circle,” Lisa said.

Southwest Initiative Foundation and our partner funds, including local community foundation partners, have granted Child Guide programs around the region more than \$990,000 over the last 20 years.



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Lisa Dinger, Child Guide

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Swift County area

In Appleton...



APPLETON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Appleton area through grantmaking and community projects.

- Appleton Area Health Services Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
- Appleton Dental Care, P.A.
- William and Jeanette Bergstad Pam Borstad
- Conroy Eye Care
- Dan and Cindy Enke Farmers & Merchants State Bank
- Federated Telephone Cooperative
- David and Alyce Fust
- Kenneth and Judith Glimsdal
- Thomas E. Huckle Revocable Trust
- Thomas K. Johnson
- Jon Krogsrud
- Terry Makepeace
- James D. Masee and Sydney Nesbitt Masee
- Anna Nissen
- Jon Panzer
- John and Jeanette Pfaff
- Prairie Sun Bank
- Vance and Mary Kay Rheingans
- Keith and Mary Schirm
- Andrew and Hope Schmidt
- Wade and Cheryl Schmidt
- Roger Stotts
- Charles and Sandra Tatge
- Ritchie and Mary Sue Voorhees

Awarded grants totaling \$17,250

- Appleton Senior Citizens to install a new heating and A/C unit at the Appleton Senior Citizens Building
- City of Appleton:
 - to update ball washers, garbage cans, flags and other golf course necessities
 - to update campground site signs
 - to purchase picnic tables for the spots in the campground expansion

- Food For Our Learning Youth to support weekend meals for K-6, with a goal to offer four to six meals for every weekend
- ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley:
 - to purchase baseball and softball jerseys
 - to purchase additional percussion equipment for the bands at Lac qui Parle Valley
 - to take the entire Appleton-Milan elementary staff and students to a movie in Madison
 - to purchase technology that will be used for video evaluations during varsity football games
- Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest to purchase classroom kits for Appleton Elementary School
- Lac qui Parle Valley Dollars for Scholars to provide funds for scholarships to graduating seniors
- Prairie Playhouse Child Care to add rubber mulch to the playground
- Swift County to help fund a comprehensive plan for the Appleton Area OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) Park

In Benson...



BENSON AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Benson area through grantmaking and community projects.

- Brent and Patty Grube
- Paul and Renee Hayden
- Chuck and Marie Koenigs
- Chuck and Marie Koenigs In Memory of:
 - Vernon “Bud” Chevalier
 - Catherine Erhardt
 - Constance Fragodt
 - Mike Heinzig
 - Daniel J. Huges
 - Abner Jacobson
 - Irene McGearry
- Dennis and Jennifer Laumeier
- Brian Samuelson
- Benjamin and Kerry Wilcox

Awarded grants totaling \$4,198

- Benson Golf Club Foundation to support the tree trimming project at the Benson Golf Club
- City of Benson to fund the second phase of the Beautify Benson Project

GALEN HANSON MEMORIAL EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Benson Area Community Foundation that supports educational opportunities in the Benson area.

Awarded grants totaling \$3,500

- ISD #777 - Benson:
 - to provide the opportunity for all elementary students to visit Fort Snelling and the State Capital in St. Paul
 - to get books into the hands of elementary students of all economic levels in an effort to increase reading scores

ROBERT SONSTENG MEMORIAL ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Benson Area Community Foundation that benefits the Benson area.

Awarded grants totaling \$16,560

- City of Benson to fund the second phase of the Beautify Benson Project
- Humane Society of Swift County to provide funds to Swift County to spay or neuter dogs and cats
- ISD #777 - Benson:
 - to purchase document cameras to demonstrate work and projects over the projectors in the classroom
 - to get books into the hands of elementary students of all economic levels in an effort to increase reading scores
- Swift County Human Services to initiate and operate a Drop-In Center as a place for current clients of mental health services to support one another and welcome and support new clients
- Veterans in the Outdoors to purchase a new fishing boat as part of its mission to reconnect veterans with the outdoors and on the water



In case you missed it ...

We featured the Willmar Child Guide program in our last Connect newsletter. Child Guide links families to what they need, like Sandra Cuellar of Willmar and her kids. Find their story online at swifoundation.org.

Appleton

269 grants over 20 years totaling \$595,168, and \$387,754 in assets



Leslie Ehrenberg, pictured with husband Steve, served six years on the Appleton Community Foundation Advisory Board and helped spearhead major projects in the community.

Leslie Ehrenberg owns The Appleton Press and was making a delivery eight years ago when she happened upon an advisory board meeting for the Appleton Community Foundation and was asked to think about volunteering on the board. She served six years on the board, five as chair.

"I felt it would be a positive way to be a part of the community. I love that idea of being able to give back funds to people who need it," Leslie said. "Community foundations are fun because you get to help and decide where to give. For me, the more important grants were for our youth and our seniors."

Leslie and her husband, Steve, raised their three children in the Appleton community, and their oldest son, Tim, works at the newspaper office running a print shop. His wife, April, is a graphic designer there. Tim and April's three kids have grown up in the office, coming to work with their parents. That's how Leslie got the idea for a project fund to update the local playground.

When Leslie's second grandson was at the office, most days after nap time she'd take him to the Riverview Park Playground.

"I'd swing him on the swing and the whole thing would shake. It was in terrible condition," Leslie said.

Community members both donated toward and helped build the new playground, which opened for play in

2016. ACF granted more than \$19,000 to the project and paid for and served meals to the volunteers building the playground, which included Leslie and her grandson.

"When he asks if we can go to the playground, and I ask which one, he says, 'You know the one we built,'" Leslie said. "It's very cool to see the children and community feel ownership in the playground. It was an awesome project. Everybody came together."

Having SWIF as a partner to process gifts and grants helped major projects go smoothly and took some of the worry out of finances, Leslie said: "They made it easy. It wasn't very hard to be a community foundation because of that."

In total, ACF has awarded 269 grants totaling \$595,168. Recent grants include new heating and air-conditioning at the Appleton Senior Citizens Building, picnic tables for a campground expansion, support for the local backpack food program and funding for Lac qui Parle Valley School band equipment.

"It's really being part of a group that gave back and supported the community. Those who donate toward the endowment should feel the same way. Their dollars go a long way to support schools and organizations right here," Leslie said.

Read more at swifoundation.org/appleton-community-foundation.



Volunteers erect new equipment at Appleton's Riverview Park Playground. The Appleton Community Foundation granted more than \$19,000 to the project and paid for and served meals to the volunteers building the playground.

Photo Credit: The Appleton Press

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Yellow Medicine County area

In Canby...

BLUE AND GOLD FOUNDATION FUND - An endowment and non-endowed fund that benefits students of the Canby area.

Four Anonymous Gifts
David Axelsen and LeAnn Steffen In Memory of Perry Lueders
Dean Behnke In Memory of Gilbert Bliss
Darrell and Eileen Bliss In Memory of Harold and Glendor Bliss
Roger and Debra Bliss In Memory of Harold and Glendor Bliss
Nancy Bormann In Memory of Gilbert Bliss
Nancy M. Bormann, PA In Memory of:
James Alleckson
Arlon Johnson
Canby Firemen's Relief Association
Canby High School Class of 1961 In Memory of:
Harlan Benson
Barbara (Rood) Graham
Don Lootens
Clark-Hanson Post 117
Delon and Ann Clarksean
Jim and Cynthia Cleveland In Memory of:
Lois Anderson
Jerry Bohn
Marian Dahl
Beverly Frederickson
Emily Hansen
Ardith Henningsgaard
Norma Houtkooper
Ilene Jacobson
Arlon Johnson
Corrinne Severtson
Lloyd Swenson
Dakota Wind Exchange, LLC In Memory of Ben Thovson
Randy and Cheryl Denelsbeck In Memory of Arlon Johnson
Esther Harms Trust
Curt and Sue Fairchild In Memory of Connie Severtson
Erich and Celina Fokken In Memory of Avis Jeppesen
Karl and Bonnie Frederickson In Memory of Harold and Glendor Bliss
Patricia Gubrud In Memory of Emily Hansen

Annette Harding In Memory of Nasir Sarwar
Jeff and Kari Harding In Memory of:
Leonard Drietz
Joan Duis
Ilene Jacobson
Hope Mutual Insurance Company In Memory of Bridget Nemitz
Matthew and Tricia Maynard In Memory of:
Norbert Deslauriers
Leonard Drietz
David and Jodi Mercer In Memory of:
JoAnne Aslesen Lindlan
Gilbert Bliss
Norbert Deslauriers
Leonard Drietz
Marie Ferguson
Charles and Bonnie Moberg In Memory of:
Norbert Deslauriers
Mary Fier
Lloyd Swenson
Chris and Amy Nemitz In Memory of Corinne Severtson
Nemitz Insurance Agency, Inc.
Porter American Legion Post 457
Rotary Club of Canby
Thomas and Ellen Thompson In Memory of Harold and Glendor Bliss
Virginia VanDerostyne In Memory of Beverly Frederickson

Awarded grants totaling \$17,100

Augustana University to provide scholarships to two Canby High School graduates pursuing post-secondary education
College of Saint Benedict to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate pursuing post-secondary education
Lake Area Technical Institute to provide scholarships to two Canby High School graduates pursuing post-secondary education
Minnesota West Community and Technical College Canby Campus to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate pursuing post-secondary education

North Dakota State University to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate pursuing post-secondary education
South Dakota School of Mines to provide scholarship to three Canby High School graduates pursuing post-secondary education
Southeast Technical Institute to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate pursuing post-secondary education
Southwest Minnesota State University to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate pursuing post-secondary education
St. Cloud Technical and Community College to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate pursuing post-secondary education

CANBY COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Blue and Gold Foundation that benefits students of the Canby area.

Dr. Tim and Nancy Bakalakos
Clark-Hanson Post 117
Delon and Ann Clarksean
Myron Deslauriers In Memory of Norbert Deslauriers
Ralph and Norma Dovre
Erich and Celina Fokken
Reed and Danielle Frazier
Lyle and Joey Gorder
Haugen Insurance Agency, Inc.
Hayek Family Endowment of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation
Gregory and Julie Pederson
Rotary Club of Canby
Dorn and Tamara Severtson In Memory of Corinne Severtson
Gary and Vickie Stoks

Awarded grants totaling \$15,700

Alexandria Technical & Community College to provide scholarships to three Canby High School graduates pursuing post-secondary education

Ave Maria University to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate pursuing post-secondary education
Minnesota State Community and Technical College to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate attending post-secondary school
Minnesota State University - Mankato to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate attending post-secondary school
Minnesota West Community and Technical College Canby Campus to provide scholarships to two Canby High School graduates pursuing post-secondary education
North Dakota State University to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate pursuing post-secondary education
South Dakota State University to provide scholarships to two Canby High School graduates pursuing post-secondary education
Southeast Technical Institute to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate pursuing post-secondary education
Southwest Minnesota State University to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate attending post-secondary school
University of Sioux Falls to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate pursuing post-secondary education

LAURA MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Blue and Gold Foundation that benefits students of the Canby area.

Awarded grants totaling \$1,525

Southwest Minnesota State University to provide a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate attending post-secondary school

In Clarkfield...**CLARKFIELD AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

- A permanent resource that benefits the Clarkfield area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift
 Jeanie Anderson In Memory of Mike Anderson
 Mrs. Erling Anderson In Memory of Erling Anderson
 Family and Friends In Memory of Irving Anderson
 Paul Anspach
 Alain and Kathern Bellicot
 Ardell and Arlene Benson
 Dale and Marlene Berg In Memory of Irving Anderson
 Jared Bossuyt
 Debra Bruflat In Memory of Arden "Snerd" Lynne
 Heidi Bruflat In Memory of Tim Bruflat
 Rodney and Barbara Bruflat
 Rodney and Barbara Bruflat In Memory of:
 Harriet Anderson
 Erling Anderson
 Mike Anderson
 Don Dack
 Clark Field
 Arden "Snerd" Lynne
 Dorothy McCoy
 Blanche Simpson
 City of Clarkfield
 Ronald Doty
 F&M Bank Minnesota
 F&M Bank Minnesota and F&M Insurance
 Joel and Kim Flattum In Memory of:
 Harriet Anderson
 Irving Anderson
 Don Dack
 Clark Field
 Gniffke Agency, Inc.
 Josh and Molly Grinager
 Sharon Husby In Memory of Dorothy McCoy
 Paul and Wendy Kimmer
 Justin and Amanda Luepke
 John Howard Lynner In Memory of Jack Lynner
 Lois Lynner In Memory of Jack Lynner
 Raymond and Margaret Martin

Kris D. McCoy
 Paulette O'Connell In Memory of:
 Lewellyn Johnson
 Arden "Snerd" Lynne
 Gregory Payne
 Naomi E. Peterson
 David and Gay Rupp
 George Rysdahl
 Robert and Peggy Schlenner
 Schlenner Construction Co.
 Berdette Schoep In Memory of Erling Anderson
 Berdette and Cristina Schoep
 Harry Smith In Memory of Dorothy McCoy
 Harry and Pam Smith
 Harry and Pam Smith In Memory of:
 Erling Anderson
 Clark Field
 Arden "Snerd" Lynne
 Larry and Ann Stensrud In Memory of:
 Harriet Anderson
 Arden "Snerd" Lynne
 Phil and Nancy Sturlaugson
 Phil and Nancy Sturlaugson In Memory of Irving Anderson
 Paul Wilson
 Sherman and Joyce Winson In Memory of Erling Anderson
 Joyce Winson
 Joyce Winson In Memory of:
 Mike Anderson
 Clark Field

Awarded grants totaling \$11,145

City of Clarkfield:
 to enhance the parade with signage and entertainment, such as bands, horse clubs, Shriners, drum corps and clowns
 to provide music during Cardinal Days
 to organize and host events that bring the community of Clarkfield together
 to purchase a Telecrib Stabilization System for the Clarkfield Fire Department
 to purchase books to give to children who attend story time at the library
 to transform the old wrestling room into a museum for Clarkfield School memorabilia
 to introduce technology at the child care center through the use of smart panels in the preschool room

Clarkfield Area Community Foundation to support the Cardinal Kids child care program
 ISD #4172 - Clarkfield Area Charter School to offset the costs for preschool student families by providing financial support
 Neighbors United Resource Center to purchase food for the Neighbors United Food Shelf in Granite Falls

In Granite Falls...

DAVID AND ELIZABETH REIMER FAMILY ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Granite Falls Area Community Foundation that benefits the Granite Falls area.

Awarded grants totaling \$1,500

City of Granite Falls to support summer youth baseball in Granite Falls
 Granite Falls Health to the Granite Falls Ambulance serving Granite Falls and the surrounding area
 Lee-Mar Ranch & Equine Center, Inc. to support the Healing Hands and Hearts program for handicapped youth and adults

**GRANITE FALLS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

FUND - A permanent resource that benefits the Granite Falls area through grantmaking and community projects.

Three Anonymous Gifts
 Almich's Market
 Barry and Kathleen Anderson
 Dick and Sharon Anderson In Memory of:
 Gary Dalin
 Gerald Gustafson
 Jerry Hammer
 Merle Hammer
 Ardys Johnson
 Catherine West
 Rita Anderson In Memory of Jack Anderson

Marie Anspach In Memory of Gene Hughes
 Nancy Aus In Memory of:
 Carl Aus
 Richard Sand
 Craig and Heidi Bakkelund
 Leslie and Susan Bergquist
 Don Betzen In Memory of Gen Betzen
 Scott and Karla Bjorndal In Honor of Our Grandchildren
 Merlin and Sylvia Buchholz
 Larry and Deanna Burlingame, Scott and Laurie Sherlin, Steve and Deb Sherlin In Memory of Joyce Anderson
 Darrell and Hazel Carter
 Dr. Darrell and Hazel Carter In Memory of:
 Merle Hammer
 Dick Leye
 Citizens Alliance Bank
 Larry and Nancy Cuklanz
 Gale and Lois Dahlager
 Duinick Incorporated
 Mark and Debbie Eakes
 Tamara Edman
 Tamara Edman In Memory of Kenny Peterson
 Tom and Tammy Edman
 Bonnie Erickson In Memory of Donald J Erickson
 Joe and Jean Fagnano
 Jim and Coleen Ford In Memory of:
 Merle Hammer
 Pete Oie
 Wayne and Lori Formo
 Wayne and Lori Formo In Memory of Merle Hammer
 Avis Freitag
 Chad and Tanya Friese
 James and Lorene Fromm
 Ron and JoAnn Fromm
 Ron and Joann Fromm In Memory of Maxine Heglund
 Ryan and Kayla Fromm In Memory of Karl Fromm
 Furshong - Petrich Family
 Du Wayne and Karen Galow
 Greg and Kathi Gill
 Granite Falls Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
 Granite Falls Bank
 Granite Falls Kiwanis Community Fund
 Greta Voudrie In Memory of Al Voudrie
 Harland and Rachel Hagen
 Rich and Linda Hagen
 Merle and Mary Hammer
 Merle and Mary Hammer In Memory of Gerald Gustafson
 Audrey Hanson In Memory of "Duby" M.E. Hanson

Arlene Haroldson In Memory of Glen Haroldson
 Scott and Peggy Heglund
 Mark and Robin Henderson
 Ruby Hieb
 Ruby Hieb In Memory of:
 Jerry Hammer
 Merle Hammer
 Maxine Heglund
 Leroy Hieb
 Curtis Hoff
 Paul and Diane Hinz
 Molly Hoff
 Todd and Diane Hofteig In Memory of Michelle Hofteig
 Virginia Homme
 Virginia Homme In Memory of Ken Peterson
 Jason and Holly Ims
 Marlene Ims In Memory of:
 Joyce Anderson
 James Erickson
 Marilyn Geihl
 Maxine Heglund
 Marjorie Loewe
 Dallas and Norma Iverson
 Dallas and Norma Iverson In Memory of:
 Ilean Johnson
 Dick Leye
 Marge Loewe
 J. Doug Nelson
 David Tjosvold
 Charles and Elizabeth Jahn
 Mark and Mary Jensen
 Alyssa Johnson
 Willis and Arlyss Johnson
 Julia Jury
 Gordy and Monica Kasel In Memory of Vern Vosberg
 Phil and Mary Kelly
 DuWayne and LaVonne Koenen
 DuWayne and LaVonne Koenen In Memory of:
 Liz DeBlieck
 Jerry Gustafson
 Pat Kubly

Pat Kubly In Memory of:
 Merle Hammer
 Maxine Heglund
 Gary Kubly
 Holly Labat
 Diane Ladner
 Jussi and Collette Lehti
 Pearl Lenzen
 Pearl Lenzen In Memory of Roy Lenzen
 Joan Lundell
 Mark and Robin Henderson In Memory of Jim and Marilyn Schafer
 Karen and Doug McCoss In Memory of Terrie McCoss
 Mike and Jean Henle In Memory of Butch and Dory Richter
 Scott and Katie Mortenson
 Dorothy Nokleby
 Jeannette and Curt Olson
 Gail Opdahl
 Patti Paulson In Memory of:
 My Mother
 Lee Johnson
 Brad and Tracy Peterson
 Connie Peterson In Memory of Elizabeth DeBlieck
 Daniel and Linda Richter
 Margot Richter In Memory of Matt Kling
 Darlene and Stan Santjer
 Lavonne Saquilan In Memory of Evelyn Anderson
 Twyla Schiller
 Paul and Pat Sheggeby In Memory of Gary Dalin
 David and Cindy Smiglewski
 David and Cindy Smiglewski In Memory of Ken Peterson
 Lee Ann Smith
 Jennifer Sneller
 Tim and Jody Hempel
 Dwayne Strand
 Gene and Helen Stukel
 Gene and Helen Stukel In Memory of Joyce Anderson
 Kevin and Judy TeBeest
 Beverly Tellefsen

Therapeutic Massage Center on Prentice LLC
 Thrivent Choice On Behalf of:
 Ruby Hieb
 Marshall Hieb
 Troy and Nancy Fiegen
 Todd and Nancy Trudel
 Upper Sioux Community
 Willie and Carol Upton In Honor of Family and Friends
 Matt Vaughn
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 West Central Sanitation

Awarded grants totaling \$9,077

Friends of Music to fund music lessons for YME band students from the MacPhail Center for Music in Minneapolis
 Granite Area Arts Council for art supplies at art classes for children and their parent or guardian
 Granite Falls Historical Society to purchase a laptop and printer
 ISD #2190 - Yellow Medicine East: to bring in a professional theater company to introduce area youth to theater
 to fund an end of year recognition event for Bert Raney Elementary students with positive behaviors with a movie at the Montevideo Millennium Theater
 to replace two sewing machines that can no longer be serviced
 to start an art club after school at YME for students in grades 6-12
 Neighbors United Resource Center:
 to purchase perishable fruits and vegetables that are needed at the food shelf to supplement the current supply

to provide adequate hamburger, pork, eggs and other protein products for food shelf recipients
 Pioneer Public Television to launch a new animated social studies program for kids ages 4-7 titled, "Let's Go Luna!"
 Project Turnabout Addiction Recovery Center to purchase a playground that will be used by patients' families while on campus during Family Program and visiting days
 Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. to provide victims and survivors of domestic abuse in Yellow Medicine County the opportunity to connect, learn and support others who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence

WALLACE A. AND SHIRLEY J. THOM MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Granite Falls Area Community Foundation that supports the Granite Falls area.

Awarded grants totaling \$1,700

Granite Falls Living at Home/Block Nursing to develop a new evidence-based community health education program, "Living Well with Diabetes"
 ISD #2190 - Yellow Medicine East to support the YME Drama Club as they present "Shrek the Musical"

2019 Highlights

\$1.8 million
 secured for Grow Our Own programming



460
 people attended the 2018 Grow Our Own Summit



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