



SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE
FOUNDATION

Looking Forward, Giving Back

FISCAL YEAR 2012

One Connection. Unlimited Possibilities.

“The true meaning of life

is to plant trees,
under whose shade
you do not expect to sit.”

– Nelson Henderson



Dear Friends,

Whether you’ve been connected to the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) since our inception in 1986 or are just getting to know us, you’ll see a wide range of impact through our work. From investing in businesses to developing community leaders to serving donors, we are a single connection offering unlimited possibilities for our rural southwest Minnesota regional community.



Throughout Fiscal Year 2012, we continued thoughtful planning, calculated risk taking and unfailing commitment to our entire region. On the heels of our 25th anniversary celebration, SWIF continued to celebrate and recognize the programs, partnerships, and most importantly, the people who make our work both possible and necessary.

And, giving has remained at the core of this work.

In Fiscal Year 2012, we again exceeded our goal by raising more than \$316,000 for our General Endowment, which is a critical tool for growing resources to support our region forever. We received two gifts through our Keep It GrowingSM farmland retention program, a unique way to support our region and communities while keeping valuable land in production. We created a new Legacy Circle to recognize donors who make a planned gift to support SWIF beyond their lifetime. And, we welcomed three new community foundation partners into our family of more than 100 funds.



Together with all of our fund partners, we awarded grants totaling more than \$1.4 million dollars. These are real dollars going out to grow and promote local activities and our entire region.

But, SWIF doesn’t accomplish anything alone—we create impact by building relationships with people who want to make a difference. We have the tools and expertise to help people give back to support causes they care about, and we have the experience and connections to leverage these gifts to create a greater impact.

Each name in this edition of *Looking Forward, Giving Back* represents a wonderful story of giving. Our donors make a choice to support our work because they believe in the possibilities our future holds, and we sincerely thank each of you for your partnership. While we can’t share every story, we hope that those we have featured in this book will inspire you to think about your own giving. There is so much we can accomplish together!

Sherry E. Ristau
SWIF President/CEO

William McCormack
SWIF Board Chair

With great appreciation, we recognize the individuals, businesses and other funding partners for their generous contributions for SWIF's Fiscal Year 2012 of July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. We believe this list is accurate and complete. However, please accept our sincere apology if we have inadvertently omitted your name or listed your gift incorrectly and contact us as soon as possible to ensure we update our records.

Through the generosity of those listed within these pages, SWIF and our fund partners are able to deliver programs and award grants that make a difference in the 18 counties of southwest Minnesota.

Funds that received no gifts and awarded no grants in Fiscal Year 2012 are not included in this booklet. Please visit www.swifoundation.org/funds for a complete list of SWIF fund partners. The ability to award grants even when no gifts were received is due to investment and project strategies, as well as support from generous donors in previous years.

SWIF General Endowment

SWIF GENERAL ENDOWMENT

- A permanent resource for southwest Minnesota that allows SWIF to respond to the region's changing needs and opportunities. Gifts are matched dollar-for-dollar by The McKnight Foundation.

25 Anonymous Gifts
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Reinhold Daberkow
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Countryside Council
3M Company
5 Star Walt's, LLC
AgStar Financial Services
Douglas Allen
Anderson Chemical Company
Garrett Anderson
James and Karen Anderson
John and Diana Anderson
John and Diana Anderson - In Memory of:
Lydia Buerkle
Maynard Ostermann
Garrett Backes
Patrick and Irene Backes
Perry and Marquita Banks
Gary and Marj Becker
John and Brenda Beckman
Daniel and Gayle Beiningen
Jon and Judy Benson

Berny Berger
Roger and Deb Berggren
William and Jeanette Bergstad
Best Buy Employees
Big Stone County
Birdwing Spa
Tom and Sue Brakke
Bremer Bank
Bremer Trust
Jeff and Deb Brockberg
Bromelkamp Company, LLC
James and Wilma Buisman
James and Wilma Buisman - In Memory of Wesley J. Buisman
Bob and Marsha Bunger
Elroy and Nita Burgeson
Mary Burich
Thomas "Buzz" Burich
Michael and Sara Carlson
Robert L. and Phyllis Carr
Casualty Assurance of Granite Falls, Inc.
Center National Bank
Matt and Liz (Maiers) Cheney
Matt and Liz (Maiers) Cheney - In Memory of:
Lydia Buerkle
Rick Larson
Rebecca Christenson
Elroy Burgeson
Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company
Church of St. Mary
Citizens Bancshares of Hutchinson, Inc.

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City of Atwater
City of Balaton
City of Bird Island
City of Buffalo Lake
City of Chandler
City of Clara City
City of Clarkfield
City of Clinton
City of Currie
City of Fairfax
City of Ghent
City of Graceville
City of Granite Falls
City of Hadley
City of Hendricks
City of Heron Lake
City of Ivanhoe
City of Jasper
City of Kerkhoven
City of Lake Benton
City of Lakefield
City of Litchfield
City of Lucan
City of Luverne
City of Lynd
City of Madison
City of Milan
City of Montevideo
City of Mountain Lake
City of Olivia
City of Ortonville
City of Redwood Falls
City of Renville
City of Tracy

Concorde Bank
Tim and Connie Connell
Cottonwood Building Center
Cottonwood County
Crop One, Inc.
Bill and Annie Curwick
Tom and Barb Daggett
Clifford Jr. and Margie Dahl
John and Tracy Dammermann
Harm and Marilyn DeGrote
Robert F. Determan, CPA
Dierks Oil
Lea and Meridee Dobberstein
David and Dee Anna Dorsey
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Jessica Eastling - In Memory of Stefan Jaskowiak
Kerry Ella
Jeff and LeeAnn Ettinger
Karen Evenson
Nancy and Marc Fasching
Federated Rural Electric Association
Dr. J.P. and Rebecca Felling
Paul and Elizabeth Fellows
Norm and Ethelyn Fey
First Independent Bank - Lucan
First State Bank Southwest
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Kenneth Frederickson
Dr. Wayne and Karen Freese
Steve and Beth Gasser
Gary and Nancy Geiger
Louise Gervais

Carla Gilsdorf
Walter and Raeanna Gislason
Cheryl and Tom Glaeser
Glen's Food Center
Bob and Elaine Golberg
Goldleaf Financial, LTD
Granite Falls Economic Development Authority
Karen Grasmon
Mark and Sonia Grasmon - In Memory of Lydia Buerkle
John and Lynn Gunderson
Kent Gustafson
Jeff and Kris Haag
Sheldon and Margery Haaland
Beth Habicht
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John and Donna Haines
Robert and Dona Haines
Hank's Foods of Pipestone
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Wayne Hanson
Wayne and Janet Hanson
Steve and Judy Harder
Eric and Cheryl Hartman
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Glen and Jacqueline Herfurth
Heritage Bank, N.A.
Judith Herman
Wayne Hexem
Wilbur and Dorothy Hintz
Ken and Karen Hoime
Tom and Sharon Hollatz
Eugene Hook
Karen and Clayton Houff
Hutchinson Economic Development Authority
Insurance by Strehlow
J & D Construction, Inc.
Jackson County
James and Gladys Jacobson
Daniel Jarner - In Memory of Melrose Jarner
Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.
Andrea Fox Jensen
Greg Jodzio
Greg and Betty Jodzio
Adam Johnson
Dr. Daniel and Brenda Johnson
E. Ray and Bonnie Johnson
Geoff and Leann Johnson
Jeffrey and Carla Johnson
Ron V. and Sylvia Johnson
Don Jones
K.A.H.R. Foundation
Kandiyohi County and City of Willmar EDC
Charles and Anne Kanten
Nancy Kaping
Robert and Phyllis Kemen - In Memory of Leo and Kathrine Kemen
Jim and Sue Keul
KleinBank - Madison
KleinBank - Montevideo

Carlos and Jean Knakmuhs
Gerald Koenen - In Memory of Elaine Koenen
Brad and Kim Kramer
Dr. Allen Krebs
Bob Krinke
Laura Kuvaas - In Memory of Rita Maiers
Dick and Kathy Labat
Ron and Barbara Labat
Lac qui Parle County
Lake Lillian C & C
Lake Region Bank
Doug and Gail Larson
Karen Larson - In Memory of Rick Larson
Bruce and Judy Lichty
Lincoln County
Dr. Edward and Carmen Linden
Bruce Linnemeyer
Dave and Marlyce Logan and Grandchildren: Audrey Burger, Lucile Burger, Samuel Griebel, Scott Griebel, Jack Thomas and Molly Thomas
Mark Lofthus and Marian Blattner
Christine A. Loveland
Sandy and Peggy Ludeman
Jan Lundebrak
Marketing Concepts of Minnesota, Inc.
Scott and Amber Marquardt
Marion Mauland
Dr. Phil and Jean Maus
Bill and Roz McCormack
The McKnight Foundation
Lynne McLaughlin - In Memory of Don McLaughlin
McLeod County
Steve and Connie VanDerBill
Medin
Meeker County
Janet and Benny Menton
Robert and Suzanne Meyerson
Dr. Jim Michels and Colleen Thompson Michels
Minnwest Corporation
MinnWest Technology Campus
Kim Morrow
Murray County
Margie and Bret Nelsen
Dr. D.T. and Anne Nelson
Jan Craig Nelson
Janice M. Nelson
New Horizon Farms
Kelly and Cynthia Nichols
Derek and Tari Niemeyer
Nobles County
North American State Bank
Northern States Supply
Mark and Tina Novotny
Ron and Julie Noyes
Daryl and Ann Marie Olson
Randy and Judy Otto

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Harlan and Jerri Palm
Gary and Janine Papik
Mel and Dee Paradis
Jerry and Becky Parker
Steve and Marianne Perkins
Dolores Peters - In Memory of Dale and Darl Smith
Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Peterson
LeRoy and Jan Ann Peterson
Craig and Karen Pfeifer
Curt and Shirley Pietz
Pipestone County
William and Ardene Post
S. Todd Pushing, DDS
Ralco Nutrition, Inc.
Ralph Manwarren Charitable Trust
Gordon and Virginia Rasmussen
Greg and Barbara Raymo
Redwood County
David and Elizabeth Reimer
Randy Reinke
John and Patricia Remme
Tim and Melanie Remple
Dr. Cris and Linda Remucal
Renville County
Elise Ristau
Sherry and Bruce Ristau
Sherry and Bruce Ristau - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson,
Wendy Thronrud, Arnold "Buzz" Dass, Rick Larson and Dr. George "Buzz" Smith
Dan and Marie Ritter
Robert and Helen Remick
Charitable Foundation Trust
Vince Robinson - In Memory of Buzz Dass
Rock County
Joe and Betty Roers
Thomas and Mary Ann Rolloff
Myron and Judie Rosendahl
John and Darlene Ruitter
Rural Computer Consultants, Inc.
Rob and Renae Saunders
Lisa Schardin
Conrad and Judy Schmidt
Wade and Cheryl Schmidt
Karen Schneider
Mary Schnell - In Memory of Jim Schnell
Berdette and Linda Schoep
Herbert and June Schulz - In Memory of Doris Zimmerman
Patricia Schuster
The Schwan Food Company
The Schwan Food Company of the Bank of America
Charitable Gift Fund
Dr. Ric and Julie Shrubbs
Mildred (Ohlen) Skogmo - In Honor of Robert Ohlen

Mildred (Ohlen) Skogmo - In Memory of Pearl Thiele
Shirley Skoog
Theodore Smetak and Ann Montgomery
Wendell and Marion Snortum
James and Patricia Solheid
Marjorie Sorenson
Gregory J. Soukup
Sparboe Farms, Inc.
David and Gay Lynn Spark
Larry and Ann Stensrud
Step Saver, Inc.
Heath Stoll
Herbert R. Stromquist
Jerry and Linda Svoboda
Swift County
SWIF Board of Directors - In Honor of SWIF Staff
SWIF Micro Enterprise Group - In Memory of Rick Larson
SWIF Silent Auction Fundraising Proceeds
Erik Thompson
Kurt and Kristin Thompson
Bob and Joanne Thurston
Mike and Sheila Tolbert
Curt and Karen Tommeraasen
Gary and Karen Toren
David Torgelson
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Joel and Colette Tubbs
Jackie Turner-Lovness
U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance Group
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United Prairie Bank
United Prairie Bank - Madison
Tom and Janet Vandendriessche
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Willis and Joan Wendland
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Gary and Roni Williams
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Linda Wing
Amy Woitalewicz
Mark and Amy Woitalewicz
Robert and Karen Yant
Yellow Medicine County
Evelyn Zick - In Memory of Arnold and Todd Zick



Growing Home Circle

SWIF GROWING HOME CIRCLE SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP - 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 2012 (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012) to help SWIF meet the Phase VI challenge from The McKnight Foundation. Gifts are matched dollar-for-dollar by McKnight. In Fiscal Year 2012, 80 Growing Home Circle members contributed \$183,145 to the SWIF General Endowment.

Two Anonymous Gifts
AgStar Financial Services
Anderson Chemical Company
John and Diana Anderson
Gary and Marj Becker
Birdwing Spa
Tom and Sue Brakke
Bremer Bank
Bremer Trust
Burich Foundation
Mary Burich
Thomas "Buzz" Burich
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Lake Region Bank
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Blattner
Dave and Marlyce Logan and
Grandchildren:
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Lucile Burger
Samuel Griebel
Scott Griebel
Jack Thomas
Molly Thomas
Sandy and Peggy Ludeman
Jan Lundebrek
Dr. Phil and Jean Maus
Bill and Roz McCormack

Debra McCormick
Steve and Connie VanDerBill
Medin
Robert Meyerson
Dr. Jim Michels and Colleen
Thompson Michels
Minnwest Corporation
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Janice Nelson
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Larry and Ann Stensrud
Larson
SWIF Staff
Robert Thurston
Mike and Sheila Tolbert
TRJR Properties - Jim and Linda
Fahey, Richard and Wendy
Hantge, Robert and Christie
Hantge, Timothy and Sheila
Ulrich and Richard and Peggy
Westlund
U.S. Bancorp
United Prairie Bank
Wanda State Bank
Lyle and Cheri Weismantel
Mark and Amy Woitalewicz

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

Give Where You Live.™

Southwest Initiative Foundation Programs and Grantmaking

SWIF awarded grants totaling \$59,362 to support economic and social growth throughout the region

Arthur Moeller Post 478 - American Legion to support Honor Flight Southwest Minnesota
City of Litchfield to support the Lake Ripley Healthy Lakes Program
Council on Foundations to support membership and promote principles of philanthropy and grantmaking
Dakota Wicohan to support after school and summer programming
Heartland Community Action Agency to support strategic planning and collaboration
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits to support membership and promote philanthropy
Minnesota Council on Foundations to support membership and promote philanthropy
Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council to support membership
Southwest Initiative Foundation to support 2012 MCF-MCN Conference focusing on Minnesota's changing demographics
Upper MN Valley Regional Development Commission-Region 6W in recognition of Collaboration Award and to support the 9th annual Upper Minnesota River Art Crawl

SWIF awarded Local Impact Grants totaling \$36,000 to support food shelves throughout the region

Big Stone Lake Area Food Shelf
Eden Valley Food Shelf
Fulda Food Shelf
Helping Hands - Meeker County Emergency Food Shelf
Jackson Food Shelf - First Presbyterian Church
Lac qui Parle Community Food Shelf
Luverne Area Community Foundation
Manna Food Pantry, Inc.
McLeod Emergency Food Shelf to support Glencoe and Hutchinson food shelves
Mountain Lake Community Food Shelf

Murray County Food Shelf
Pipestone County Food Shelf
Prairie Five Community Action Council to support Canby, Chippewa County and Swift County food shelves
Redwood Area Food Shelf
Renville County Food Shelf
Southwest Initiative Foundation to support Cottonwood County Sharing Center, Dawson, Edgerton, Ivanhoe-Hendrick-Arco Area, Lake Benton, Lakefield, Morgan We Care and Worthington Christian Church food shelves
Tyler Area Food Shelf
WAFER Inc. Food Shelf
Western Community Action, Inc. to support the Heron Lake-Okabena, Marshall, Tracy and Westbrook food shelves
Willmar Area Food Shelf to support New London Area and Willmar food shelves
Yellow Medicine-Neighbors United Food Shelf

SWIF PROGRAM - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF deliver its programs and initiatives throughout southwest Minnesota.

Arthur and Walter Anderson Charitable Trust
The McKnight Foundation
The Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust
Stanford and Ruth Swenson Estate

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.

Seven Anonymous Gifts
City of Redwood Falls
Mary Louise Young Heidkamp
Gary and Joyce Johnson

Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust
West Central Initiative

Awarded grants totaling \$85,500

ISD #2534 - BOLD to impact children ages birth to 5 in the community
ISD #775 - Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg to impact children ages birth to 5 in the community
ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley to secure local ECI coordinator and impact children ages birth to 5 in the community
ISD #173 - Mountain Lake to secure local ECI coordinator
ISD #2169 - Murray County Central to secure local ECI coordinator
ISD #2897 - Redwood Area Schools to secure local ECI coordinator

Minnesota Fathers & Families Network to support regional workshop and conference
New Discoveries Montessori Academy to secure local action team manager for McLeod County Thrive
PACT 4 Families Collaborative to support 10th annual community brain conference
Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure local ECI coordinators for BOLD, KMS, Ortonville, Rock County and Worthington coalitions and McLeod County Thrive
Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council to support professional development for child care providers
Willmar Community Education & Recreation to secure local ECI coordinator

SWIF PROGRAM - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

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

University of Minnesota

Awarded grants totaling \$60,000

The BioBusiness Alliance of Minnesota to develop a plan to grow the state's bioindustrial sector and to support the Enterprise Minnesota to facilitate a manufacturing company CEO Peer Council
Minnesota Angel Investment Network
MinnWest Technology Foundation to support the Animal Science Venture Forum
University of Minnesota Extension to support broadband technology impact analysis
Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation to support the 8th Annual Regional Bioscience Conference

SWIF PROGRAM - HONOR FLIGHT

- A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF support Honor Flight Southwest Minnesota.

Bremer Bank, N.A.
Bremer Trust, N.A.
Walter and Raeanna Gislason
David and Marlyce Logan
Otto Bremer Foundation
Sherry and Bruce Ristau - In Memory of Bud Qualley - WWII Vet
Robert L. Thurston
USDA

SWIF PROGRAM - MICROENTERPRISE LOAN PROGRAM

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

One Anonymous Gift
U.S. Small Business Administration
United Prairie Bank

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.

AgStar Financial Services
Center for Energy and Environment
Great River Energy
Kandiyohi Power Cooperative

Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center
Xcel Energy

Awarded grants totaling \$29,898

ISD #2396 - ACGC for a prize award and to replace spotlights with solar lights
ISD #2754 - Cedar Mountain for a prize award and to support a school lunch composting project
ISD #466 - Dassel-Cokato to initiate a recycling program at the high school
ISD #2365 - Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop for a prize award

ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley for a prize award and to promote and build recycling program at high school and middle school

ISD #465 - Litchfield for a prize award and to install hydration stations, support the school greenhouse, and promote "Green Your Holidays" event
ISD #2149 - Minnewaska High School for a prize award
ISD #345 - New London-Spicer for a prize award and to install a hydration station

ISD #2897 - Redwood Area Schools for a prize award and to install a solar heat collector to help heat the middle school band room

ISD #2898 - Westbrook-Walnut Grove for a prize award and to educate the community about alternative energy production and energy savings
ISD #347 - Willmar for a prize award and to educate elementary students
U of M Regents to support the Clean Energy Project Builder, formerly REDI Resources

Southwest Initiative Foundation Fund Partner Gifts and Grantmaking

Funds that benefit people and organizations in multiple southwest Minnesota areas

CHIPPEWA RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT ENDOWMENT FUND - A fund that benefits the Chippewa River Watershed Project of Montevideo.

One Anonymous Gift
Canadian Pacific
Norm and Joyce Hagberg
Rodney and Doris Willms
Prairie Country RC&D Council

Awarded grants totaling \$168

Prairie Country Resource Conservation and Develop to support organizational activities

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

Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust

Awarded grants totaling \$2,000

South Dakota State University for post-secondary scholarships awarded to youth in FFA Region 6

St. Olaf College for post-secondary scholarships awarded to youth in FFA Region 6
Winona State University for post-secondary scholarships awarded to youth in FFA Region 6
University of Minnesota for post-secondary scholarships awarded to youth in FFA Region 6

ELWIN AND DOROTHY SIETSEMA FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowment fund that benefits the Worthington area.

Carmen Millard Estate
Elwin Sietsema
Elwin Sietsema Trust

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

Geri Heimark

Awarded grants totaling \$26,000

Bergen Lutheran Church to support building improvements
Clarkfield Care Center to support the Clarkfield Ambulance
Clarkfield Community Library to support media equipment
Healing Waters Parish to support the congregation
Yellow Medicine East Dollars for Scholars to support student scholarships

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.

Two Anonymous Gifts
Todd and Tammera Ahrendt
Erik and Beth Anderson
James and Karen Anderson
Michael and Kimberly Anderson
Fred and Diane Asche

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Todd and Tammera Ahrendt
Erik and Beth Anderson
James and Karen Anderson
Michael and Kimberly Anderson
Fred and Diane Asche

Dianne Barber
Roger and Laurie Bredesen
Becky Brown
Ryan and Jessica Buer
Bradley Burton
William and Susan DeSchepper
Sheila Ennenga
Jeff and LeeAnn Ettinger
Russell and Jo Ann Fehl
Gerald and Louise Groskreutz
Richard and Lynn Guse
Lynn and Peggy Hanson
Michele Heveron
Jennie-O Turkey Store
Jennie-O Turkey Store CARE Program Fundraising Proceeds
Brad and Nancy Johnson
Joshua and Jennifer Johnson
Teresa Johnson
Angela Jones
Damon Jongbloed
John Kieffer
Lynn and Shellie Larson
Patricia Lindemeier
Ron and Donna Linsmeyer
S.J. and D.M. Lykken
Barry and Deidre Lynch
Michelle Marotzke
Peter and Dionne Meehan
Gilbert and Lynn Olson
Jason and Stacy Olson
Daniel and Deborah Orourke
Richard and Deborah Otte

New Legacy Circle to Honor SWIF Donors

Perhaps you've been thinking about the ways you can to support your home community, favorite nonprofit organizations or specific causes that you care deeply about. Have you considered leaving your legacy through SWIF?

We know many people throughout the region have already included SWIF in the gift portion of their estate plan or are planning to do so.

If you have, or are considering leaving a family legacy to Southwest Initiative Foundation by will, revocable living trust, life insurance, charitable trust or charitable gift annuity, please let us know.

Our new Legacy Circle is a special group of visionary people who want to help future generations enjoy the quality of life we value. By creating this Legacy Circle, we are able to thank you today for the impact your gift will make in the future.

An event will be planned to thank and honor Legacy Circle members—anyone who has disclosed that they have SWIF in their estate plan—so please contact us today to learn more.

As always, we are happy to assist you in making a gift that meets your charitable goals. And, keep in mind that many giving options may benefit family members through careful tax planning, so we also work closely with your professional advisor to make sure these benefits are realized.

To confirm your planned gift to SWIF or for more information, contact Legacy Gift Planner Bob Golberg at 800-594-9480 or bobg@swifoundation.org.

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Lois Picha
Jeremy and Mindy Radabaugh
Petri Papinaho and Janet Remus
Elisabeth Reynolds
Alan and Lori Roering
Richard and Mary Rost
Brenda Santamont
Tonja Sarff
Debbie Schmitz
James and Pat Solheid

Troy and Becky Spanier
Guy and Lindsay Sukalski
Bonnie Sunn
Jared and Robin Tague
Jeffrey and Lori Tjaden
Julie Vlach
Linda Weis
Carl and Mary Wieland
Betty Wright

Awarded grants totaling \$19,000

Southwest Initiative Foundation to support the Jennie-O Turkey Store CARE Relief Fund and assist 14 people facing a crisis situation

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

One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Darrel Janssen

Three Anonymous Gifts
Three Anonymous Gifts - In Memory of Jacob Pieper
15 Anonymous Gifts - In Memory of Justin Ulferts
Alan and Lois Ahrenholz
American Legion Auxiliary - In Memory of:
Madolin Bussing
June Swanson
Dennis and Nancy Ammermann
Harley and Clarice Ammermann
Donna Arends
Bethany Reformed Church Women
Marvin and Judi Boike - In Memory of Robert Sulflow
Larry and Janet Bosch
Lee and Kim Bosch
Mike and Lindsey Bosch
Lorraine Brasket - In Memory of Justin Ulferts
Bob and Carolyn Brix
Craig and Stephanie Burner
Meryln and Marjorie Cadwell
Chippewa County Fair Association - In Memory of Justin Ulferts
Citizens Alliance Bank
Citizens Real Estate
Clara City Telephone Company
James and Kit Colby
Crate Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.
Linda D. Docken
John and Ginny Donner
Tom and Lisa Donner
Donners Service, Inc.
Dooley's Petroleum, Inc.
Farmers Co-Op Oil Co.
Stanley and Marilyn Freese
Yvonne Gerdes
Bennie and Sondra Groen
Dean and Barb Gunderson
Dennis and Ruth Harguth
Walter and Marlene Harguth

Mike Hauser - In Memory of Justin Ulferts
Chas and Beci Hinderks
Ronald and Susan Honken
Duane and Nancy Hultgren
Kevin and Kjersti Jaenisch
Edward and Marie Jansen
Cory Janssen
Randy and Cathy Janssen
Tom and Melanie Johnson
Eileen Jones
Dr. Massoud and Ann Kazemzadeh
Kenneth and Emma Koenen
Dr. James and Vicki Koewler
Nicholas and Donna Krueger
Cameron and Sarah Macht
Main St. Fitness
Maynard Lions Club
Kevin and Tanya Noble
Virginia Palke
Ross and Carissa Pederson
Pastor Don and Sue Plantinga
George and Emily Poppen
Ronald and Phyllis Rand
Raymond, Clara City and Maynard Lions Clubs
Tedd and Nancy Rieke
S & D Repair
Tim and Kim Sandry
Gregory and Donna Schmidt
Richard and Maureen Schmidt
Lane Schwitters
Robert and Sharon Schwitters
Vernon and Patricia Seeman
Eileen Skoglund
Gary and Debra Slagter
Denise Smith
Bruce and Carol Soine
Bruce and Deborah Stutelberg - In Memory of Justin Ulferts
Gloria Sulflow - In Memory of Robert E. Sulflow
Timothy and Carmel Thein - In Memory of Justin Ulferts
Ralph and Kari Thissen

Carol Thomson
Thorstad Construction Co., Inc.
David and Kelly
VanKlombenburg
Darrell and Toni Vick
Chris Volz - In Memory of Justin Ulferts and Duane Sietsema
Wearda Implement Co.
John White - In Memory of:
Darrell Janson
Justin Ulferts
Whoopie Warrings
Thomas and Karleen Williamson

Awarded grants totaling \$12,557
ISD #2180- MACCRAY to support: Color printer cartridges, Disc-o Sits for 1st and 2nd grade classrooms, facility banners, Family and Consumer Sciences supplies, football transportation and supplies, girl's basketball tournament, Interwrite interactive board, Jr./Sr. High Ag Robotics, pegboard for science projects, photocopier, physics field trip for 9th grade class, reading program, SMART Program, sound amplification system for classrooms, and trade books for 5th grade class

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.

Peter and Ann Holme

Ronald and Dorothy Williams

Awarded grants totaling \$39,000

Anderson Center to support a Succession Strategies Forum in partnership with West Central Initiative
Arthur Moeller American Legion Post 478 to support Honor Flight Southwest Minnesota
Granite Falls Living at Home/Block Nursing
Lake Shetek Let's Go Fishing to develop a local program chapter

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 and beyond.

Ralph Manwarren Charitable Trust

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 \$3,250
University of South Dakota College of Fine Arts to support kitchen equipment at the Black Hills Playhouse

OHS Class of 1961 - Carl Krueger
Heather Eastman
Bill and Donna Hoel - In Memory of Rose Sandro
Liz Ketz

Roger and Ann Lundberg - In Memory of Fran Sester
OHS Class of 1961
Ortonville Public School
Foundation Fund Fundraising Proceeds

Becky and Jerry Parker - In Memory of Ramona Dorry
Jay Dee Ross
Shirley Skoog
Paul and Ruth Strong
Roman and Carol Taffe

Awarded grants totaling \$13,600
ISD #2903 - Ortonville to support playground enhancements at the school

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Chippewa County area

In Milan...

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

Two Anonymous Gifts
Mary Jane Arner
Billy Maple Tree's - In Memory of Ester Hofstad

Michael Burns
P. Michael and Marilyn Carlson
Joyce Christensen
City of Milan
Frederick and Doris Binger Cogelow
David and Cheryl Doely
Lisa DuFrane
Dale and Diane Edwards
Nina Ehlers
Shirley Ferguson
Louise Fester
Ruth C. Flom

Luanne Fondell
Susan Forseth
Colleen Frey
Florence Gilbertson
Walter Grittner
Arlene Gustafson
John B. and Marilyn J. Gustafson
Mark and Kerry Gustafson
Dale Handeen - In Honor of Karen Jenson
John and Marilyn Handeen
Richard and Deborah Hanson
Phyllis J. Hauck

Heartland Lakes Rosealing
Sharyl Helgeson
Harold and Dawn Herbst
Virginia Homme
Jean Hoover
Arland and Avis Johnson
Sharlene Jorgenson
Chuck and Anne Kanten
Christine Kleven
Ione Kleven
S. H. and Ione Kleven
Kathleen Kuphal
Cheryl Landgren

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

In Ortonville...

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

One Anonymous Gift
Bituminous Paving
Bryan and Kristi Delage
Christopher and Kari Dorry
Deb Henningson - In Honor of Ortonville ECI
Kristine A. Kirkeby

Brad and Kim Kramer
Matt and Laura Lamb
Liebe Health Mart
Peter and Deanna Lundberg
Beth Mueller
Northside Medical Center
Ortonville Early Childhood Fund Fundraising Proceeds
Ortonville United Appeal
Becky Parker
Prairie Five Community Action Council
Strong, Inc.
Ruth Strong

Target
Lynette Wellendorf
Steven G. Winther, DDS

Awarded grants totaling \$7,600
Big Stone Area Growth to support Ortonville ECI coalition activities

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

Two Anonymous Gifts
John and Myrna Adams - In Memory of Rita Lindholm
Big Stone Therapies, Inc.
Dolores M. Christensen
Charitable Fund

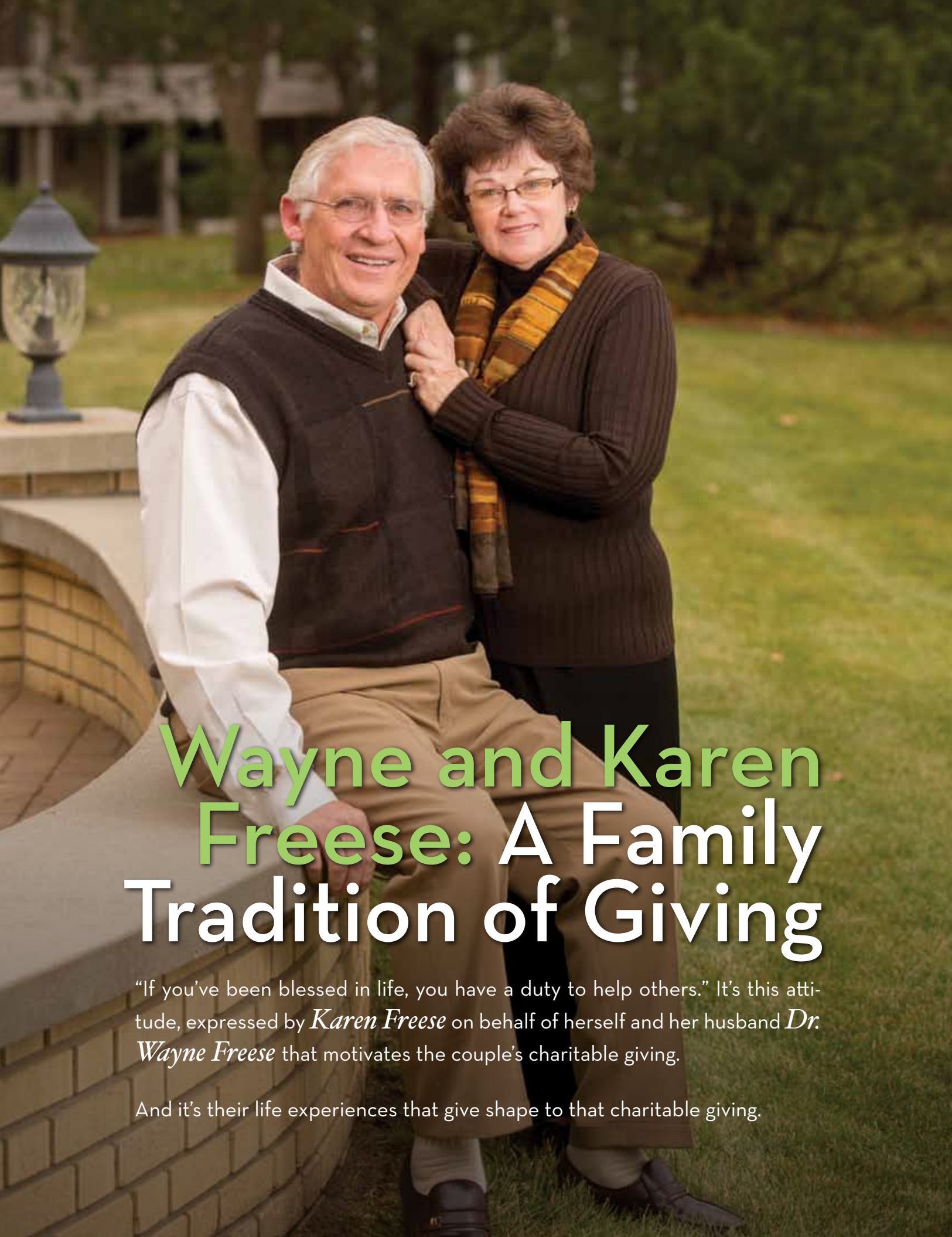
Our Best Stories

It's hard to pick just a few stories that represent all of the Southwest Initiative Foundation's work. So, we asked current and former members of our Board of Directors, staff and partners to share what they thought is the best Southwest Initiative Foundation story ever.

Their responses led to a video highlighting four incredible examples of the impact Southwest Initiative Foundation has throughout our rural region. We're proud to share these stories, which include Honor Flight based in Luverne, early loan clients Harlan and Jerri Palm of Grove City, the Buffalo-Lake Hector-Stewart School Foundation, and the Christian Community Outreach Center in Olivia.

We hope you'll be as inspired as we are by the amazing people featured in this video. It's because of people like them that Southwest Initiative Foundation is able to help make a difference throughout southwest Minnesota...and it's because of our donors that we're able to support them.

Visit www.swifoundation.org to enjoy this heartwarming video, or call our office at 800-594-9480 to receive a copy on DVD.



Wayne and Karen Freese: A Family Tradition of Giving

“If you’ve been blessed in life, you have a duty to help others.” It’s this attitude, expressed by *Karen Freese* on behalf of herself and her husband *Dr. Wayne Freese* that motivates the couple’s charitable giving.

And it’s their life experiences that give shape to that charitable giving.

While Wayne was in veterinary school at Iowa State University, the couple was raising two children, holding down several jobs to make ends meet and striving to maintain academic standards necessary to graduate and pass state boards. The responsibilities of everyday living and facing unexpected health issues gave the couple a unique perspective on life. It was this understanding that led the couple to establish scholarships at ISU for married students with children – based not on academics but need and ability to reach their full potential.

“If you’ve been blessed in life, you have a duty to help others.”
—Karen Freese

Today Wayne is CEO/Chairman of Prairie Holdings Group and an accomplished agri-business leader. Life has continued to present trials, experiences, opportunities and blessings.

After meeting with the town’s mayor in the early 1980’s, the couple found there was no local vehicle to facilitate the couple’s desire to establish a long term way of sharing their blessings. Their search eventually led them to the Southwest Initiative Foundation, where they established a donor advised fund that focuses on families.

“The people at SWIF are good stewards and have an excellent track record,” says Wayne. “We like their projects too – working with the elderly, with kids, they have a great early childhood initiative.”

Eventually, Wayne served on the SWIF Board of Directors and as Board Chair from FY 2008-2009.

“SWIF can custom-make a [giving] program for you that you’re going to like,” says Wayne. “They have the tools to do this. Around the nation people call and want to find out what SWIF is doing – they’re leaders in their field.”

“For example,” he says, “the Growing Home Circle brings together people who are philanthropically inclined.” The Freeses are members of the Growing Home Circle – donors supporting SWIF’s General Endowment Fund. “We share and learn, and in turn that stimulates more giving.”

Through their fund, Wayne and Karen are able to give grants through other entities, such as church, which impacts many people. And they often give anonymously.

“People don’t need to know. You may be pushing a grocery cart next to someone that has been helped. You don’t even know it and neither do they,” says Karen. “And that’s okay. You don’t do it for the thanks.”

Eventually, Wayne and Karen’s children, and later their grandchildren, will take over the donor advised fund. The couple is easing their children, who are in their forties, into the roles they’ll someday play. “We usually talk to our children and get their suggestions,” Wayne says.

And he is encouraged because he sees philanthropy becoming a family tradition.

“I feel good,” says Wayne. “A month ago our son told me he and his wife want to set up a fund themselves.”

Don and Donna Landsverk
Barry and Karla Lindahl
Paul and Marlys Lindholm
Stanley and Marjorie Lindholm
Marvin and Jane Link
Paul Loftness
Roger and Ann Lundberg
John Howard Lynner
Lois Lynner
Annikki Marttila
Carol Maursetter
Milan Village Arts School
Alfred and Linda Miller
Deborah Miller
Benjamin and Sara Mitlyng
Delmar R. and P. Diane Mobley
Annette M. Moen
Moonstone Farm - Richard
Handeen and Audrey Arner
Sandra Myren
Arnold Nokleby
Lynn K. Oliver
Gordon G. Olson
Rollance and Gayle Olson
Jackie Opine
Wendy Opine
Robert and Ruth Paulson
Paulstad Classic Calendars, LLC
Prairie Sun Bank - In Memory of
Sally Thompson
Robert and Cheryl Retrum
Judy Ritger

S. David and Sonja Sanders
Robert and Renae Saunders
Judith Stendahl
Norman and Nora Stevens
Swenson Brothers - Aaron and
Arvid Swenson
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Swenson
Billy and Delores Thompson
Erik Thompson - In Memory of
Sally Thompson
Paul and Sandra Thompson
Thompson Philanthropic
Enterprises - In Memory of
Sally A.M. Thompson
Gene and Lucy Tokheim
Kari Thompson Torgerhagen
- In Memory of Sally A.M.
Thompson
Judith Van Dyne
Dean and Carol Vigeland
John and Elizabeth Wanke
While Living Trust
Arnold Zempel
Mary Ziemann
David and Karen Zimmerman

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

Two Anonymous Gifts
Garrett Backes
Michael Burns
Jim Kanten
Kent Kanten
Martinson Foundation
Nancy Strand
Nancy Strand - In Memory of:
Arden Jerve
Bjarne Torgerhagen
Marjorie Lundgren
Nancy Ziemann Mervine
Erik Thompson
David F. Zimmerman
David and Karen Zimmerman -
In Memory of:
Julie Lysholm
Janet Zaub

**Awarded grants totaling
\$3,000**
Chippewa County Family
Services to expand the
Caregiver program

Lac qui Parle Valley Community
Education to support summer
recreation programs
Milan Village Arts School to
support: A Taste of Syttende
Mai, Spoon Gathering, and the
Arts School restroom renovation

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

Minnesota Community
Foundation

**MONTEVIDEO AREA
REHABILITATION
ENDOWMENT FUND** - A
related endowment fund of the
Montevideo Area Community
Foundation that was created to
benefit individuals with physical
disabilities in the Montevideo
area.

Minnesota Community
Foundation

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Cottonwood County area

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

Awarded grants totaling \$1,000
Brad Behrends Memorial Fund
to support scholarships
for high school graduates
attending post-secondary
education

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

**Awarded grants totaling
\$6,000**
Mountain Lake Ambulance
Service to support GPS units
and defibrillator equipment
Sanford Clinic Mountain Lake
to support a Cooper Surgical
Fetal Monitor

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

Two Anonymous Gifts
Garrett Backes
Julie Brugman
David Savage

Awarded grants totaling \$5,163
City of Mountain Lake to
support the tree project

Heritage Village for vinyl siding
on the Prairie Interpretive
Center Building
ISD #173 - Mountain Lake to
support the pool and for
auditorium seats
Lutheran Social Service to
support updates to Meals on
Wheels equipment
Mountain Lake Community
Food Shelf to support
operations

**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.

Dolores Peters - In Honor of
Doris Baltrusaitis

Awarded grants totaling \$3,500
ISD #173 - Mountain Lake to
support show choir risers

**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.

Bergen, Inc.
Jean Haberman
Brad and Kim Kramer

**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.

Steve and Judy Harder

Awarded grants totaling \$2,500
Heritage Village to support
completion of the Visitor
Center
Mountain Lake Community
Food Shelf to support food
distribution throughout the
year

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

Ken and Elaine Henry

James and Coralee Krueger
Merle Sykora

Awarded grants totaling \$500
Business, Arts & Recreation
Center, Inc. to support
organizational activities

**COTTONWOOD COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ENDOWMENT FUND** - A fund
that benefits the Cottonwood
County Historical Society,
located in Windom and serving
Cottonwood County.

Tom and Karen Wickie - In
Memory of Jim Tucci

Awarded grants totaling \$630
Cottonwood County Historical
Society, Inc. to support
organizational activities

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

Awarded grants totaling \$4,307
Cottonwood County Historical
Society, Inc. to support
organizational activities

**KRUEGER FAMILY ADVISED
FUND** - A non-endowed fund
that benefits the Windom area.

Awarded grants totaling \$5,000
Business, Arts & Recreation
Center, Inc. to support
organizational activities
Windom Fire Department
to support turnout gear
replacement for firefighters

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Jackson County area

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

Garrett Backes
Amy R. Bang
Jackie Baumgard
Drew and Dawn Campbell - In
Memory of Julie Engler
Doreen DeWall - In Memory of
Leann Petersen
Matt and Doreen DeWall - In
Memory of Louise Voit
George and Collette Diemer - In
Memory of:
Julie Engler
Ray Gunther
Agatha Liepold
Ann Petric
Margaret Diemer
Ed and Colleen Freking - In
Memory of:
Agatha Liepold
Leann Petersen
Jason and Tracy Freking - In
Memory of:
Leann Petersen
Ann Petric
Louise Voit

GiveMN.org - On Behalf of Give
to the Max Day Golden Ticket
Winner Bardene Peter
Virginia Hay - In Memory of Lila
Brust

Louise Hecker - In Memory of
Ray Gunther
Dave and Bonnie Henkels - In
Memory of Agatha Liepold
Heron Lake-Okabena
Community Foundation
Fundraising Proceeds
April Hussong
Barbara Hussong - In Memory of
Anna Marie Mathias
Doug and Cindy Iverson
Milt and Deb McKeown - In
Memory of Ann Petric
Milt and Deb McKeown, Dick
and Linda Dawson, Liz Laraby
and Carol Baumbach - In
Memory of Norma and Eldon
Everetts
Gary and Marless Milbrath
Rod and Cleo Miranowski - In
Memory of Agatha Liepold
Jens and Marge Olmem - In
Memory of:
Barb Olmem
Evie (Smith) Rickgarn
Willie Smith
Cindy Owen - In Memory of:
Amy Hay
Ann Petric
Walter Schoper
Bob and Judy Pelzel - In
Memory of Agatha Liepold
Bardene Peter - In Honor of
Merton and Joyce Peter

Ed and Bardene Peter - In
Memory of:
Lila Brust
Amy Hay
Gertrude Hulstein
John Olsem
Leola Rogers
Ralph Manwarren Charitable
Trust
Eva Rostomily - In Memory of
Agatha Liepold
Jim and Patti Schneider
SSC School Board - In Memory
of:
Leann Petersen
Ann Petric
John and Judy Stenzel - In
Memory of Agatha Liepold
Ann Wendorff - In Memory of
Leann Petersen
Ron and Ann Wendorff - In
Memory of Ann Petric

Awarded grants totaling \$6,580
Heron Lake American Legion
Auxiliary to support work
at the Veteran's Memorial
location
Heron Lake Library to support
Kids Space
ISD #330 - Southwest Star
Concept Schools for:
Elementary library shelving,
Kindle covers to protect
equipment, new doors at the
schools, and screen printing
equipment for coursework
Western Community Action, Inc.
to support the food shelf

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.

53 Anonymous Gifts
Donita Soucek - In Memory of
John Nasby
Ralph Manwarren Charitable
Trust

Awarded grants totaling \$3,724
Jackson County Public
Library to support E-books,
E-readers, and the book sale

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

Carol Achterkirch - In Memory
of Richard Boell
Stephen and Yvonne Dekok
Steve and Janice Fransen
Michael Gilbert and Bridget
Kolander Gilbert
Henning Rental, Inc.
Horizons of Jackson
Ron and Sylvia Johnson - In
Memory of Margaret Gilmore

Richard Koch
Roger and Carolyn Lind - In
Memory of Kent Johnson
Richard and Kathleen Peterson -
In Memory of:
Katy Olson
Chester Harries
Ralph Manwarren Charitable
Trust
Brian Resch
Dan Ruby
Rocky and Carolyn Sieler
Donita Soucek
Jerry and Linda Svoboda
Merle and Cathy Thompson - In
Memory of Marcia Thompson
Rod and Sylvia Von Ohlen
Dorothy Zimmerli

Awarded grants totaling \$2,450

Jackson County to support
handwashing stations at the
fair grounds
Jackson County Art Guilds
to support the 6th annual
Rhythm of the River
Jackson County Public Library
for toys in the children's area
and books awarded during
the summer reading program

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

Lynne Anderson - In Memory of
Milburne "Big" Carrigan
Shirley Anderson
Gery and Bev Arndt
Bank Midwest
Dan Beert
Mary Bezdicek
Laura Bidne
Merle and Beverly Brinkman
Steve Condon
Cleo Day
Dave and Anne DeJong - In
Memory of:
Mary Kielblock
Dennis Whisney
Diane J. Johnson Trust
Karla Ebert
Education Minnesota - Jackson
County Central
Tamie Egge
Eliot Ellefson
First National Bank Employees
of Lakefield

Handevit & Anderson - In
Memory of Clair Gilmore
Jackson County Central
Education Foundation Fund
Fundraising Proceeds
Jackson County Central Middle
School Council - In Memory
of Levi Buresch

Dan Joyce
Jim and Sue Keul - In Memory
of:
Clair Gilmore
Kent Johnson
Tim Nelson
Dennis Whisney
Allen and Rose Krebs
Helen Meium - In Memory of
Harlow Meium
Paul and Tammy Meium
Tamara Meium
Gary and Bonnie Natterstad
Daryl and Ann Olson - In
Memory of Milburne "Big"
Carrigan
Douglas and Linda O'Neil
Gary and Vicki Place
Mark and Kathy Rademacher
Ralph Manwarren Charitable
Trust
Paul and Deb Rentschler
Brian Resch
Kerri Rose

Carol Sandve
Bob and Marlene Tewes
Mark and Linda Titus - In
Memory of Kent Johnson
Rod and Trisha Voss
Kari Wilkinson
Dan Winterfeld

**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 Fran Behne
Audrey Teigen

Awarded grants totaling \$13,000

Jackson Community Foundation
to support Kristi Elaine Teigen
Memorial Scholarships

Bruce Melchert and Catherine
Nilles
Mary Merlin
Ernest and Ardyce Meyer
Michele Hedlund Trust
Brad and Suzanne Michelson
Tyke and Carol Myers
Edmund and Lorel Nadolny
Suzanne Nelsen
Harvey and Marie Nelson
David and Christine Newcomer
Palmer and Deloris Norling
Beatrice Ourada
Arllys Ousman
Paul and Carol Parker
Verna Patrick
Mary Jo Patton
Pennock Lions Club

Rolf Peterson
Mark and Diane Pierskalla
Family
Jacob and Ruth Polta
Larry Rice
Shirley Pettis Ringness
Dr. Robert and Dolores
Rosenbrook - In Honor of
Raeanna Gislason
Lee Rosium and Carol Welker
Thomas and Pamela Rozendaal
Dennis Schaeffbauer and Ann
Hendershott
Jerome and Elaine Schliep
Cheryl and Brad Schmidt
Darlene Schroeder
John and Mary Seifert
James Sherman

William Smith and Lori Park-
Smith
Lynnette Sommers
Jeff and LeAnn Stauffenecker
Kay Strand - In Memory of:
Bett DeRuyter
Lois Grindland
Muriel Hanson
Ruth Phillips
Larry and Marilyn Stulen
Michelle Suter
Tim and Barbara Swanson
Jim and Judith Terhune
Mari Thorkelson
Robert and Karla Tinklenberg
Jeffrey and Jennifer Vance
Enrique and Janice Vazquez
Sonja Westre

Irene Whitmyre
Whitney Music
Marty and Judy Wieland
Frank Wilkins
Willmar High School Class of
1961
Willmar Music Matters
Fundraising Proceeds
Frank and Suzanne Ziebarth

Awarded grants totaling \$28,500

ISD #347 - Willmar to support
4th and 5th grade orchestra
instruction

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

In Dawson...

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

Two Anonymous Gifts
One Anonymous Gift - In
Memory of Paul Estlie
One Anonymous Gift - In
Memory of Karen Volk
One Anonymous Gift - In
Memory and Honor of Friends
Garrett Backes
Brian and Brenda Bakker
Martin and Carol Bergeland
Jeff and Sandy Boss
Boundary Waters Canoeing
Friends - In Memory of
Gordon Michaelson
Dale and Deb Breberg - In
Memory of Annabel Greseth
Wayne Dahl
Dawson Fire Department
Dawson Veterinary Clinic
Harlan and Doryce Farman
Loren and Carole Femrite
Mahlon and Arlyce Femrite
Daniel R. Fondell
Friends and Family - In Memory
of Russell Dahl
Beth Givens
Claire Givens
Mary Hartfiel
Jim and Lois Helgeson - In
Memory of Helmer and Alice
Helgeson
Karen Houff - In Memory of
Reuben Christianson

Karen and Clayton Houff - In
Memory of:
Eleanor Macy
Thelma Slinde
Daniel Jarner
Don and Judy Jarner
Jeff Johnson
Jeff and Carla Johnson - In
Memory of Myles Bergeson
Curt and Sharon Johnsrud - In
Memory of:
Wesley Anderson
Myles Bergeson
Tom Bly
Ione Liebl
Ella Lindseth
Kermit Lund
Eleanor Macy
Bernice Prestholdt
Ken Seeling
Thelma Slinde
Karen Volk
Thomas and Cheryl Kloss
- In Memory of Bernice
Prestholdt
Ferman and Doris Lanning
Dan and Becky Larson - In
Memory of Nancy Jager
Gordon and Mary Jane Lee
Don and Pat Lindblad - In
Memory of Reuben
Christianson
Barry, Craig and Carla Lund - In
Memory of Blanche Lund
Jon and DeAnn Lund
Dr. Phil and Jean Maus -
In Memory of Ruben
Christianson
Marcia Michaelson - In Memory
of Gordy Michaelson

Danny and Kim Miller - In
Memory of:
Myles Bergeson
Reuben Christianson
Paul Estlie
Ione Liebl
Eleanor Macy
Bernice Prestholdt
Donn and Susan Mork and Mark
and Lael Vane - In Memory of
Marvin and Marjorie Vane
Linda Olson - In Memory of
Richard D. Lewis and Ione
Liebl
David and Peggy Pederson
Gordon and Norma Powers
Charles and Janice Prestholdt
Prestholdt Family - In Memory
of Bernice Prestholdt
Richard and Ann Quist
Carol Rensberger
John Roiger - In Memory of
Bernice Prestholdt
Mark and Lindy Saboe - In
Memory of Ione Liebl
Vern and Laurel Silvernale
- In Memory of Ruben
Christianson
Stanton and Sandy Smaagaard
Rev. Kendall and Emily Stelter -
In Memory of:
Kermit Lund
Thelma Slinde
Val and Doris Storlien - In
Memory of:
Florence Craigmile
Kermit Lund
Thelma Slinde
Clarice Smith
Stella Thompson

Del and Anna Mae Thielke - In
Memory of:
Jim Krier
Elwood Thronrud
Gloria Thronrud - In Memory
of Elwood Thronrud
John Tollefson
John and Ginger Tollefson - In
Memory of:
Russel Jauss
Ella Lindseth
Cliff Lund
Paul Thielke
Tollefson & Lee Law Office - In
Memory of Senator Gary
Kubly
Arthur and Mary Ann Winden
Lorraine Winslow

Awarded grants totaling \$8,857

City of Dawson to support
Gnometown Holiday Lights
and the ice skating rink and
shelter house
Dawson Senior Citizens for
upkeep of the building
ISD #378 - Dawson-Boyd to
support the annual essay
contest winner's prize award
Junior Achievement of the
Upper Midwest to support
the local program

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Kandiyohi County area

In Willmar...

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

Nine Anonymous Gifts
Jane Brisendine
Steven and Jane Brisendine
Robert and Dona Haines
Brad and Kim Kramer

**WILLMAR MUSIC MATTERS
FUND** - *A non-endowed fund
that benefits music programs at
Willmar Public Schools.*

Seven Anonymous Gifts
5 Star Walt's, LLC
Anthony and Mary Amon
Gregory and Catherine
Anderson
Paul and Mary Jo Anderson
Susan Anfinson
Gordon and Lois Baker
Dale and Cathy Bays

Kenneth and Alix Behm
Dennis and Darlene Benson
John and Jill Benson
Kathie Kauffman Bishop - In
Honor of Vic Olson
Mark and Beth Bloomquist
Gordon and Lois Bos
Glenn and Eunice Buchanan
Leon and Pauline Carlson
Richard and Laura Carlson
Fred Cogelow
Fred and Doris Binger Cogelow
Donald and Phyllis Coleman
Cosmopolitan Study Club
Thomas and Julie DeBoer
David and Dee Anna Dorsey
Karen Dresser
Chris and Lara Duinink
Gene and Sandra East
Mark and Sharon Eckhart
Joanne Ellison
Tim and Jessica Erickson
Peter and Andrea Etterman
Morrie and Daphne Evenson
Richard and Audrey Falk
Bill and Anne Fenske
First Covenant Church

Michael Hanson and Jodi
Fonkert
Kelly and Norma Forstrom
Rev. Robert and Irene Friedrich
Landon and Nicole Fries
Gary and Nancy Geiger
Todd and Jean Geselius
Deborah Gillis
Walt and Raeanna Gislason - In
Memory of:
Audrey Falk
Betts Lackore
Darcy Gubrud
Darcy and Jon Gubrud
Bill and Lois Gulbrandsen
Kristin Gulbrandsen
Oliver and Sharlene Hagen
William and Janet Hagen
Ralph and Doreen Haglund
John and Donna Haines - In
Memory of Shirley Chapin
Robert and Dona Haines - In
Memory of Shirley Chapin
Randolph and Margaret Hall
Gary and Karen Hanson
Gregg and Linda Hanson
Timothy and Mindy Hardy
Eric and Michele Haugen

Donald and Judith Heath
Timothy and Beverly Helgeson
Mary Hodapp
Michael and Mary Ann Hodapp
Robert and Constance Hodapp
Craig and Lori Holmgren
Cathy Horning
G. Richard and Mary Huesing
George and Mabel Hulstrand
Kathryn Hund
Gilbert and Cathleen Idso
Dr. Martin and Amy Janning
Paul Jensen
Thomas and Lynn Johnson
Beth Johnston
Randy and Debra Klein
Earl and Elizabeth Knutson
Elizabeth Lackore
J.A. and Lacey Larson
Dr. Edward and Carmen Linden
Edward and Carmen Linden
H. Willard Linder
John Lindstrom
Jay and Patricia Loepcke
Lyle and Melissa Mangen
Bryan and Traci Mara
Carl and Shirley Marcus
Dorothy Timm Meili

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.

Patricia R. Hansen
Bob and Marlene Lee - In Memory of:
Roger Beaman
Donald Jarner
Kermit Lund
Ken Seeling
Leland Winge
Don and Pat Lindblad - In Memory of Ken Seeling
Jerome and Kimberly Thompson - In Memory of Ervin and Genora Thompson

DAWSON-BOYD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND - A related fund of the Dawson Community Foundation created to address the educational needs of Dawson-Boyd School District youth.

One Anonymous Gift - In Honor of Gerald and Patricia Michaelson
Don and Pat Lindblad - In Memory of Kermit Lund
Dorothy Lough Orr

Awarded grants totaling \$1,000
Dawson-Boyd Arts Association to support the Continental Ballet Company's Nutcracker Ballet at Memorial Auditorium

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

One Anonymous Gift
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Myles Bergeson
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Velma Knutson
Two Anonymous Gifts - In Memory of Annabel Greseth

Audrey Adolphson and Julie Detlefsen - In Memory of Marvel Skotterud
Dennis Anderson - In Memory of Connie Rostad
Dennis and Ruby Anderson - In Memory of:
Myles Bergeson
Annabel Greseth
Bernice Prestholdt
Marvel Skotterud
Muriel Wiegers
Ruby Anderson - In Memory of Thelma Slinde

Lannie and Brenda Ashling
Jim and Maren Bakken - In Memory of:
Russell Jauss
Eleanor Macy
Doug and Sharilyn Bates
Helen Bergeland - In Memory of Harlowe Bergeland
Elnore Bergeson - In Memory of Jim Krier
Dennis and Gloria Boraas - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Genevieve Bothun - In Memory of:
Myles Bergeson
Florence Craigmile
Annabel Greseth
Jim Krier
Connie Rostad
Paula Byhaug - In Memory of Ethelyn Byhaug
Larry and LuAnn Dahl - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock
Larry and LuAnn Dahl - In Memory of:

Myles Bergeson
Rueben Christianson
Glenn Dunham
James Krier
lone Liebl
Kermit Lund
Eleanor Macy
Thelma Slinde
Karen Volk
Michael and Judith Dahl - In Memory of Rueben Christianson

Tom Dahl - In Memory of Rueben Christianson
John and Effie Deno - In Memory of:
Rueben Christianson
Paul Estlie
Annabel Greseth
Morris Simonson
Marvel Skotterud
Thelma Slinde
Irene Westgaard
Harlan and Doryce Farmen - In Memory of Loved Ones
Loren and Carole Femrite - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Randy and Julie Fjerkenstad - In Memory of Thelma Slinde

Milton and Virginia Goplen - In Memory of:
Eleanor Macy
Thelma Slinde
Philip Greseth - In Memory of:
Annabel Greseth
Bonnie Simmons
Elaine Haakenson - In Memory of Harlan Haakenson
Tim and Brenda Halvorson - In Memory of:
Bernice Prestholdt
Thelma Slinde
Roger Weber
Sylvia Hanson - In Memory of Harold Hanson
Delores Hastad - In Memory of lone Liebl
Ron Helgeson - In Memory of:
Annabel Greseth
Paul Thielke
Don and Elsie Holtan
Larry and Janet Jensen - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Duwayne and Kathy Johnson - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Johnson Memorial Health Services
Ross and Andrea King - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Janice Kittelson - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Betty Knutson - In Memory of Murlon Knutson
Eldon and Pat Kragh - In Memory of Art Hermanson
Robert and Shirley Kuhlmann - In Memory of Roger Rolighed
Lac qui Parle Co-op Oil Company - In Memory of Morris Simonson
Barbara Larson - In Memory of Arvid Larson
Bob and Marlene Lee - In Memory of:
Myles Bergeson
Florence Craigmile
Annabel Greseth
Jeff and Janet Liebl - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Don and Pat Lindblad - In Memory of:
Myles Bergeson
Florence Craigmile
Debra Louise Fondell
Wilford Fredlund
Annabel Greseth
Art Hermanson
Rose Lindblad
Delaine Lundy
Bernice Prestholdt
Marvel Skotterud
Thelma Slinde
Doris Twite
Irene Westgaard
Alta Wik

Jerry and Alan Lindseth - In Memory of Ella Lindseth
Jon and DeAnn Lund - In Memory of Gloria Graven
Barbara Lundquist - In Memory of:
Rueben Christianson
Annabel Greseth
Marvel Skotterud
Brad and Vicki Lundy - In Memory of Lloyd and Delaine Lundy
Brad and Margaret Madsen - In Memory of:
Myles Bergeson
Bernice Prestholdt
Morris Simonson
Marvel Skotterud
Thelma Slinde
Dr. Phil and Jean Maus - In Memory of:
Annabel Greseth
Marvel Skotterud
Donn and Susan Mork - In Memory of Connie Rostad
Timothy and Mary Nealy
Mary Olson - In Memory of Connie Rostad
Sam and Mary Olson - In Memory of:
Wesley Anderson
Myrtle Sumner
Myles Bergeson
Russell Jauss
lone Liebl
Kermit Lund
Delaine Lundy
Eleanor Olson
Bernice Prestholdt
Marvel Skotterud
Thelma Slinde
Alta Wik
Roger and Jane Oman - In Memory of:
Russell Jauss
Helen Larson
Terrence and Becky Overlander - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Dean and Joyce Pearson - In Memory of:
Rueben Christianson
Constance Rostad
David Pederson and Peggy Crosby - In Memory of:
Milford and Dorothy Crosby
Don and Mid Pederson
Ken and Diane Peet - In Memory of Constance Rostad
Dawn Pehrson - In Memory of Florence Craigmile
Amy Plessner - In Memory of Gene Peterson

Gordon and Norma Powers - In Memory of:
Rueben Christianson
Annabel Greseth
Russell Jauss
Jim Krier
Kermit Lund
Sam Powers
Constance Rostad
Doris Twite
Muriel Wiegers
Prestholdt Family - In Memory of Bernice Prestholdt
Jim and Kristi Prestholdt and Family - In Memory of Rudy and Bernice Prestholdt
Gwen Robertson - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
JoAnn Roisen - In Memory of David Roisen
Dona Sather - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Allan and Donna Schacherer - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Darlene Schacherer - In Memory of Larry Schacherer
Neil and Rosalie Schilling - In Memory of:
Annabel Greseth
lone Liebl
Thelma Slinde
Emily Sumner
Karen Volk
Burnette Wendroth
Vern and Laurel Silvernale - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Doc and Sharon Skordahl - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Dean and Sarah Solem - In Memory of:
Kermit Lund
Thelma Slinde
Harold and Ruth Solem and Dwight and Ana Roesch - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Leslie and Bettie Spies - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Muriel Stringer - In Memory of:
Myles Bergeson
Thelma Slinde
Karen Strom - In Memory of lone Liebl
Scott and Cindy Thaemlitz - In Memory of Jessica Lynn Thaemlitz
Jerome and Kimberly Thompson - In Memory of Ervin and Genora Thompson
Ginger Tollefson - In Memory of James and Thelma Slinde
John and Ginger Tollefson - In Memory of:
Diane Casey
Morris Simonson

Tollefson & Lee Law Office - In Memory of:
Rueben Christianson
Annabel Greseth
Gary Kubly
DeLaine Lundy
Roger Weber
Gary and Julie Turnberg - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Roberta Twite and Tami Moe - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Michael and Beth Westby - In Memory of lone Liebl
Terry and Bev Westfield - In Memory of:
Arnold Labraaten
Ken Seeling
Morris Simonson
Jeff and Kristyn Wicht - In Memory of Rueben Christianson and Annabel Greseth
Merlin and Ilene Willand - In Memory of Annabel Greseth
Shelia Windingstad - In Memory of lone Liebl

Awarded grants totaling \$7,054
Johnson Memorial Foundation for scholarships to support employees of Johnson Memorial Health Services of Dawson who wish to pursue their education in nursing

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.

Awarded grants totaling \$164
Lac qui Parle County Historical Society to support organizational activities

LAC QUI PARLE VALLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND - a non-endowed fund that was created to benefit children ages birth to 5 in the Lac qui Parle Valley School District area.

Appleton Community Foundation
David and Cindy Bergerson
Rev. Cynthia S. Huse
Madison Community Foundation
Milan Community Foundation
Myron and Judith Rosendahl
John Siebenand

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

Awarded grants totaling \$9,115
City of Dawson to support the Gnometown Holiday Lights and Riverfest Weekend
Dawson Lions to resurface Dawson City Park's tennis/basketball courts
Hantho Headliners 4-H Club to support Little Farmers program
Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest to support the local program
Lac qui Parle County Auditor/Treasurer for picnic tables at Lac qui Parle County Park
Lac qui Parle County Historical Society to preserve military stories and to create a town school photo album

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.

Bernice Halvorson Scholarship Fund of the Lutheran Community Foundation

Awarded grants totaling \$2,000
Northern State University for scholarships to support a student pursuing a degree in the field of education

MADISON COMMUNITY BASEBALL ENDOWMENT FUND - A related fund of the Madison Community Foundation that benefits the Madison community baseball field and related programming.

Shane Meier

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

10 Anonymous Gifts
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Toots Olson
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Vic Tennesen
Cynthia Albrecht
American Legion Post 158 - Lac qui Parle
David and Vicky Amundson
Amundson Peterson, Inc.
Donald and Christine Anderson
Harlow and Denise Anderson
Daniel Angelo and Cara Greger
Marguerite Arndt
Garrett Backes
Jane Baldwin
Bellingham Farmers Co-Operative Elevator Co.
Elsie Bergerson
Mavis Bjornson - In Memory of Jan Kuehl
Bolton & Menk, Inc.
Gary and Jane Boraas
Robert and Delores Bormann
Tom and Lisa Bornhorst
Gary and Lois Brehmer
Brian and Tamara Bremseth
Sherry Bryant
Dale Carey
Cargill, Inc.
Jim and Denise Connor
Dallas and Michelle Croatt
Dahle Construction Company
Michael and Sherry Deyo
Beverly Dornbusch
Eastview Birthday Club of Madison
Wayne and Amy Enger
Erickson Chevrolet
Brian and Erica Fernholz - In Memory of Albert "Boots" Hoffman
Carole Fernholz
Fernholz Crop Insurance Agency
Kenneth and Pamela Fernholz
Audrey Gearman
Greg Thole Electric
Donna Grube
Herman and Eileen Haas
Steve and Lisa Haas
Happy Hour Sports Bar
Harvey and Gladys Hastad
Gary Hauck - In Memory of Pearl Fried
Gary Hauck and Vicki Vick - In Memory of:
Jan Kuehl
Cliff Lund
Phyllis Hauck



Ken is an ordinary person with extraordinary dedication to his community. He taught for 33 years in Buffalo Lake and eventually the consolidated Buffalo Lake-Hector School District. He was mayor of Buffalo Lake. He was on the school board and served as the board treasurer.

And when Ken recognized there was an opportunity to create a foundation to help the schools, he began the process. It took several years until the community was ready – but in 2006, Ken met with SWIF to establish both an endowment and a non-endowed fund.

Ken was the lead donor, with a gift of \$1,000.

Today the Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart School Foundation holds over \$200,000 and has made gifts to the school of more than \$140,000. The foundation has a local advisory board and ambitious goals.

“It has made me happy to see the results of our foundation,” says Ken. The non-endowed fund has provided important support, such as equipping classrooms with SMART Boards. “These items we’ve been able to purchase are beyond what the general fund can afford.”

Ken’s inclination to give has grown over the years. “For some reason I used to be really tight,” he says. “But it’s gotten to be a passion of mine now.”

“I’m not a wealthy person yet I feel I’ve contributed to the individuals in our schools and that gives me a lot of satisfaction,” Ken says.

Ken credits SWIF with making the process easy; the more technical aspects of starting and growing the foundation are taken care of.

“I can’t brag enough about SWIF,” Ken says. “The personnel are so courteous and helpful. They’re just fun to work with.”

He also appreciates SWIF’s impact on the region. “They’ve done a great deal to help businesses and other organizations,” he says.

One of the lessons Ken teaches us is that small donations can really add up. He continues to help build the fund through honoring gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and memorials.

“The reason I have this passion is that I want to help out,” Ken says. “The self has to come forward and say, ‘this is important. So I’m going to do it.’”

“I’m not a wealthy person yet I feel I’ve contributed to the individuals in our schools and that gives me a lot of satisfaction.”
Ken Anderson



Ken Anderson: Small Gifts Make a Big Difference

If you’re on *Ken Anderson’s* Christmas list, chances are good that you received a very special gift. It was a note informing you that Ken has made a donation in your honor to the Buffalo Lake-Hector School Foundation’s endowment fund. And it was the best gift anyone could receive – because it will continue to help children every year, for years and years to come.

Haugen Insurance Agency
Heather Nursery & Floral
David and Mary Kay Herr
Dale Hiepler
Bart and Julie Hill
David Hofstad
Don and Elsie Holtan
Angel and Laura Hong
Rev. Cynthia S. Huse
Nate and Linda Jackson
Jubilee Foods - Madison
Mike Katzenmeyer
Mike and Linda Katzenmeyer
KleinBank Employees of
Madison
Todd and Kris Kuechenmeister -
In Memory of:
Inez Gualtieri
Jan Kuehl
Roger Weber
Scotty Kuehl - In Memory of:
Jan Kuehl
Ruth Larsen
Lac qui Parle Agency
Lac qui Parle Study Club
Carlyle and Ruth Larsen
Dan Larson
Rex Lee
Dale Lien
Don and Pat Lindblad - In
Memory of Darrell Storlien
Alton and Janice Lindquist
Lund Implement Co.
Madison Baseball Fundraising
Proceeds
Madison Bottling Company
Madison Chiropractic Center -
Clint and Chris Bonn

Madison Community Foundation
Fundraising Proceeds
Madison Dairy Queen
Madison Lions Club
Madison Lutheran Home -
Madison Hospital
Madison Lutheran Home
Madison Meats - David Roth
Madison Study Club
Shane Meier
Maynard and Deb Meyer - In
Memory of Jan Kuehl
Richard and Delores Michaelson
Alan and Jane Monson
Greg and Kris Monson
Mike Newman
Richard and Jeanne Newman
Northern Plains Tiling Company
O's Easy Livin' Acres - Mavis
Oellien
Erling and Charlotte Oie
Carol Olson - In Memory of
Deloris Perkins
Jeff and Mary Olson
Lester Olson
Kathryn Ouverson
Curtis and Ramona Pearson
Brent and Katherine Powers
Paul and Roxie Raymo
Glenn and Delores Rheingans
Jeff and Dee Rheingans
Tim and Margo Roth
Eileen Sather - In Memory of:
Janet Collins
Jan Kuehl
Thelma Slinde
Schuelke Farms - Roger and
Trish Schuelke

Andrew and Melissa Shellito
John and Sarah Shurb
Siebenand Family
John Siebenand
Matthew Skaret
Ruth Storry
John Strand
Richard Strand
Christopher and Jessica
Swedzinski
Brian Tebben
Tofte Auto and Sales
Tollefson & Lee Law Office - In
Memory of Ruth Larsen
Virginia Tollefson - In Memory of
Thelma Slinde
Tri County Insurance
Don and Danica Tweet
Brandon and Courtney Ulstad
United Farm Credit Services
United Prairie Bank
Veteran Youth Baseball
VFW Post #1656
John and Bette Wallman
Gayle Weber
Larry and Eileen Weber
Rodney and Pam Weber
Western Guard
Thomas and Mary Willegalle
Mary Wodrich
Zahrboch Funeral Chapel, Inc.

Awarded grants totaling \$3,500
Hantho Headliners 4-H Club
to support Little Farmers
program

ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley
to support Strengthening the
Family Child Guide program
Junior Achievement of the
Upper Midwest to support
the local program
Madison American Legion
Baseball for new uniforms
VFW Post #1656 - Lac qui Parle
County to support VFW
building roof restoration

**MADISON MARIETTA NASSAU
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FUND - A related non-
endowed fund of the Madison
Community Foundation that
benefits the Madison Marietta
Nassau Elementary School in
Madison.**

Roger and Mary Lou Sandquist

**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 \$5,182
City of Madison to support the
Madison Public Library

In Ivanhoe...

**LINCOLN HI HIGH SCHOOL
FOUNDATION FUND - An
endowment and non-endowed
fund that provides perpetual and
immediate support to Lincoln
HI - the Ivanhoe Public School
District #403.**

Janet Adolphson - In Memory of
Arlene Faulds Adolphson
Larry and Marsha Andersen
Karen (Hauschild) Banta
Archie and Connie Citterman
Steve and Diane Citterman
Chris and Amy Clarke - In
Memory of Walter Popowski
Roger Conner
William and Karen Decker
Bernard Dombek
David Dorn
Dale and Mary Dwire
Gene and Alice Faulds - In
Memory of:
Carol Bohn
Bruce Leibfried
Linda (Feller) Ford
Friends - In Memory of Dennis
Leibfried
John Frensko
Delano Halde
Mark and Sharon Hanson
Jeanette Hauschild
Richard and Laurie Hauschild
Wayne and Cheryl Hauschild
Dennis and Diane Healy
David and Phyllis Hitchcock
Ivanhoe Boy Scouts
Marjorie Jenkins
Myron Jerzak
Roger and Angie Jerzak - In
Memory of Bernard Rybinski
Knights of Knowledge Study
Club
Beverly Sook Kucera
Ronald Lambrecht
Craig and Deb Larson - In
Memory of:
Walter Popowski
Colleen Przymus
Kevin and Judy Leibfried - In
Memory of:
Walter Panka
Colleen Przymus
Dean and Judy Lichty
Judy Lichty
Lincoln HI High School
Foundation Fundraising
Proceeds
Richard and Brenda Lindstrom
Bruce Nielsen
Larry and Evonne Nilges
Dennis and Valerie Paluch
Evelyn Panka
Evelyn Panka - In Memory of
Walter Panka

Gene and Diane Panka - In
Memory of:
Dennis Leibfried
Colleen Przymus
Larry Scholten
Robert and Vivian Pavek - In
Memory of Bruce Leibfried
Dale and Karen Richmond
Dustin and Kristina Richmond -
In Memory of Vincent Turner
Elwin and Dawn Rogge
Clyde and Wendy Rost - In
Memory of Colleen Przymus
Duane Schalek - In Memory of
Carl Hauschild
Duane and Barb Schalek
Robert Seefeldt
Roger Serryn
Milan Sik
John Sovell
Hazel Spanton
Allen and Jane Steffes
Clarence and Sharron Steffes -
In Memory of Mavis Nielsen
Ken and Margaret Swanson - In
Memory of:
Curtis Hauswedell
Bruce Leibfried
Elaine Mellenthin
Nadine Miller
Mavis Nielsen
Gerald Paluch
Walter Panka
Colleen Przymus
Larry Scholten
Dorothy Skorczewski
Vincent Turner
Margaret Swanson
Marvin and Karen Swanson
Anthony Toft
Henry and Ruth Torres
Norm VanOverbeke
Harriet Weeks - In Memory of:
Paulette Knoff
Dennis Leibfried
Vincent Turner

**Awarded grants totaling
\$20,067**

ISD #403 - Ivanhoe to support
a laminator, minivan for high
school transportation and a
SMART response system to
improve classrooms

In Tyler...

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

Three Anonymous Gifts
Kevin Aanenson - In Memory of
Arnold "Buzz" Dass

John and Diana Anderson - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Garrett Backes
Basin Electric Power
Cooperative
Ricke Bly
John and Margaret Bornhoft - In
Memory of:
Mel Bornhoft
Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Thomas and Kathleen Briant - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Donald and Susan Buhl
Christianson Crop Insurance
Agency, Inc. - Terry and
Shawna Christianson
Mona Christianson - In Memory
of Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Church of St. Dionysius
Joyce Dass - In Memory of:
Paul Bartz
Mel Bornhoft
Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Helen Guida
Laura Welch
Development Services, Inc. - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Joe and Sharon Ghiold - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
David and Ruth Grengs - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Edwin and Marjo Gruhot - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Linda Guild - In Memory of
Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Roger and Beverly Gylling - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Rietz Hannemann
Esther Hauswedell
Henry's Foods, Inc.
Nicole Holmen - In Memory of
Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Randy and Beverly Hummel - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Henry and Sharon Jacobsen - In
Memory of:
Mel Bornhoft
Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Laura Welch
John M. (Jack) Johnson - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Shirley Johnson
Wayde and Sharon Kenneke - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Jim and Sue Keul - In Memory of
Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Knudsen's BP Amoco

James and Carol Kopel
Kenneth Lanham - In Memory of
Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Candice Layton - In Memory of
Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Sander and Peggy Ludeman - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Curt and Darla Madsen - In
Memory of:
Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Mel Bornhoft
Darla Guida Madsen - In
Memory of Helen Guida
Donald and Margaret Mensch -
In Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co.,
PLLP
Miller Legal Strategic Planning
Centers
MN Wholesale Marketers
Association - In Memory of
Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Tom and Carolyn Mundt
Craig and Jeanne Norgaard
Tim and Stacy O'Leary
Tim, Stacy, Shae and Teigyn
O'Leary
Greg and Marilyn Peter
Ines Peter
Glen and Charlotta Petersen -
In Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Harlan and Marsha Petersen
Pluto Legal, LLC
Gordon and Virginia Rasmussen
Vince Robinson - In Memory of
Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Dale and Joy Schak - In Memory
of Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Duane and Barb Schalek - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Shirley Schnell
Steven and Christine Schueller
- In Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Shawn and Mary Skrove - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Southwest Family Chiropractic
Sturdevant's Auto Parts
Ann Svendsen
Ardith Sween
James and April Thomas - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Michael and Julie Thooft - In
Memory of Arnold "Buzz"
Dass
Pastor Jennifer Thul
Tyler Area Funeral Home
Dennis and Denise Van Den
Broeke - In Memory of Arnold
"Buzz" Dass
Richard and Cheryl Vos

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Lincoln County area

In Lake Benton...

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

One Anonymous Gift
Garrett Backes
Brent and Connie Bressler - In
Memory of Lorraine Parsons
Joyce Dass - In Memory of
Lorraine Parsons
Robert F. Determan, CPA
Don and Cilla Hughes - In
Memory of Geraldine Petri
Brad and Kim Kramer
Bryan and Janet Kuhn
Lake Benton Area Foundation -
In Memory of Carol Derheim

Lake Benton Historical
Foundation Board - In
Memory of Bob Suiter, Jr.
Lake Benton Historical
Foundation Fundraising
Proceeds
Beatrice Nordmeyer Family
- In Memory of Beatrice
Nordmeyer
Rick and Patti Peterson
Vince Robinson - In Memory of
Buzz Dass
Margo Sik
Bernice Trautman
James and Pam Veire - In
Memory of:
Elroy Knutson
Lorraine Parsons
Jodi Weber

Gary and Veronica Williams - In
Memory of:
Beatrice Nordmeyer
Don Sandberg

**Awarded grants totaling
\$8,000**

City of Lake Benton to support
control of noxious weeds
at Lake Benton Memorial
Cemetery, and to support
the Grain Rescue Tube for
emergency training and
rescue
Henry Sollie Post 10 American
Legion to send eight students
to Legionville School Patrol
for training

ISD #404 - Lake Benton
to support technology
enhancements and education
with iPads
Kids' Campus Daycare Center to
replace eight cribs to comply
with safety regulations
Lake Benton Public Library to
support a summer reading
program
Lake Stay 4-H Club to support
restocking the food shelf
Lincoln County Parks
Department to support new
playground equipment at
Norwegian Creek County
Park

Douglas and Sharon Wartner - In Memory of Arnold "Buzz" Dass
Gary and Veronica Williams - In Memory of Arnold "Buzz" Dass

Awarded grants totaling \$35,198
Lyon-Lincoln Electric Trust to support: Aebleskiver Highway sign restoration, Aebleskiver Parade float restoration, Grain rescue

tube for emergency training and rescue, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Junior Achievement, Tyler Downtown Community sign project and Tyler Golf Clubhouse remodel project

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.

One Anonymous Gift
Garrett Backes
Balaton Area Community Foundation Board Members
Balaton Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Ronald and Jo Ann Borchert
Dr. Richard Brown - In Memory of:
Donald Braband
Everette and Mavis Johnson
Orla Swan
Texas Swanjord
Ginny Swenson
Roman Wieme
Marvin and Charlene Chandler
Enviro Pump-Plus, Inc.
Robert and Lou Galbraith
Gifford Trucking, Inc.
Tabor and Denise Hoek
Lora Johnson

Dave and Gayle Kaup - In Memory of Elienore Myhre
Kirkpatrick Hardware
Brad and Kim Kramer
Bruce and Sara Larson - In Memory of:
Everette Johnson
Texas Swanjord

Lee's Janitorial Service/Wee's Furnace Air Duct Cleaning
Orlin and Carolyn Lustfield - In Memory of David and Evelyn Hillquist
Thomas and Mary Ann Rolloff - In Memory of Eddie and Ruth Rolloff

LaDonna Rosen
Jean Schaffer
The Schwan Food Company
Kevin and Donna Sletten - In Memory of Eileen Holder
Larry Sloan

Dennis and Donna Swan
Francis and Mary Timmerman - In Memory of:
Lottie Gempeler
Eileen Holder
Elienore Myhre
Stan Ross
Andy Schyvinch
Texas Swanjord
Ginny Swenson
Roman Wieme
Sam and Peggy Tutt - In Memory of Bob Schaffer
Grant and Tami Wee
Shirley Wendland - In Memory of:
Harold Evens
Christopher Schultz
Willis and Joan Wendland - In Memory of:
Mavis Carlson
Harold Evens
Lottie Gempeler
Lois Johnson
Maren Mattson Michalski
Elienore Myre
Stan Ross
Lois Wichmann
Theresa Zaske
Theresa Zaske and Penni Spaid - In Memory of Eileen Holder

Awarded grants totaling \$3,813
City of Balaton to support: Beautification of Community Center grounds, Disc Golf Course development, library improvements, and PA system at the Community Center

In Marshall...

CARR FAMILY FOUNDATION ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUND - A fund that benefits youth activities in southwest Minnesota.

Awarded grants totaling \$265,272

House of Hope Minnesota, Inc. to support organizational activities

Marshall Area Christian School to support tuition assistance for families in need
Holy Redeemer School to support tuition assistance
Carr Family Foundation to support youth activities, school projects, and scholarships

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

Stephen and Ruth Ascher
Dan and Linda Baun
William Curwick
Mark Goodenow
Marcy Heemeyer
Don and Pat Lindblad - In Memory of Victor Kesteloot
Lee and Norma Raske
Gary and Wendy St. Aubin
Mark and Claudia Stenson
Paul and Joanne Stoneberg
Jeff and Jackie Thomas
Joel and Colette Tubbs
Janet and Tom Vandendriessche
Theresa Zaske

Awarded grants totaling \$7,000

City of Marshall to support the Marshall Area Dog Run
Marshall-Lyon County Library to support a pre-teen area within the children's library

MARSHALL-LYON COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION

FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits the Marshall-Lyon County Library, located in Marshall and serving Lyon County.

One Anonymous Gift
Bill and Molly Archbold

John Bunge and Kathleen Ashe
Michael and Katherine Berg
Todd Bock
Margaret Bosshardt
Maria Brandt
Rachel and Gorden Breczinski
Bremer Bank
Bueltel-Moseng Land Surveying, Inc.

Jane and Thomas Chase
Dr. John and Betty Mae Feda
Good Thoughts Study Club
Mark Goodenow
Thomas and Connie Gruhot
Jerry and Sandy Hoffbeck
Arlene and Keigh Hubel
Joseph and Jennie Hulsizer
Joseph and Peggy Johnson
Doug and Marissa Kunde
Vincent and Anne LaPorte
Ann Larson
Marshall Area Stage Company
Marshall Independent
Steven and Julia Martin
John V. and Esther McLaughlin Foundation
MDU Resources Foundation
Friends and Family of Lon Moon - In Memory of Arloine Scotting

Ken and Jan Noyes
Lori Vikesland Obler
Stella Peterson
James and Gail Polejewski
Jana Reilly
William and Jana Reilly
Cynthia and Evan Rogers
Tom and Muriel Runholt
Ben and Kristel Schamber
Marjorie Sorenson
Pam Sukalski
Marie Sullivan - In Memory of:
Tim Botsford
Janel DeRoode
Will and Candace Thomas
True Value of Marshall
Kandice Vandendriessche

Awarded grants totaling \$113,615

City of Marshall to support the library project

Marshall-Lyon County Library Foundation to support the library project

D.C. "PAT" MCFARLAND JR. ENDOWMENT FUND FOR FRIENDS OF THE ORCHESTRA, LTD. - A 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 \$664
Friends of the Orchestra Ltd. to support organizational activities

D.C. "PAT" MCFARLAND JR. ENDOWMENT FUND FOR PRAIRIE HOME HOSPICE, INC. - A 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 \$1,327
Prairie Home Hospice to support organizational activities

D.C. "PAT" MCFARLAND JR. ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ST. JAMES CHURCH - A 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 \$1,659
St. James Episcopal Church to support congregation activities

TRACY AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUND - An endowment fund created to provide ongoing support to the Tracy Area Public School District.

Bernard and Eleanor Fultz
Eric and Sandy Fultz
Lyle Wichmann

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the McLeod County area

In Hutchinson...

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

Bill and Pamela Buckingham - In Memory of Carol M. Ulrich Haukos
Anna Ulrich

Awarded grants totaling \$1,000
Hutchinson Area Dollars for Scholars to support student scholarships

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

One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Margaret Knutson
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Jay and Margaret Alrick
American Legion Post 96
John and Diana Anderson - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Mary Anderson - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Garrett Backes
Jonathon Block

Mike and Amber Cannon - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Charles and Lois Carlson - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Matt and Liz (Maiers) Cheney
Citizens Bank & Trust Co. - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
John and Gwen Daniels - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Dorothy Aikens Johnson Trust
Family and Friends - In Memory of Dr. George R. Smith
Karen Grasmon
Diane Graves - In Memory of Dr. George R. Smith
David and Melanie Griep - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Robert Hantge
Hassan Valley Lodge 109
Dr. Robert Hegrenes - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Hutchinson Rotary Club
Mary Inglis
David Jensen
Roger and Lois Krantz - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Kent Kuball, DDS
William and Diane Kuhlmann - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Don and Marlyce Lee
Helen V. Lepel - In Memory of Hillerd H. Lepel
Brad and Jeri Lueneburg

James and Donna Mills - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Minnesota Website Company
Dr. Dean and Carol Nissen - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Frank and Judith Nuefeld - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Newton and Waneta Potter - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Dr. Cris and Linda Remucal - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
James Sheedy - In Memory of Sandra Sheedy
Temple Lodge No. 59
Family of Russell A. Thompson - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Sheryl Tynes - In Memory of Dr. George R. Smith
Tim and Sheila Ulrich - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Don and Sue Walser
Richard and Ruth Wedge - In Memory of Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith
Joanne Clay Willmert - In Memory of:
Carol Dolder
Chuck Nielsen
Sandra Sheedy
Dr. George R. "Buzzy" Smith

Awarded grants totaling \$22,467

Common Cup Ministry to support community meals and back pack program

Crow River Arts, Inc. to support the Kay Peterson Memorial Mural
Crow River Habitat for Humanity for construction equipment
Hutchinson Center for the Arts to support: McLeod County Agricultural Association's "Know Your Food. Know Your Farmer." and RiverSong Music Festival signage
Hutchinson Community Foundation to support organizational activities
Hutchinson Jaycees to support upgrades to Riverside Park
Hutchinson Youth Basketball Association for equipment and uniforms
ISD #423 - Hutchinson to support Newspapers in Education in partnership with Hutchinson Leader
McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence to support marketing
St. Anastasia School/Kids Depot Early Education Center to support playground improvement

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.

Holly Anderson
William G. Asp
Steve and Phyllis Bailey

Sarah and Jeff Baumgartner
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota - On Behalf of Sarah Baumgartner
Stephen and Jean Borstad
David and Anne Broderius
Betsy Brown
Richard and Suzanne Burgart
Kristine Dobratz
Jason Durheim
Roland and Mary Ebent - In Memory of Roger Luthens and Daryl Block
Val Elder

Joan and Dale Ewald
Nancy Gapp
John and Jean Hassinger
Fern Hoff
Gary and Joyce Johnson
Ronald and Susan Johnson
Glen and Ginny Kegley
Betty Krohn
Donna Luhning
James and Donna Mills
Sherry Murphy
Sarah Nelson
Charles and Betty Nielsen
Cassie Padrnos

Barbara Plath
Mark and Bernice Reinke
Naomi Shadis
Sandra K. Sharp
William and Helen Snyder
Arlen and Carole Solie
Chris Sones
Becky Stromley
Daron VanderHeiden
Lori VanderHeiden
Tina Vorlicek

Fredric and Phyllis Bloemendaal - In Honor of:
Trent Carlson
Pastor Jon Marburger
Steven and Judy Bloemendaal
Darla Blom
Sherri Boehnke
Tarry and Sally Boelter
Boerboom Seed & Consulting LLC
Jeffrey and Eunice Boerboom - In Memory of Louise Van Heunden
Mark and Nancy Boerboom
Kerry and Deb Boese
Kraig Boese
Anthony and Susan Bonnstetter
Jean Bonnstetter
Julie Bonnstetter
Bernice Bose
Gary and Jennifer Bose
James and Sylvia Bose
Jeff and Brenda Bose
Nicole Brandt
Daniel and Audrey Braun
Brian and Barbara Breberg
Gary and Helen Brinks
Deborah Brown
Tammy Buesing - In Honor of Grace Buesing
Buffalo Ridge Concrete, Inc.
Lynn Buldhaupt
Laddie and Doris Carda
Ben and Kari Carlson
Cody Carlson
Don and Judy Carlson
Dustin and Leah Carlson
Gary and Marilyn Carlson
Marilyn M. Carlson
Keith Carlson
Loren and Ruth Carlson
Twyla Carlson
Joseph and Janice Caster
Liz (Maiers) Cheney
Skip Chepa
Jeff and Nikki Cheskie - In Memory of Lorin Prahm
Brian and Jodi Christensen and Family
Bonnie Christians
Brian and Bonnie Christianson
D. L. and J. M. Christoffels
Allan Clauson
Anita Coens
Corner Salon - Renee Giese
Norman and Doris Cote
Cara Counter
James and Marcia Cowan
Creative Three, Inc.
Crop Insurance Specialists
Willis Crow
Brian and Dianne Crowley
Mike and Kristi Crowley
Culligan Water Conditioning of Murray County
Currie State Bank
The Cutting Edge

Dahlgren Agri
Craig and Julie Dahlhoff
Leonard and Betty Daniels
Timothy and Wanda Daniels
Richard and Gayle Davidson
Gerald and Fonda De Kruif
Arnold and Janet DeGreeff
John and Joan DeGreeff
Pete and Gordena DeGreeff - In Memory of Todd DeGreeff
Kevin and Diane Devereaux
Jim Deyonge
Sharon Diedrich - In Memory of Joe Diedrich
Dierks Oil
Bradley and Tessa Dierks
Jolene Dierks
Chad Doeden
Jennie Doeden
Larry Dybsetter
Dan and Trish Dysthe
Clarence Eich
Gary and Jean Eich
Bill and Nancy Einck
Ronald and Janelle Einck
Tara Einck
Larry and Sandy Eisfeld
Rodney and Kimberly Eisfeld
Mike and Gail Engebretson
Engelkes Electric, LLC
Vickie Engelkes and Shelley Ackerman
Jeff and Lesli Erickson
Neal and Mary Everson
Steve and Donna Ford
Wendy Forsberg
Alexis Fransen
Karl and Julie Frovarp
Joyce Garland
Bernice Gass
Maxine Gaul - In Memory of Sylvan Gaul
Duane and Sharon Gehl
Don and Colleen Gengler
Bruce and Eileen Gerber
Jodie and Cindy Getting
John and Jane Giese
Robin Gilbertson
Doug Schuur and Katrina Gillette
James and Carolyn Gillette
Mike and Sharon Gillette
Jim and Carla Ann Goedtke
Raymond and Ivy Goergen
Barb Grabowski
Grain Exchange
Grain Products Co., Inc.
Brynn and Tanner Graphenteen
Wally and Carol Gregory - In Memory of Sharon Gregory Skinner
Jeffrey and Trish Grieme - In Memory of Lorin Prahm
Hacker Hauling
Hadley Farmers Elevator
Hadley Steel, Inc.
Doug and Becky Halbur

Virgil and Lucille Halbur
Earl and Syd Halverson
Hansen Trucking
Mari Hansen
Kate Harmsen
Steven and Wendy Hartle
Charles and Elizabeth Haugen
Dodi Haugen - In Honor of:
Mike and Shannon Haugen
Grandchildren Owen and Kathryn Jo Manwarren
Patricia and Redge Manwarren
Dodi Haugen - In Memory of:
Dr. J.L. Bader
Myra Gifford
Peggy Smith
Elton Wing
Steven and Dodi Haugen - In Honor of The Rebel Card Girls
Hegstad Equipment Inc.
Ron and JoAnne Heidebrink
Herbert Heidkamp and Mary Louise Young Heidkamp
Blair and Tami Hellewell
Sharon Henderson
Hentges Builders
David and Janet Herrig - In Honor of Richard Benjamin
Todd Hieronimus
Barbara Hill
Hiniker Seed Farm
Hoffmann Construction of Murray County, Inc.
Edward and Vicki Hoffmann - In Memory of Lorin Prahm
Ron and Lori Holinka - In Honor of Aidan and Addy Dierks
Dave and Merry Hollis
Tim and Julia Holm
Ruth Hoyme
Jon and Ruth Hoyme
The Hut of Slayton, Inc.
Alan and Lori Illg
Independent Ag - Jim Thovson
Interstate Battery System of South Dakota
Isder Farms, Inc
Jody Jackels
Berneva Johnson
Calvin and Gail Johnson
Darwin and Pam Johnson
Johnson Ditching, Inc.
Linda Johnson
Keith and Donna Johnson
Richard and Joyce Johnson
Joyce Jurrens
David and Gayle Kaup
Carrie Kesteloot
Jim and Sue Keul
Kippley Tax Service
Kirchner Trucking
Gerald and Iris Klein
Aaron and Bridget Kluis
Margaret Kluis
Mike and Jan Kluis

Ralph and Beverly Knapp
Mark and Deb Knorr
Ken and Marlys Knuth
Alice Knutson - In Honor of Great Granddaughters Ava and Alice
Marcia Kompelien
Howard and Kim Konkol
Brad and Kim Kramer
Brent and Jessica Kramer
Lonnie and Cathy Kramer
Randy and Kim Kremer
Tami Krossschell
Ryan and Lisa Kruger
Leon and Lori Kruse
Sheila Kuball
Janice Kunselman
Karen Kunze
Sarah Kunze
Ted and Marcia Kunze
L & E Seeds
Robert and Sharon Lais
Lake Beauty Dairy Farm
Larry and Katherine Laleman
D. M. Larson
James and Charlotte Larson
Jason and Christine Larson
Joe and Rose LeTendre
Mike and Becky LeTendre
Benjamin and Olivia Lewis
Christopher and Sara Lewis
Jeff and Stacy Like
Renee Logan
Darin and Amy Loosbrock
Paul and Deb Louwagie
Donald and Ann Lubben
Lynn Johnson
Pat Madson
Marlene Magnus
Jeffrey and Dannette Mahon
Malone & Mailander
Manderscheid Construction, Inc.
Blanche Marcotte - In Memory of Bob Marcotte
Mark's Tire Service
Mary Ann Martens
Shirlene McBride
Michael and Connie McNab
Dean and Shirley McNeal
Perry McNeil - In Memory of Edith Oslund
Ronald and Mary Mesner
Raphael and Gay Metz
Larry and Deborah Meyer
Mid-West Supply of Slayton, Inc.
Glenna Miller - In Memory of Charles Miller
Jerry and Irene Moline
John and Mary Ellen Moline
Robert and Wanda Moline
Donald and Carol Mondry - In Memory of Jeannie Bonenberger
Monogram Meat Snacks, LLC
Rich Morin
Shari Muecke
Siebe and Maizy Muller

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Meeker County area

In Grove City...

GROVE CITY AREA C.A.R.E. ENDOWMENT FUND - A fund that benefits Grove City Area C.A.R.E. in Grove City.

Michael Field
Lutheran Community Foundation, Stanley and Edith Holmquist Fund - In Memory of Stanley and Edith Holmquist

Awarded grants totaling \$548

Grove City Area Living at Home/Block Nursing Program to support organizational activities

In Litchfield...

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

Two Anonymous Gifts
Garrett Backes
Russell and Marjorie Bjorhus
Bob and Marsha Bunger
Matt and Liz (Maiers) Cheney
Leland and Brenda Fredman
Jo Anne Gabrielson
James and Maureen Jackman
John and Lesli Mueller
The Reed Kaping Family - In Memory of Darrel "Frank" Kaping, Nancy Lee Kaping and Roland "Pete" Luthens

Wilbur and Virginia Latham
Litchfield Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Joel McCann
John and Lesli Mueller
Harvey and Marie Nelson
Jared Nelson
Donovan and Brenda Prah
Randy and Kristi Quitney
Randy and Rosanna Reinke - In Memory of Gene Thomas
Nancy Schultz
Marlin and Dee Schutte
Dr. Anita Strei

Awarded grants totaling \$4,000

Grove City Area Living at Home/Block Nursing Program for a copy machine

Litchfield Rotary to support building beds for children who do not have them
Little Red Schoolhouse, District 59, Inc. to support lead paint removal
Minnesota 4-H Foundation to support Adventures programs

LITCHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND - A related fund of the Litchfield Area Community Foundation that benefits the Litchfield Public School District.

Two Anonymous Gifts
Mr. and Mrs. Don Bergerson

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Murray County area

In Slayton...

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.

Ryan Beers
Tina Bengtson
Tarry M. Boelter
Nancy Boerboom
Lynn Buldhaupt
Janet Cuperus

Dominick and Kara Damm - In Memory of Peggy Smith
Trish Grieme
Paul Haberman
Sharon Henderson
Janet Herrig
Christine Larson
Sherry Robinson
Mark Schleisman
Summer Schultz
Brenda Whitehead
Cal Wurpts
Joan York

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

26 Anonymous Gifts
Tom Ackerman - In Memory of Anita Ackerman
John and Diana Anderson
Merlyn Anderson
Geoff and Judy Andrews
Lorna Bader
James and Conni Baker - In Memory of Lorin Prahm
Craig Bangasser
Aaron and Marcy Barritt

David and Jodi Beckman
Beckmann Farms
Sam Beech
Jon and Shelia Beeck
Karen Beers
Randy and Karen Beers
Kathy Behrends
Ron and Melanie Behrends
Myron Bennett
Dalton and Joanne Bergman
Frederic and Fran Berreau
Buddy and Louise Biegler
Ron and Betty Biegler
Bill's Backhoe Service, LLC
Leroy and JoAnn Biren
Dan and Kristie Blankenship
Paul Bliss

Murray Auction Co.
Murray County Land
Improvement, Inc.
Murrayland Insurance Agency
Murrayland Realty
Musser Environmental - Steve
and Pam Musser
Allen and Heiderose Nasers
Daryl and Jeaneen Nelson - In
Honor of:
Don Lindblad
Our Grandchildren
Jean Nelson
Linda Nelson
Paul and Barbara Nepp
Machelle Nolt
Matt and Allison Norgaard
Theresa Nysetvold
Iona Oakland
Betty Onken
Karen Onken
Gordon Oslund
Alyssa Overman
John and Betty Palmer
Randy and Lori Pankonen
Dean and Tammi Paulzine
Mary Perry
Alicia Peterson
Dave and Ann Peterson
Michael and Lisa Peterson
Sarah Plantz
Chuck and Patricia Platt
Cleota Platt
Gary and Betsy Plotz
Roger and Elizabeth Prahm

Matthew and Mandy Prairie
Dave and Dianne Prins
Pro Cellular Wireless
Tom and Lorrie Pryor
R & L Miller Farms, Inc.
Radke Wheel Service
Keith and Eunice Ramert
Jim Reed
Reinsma Ag Services, Inc.
Michael and Danielle Reith
RJ Fleet, Stoneberg, Giles &
Stroup, P.A.
Robert Gaalswyk Agency, Inc.
James and Sherry Robinson
Trevor and Emily Rosenbrook
Rowdy's Radiator & Repair
Rural Neighborhood
Community, Inc.
Sara Lee
Schaap Sanitation
Dale and Janet Schaeffer
Mark Schleisman - In Memory of
Robert Schleisman
Lucas and Brittany Schneider
Jim and Jeanne Schrantz
David and Kathleen Schreiber
Jerome and Cari Schreier
Melvin Schreier
Bob Schreurs
Darren and Stacie Schuur
Scott's Appliance, Inc.
Jim and Janese Siedschlag
Slayton Building Materials, Inc.
Slayton Firemans Relief
Association

Gregory and Diane Slotten
Sean Solheim
Spartz & Sons Well Co.
Stan and Beth Kramer
State Bank of Chandler
Fred and Charlene Steensma
Steve's Auto Body & Glass, Inc.
Gene and Kathleen Stoel
Travis and Randi Stoel
Arlyn and Sandy Stokesbary
Marvin and Viola Storm
Mildred Strand
Dave and Jana Sturges
Jim and Barbara Surprenant
Michelle Swenhaugen
Chad Swenson
Harold Swenson
T & J Farms
T.J.'s Oil Service, LTD
T.R. Krant Construction, Inc.
Adam and Amanda Tentinger
Linda Thovson
Debra Thraen
Linda Tobias
Court and Karen Tommeraasen
Dr. Clayton and Karen Torbert
Mary Toussaint
Jerry and Linda Tower
Tony Troskey
Myron Trulock
Kenneth and Anita Tumbleson
United Prairie Insurance Agency
Bill and Bertha Van De
Crommert
David and LeAnn Van Meveren

Caitlin Vander Wal
Nancy Vanscyoc
Kevin Vickerman
Justin and Anne Marie Vorbach
James Wajer
Richard and Mary Jo Wajer
Clair and Shirley Walsh
Loretta Warren
Max Wasberg
Roy and Jan Wehking
Dennis and Roberta Welgraven
Thomas and Brenda Whitehead
Troy and Connie Wieneke
Linda Wing
BethAnn Winter
Kimberly Winter
Lloyd and Mary Winter
Russell and Elonne Winter
Scott and Heidi Winter
Trevor and Connie Winter - In
Memory of Dr. Keith Winter
Woitaszewski Abstract & Title
Wonder World Preschool, Inc.
Calvin and Kathy Wurpts
Kevin and Sara Lee Wynia
Randy Wynia
Xcel Energy
Marilyn Zinnel

Awarded grants totaling \$5,000
Southwest Regional
Development Commission to
support the Murray County
ECI projects

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Nobles County area

In Lismore...

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

Lismore Cooperative Telephone
Co.
Spieker Family - In Memory of
Cletus Spieker
Veryl and Avis Stoffel

In Worthington...

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

Awarded grants totaling \$135

Westminster Presbyterian
Church to support church
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 was created to benefit
the Worthington Regional
Healthcare Foundation.

Awarded grants totaling \$135

Worthington Regional Health
Care Foundation, Inc. to
support organizational
activities

**C.P. AND MARY B. SCHMIDT
FAMILY ENDOWMENT
FUND FOR THE WORTHINGTON
Y.M.C.A.** - A related endowment
fund of the Worthington Area
Foundation that was created to
benefit the Worthington YMCA.

Awarded grants totaling \$136

YMCA of Worthington to
support organizational
activities

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

Awarded grants totaling \$6,577

Friends of the Auditorium,
Inc. to support summer
community theatre
Lake Okabena Improvement
Association to support the
annual lake area cleanup
Love, Inc. of Worthington to
support the Love in the Name
of Christ Clearinghouse
Manna Food Pantry, Inc.
to support electronic
registrations
Nobles County Library to
support technology updates
Worthington Montessori School
to support preschool field
trips

A Unique Way to Give

FARMLAND

For the Southwest Initiative Foundation's Keep It GrowingSM farmland retention program, maintaining one of the region's greatest assets—farmland—is top priority. Our program allows landowners to make a gift of land, but rather than selling it, we keep land locally owned and functional as farmland, providing a lasting legacy to our communities and region.

Keep It GrowingSM is an important giving tool that benefits all involved.

- Landowners receive a tax deduction for the charitable portion of the gift; bypass all capital gains taxes; create stable revenue source for remainder of lifetime; and benefit favorite charities.
- Tenants continue renting the land and keep wealth generated by the land local.
- County maintains tax base, as SWIF continues paying property taxes on the land.
- Southwest Initiative Foundation retains ownership of the land and diversifies its investment portfolio; earns revenue from the rent for the benefit of the southwest Minnesota region and its communities; and serves donors in a meaningful way, helping landowners create a legacy.

Learn more about this unique giving program at www.swifoundation.org or by contacting us at 800-594-9480 or donate@swifoundation.org.



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

Dr. Conrad Schmidt and Judith Schmidt - In Memory of:
William Hedeon
Merlin Robinson
Ron and Renee Ubl
Loretta Yeske

Awarded grants totaling \$898
Hospice Cottage, Inc. to support organizational activities

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 \$137
Freedom Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. to support organizational activities

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

Awarded grants totaling \$2,162
Manna Food Pantry, Inc. to support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library books for preschoolers
YMCA of Worthington to support after school programs

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

Awarded grants totaling \$1,188
St. Mary's School to support organizational activities

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

One Anonymous Gift
Lori Dudley
Lyle and Karen Gadda
Brad and Kim Kramer
Randy and Tara Thompson

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
Estate of Byron L. "Barney" Bishop
Jesse Flynn
Jesse and Heather Flynn
Bryan and Susan Hagen
Jeffrey Johnson - In Memory of Dean Swanson
William and Lauri Keitel
James and Deborah Nickel
John and Patricia Remme

Russell and Janet Rickers - In Memory of Donald and Dorothy Rickers
Rebecca L. Schilling
Conrad Schmidt
Conrad and Judy Schmidt
Mark and Marcia Shepherd
Dr. Randy and Susan Simonson
Randy and Tara Thompson
Jerry and Beve Vajgrt - In Memory of:
Bill Hedeon
Norm Schwarzenbach

Awarded grants totaling \$4,640

Cultural Awareness Organization to support the International Festival
Friends of the Auditorium, Inc. to support the Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra with a concert bass drum
Historic Worthington to repair the Historic Dayton House
Nobles County Historical Society, Inc. to preserve veterans' uniforms from 1942 to present
Nobles County Integration Collaborative to support Rent Wise educational program
Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council to support the Nobles County Children's Cabinet

Robert Franzen
Don Haubrich
Ordeh Kirby
Virginia "Ginny" McMullen
Ethel Winter
Kay Lawton - In Honor of Class of 1961
Kenneth LeBrun - In Honor of Class of 1961
Bill and Diane Leslie
Lee and Betty Little - In Memory of Ed and Ann Burzlaff
David and Rosemarie Loose
Christine Loveland
Keith Kluis
Masonic Board of Control
McDonald's of Pipestone
Mary Lohmann McElroy
Donna Mickelson
Judy Miller
Gordon and Lu Mitchell - In Honor of Class of 1955
Marty Mixell
Rod and Marjean Moore
Dr. Mark Morgan, DDS
Steve Morgan Family
Todd and Sally Morgan
Michael and Fay Morgan
Robert Morgan

Harvey Musch
Carol and Bob Nangle - In Memory of Don Haubrich
New Horizon Farms
Dr. William Olson
O'Neill, O'Neill & Barduson Law Firm
Mary (Rauk) Ott
Lyle and Marjorie Oye
Kevin Paulsen - In Memory of:
Howard Aanenson
Russ DeSchepper
Geneva Dibble
Don Haubrich
Laura Hewitt
Mary Hibma
Belle Melcher
Jack Mundt
Pat Wilson
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Pipestone, Minnesota, Inc.
Helen Perkins
PHS Class of 1951
Pipestone Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Pipestone Area Softball-Baseball Association (PASBA)
Pipestone County Medical

Center
Pipestone Livestock Auction Market, Inc.
Pipestone Motor Co
Pipestone Publishing Company, Inc.
Pipestone Veterinary Clinic
Jay and Kris Portz
Priester Bus, Inc.
Sara E. Priester
Joan Ratzloff
Larry and Barbara Rieck
Dick and Peg Roesler
Ronald L. Rasmussen D.D.S.
Jack and Carol Ann Sander - In Honor of PHS Class of 1956
Sioux Valley Energy Customer Trust, Inc.
Dale Sleiter
Beverly Sogn
Brad Sorenson
Lesla Sorenson - In Honor of Lois and Bill Sorenson
Tobias and Diane Spanier
Stephen and Beverly Spark
Eugene and Virginia Spicer - In Honor of PHS Class of 1956
Stout & Evink Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Jack and Toddy Sturdevant
Jack Sturdevant Trust - In Memory of Geneva Dibble
Marjorie Swenson
Titan Machinery
Villager Restaurant
Bernie and Kathleen Wieme
Wilson Mfg. Co.

Awarded grants totaling \$172,521
City of Pipestone to support the Harmon Park restoration project and renewal
Pipestone Area Community Foundation to award scholarships to high school graduates attending post secondary education
Pipestone Chamber of Commerce to support technology updates on the community sign
Pipestone County Historical Society to support Civil War Days

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Pipestone County area

In Edgerton...
EDGERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUND - An endowment fund that provides ongoing support to the Edgerton Public School District.

Awarded grants totaling \$1,283
ISD #581 - Edgerton to support 6th grade State Capitol field trip and for choral risers

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

Anonymous - In Honor of PHS Class of 1956
Two Anonymous Gifts

A & S Drugs, LLC
Wayne and Karen Amdahl - In Memory of John Adams
Arrow Athletic Booster Club
Don and Carol Backer - In Honor of PHS Class of 1956
Lewis Backer - In Honor of PHS Class of 1956
Banner Associates, Inc.
Hill and Marlene Barrington - In Honor of Class of 1956
Dr. Robert Benjamin
Patricia Beyers
Bomgaars
Buffalo Ridge Concrete, Inc.
Coralie Bush
Richard and JoAnn Schons
Carlton
Carrow's True Value
Casey's General Stores, Inc.
CHS
Mary Crockenberg
Dar's Pizza of Pipestone

Burdette and Linda DeGriselles - In Honor of PHS Class of 1956
Dibble Family - In Memory of Geneva Dibble
Douty Floral and Landscape Garden Center, LLC
Edward Jones - Troy Budden
Marjorie Erickson
Tedd and Bev Evans
Paul and Elizabeth Fellows
Dennis and Elaine Ferguson - In Honor of PHS Class of 1956
J & B Group
First Farmers & Merchants National Bank
First State Bank Southwest
Fishback Financial Corporation
First Bank and Trust
Fuller Paving
Glenwood Pizza, Inc.
Gordon Hunstad Trust
Deeann J. Griebel
Lanny and Laverne Grigsby
Vernon Groth
Hank's Foods of Pipestone

Erin Hansen
Hartquist Funeral Chapel
Barbara Heyl - In Honor of Carla Heyl
George and Mary Dee Hicks
O. James and Catherine Hicks
William Hicks
Norman A. Hunstad
Huth Electrical Contracting - Susan Wienands
Margaret Ibach - In Memory of Harold M. Ibach, Jr.
J & B Group
Ted Johnson
Kozlowski Insurance Agency and Financial Services
Vernon and Nyla Kraft - In Honor of PHS Class of 1956
David and Pamela Kriesel-Koll
Lange's Café
Steve and Peg Lange - In Memory of:
Howard Aanenson
Barbara Appledorn
Rich Biever

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Redwood County area

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

Minnesota Community Foundation

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Renville County area

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

F & M Bank Minnesota
Rob and Renae Saunders
Setzpfandt Trust
Thurston Inc.

BIRD ISLAND, OLIVIA, LAKE LILLIAN (BOLD) EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND - A non-endowed fund that benefits children ages birth to 5 in the BOLD school district.

Rob and Renae Saunders
Weis Oil Company

In Buffalo Lake, Hector and Stewart...
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 Honor of:
Kent Anderson's 50th Birthday
Jennifer and Jon Barka
Jim Bartle

Larry Baumgardt
Brad Dobberstein
Victor Eidem
Garage Sale Donors
Doug Kirtz Family
KNUJ Radio
Kurt Kottke
Rick Kramer
Shantay Krumrey
Tammy and Nathan Maiers Family
Mid-Minnesota Development Commission
Pioneer Seed Company
Paula Prill Family
Larry Rath
Warren Schmalz
Allen Schmidt
Aryel Smith of BLHS Class of 2012

Shirley Swenson
Lisa Taylor
Kenneth Anderson - In Memory of:
Pearl Dettmann
Bernice Eidem
Geraldine Kadelbach
Herb Kadelbach
Dr. Gordon Kubesh
Gary Kubly
Floyd Schraan
Dr. Paul Thompson
Wesley Vath
Merle Walter
Doyle and Tonya Benson
BLHS Class of 1961 - In Honor of Our 50-Year Reunion
Brian and Shelly Broderius
Lloyd and Maxine Broderius - In Honor of Class of 1945

Buffalo Lake Community Fund
Rick and Lynnette Clark - In Honor of:
Ken Anderson
Our Grandchildren
De Gree - Fleisch Post No. 125 - In Honor of Past and Present Members of American Legion Post No. 125
Jack M. Fiedler, D.D.S.
Frandsen Bank & Trust
Nathan and Alyssa Homan - In Honor of Caden, Landen and Carsten Homan
Arland and Avis Johnson
Keith and Denise Johnson
Milton and Bernadine Klammer
Laura Kuvaas
Alton and Lone Lean
Joe and Connie Maiers - In Memory of Austin Krumrey
Wes and Kathy Nelson
Steven and Vicky Novotny
Neil and Joyce Nyhus
Elaine Radloff - In Memory of Jim and Curt Radloff
Curtis and Marian Sampson - In Memory of Merle Walter
Warren and Mabel Schmalz - In Memory of Dr. Gordon Kubesh
Greg and Wendy Schultz - In Memory of Joshua Schultz and Brynn Engstrom
Jeff Stamer
Steve Kropp Insurance & Financial Services, Inc.
Allen and Marie Walter

Awarded grants totaling \$423
ISD #2159 - Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart for high school band instruments

In Danube, Renville and Sacred Heart...

RENVILLE COUNTY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUND - An endowment and non-endowed fund that was created to provide ongoing support to the Renville County West Public School District.

Mike Boyer Family
Paul and Elizabeth Lanning
Estate of Julian Odell Skalbeck - In Memory of Adella Skalbeck

In Morton...

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

Dan and Linda Baun
Bill and Pat Bidinger - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Joanie Brown - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Robert and Joan Brown - In Memory of Larry Lussenhop
Gene and Dorothy Caven - In Memory of Larry Lussenhop

Gary and Harriett Cornwell - In Memory of:
Sharon Hennen
Larry Lussenhop
Janet U'Ren
Cathy Crain - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Harriet Deinken - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Jerry and Harriet Deinken - In Memory of:
Jerry Borman and Lucille Lemke
Mary Jo (Toussaint) Bratsch
Betty Dallenbach-Hempel
Barbara Petsinger Frank
Jerry Greenslit
Janet U'Ren
Bernard and Joan Frank - In Memory of Larry Lussenhop
Joan Frank - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Thomas and Barbara Greenslit
Elmer and Pat Jacobson - In Memory of John and Margaret Jacobson Family
Richard and Lois Jaehning
Thomas P. and Jan Keaveny - In Memory of Larry Lussenhop
Ron and Margaret Keller - In Memory of:
Sharon Hennen
Dan Middleton
Janet U'Ren
Darwin Wilson
Richard Kodet
Jim Litch - In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Litch
LeRoy Lothert

LeRoy Lothert - In Memory of Janet U'Ren
Glenn Lund and Lamberta Doll - In Memory of Lucille Lemke
Margaret Lussenhop - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Steve and Vicki Madsen
Terry Marguth
Morton Area Community Foundation Annual Fundraiser Proceeds
Morton High School Class of 1958 - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Richard and Alice O'Donnell
Teresa Peterson
Dorothy Rebstock - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Pat Reitter - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Jackie Simmons - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
John and Sandy Seehausen - In Memory of:
Severin (Si) Bidinger
Jerry Borman and Lucille Lemke
Sharon Hennen
Larry Lussenhop
Albert Panitzke
Sandy Seehausen - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Jackie Simmons - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Lois Skatrud and Nancy Shaw - In Memory of Lucille Lemke
Marilyn Vogl - In Memory of Sharon Hennen
Robert and June Wederath

Culligan Water Conditioning of Appleton
Ansel Doll
Judith Glimsdal
Jason Heinecke
Harry and Kathleen Hohman
Lori Hume
Elaine Jahnke
Bonnie B. Johnson
Bonnie Schroeder Kaster - In Memory of Wally Schroeder
Koosmann Farms
Robert Krogsrud
Virgil and Betty Kruse
Timothy and Annette Kuck
Land O'Lakes Foundation
Dennis and Suzanne Lund
Joel Lund
Martinson Foundation
James and Sydney Masee
Leonard E. Masee
Scott Moen
Louise Olson
Lorne and Cynthia Pederson
Marilyn Pike
Prairie Land Financial Group
Prairie Sun Bank
Bob and LuAnn Rheingans
Vance and Mary Kay Rheingans
Thomas Rice
Scott and Andrea Sawatzky
Keith and Mary Schirm
Julie Schmidt
Ralph and Goldie Schmidt
Rollie Schmidt and Joyce Bertness - In Memory of Opal Nevins
Wade and Cheryl Schmidt
Shible Agency
Mike Stegner

Craig Strand
Karen Strom
Marian Stromswold
Fletcher and LaVonne Syltie
Charles and Sandra Tatge
Alan Telford
James and Peggy Thompson
Scott Trost
Randy and Julie Anne Twitchell
Ardith Waldon
West-Con
Craig Wilkening

Awarded grants totaling \$145,120

Appleton Area Chamber of Commerce to support community beautification with hanging flower baskets
City of Appleton to support the swimming pool and improvements to the Appleton Golf Course
ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley to support Camp Buckskin
Lac qui Parle County to support the Junior Achievement program
Lac qui Parle Valley Dollars for Scholars to support student scholarships
Prairie Five Community Action Council to support preschool field trip to Brambe Park and to support the Head Start program classroom materials
Preserve Appleton's Heritage, Inc. to support restoration of Gethsemane Episcopal Church

Russell Johnson American Legion Post #72 to support the Appleton Nutrition site
Trinity Lutheran Church to support Home-2-Home, Inc. with building repairs

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

Ruth Anderson - In Memory of:
DeVaughan Kolke
Bruno Schwandt

Awarded grants totaling \$1,513
VFW Post 4955 - Flags of Honor to support organizational activities

In Benson...

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

Two Anonymous Gifts
Garrett Backes
Don and Helen Berheim
John and Linda Chattin - In Memory of John Thompson
Donna Force
Grant and Hege Herfindahl

Dr. Michael and Julie Holte
Chuck and Marie Koenigs
Jan Lundebrek - In Memory of:
Patricia Anfinson
Michael Collins
Donald Nelson
Barb Nelson
State Farm Companies
Foundation

Awarded grants totaling \$6,350

City of Benson to support the Benson Area Youth Golf program
Humane Society of Swift County to support Waggin' Tails Dog Park construction
ISD #777 - Benson to support technology upgrades
Minnesota Extension Service of Swift County to support 4-H Tool Time

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 \$1,700
Heartland Ranch, Inc. to support startup of Hoof Prints of Hope program

Funds that benefit people and organizations in the Rock County area

In Luverne...

LUVERNE CHILD GUIDE ENDOWMENT FUND - A fund that benefits the Child Guide Program in the Luverne Area.

Awarded grants totaling \$2,010

Luverne Child Guide Advised Endowment Fund to support the program

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.

Two Anonymous Gifts
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Opal Nevins
2012 Lac qui Parle Valley 6th Graders
Chris Aasland
AmVets Post #151

Appleton Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Appleton Cub Scouts
Greg and Ellen Arnold
Garrett Backes
Josh and Kris Benson
Thomas and Leatrice Benson

William and Jeanette Bergstad
Michael and Josephine Bjerke
Robert Blom
Jackie (Telford) Brooks
Congregational Church Women's Fellowship
Scott, Angela, Maverick, Hunter, Caleigh and Hudson Conn

In Canby...

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

Blue and Gold Educational Foundation of District 891
Nancy M. Bormann, PA
Jan and Bruce Burmeister - In Memory of Bob DeBettignies
Canby Firemen
Canby High School Class of 1960 - In Memory of:
Janice Heaton Fleener
Wayne Lindberg
Canby High School Class of 1961 - In Memory of Lorene (Jackson) Pollinger

Jim and Cynthia Cleveland - In Memory of:
Donald Beman
Willis Bresser
Irene Burlingame
Gail Fokken
Alma Nelson
Diane Oellien
Arlene Fliss
Friends and Family - In Memory of Mrs. Lottie Berge
Haugen Insurance Agency
David and Jodi Mercer and Family - In Memory of Audrey Zimmerman
Wesley and Esther Harms Trust
Ron Wicklace

Awarded grants totaling \$19,150
Blue and Gold Educational Foundation - ISD #891 - Canby to support scholarships for high school graduates attending post-secondary education

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

John and Diana Anderson - In Memory of Martha Hanson
Canby Rotary Club

Ralph and Norma Dovre
Lyle and Joey Gorder
Hayek Family Endowment of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation
Mark and Carol Hruby
Bjorn and Margot Monson
Rotary Club of Canby

In Clarkfield...

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

Ron and Hallie Anderson

Garrett Backes
Dale M. Berg
Marlene E. Berg
Bruflat Plumbing & Heating - In Memory of:
Billy and Donna Bruflat
Jill Bruflat
Barbara Bruflat
Debbie Bruflat
Heidi Bruflat
Rodney Bruflat
Rodney and Barbara Bruflat - In Memory of:
Erling Haaland
Mabel Miller
Carol Moseng
Dorothy Ulrich
Darwin Vanstelten
Phyllis Waller
Bruce W. Christopherson - In Memory of Phyllis Waller
Clarkfield High Alumnus
Clarkfield Lions Club
K & J Velde, Inc.
Sheldon and Kathleen Kittelson - In Memory of Don Rindal
Don and Pat Lindblad - In Memory of Carol Moseng
Steve Lindholm
Neil and Nicole Linscheid
Martin Trucking, LLC
Minnesota Valley Cooperative
Dr. Pat and Annette Patel
Richard and Elaine Petersen - In Honor of H.A. Hagg
Elaine Sandager - In Memory of:
Jill Doty
Brian Schweer
Berdette Schoep
Larry Stensrud - In Memory of:
Dennis Haaland
Gary Haaland
Wendell Miller
Larry and Ann Stensrud - In Memory of:
Erling Haaland
John Josephson
Carol Moseng
Phyllis Waller
John and Clarice Velde - In Memory of Donald Rindah
L. Sherman and Joyce Ann Winson - In Memory of:
Bill and Donna Bruflat
Percy and Barb Falk
Ken and Betty Handeland
Leland and Audrey McCoy
Brad Stensrud
Phyllis Waller
Clarence and Sylvia Winson

Awarded grants totaling \$4,370
City of Clarkfield to support:
Central air installation
at Monistevius El Buen Somaritano Church, Frisbee Disc Golf Course, and North Park playground renovation
Clarkfield Care Center to support a patio area for a therapeutic sensory garden
Clarkfield Community Library to support a children's work station and media area
ISD #4172 - Clarkfield Area Charter School to support after school programs and for Pickle-Ball equipment
Minnesota 4-H Foundation to support the Yellow Medicine 4-H Community Youth programs

In Granite Falls...

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

David and Elizabeth Reimer

Awarded grants totaling \$500
Women's Rural Advocacy Program to support organizational activities

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

Four Anonymous Gifts
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Kelly Flynn
Barry and Kathy Anderson
Eugene Huth and Marie Anspach
Mike and Gail Aus - In Memory of Carl Aus
Nancy Aus - In Memory of Carl Aus
Garrett Backes
Craig and Heidi Bakkelund - In Memory of:
Rev. John Bjorge
Gary Kubly
Carol Jean Beck - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson
Paul and Barbara Benson - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson

Nita Burgeson - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson
Robert and Lisa Carter - In Memory of Gary Kubly
Matt and Liz (Maiers) Cheney - In Memory of Gary Kubly
Bradley and Maria Christensen - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson
Citizens Alliance Bank
Rose Dahl
Howard and Linda Dahlager
Tammy Edman
Tom and Tammy Edman
Ron Erpelding - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson
Barry Evenstad
Ron and Diane Fagen
James and Coleen Ford
Phyllis Fredlund
Avis Freitag - In Memory of:
Pastor John Bjorge
Elroy Burgeson
Lucille Carter
Edna Fagen
Vernon Hempel
Senator Gary Kubly
Richard Nokleby
Belva Tjosvold
Thelma Welckle
Jim and Lorene Fromm
Granite Falls Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds
Granite Falls Bank and F&M Agency
Granite Falls Kiwanis Community Fund
Granite Family Eyecare
Granite Grinder and Café
Granite True Value
Earle and Bonnie Gustafson - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson
Audrey Hanson
Keith and Melissa Helgeson
Mark and Robin Henderson - In Memory of:
Elroy Burgeson
Stephen Hubert
Gary Kubly
Gordy and Loretta Hewitt
Leroy and Ruby Hieb - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson
Steve and Karen Jacobson - In Memory of Gary Kubly
Mary Kelly - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson
Knights of Columbus Granite Falls Council No. 6731
DuWayne and LaVonne Koenen - In Memory of:
John "Jack" Anderson
Idella Anderson
Rose Andert
Rev. John Bjorge
Elroy Burgeson
Michaela Busenbark
Lucille Carter

Stephen Hubert
Betty Koenen
Senator Gary Kubly
Juliet Mortenson
Newell Skeie
Belva Tjosvold
Kay Tollefson
Pat Kubly - In Memory of Gary Kubly
Spencer and Peggy Kvam
Diane Ladner
Alan and Joyce MacPhail - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson
Paul and Elaine Moe
Karen Norell
LeRoy and Janet Peterson
Teresa Peterson - In Memory of Genevieve LaBatte
Picht's Auto Body & Glass
Prairie's Edge Casino Resort
David and Elizabeth Reimer - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson
Lavonne Saquilan - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson
Don Sebring
Paul and Pat Sheggeby - In Memory of:
Elroy Burgeson
Gary Kubly
Karla and Bob Slettedahl - In Memory of Edna Skrukrud
David and Cindy Smiglewski
Anne and Don Steffen - In Memory of John Anderson
Larry and Ann Stensrud - In Memory of Elroy Burgeson
Al and Ann Stevens
Allen and Leanne Stoeckman
Dwayne and Rita Strand
Shirley Thom - In Memory of:
Wally Thom
Dick Wambeke
Tillie's Family Restaurant
Vern and Evonne Vosberg
West Central Sanitation

Awarded grants totaling \$2,450
CURE to support Granite Falls Riverfront Revitalization, Inc. with a screen projector
Granite Arts Council to support the Winter Carnival Variety Show
Granite Falls Historical Society to support history through media
Granite Falls Kiwanis Club to support work at the popcorn stand to help community youth
ISD #2190 - Yellow Medicine East to support 6th grade literature and for the Granite Falls Area Community Theatre to support new sound equipment

The Impact of Your Giving

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and partners, these are some of the highlights of the Southwest Initiative Foundation's impactful work in Fiscal Year 2012.

- Three new community foundation fund partners joined SWIF's family of more than 100 funds, including Bird Island-Olivia (BIO Legacy Fund), Montevideo and Walnut Grove.
- Two gifts of farmland were booked through SWIF's Keep It Growing farmland retention program that will ultimately benefit the region.
- A unique opportunity for donor engagement in Luverne led to SWIF providing local leadership to facilitate community visioning sessions and equipping community members to begin implementing multiple community improvement projects.
- Organization-wide development efforts allowed us to exceed the fundraising goal to the SWIF General Endowment by raising more than \$316,000 to benefit the entire region.
- The final Honor Flight Southwest Minnesota trip was made. More than 300 southwest Minnesota veterans were taken to Washington, D.C. on trips made possible by this volunteer- and donor-driven organization, which SWIF supported through our Paul and Alma Schwan Aging Trust Fund.
- SWIF awarded \$1,000 grants to each food shelf in southwest Minnesota for a total of \$36,000. The checks were delivered in person by SWIF board and staff to see what our local food shelves do in the community. SWIF staff and board have continued our monthly food shelf collections and personally donate about 50 pounds of food and \$100 to a different food shelf in our region each month.
- The Business Finance Program became an approved lender under the State Small Business Credit Initiative allowing SWIF to make a greater impact. SWIF has deployed 71 percent of this loan fund to support business development throughout the region.
- Entrepreneurship/Microloan team closed 40 microloans and launched an updated CORE website to provide business education to existing and aspiring entrepreneurs. SWIF was also invited to serve on the board for KIVA's new U.S. loan platform which presents a unique way to increase access to capital in the region.
- SWIF hosted its fourth Leading By Example event "The Mind of a Champion" providing leadership development and networking opportunities to 40 business leaders.
- SWIF sponsored the Animal Science Venture Forum in Willmar and the Regional Bioscience Conference in Worthington to support these key asset sectors.
- In partnership with Initiative Foundation, SWIF established a pilot coalition of lake associations in Meeker County to participate in the Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership working to evaluate and enhance water quality.
- The Youth Energy Summit (YES!) program, in partnership with Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, established 27 student teams.
- Two new Early Childhood Initiative Coalitions were launched including Lac qui Parle Valley and Bird Island-Olivia-Lake Lillian (BOLD).
- SWIF trained 26 nonprofit leaders through the Nonprofit Leader's Academy, a program designed to help build individual skills and capacity.
- SWIF staff completed a Facilitate and Transfer Field Guide based on best practices and models used in SWIF programming to develop and challenge leaders throughout the region. Efforts increased the cross-functionality of staff throughout the organization. These best practices were also shared with two returning Blandin Community Leadership Program cohorts in our region, including Olivia-Renville-Sacred Heart and Murray County.

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