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FISCAL YEAR 2016



Celebrating 30 Years

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A Generation of Impact

Honor our past.
Celebrate our milestone.
Boldly envision our future.

What would southwest Minnesota look like today without the Southwest Initiative Foundation?



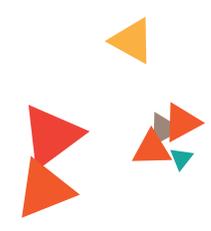
More than 30 years ago, concerned and committed community members took on a new challenge, working with The McKnight Foundation to establish six Minnesota Initiative Foundations, including our Southwest Initiative Foundation.

Since then, countless people have continued to lead, support and work with us. We've grown from a fund to a foundation—an anchor institution with permanent resources to respond to the region's changing needs. And, the next generation of leaders is stepping in, preparing to guide us into the next 30 years.



Our work has truly developed thanks to the support from many individuals, families, businesses, organizations, communities—our thousands of donors and partners, who believe that southwest Minnesota is a great place, and that it can keep getting even better.

Thank you for trusting us and investing in this incredible region!



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Growing Home Circle

SWIF Growing Home Circle - A membership circle that honors individuals, organizations and businesses that pledge to make a contribution of \$1,000 or more to the SWIF General Endowment in Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) that was established to help SWIF meet the Phase VI challenge from The McKnight Foundation. Gifts are matched dollar-for-dollar by The McKnight Foundation. In Fiscal Year 2016, 91 Growing Home Circle members contributed \$201,239.08 to the SWIF General Endowment.

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Visit www.swifoundation.org/growinghomecircle for a list of charter members.

Give Where You Live.

Southwest Initiative Foundation Programs and Grantmaking

In addition to our general endowment, some of our specific program funds also receive generous support from organizations and individual donors.

SWIF GENERAL ENDOWMENT

- Unrestricted proceeds from endowed resources that help SWIF deliver its programs and initiatives throughout southwest Minnesota.

Awarded grants totaling \$155,217

Assembly of God Church to support the F.A.S.T. Jackson Food Shelf

Blandin Foundation to cover the cost of meals for participants of the LEDC program in Willmar

Christian Community Outreach Center to support the After School Enrichment Program

Council on Foundations for 2016 membership to help southwest Minnesota with the promotion of philanthropic practices and principles of grant making

CURE to draft a roadmap for CURE's future

GiveMN to ignite generosity and grow giving for all nonprofits in Minnesota

Heartland Girls' Ranch to purchase and implement Apricot Software to create more unified client records

Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation presented by Patrick Costello of Lakefield, the 2016 SWIF Award recipient

Hutchinson Center for the Arts to develop a new organizational website

Hutchinson Economic Development Authority to aid in the establishment of Tiger Manufacturing, an authentic working manufacturing business in the high school

Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow to develop Luverne and Rock County as a rural tourism destination

Marshall Adult Basic Education Program to:

Assist in the development of a document describing the integration of adults and youth into the vocational/technical education system

Engage low-skilled, refugee and immigrant populations to acquire the skills they need to enter the certified nursing assistant (CNA) programs

Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce to sponsor the Everyday Leader series

McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence for staff to attend training by the Office of Justice Programs

Meeker County Development Authority to provide a series of workshops aimed to help employers retain and engage their employees

Minnesota 4-H Foundation to develop new and enhanced STEM curriculum for area public and parochial schools

Minnesota Agriculture & Rural Leadership to support the MARL program, which focuses on the development of rural leaders

Minnesota Council on Foundations for 2016 membership of the Minnesota Council on Foundations

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits for Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Annual Membership

Minnesota West Community & Technical College for Leadercast

Murray County Historical Society to create a long term strategic plan for the museum and the Historic Dinehart Holt House

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to create deeper awareness of the opportunity gap and advance a range of solutions

New Horizons Crisis Center to help achieve capacity building goals of board development and develop a strategic plan

PACT 4 Families Collaborative to host an Americorp Promise Fellow to work with high school students

Safe Avenues to develop marketing materials

Southwest Minnesota Arts Council for annual membership

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation to assist Madelia with rebuilding following a fire that destroyed or damaged a significant portion of downtown businesses

Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership for redeveloping the website

Southwest West Central Service Cooperative to rebuild career and technical education

United Way of Southwest Minnesota to purchase and implement mobile technology to foster education and volunteer connections

United Way of West Central Minnesota to:

Assist with developing a financial sustainability plan for Vision 20/40

Support a strategic planning and visioning process

Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission for Meander Art Crawl

Western Community Action to purchase technology components for unified communication, data storage, back up and disaster recovery

Windom Education & Collaborative Center to support lunch and learn sessions for businesses and their employees

Women's Rural Advocacy Program to update technology

SWIF PROGRAM - DIVERSE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF support southwest Minnesota's diverse entrepreneurs.

Awarded grants totaling \$65,000

Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce Funds for training and development for Tribal Councils of the Lower Sioux and Upper Sioux communities

Willmar Area Multicultural Business Center to provide technical assistance and business services to existing, emerging and potential entrepreneurs in Kandiyohi, Chippewa, Swift, Meeker and Renville Counties

Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation to design and implement a Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Program

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.

Awarded grants totaling \$20,500

University of Minnesota Foundation for sponsorship of the 2016 MN Cup

Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation for sponsorship of the 2016 Regional Bioscience Conference

Enterprise Minnesota to conduct SME High Performance Manufacturing training classes

Meeker County Development Authority to complete a county-wide housing study

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 work to ensure our youngest children have the best possible start and a healthy life of learning, achieving and succeeding.

Minnesota Department of Education

Otto Bremer Foundation

Awarded grants totaling \$10,9931

Child Care & Nutrition, Inc. to help lower the cost of the conference for attendees

Children's Dental Services to expand comprehensive, culturally targeted dental care to additional low-income children and pregnant women in Meeker and McLeod counties

Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services to purchase 100 copies of 'The Tooth Book' by Dr. Seuss

Equal Access, Inc. to pilot curriculum that partners people with animals, such as dogs, rabbits, chickens, cats and/or horses

Heartland Community Action Agency to: Offset transportation costs for Children's Dental Services in order to bring the mobile dental clinic to Hutchinson

Secure local coordination services

ISD #129 - Montevideo to purchase touch screen tablets loaded with software to help school readiness teachers assess children

ISD #173 - Mountain Lake to secure local coordination services

ISD #177 - Windom to help defray travel costs to and from trainings in the Twin Cities and pay for substitutes as school district personnel participate

ISD #347 - Willmar to help defray travel costs to and from trainings in the Twin Cities and pay for substitutes as school district personnel participate

ISD #413 - Marshall to help defray travel costs to and from trainings in the Twin Cities and pay for substitutes as school district personnel participate

ISD #423 - Hutchinson West Elementary to help defray travel costs to and from trainings in the Twin Cities and pay for substitutes as school district personnel participate

ISD #518 - Worthington to help defray travel costs to and from trainings in the Twin Cities and pay for substitutes as school district personnel participate

ISD #2169 - Murray County Central to secure local coordination services

ISD #2897 - Redwood Area Schools to help defray travel costs to and from trainings in the Twin Cities and pay for substitutes as school district personnel participate

ISD #2904 - Tracy to help defray travel costs to and from trainings in the Twin Cities and pay for substitutes as school district personnel participate

Learning Funhouse, Inc. to: Assist in leveraging local resources and establishing action projects for children birth through age 5
Secure local coordination services

McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence to support SteppingStone Therapeutic as they offer childcare by highly-qualified staff for any parent participating in the parenting classes

McLeod County Public Health Nursing Service to provide dental varnishing services during Family Home visits for ages 0-5 and in the schools for ages 5-10

Meeker County Public Health to support families in need for travel expenses for dental care

Nobles County Community Services to provide dental varnishing to children in need, group education for parents, taxi vouchers, and gas cards to help fund trips to dental care services

Northside Medical Clinic/Ortonville Area Health for a Fluoride Varnishing Clinic
Open Door Health Center to print a first birthday letter from the Tooth Fairy to remind parents that February is Children's Oral Health Awareness Month and time to make a first visit to the dentist
PACT 4 Families Collaborative to provide conference sponsorship for the 13th annual Community Conference on the Brain

Prairie Five Community Action Council to address recruitment of family child care providers in Regions 6E, 6W and 8 in an effort to generate more child care openings

Prairie Five Community Action Council Headstart for increased assess to promote healthy smiles through the Head Start program

Redwood Area Community Education to provide early childhood staff with professional development time to focus on curriculum development and training

Renville County Public Health to purchase children's books, with dental focus, to be given out along with SWIF and ECDN material

Southern District Dental Society to provide Spanish brochures with current dental information to parents of babies born in southwest Minnesota hospitals

Southwest Health and Human Services to create oral health educational bags for teaching oral health to children

Southwest Initiative Foundation to:
Secure a local coordinator for Early Childhood Mental Health

Secure regional coordinators for the Early Childhood Dental Network - Southwest coalition

United Way of Southwest Minnesota to secure local coordination services

Willmar Community Education & Recreation to:
Cover the cost of a liaison's time with the Grow Mobile in outreach sites
Secure local coordination services
Zion Lutheran Church for Parent Aware Trainings that could allow families to apply for scholarships to receive increased funding through the CCAP program

SWIF PROGRAM - MICROENTERPRISE LOAN PROGRAM

- A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF support southwest Minnesota's entrepreneurs develop small businesses and self-employment opportunities.

Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership
U.S. Small Business Administration
USDA

SWIF PROGRAM - RENEWABLE ENERGY PRIMARILY FOR YOUTH ENERGY SUMMIT PROGRAM

- A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF deliver its Youth Energy Summit (YES!) program, support youth leadership development and support the region's renewable energy sector.

Josh Sweet

Awarded grants totaling \$25,000

Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center to create and implement a funding development plan and operational strategy to sustain YES! in the SWIF region

Southwest Initiative Foundation offers communities the platform to establish a foundation that will retain wealth and keep it working at the local level. Our affiliate partners, shown on the map below, are an important part of our family of funds!

Your Place in Our History

Over the last 30 years, we've created many ways to give back to the places and causes you care about most. Each year, thousands of donors support Southwest Initiative Foundation and our family of 126 funds, including our 25 local affiliates shown on the map. Their gifts support programs, projects and endowments that keep southwest Minnesota vibrant and strong.

Read our featured stories to see if any of these options might be right for you to consider, too.

- Page 10** Support region-wide work through our **general endowment** like Mark Lofthus and Marian Blatter, who appreciate collaboration.
- Page 12** Leave a **simple bequest** in your will like Kent Gustafson did to honor his hometown memories.
- Page 14** Give to your **local community foundation** affiliate like Cynthia Huse, who made a gift of farmland that's close to her heart.
- Page 15** Contribute to a **school foundation** like Alex Carlson, who wants to see kids succeed.

Visit swifoundation.org to learn more about these and other giving options.

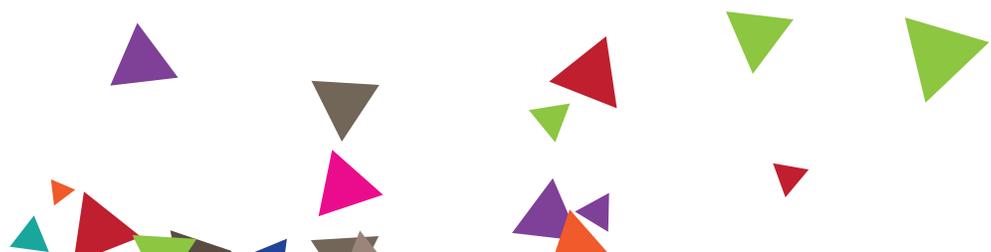




The Seeds of a Foundation



Countryside Council staff played a role in Southwest Initiative Foundation's early history. Pictured in 1982 (from left to right) are Mark Lofthus, Marian Blattner, Michael Dean, Carmen DeRynck, and the late Gary DeCramer.





The handwriting of Mark Lofthus and Marian Blattner is all over the Southwest Initiative Foundation's earliest documents.

Mark Lofthus and Marian Blattner were leaders in what became the formation of the six Minnesota Initiative Foundations, including SWIF, in the 1980s.

It began at the Countryside Council, a nonpartisan, public issue research and education organization housed at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Throughout the 1970s, this nonprofit think tank dove into rural topics like transportation, telecommunication and the economy.

Marian moved to Marshall in 1981 to work at the Council. "My job was to put together a national conference," she said. Mark came in 1982 and was a half-time, \$5 an hour intern and worked on the Council's telecommunications task force.

The couple quickly found themselves deep into grassroots, community revitalization efforts and later married in 1986.

"The environment today is nothing like it was," Mark said. "There were no jobs, period." The Council created a task force on economic stress, hosting meetings and conducting research, but they were strapped for resources. "We were trying to understand what was going on," he said. "Our board said, 'do what you can.'"

It was after reading articles and editorials in the then-*Minneapolis Star and Tribune* about The McKnight Foundation that things began to happen. "Our board said, 'go to McKnight to pay for this taskforce,'" Mark said. He got the courage to call and ask for help but thought it was a dead end. Days later, a check for \$8,000 arrived.

Community meetings continued, and so did conversations with McKnight, whose leaders wanted to aid in rural economic recovery. They criss-crossed the state, talking about funding proposals and how to divide the work by regions.

"That can be a hard sell," Marian said of the regional topic. "People didn't realize there were commonalities between their communities." Eventually, ideas and boundaries were formed and grant applications were submitted. Mark recalls sitting in a meeting with McKnight staff and statewide organizers where each person received a small, folded piece of paper showing the grant amount their region received. Mark's said \$2.8 million—and the Southwest Minnesota Initiative Fund was born.

Since that day, there have been new programs, new leaders, even new names for Southwest Initiative Foundation—but there is always a commitment to our region and the people who call it home. Mark and Marian now live outside of southwest Minnesota but contribute as Growing Home Circle donors. Mark calls the foundation "excellent stewards of the endowment" and a vehicle for realigning the work that started long ago. "People who are giving today are a part of it," he said.

Marian sees giving as a continuation of their investment in the region. She's also grateful for the amount of time that so many have given along the way. "That sense that together, collectively, you can come up with solutions ... the people that showed up, without knowing if anything would happen; these people deserve the credit."

A Great Place to Grow

For Kent Gustafson, it's always been about giving back—whether it's through time, talent or money.

It all began in Windom, where he was born and raised. The youngest of six, Kent was taught from an early age that giving was simply part of who you are. It was a message that resonated with him, and he carries it with him today. Loyal to his Minnesota roots, Kent obtained his Bachelor's degree in Sociology and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Minnesota. After jobs in both the public and private sectors, he accepted a Community Development Educator position in Willmar with the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

The position provided Kent ample opportunities to work with community organizations throughout west central and southwest Minnesota. Kent's work had a focus on community and organizational development, which naturally led him to working with SWIF. Kent was a part of SWIF's integral original taskforce, and was a founding board member. He's also a member of the Growing Home Circle.

For Kent, his philanthropy doesn't end there. Throughout his life, Kent recognizes that he's been helped a lot, and as a result, he wants to do his part. Today, Kent and his wife, Viki, are determined to pay it forward. His advice for others wanting to give back is simple: "When you're inspired to give, look at the values of the organization asking you to give—SWIF matches mine. Viki and I were both raised to give back, and SWIF has been great at building a regional sense of community."



Housed in the former Windom High School, the Windom Business Arts and Recreation Center is a significant landmark in the surrounding area. One of SWIF's agency funds, we work to support this local legacy.

It's this same sense of regional responsibility that inspired Kent to write a simple bequest into his will to benefit a fund of SWIF. In the past, Kent had always thought about including SWIF, he just wasn't sure how. When he and his Windom high school classmates were celebrating their 50th Class Reunion, Kent realized just how much Windom meant to him. The former high school has been transformed into the Business Arts and Recreation Center (BARC). He was inspired to include BARC and SWIF in his estate.

When asked what Kent hopes Windom remembers him for, his answer is simple. "The reality is that no one will remember me, but I would turn the question around. Like many of my high school classmates, I left Windom after graduation. So I ask myself not what Windom will remember me for, but what I remember Windom for. It's a great place to grow up and live."



Kent has three rules about charitable giving, and with it comes his advice for those considering donating themselves. The first is it helps to have a personal connection with the organization. The second, the organization's values should match with your own. Thirdly, the organization should be able to demonstrate results. "For me, SWIF hits all three," says Kent. Kent and Viki say that giving is simply part of who they are.

SWIF's first Board of Directors and staff. Front row from left: Dr. Robert Carothers, Kent Gustafson. Second row: Gloria Vande Brake, Mark Lofthus. Back row: David Leckey, Toni Fredrickson, Tom Keaveny, the late Elroy Burgeson.



Give Where You Live

It all started on a farm.

Cynthia Huse grew up on a quarter section farm in Elm Creek Township, Martin County. Life was simple, but not easy, with summer days spent walking the rows of beans, feeding the cows and pigs and dipping her toes into the cold waters of Elm Creek. A self-described “child of God and daughter of peace,” giving is deeply ingrained in Cynthia. For her, it centers around intent, and stems from watching her parents sit at the kitchen table and work with their finances to make sure that their farm grew into something they could leave for her and her sister.

Years later, her love of giving hasn’t faded but only burned stronger. Cynthia spent much of her life following her calling from God; she traveled the world, finding herself serving for the Peace Corps in Brazil, as a University of Minnesota Extension agent in Koochiching County and as a minister in Arizona and California, before eventually finding her way back to Minnesota and further schooling. Cynthia served as a pastor in several western Minnesota communities and retired from parish ministry in 2006. She currently lives in Madison with her husband, Dale.

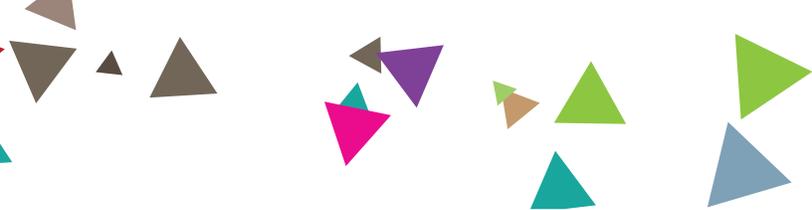
Cynthia began thinking about her legacy following the death of her parents in 1998. The journey led her to Southwest Initiative Foundation and the establishment of the Madison Community

Foundation. A part of their board for the last 15 years, Cynthia has found her work to be incredibly rewarding, especially when she considers the struggles they faced when they first began—now there are community members who approach the Foundation with things the community needs. It was through the Madison Community Foundation that Cynthia gave her first gift, \$5,000 to model to the community just how important this cause was to her.

Now, Cynthia is giving her greatest gift yet—her 80-acre half of her parents’ farm. On why she chose to give something so close to her, Cynthia’s answer came easily: “It really goes back to my Christian faith and our calling to be stewards of all God has given us.”

“There’s a great deal of trust that goes with leaving this part of me to SWIF,” said Cynthia, who hopes that she can inspire others to give back to their communities. Her advice is to “give where you live,” take time to plan what you want to do with your resources and above all, to choose an organization with whom you have a relationship.

“It’s my joy and my duty to share what I have and give back,” Cynthia said. As someone who’s always had a heart for the underdogs and for people on the fringe, it is Cynthia’s goal to make a difference in rural Minnesota, and to inspire others to join her.



Connecting with Kids

Alex Carlson believes in the power of change.

Entering his fifth year as an active member of the Litchfield Public School Foundation, Alex is passionate about positively impacting students. He said the Southwest Initiative Foundation has always believed in the power of connections, and that's reflected in the support of organizations like the Litchfield Public School Foundation (LPSF).

For Alex, it's all about "contributing to something we value tremendously—and that's our kids." He said it's about the ties of a community and believing in the power the current generation can have on future ones. Each year, the LPSF raises money that will ultimately touch the lives of local kids, and make a difference in the classroom. Alex believes everyone on the Foundation's committee is a change maker—each of the past four years they've raised awareness of the LPSF as well as how the generosity of the community is positively impacting the school district.

LPSF works in partnership with the Litchfield Area Community Foundation, which is one of SWIF's 25 local affiliates serving specific communities in our region. LPSF wants to support teachers' work by making funds available for them to purchase additional tools, resources and supplies that can enhance their classrooms! Over \$38,000 has been granted back to the district in the past four years for 33 different projects. The projects that have received awards range from supplies for individual instruction to materials that impact entire grade levels.



When asked who inspires him, Alex's answer came without hesitation. "My kids. I have three kids, and besides marrying my wife, they're the greatest thing that has ever happened to me." It's this inspiration and influence which led Alex to become a volunteer with the LPSF, and to continue to support and impact his community. Litchfield, like all of our school foundations, is filled with individuals like Alex who are motivated to positively make a difference. As a result, there's a bright future ahead for local children and educators.

As for what's next, Alex says that's easy. The LPSF will continue to raise awareness for local issues, volunteers will remain supportive of educators and students, and together they will work on building on the positive results that have been seen so far.

Southwest Initiative Foundation Affiliate Gifts and Grantmaking

Funds that benefit people and organizations in multiple southwest Minnesota areas

COOPER AND JACK SCHOENFELD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits youth of FFA Region 6 of Minnesota.

Awarded grants totaling \$1,000

Iowa State University for a scholarship toward post-secondary education for youth in FFA Region 6
University of Minnesota for a scholarship toward post-secondary education for youth in FFA Region 6

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.

Richard and Laura Carlson
Matthew Slinden and Jennifer Ehresmann
Hormel Food Corp
Jennie-O Turkey Store
Fundraising Proceeds Barron
Jennie-O Turkey Store
Fundraising Proceeds
Jennie-O Turkey Store Officers - In Honor of President Glenn Leitch
Jennie-O Turkey Store - In Honor of New Employee Gary Jamison

Awarded grants totaling \$43,000

Southwest Initiative Foundation for emergency assistance for Jennie-O Turkey Store employees experiencing an emergency crisis

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

Aaron and Shannon Ahrenholz
Alan and Lois Ahrenholz
Ervin and Mary Ahrenholz - In Memory of:
Harley Ammermann
Jerry Barney
Joy Bourne
Marvin Caspers
Dar Forkrud
Mildred Haats
Hilda
Helen Kleinfehn
Alvin Kluver
Ida Wubben

Shawn and Melissa Aker
Timothy and Kathi Beseman
Bethany Reformed Church
Lee and Kim Bosch
Craig and Stephanie Burner
Citizens Alliance Bank
Steven and Jill Condon
Ryan and Brittany Cook
Daniel Cronen
Dan and Jennifer Dirksen
Tom and Lisa Donner
Donners Service, Inc.
Dooley's Petroleum Inc.
Steven Duis
Todd and Lisa Dykema
Tom and Kristyn Dykema
Farmers CO-OP Oil Co
Mark and Lois Fokken
Adela Fuls
Lee and Carin Hagemeyer
Brian and Brenda Harguth
Dennis and Ruth Harguth
Joyce Harguth
Joyce Harguth - In Memory of
Wayne Harguth
Marlene Harguth
Marlene Harguth - In Memory of
Hilda Hilbrands
Heritage Bank, N.A.
The Homan Agency, Inc
Ronald and Susan Honken
Cory and Steffanie Janssen
Verna Janssen
Tom and Melanie Johnson
Dr. James and Vicki Koewler

Brian and Sherri Koslofsky
Marilyn Kray
Nicholas and Donna Krueger
MACCRAY #2180 Foundation
Fundraising Proceeds
Cameron Macht
Malana Niemeyer Duis
Bryce Orwick
Patten Gardens
Ross and Carissa Pederson
Dan and Rhonda Pieper
Harlan Pieper
Pioneer Heritage Insurance, LLC
David and Jennifer Plagge
Mark and Cindy Plowman
Prairie West Insurance Company
Amy Rhode
Greg and Kristie Rhode
Tim and Sara Sabe
Timothy and Kimberly Sandry
Jerry and Brenda Schwitters
Lane and Amy Schwitters
Cory and Ashley Sietsema
Susan Siverhus
Smith Farms - Brandon and Tim Smith
Timothy and Denise Smith
Harlen and Deena Steen
Aaron and Amanda Strommer
Matthew and Amanda Tebben
Timothy and Carmel Thein
Gregory and Joy Thissen
Ronald and Carol Thomton
Gene and Beth Van Den Einde
Ben and Jennifer Van Eps
Scott and Trudi Van Heuveln
Thomas and Karleen Williamson - In Memory of Harold Jaenisch
Thomas and Karleen Williamson

Awarded grants totaling \$14,030

ISD #2180 - MACCRAY to support 12 projects at the school

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

Minnesota State Auctioneers Foundation

PAUL AND ALMA SCHWAN AGING TRUST ENDOWMENT FUND

- A 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 \$318,960

A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota to support a 4 step plan to engage the residents and businesses of Windom to become a dementia friendly community
City of Redwood Falls Parks & Recreation Dept. toward the surveillance system at the Senior Center within the Redwood Area Community Center
Equal Access, Inc. to research ways to reduce the symptoms of Caregiver Compassion Fatigue by utilizing equine facilitated learning
Grove City Area Living at Home/Block Nursing Program to supply the elderly with handicap equipment in an effort to keep them in their homes for a longer period of time
Knut Nelson Foundation to enhance and grow the capacity of the Olivia Home Care office by educating local staff
Lower Sioux Indian Community to improve elder social interaction, community inclusion, civic participation, increase the likelihood of elders remaining in their homes
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to coordinate nutrition and socialization support for older adults 55+

Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging to develop a Theory of Change framework for organizational development, evaluation planning and future strategic planning

Minnesota West Community & Technical College for platinum sponsorship of the 2016 Caregiver Summit in Worthington support by experts in the dementia and aging arena

Prairie Five Community Action Council for staffing for a Senior Outreach Advocate in the five county offices to help increase preventative services, reduce institutional care and reduce overall cost of care

Prairie Home Hospice to: Promote health stability, quality of life and reduce health care costs for patients with serious chronic disease
Purchase hardware and software that will allow home health and hospice nurses to utilize technology

Redwood Area Communities Foundation to become a telemedicine center that can connect our local resources to clients and connect to distant resources needed for specialized care

Renville County Back-the-Pack Program to purchase a lift at the Pack Shack to transport food in and out of the packing area

Southwest Minnesota State University for GOLD College

Vacker Place to provide high quality dementia training through a partnership with EduCare

Windom Area Hospital to help establish a long term program aimed at helping seniors maintain their mobility and driving capabilities

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.

Awarded grants totaling \$17,000

American Legion Post #0199 to support relocating the pavers at the American Legion Post #0199 Minneota's Memorial Park

Custer County Sheriff's Office to provide hot meals for sheriff deputies during the 2015 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
Southwest Initiative Foundation to support the SWIF General Endowment Fund and renew their Growing Home Circle membership for Fiscal Year 2016

University of South Dakota Foundation to support the Black Hills Playhouse Alumni Association Endowment Fund

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

Prairie Ecology Bus Center

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

In Ortonville...

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.

Philip Grant
Kathy Gillespie

Awarded grants totaling \$700
ISD #2888 - Clinton Graceville Beardsley to support the community garden at the school district

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

Gregory and Laura Athey
Jason Briscoe
Clinton Women's Civic Club
Bryan and Kristi Delage - In Memory of Kindergarten Teacher Ms. Naomi Gerhardt
Chris and Kari Dorry
Don and Jeanette Felton - In Honor of Octavia Juhn Felton

First English Lutheran Endowment Fund
Terry and Judy Gere
Arlene Gustafson
Sue Hanratty - In Memory of:
Dan Hanratty
Ella Eliza Schlup
Marilee Haukos - In Honor of Grandchildren
Deb Henningson
Ann and Peter Holme
Lee and Jean Kanten - In Memory of Ernie and Goody Kanten

Pauline Karels - In Honor of Maliah Shott
Kris Kirkeby
Elaine Martig
Myron and Beth Mueller
Northside Medical Center
Father Brian Oestreich - In Memory of Bill Oestreich
OFC of Ortonville, Inc.
Ortonville United Appeal
Suzanne Pansch - In Memory of Evelyn Swank
Jerry and Becky Parker
Dean and Jennifer Peterson
Terry and Audrey Rahrlien
Sally Sterk
Joanne Vangsness
Peter and Lynn Vangsness
Gary and Sharon Watkins
Joshua and Sara Wollschlager - In Honor of Baby Wollschlager

Awarded grants totaling \$4,400
Big Stone Area Growth to:
Continue the activities of the Ortonville Early Childhood Initiative
Support early childhood activities

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

Three Anonymous
Anonymous - In Honor of Cookies for Kids - A+ Golf Tournament
Anonymous - In Memory of Cal (Ludders) Lindman
Anonymous - In Honor of Class of 1961
Keith and Jane Anderson - In Memory of Corinne Tiegs
CHS Border States Cooperative Climate Control, Inc.
Christopher and Kari Dorry - In Memory of Isabel Kraemer
Heather Eastman
Janice Eifealdt - In Memory of Isabel Kraemer
The Roder Family - In Memory of Barbar F. Roder

Hartman's Super Valu Foods, Inc. - In Honor of Ribfest
Hasslen Construction
OHS Class of 1955 - In Memory of Janet Swenson Schmidt
Paul Treinen and Julie Karels-Treinen
Liz Ketz
Patrick and Elizabeth Ketz - In Memory of Corinne Tiegs
Staff from the Ortonville Public School - In Memory of Maxine Zahrbock
Aaron and Michelle Knutson - In Memory of:
Birdie Scholberg
Dave Dinnel
Aaron and Michelle Knutson
Cliff and Marlys Koeckeritz
Class of 1961 - In Honor of A+ Golf Tournament 2015
Class of 1996 - In Honor of A+ Golf Tournament 2015
Roger and Ann Lundberg - In Memory of:
Duane Gustafson
Pearl Pederson
Harriet DeVaan Kidman
Richard Salmonson
John and Judith Nichols
North Central Repair Services - In Memory of Isabel Kraemer
John and Carrie Ann Olson - In Memory of Corinne Tiegs
Ortonville High School Class of 1984

Ortonville Public School
Fundraising Proceeds - In Honor of Cookies for Kids - Oak Tree Classic
Ortonville Public School
Fundraising Proceeds - In Honor of Cookies for Kids - A+ Golf Tournament

Ortonville Public School
Foundation Fundraising Proceeds - In Honor of Cookies for Kids 2015
Ortonville Public School
Foundation - In Honor of A+ Golf Tournament 2015
Pro Image Partners, Inc.

Robert and Mary Ross
Donald and Wildie Swanson
John and Audrey Tobin - In Memory of Isabel Kraemer

Awarded grants totaling \$24,529
ISD #2903 - Ortonville Public School for the auditorium seating project at the school

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Chippewa County area

CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Montevideo Area Community Foundation that benefits Chippewa County Historical Society.

Chippewa County Historical Society

Awarded grants totaling \$4,554
Chippewa County Historical Society for support for organization activities

CHIPPEWA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOUNDER'S FUND IN HONOR OF JERRY AND DIXIE TILDEN - A related endowment fund of the Montevideo Area Community Foundation, created in honor of Jerry and Dixie Tilden, that benefits the Chippewa County Historical Society.

Chippewa County Historical Society

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 \$5,000
Brookside Senior Living to develop congregate and memory care units at Brookside Manor

In Clara City... CLARA CITY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Clara City area through grantmaking and community projects.

Mike Bristle
Goeman Agency
W.H and B. Goeman
Gary and Debra Nelson
Schwitters Brothers Partnership
Robert and Sharon Schwitters
Southside Lumber Inc.
Jim Thein
Gene and Jacqueline Wenstrom

In Milan... KAREN JENSON ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE MILAN VILLAGE ARTS SCHOOL - A related endowment fund of the Milan Community Foundation that benefits the Milan Village Arts School, Inc.

Awarded grants totaling \$564
Milan Village Arts School support for organization activities

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

Lani Blazer
Michael Burns
Kent and Kim Kanten
Gayle Wenskaug Olson
John Tanquist
Ann Thompson
Karen Zimmerman - In Memory of Susan Burns and Wyatt Currie

Awarded grants totaling \$6,600
City of Milan to:

Purchase a used Cascade System that will give them the ability to fill their own air tanks
Replace the Milan Bicentennial Bell which was dedicated on July 4, 1976
Greater Milan Initiative to replace the floor tiles in the old Milan school building
ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley Community Education for: Transportation and scholarships for summer recreation and enrichment programs in Appleton
Gym rental and a supervisor for Milan youth to play basketball in the Milan school gym on Wednesdays and Saturdays
Milan Arv Hus Society to label and replace the vast array of historic photographs and artifacts from the Milan area
Milan Village Arts School: To support 3 professional musical acts that will perform at Taste of Syttende Mai
Toward the cost of repairs to the outside of the school building and the yard surrounding the school

In Montevideo...



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

Three Anonymous Gifts
American Surplus & Manufacturing, Inc
Anderson - Tebeest Funeral Home
Jeff B. Anderson, O.D.
Paul and Leanne Anderson
Roque and Kristel Arcilla
Gordon and Lois Baker
Bruce Bergeson
Paul Blahosky
Norman and Wilma Bosch
Chippewa County-Montevideo Hospital
Ryan and Kris Christopherson
Co-op Credit Union of Montevideo
Cornerstone Chiropractic Health Partners
D P Machining, Inc.
Dana F Cole & Company LLP
Travis and Kelly DeGrote
John and Lois Dyshaw
Eagles Wings Foundation
Farmers Union Oil Co.
David and Janet Gardner
Gervais Jewelers, Inc.
Arlan Grages
Mark and Elizabeth Hagberg
Neal Hageberg - In Honor of Montevideo Teachers
Hanson & Dahl Funeral Home, Inc.
Lorine Hanson - In Memory of Ed Nystrom
Lorine Hanson
Lowell Hellervik
Daniel Herfurth
Glen and Jackie Herfurth
Weldon and Deanna Hodge
J&D Construction, Inc.
Jetco Industries
Bardolph and Jean Johnson
KleinBank
Steven and Karen Kling
Nicholas and Donna Krueger
Kevin and Dena Kuenzel - In Honor of Nick and Donna Krueger
Lori Larson
Gregory and Kimberly Laun

Juanita Lauritsen
 James and Gaynelle Lee
 David and Karen Lieser
 Krystal Lynne
 Scott and June Lynne
 Mark Rekow and Lynne Mader
 David and Karen Minge
 Minnwest Bank - Montevideo
 Minnwest Investment & Insurance Center
 Dr. Kevin and Jane Myhre
 Janice M. Nelson
 Jane Nerison - In Memory of Curtis and Margaret Nerison
 Peter and Julie Neyhart
 Olsen Plumbing & Heating Inc.
 Vicki Poier - In Memory of Jerry Tilden
 Vicki Poier
 Randi's Stitch & Screen
 Thomas and Gretchen Reeves
 Rekow Management LLC
 Alyssa Ricke
 Carol Rikke
 riteSOFT LLC
 Brian Reinert and Martha Ritter
 Sally Ryan
 Donald and Carol Schutz
 Smith Revocable Trust
 Adam and Anna Spray - In Memory of Anna Warnke
 Anna Spray
 Doug E. Spray

Stermer & Sellner, Chtd Attorneys at Law
 Kevin TeBeest
 Dr. Thomas G. Birkey and Doris Thompson
 Roger and Arlys Tilberg
 Tostenson, Inc.
 Van Binsbergen & Associates
 Devon and Lois Vien
 Helen Vomacka
 Kevin and Colleen Wald
 Robert Wilson
 James and Sonja Zenk

Awarded grants totaling \$5,560

Chippewa County Fair
 Association to support the bathroom remodel project at the fairgrounds that will provide a private and quiet place for mothers to nurse and rest with an infant
 City of Montevideo to build community support for the idea of public art, add at least one new public art piece per year, initially use publically owned sites and spaces for the new public art
 Community Animal Resource, Education & Support to assist area residents in need of assistance with emergency veterinary bills

Kinder Kare to purchase iPads for each classroom for staff and children

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 \$5,512

Chippewa Enterprises, Inc. to assist those with limited communication skills by providing communication and sensory equipment
 Project Turnabout Addiction Recovery Center to purchase outdoor furniture for newly built patient patio areas at the Granite Falls campus

NORMA STEVENS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Montevideo Area Community Foundation created in memory of Norma Stevens to benefit Chippewa County Historical Society.

Chippewa County Historical Society

Awarded grants totaling \$3,831

Chippewa County Historical Society for support for organization activities

OLIVER & 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 \$3,000

ISD #129 - Montevideo to support the Montevideo High School Scholarship Program

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Cottonwood County area

COTTONWOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowed fund that benefits the Cottonwood County Historical Society, located in Windom and serving Cottonwood County.

Patrick and Marcy Costello

Awarded grants totaling \$22,247

Cottonwood County Historical Society, Inc. support for organization activities

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.

Patrick and Marcy Costello

Awarded grants totaling \$18,989

In Windom... BUSINESS, ARTS & RECREATION CENTER (BARC) ENDOWMENT FUND

- An endowment fund that benefits the Business, Arts and Recreation Center in Windom.

Awarded grants totaling \$866

Business, Arts & Recreation Center, Inc for organization activities

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

Awarded grants totaling \$2,000

Brad Behrends Memorial Fund for scholarships for a Mountain Lake High School student attending post-secondary school

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 \$30,000

City of Mountain Lake to remove hazardous boulevard trees and to replant for a healthy urban forest
 ISD #173 - Mountain Lake to resurface the track at the Mountain Lake Public School



MOUNTAIN LAKE AREA FOUNDATION

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

Maynard and Ginger Anderson
 Bryan and Janell Barga
 Gene Bottin
 Nathan and Andrea Brinkman
 David and Joyce Bucklin
 Patrick and Marcy Costello
 Annette Dick
 Kevin Ella
 Lorin and Rebecca Epp
 Philip Harder and Brenda Esau-Harder
 Jerry Haberman
 Brian and Carol Harder
 James and Joan Harder
 Hoek's Agri Servie, Inc
 Michael and Candace James
 Misty Karschnik

Mark and Kris Langland
 Charles and Carol Lehman
 Mark and Sharon Hanson
 Paul and Jody Metcalf
 Mountain Lake Area Foundation
 Fundraising Proceeds
 Wade and Ann Nelson
 Vern and Cheryl Peterson
 DeLyle and Pamela Radtke
 Anne Reese
 Robert Ewert
 Dennis and Tanya Siebert
 Martin and Anita Skow
 Burton and Karin Stoesz
 Bruce Swanson
 Tim and Kaylene Swoboda
 Steve and Kim Syverson
 John and Patricia Weir
 Dr. Alvin Wiens

Awarded grants totaling \$1,965
 Mountain Lake Community
 Food Shelf to:

Purchase materials and
 supplies for the Mountain
 Lake Food Shelf
 Support the purchase of
 materials and supplies for
 the Mountain Lake Food
 Shelf

**MOUNTAIN LAKE AREA
 FOUNDATION FOR
 EDUCATION FUND** - A related
 non-endowed fund of the
 Mountain Lake Area Foundation
 created to benefit the Mountain
 Lake area school systems.

Awarded grants totaling \$2,000
 ISD #173 - Mountain Lake
 to support the costs the
 purchase of LabQuest
 devices for the science lab

**MOUNTAIN LAKE AREA
 HEALTHCARE FUND** - A related
 endowment and non-endowed
 fund of the Mountain Lake Area
 Foundation that was created to
 benefit healthcare services in
 the Mountain Lake area.

Awarded grants totaling \$4,276
 City of Mountain Lake to:
 Purchase materials and
 supplies for the Mountain
 Lake Bike Project
 Support the bike rodeo and
 to purchase bike helmets,
 ID stickers and supplies
 Good Samaritan Society to
 support the Good Sam Color
 Jam event to raise funds to
 purchase a rickshaw bicycle
 for the residents

ISD #173 - Mountain Lake to
 support the Mountain Lake
 School pool project

**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 \$399
 ISD #173 - Mountain Lake for:
 Mountain Lake ECI projects
 and supplies
 Support of ECI projects and
 supplies

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Jackson County area

In Heron Lake and Okabena...



**HERON LAKE-OKABENA
 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

HERON LAKE-OKABENA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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

One Anonymous Gift
 A.E. Schumacher Nursery, Inc.
 Raymond Navara and Cheryl
 Avenel-Navara
 Amy R. Bang
 Paul and Amy Bang
 Jackie Baumgard
 Patrick and Marcy Costello - In
 Honor of Southwest Initiative
 Foundation Award Recipient
 Patrick Costello
 George and Collette Diemer - In
 Memory of:
 Evelyn Behr
 Betty Norton
 Evelyn Jay
 Joan Freking Barker
 Eunice McClune
 Dale Shumway
 Marilyn J. Burns
 Myra Youngma Stewart

Raymond J. Diemer
 Richard "Dick" Lesch
 Kathy Bauermeister
 Leonard F. Liepold
 Donald Pelzel
 Richard "Dick" Burns
 Scott L. Kelly
 Bill Lohse
 George and Collette Diemer
 Extended Ag Insurance Services,
 Inc.
 First State Bank of Okabena
 Karl and Bonnie Frederickson
 - In Memory of Leonard
 Liepold
 Jason and Tracy Freking - In
 Memory of:
 Marilyn Burns
 Eunice McClune
 Pete Bartelt and Ann Kuehl's
 Wedding
 Richard "Dick" Lesch
 Robert "Bob" Kirsch
 Leonard Liepold
 William "Bill" Lohse
 Richard "Dick" Burns
 Laurene Henkels
 Evelyn Wendorff Lambert
 Kathy Bauermeister
 H&F Precision Drainage, LLC
 Karla Harcey
 Louise Hecker - In Memory of
 Norm Hecker
 Margaret Henkels

Heron Lake-Okabena
 Community Foundation
 Fundraising Proceeds
 HL Young Mens Club
 Sandra Horn - In Memory of:
 Leon Flesner
 Robert Horn
 Madalyn Lasnetske
 Eileen Jorde
 April Hussong
 ISD #330 - Heron Lake-Okabena
 - In Memory of:
 Eunice McClune
 Marilyn Burns
 Kathy Bauermeister
 Doug and Cindy Iverson
 Eric and Mikka Liepold
 - In Memory of Kathy
 Bauermeister
 Marsden Bldg Maintenance, LLC
 Gary and Marless Milbrath - In
 Memory of Richard "Dick"
 Lesch
 The Family of Myra Stewart - In
 Memory of Myra Stewart
 T.O.G.A. Birthday Club - In
 Memory of Myra Stewart
 Minnesota Soybean Processors
 Okabena Insurance Agency, LLP
 Osterberg Funeral Homes, Inc.
 Ed and Bardene Peter - In
 Memory of:
 Myra Stewart
 Marilyn Burns
 Kathy Baurmeister

Richard "Dick" Burns
 Paul and Barbara Pohlman - In
 Memory of Eunice McClune
 Eva Rostomily - In Memory of:
 Richard "Dick" Lesch
 Clara Henkels
 Marilyn Burns
 John Galle Sr.
 Ray Diemer
 Jim Schneider
 James and Patti Schneider
 Schumacher's Nursery and
 Berry Farm, Inc.
 Security State Bank
 Staples Enterprises, Inc.
 T.D. Schumacher Nursery, Inc.
 Bill Bangsness
 John and Juliann Volk - In
 Memory of Evelyn Wendorff
 Lambert
 Robert and Colleen Weimer
 Ruth Ellen Wunderlich

**Awarded grants totaling
 \$20,821**
 City of Okabena to:
 Replace chairs
 Support the replacement of
 Welcome Banners for the
 city of Okabena
 Heron Lake American Legion
 Post 224 to support creating a
 Veterans Memorial Book from
 the names on the granite stones
 in the Veterans Memorial

Heron Lake Library to support new shelving in the YA/Juvenile room at the library
 ISD #330 - Southwest Star Concept Schools for:
 Stage renovation project at the school
 Replacement of woodworking equipment
 ISD #330 - Southwest Star Elementary School to support:
 Commercial washing machine
 Installation of an indoor batting cage
 Sixth grade overnight trip to Camp Foster
 Lutheran Social Service to provide hot, home-delivered meals to elderly individuals in Heron Lake and Okabena
 Okabena Legion Post #608 to support baseball team uniforms

In Jackson...

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

Two Anonymous Gifts
 Carol Achterkirch
 Dean and Cindy Albrecht
 Lynne Anderson
 Todd and Tracy Asa
 Lucy Becker
 Art and Sharon Benda
 Dorothy Benda
 Wanda Benda
 Cynthia Boersma
 Jennifer Bromeland
 Margie Bye
 Vivian Calvillo
 Hans and Carol Carlson
 Tricia Christopher
 Nancy Cook
 Patrick and Marcy Costello
 David and Anne DeJong
 Dorothy Doppenberg
 Tammy Doppenberg
 EDF Renewable Services, Inc.
 Gary and Marcia Elsbecker
 Tamera Erickson
 Jo Ann Flatgard
 James and Mary Fricke
 Friends of the Jackson County Library Fundraising Proceeds
 Christopher and Megan Gallaway
 Richard and Nancy Garvin
 Michael and Mary Giese
 Stephanie Gordon

Paul and Julie Graupmann
 Beth Graves
 Shelly Gustin
 Cec and Curtis Handevidt
 Steve and Andi Hare
 Sharon Henning
 Jackson Co VFW Auxiliary Post #900
 Jackson Veterinary Clinic
 Ruth Jacobson
 Journeys of Healing, Inc.
 Anita Kindseth
 Harold and Marilyn Knutson
 Richard Koch
 Gene and Mary Krull - In Memory of Kathy Kuehl
 Karla Kuipers
 Karla Kuipers - In Memory of:
 Darrel Hage
 George Worshek
 Sandra Barber
 Jack Martens
 Christine Lang
 Donna Lappe
 Jerome and Janice Lepinski
 Emily Libra
 Ashly Linscheid
 John and Pamela Martens
 Nancy Maschler
 Paul and Tamara Meium
 Shirley Miller
 Mary K. Muir
 Kevin and Pamela Nelson
 Brad and Holly Nestegard
 Roberta Nickel
 Joyce Nordquist
 Mark Oeltjenbruns
 Daryl and Ann Marie Olson
 Donna Olson
 Jessica Oye
 Marge Pike
 Nelda Pohlman
 David and Nancy Pribyl
 Barbara Pritchard
 Ralph Manwarren Charitable Trust
 Rose Riley
 Rose Ann Rolph
 Martin and Harlene Rose
 Linda Rowland
 Daniel and Janeen Ruby
 Carol Sandve
 Chadd Scardino
 John and Carol Schultz
 Renee Scriver and Beverly Scriver
 Darlene Sebby
 Stan and Bonnie Shearer
 Donita Soucek
 Donita Soucek - In Honor of:
 Anita Whisney
 Jackson County Library Staff
 The 25th Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act
 Pat Costello

Donita Soucek - In Memory of:
 Florence Neitzel
 Roger Pell
 Betty Kocak
 Jack Martens
 Kay Steffen
 Mark and Kay Steffen
 Thomas and Donna Stoner
 Laura Stubbe
 Kathryn Tewes
 Thrivent Choice
 Thrivent Choice - On Behalf of:
 Holly Nestegard
 Sharon Benda
 David DeJong
 Karla Kuipers
 Robert and Arlene Vee
 Mary Voda and Lily Neylon
 Margaret Wieskus
 Joyce Williams
 Angie Ziemer
 Dorothy Zimmerli
 Nathan and Marie Zimmerman

Awarded grants totaling \$16,011

Jackson County Public Library to purchase furniture for the addition and renovation project at the library
 Plum Creek Library System to purchase Ebooks for the Jackson County Library



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

Four Anonymous Gifts
 Carol Achterkirch
 Esther Anderson
 Todd and Tracy Asa
 Jean Bargfrede
 Patrick and Marcy Costello
 Steve Dekok
 Dolores Dopp
 Dorothy Doppenberg
 Kerry Ella
 Farmers & Merchants State Bank
 Dennis Hample
 Jackson Federal Savings & Loan Association
 Dan & Deb Isaacson - In Memory of Marilyn Jandera-Larson
 Jim and Sue Keul
 Richard Koch
 Livewire Printing Company, Inc.
 Paul and Tamara Meium

Rosanne Owens
 Thomas and Rosanne Narvesen
 Carol Neal
 Alvern Nelson
 Dick and Kathy Nyborg
 Daryl and Ann Marie Olson
 Richard and Kathy Peterson - In Memory of:
 Albin Krejci
 Lori Kielty
 William (Bill) Kremmin
 Loretta Hertle
 Richard and Kathy Peterson
 Brian Resch
 Dr. Paul Roggow, DDS
 Daniel and Janeen Ruby
 Carol Sandve
 Rocky and Carolyn Sieler
 Donita Soucek
 Mark and Linda Titus
 Rodney and Sylvia Von Ohlen
 Zimmerli Family Trust

Awarded grants totaling \$4,867

Assembly of God Church to purchase food to put in the F.A.S.T. Jackson Food Shelf
 Christmas Baskets
 City of Jackson to:
 Help the Chamber of Commerce cover the cost of renting inflatables for the carnival at Town and County Days
 Purchase one Expression Swing to be installed at Dumont Park
 Purchase Memorial Park story boards
 Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services to purchase diapers for an early intervention program for families and young children
 Jackson Center for the Arts, Inc. to support art classes for children and adults, gallery space for exhibits and shows by local artists and space for small programs and concerts
 Jackson County Food 4 Kids, Inc. to purchase food to be distributed to students enrolled in the Back Pack Program
 Jackson County Public Library to purchase a ceiling mounted interactive projector for the Jackson Library meeting room
 Rhythm of the River for children's bands and an interactive drum workshop for all ages during the festival

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.

Two Anonymous Gifts
Lynne Anderson - In Memory of:
Mark Olson
E. Schentzel
Shirley Anderson
Laura Bidne
Susan Buresch
Tricia Christopher
Patrick and Marcy Costello
David and Anne DeJong
David and Anne DeJong - In Memory of:
Elaine Schentzel
Betty Kocek
Karla Ebert
Tamie Egge
Lowell Flatgard
Shawn and Melissa Foster

Dorothy Fricke
John C. Williams and Joy Griffin - In Memory of Evelyn Williams
Craig and Paula Hakes - In Memory of Carroll Winterfeld
Larry and Janice Hansen - In Memory of Sandra Barber
I+S Group, Inc.
Tracy Johnson
Jim and Sue Keul
Jim and Sue Keul - In Memory of:
Evelyn Williams
Darcy Lopic
Michael P. Kuntz - In Memory of:
Mary Kuntz
Michelle Kuntz
Lakefield Savings Bank
David and Suzanne Lovell
Shawna Marquardt - In Memory of Darcey Lopic Heren
Tamara Meium
Todd Meyer
Christopher Naumann
Daryl and Ann Marie Olson

Rebecca L. Parker - In Memory of Darcey Lopic Heren
Paul and Deb Rentschler
Brian Resch
Dr. Paul Roggow
Kerri Rose
Nic and Tara Rowe
Carol Sandve
Rhonda Schmidt
Jo Ann P. Thrush Living Trust
Mark and Linda Titus
Dan Winterfeld

Awarded grants totaling \$9,250

ISD #2895 Jackson County Central to purchase an iPad cart and iPads for Riverside Elementary
ISD #2895 - Jackson County Central to issue a scholarship award to Marcus Hinkeldey

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

Noel and Frances Behne
Audrey Teigen

Awarded grants totaling \$15,000

Jackson Community Foundation to provide scholarships to graduating seniors of 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

The Barn Theatre to support the Barn Theatre Capital Campaign

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

Awarded grants totaling \$800

ISD #347 - Willmar to pay for Stinger's tickets and to purchase additional Curious George books

WILLMAR MUSIC MATTERS FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits music programs at Willmar Public Schools. This fund is now closed. Donations should be directed to the Willmar Area Community Foundation.

Two Anonymous Gifts
Affiliated Community Medical Center
Douglas Allen
Anthony and Mary Amon
Robert and Linda Anderson
Arnold's of Willmar, Inc
Cathy Horning
Dale and Cathy Bays
Dale and Shannon Becker
Kenneth and Alix Behm
John and Jill Benson
Katherine Sue Bishop - In Memory of Vic Olson, Former WHS Band Director
Mark and Beth Bloomquist
Gordon and Lois Bos
Leon and Pauline Carlson
Richard and Laura Carlson
David Moody and Mary Catherwood
John and Anne Christianson
Donald and Janet Cole
Cosmopolitan Study Club
David and Dee Anna Dorsey

Chris and Lara Duinick
Mark and Sharon Eckhart
James and Amy Ellingson
Jacqueline Erickson - In Memory of Greg D. Erickson
Timothy and Jessica Erickson
Peter and Andrea Etterman
Judy Foley
Gary and Nancy Geiger
Todd and Jean Geselius
John and Karin Gilbertson - In Memory of Robert Brau
Walter and Raeanna Gislason
John and Betty Gorans
Jon and Darcy Gubrud - In Honor of:
Travis Michelson
Michelle Suter
Lois Gulbrandsen - In Memory of Bill Gulbrandsen
John and Nancy Hafner
John and Nancy Hafner - In Memory of Robert Brau
Bob and Dona Haines
LaDonna Hallberg-Sook
Eric and Michele Haugen - In Memory of:
Gilbert Haugen
Mrs Suter's Grandmother
Dennis Schaeffbauer and Ann Hendershott
Michael and Mary Ann Hodapp
Holmgren Appraisals, LLC
Mary Hovland

Darlene Hulstrand-Schroeder
Jennie-O Turkey Store
Scott and Dianne Johnson
Thomas and Lynn Johnson
Mark and Beth Johnston
Amy Juel-Palmer
Earl and Elizabeth Knutson - In Memory of Robert Brau
Ron Adkins and Ramona Lackore - In Memory of Len and Betts Lackore
Dr. Dale and Judi Lauer
Dr. Thomas and Cindy Linden
Edward and Carmen Linden
Robert Dols and Patricia Loehr-Dols
Lyle and Melissa Mangen
Bryan Mara Family
Dorothy Timm Meili - In Honor of Music Learning
Suzanne Nelsen - In Memory of Robert Brau
Harvey and Marie Nelson
Dave and Chris Newcomer
Bruce Melchert and Catherine Nilles
Northern Factory Sales, Inc.
Beatrice F. Ourada
William Smith and Lori Park-Smith
Verna Patrick
Pennock Lions Club
Peterson Brothers Funeral Home

Ruth Polta
 Kevin and Jean Raatz
 Larry and Cindy Rice
 De Alton and Donna Rime
 Shirley Ringness - In Memory of
 Judy Peterson
 Dr. Robert and Dolores
 Rosenbrook
 Thomas and Pamela Rozendaal
 Sand Electric, Inc
 Jerome and Elaine Schliep
 Cheryl and Brad Schmidt
 Peter and Kari Stadem

Jeffrey and LeAnn Stauffenecker
 Roger and Kay Strand
 Tim and Barbara Swanson
 Scott and K. Thaden
 James and Marilyn Tiede - In
 Memory of Robert Brau
 Paul and Lauri Tinklenberg
 Robert and Karla Tinklenberg
 Enrique and Janice Vazquez
 Grant and Gabrielle Olson
 Violin Studio - Barb Swanson -
 In Honor of Willmar School
 District Music Teachers

Marlys Walter
 Lee Rosium and Carol Welker
 Irene Whitmyre - In Honor of
 WHS Teachers
 Whitney Music
 Marty and Judy Wieland
 Willmar Music Matters
 Fundraising Proceeds
 Wayne and Marilyn Zarnott - In
 Memory of Karen Ostermann
 Frank and Suzanne Ziebarth

Awarded grants totaling

\$35,497

ISD #347 - Willmar for purchases
 that benefit the music
 program at Willmar Schools
 Willmar Area Community
 Foundation to transfer the
 fund from SWIF to Willmar
 Area Community Foundation
 Willmar Public Schools
 Foundation to support the
 Willmar Music Matters Fund

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

Awarded grants totaling \$653

Lac qui Parle County Historical
 Society support for
 organization activities

In Dawson...

RUSSELL & BETTY DAHL MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT 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.*

Jill Christie
 Larry and LuAnn Dahl - In
 Memory of:
 Ronnie Erickson
 Scott Munsell
 Carleen Helgeson
 Sidney and Adeus Schaefer
 Carter and Eliza Dahl
 Alitric
 Bethel Anderson
 Tom, Susan and John Dahl - In
 Honor of Ann Dahl's High
 School Graduation
 Dan and Luanne Fondell - In
 Memory of:
 Tim Larson
 Loraine Larson

Awarded grants totaling \$930

ISD #378 Dawson/Boyd to
 purchase an acoustical shell
 for the school music program

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

Anonymous - In Memory of
 Barbara Lundquist
 J. Dennis and Ruby Anderson -
 In Memory of Dennis Olson
 Marvel A. Anderson - In Memory
 of Bruce Twite
 Martin and Carol Bergeland
 Cheryl Bergeson
 Karen Bergeson - In Memory of
 Ron Erickson
 Jeff and Sandra Boss
 Dale and Deborah Breberg - In
 Memory of Barbara Lindquist
 Richard Budzynski - In Memory
 of Leona Taylor Budzynski
 Dawson Designated Charities
 John and Effie Deno
 Josh and Karin Falness
 Doryce Farmen
 Dennis Femrite
 Dan Fondell
 Dan and Luanne Fondell - In
 Memory of Ron Erickson
 Beth Givens - In Memory of Joe
 and Mary Givens
 David and Inger Dau Goodroad
 Bruce Arvold and Julie
 Gruenenwald Arvold
 Jim and Lois Ann Helgeson
 - In Memory of Gracelyn
 Helgeson
 Clayton and Karen Houff - In
 Memory of Dennis Olson
 Jeff and Carla Johnson

Vernon and Jan Jordahl - In
 Memory of Ronnie Erickson
 Thomas and Cheryl Kloss - In
 Memory of Gordy Nelson
 Doug and Gail Larson
 Jon and DeAnn Lund
 Dr. Phil Maus - In Memory of
 Jean Maus
 Patricia Michaelson Trust
 Dave and Peggy Pederson
 Ron and Mary Nelson
 Paul and Andrea Olson
 Kenwood and Diane Peet - In
 Memory of Ronnie Erickson
 Gordy and Norma Powers
 Glen and Dorothy Rakow
 George and Sharon Schneider
 Vern and Laurel Silvernale
 Doc and Sharon Skordahl - In
 Memory of Dennis Olson
 Stanton and Sandy Smaagaard
 Noel and Lois Stratmoen
 Joan Strom - In Memory of John
 and Mary Solie
 Roger and Arlys Swenson
 Virgil Thompson
 Musarrat and Ayaz Virji

Awarded grants totaling \$9,662

ISD #378 Dawson-Boyd for:
 2015 Essay Contest Award
 2016 Essay Contest award
 Supporting the purchase
 of a trap thrower for the
 Dawson-Boyd High School
 league
 Veterans of Foreign Wars to
 renovate the VFW Post Event
 Center
 West Central Minnesota
 Educational Television Co. to
 support a webcast on poetry
 and the creative and spiritual
 life of southwest Minnesota's
 prairie

DAWSON RSG (RUZICH, SEELING AND GUSTAFSON) SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND - A related 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.*

Karen Benjamin-Beck - In Honor
 of Dot Seeling
 Capt. Lee and Sandra Crane
 - In Memory of Charles
 Gustafson, Steve Ruzich and
 Ken Seeling
 Ann, Beth and Claire Givens - In
 Memory of Dorothy (Dot)
 Seeling
 Paul and Pam Helgeson - In
 Memory of:
 Bethel Bergeson Anderson
 Dennis Olson
 Judy Hogan - In Memory of Dot
 Seeling
 Alvin Kvaal
 Ann and David Lewis - In
 Memory of Dot Seeling
 Medtronic - On Behalf of Judy
 Hogan
 Medtronic - In Memory of
 Dorothy Seeling
 Dale Melom - In Memory of
 Dorothy Seeling
 Patricia Michaelson Trust - In
 Memory of Dot Seeling
 Laurel Seeling - In Honor of
 Roger Seeling
 Wayne and Susan Shelton - In
 Memory of Dot Seeling
 Roderick K. Steenson - In
 Memory of Gale Steenson
 Jerome Thompson - In Memory
 of Ervin J. Thompson

Doyle and Elizabeth Zellar

Awarded grants totaling \$1,000

ISD #378 Dawson-Boyd toward two scholarship winners at Dawson-Boyd School

DR. PHILIP W. MAUS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND OF JOHNSON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

- A related endowment fund of the Dawson Community Foundation that provides scholarship support to graduates of Dawson-Boyd High School in honor of Dr. Phillip W. Maus.

Blanche and Lester Boraas - In Memory of John Strand
Dr. Philip Maus - In Memory of Jean Maus
Jerome Thompson - In Memory of Ervin and Genora Thompson

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

Virgil and Arlys Amundson - In Memory of Belle Fulton
Dennis Anderson - In Memory of Altrice Neraason
J. Dennis and Ruby Anderson - In Memory of: Ronnie Erickson
Bethyl Anderson
Allen Moe
Belle Fulton
Jim and Maren Bakken - In Memory of: Allen Moe
Joe Givens
Lowell and Mary Berglund - In Memory of: Belle Fulton
Ronnie Erickson
Michael and Josephine Bjerke
Steven and Lisa Bothun - In Memory of Ronnie Erickson
John and Effie Deno - In Memory of: Vickie Swenson
Kathy Johnson
Barbara Lundquist
Ronnie Erickson
Marcus and Janet Fenske - In Memory of Vicki Swenson

Dan and Luanne Fondell - In Memory of: Vickie Swenson
Nora Olafson
Pastor George and Lou Ellen Gilbertson - In Memory of Baraba Lundquist
Milton and Virginia Goplen - In Memory of: Dennis Olson
Belle Fulton
Peggy Quenemoen
Timothy and Brenda Halvorson - In Memory of Ronnie Erickson
Ronald Helgeson - In Memory of: Altrice Neraason
Dennis Olson
Bethel Anderson
Ronnie Erickson
Peggy Quenemoen
Johnson Memorial Auxiliary - In Memory of Belle Fulton
Carla S. Johnson - In Memory of: Alice Schueller
Bethel Anderson
Ron Erickson
Dennis Olson
Curtis and Sharon Johnsrud - In Memory of Barbara Lundquist
Gordon and Mary Jane Lee - In Memory of Bruce Twite
James and Phyllis Lundquist - In Memory of Barbara Lundquist
Kurt and Eloise Ronning - In Memory of Barbara Lundquist
Daniel and Stacey Lee - In Memory of Barbara Lundquist
Arbie and Bonnie Lee - In Memory of Barbara Lundquist
Susan Hildebrand - In Memory of Barbara Lundquist
Thomas and Tamalyn Lundquist - In Memory of Barbara Lundquist
James E. and Karen Mamer - In Memory of Clarence Gowin, Vickie Swenson and Florence Weber
Dr. Phil Maus - In Memory of: Ronnie Erickson
Belle Fulton
Patricia Michaelson
Danny and Kimberly Miller - In Memory of: Vickie Swenson
Bev Statmoen
Donn and Susan Mork - In Memory of: Royal Heinrich
Karen Mamer
Belle Fulton
Beth Odden
Dennis Olson
Ronald Overlander
Ron Erickson
Bethel Anderson

Paul and Andrea Olson - In Memory of Gene Olson
Sam and Mary Olson - In Memory of: Vickie Swenson
Belle Fulton
Richard and Mary Ann Pebler - In Memory of Baraba Lundquist
Kenwood and Diane Peet - In Memory of Bethel Anderson
Gordon and Norma Powers - In Memory of: Altrice Neraason
Belle Fulton
Bethel Anderson
Royal Credit Union - In Memory of Barbara Lundquist
Doc and Sharon Skordahl - In Memory of: Belle Fulton
Peggy Quenemoen
Jerome Thompson - In Memory of Genora Thompson
Julayne and Gary Turnberg - In Memory of Belle Fulton
Florence Werner - In Memory of: Vickie Swenson
Bethel Anderson
Michael and Beth Westby - In Memory of Bruce Twite
Terry and Beverly Westfield - In Memory of Dot Seeling

Awarded grants totaling \$11,244

Johnson Memorial Foundation support for organization activities

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 \$13,813

Boyd Senior Citizens Club to purchase additional lights and outlets in the game room of the Boyd Senior Citizens Club
Dawson-Boyd Arts Association to support two performances for children in grades Preschool through Junior High
Dawson Senior Citizens to replace the awning on the front of the Senior Citizen building
Grace Lutheran Church to: Help build stairs down to the football field
Support the purchase of an additional tent for Boy Scout summer camp

Support the purchase of additional supplies for the Girls Scout camping experience
Support Troop 30207 as they construct safety steps down to the football field
ISD #378 Dawson-Boyd to support the startup of a robotics program at the Dawson-Boyd High School
Lac qui Parle County Historical Society to photograph each doll in the Ethel Melum doll collection
Veterans of Foreign Wars to renovate the VFW Post Event Center

In Madison...

BERNICE HALVORSON 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.

The Bernice Halvorson Scholarship Fund of InFaith Community Foundation

Awarded grants totaling \$10,700

City of Madison for renovations of the Madison swimming pool
Southwest Minnesota State University scholarship support to students pursuing a degree in the field of education
University of Wisconsin - Madison scholarship support to a student pursuing a degree in the field of education



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

One Anonymous Gift
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Todd Pushing
Roger and Joanne Abramowski
Joan Akkerman - In Memory of Todd Pushing
Cynthia Albrecht
William Hiepler and Helen Alta

David and Vicky Amundson
 Harlow Anderson
 LeRoy Anderson
 Gary and Jane Boraas
 Brian and Tamara Bremseth
 Cargill Incorporated
 City of Madison
 Robert and Dorothy Connolly -
 In Memory of Todd Pushing
 James and Denise Connor
 Dallas and Michelle Croatt
 Forrest and Anna Mae
 Dessonville
 Diane Estum - In Memory of
 Rich Estum
 Brian and Erica Fernholz - In
 Memory of Charlie Wright
 Sally Fernholz - In Memory of
 David and Priscilla Washburg
 Thomas and Ann Fernholz - In
 Memory of Rodney Borstad
 Frenchman Cove Townhomes
 Association, Inc - In Memory
 of Todd Pushing
 Steve and Lisa Haas
 Brant and Julie Hacker
 Gustav and Barbara Halvorson
 Myron and Sylvia Halvorson
 Charles Hauck Jr.
 Gary Hauck
 Gary Hauck - In Memory of:
 Harold Hodge
 Walter Bornhorst
 Phyllis J. Hauck
 David H. Hofstad
 Britt Hogan - In Memory of
 Leonard and Georgia Finstad

Penelope Hunt - In Memory of
 Todd Pushing
 Cynthia Huse
 KleinBank
 Lac qui Parle Broadcasting Co.,
 Inc.
 Carly Larsen
 Lund Implement Co.
 Madison American Legion
 Baseball
 Madison Bottling Company
 Madison Chiropractic Center
 Madison Kiwanis
 Madison Study Club
 Brian and Karin Moen
 Brady and Janet Mork - In
 Memory of Arnold and Norine
 Blaesing
 Nate and Linda Jackson - In
 Memory of
 Edward Jackson
 Ella Jackson
 Howard Moen
 Muriel Moen
 Allen Skallerud,
 Stanley and Cheryl Nelson
 Roger and Sylvia Oie - In
 Memory of Elmer and Olga
 Oie
 Lester Olson Family - In Memory
 of Lester Olson
 Stanley Olson
 Curtis Pearson
 Benjamin and Jennifer Peter
 Roger and Janet Swenson - In
 Memory of Todd Pushing

Richard and Wanda Oftedahl - In
 Memory of Todd Pushing
 Roger and Joan Refling - In
 Memory of Todd Pushing
 Glenn and Delores Rheingans
 Roger and Mary Lou Sandquist
 Bruce and Elizabeth Schliep
 Estate of Margaret Schmeling
 John Siebenand
 Alvin Wieme and Cathy Skoien
 Wieme - In Honor of Sam and
 Carol Skoien
 John Strand
 Swenson, Nelson & Stulz, PLLC
 Tofte Auto and Sales
 John and Virginia Tollefson - In
 Memory of Lucille Michaelson
 and Charlie Wright
 Warren and Rebecca Trygestad
 United Prairie Bank
 VFW Post #1656 Lac qui Parle
 County
 Gary Hauck and Vicki Vick - In
 Memory of Carol Vick
 Gary Hauck and Vicki Vick
 John R. Wallman
 Thomas Hunt and John
 Wheelihan - In Memory of
 Todd Pushing
 Larry and Diane Wildung

City of Madison to:
 Help with renovations of the
 Madison swimming pool
 Install new playground
 equipment at the softball
 field park in Madison
 Purchase a defibrillator
 that would be available
 at the Prairie Five Senior
 Nutrition meal site
 ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle
 Valley for the Child Guide
 program that provides
 assistance for at-risk youth
 in the elementary schools in
 Madison and Appleton and
 the middle school at Lac qui
 Parle Valley

**MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY
 FOUNDATION FUND** - A related
 endowment and non-endowed
 fund of the Madison Community
 Foundation that benefits the
 Madison Public Library.

**Awarded grants totaling
 \$5,4900**
 City of Madison Public Library
 to support organization
 activities

**Awarded grants totaling
 \$26,036**
 American Lutheran Church
 Madison Lutheran Home to
 purchase an AED for Hilltop
 Residence, Inc.

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Lincoln County area

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

Karen Miller - In Memory of
 Robert Mack Sr.

In Lake Benton...



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

David Blegen - In Honor of Jean
 Carr
 Bill and Teresa Bunkers -
 In Memory of Audrey
 Christensen
 Mary Carmody
 Joyce Dass - In Memory of
 Audrey Christensen
 Randy and Pam Derheim - In
 Memory of Doug Derheim
 Cilla Hughes - In Memory of
 Teresa Johnson
 Dale and Cheryl Johnson - In
 Memory of:
 Teresa Johnson
 Nathan Johnson
 Nancy J Johnson - In Memory of
 Steve Johnson
 Bryan and Janet Kuhn - In
 Memory of:
 Teresa Johnson
 Donald Prosch
 Jerry Fehl

Lake Benton Area Foundation
 Fundraising Proceeds
 Lake Benton Area Foundation -
 In Memory of Darrell Larsen
 Lake Benton Historical
 Foundation Fundraising
 Proceeds
 Lake Benton Historical
 Foundation - In Memory of:
 Brian Amundson
 Vivian Paulson
 Jerry Fehl
 Lake Benton Historical
 Foundation
 James and Pamela Veire - In
 Memory of:
 Teresa Johnson
 Donald Prosch

Awarded grants totaling \$5,000
 City of Lake Benton for:
 Programs that are of interest
 to the community

Weed control at the Lake
 Benton Memorial Hill
 Cemetery
 ISD #404 - Lake Benton for:
 Weekly educational summer
 rec program for Lake
 Benton area youth
 New projector screen at the
 school
 After school program for
 families, providing a safe
 and positive environment
 for homework, structured
 play and a craft
 Lincoln County Parks
 Department to repair the
 historic log cabin at the
 county park

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND

- An endowed and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Lincoln Elementary School District #403.

One Anonymous Gift
 Frank and Jeanne Bednarek
 Doug and Kathy Bradley
 Steve and Diane Citterman
 Chris and Amy Clarke
 B.D. Dombek
 Evelyn Panka
 Gene and Alice Faulds - In Memory of:
 Frank Dombek
 Viola Tholen
 Don Bartz
 John Frensko
 John Gilson
 Jeanette Hauschild
 Dennis and Diane Healy
 Marie Henriksen
 Marjorie Jenkins
 John and Stephanie Kaczrowski
 Reed and Nancy Kaping - In Honor of Mrs. Panka - 6th Grade
 Knights of Knowledge Study Club
 Kelly and Nancy Krog
 Beverly J. Kucera
 Lincoln HI Ivanhoe School Fund Fundraising Proceeds
 Allan Lundberg
 Dr. Richard D. Mulder M.D. and Ruth Mulder
 Myron Jerzak
 Bruce Nielsen
 Dale and Karen Richmond
 Merle and Sherry Rost
 Al and Colleen Sheik
 Robert Seefeldt
 Dwayne and Rita Strand

Henry and Ruth Torres, Class of 1954
 Jeff Veire
 Harriet Weeks
 Harriet Weeks - In Memory of Viola Tholen
 WELCA - Bethany Lutheran Church

Awarded grants totaling \$4,625
 ISD #403 - Ivanhoe Public School to support 1XL Learning Site and Lego Education Robotics

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 \$5000
 Lyon-Lincoln Electric Trust to support and promote golf for Tyler area youth

In Tyler...

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

Affiliated Community Medical Centers - Marshall

Apollo Water Systems, Inc.
 Curt and Deb Baartman
 Bart's Bar
 Donald Beck - In Honor of Wayne Beck
 Daniel and Linda Bettin
 John and Margaret Bornhoft
 Mr and Mrs. F. Bouman Jr.
 Bremer Bank, N.A.
 Buffalo Ridge Concrete, Inc.
 Buffalo Ridge Locker, Inc.
 Christensen Broadcasting
 Christianson Crop Insurance - Terry and Shawna Christianson
 Christianson Farm Machinery, Inc.
 CHS
 D&M Masonry LLC
 Joyce Dass - In Memory of:
 Bev Johnson
 B. Waddle
 Eleanor (Elly) Schwanebeck
 Denny's Repair - D&J Auto Parts
 Efficient Electric LLC
 Mark and Sandy Enemark
 First Independent Bank
 Jason and Danielle Gylling
 Justin Gylling
 Hope Mutual Insurance Company
 Hydraulic World, Inc.
 Chad and Sandra Jensen
 Jerry Minett
 John R. Utoft, D.D.S.
 Jorgensen Financial Services
 Kidman Dairy LLC
 Rodney and Sharon Kolle - In Memory of Eleanor (Elly) Schwanebeck
 Gene and Sandra Lindahl
 Darla Madsen
 Gary Manson
 William Mullin and Patricia McGill - In Memory of Ellie Schwanebeck

Minett Well Repair Inc.
 Joel Minett
 Tim O'Leary
 Patrick and Brenda O'Toole
 Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Pipestone, Minnesota, Inc.
 Stu Peterson
 Gordon and Virginia Rasmussen
 Luann Reber
 Robert E. Rupp Construction LLC
 Chuck and Sandy Rupp
 Richard and June Imhoff
 Schuneman Equipment Co.
 Southwest Insurance Service
 Southwestern Minnesota Dairy Association
 Betty Ann Stensgaard
 Ardith Sween - In Memory of Larry Hansen
 Tyler Body Shop, LLC
 Tyler Fire Department Relief Association
 Tyler Locker
 Tyler Oil Co.
 Woodstock Telephone Co

Awarded grants totaling \$20,434

ISD #2902 - Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Public Schools to: Cover the cost of the city building permit and water usage to get the new grass growing on the field
 Support the RTR Baseball Field project
 Tile, level and seed the RTR Baseball Field

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 Auto Salvage
 Ron and Jo Ann Borchert
 Jeff and Carol Chandler
 Marvin and Charlene Chandler - In Memory of Mildred Miller
 Chester Johnson Charitable Trust
 John and Bonita Dreckman
 Greg and Julie Erickson
 First Independent Bank of Balaton
 Robert and Linette Fricke
 Robert and Lou Galbraith

Craig and Ann Gifford - In Memory of:
 Murlaine Henkel
 Raymond Nelson
 Tabor and Denise Hoek
 Lora Johnson
 David and Gayle Kaup - In Memory of:
 George Larson
 Murlaine Henkel
 Glenn Larson
 Bruce Larson - In Memory of:
 Glenn Larson
 Raymond Nelson

Bruce and Sara Larson - In Memory of Murlaine Henkel
 Bruce and Sara Larson
 Glenn and Karen Larson
 Lee's Janitorial Service/Wee's Furnace Air Duct Cleaning
 Orlin and Carolyn Lustfield
 Harris and Edna Miller
 Mary Ann Rolloff
 Aaron and Carissa Rutz
 Del and Pat Rutz - In Memory of Murlaine Henkel
 Steven and Karie Rutz
 Ron and Connie Schwartau

Larry Sloan
 Dennis and Donna Swan
 Francis and Mary Timmerman - In Memory of:
 Murlaine Henkel
 Glenn Larson
 Homer Malmquist
 James Rolan
 MaryKay Timmermann
 Shirley Wendland
 Shirley Wendland - In Memory of
 Janice Christans
 Willis and Joan Wendland - In Memory of:
 Murlaine Henkel
 June Herbert
 Lyle Wichmann
 Theresa M. Zaske and Penni L. Spaid

Awarded grants totaling \$6,465

Balaton Area Historical Society toward the project of moving the Burchard Country School in Tyler to the Historical Society's property in Balaton
 City of Balaton for:
 Concrete pad under movable bleachers next to the new basketball court in Lions Park
 Maintenance of the public restrooms at Lakeside Park to improve cleanliness
 New LED lights on existing poles, straightening the poles as needed, and installing a photo eye for light control
 Two-year subscription of the Marshall Independent newspaper to the city library
 Colonial Manor Nursing Home/ City of Balaton to install a new Wanderguard Management System to prevent residents from leaving the facility unknowingly

In Marshall...

D.C. "PAT" MCFARLAND JR. 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.

David C. "Pat" McFarland Jr. Estate

Awarded grants totaling \$5,355

Friends of the Orchestra Ltd. support for organization activities

D.C. "PAT" MCFARLAND JR. 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.

David C. "Pat" McFarland Jr. Estate

Awarded grants totaling \$10,736
 Prairie Home Hospice support for organization activities

D.C. "PAT" MCFARLAND JR. 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.

David C. "Pat" McFarland Jr. Estate

Awarded grants totaling \$13,433
 St. James Episcopal Church support for organization activities



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

Dan and Linda Baun
 Birath Wealth Management, LLC
 Cal and Deb Brink
 Robert and Brenda Byrnes
 Jeff Cordes
 William Curwick
 Kevin and Cheryl Evans
 Neil and Stacy Frost
 Mark Goodenow
 Connie Gores
 Kory and Amy Grant
 Brian and Kristin Gruhot
 Donna Hartfiel
 Michael and Jean Henle Hoffman & Brobst, PLLP
 Paul and Joanne Stoneberg
 Bruce and Vicki Lamprecht
 Lockwood Motors, Inc.
 Kari and Kelly Loft
 Lynne McLaughlin
 Scott Monson
 Ken and Gwen Mukomela

Bill and Stacie Mulso
 Lee and Norma Raske
 William and Jana Reilly
 Steve and Beth Ritter
 Lois Schmidt
 Southwest Pro Painting L.L.C
 Mark and Claudia Stenson
 Joel and Colette Tubbs
 Tom and Janet Vandendriessche
 Pat and Karen Vankeulen
 Kim and Kristin Wegner
 Harry and Jaen Weilage

Awarded grants totaling \$22,102

Buffalo Ridge Gobblers to purchase an inflatable bb gun range that can be used at youth events to teach kids about the wild turkey, their environment, along with the introduction to BB guns, proper handling of firearms
 City of Marshall to support the purchase of ice skates to serve as rental skates at the Red Baron Arena
 ISD #413 - Marshall to purchase flexible learning tables and chairs for the classrooms
 Karen Organization of Minnesota to build Karen self-sufficiency in Marshall by inviting the Karen to regularly scheduled gatherings with a specific presenter that will talk to the assembly about a topic of interest
 Marshall Area Technical and Educational Center for Textile Arts, which is a new class to teach students life skills involving sewing and crocheting
 Loaves and Fishes to sustain the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Initiative at the Marshall dining site and the Marshall YMCA, where healthy meals and snacks are provided for children during the summer months
 Project Turnabout Addiction Recovery Center to purchase outdoor furniture for the residents' shared patio area at the house in Marshall
 Southwest Minnesota Cycling Club to support the maintenance of bike and ski trails at Wayside Park
 Southwest Minnesota State University to support the purchase of a peace pole and tree markers for the city of Marshall

Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation to support the partnership of Southwest Minnesota State University and the YMCA to supervise, train and help the VISTA volunteer with health initiatives in the region

In Tracy...

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

Lucille Almlie - In Memory of John Almlie
 William and Sandra Bolin - In Memory of Chuck Reinert
 William and Sandra Bolin - In Honor of our Children and Grandchildren's Education
 Donald Buzzell - In Memory of Jack Garrett
 Duane and Norma Campbell - In Memory of Chad Anderson's Mother & Sister
 Michael and Darcy Carlson - In Memory of:
 Ed Tauer
 Viola Knott
 Ed and Mary Carter - In Memory of Janice Anderson
 Fine Arts Council of Tracy (FACT)
 Eric and Sandy Fultz - In Memory of Janice Anderson
 Mark and Denise Hauger - In Memory of Janice Anderson
 David and Jean Hicks
 Keith and Carin Hoffbeck - In Memory of Janice Anderson
 Eugene Hook
 Jeffrey James - In Memory of Lori Albrecht
 Jesse James - In Memory of Janice Anderson
 Chris and Diane Kamrud - In Memory of Janice Anderson
 Danny and LuAnn Kern
 Jim and Sue Keul - In Memory of:
 Harold Shoeman
 Paul Knoblauch
 Jim and Sue Keul
 Jim and Sue Keul - In Memory of:
 John Almlie
 John Garrett
 Viola Knott
 Nathan and Lynae Kinner - In Memory of Janice Anderson
 Garry and Mary Lebert - In Memory of Janice Anderson
 Cal and Deb Ludeman
 Mike and Brenda Quam - In Memory of Janice Anderson

Rolly and LeNell Quam - In Memory of Janice Anderson
 Seth and Elizabeth Schmidt - In Memory of Janice Anderson
 Daniel and Mary Snobl - In Memory of Roger Schwartz
 Gary and Pat Sommervold

Tracy Area Education Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
 Tracy Bus Service - In Memory of Janice Anderson
 Tracy Dance Studio
 Tom and Kathy VonDracek - In Memory of Janice Anderson

Stephen and Caroline Vopatek - In Memory of Jack Garrett

Awarded grants totaling \$13,852

ISD #2904 - Tracy to:
 Renew subscription of the Turnitin program
 Upgrade the lighting on the high school stage

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the McLeod County area

In Hutchinson...

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

AEM Mechanical Services, Inc.
 Arlene Beneke
 Jonathon Block
 Frank and Alice Boller
 Robert Bowen
 Brian Brosz
 Michael and Amber Cannon
 Matt and Liz Cheney
 Joanne Clay Willmert - In Memory of:
 Lauren Knorr
 Jay Alrick
 Joanne Clay Willmert
 Walt and Lynne Clay
 Tom and Barb Daggett
 Russell and Lorraine Erickson
 John and Gail Gillard
 Karen Grasmon
 Robert and Judith Hammond
 Anthony and Kristi Hanson
 Robert Hantge
 Mary Henke
 T. and L. Kennedy
 Don and Marlyce Lee
 Brad and Jeri Lueneburg
 Jeri Lueneburg
 Joe and Melanie Nagel
 Dr. Dean and Carol Nissen
 The Nolen Family Trust
 Parkview Dental, PLLC
 Melanie Remple
 Cris and Linda Remucal - In Memory of:
 Ron McGraw
 Melba Griebie
 Mark and Wendy Schierman
 Stearns Foundation Inc.
 Anna Ulrich - In Memory of Loved Ones
 Tim Ulrich
 Daron and Lori Vanderheiden
 Don and Sue Walser
 Dave and Karen Westlund
 Scott and Doreen Ziegler

Awarded grants totaling \$67,063

City of Hutchinson for:
 Hutchison Elks Inclusive Park, which will provide quality of life for disabled and fully functional children and adults
 Maintenance of Law Enforcement Memorial Park
 Upgrades to the press box at the Veteran's Memorial Baseball Field
 Common Cup Ministry to provide food over the weekends and school breaks to students K-3rd that qualify for free lunch for school year 2015-2016
 Crow River Drumline Association to replace equipment and purchase additional musical instruments including a new performance tarp and drum stands
 Equul Access, Inc. to heat the indoor horse arena to provide year-round services
 Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism to purchase a laminator, sail signs, banner signs, tent and portable speaker/microphone system
 Hutchinson Area Community Foundation to support operations of the foundation
 Hutchinson Center for the Arts to bring the group, ARTORG, to present a public steamroller printmaking event in conjunction with the opening reception for the annual Youth Art Exhibit in April 2016
 Hutchinson Concert Association to provide a scholarship to a local high school senior that has chosen music as a part of his/her college curriculum and to hold a master class at the Hutchinson Middle School
 Hutchinson Fastpitch Association to purchase a new indoor batting cage and safety screens

Hutchinson Health Foundation for the Hutchinson Elks Inclusive Park, which will provide quality of life for disabled and fully functional children and adults in a safe, drug-free, nurturing environment
 Hutchinson Hockey Association to purchase equipment for the boys lacrosse team; including helmets and 1-2 lacrosse goals
 Hutchinson Lions Club to purchase sound equipment (Flex Cats/Red Cats) for the Hutchinson High School and Middle School
 ISD #423 - Hutchinson to:
 Provide newspapers to local teachers and students for educational purposes
 Purchase projectors for presentations and to fund consulting help to develop their speaking skills
 Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota to replace aging food service equipment
 McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence to generate a youth support group for children experiencing trauma as a result of domestic violence in their families
 McLeod County Historical Society to provide the public with access to Ancestry.com Library edition via our Research Library on up to five workstations over the next five years, and to provide a series of educational programs
 McLeod Emergency Food Shelf-Glencoe to rebrand the current food shelf image with a logo redesign and updated distribution site signage for both the Glencoe and Hutchinson locations

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

Awarded grants totaling \$10,000

Allina Health Hospice Foundation to support the Hutchinson hospice music and massage therapy 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
 Barbara Anderson
 Jennifer L. Anderson
 Nancy Anderson
 Fredrick and Kari Aten
 Bethany Barka
 Kristin Bateman
 Jennifer Becker
 Jami Beffert
 Benjamin Bouta
 Jessica Bouta
 David and Anne Broderius
 Alex Brown
 Richard Buchholz
 Keri Buker
 Frank Burmis
 Debra Card
 Leah Carrigan
 Michelle Carrigan
 Citizens Bank & Trust Company - Hutchinson
 Ashley Clemensen
 CoBank
 Tom and Barb Daggett
 Arlyn and Kim Debruyckere

Holli Deming
 Robin Dettman
 Arturo Diaz Valentin
 Kristine Dobratz
 Melinda Dohman
 Rochelle Drahos
 Daren Dressler
 Jodelle Drew
 Dori Duesterhoeft
 Patrick Duffy
 Jason Durheim
 Bruce and Ronda Eckhart
 Denise Einck
 Angela Elton
 Jeffrey Fain
 Rory Fairbanks
 Sandra Fredrickson
 Nicole Frost
 Alicia Frykman
 Jon Frykman
 Nancy Gapp
 Marcia Garberg
 Mary Getzke
 Tinea Graham
 Valerie Grand
 Todd Grina
 Shelly Grorud
 Cynthia Gruhlke
 Ruth Hamlow
 Johanna Hanneman
 Darcy Harlander
 Elizabeth Hauth
 Nancy Heidebrink
 Gloriann Heikes
 Jill Herdina Rude
 Michael Hietala
 Troy Higgins
 Jamie Hise
 Ramona Hjerpe
 Judith Hoeft
 Kristi Hoffman
 Erin Hoppe
 Rhoda Hubbard-Anderson
 Valerie Huepenbecker
 Jenny Huiras
 Hutchinson Family Dentistry PA
 Hutchinson Health
 Hutchinson Independent School
 District #423 Foundation
 Fundraising Proceeds
 Kristin Ikem
 Hannah Impola
 Ralph and Geri Johnson - In
 Memory of Kristi Hoffman
 Sara E H Johnson
 Danny L Johnston
 Nicole Juergensen
 Michelle Julius
 Patti Kaminsky
 Bonnie A. Karl

Glen and Ginny Kegley
 Kenneth and Jo Ellen Kimball
 Allyson Kirchhoff
 Jodi Kleindl
 Kevin Kleindl
 Barclay Klinker
 Michelle Kosek
 Lisa Kraft
 Brianna Krause
 Brianna Monahan
 Chanda Kropp
 Stephanie Kutter
 Amanda Langins
 John Langins
 Kari Larson
 Lynn Lauer
 Alan and Lara Liepold
 Jay Liestman
 Wes and Angie Lohrenz - In
 Honor of:
 Lauren Nelson
 Hudson Nelson
 Adler Nelson
 Cindy L. Longhenry
 Timothy Longie
 Donna Luhring
 Daryl Lundin
 Kimberly Macemon
 Taylor Mackenthun
 Jacob Magner
 Kristine Maiers
 Nikki Mallak
 Debbra Marcotte
 Emily Marino
 Catherine Martinez
 Julie Matheny
 Sarah Mathews
 Sarah McGraw
 Medtronic - On Behalf of
 Bradley Gapp
 Rachel Mezera
 Charles Moe
 Monica Mohr
 Julianne Monahan
 Lori Moore
 Carmen Morrow
 Chelle Mueller
 Mark Reinarts and Mary Myers-
 Reinarts
 Sarah Nelson
 Kari Neubarth
 Casey Nornes
 Nu-Telecom
 Daniel Olberg
 Kathryn Olberg
 Jason Olson
 Joseph Otremba
 Cassie Padrnos
 Joan Padrnos
 Parkview Dental, PLLC

Daryl Patrick
 Jeffrey Peterson
 Krista Picha
 Nichole Plath
 Brad and Judy Platz
 Gina Plotz
 Kyle Podratz
 Sara Potter
 Julie Radloff
 Jasmine Reiten
 Abrah Renning
 Scott Renning
 Michael Reponen
 Annika Ring
 Justin Rodeberg
 Nichol Roskamp
 Jordan Rozeboom
 Corey Rude
 Becky Schaefer
 The Bob and Sue Schantzen
 Family
 Amy Scheele
 Connie Schmidt
 Jeffrey Schmidt
 Kyle Schroeder
 Laurie Schroeder
 Chelsey Schumaci
 Naomi Shadis
 Kristin Sippel Hartman
 Jeffrey Smith
 Lisa Smith
 Sarah Smith
 Shirley Sommer
 James Christopher Sones
 CariAnn Squier
 Leah Starke
 Melanie Strachota
 Becky Stromley
 Mandy Sturges
 Matthew Telecky
 Tera Telecky
 Timothy Thode
 Jimmie Thomas
 Ann M. Thompson
 Abby Thomson
 Brian Tillmann
 Kelli Totushek
 Heather Vaillancourt
 Daron VanderHeiden
 Lori VanderHeiden
 Pamela Vilchis
 Stacy Vilt
 Tina Vorlicek
 Patrick Walsh
 Beverly Wambeke
 Kendra Ward
 Tyler Warren
 Katie Weisenberger
 Michael Weisenberger
 Ross Wendling

Marin Werdahl
 Margaret (Peggy) Westlund
 Therese Wheatley
 Nesha Withers
 Pamela Woods
 Alan Wuetrich
 Angela Young

**Awarded grants totaling
 \$32,767**

Greater Minnesota Family
 Services to support the
 REACH program
 ISD #423 - Hutchinson to:
 Provide supplies for the
 student dance team
 Support 2015-2016 teacher
 grant allocations

**PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE
 NURSING SCHOLARSHIP
 ENDOWMENT FUND** - An
 endowment fund created to
 provide 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 to provide
 scholarships to two students
 who are long-term care
 nursing assistants in McLeod
 and Meeker counties and in
 need of financial aid to pursue
 the training required to
 become a licensed nurse

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

Jan and Gretchen Haukos

Awarded grants totaling \$2,000
 Scholarship America Inc. to
 provide scholarship support
 to graduating students of
 Hutchinson High School

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Meeker County area

In Grove City...

**GROVE CITY AREA
COMMUNITY ANSWERS FOR
REACHING THE ELDERLY
(C.A.R.E.) ENDOWMENT
FUND** - An endowment fund
that benefits Grove City Area
C.A.R.E. in Grove City.

Michael D. Field

Awarded grants totaling \$1,237

Grove City Area Living at
Home/Block Nursing Progr
for support for organization
activities

In Litchfield...



LITCHFIELD AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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

Larry and Ann Jensen
Richard and Roxanne Penk
Timothy and Debra Peterson

Randy Reinke - In Memory of:
Mary Ann Hicks
Elaine Peifer
Rosanna Reinke

**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.

Two Anonymous
Affiliated Community Medical
Center
Martin and Emily Allen
James Alsleben
Nicholas and Elizabeth Alsleben
American Legion No. 104
J. Terry Anderson - Anderson
Chemical Company
Don and Janet Bergerson - In
Honor of Litchfield High
School Foundation
Brian and Rebecca Boll
Karin Brink
Troy and Rebecca Bruning
Cassandra Bulau
David and Geraldine Buresh
John and Jo Carlson

John and Danielle Carlson - In
Memory of Russ and Emily
Carlson
Marjorie Carlson
Wayne and Linda Carlson
Roger and Barbara Caron
Steven and Julie Dengerud
Tim and Valerie Doherty
Luverne and Dorothy Erickson
Jared Fairbanks
Chuck and Sue Fenton
First District Association
Jo Anne Gabrielson
Bryan and Marsha Goraczkowski
Greg Brock Consulting, Inc.
Robert and Arlene Groskreutz
Hamm Seeds
Michael and Connie Hamm
Hick's Bus Line
Lyle and Joanne Hicks Family
Donn and Pamela Hoffman
Shirley Huskins
IRD Glass
Litchfield Public School
Foundation Fundraising
Proceeds
John W. Mueller Law Firm
Dr. Daniel and Brenda Johnson
Keith and Marian Johnson
Ronald and Sue Johnson
Debra Judd
Edward and Lois Konietzko
Darlene and Adam Kotelnicki
Joe and Loraine Langemo
Ed Marklowitz Jr.
Bev Mathwig

Joel and Ann McCann
Daniel Moore and Melodie
Mckenzie
Dave and Darlene Arness
Meeker Memorial Hospital
Natalie Morgan
Janice Nelson
Nu-Telecom
Ron and Gladys Nicholson
LHS Class of 1955
Patten Chiropractic Center, P.A.
Dr. Roger and Ann Patten
Timothy and Debra Peterson
Marcia and Van Provencher
Randy and Kristi Quitney
Rotary Club of Litchfield
Paul and Melissa Sackett
Saint Philip's School
Linda Schroeder Johnson
Richard and Joanne Searl
Timothy and Rebecca Simenson
Tom and Ann Springer
Stockmen's Greenhouse &
Landscaping
Darin and Tara Swenson
James and Roberta Swenson
VFW Admiral Benson Post #2818
Mike and Rebecca Warpula
Harold and Patricia Weseloh
Mike and Marlene Williams

Awarded grants totaling \$12,499

ISD #465 - Litchfield to support
2016 teacher grant requests

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Murray County area

MURRAY COUNTY CENTRAL REBEL FOUNDATION FUND

- An endowment and non-
endowed fund that provides
perpetual and immediate
support to the Murray County
Central Public School District.

Tina Bengtson
Nancy Boerboom
Trish Grieme
Paul Haberman
Sharon Henderson
Janet Herrig
Christine Larson
Sherry Robinson
Brenda Whitehead

MURRAY COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

- A non-
endowed fund that benefits
children ages birth to 5 in
Murray County.

28 Anonymous Gifts
Anonymous - In Memory of
Bernice and Frank Gass
Anonymous - In Honor of Abel
Kruse
Anonymous - In Honor of Noah
White
Kevin Aanenson
Nola Aanenson
Shelly Ackerman
Randall and Betty Ackerman
Affordable Accounting
Jordan Anderson

Ryan and Tori Anderson
Ardis Andert
Avoca Spray Service
B & K Design
Lorna Bader
Aaron and Marcy Barritt
Randall and Sharon Bassett
Amanda Bassett-Swanson
David and Suzanne Bau
Chad and Sarah Baumgartner
John and Mary Beech
Mary Beech
Sue Beech
Linda Beerman
Myron Bennett
Gwen Bents
Bradley Bergerson, CPA
Nicholas and Sharie Bergman
Tara Berreau

Aaron and Nikkya Betz
Bryan and Lauren Biegler
Daniel Bierma
Bills Backhoe Service LLC
JoAnn Biren
Joseph and Melissa Biren
Dan and Kristie Blankenship
Paul Bliss and Sarah Kunze Bliss
Steven and Judy Bloemendaal
Boerboom Seed & Consulting
LLC
Mark and Nancy Boerboom
Joshua and Ashley Bonnstetter
James and Sylvia Bose
Brands Builders Diversified
Derek and Melissa Brandt
Daniel and Audrey Braun
Tamara Buesing-Aanenson
Buffalo Ridge Concrete, Inc.

Todd and Mary Burlingame
Eric and Elizabeth Carlson
Gary and Marilyn Carlson
Leonard and Lisa Carlson
Loren and Ruth Carlson
Marilyn Carlson
Mark and Jannette Carlson
Centrol Crop Consulting, Inc
Chandler CO-OP
City Limits Bar and Grill, LLC
Allan Clauson
Collins Commodity
Concrete Escapes
Corner Salon - Renee Giese
Corner Salon - Sheila Kuball
Corner Salon
Cara Counter
Roger and Kim Carlson
Crop Insurance Specialists
Brian and Dianne Crowley
Culligan Water Conditioning of
Murray County - In Memory
of Luke Beers
Currie State Bank
Bailey Dagan
Eric and Sarah Dahlgren
Craig Dahlhoff
Dominick and Kara Damm
Timothy and Wanda Daniels
Cory and Melissa Danneman
Richard and Gayle Davidson
Chris and Wendy Davis
Dean and Debra DeGreeff
Troy and Kimberly DeGreeff
Duane and Gail DesMet
Leroy and Amy Deuschle
Dierks Oil Co. Inc.
Jolene Dierks
Diversified Resource
Management, Inc.
Dennis and Jessica Doeden
David Dorpinghaus
Donald and Lynne Dressen
Dan and Trish Dysthe
Patricia Edelman
Jeffrey and Lesli Erickson
Neal and Mary Everson - In
Memory of Evie Mickelson
Colleen Everson
Farmers Agency of Avoca, Inc.
Stephen and Donna Ford
Patrick and Judith Freeman
Gregory and Karen Frisk
Kristi Fuerstenberg
Larry and Joyce Garland
Robert Gass
Colleen Gengler
Sharon Gerber
Jane Giese
Doug Schuur and Katrina
Gillette
Eric and Krista Gillette
Dennis and Angella Goebel
Jim and Carla Ann Goedtke
LaVonne Goering - In Memory
of Wayne Goering
Nathan and Lisa Graphenteen

Nancy Griffith
Randy and Dawn Groves
GuidePoint Pharmacy #110
Lisa Gunnink
Hadley Farmers Elevator
Hadley Steel, Inc.
Denise Halbur
Douglas and Rebecca Halbur
Christain Hansen and Kristin
Deacon
Matt Hansen
Hartle Electric LLC
Fidelis Hartle
Dodi Haugen
Steven and Dodi Haugen - In
Memory of:
Cody Bundy
Kim Evans Clayton
Dee Gengler
John Giese
Don Swanjord
Mark and Della Hauptert
Hentges Builders
Kathryn and Butch Herding and
Muriel Kehr
Todd Hieronimus
Dave and Merry Hollis
Merry Hollis
Kim Holm Insurance Agency
Johnathan Homan
Jon and Ruth Hoyme
Al's Repair
Interstate Battery System of
South Dakota
Isder Farms, Inc
Marv and Sherri Isder
Lonn and Jody Jackels
Katy Janiszkeski
James and Catherine Jeans
Brian Jeremiason and Davette
Jeremiason
Jim Oslund Construction
Kent and Donna Johansen
Craig and Linda K. Johansen
Johnson Ditching, Inc.
Johnson Printing & Awards, Inc.
Chris Johnson
Daniel and Nichole Johnson - In
Memory of Ron Vos
Holly Johnson
Jamie and Sarah Johnson - In
Honor of Brad Johnson
Karen F. Johnson
Terry and Teresa Johnson
JS Electric
Justin Keller
Justin and Krista Keller - In
Honor of Bobby & Maggie
Jim and Sue Keul
Gerald and Iris Klein
Aaron and Bridget Kluis
Glenn Kluis
Margaret Kluis
Mike and Jan Kluis
John and Patrice Knutson - In
Memory of John Giese
Howard and Kim Konkol

Catherine Kor
Joel and Amy Kruse
Janice Kunselman
Karen Kunze
Marcia Kunze
Ted and Marcia Kunze
L & E Seeds
L.A. Photography, Inc.
Larry and Katherine Laleman -
Laleman Ag Farms LLC
Skip Larson - In Memory of Eric
Larson
Jason and Christine Larson
Jane Giese
Michelle L. Lee
Charles and Carol Lehman
David and Patricia Lembcke
Kristofer Lembcke
LeRoy's Alignment and Glass,
Inc.
LeTendre Enterprises
Joe and Rose LeTendre
Mike LeTendre
Lindberg Construction
Paul and Deb Louwagie
Donald and Ann Lubben
M & J Farms Inc.
Joshua and Britta Malchow
Donald and Pamela Malmgren
John and Sharon McClure
Jack and Jean McDonald
Jean McDonald
Larry and Darlene Mechtenberg
Bette Meinerts
Mary Mesner
Gay Metz
Deb Meyer
Joe and Heather Meyer
Larry and Deborah Meyer
Midwest Supply of Slayton, Inc.
Glenna Miller
Nathan and Jamie Miller
Minnwest Investment and
Insurance Ctr., Inc.
Jerry V. Moline, CPA
John and Mary Ellen Moline
Robert and Wanda Moline
Michael Molitor
Wayne and Dawn Mouw
Muldoon Chiropractic Trust
Bernie Gillett
Murray County Wheel-Herald
Murrayland Insurance Agency
Murrayland Realty
David and Pat Nadolski
Christopher and Monica Naig
John and Janice Nelson
Todd Nelson
Herbert and Mardella Olson
Sheldon and Sherry Olson
Onken Farms Inc - Alan and
Jennifer Onken
Betty Onken
Luther and Patricia Onken
Tara Onken
John and Alyssa Overman

Parker Plumbing and Heating,
LLC
Chuck and Cassidy Paulzine
Dean and Tammi Paulzine
Penoyer Painting
JoAnn Petersen
Tim and Bonnie Petersen
Michael and Lisa Peterson
Adam and Emily Pick
Doug and Nancy Lee Pierson
Travis and Daisy Pierson
Gary and Betsy Plotz
Gary and Joan Plotz
Jordan Plotz
Roger and Elizabeth Prahm
Jeneane Quame
Heidi Rachuy
Radke Wheel Service
Tim and Shannon Rhodes
Kurt Richardson
John Rickgran
Robert Gaalswyk Agency, Inc.
Kyle DeLong and Katherine
Robinson
Madeline Robinson
Rob and Kris Rohrer
Brian Rosenberg
Larry and Betty Rosenberg
Trevor Rosenbrook Construction
LLC
Robert and Alice Rosengren
Keith and Linda Rossow
Mike and Amy Rucker
Donato and Marcia Salvucci
Jerry and Judy Samuelson
Gary and Nancy Sauder
Garry and Kelli Schmidt
Schmitz Grain Inc.
Lucas and Brittany Schneider
Donald and Melissa Schoo
Jerome and Cari Schreier
Kimberly Schreier
Melvin Schreier
Robert and Carol Schreier
Luke and Megan Schryvers
Nathan and Melissa Schunke
Darren and Stacie Schuur
Milton and Daris Schuur
Dale and Robin Schwagel
Tyler Schwagel
Jared and Elizabeth Schwanz
Wally and Connie Shaver
Shear Design - Judy Lickness
Jim and Janese Siedschlag
Slayton Building Materials, Inc.
Slayton Chiropractic Clinic
Slayton Firemans Relief
Association
Slayton Pizza Ranch
Slayton Plumbing and Heating
Tony Sorenson
Wayne and Joan Spielman
Anthony Staples
Michael and Chantelle Stelter
Daryl and Jeaneen Nelson - In
Honor of Our Grandchildren
Derek and Kristi Stevenson

Arlyn and Sandy Stokesbary - In Honor of Wes Biren
 James and Terri Swanson
 Dave Swart
 Sweetman Sand & Gravel Inc
 Jacob Sweetman
 Ashlee Sykora
 T & J Farms
 T.R. Krant Construction, Inc.
 David and Cheryl Thiner
 Tim's Plumbing and Heating LLC
 TL Computer Services
 Karen Tommeraasen

Dr. Clayton and Karen Torbert
 Myron Trulock
 Pat Uittenbogaard
 Amy Jo Van Eck
 Ivan and Diane Van Essen
 Donald and Mary Van Iperen
 Monica Van Otterloo and Karlin Van Otterloo
 Jason and Melanie Vander Schaaf
 Jim and Kathy Veenhuis
 Dale and Christyn Vos Family
 Dale and Christyn Vos

Marlene Wajer
 Clair and Shirley Walsh
 Beth Westra
 Fred and Joan Widboom
 Scott and Heidi Winter
 Troy Winter
 Calvin and Kathy Wurpts
 Kevin and Sara Lee Wynia
 Samantha Wynia
 Michael Heidkamp and Louise Young

Awarded grants totaling \$15,815
 ISD #2169 - Murray County
 Central for coordination costs for the Murray County Early Childhood Initiative
 Southwest Regional
 Development Commission to support programming for the Murray County ECI

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Nobles County area

NOBLES COUNTY FREEDOM VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, INC. ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits Nobles County Freedom Veterans Memorial Park, Inc.

Awarded grants totaling \$626
 Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce support for organization activities

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

Lismore Cooperative Telephone Co.

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 \$4,446
 Atlas of Osceola Co to expand library resources and supplies
 Immigrant Law Center to assist immigrants to become full participants in Greater Minnesota communities

Love INC of Worthington for life skill classes consisting of key components such as community, education and affirmation to help overcome life's struggles

Manna Food Pantry, Inc. to defray the electrical portion of installing a 'walk-in' freezer to replace standard freezers

Nobles County Library to purchase a movie projector and sound system to use for presentations, author visits, movie showings and other general public programs
 Project Morning Star to develop, manufacture and sell a product line; all naturally made in Worthington by clientele

Worthington Hockey Association to purchase additional rental skates in a variety of sizes

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

Awarded grants totaling \$6,665
 Hospice Cottage Inc. support for organization activities

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 \$667
 St. Mary's School support for organization activities

ROY AND DOROTHY NASERS FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits youth through organizations including, but not limited to, Worthington Hockey Association and WAMBO.

Awarded grants totaling \$1,000
 Worthington Hockey Association to purchase additional rental skates in a variety of sizes

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 \$1,691
 Manna Food Pantry, Inc. support for organization activities

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 \$7,889
 YMCA of Worthington support for organization activities

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

Awarded grants totaling \$3,885

Immigrant Law Center to assist immigrants to become full participants in Greater Minnesota communities
 Kids-R-It Incorporated to renovate the cafeteria ceiling and walls and install all stainless steel surfaces and shelving
 Nobles County Integration Collaborative to support the partnership with Youth Frontiers to bring all 9th graders to member districts to participate in a one day retreat
 Nobles County Library to purchase a movie projector and sound system to use for presentations, author visits, movie showings and other general public programs

Worthington Community
Education toward the costs of the "Celebration of the Young Musician Festival" held biannually at Prairie Elementary and toward the costs of clinicians to help in the training

C.P. AND MARY B. SCHMIDT FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND FOR WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Worthington.

Awarded grants totaling \$638
Westminster Presbyterian Church support for organization activities

C.P. AND MARY B. SCHMIDT FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND FOR WORTHINGTON REGIONAL HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits the Worthington Regional Healthcare Foundation.

Awarded grants totaling \$639
Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation, Inc. support for organization activities

C.P. AND MARY B. SCHMIDT FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE WORTHINGTON YMCA - A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits the Worthington YMCA.

Awarded grants totaling \$643
YMCA of Worthington support for organization activities



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

One Anonymous Gift
Doug and Marcia Anton
Cheryl Avenel-Navara
Vern and Jean Bastian
Del Burns
Brad and Paula Chapulis
Matt and Liz Cheney - In Memory of Betty Demuth
Patrick Demuth
Tim and Kris Doeden
First State Bank Southwest on behalf of Greg Raymo
Jesse Flynn
Jesse and Heather Flynn
Diane Graber
Sterling Drug Worthington
Bryan and Susan Hagen
Ron and Winora Hallstrom
Gary and Marie Hoffmann
ISD #518 - Worthington
Community Education
Jaycox Power Sports
Chad and Kristin Jaycox

Jeff and Sharon Johnson - In Memory of Betty Demuth
Jeff and Sharon Johnson
Brian D Larsen
Bob and Pat Ludlow
Kenton and Peggy Meier
Angie R. Mixner
Gordon and Jane Moore
Shawn Moore
Carl and Stacie Nagel
Nickel & Associates Insurance Agency
James Nickel
James and Deborah Nickel
John and Pat Remme
Russell and Janet Rickers - In Memory of Don and Dorothy Rickers
Rebecca L. Schilling
Dr. Conrad and Judy Schmidt
Dr. and Mrs. Conrad B. Schmidt
Randy and Susan Simonson
Herbert R. Stromquist
The Cows Outside/Buffalo Billfold Co.
Randy and Tara Thompson
Widboom Land and Cattle
Worthington Area Foundation
Fundraising Proceeds
Worthington Federal Savings Bank

Awarded grants totaling \$10,780
American Legion Argonne Post #32 to purchase supplies for camping outings
Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to purchase uniforms, badges and boots for CAP cadets going through the program
Friends of the Auditorium, Inc. to:
Create a new costume and prop room that is organized for more convenient use of items by the community

Purchase 20 music stands and two storage racks for those stands
Historic Worthington, Inc. to replace the linens in the guest suites at Historic Dayton House
Kids-R-It Incorporated to renovate the cafeteria ceiling and walls and install all stainless steel surfaces and shelving
Mana Food Pantry, Inc. to defray the electrical portion of installing a 'walk-in' freezer to replace 7 standard freezers
Nobles County Historical Society, Inc. to purchase archival storage materials for the society's historic doll collection
Nobles County Integration Collaborative to support the partnership with Youth Frontiers to bring all 9th graders to member districts to participate in a one day retreat
Project Morning Star to develop, manufacture and sell a product line; all naturally made in Worthington by clientele
VFW Pacholl/Moser Post 2603 to install a new roof on the building used as a post home and community activity center
Worthington Community Education - District #518 for "Celebration of the Young Musician Festival" held biannually at Prairie Elementary and toward the costs of clinicians to help in the training

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.

A & S Drugs LLC
All About Smiles
Banner Associates, Inc.
Buffalo Ridge Concrete, Inc.
Pipestone County Implement
Carrow's True Value

Mary J. McKeon Crockenberg
Cunningham Farm
Dari King Express
Dar's Pizza of Pipestone
Douty Mfg. Co.
Anna Duncan - In Honor of Gary Dean and Marge Becker's 50th Anniversary
Tim and Linda Erickson
Paul and Elizabeth Fellows
First Farmers & Merchants Pipestone
First State Bank Southwest
First Bank & Trust Pipestone

Gordon Hunstad Trust
Tim and Stacey Haubrich
George and Mary Dee Hicks
Jasper Bus Service, LLC
JB's Foodmart, Inc.
Kozlowski Insurance Agency and Financial Services Inc.
Steven and Peg Lange
Lange's Café
Gary and Linda Lee
Daniel McElroy and Mary Lohmann McElroy
Mike and Jill Moeller
New Horizon Farms

Lyle Oye
Marjorie Oye
Kevin Paulsen - In Memory of:
Clayton Ihlen
Dale Taubert
Pipestone Area Softball-Baseball
Pipestone County Medical Center
Pipestone Livestock Auction Market, Inc.
Pipestone Publishing Company, Inc.
Pipestone Veterinary Services
Priester Bus, Inc.

Sara E. Priester
 Carol Ann Sander
 Chuck and Dorie Sendelbach
 Stout & Evink Plumbing &
 Heating, Inc.
 Titan Machinery Pipestone
 Winter Realty

Awarded grants totaling \$5,656

City of Pipestone to support the
 Pipestone Forward group in
 their efforts to obtain 501(c)
 (3) status
 Pipestone Area Softball-Baseball
 to build of a Little League
 baseball field at Brown
 Elementary School
 Pipestone Performing Arts
 Center toward the purchase
 of a new copier

**SWIF REAL ESTATE
 HOLDINGS, LLC FOR
 HIAWATHA LODGE**

*- A resource
 to benefit the Hiawatha Lodge.*

Anonymous - In Memory of
 Robert Rice
 IHS, Inc. - In Memory of Robert
 Rice

Edward W. and Kathleen Beal -
 In Memory of:
 Edward H. Beal
 Wanita B. Beal
 Barb Benz - In Memory of Tom
 Benz
 Maurice and Gert Bickford
 Lorraine Buffington Estate
 Darrell Butterwick
 Greg and Connie Carrow
 Harold Carrow Family
 Carrow's True Value
 Terry Carson
 David E. Christensen - In
 Memory of Robert Rice
 Richard and Elizabeth Colby
 First Farmers & Merchants
 First State Bank Southwest
 First Bank & Trust
 Ronald and Judy Francis
 Silvano and Ann Garofalo - In
 Memory of Raymond and
 Betty Gerth
 Ann Gerth Garofalo, Mary Gerth
 Helland, James Gerth and
 John Gerth - In Memory of
 Raymond and Betty Gerth
 Gary and Pat Gillin
 Jean Goodspeed
 Hartquist Funeral Chapel, Inc.
 Duane and Janelle Hess
 Hiawatha Club, Inc.
 George and Mary Dee Hicks

Otto James and Catherine Hicks
 Mary and Don Anderson,
 Anthony and Barbara Holmes,
 Betsy Larkin
 David and Angela Homann
 Larry and Julie Jones
 Jeffrey and Ann Jorgenson
 Dr. Barry R. and Karen Kerkaert
 Myron and Nancy Koets
 Steven and Peg Lange
 Cloe Lear
 David and Marlyce Logan Family
 Charitable Fund
 David and Rosemarie Loose
 Daniel McElroy and Mary
 Lohmann McElroy
 Robert B. and Carol Nangle
 Pipestone Class of 1952
 Pipestone Class of 1953
 Pipestone Holdings, LLC
 Sara E. Priester - In Memory of
 Robert Rice
 Jerry and Sara Priester
 Robert Rice Family - In Memory
 of Robert Rice
 Rick and Brenda Schumann
 - In Memory of Mark and
 LaVonne Schumann
 Patricia Schuster
 Beverly Sendelbach
 Chuck and Dorie Sendelbach
 D.A. Stoeber
 Richard C. and Gretchen Wilson

The Backlunds - Gib, Paul, Fred
 and Mollie - In Memory of Gib
 and Glenetta Backlund
 Rodney and Jennifer Zupp

Awarded grants totaling

\$415,328

City of Pipestone for the benefit
 of the Hiawatha Lodge project

TAUBERT FAMILY ADVISED

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

Awarded grants totaling \$2,236

Southwest Initiative Foundation
 to:
 Support the SWIF General
 Endowment Fund and
 renew Growing Home
 Circle Membership for
 Fiscal Year 2016
 Honor staff as part of the
 collective SWIF board
 Growing Home Circle
 membership

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.*

One Anonymous Gift
 City of Walnut Grove
 Fond Memories at the Creamery
 Greenwood Nursery
 Greg Hansen
 Hoyt Oil and Convenience, Inc.

David and Wanda Hoyt
 David and Wanda Hoyt - In
 Memory of:
 Art Maas
 Kim Bakken
 Charlene O'Donnell
 Integrity Bank Plus
 Knakmuhs Agency/Progressive
 Kerry Knakmuhs
 Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum
 M & K Bridge Construction, Inc
 Maas Dairy
 Dr. Bruce Mathiason
 Meadowland Farmers Coop.
 Plum Creek Embroidery
 Erik and Andrea Porter
 Roger Haar Insurance Agency,
 Inc.

Sioux Valley Regional Health
 Services
 Pamela Steffen - In Memory of:
 Kim Bakken
 Charlene O'Donnell
 Susan and Todd Herding
 Walnut Grove Area Foundation
 Fundraising Proceeds
 Waraju, Inc.
 Weekend Innovations
 Wendorff Welding & Fabrication
 John and Mara Wiggins

Awarded grants totaling \$14,213

ISD #2898 - Westbrook-Walnut
 Grove to support:
 6th grade field trip to the
 Minnesota History Center

Scholarships for two
 Westbrook Walnut Grove
 students
 Walnut Grove Alfred Nelson
 Post 267 to support a
 memorial to recognize
 veterans of the Walnut
 Grove area
 Westbrook Walnut Grove
 summer reading program
 Westbrook Walnut Grove
 Senior High Band and
 Choir field trip
 Walnut Grove Ambulance
 Service to purchase radio
 equipment
 Walnut Grove Fire Department
 purchase helmet-mounted
 flashlights

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.

One Anonymous Gift
Holly Baur
Nathan and Geri Blad
Corn Capital Innovations, LLC
Dirks Family
Steve Dirks
F&M Bank Minnesota
Ciji Farmer
Mark F. Glesener
Karen Grasmon
Island Financial Planning, Inc.
Neil and Jackie Kaufenberg
Erik and Sabrina Peterson
Vern Prokosch
RE/MAX Preferred Realty
Rural Computer Consultants, Inc.
Ben and Stefanie Ryan
Robert and Renae Saunders
Paul and Carol Setzepfandt
Sheehan's Gas Company, Inc.
Rob and Rosanne Thurston
David Torgelson
Vivid Image, Inc. - In Honor of Jackie Kaufenberg
Justin Vogt
Nancy Vogt
Ryan and Sene Zupke - In Memory of Harry Binsfeld

Awarded grants totaling \$6,450

Adult Client Training Service to purchase a laptop computer, projector and screen in an effort to keep their adult Day Care participants connected with their family and friends
Bethesda Park View Village to purchase fitness equipment geared toward seniors to keep them healthy, fit and independent for as long as possible through monthly Fit for Life classes
Christian Community Outreach Center to support the After School Program
Church of St. Mary's to support the purchase of Smart Board upgrades at St. Mary's School

City of Bird Island to support engineering fees to provide preliminary design services for construction of a splash pad in Bird Island
ISD #2534 - BOLD towards the purchase of sound equipment that will benefit the musical and drama students
Learning Funhouse, Inc. to support the purchase of tablets for the preschool and school age rooms
Renville County Aquatic Club to purchase starting blocks to train athletes on proper racing starts
Renville County Historical Museum to assist in the preservation of St. John's Church

DR. PAUL THOMPSON LEGACY ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the BI-O Legacy Foundation created in memory of Dr. Paul Thompson.

Awarded grants totaling \$560

Olivia's House of Hope to offer a Christ centered ministry of hope to women facing difficult life situations by providing independent living and financial skills

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.

Kenneth Anderson - In Memory of:
Elmer Braun
Orlo Fluhrer
Dennis Rettmann
Robert Jakotitz
Kenneth Anderson - In Honor of:
Country Catering
Buffalo Lake Fire Department and Ambulance
Kenneth Anderson
Kristin Badger
Doyle and Tonya Benson
Buffalo Lake Community Fund

Buffalo Lake Hector Schools Funds
City of Stewart
Dr. Janet S. Davenport
Orville and Doris Dean - In Memory of Michael Jensen
Nathan and Alyssa Homan
Julianne Isaacson - In Memory of Mrs. Janet Anderson
Keith and Denise Johnson - In Memory of:
Alex Lamb
Helen Sjogren
Daniel Kramer
Charles Kirtz
Milton and Bernadine Klammer - In Memory of Hubert G. Olson
Bradley Koenig - In Honor of:
Ken Anderson
Richard and Bev Mayer
Matthew and Melissa Maiers - In Honor of:
Preschool Teacher Jody Weispfennig
Ken Anderson
Brad and Lisa McColley - In Honor of Kathy Wehking
Medtronic - On Behalf of Kristin Badger
Dennis and Jodi Mellies - In Memory of Dennis Rettmann
Wes and Kathy Nelson
Robert and Mary Rasmussen - In Memory of Danny Kramer
Curtis and Marian Sampson - In Memory of Donald D. Hagquist
Chad and Jennifer Schmalz Family - In Memory of Elmer Braun and Barbara Milbrett
Warren and Mabel Schmalz - In Honor of Ken Anderson's Birthday
Greg and Wendy Schultz - In Memory of Josh Schultz
Thrivent Choice - On Behalf of Alan Koenig
Thrivent Choice - In Memory of Janet B. Anderson
Martin and Judy Tracy
Allen and Marie Walter
Doris Walter

Awarded grants totaling \$14,784

ISD #2159 - Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart to:
Enhance learning and extra curricular activities at the school
Support the school trip to Fort Ridgley

Purchase books, a caliphone and other miscellaneous items that will enhance education at BLHS Schools

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 scholarships in honor of Douglas C. Hoseck.

Homan Hog Farms
Mark E. Peterson
Vandervoort Farms, Inc.

MICHAEL AND RAYE MCKIM FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF RENVILLE COUNTY WEST - A related endowment fund of the Renville County West Public School Foundation that supports the arts, including music, drama and studio art at RCW.

Timothy and Rhonda McKim

In Morton...



MORTON AREA
Community Foundation

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

One Anonymous Gift
Dennis and Lizabeth Boe - In Memory of Elmer N. Jacobson
Margaret Keller and Morton Class of 1958 - In Memory of Sharon (Blume) Switzer
James Litch - In Memory of Jim Wellnitz and Jim Blume
Terry and Linda Marguth - In Memory of Lyle Greenslit
Richard and Alice O'Donnell - In Memory of Fred and Genevieve Colwell
Darin Prescott

John and Sandy Seehausen - In Memory of:
Terry Dallenbach
Gene Haas
Gladys Angermeyr
Robert (Bob) Brown

School District.
B & D Market
Community Electric
Co-op Country Farmers Elevator
Dawson Co-op Credit Union
Ivan Eckstrom - In Memory of JoAnn Eckstrom
Robert and Berdelle Enestvedt - In Memory of:
Eleanor Hotovec
Karen Holmer
Bobbie Lippert
Harry Hamre
Marvin Mulder

JoAnn Eckstrom
Mark and Lavonne Erickson - In Memory of Marvin Mulder
Paul and Brenda Holm - In Memory of:
Harold Schwindt
JoAnn Eckstrom
ISD #2890 - Renville County West Fundraising Proceeds
Kelly's Korner
Knight Security, Inc.
Krogman Aerial Spraying Inc.
Greg and Robin Mulder - In Memory of JoAnn Eckstrom
Family of Marvin Mulder - In Memory of Marvin Mulder

Renville County Hospital & Clinics
Renville Lions Club
Renville Sales, Inc.
Sacred Heart Jaycees
Terry Roschild Construction

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

Awarded grants totaling \$1,836
ISD #2890 - Renville County West for the Science Department to purchase carbon dioxide and oxygen gas sensors for the computer lab system

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 \$2,406
ISD #2184 - Luverne Public Schools to support the Luverne Child Guide Program

K.A.H.R. Foundation

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.

Five Anonymous Gits
Anonymous - In Memory of Philip J. Borstad
Agralite Electric
American Legion Auxiliary
Ruth Anderson
Appleton Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Appleton Nursing Home
Residents Craft Fund
Daniel and Lynette Arnold
Bill and Jeanette Bergstad
Rebecca Brown
City of Appleton
Jeffrey Cook
Gordon Dorff

Daniel and Cindy Enke
Federated Telephone Cooperative
Edward and Phyllis Hegland
Lynn and Ruthy Henkelman
Home 2 Home Thrift Store
Alicia Kettelsin
Todd and Tania Kranz
Clarence Lundquist
Martinson Foundation
James Masee and Sydney Nesbitt Masee
Gary and Carol Nygard
Jon Panzer
Michel and Jonathon Pogge-Weaver
Thomas Rice
Derald and Arlene Rolfsmeier
Keith and Mary Schirm
Ralph Schmidt
Wade and Cheryl Schmidt
Roger Stotts
Jim and Janet Suckow
J. Timothy and Kathryn Swanson
Colleen Tosel
Tronn and Alyssa Tosel
Mark Voorhees
Marlys Williamson
Leonard E. Munstermann - In Memory of:
Elmer W. Munstermann

Wayne H. Munstermann
Bernard Zinda Jr.
Awarded grants totaling \$15,703
Appleton Ambulance Service to purchase defibrillators for the ambulance service
Appleton Area Health Services toward the purchase of a new Care Center weight scale for wheelchair bound residents
City of Appleton to:
Build a restroom at Riverview Park
Install new playground equipment at Riverview Park
Place murals on the windows, plant shrubbery, and paint doors and trim on the Otter Tail building
Purchase art panels to display class pictures in the AHS Memorabilia Room in the '52 Wing
Support the installation of new playground equipment at Riverview Park

Support the purchase of art panels to display senior class pictures in the memorabilia room at the '52 Wing
Support the recreation of Clarence's Popcorn stand for the enjoyment of the September 2016 all school reunion attendees
ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley to:
Provide entertainment and prizes for a safe prom experience
Support children from the Lac qui Parle Valley Schools who have been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyper Activity Disorder, and Emotional Behavioral Disorder
Support the Lac qui Parle Valley Dollars for Scholars program
Support the Summer Success school program

Swift County Fair Association to replace the bathrooms on the fairgrounds with new handicap accessible bathrooms and to build a bathroom and shower facility in the campground
West Central Minnesota Educational Television Co. to support the costs related to the PlaceBase Production Walking Theatre Play

APPLETON VFW POST 4955 FLAGS OF HONOR MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND - A related endowment fund of the Appleton Community Foundation that perpetuates the Appleton VFW Post 4955 Flags of Honor Memorial.

Awarded grants totaling \$836
Pomme de Terre VFW Post 4955 to remodel the flag storage room at the VFW

In Benson...



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

Four Anonymous Gifts
Jay and Valerie Alsaker
Tom and Pam Anderson
Don and Helen Berheim
Vyke and Laree Breen
Jon and Beth Buyck
Rick Cameron
Michael Jorgenson and Kathryn Draeger
Stephen and Lori Eix
FibroMinn
Nelson DelaVega and Janice Gallagher
Orvin Gronseth
Mark and Holly Grussing
David and Heidi Hafvenstein
Paul and Renee Hayden
Erick and Jill Hedman
Renee Helgensen
Bill Hetrick
Deb Hilleren
Tom Hoffman
Jeff Hufford
Harold Jacobson
Korwin Johnson
Larry and Connie Kenyon
Klassen Farms - Neal and Theresa Klassen
Susie Kletscher
Chuck Koenigs
Noel (Chuck) and Marie Koenigs - In Memory of:
Gale Skold
Pearl Palmer
David Terlouw
Reuben Simonson
Noel (Chuck) and Marie Koenigs
Andrea Krusemark
Dennis Laumeyer
Dennis and Jennifer Laumeyer
Frank and Pamela Lawatsch

Robert and Michelle Lee
Jan Lundebruk
Jan Lundebruk - In Memory of:
Arden Loen
Donald Flower
Clark and Sue McDonald
Rose McDonald
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Warren Rav
Robert and Cynthia Reiman
Rex and Barbara Ruppert
James and Rhonda Schwendemann
Jennifer Stryhn
Marissa Thompson
Andrea Thomson
Benjamin and Kerry Wilcox
Robert and Karen Wolfington

Awarded grants totaling \$7,450
Minnesota Extension Service/ Swift Co. to update equipment used in the 4-H Lego Robotics program
Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ to provide child-friendly activities and to act as a liaison between the children and different community organizations
Prairie Five Community Action Council to support Prairie Five Nutrition in Benson for their \$2.00 Tuesday project
Swift County Fair Association for bathroom improvements at the Swift County fairgrounds

Swift County Historical Society to support exterior building weatherization, updates and repairs
Trinity Lutheran Church - ELCA to support the Benson Area Cares 4 Kids Backpack Program

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

Awarded grants totaling \$2,028
ISD #777 - Benson \$500 to: Purchase a digital camera for the annual staff at the school
Support the 'Learning is Seated in Education' project at Northside Elementary

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

Robert Sonsteng Foundation

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.

Five Anonymous Gifts
Anonymous - In Memory of:
George Kamrath
Louise Panning
Alan and Shirley Ackerman - In Memory of Jerry Halstenson
Roger Bliss - In Memory of Glendor Bliss
Blue and Gold Educational Foundation of District 891
Donald Budahl - In Memory of Norbert Hoffman

Buffalo Ridge Resort, LLC
Canby Class of 1960 - In Memory of Dan Sorby
Canby Firemen's Relief Association
Canby High School Class of 1961 - In Memory of Karen Anhalt Mamer
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Clark-Hanson Post 117
Class of 1960 - In Memory of Jeanette Koch Roseberry
Jim and Cynthia Cleveland - In Memory of:
Dan Sorby
Dick DeBettignies
D.T. Nelson

Wanda Swenson
Curtis Anderson
Alice Johnson
Gordon Ellison
Roger Nelson
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Ralph and Norma Dovre - In Memory of Norbert Hoffman
Laurie Driessen - In Memory of Lawrence Ferguson
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Dick De Bettignies
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Esther Harms Trust

Erich and Celina Fokken - In Memory of:
Dan Sorby
Walter Birner
Karen Mamer
Erich and Celina Fokken
Karl and Bonnie Frederickson - In Memory of Glendor Bliss
Richard and Janet Full
Gerry and Marcia Gingles - In Memory of Louise Panning
Patricia Gubrud
Gary and Betty Hanna - In Memory of D.T. Nelson
Helena Chemical Company
The Christianson Cousins - In Memory of John "Jack" Christianson III

Don Houtkooper - In Memory of
Glen Houtkooper
Mark and Carol Hruby - In
Memory of D.T. Nelson
Greg and Linda Kockelman - In
Memory of Jean Kockelman
Milo and Judy Larson - In
Memory of:
Helen Boline
Dennis Kamrath
Steve and Mary Jane Lindholm -
In Memory of Glendor Bliss
Loren Hacker - In Memory of
Louise Panning
Matthew and Tricia Maynard - In
Memory of Math Antony
David and Jodi Mercer - In
Memory of:
John Eischeid
Math Antony
Tillie Phillips
John and Karen Miller - In
Memory of Dennis Kamrath
Charles and Bonnie Moberg - In
Memory of:
Wanda Swenson
Anna Peterson
Dean and Anita Mock - In Honor
of Class of 1960
Nancy M. Bormann, PA - In
Memory of:
Wanda Swenson
D.T. Nelson
Porter American Legion Post
457
Dean and Jane Stoks - In
Memory of Wanda Swenson
Gary and Vicki Stoks
Virginia VanDerostyne - In
Memory of:
Helen Boline
Richard Reiners
Jean Kockelman
Steven and Judy Yackley - In
Memory of Lyle Foss

**Awarded grants totaling
\$42,425**

Blue and Gold Educational
Foundation - District #891 for
scholarships to Canby High
School graduates attending
post-secondary school

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

Efthimios (Tim) and Nancy
Bakalagos
Nancy M. Bormann, PA
DeLon and Ann Clarksean
Cochrane Triathlon

Ralph and Norma Dovre
Lyle and Joey Gorder
Tricia Groenhoff
Hayek Family Endowment of the
Sioux Falls Area Community
Foundation
Angela Leppke
LL Hacker LLC - In Memory of
Phyllis Saltee
Benedict and Kelley Nemitz
- In Memory of Norman
Mortenson
Shirley Petersen - In Memory of
Allen Petersen
Alan and Julie Saltee - In
Memory of Phyllis Saltee
Evelyn J. Swenson
Wicklance Financial - Ron
Wicklance

In Clarkfield...



**CLARKFIELD AREA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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

Four Anonymous Gifts
Anderson Tongen Post 559
Charles Anderson
Erling and Norma Anderson
Irving and Harriet Anderson
Ron and Hallie Anderson
B-C-H Enterprises
Dale and Marlene Berg - In
Honor of:
Joshua Berg
Jessica Berg Sharp
Bill's Electric
Rodney Bruflat - In Memory of:
Donna & Bill Bruflat
Jill Bruflat
Tim Bruflat
Jill Doty
Wes Lynne
Rodney and Barbara Bruflat
Rodney and Barbara Bruflat - In
Memory of:
Morris Doty
Della Just
Birdie Winson
Dagne Smiens
Duane Rasmussen
Kenneth Jacobson
David Edmunds
Bruflat Plumbing & Heating
Tim and Debra Bruflat - In
Memory of Birdie Winson

Bruce and Helen
Christopherson
Bruce Christopherson
City of Clarkfield
Clarkfield Civic and Commerce
Assoc.
Clarkfield Enterprises, Inc.
Clarkfield Family Foods
Clarkfield Fire Relief Association
Clarkfield Garden Club
Clarkfield Golf League
Clarkfield Hardware Hank
Clarkfield Lions Club
Clarkfield Outdoors
Clarkfield Senior Citizens
Collision Pros & Glass, Inc.
Consumers Co-op Oil Company
Crop One, Inc.
Ronald Doty - In Memory of
Morris Doty
Diane Enevoldsen - In Memory
of Morris Doty
F & M Bank and F & M Agency
Jan Falkum
Jan Falkum - In Memory of Albin
Nelson Jr.
Murrey Finger
Gary and Susan Fritz
Gniffke Agency, Inc.
Haaland Furniture & Cabinet
Co.
Handeland Chiropractic LLC
Wesley and Sharon Husby
J & S One Stop, Inc.
Steve and Kathy Koetter
Larson Electric
Neil and Nicole Linscheid
J.H. Lynner Comapny
Jim B Lynner
Joyce McCoy
Gene and Lilly Miller - In
Memory of Ray and Mable
Miller
Orville Miller
Paulette O'Connell
S.A. Patel, DDS PA
Dr. Pat and Annette Patel
Gregory Payne
The Randy Presuhn Charitable
Foundation
Renew Styling Parlor
Enola Rolla
Robert and Peg Schlenner
Berdette Schoep
Blanche Simpson
Blanche Simpson - In Memory of
Ann Lynne
Harry and Pam Smith
Harry and Pam Smith - In
Memory of Kenneth Jacobson
Larry Stensrud
Larry and Ann Stensrud - In
Memory of:
Della Just
Dennis Haaland
Gary Haaland
David Edmunds

Bradley Stensrud
Wendell Miller
Tommy Waller
Jon Lee
Albie Nelson Jr.
Larry and Ann Stensrud - In
Honor of Dr. Patel and
Amettes Retirement
Phil and Nancy Sturlaugson
Roger and Caroline Tokheim
Oscar Waller Jr - In Memory of
Tom Waller
Joyce Ann Winson - In Memory
of:
Shirley McCoy
Jeanine Sannerud
Dagne Smiens
Brian Schweer
L. Sherman Winson
L. Sherman and Joyce Ann
Winson - In Memory of:
Birdie Winson
Tommy Waller

Awarded grants totaling \$7,301

City of Clarkfield to:
Family events at Cardinal
Days
Kick start Phase 2 of the
North Park Renovation
Project
Support the Garden Club
for the timber planter
replacement
Support the summer
recreation program
Clarkfield Care Center towards
purchasing a retractable
awning for the sensory garden
area at the Care Center
Clarkfield Community Library
to start a collection of books
with CD's for children 3 to 12
years of age
Clarkfield Fire Relief Association
to purchase LED flashlights
for all 26 members of the
Clarkfield Fire Department
Clarkfield Lions Club for
materials needed to convert
the old tennis court into a dog
park
Clarkfield Lutheran Church to
help the Clarkfield Clergy
Coop purchase food for the
Clarkfield Backpack Program
at Clarkfield Area Charter
School
ISD #4172 - Clarkfield Area
Charter School to:
Repair or replace existing
playground equipment at
the Clarkfield Area Charter
School
Support the after school
program

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 \$1,400

City of Granite Falls for the Kilowatt Baseball Team for the 2016 season
Granite Falls Ambulance Service for the ambulance service serving Granite Falls and the surrounding area
Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center, Inc. for operating support for 2016



Granite Falls Area
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

GRANITE FALLS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - A permanent resource that benefits the Granite Falls area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift
Brett and Danielle Almich
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Marie Anspach - In Memory of Gene Huth
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Carol Jean Beck
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Paul Moe
Stenword Bjorndal
Wednesday Poker League - In Memory of Don Berends
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Margaret Bjorge
Scott and Karla Bjorndal
Sue Bones
Nita Burgeson - In Memory of:
John Ladner
Elroy Burgeson
George Gerlach
Paul Moe
Nita Burgeson
Steven and Leanne Carmany

Darrell and Hazel Carter - In Memory of:
Vern Vosberg
Scott Hempel
Kathy Peterson
John Ladner
Don Berends
Darrell and Hazel Carter
Citizens Alliance Bank
Rick and Lynnette Clark - In Memory of Vi Engbrecht
Gale and Lois Dahlager
Howard and Linda Dahlager
Tom and Tammy Edman - In Memory of:
Phyllis Fredlund
Robert Erickson
Karl E. Erickson DDS - In Memory of Thasia Sebring
Jim and Darlene Erickson
Barry Evenstad
Evan and Melissa Fagen
Joseph and Jean Fagnano
Bill and Kristin Flaten
Jim and Coleen Ford - In Memory of Bernice Crusier
James and Coleen Ford
Lori Formo
Avis Freitag - In Memory of:
Scott Hempel
Vern Vosberg
Janice Pederson
Betty Buesing
Chet Flack
Dennis Hedlund
Avis Freitag
Fromm Ag Services - Ryan and Kayla Fromm
James and Lorene Fromm
Ron and JoAnn Fromm
Michael and Shelly Gaffaney
Du Wayne and Karen Galow
Greg and Kathi Gill
Granite Falls Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Granite Falls Bank
Granite Falls Energy LLC
Granite Family Eyecare - Todd and Nancy Trudel
Granite True Value
Earle and Bonnie Gustafson
Harland and Rachel Hagen
Richard and Linda Hagen
Scott and Peggy Heglund
Mark and Robin Henderson
Ruby Hieb - In Memory of Leroy Hieb
Paul and Diane Hinz
Virginia Homme - In Memory of John Ladner
Marlene Ims - In Memory of:
Phyllis Fredlund
Gary Monson
Betty Buesing
Silda Adams
Cindy (Veden) Pederson

Don Berends
Chet Flack
Paul Moe
John Ladner
Kathy Peterson
Charliee Boone
Beatrice Phinney
Elaine Arfield Oie
Galen Skjetfte
Jerry and Mary Ims
Inspire Salon - Jesse James
Scott Jans
Mark and Mary Jensen
Willis and Arlyss Johnson
Mary Kelly - In Memory of:
Eunice Bjorndal
Stenword Bjorndal
DuWayne and LaVonne Koenen - In Memory of:
Scott Hempel
Sam Knutson
Vern Vosberg
George Gerlach
Paul Moe
Don Berends
Pat Kubly - In Memory of:
Gary Kubly
Don Berends
Patricia Kubly - In Memory of:
John Ladner
Betty Buesing
Kathy Peterson
Stenword and Eunice Bjorndal
Spencer H. and Peggy K. Kvam - In Memory of:
Spencer O. and E. June Kvam
Holly Labat
Diane Ladner
Irene Ladner - In Memory of:
John Ladner
Steve Ladner
Lavin Family Chiropractic Center, Inc.
William and Cindy Lavin
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Joan Lundell
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Kristin Nygaard
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David and Cindy Smiglewski
Dave and Amy Nordaune
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Tim and Jody Hempel
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Gene and Helen Stukel - In Memory of Don Berends
Thrifty White Pharmacy - Plymouth
Tjosvold Equipment, Inc.
Darlene Ulmer
Upper Sioux Community
Greg and Ardyth Vos
Voni Vosberg
Voni Vosberg - In Memory of Vern Vosberg
West Central Sanitation
Nicole Zempel

Awarded grants totaling \$6,055

Friends of Music to support a combined concert performance of the YME Concert Choir, Chord-Ayres and the Sweet Adelines
Granite Falls Ambulance Service to purchase new uniforms for the ambulance crew
Granite Falls Historical Society for Volstad House floor restoration
Granite Falls Living at Home/Block Nursing to maximize the self-sufficiency and independence of seniors and the disabled by offering a program that addresses how to manage behaviors that can lead to falling
Hanley Falls Fire Department to replace firemen's turnout gear to comply with NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Standards
ISD #2190 - Yellow Medicine East to:
Perform a revised version of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Purchase a storage cart to properly store the band's music stands
Purchase equipment to be used for the 2015-2016 season and beyond

Support Granite Falls Community Education as they host a professional theatre company to work with local students 3rd-12th grade

Project Turnabout Addiction Recovery Center for a recently installed paved patio area at the main entrance of the Granite Falls residential treatment center

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.

Bradley and Ruth Thom - In Memory of Wallace A. and Shirley J. Thom

David and Jan Thom - In Memory of Wallace A. and Shirley J. Thom

Steven and Paula Thom - In Memory of Wallace A. and Shirley J. Thom

Awarded grants totaling \$50

Friends of Music to support a combined concert performance of the YME Concert Choir, Chord-Ayres (community choir from Madison, MN) and the Sweet Adelines (community choir from Marshall, MN)

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8,510

680
businesses
served

million
in grants
\$28

25
community
affiliates

donor-
advised,
school and
other funds

101

1,650

acres of farmland
in Keep It
GrowingSM

11,890

donors

nonprofits
served

1,220

gifts
processed

33,930

Early Childhood
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Fund aims to

By BELL CABALAN
Staff Writer

GRANITE FALLS — Economic times are tough to southwestern Minnesota, especially for farmers. There are no quick solutions.

But the Southwest Minnesota Initiative Fund hopes to provide a helping hand to perk up the region's ailing economy through economic development.

The program wants to help diversify the region's economy, to help it become less reliant on agriculture.

The aid will consist of loans for new businesses or for businesses that want to expand. The \$1.1 goal is creating jobs for rural families and individuals.

The fund also will have grants to non-profit human service organizations (social service and education) to help rural people suffering from their economic problems.

The program was made possible with a \$2.8 million grant for a two-year period from the McKnight Foundation of Minnesota. The grant was announced last spring.

The \$2.8 million won't be a cop-out in solving the area's economic troubles. The money must serve as

organization will receive other financial sources.

The Southwest Initiative Fund office is in Volstead House, a landmark in Granite Falls. Executive director David Leckey is associated with Toni Fredricka, administrative assistant.

The fund's board meets monthly and will accept applications receive grants. The board members include Dr. Robert Carothers, president of Southern State University and the chairman of the Minnesota State Surgeon who retired the director of the South Technical Institute's Grant campus; Gloria Vold is on the Southwest Development Council; Clayton Mack Laflin is one of the County Board members; and Kent Gustafson is the Minnesota Extension

Although Carothers has Two USAs in August...

McKnight seeks ways

By Leonard Inskip
Associate editor

start or expand nonmetro companies.

By next year, a new McKnight program, involving millions of dollars yearly, should be showing ways to help rural economic development and diversification.

Last weekend, 14 people from six nonmetro regions met for four hours with McKnight officials and directors to discuss programs McKnight might support. That gathering followed numerous planning sessions, sponsored by McKnight, in which an estimated 3,000 Minnesotans had participated.

The recommendations included regional development funds, help for small-scale economic development, creation of regional coalitions, encouragement for stronger rural leadership and greater cooperation among social-service agencies and other groups, including government and business.

McKnight has said its next big emphasis will be on rural Minnesota — where farm and mining economies have deteriorated and social problems increased. No price tag is possible until programs are approved, but over five years the

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help rural economy

preliminary applications, with the board to decide on the follow-up proposals by late October or early November. There is no deadline for submitting funding applications.

In describing an objective of the fund, board member Kent Gustafson said, "We need diversification of the economy in southwest Minnesota."

"This region has to be more diversified," Carothers said. "The agriculture economy won't be enough to maintain the population that we want out here in southwest Minnesota. More light industry and service industries are needed."

"The application guidelines for human service stress cooperation between human service organizations," Carothers said.

Applications for loans to industries will be approved that create the most new jobs for the region. The jobs created should provide full-time, year-round employment, with compensation above the minimum wage.

No limits have been set on the

and management. Applicants expected to be in contact with available resources, including state's business finance specialists, a regional development commission, local or county development authorities, and small business development consultants.

When it comes to grants for nonprofit human service organizations for assisting rural people who are suffering from their economic ills, the fund is interested in organizations that plan to cooperate with other organizations.

An organization must be able to duplicate the services funded by the money won't duplicate services of other area organizations.

The organization also must have other funding sources a part grant.

When human service organizations and businesses submit preliminary applications, the board reviews them every month.

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ing to the present... Binger, daughter... McKnight.

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Southwest Minnesota... found a lack of regional... McKnight.

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communities... plants with new... and face a shortage of

McKnight empowered people in greater Minnesota. Now we're working to continue this legacy in our region.

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MINNEAPOLIS STAR
AND TRIBUNE

Commentary Foundation's initiative yields crop of interest in rural areas

By Leonard Inskip
Associate editor

area. Agriculture and tourism, both in difficulty, are important economic underpinnings. The Twin Cities economy has diverse underpinnings, including high technology and finance. Twin Cities corporations and foundations, as a rule, don't channel their money to the rural

services and achievements, human-service requirements and rural leadership.

"We've got a lot," Latimer said, "but the people outside the metro area don't have a voice. (People said that) 'state government doesn't listen to us; forget Washington.' This can give some focus to their concerns."

Regionalism Rural areas gain, but should do more

A decade ago, southwestern Minnesota was hit hard by farm crisis, population loss and economic stress. The Countryside Council, a regional citizens group, documented the hurting in a 281-page report. It called for a regional vision and much-expanded collaboration among the region's cities, social agencies,

skilled workers. High-tech industry thrives in Minneapolis and Redwood Falls. A meatpacking plant in Worthington would hire 200 more people, but can't find them. Housing is a problem, either because workers don't make enough to buy new housing, or because high taxes on rental property make it unconomical to build. Three major east-west highways — 7, 212 and 17 — need expansion to boost commerce and ease travel congestion.

People and Knowing are interested in six funds because McKnight and government both provide support in the mid-1980s. McKnight committed \$114 million through state government has supplied \$11 million in matching loan money. Initiative Funds have made about \$10 million for economic development. If they have promised collaboration by the region's governments, organizations and private sector.

right that the key to regional development comes not from government but from local ideas and local leadership and state money primes the pump. But it's local people who make development work. Initiative Funds' loan and grant regional thinking. The region has a way of doing it in Minnesota. The southwest corner of the state has a separate airport and construction of a new airport. The fact that such an issue in a regional discussion could be a harbinger of further progress toward the Countryside Council's vision. We hope

region — and central they probably to meet and submit proposals. It's not to be slower. The region's present committee planning and regional with workers' contract in set process a larger coming in an economic recommendations. Committee will be central Minnes-

emerged. When to involve the public? How closely is regional development? How to relate to state government? How to create an agency? How to create a mission? How to obtain conditions representative of geographic areas? How to reverse McKnight's

make better regional coordination. A stronger non-profit leadership would address non-profit problems. The foundation also would be interested in the use of local initiatives, and grantmaking as regional priorities. "We have a large resource and we have to use them effectively in rural areas," Ewald said. "It also hopes other grant-makers will do more in rural areas."

in returned to say how much the foundation will provide. He noted that 1984 grants ranged in \$400 to \$15 million. "You put a dollar together and tell us the cost," he said. "If it's imaginative, the foundation will seriously consider what amount to put up." Also, the foundation expects to send each program through a process to accomplish a mission's goals.

Already, the prospect of McKnight funds has brought diverse groups together and forced them to talk about common problems — something, as one participant observed, neither the state or federal government could do.



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