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in southwest Minnesota



SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE  
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# Looking Forward, Giving Back

FISCAL YEAR 2011

*Celebrating 25 years of opportunities, impact and growth.*

“The true meaning of life

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

— Nelson Henderson



## Dear Friends,

One word keeps coming to mind as we think about 2011: outstanding. The people of southwest Minnesota, the accomplishments of Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) and the potential of our region’s future are all outstanding—thanks to you.



Throughout Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011), we celebrated highlights from our 25-year history and new programmatic milestones that were reached. We had a record number of General Endowment donors and exceeded our fundraising goals by receiving more than \$410,000 in gifts, awarded nearly \$830,000 in grants to support many great causes and closed 40 loans to support businesses. As you’ll see on the following pages, we had a very full year!

And, our new five-year strategic plan is launching us right into continued work to meet the changing needs of our region and organization. We spent time planning and implementing improvements that will help us better serve our donors, leaders, youth and entrepreneurs. We are already seeing the impact as we launch a new community foundation, new Early Childhood Initiative coalitions, new YES! teams, and support new businesses.



We also started working on improving our communications efforts, which is why you’re receiving this book a little later than usual. All of the changes SWIF is going through—some of which you’ll see, and others you might not notice—will strengthen our regional voice and help connect people with the resources and relationships they need to make their southwest Minnesota dream become a reality.

Most importantly, this edition of *Looking Forward, Giving Back* is a message of heartfelt gratitude to the donors, partners, colleagues, friends, and past and current board members and staff who helped make 2011 a record-breaking year. Whether you’ve been with us since the mid-1980s or are just getting to know us now, your support means so much.

Each of you was—and is—key to the success of SWIF, our region and the communities we call home. We can think of no better way to wrap up our 25th anniversary than by sharing these inspiring stories and saying once more, “Thank you!”

Sherry E. Ristau  
President/CEO

William McCormack  
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**With great appreciation, we recognize** the individuals, businesses and other funding partners for their generous contributions for SWIF's Fiscal Year 2011 of July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. 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 2011 are not included in this booklet. Please visit [www.swifoundation.org/funds](http://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.

## Southwest Initiative Foundation 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.

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**Awarded grants totaling \$28,588**

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation to support Minnesota Compass Center for Rural Policy & Development to support membership and rural advocacy Council on Foundations to support 2011 membership and promote principles of philanthropy and grantmaking Council on Foundations to support innovative and collaborative efforts addressing the community foundation field Granite Falls Economic Development Authority to support housing studies, assessments and community development plans Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy to support the 2010 Midwest Rural Assembly Minnesota Council on Foundations to support the 2011 leadership conference Minnesota Council on Foundations to support 2011 membership and promote philanthropy Minnesota Council of Nonprofits to support membership and promote best practices and collaboration Upper MN Valley Regional Development Commission-Region 6W to support the 8th Annual Upper Minnesota River Art Crawl Southwest Initiative Foundation to support membership to CF Insights to access best-practice information from peers Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council to support 2011 membership Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation to support Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership (MARL)

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

Arthur and Walter Anderson Charitable Trust  
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The McKnight Foundation  
The Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust  
Republican National Convention Host Committee Fund  
Stanford and Ruth Swenson Estate

**SWIF Program - Bio-Ag Initiative** – A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF address opportunities for southwest Minnesota to be a global leader in growing, building and supplying solutions for nutrition, energy and manufacturing, with an emphasis on bioscience-agricultural innovation.

**Awarded grants totaling \$13,600**

Southwest Initiative Foundation to provide scholarships in partnership with the Anderson Center  
Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation to support the 2011 Worthington Regional Bioscience Conference

**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.

Eighteen Anonymous Gifts  
Bryan and Kristi Delage  
Jean Johnson  
The McKnight Foundation  
Minnesota Community Foundation

**Awarded grants totaling \$80,500**

ISD #775 – Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg to secure local coordinator for KMS ECI  
ISD #2897 - Redwood Valley to secure local coordinator for Redwood Falls Area ECI  
ISD #177 – Windom to impact children ages birth to 5 in the community  
Meeker County Economic Development Corporation to support the Litchfield ECI and impact children ages birth to 5 in the community  
Minnesota Fathers & Families Network to support professional development opportunities for professionals in the region  
Rock County Family Service Agency to support ECI activities and projects

Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council to support Region 8 directors' attendance at the Annual Child Care Center Director Conference  
Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure local coordinator for KMS ECI  
Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure local coordinator for Ortonville ECI  
Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure local coordinator for Rock County ECI  
Southwest Initiative Foundation to secure local coordinator for Worthington ECI  
Working Family Resource Center to support early childhood educators' use of technology to deliver their programs  
Worthington Community Education – ISD # 518 to secure local coordinator for Worthington ECI

**SWIF Program - Economic Development Initiative** - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF deliver its Economic Advancement Initiative to leverage economic assets in the region that support broad-based prosperity and diversify the region's enterprises.

One Anonymous Gift  
Center for Rural Policy & Development  
Laura Jane Musser Fund  
Rock County Development Corporation  
University of Minnesota

**Awarded grants totaling \$25,000**

The BioBusiness Alliance of Minnesota to support the Minnesota Angel Investment Network

**SWIF Program - Entrepreneurship Initiative** - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF deliver its Entrepreneurship Initiative that facilitates and supports regional resources to assist and invest in entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial ventures.

Community Initiatives

**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  
Bernadette and James Berger Foundation for the Carolinas  
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United Prairie Bank

**SWIF Program - Nonprofit Management Fund** - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF support the nonprofit organizations in southwest Minnesota through organizational capacity building and learning opportunities.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation  
The Management Assistance Program for Nonprofits, Inc.

**Awarded grants totaling \$3,667**

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**SWIF Program - Parish Nurse** - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF support parish nurse projects in southwest Minnesota, which utilize an innovative model of care and promote holistic wellness for people of all ages.

**Awarded grants totaling \$15,000**

Church of St. Mary to support Year 2 of the Parish Nurse Program

**SWIF Program - Renewable Energy** - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF advance its efforts in renewable energy to optimize wealth retention, connect the current and future workforce to career opportunities, and facilitate discussion and advocacy for renewable energy.

Six Anonymous Gifts  
AgStar Financial Services  
Great River Energy  
The McKnight Foundation  
Prairie Ecology Bus Center  
Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

**Awarded grants totaling \$102,660**

CREED Project to support attendance at Discovering Science on the Range in the Field of Energy  
ISD #2396 - ACGC for a prize award recognizing the team's first place and Energy Conservation achievement and to purchase conversion kits for EXIT signs  
ISD #206 - Alexandria to fund YES! field trips and purchase energy misers for vending machines  
ISD #2754 - Cedar Mountain to support recycling education and hazardous waste collection  
ISD #463 - Eden Valley-Watkins for a prize award recognizing the team's third place and Skills & Career Awareness achievement and to promote "Building a Green Foundation," eco-friendly construction of school additions  
ISD #2365 - Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop for a prize award recognizing the team's Energy Action Grant achievement

**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.

One Anonymous Gift  
Dorothy and Ronald Williams

**Awarded grants totaling \$28,000**

Arthur Moeller Post 478 - American Legion to support Honor Flight Southwest Minnesota and transport WWII veterans to Washington, D.C.  
Willmar Community Senior Network to build daily operations and support volunteer training

**Southwest Minnesota Student Enrichment Endowment Fund** - A fund that benefits youth in southwest Minnesota through a variety of enrichment programs and activities.

**Awarded grants totaling \$19,282**

Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative to support: Bringing authors and illustrators to local elementary classrooms

ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley for a prize award recognizing the team's second place and Community Involvement achievement and to install solar-powered lights along the Appleton trail, grow salad greens for school and compost cafeteria waste  
ISD #465 - Litchfield for a prize award recognizing the team's Teamwork and Goal-Setting achievement and to increase outreach to the community  
ISD #413 - Marshall to support an after-school program in partnership with 4-H to teach renewable energy lessons  
ISD #345 - New London-Spicer for a prize award recognizing the team's Creativity and Innovation achievement and to grow local foods, encourage recycling and implement electricity saving strategies at school  
ISD #2903 - Ortonville Public School to refit old school lights with energy efficient lights

Chess tournament for K-12 students  
Encouraging writing among students  
Knowledge Bowl  
Science and Nature Conference  
Spelling bee  
Students learning to express through presentations  
Young artist conference

**Chippewa River Watershed Project Endowment Fund** - A fund that benefits the Chippewa River Watershed Project of Montevideo.

James and Adelaine Lageson  
Stephen and Sharon Thronson

**Cooper and Jack Schoenfeld Memorial Scholarship Fund** - A non-endowed fund that benefits youth of FFA Region 6 of Minnesota.

**Awarded grants totaling \$2,000**

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

ISD #2897 - Redwood Valley for a prize award recognizing the team's third place and Economic Potential achievement and to support the compost project  
ISD #85 - Springfield Public Schools for a prize award recognizing the team's second place and Community Involvement achievement  
ISD #2898 - Westbrook-Walnut Grove for a prize award recognizing the team's first place and Energy Conservation achievement and to reduce community electrical usage through energy saving ideas  
ISD #347 - Willmar for a prize award recognizing the team's Economic Potential achievement and to support the Willmar Community Greenhouse project  
ISD #177 - Windom for a prize award recognizing the team's third place achievement and for transportation to energy education events, supplies for energy kits and recycling efforts

University of Minnesota for post-secondary scholarships awarded to youth in FFA Region 6  
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**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.

Jeff and LeeAnn Ettinger  
Gerald and Louise Groskreutz  
Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.  
Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc. C.A.R.E. Fund Fundraising Proceeds  
Robert and Kay Tegt

**Awarded grants totaling \$40,000**

Southwest Initiative Foundation to support emergency fund disbursements to Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc. employees experiencing a crisis

Putting Green, Inc. for a prize award recognizing the team's Energy Action Grant achievement  
Regents of the University of Minnesota to expand the REDI Resources website directory  
Renville County HRA/EDA to support participation in the Ukraine Civic Exchange learning opportunity  
Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation to oversee and recruit YES! teams in its region  
Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, Inc., to plan and implement 2012 summer camps  
West Central Initiative to provide REDI Loans in its region

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

Six Anonymous Gifts  
Arlyn and Julie Alsum  
Dennis and Nancy Ammermann  
Harley and Clarice Ammermann  
Gerald and Sharon Asche  
Bradley and LeAnn Atchison  
Bethany Reformed Church  
Ken and Christine Beyerl  
Timothy and Susan Bohlsen  
Jason and Paula Boike  
Marvin and Judi Boike  
Larry and Janet Bosch  
Lee and Kim Bosch  
Mike and Lindsey Bosch  
John Bothof  
Robert Brix  
Craig and Stephanie Burner  
William and Kathleen Caskey  
Citizens Alliance Bank  
Citizens Real Estate  
Clara City Telephone Company  
James and Kit Colby  
Mike and Julie Dammann  
Harm and Marilyn DeGrote  
Dave DeJong and Karen Schelinder  
- In Memory of Cornie and Bernice DeJong

Walter and Etta Dieken  
 Tom and Lisa Donner  
 Farmers Co-Op Oil Co.  
 Lester and Nancy Feia  
 Stanley and Marilyn Freese  
 Yvonne and Scott Gerdes  
 Gervais Jewelers, Inc.  
 Bill and Betty Goeman  
 Loren and Nancy Gosseling  
 Bennie and Sondra Groen  
 James and Carmen Grussing  
 Dean and Barb Gunderson  
 Laura Sue Gunter  
 Lee and Carin Hagemeyer  
 Joe and Darla Hammerschmidt  
 Brian and Brenda Harguth  
 Dennis and Ruth Harguth  
 Walter and Marlene Harguth  
 Curt Hebrink  
 Ronald and Susan Honken  
 David and Ann Hovda  
 Impact Innovations, Inc.  
 Kevin and Kjersti Jaenisch  
 Rodney and Tammy Jaenisch  
 Edward and Marie Jansen  
 Darrel and Verna Janssen  
 Randal and Cathy Janssen  
 Tom and Melanie Johnson  
 Eileen Habstritt Jones - In Memory of  
 Habstritt Family  
 Donovan Frauendienst  
 Jerry and Lois Kløver  
 Verlin Kløver  
 Harvey and LaRae Koenen  
 Kenneth and Emma Koenen  
 Dr. James and Vicki Koewler  
 Nicholas and Donna Krueger  
 Gary and Lori Kruger

LuAnn Kruger  
 Kwik 'N' Ezy  
 Iver and Judy Lalim  
 MACCRAY Cookbook Sales  
 MACCRAY Elementary Schools  
 Cameron and Sarah Macht Family  
 Jon Maurice  
 Maynard Lions Club  
 Nancy Miller  
 Minnesota River Chapter of Thrivent  
 Financial for Lutherans  
 Kevin and Tanya Noble  
 LeAnn Nord  
 Robert and Sigrid Olson  
 Virginia Palke  
 David Pauling  
 Dan and Rhonda Pieper  
 Pastor Don and Sue Plantinga  
 Mark and Cindy Plowman  
 Mike and Michele Prekker  
 James and Linda Rhode  
 Douglas Runia  
 Robert and Jean Santjer  
 Sassy Scissors  
 Greg and Donna Schmidt  
 Greg Schwitters  
 Greg and Sarah Schwitters  
 Lane and Amy Schwitters  
 Robert and Sharon Schwitters  
 Pat Sederstrom  
 Duane and Jan Sietsema  
 Denise Smith  
 Denise and Tim Smith  
 Bruce and Carol Soine  
 Bruce and Deb Stutelberg  
 Robert and Gloria Sulflow  
 Troy and Janet Sweep - In Memory of  
 Harold Kruger

Timothy and Carmel Thein  
 Tim and Vickie Thissen  
 Darrell and Antoinette Vick  
 Ansil and Judith Wangness  
 Wearda Implement Co.  
 John White - In Memory of June  
 Swanson and Pete Kray  
 John and Sharon White  
 Thomas and Karleen Williamson

**Awarded grants totaling \$21,698**  
 ISD #2180 – MACCRAY to support:  
 Amplified microphone system for the  
 first and second grades  
 Basketball program  
 Camera for the third grade  
 Classroom set of Perma-bound  
 trade books  
 Color printer in the computer lab  
 Daily activities and special projects  
 in the first grade class  
 Fencing the dugouts on the new JV  
 baseball and softball fields  
 Food classes and promote nutrition  
 and wellness  
 Football equipment  
 Golf program  
 Handheld student response systems  
 Inflatable discs for use on student  
 desk seats  
 Interactive math boards  
 InterWrite Board/smart board  
 K-6 Special Education program  
 Knowledge Empowers Your  
 Success (K.E.Y.S.) classroom  
 supplies  
 New band performance flags and  
 swing flags

New music program equipment  
 New volleyball net system  
 Ninth grade Respect Retreat  
 Replacement and new title library  
 books  
 Seventh and eighth grade Title 1/  
 Chapter 1 Program technology  
 upgrades  
 Wrestling uniforms and warm-ups

**Minnesota Educators of the Gifted  
 and Talented (MEGT) Fund** - A  
 non-endowed fund that benefits  
 Minnesota's gifted and talented  
 youth.

Minnesota Educators of Gifted and  
 Talented Metro Chapter

**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 \$51,800**  
 Arthur Moeller Post 478 - American  
 Legion to support Honor Flight  
 and transport WWII veterans to  
 Washington, D.C.  
 Black Hills Playhouse, Inc. to support  
 the theater renovation  
 Community Christian School to support  
 its programs and mission

# Mission

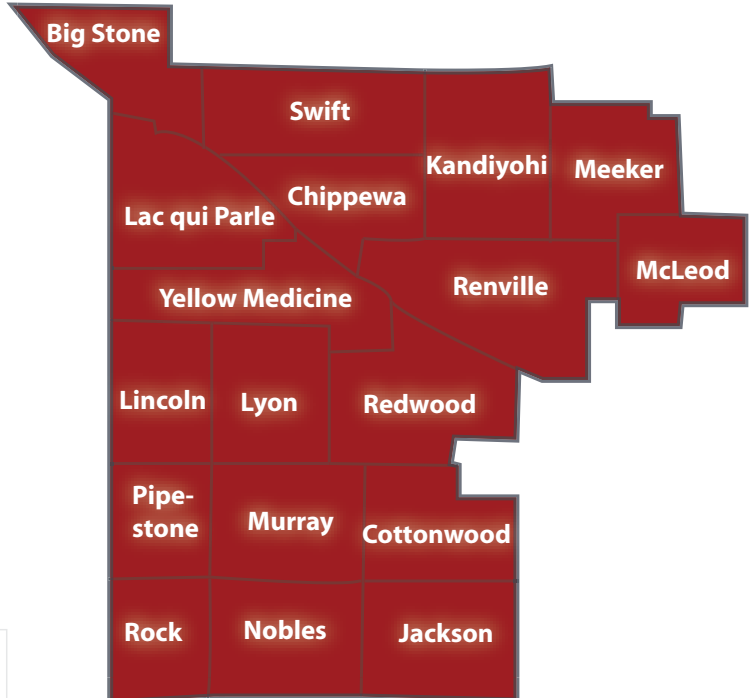
## Our Mission:

Our mission is to be a catalyst, facilitating opportunities for economic and social growth by developing and challenging leaders to build on the region's assets.

# Region

## Our Region:

About 282,000 people live in our 18-county service area, which covers 12,340 square miles.



Learn more about our work at [www.swifoundation.org](http://www.swifoundation.org) or call 1-800-594-9480.



# Elroy and Nita Burgeson: Humble Service and Support

Since 1960, *Elroy and Nita Burgeson* have made Granite Falls their home. But their leadership reaches far beyond this community, especially through Elroy's contributions as one of the Southwest Initiative Foundation's founders and their ongoing support of southwest Minnesota.

After 58 years of marriage, Elroy—known as Burgie to many—and Nita Burgeson of Granite Falls have a sense of comfortable compatibility. Hearing them reminisce about careers, raising their two children and spending time with four grandchildren, you wouldn't know how big of a role they played in helping revive southwest Minnesota.



*Early Boards of Directors played instrumental roles in setting the groundwork for SWIF's future success. Pictured (L to R) in 1989 are Doug Bultman, Kent Gustafson, Don Stella, Gloria VandeBrake, Elroy Burgeson, Mary Page, Gerald Michaelson and Robert Carothers.*

The couple met at Mankato State University. After a few years of Elroy teaching in Butterfield, they moved into the Granite Falls home they still own today. At the time, it was on the edge of town, a setting Nita enjoyed since it reminded her of growing up on a farm. Now, it's surrounded by more homes and sits just blocks from a place where Elroy spent much of his time.

For many years, Elroy served as an administrator for the Granite Falls Area Vocational Technical Institute, which was one of 33 like it in the state. He built its programs from the ground up, and even in retirement, education remains his passion.

Elroy recalls a phone call from then-President of Southwest Minnesota State University Robert Carothers in the mid-1980s. The McKnight Foundation wanted to help rural Minnesota as it faced economic and social crisis. Together with Mark Loftus, also then with the University, they submitted the first proposal

to McKnight to create the Southwest Minnesota Initiative Fund—later renamed Southwest Initiative Foundation—to help struggling communities, nonprofits, businesses and families.

“What amazes me is we were a part of something that turned out to be so important for southwest Minnesota,” Elroy said, referencing that SWIF has distributed over \$54 million through grants and loans, saved or created hundreds of jobs, and improved the quality of life in the region. “From a humble beginning, it grew to something beyond our imagination. I often wonder what southwest Minnesota would be like today without the existence of SWIF.”

Besides serving on SWIF's Board of Directors, Elroy chuckles as he recalls being president of almost everything in town. He also served on the city council and as mayor. Nita made time while raising children to work in retail and real estate while being active in the Jaycees, church and Cub Scouts.

“We try to give back—not that we're rich,” Elroy said. “I just don't think that's an excuse not to give. I know it's important. We should try to help if we can.”

Elroy and Nita have been faithful donors to SWIF's General Endowment, which supports work throughout the region. After the Granite Falls Area Community Foundation, one of SWIF's 22 community foundation partners, formed in 2009, they supported their local endowment as well.

Both seem to agree they've lived by a 'get involved, give a little' attitude. Community aside, they fondly remember family trips to the Black Hills, Yellowstone National Park, visits to a brother in California and time spent fishing in the river, all of which make them seem so much like other southwest Minnesota families.

While they remain humble—minus Nita claiming her husband can laugh harder than anyone—we know this family's generous leadership and contributions have made a lasting impact.

## Funds that benefit Big Stone County

### In Clinton, Graceville and Beardsley...

**Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley School District #2888 Foundation Fund** - An endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley School District.

Curtiss and Opal Olson - In Memory of Kenneth Melby

### In Ortonville...

**Ortonville Early Childhood Fund** - A non-endowed fund that benefits children ages birth to 5 in the Ortonville area.

Three Anonymous Gifts  
Beardsley Farmers Elevator Co.  
Big Stone Area Growth  
Cold Stone Creamery  
Bryan and Kristi Delage  
Kari and Chris Dorry  
William and Marlene Elmstrom  
Hardware Hank  
Deb Henningson - In Honor of Owen, Eliot and Archer Dorry  
Brad and Kim Kramer  
Matthew and Laura Lamb  
Myron and Beth Mueller  
OFC of Ortonville, Inc.  
Ortonville Early Childhood Fund  
Fundraising Proceeds  
Ortonville United Appeal  
Parker & Associates  
Shady Oak Realty  
Paul and Ruth Strong

Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association  
Lynette Wellendorf

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

Three Anonymous Gifts  
Third Grade Rummage Sale  
Cookies for Kids Fundraiser  
Proceeds  
Heather Eastman  
Brent and Kim Hasslen  
James Knoll Elementary Students  
Liz Ketz  
Vicki King

Carol Kohler  
Moose Lodge  
Northside Medical Center  
Ortonville Public School Foundation  
Fund Fundraising Proceeds  
Jay and Gloria Ross  
Roger and Coralie Sandberg  
James and Gloria Serkland  
Paul and Ruth Strong  
Roman and Carol Taffe  
John and Holly Wellendorf  
Robert and Margureta Yaeger - In Memory of Lesley Moorhead

**Awarded grants totaling \$10,000**  
ISD #2903 - Ortonville Public School to support the playground project

Summer recreation program scholarships  
ISD #177 - Windom for warm-up equipment for the high school wrestling program  
Youth for Christ - The Studio to support youth activities

**Mountain Lake Area Foundation for Education Advised Fund** - A related non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation created to benefit the Mountain Lake area school systems.

**Awarded grants totaling \$2,842**  
ISD #173 for graphing calculators

**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.

Kimberly Blomgren  
Jean Haberman  
Connie Hanson-Hullstrom  
Brad Kramer  
Jerry and Pam Logue  
Ninth Street Inn  
Robert and Sherry Pankratz  
Karl and Karyn Wassman

### 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  
Mr. Merle H. Sykora

**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 \$1,466**  
Cottonwood County Historical Society, Inc. to support exhibits at the Remick Gallery

**Krueger Family Advised Fund** - A non-endowed fund that benefits the Windom area.

**Awarded grants totaling \$5,000**  
Prairie Arts Continuum to support the light and sound equipment fund at the Business, Arts & Recreation Center

## Funds that benefit Chippewa County

### In Milan...

**Milan Community Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Milan area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift  
Linda Brathen  
Michael Burns  
John and Geraldine Esberg

Chuck and Anne Kanten  
Chuck and Anne Kanten - In Memory of Edna Oppegaard  
Dennis and Janet Lindahl  
Nancy Strand  
John Tanquist - In Memory of Jim Kleven  
Billy and Deloris Thompson  
Erik Thompson

David and Karen Zimmerman - In Memory of Julie Lysholm and Janet Zaun

**Awarded grants totaling \$1,500**  
Chippewa County Family Services to support a luncheon and speaker for past caregivers

Greater Milan Initiative to support fundraising and the Initiative's efforts  
Lac qui Parle Valley Community Education to support activities for all Milan elementary and junior high students at the Burns Park, library and city offices  
Milan Village Arts School to support the Spoon Gathering in June

### In Heron Lake and Okabena...

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

One Anonymous Gift  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Ray Olsem  
Jackie Baumgard - In Memory of Judy Haberman  
Richard and Carolyn Carlson - In Memory of Judy Haberman  
David and Anne DeJong - In Honor of Barb Pohlman  
George and Collette Diemer - In Memory of:  
Charles Baumbach  
Ron Doherty  
Judy Haberman  
Sonja Hecker  
Arnold Hussong  
Morris "Fred" Soleta  
George and Collette Diemer and Family - In Memory of:  
Jerald "Jerry" Hecker  
Curt Kalfs  
William and Marilyn Fest - In Memory of Kelly Fest  
Jason and Tracy Freking - In Memory of:  
Charles Baumbach  
Lila Brust  
Ron Doherty  
Kelly Fest  
George Freking  
Judy Haberman  
Ann Marie Mathias

**Awarded grants totaling \$4,715**  
City of Mountain Lake to support downtown beautification of Mountain Lake  
Heritage Village to support construction at the Heritage Village Welcome Center  
ISD #173 - Mountain Lake to support Auditorium seating  
Mountain Lake ECI and impact children birth to 5 in the community  
Pool

Friends and Family - In Memory of George Freking  
Eric and Cheryl Hartman - In Memory of Charles Baumbach  
Robert and Marilee Hartman - In Memory of Helen Post  
Louise Hecker - In Memory of Jerry Hecker  
Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
Steven and Barbara Hussong - In Memory of Helen Post  
Douglas and Cynthia Iverson  
Donald and Lulu Junker  
Lonnie and Brenda Little - In Memory of Paula (Henkels) Eidhammer  
Gary and Marless Milbrath - In Memory of:  
Charles Baumbach  
Ron Doherty  
Kelly Fest  
Raymond Navara and Cheryl Avenel-Navara  
James and Lori Nusbaum - In Memory of Elaine (Heukels) Snyder  
Jens and Marge Olmem - In Memory of:  
Barb Olmem  
Evie (Smith) Rickgarn  
Willie Smith  
Donaebill and Harriet Olson  
Cindy Owen - In Memory of:  
Judy Haberman  
Ann Marie Mathias  
Tim and Cindy Owen - In Memory of:  
Charlie Baumbach  
Kelly Fest  
Ralph Manwarren Charitable Trust

Eva Rostomily - In Memory of:  
Aggie Fest  
Jerry Hecker  
Ann Marie Mathias  
Lynn and Mary Schmid - In Memory of:  
Jerry Hecker  
Sonja Hecker  
Jim and Patti Schneider  
Jim and Patti Schneider - In Memory of:  
Charles Baumbach  
Ronald Doherty  
Judy Haberman  
Arnold Hussong  
Curtis Kalfs  
John and Juliann Volk - In Memory of Judy Haberman  
Ron and Ann Wendorff - In Memory of Judy Haberman  
Chris and Jessica Yuska - In Memory of Charles and Sophie Winzer

**Awarded grants totaling \$4,300**  
4-H Clubs & Affiliated 4-H Organizations to support a safety day camp for SSC elementary students  
Heron Lake Library for replacement windows in the children's book room  
ISD #330 - Southwest Star to support:  
Elementary library shelves  
Reversible jerseys  
Student field trips and service projects  
Superflex curriculum  
Wellness Committee and promote healthier lifestyles

### 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.

43 Anonymous Gifts  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Leo Chapman-Nesseth  
Stella Soucek Trust - In Memory of Marie Larsen

**Awarded grants totaling \$345**  
Jackson County Public Library for Summer Reading Program books  
Jackson County Public Library to support the library through memorials received

**Jackson Community Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Jackson area through grantmaking and community projects.

Three Anonymous Gifts  
Carol Achterkirch - In Memory of Elaine Wieneke  
Esther Anderson  
Marcia Bahr  
Bank Midwest - In Memory of Harlow Meium  
Dorothy Benda  
George and Jean Benda  
Circles of Support

## Funds that benefit Cottonwood County

### In Mountain Lake...

**Brad Behrends Memorial Fund** - A related non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that supports the Mountain Lake community.

**Awarded grants totaling \$2,000**

Brad Behrends Memorial Fund to support scholarships awarded to two Mountain Lake High School students attending post-secondary education

**Harder Family Foundation Advised Fund** - A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that benefits Mountain Lake and the southwest Minnesota area.

Steve and Judy Harder

**Awarded grants totaling \$7,000**

City of Mountain Lake to support the City Tree Project  
Mountain Lake Community Food Shelf to support its service in the community

**Mountain Lake Area Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits that Mountain Lake area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift  
Jean Haberman  
Dr. Steve and Judy Harder  
Misty Karschnik  
Mountain Lake Area Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
Wade and Ann Nelson  
Dolores E. Peters - In Memory of Arnold D. Peters  
Florence Peters - In Honor of Sam Peters  
Peterson Thrifty White Pharmacy  
Donald Ross  
James G. Sneer



Kerry Ella  
 Gary and Marcia Elsbecker  
 Craig and Kathy Fransen  
 Steve and Jan Fransen  
 Richard and Nancy Garvin  
 Cec and Curtis Handevitd - In Memory of Marcia Pike Thompson  
 Cec and Curtis Handevitd, Larry and Jan Griffin, Tom and Betty Johnson, Burt and Jan Joul, Al and Lavonne Nelson and Daryl and Ann Marie Olson – In Memory of James Tillman  
 Jackson Federal Savings & Loan Association  
 Jackson Women of Today  
 Ron and Sylvia Johnson - In Memory of:  
 Clair Gilmore  
 Kent Johnson  
 KKOJ AM/KRAQ FM  
 Richard Koch  
 Richard Koch - In Memory of:  
 Junior Handevitd  
 Ben and Laverna Koch  
 Bill Phillips  
 Nick Pronk  
 Neale Strom  
 Lavon Yarns  
 Dr. Allen Krebs  
 Roger and Carolyn Lind - In Memory of:  
 Clair Gilmore  
 Harlow Meium  
 Clayton Olson  
 Marcia Pike Thompson  
 Livewire Printing Company, Inc.  
 Helen Meium - In Memory of Harlow K. Meium  
 Paul and Tamara Meium Family - In Memory of:  
 Harlow Meium  
 Don Rosenbrook  
 Carol Neal  
 Daryl and Ann Marie Olson - In Memory of:  
 William Felber  
 James Tillman  
 Richard and Kathy Peterson  
 Richard and Kathy Peterson - In Memory of:  
 Clair Gilmore  
 Lucy Ingbritson  
 Cindy Kielty  
 Delbert Schwieger  
 Dr. Elton Wing  
 Pork Royal Farms, Inc.  
 Gary and Marilyn Reese  
 Brian Resch  
 John and Carol Schultz  
 Forrest and Lillian Showman  
 Donita Soucek  
 Jerry and Linda Svoboda  
 Merle and Catherine Thompson

Jo Ann Thrush  
 Dr. Mark and Linda Titus  
 Dorothy Zimmerli

**Awarded grants totaling \$2,900**  
 Fort Belmont Foundation, Inc. to support enhancements to the Delafield Evangelical Lutheran Church exhibit  
 Jackson County Public Library for daycare kits  
 Jackson County to support upgrades for accessibility and environmental issues to the area near Olson Show Pavilion  
 Jackson Good Samaritan Center to support recording residents during activities  
 Jackson Lions Club to support a new basketball court in Ashley Park  
 Rhythm of the River to support the 5th annual event in conjunction with Town & Country Days in Jackson

**Jackson County Central Education Foundation Fund - A endowment and non-endowed fund that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Jackson County Central School District.**

Doug and Colleen Anderson  
 Lynne Anderson - In Memory of:  
 John O'Connor  
 Marcia Pike Thompson  
 Shirley Anderson  
 Gery and Bev Arndt  
 Bank Midwest  
 Kent and Terri Bargfrede  
 Dan Beert  
 Noel Behne  
 Noel and Frances Behne - In Honor of Class of 1954  
 Gerald and Karen Benjamin  
 Laurie Benjamin - In Memory of Craig Benjamin  
 Mary Bezdicek  
 Laura Bidne  
 Marian Biermeier - In Memory of Alan Muir  
 Evelyn Brandt Casey - In Memory of Harlow Meium  
 La Vonne Clarksean - In Honor of Charlie and Linda Clarksean Family  
 Class of 1965 - In Memory of Craig Benjamin  
 Merle and Janet Clewett - In Memory of Bernadine Shaw Larson Seger  
 Steve Condon  
 Dave and Anne DeJong - In Honor of Bonnie Shearer

Dave and Anne DeJong - In Memory of:  
 Clair Gilmore  
 Cindy Kielty  
 Doyle Skarda  
 John Wetzler  
 Ruth E. Willink  
 Karla Ebert  
 Tamie Egge  
 Eliot Ellefson  
 Eliot Ellefson - In Honor of My Sons, Jordan and Nathan  
 Farmers & Merchants State Bank - Alpha  
 First National Bank - Lakefield  
 Steve and Jan Fransen  
 Oma Grove  
 Lynn Gunderson  
 Roy Hample - In Memory of Ardis Hample  
 Handevitd & Anderson Attorneys - In Memory of:  
 Vincent Bezdicek  
 Robert Clarksean  
 Vernon "Ike" Dunlavey  
 Blanche Greenside  
 Leona Klinker  
 Duane Larson  
 Elaine Matasovsky  
 Herb Miller  
 Ken Schultz  
 Frank Vrchota  
 Larry and Jan Hansen - In Memory of Bill Phillips  
 Richard Hanson  
 Roger Hesebeck - In Memory of Sandra Hesebeck  
 David Holt  
 Kari Huseth  
 Jackson Veterinary Clinic  
 Charles Johnson - In Memory of Geralene Johnson  
 Marion Johnson - In Memory of Friends and Family  
 Dan Joyce  
 James Kersting - In Honor of Kersting Dairy  
 Jim and Sue Keul - In Memory of:  
 Robert Clarksean  
 Vernon "Ike" Dunlavey  
 Ruth Edlin  
 Gene Endreson  
 Harold Handevitd  
 Ron Harder  
 Harlow Meium  
 Glen Olson  
 Bill Phillips  
 Neil Strom  
 Marcia Pike Thompson  
 Gerry Lewis  
 Ann Ludvigsen  
 Helen Meium - In Memory of Harlow K. Meium  
 Tamara Meium

Todd Meyer  
 Daryl and Ann Marie Olson - In Memory of:  
 Harlow Meium  
 John Wetzler  
 Gary Potter - In Memory of Coach Wayne Ailts  
 Brian Resch  
 James and Brenda Resch  
 Roger Ringkob - Class of 1960  
 Riverside Elementary Sunshine Fund - In Memory of Bernice DeJong  
 Dr. Paul Roggow  
 Randall and Juliann Roggow  
 Kerri Rose  
 Carol Sandve  
 Matt and Avis Schnichels - In Memory of Ardyce Pell Levell (Class of 1952) and Adrian Jensen (Class of 1967)  
 Stebgo Metals, Inc. - On Behalf of Paul Roggow  
 Stan Stehlik - Class of 1960  
 Stella Soucek Trust - In Memory of:  
 Leonard Drahota Jr.  
 John Wetzler  
 Mark and Linda Titus - In Memory of:  
 Del Schwieger  
 John Wetzler  
 United Prairie Bank - Jackson  
 Ron and Kathy Vrchota  
 Donald and Sue Weatherley - In Memory of Wayne Yager  
 Kari Wilkinson  
 Dan Winterfeld  
 Sara Yager - In Honor of Jackson Class of 1954

**Awarded grants totaling \$1,800**  
 ISD #2895 - Jackson County Central to support:  
 Microscopes for the high school science classes  
 Student travel on a Scotland International Judging trip

**Kristi Elaine Teigen Memorial Scholarship Fund - A related non-endowed fund of the Jackson Community Foundation created in memory of Kristi Elaine Teigen to provide scholarships to graduating seniors of the Jackson County Central School District.**

**Awarded grants totaling \$15,000**  
 Jackson Community Foundation for scholarships awarded to seniors graduating from Jackson County Central Schools

## Funds that benefit Kandiyohi County

**In Willmar...**  
**Willmar Early Childhood Fund - A non-endowed fund that benefits children ages birth to 5 in the Willmar area.**

Five Anonymous Gifts  
 John and Nancy Hafner  
 Robert and Dona Haines  
 Nicholas and Donna Krueger  
 James and Audrey Peterson  
 Jodi Wambeke  
 Willmar Early Childhood Fund Fundraising Proceeds

**Willmar Music Matters Fund - A non-endowed fund that benefits music programs at Willmar Public Schools.**

Ron Adkins and Ramona Lackore  
 Anthony and Mary Amon  
 John and Virginia Ansoerge  
 David and Jennifer Baumgart  
 Dale and Cathy Bays  
 Dale and Shannon Becker  
 Kenneth and Alix Behm  
 Steven and Janae Bell  
 William and Carol Benson  
 Mark and Beth Bloomquist  
 Gordon and Lois Bos  
 Cans for Kids Fundraiser  
 Jon and Heidi Carlson - In Honor of Dempsey Schroeder  
 Leon and Pauline Carlson

Richard and Laura Carlson  
 Cory Christensen  
 Daniel and Shelley Croonquist  
 Kraig and Rebecca DeJong  
 Charles Derouin and Annette Hendrickx-Derouin  
 Morrie and Daphne Evenson  
 Rev. Robert and Irene Friedrich  
 Todd and Jean Geselius  
 Walter and Raeanna Gislason - In Memory of:  
 Liz Carlson  
 Ida Forbord  
 Ralph and Doreen Haglund  
 Robert and Dona Haines  
 LaDonna M. Hallberg-Sook  
 Gary and Karen Hanson  
 Dr. Michael Hanson and Dr. Jodi Fonkert  
 Eric and Michele Haugen  
 Michele Hedlund  
 Michael and Mary Ann Hodapp  
 Robert and Constance Hodapp - In Honor of Mary Cay Hodapp  
 Cathy Horning  
 Paul and Myriam Ivers  
 Bruce and Janet Jaeger  
 Mark and Beth Johnston  
 Randy and Debra Klein  
 Anthony and Mary Lapatka  
 H. Willard Linder  
 John and Christine Lindgren  
 Lyle and Melissa Mangan  
 Carl and Shirley Marcus  
 Dorothy Timm Meili  
 Lowell Melbye

Mary Merlin  
 Ernest and Ardyce Meyer  
 Palmer and Dee Norling  
 Grant Olson and Gabrielle Vencel Olson  
 Mary Jo Patton  
 Rolf Peterson  
 Jacob and Ruth Polta - In Honor of Our Children - Graduates of Willmar Schools  
 Larry and Cindy Rice  
 De Alton and Donna Rime  
 Dr. Robert and Dolores Rosenbrook  
 Thomas and Pamela Rozendaal  
 Dennis Schaeftbauer and Ann Hendershott  
 Jerry and Elaine Schliep  
 Bradley and Cheryl Schmidt  
 Darlene Schroeder  
 Darlene Schroeder - In Memory of Erwin Rau  
 John and Mary Seifert  
 James Sherman  
 Mark and Beverly Skare  
 William Smith and Lori Park-Smith  
 Kay Strand  
 Brenda Streich  
 Neil Sussenguth and Valerie Swanson  
 Kevin and Linda Switzer  
 Jimmy and Judith Terhune  
 Rev. Mari Thorkelson  
 Paul and Lauri Tinklenberg  
 Robert and Karla Tinklenberg  
 Jeffrey Vance and Jennifer Monson Vance

Enrique and Janice Vazquez  
 Joseph and Michele Vogel  
 Paul and Sandra Vollan  
 Mary Vomacka  
 Keith and Kathryn Voss  
 Sonja Westre - In Memory of Margaret Whitcomb  
 Irene Whitmyre  
 Whitney Music  
 Marty and Judy Wieland  
 Douglas and Mary Ann Wilkowske  
 Chad and Krista Willis  
 Willmar Music Matters Fund Fundraising Proceeds  
 Willmar Musicale  
 Sara Wold  
 Marilyn Zarnott  
 Wayne and Marilyn Zarnott

**Awarded grants totaling \$28,500**  
 ISD #347 – Willmar to support the elementary school orchestra position

**Beatrice F. Ourada Advised Fund - A non-endowed fund that benefits the First Presbyterian Church of Willmar, as well as other charitable organizations.**

**Awarded grants totaling \$8,000**  
 First Presbyterian Church in Willmar to support its general and building fund

## Funds that benefit Lac qui Parle County

**In Dawson...**  
**Dawson Community Foundation - A permanent resource that benefits the Dawson area through grantmaking and community projects.**

Five Anonymous Gifts  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Myrtle Berglund  
 Jim and Maren Bakken  
 Martin and Carol Bergeland  
 Elnore Bergeson - In Memory of:  
 Russell Dahl  
 Millie Molstad  
 Myles and Karen Bergeson - In Memory of:  
 Myrtle Berglund  
 Russell Dahl  
 Dorothy Jordahl

Don Martinson  
 Gladys Thoen  
 Opal Zinter  
 Esther A. Brunsdale  
 Sharon Collins  
 David and Amy Dahl  
 Dawson Fire Department Relief Association  
 Dawson Veterinary Clinic - Timothy J. Hayden  
 John and Effie Deno - In Honor of Pam Helgeson  
 Kenny and Linda Ellefson - In Memory of:  
 Russ Dahl  
 Nancy Jager  
 Roger and Audrey Ellefson  
 Loren and Carole Femrite  
 Mahlon and Arlyce Femrite  
 Dan and Luanne Fondell

Gerald Michaelson Memorial Fund  
 J.W. and Mary Goodrich - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
 Yvonne Gustafson  
 Tim and Brenda Halvorson - In Memory of Millie Molstad  
 Ronald Helgeson  
 Terry and Karen Hermanson  
 Robert and Carol Horton - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
 Don and Judy Jamer  
 Jeff and Carla Johnson  
 Curt and Sharon Johnsrud - In Memory of:  
 Russ Dahl  
 Nancy Jager  
 Eunice H. Johnson  
 Sharon Johnsrud  
 Ronald and Patricia Jordahl - In Memory of Russell Dahl

Timothy Jordheim and Mary Casey - In Memory of Mildred "Millie" Molstad  
 Paul Kemen - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
 Thomas and Cheryl Kloss - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
 Kristal Knopp  
 Ferman and Doris Lanning  
 Doug and Gail Larson  
 Don and Pat Lindblad  
 Alan Lindseth  
 Ella Lindseth  
 Dr. Phil and Jean Maus  
 Dale Melom - In Memory of Millie Molstad  
 Kristi Michaelson  
 Danny and Kimberly Miller

Danny and Kimberly Miller - In Memory of:  
Myrtle Berglund  
Darlene Miller Graven  
Nancy Jager  
Willard Pearson  
Elmer Pehrson  
Rollie Wold  
Richard Molstad and Judith Sims - In Memory of Millie Molstad  
Ruth Motyka  
Dr. Bryan and Susan Nelson - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
John and Eleanor Nordgaard  
John and Janice Olson  
Dorothy Lough Orr  
Parker & Associates - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
Dave Pederson and Peggy Crosby  
Kelly and Lisa Perkins  
John Perry and Jeanne Peterson - In Memory of Rolland Wold  
Charles and Janice Prestholdt - In Memory of Rudy Prestholdt and Bernice Jordahl  
John Roiger  
Michael and Rhonda Ruffini - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
Mark and Lynette Saboe - In Memory of Martha Johnson  
Ronald and Jean Schad - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
Stanton and Sandy Smaagaard  
Dean and Sarah Solem  
Roger and Beverly Stratmoen - In Memory of Our Loved Ones  
Vivian Sundin  
Jerome A. Thompson - In Memory of Ervin and Genora Thompson  
Michael and Kim Thompson - In Memory of Jordan Martinson  
Orville and Alice Tollakson  
Robert and Betty Twete - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
VFW Club #5247  
Douglas and Maribeth Wonson - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
John Zdrzizil - In Memory of Russell Dahl

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**Awarded grants totaling \$6,150**

American Legion 177 Oscar Lee Post to support the new Dawson American Legion Baseball Club  
City of Dawson to support:  
Dawson-Boyd Boy Scouts of America Troop 322  
Tent rental at Riverfest  
Replacement holiday decorations on Main Street and new decorations along Highway 212  
Dawson-Boyd Arts Association to support three performances of Theatreworks USA's "Charlotte's Web"

ISD #378 – Dawson-Boyd for the annual Dawson Community Foundation's essay contest winner's prize award  
Lac qui Parle County for a one-year subscription to Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest Online  
Lac qui Parle County Historical Society for a computer and scanner

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**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.

Pete and Pat Hansen - In Memory of Steve Ruzich  
Jon and DeAnn Lund  
Jerome and Kimberly Thompson - In Memory of Ervin and Genora Thompson

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**Awarded grants totaling \$1,000**  
ISD #378 – Dawson-Boyd to support scholarship awards

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**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.

Lois Fenske

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**Awarded grants totaling \$1,000**  
Dawson-Boyd Arts Association to support the Artaria String Quartet

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**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 - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Pete McVay  
Dennis and Ruby Anderson - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Dennis and Ruby Anderson - In Memory of:  
Arlene Baird  
Rollie Wold

J. Dennis Anderson - In Memory of Millie Molstad  
Ruby Anderson - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
Lannie and Brenda Ashling  
Jim and Maren Bakken - In Memory of:  
Russ Dahl  
Pete McVay  
Palma Moseng  
Carol Solomonson  
Lowell and Mary Berglund - In Memory of:  
Dona Borstad  
Shari Brouwer  
Kay Swanson  
Gladys Thoen  
Myles and Karen Bergeson - In Memory of Harland Thoen  
Genevieve Bothun - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Carol Bruns - In Memory of Eunice Johnson  
Larry and LuAnn Dahl - In Memory of:  
Russell Dahl  
Gladys Thoen  
John and Effie Deno - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
John and Effie Deno - In Memory of:  
Russell Dahl  
Gladys Thoen  
Rollie Wold  
Kenneth and Linda Ellefson - In Memory of Pete McVay  
Roger and Audrey Ellefson - In Memory of Pete McVay  
Milton and Virginia Goplen - In Memory of Eunice Johnson  
Doris Gruenewald - In Memory of Roland Gruenewald  
Roland and Doris Gruenewald - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Timothy and Brenda Halvorson - In Memory of:  
Don Martinson  
Kay Swanson  
Phyllis Westby  
Enid Hanson - In Memory of Eunice Johnson  
James and Lois Ann Helgeson - In Memory of Gracelyn Helgeson  
Ronald Helgeson - In Memory of:  
Myrtle Berglund  
Dona Borstad  
Russell Dahl  
Victor Evenson  
Roland Gruenewald  
Harlan Haakenson  
Dorothy Jordahl  
Don Martinson  
Elmer Pehrson  
Gladys Thoen  
Phyllis Westby  
Rollie Wold

Karen Houff - In Memory of Myrtle Berglund  
Johnson Memorial Health Services - In Memory of:  
Phyllis Anderson  
Grace Benike  
Grace Borstad  
Alden Bothun  
Kenneth Broberg  
Louise Dahl  
Gerald Freno  
George Graf  
Elsie Hansen  
Avis Harris  
Lucille Hermanson  
Richard Klucas  
Douglas Koepp  
Andy Larson  
Rosella Lee  
Leslie Nelson  
Selma Ness  
Lillian Oman  
Donna Quale  
Harris Ronning  
Patricia Saboe  
Lou Ella Sampson  
Marvin Satre  
Theodore Schmitt  
Marlis Sharar  
Alice Svendsen  
Gladys Thoen  
Robert Tholkes  
Norma Thompson  
Phyllis Westby  
Kathy and Dwayne Johnson - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Curtis and Sharon Johnsrud - In Memory of Pete McVay  
Clarice Knigge, Arlys Amundson and Donna Bjarnlie - In Memory of Myrtle Stafford  
Lac qui Parle Mutual Insurance Company - In Memory of:  
Myrtle Berglund  
Rollie Wold  
Robert and Marlene Lee - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Jeff and Janet Liebl - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Donald and Pat Lindblad - In Memory of:  
Palmer Grinager  
Dennis Haaland  
Martha Johnson  
Willard Pearson  
Elmer Pehrson  
Kay Swanson  
Ella Lindseth - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Ella Lindseth - In Memory of Kay Swanson  
Barbara Lundquist - In Honor of:  
Eldon and Pat Kragh  
Bonnie Jostock  
Gail Ochsendorf  
Dale and Ramona Thompson  
Julie Turnberg

Barbara Lundquist - In Memory of:  
Eunice Johnson  
Dorothy Jordahl  
Leslie Nelson  
Gladys Thoen  
Brad and Margaret Madsen - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Brad and Margaret Madsen - In Memory of Jim Kleven  
Dr. Phil and Jean Maus - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Dr. Phil and Jean Maus - In Memory of:  
Russell Dahl  
Don Martinson  
Millie Molstad  
Kay Swanson  
Rollie Wold  
Danny and Kimberly Miller - In Memory of Pete McVay  
Jim and Kathe Miranowski - In Memory of Donald Martinson  
Danny and Tina Nelson - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Sam and Mary Olson - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Sam and Mary Olson - In Memory of:  
Russell Dahl  
Nancy Jager  
Murla and Amy Parrow - In Memory of Myrtle Berglund  
Murla Parrow, Amy Parrow and Lillie Barron - In Memory of Martha Johnson  
Dean and Joyce Pearson - In Memory of Russell Dahl  
Dawn Pehrson - In Memory of Kay Swanson  
Karla Perkins - In Memory of Elmer Pehrson  
Gordon and Norma Powers - In Memory of:  
Dona Borstad  
Russell Dahl  
Harlan Haakenson  
Evie Lende  
Don Martinson  
Doris Owen  
Elmer Pehrson  
Gladys Thoen  
Rollie Wold  
Dona Sather - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Neil and Rosalie Schilling - In Memory of:  
Kay Swanson  
Phyllis Westby  
Theodore and Gabriella Schmitt  
Paul and Luella Strand - In Memory of Myrtle Berglund  
Jerome and Kimberly Thompson - In Memory of Genora Thompson  
Tollefson & Lee Law Office - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
John and Virginia Tollefson - In Memory of Don Martinson

Gary and Julie Turnberg - In Memory of:  
Russell Dahl  
Don Martinson  
Elmer Pehrson  
Gladys Thoen  
David and Lynn Vanderwerf - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Florence Werner - In Honor of Bonnie Jostock  
Florence Werner - In Memory of:  
Eunice Johnson  
Millie Molstad  
Dorothy Westby  
Terry and Beverly Westfield - In Memory of Elmer Pehrson  
Shelia Windingstad - In Memory of Russell Dahl

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**Awarded grants totaling \$5,000**

Johnson Memorial Foundation to support scholarships awarded to Johnson Memorial Health Services employees pursuing nursing education

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**Maureen M. Yagodka, Ph.D. Memorial Fund** - A related non-endowed fund of the Dawson Community Foundation that supports the Dawson area.

Chevy Chase Trust

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**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

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**Awarded grants totaling \$2,000**

University of Minnesota Morris for scholarships awarded to students pursuing degrees in the education field

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**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.

Two Anonymous Gifts  
Robert and Janet Jette  
John Siebenand

**Madison Community Baseball Endowment Fund** - A related fund of the Madison Community Foundation that benefits the Madison community baseball field and related programming.

Tammy Barnes - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Bradley and Jacqueline Baumgard - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Robert and Delores Bormann - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Pat Enger - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Thomas and Ann Fernholz - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Alve Jemtrud - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Michael J. Katzenmeyer  
James and Kathryn Nesvold - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Harry and Elizabeth Schulz - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Susan Vento - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer

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**Madison Community Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Madison area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift  
Cynthia Albrecht - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
David and Vicky Amundson  
Linda Anderson  
Victor and Deb Behlings  
Josh Benson  
Barb Billiet  
Tom Bornhorst  
Brian and Tamara Bremseth  
Cargill CAH - Madison  
Bryan and Heidi Clark  
Dallas and Michelle Croatt  
Ed Croatt  
Peter and De Ann Croatt - In Memory of Chuck and Sylvia Croatt  
Rob Engelhart  
Amy Enger  
Wayne and Amy Enger  
Donald and Audrey Ess - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Diane Estum  
Farmers Mutual Telephone Company  
Brian and Erica Fernholz - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Tom and Ann Fernholz  
Greg Thole Electric  
Steve and Lisa Haas  
Rick and Barb Halvorson  
Corey and Shannon Hansen  
Anthony Hauck  
Charles Hauck, Jr.

Phyllis J. Hauck  
Opal Hauge  
Jim and Ronda Helgemo  
Bart Hill  
Bart and Julie Hill  
Julie Hill  
David Hofstad  
Dianne Jerde  
Brian and Julie Johnson  
Brock Kanstrup  
Craig and Sarah Kanstrup  
Michael and Linda Katzenmeyer - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Lac qui Parle County Family Services Board Members - In Memory of Paul "Woody" Wodrich  
Lund Implement Co.  
Madison Baseball Committee - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Madison Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
Madison Concession Stand  
Madison Mallards  
Madison Study Club  
Brian and Karin Moen  
Mr. and Mrs. Clair Monson  
Greg and Kris Monson  
Josh Neraasen  
Dustin and Tiffany Neugebauer  
Dick Newman  
Dick and Jeanne Newman  
Larry and Diane Norland - In Honor of Cynthia Huse  
Northern Plains Tiling, LLC  
Charlotte Oie  
Roger Oie  
Dale and Gudrun Olson - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Jeff and Mary Olson  
Jon and Dawn Olson  
Lester and Marlys Olson - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Todd Patzer  
Dr. S. Todd Pushing  
Brandon and Katie Raymo  
Josh Raymo  
Paul Raymo  
Scott, Barry, Zach, Chuck and Sharon Ronglien  
Kim and Sara Rosendahl  
Myron and Judie Rosendahl  
Roland and Lorraine Roth - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Eileen Sather  
Bruce and Elizabeth Schliep  
Troy Sergent  
Siebenand Family  
Cindy Sigdahl  
Sam and Carol Skoien - In Memory of Jay Katzenmeyer  
Ryan Smith  
Jeff Stromswold  
Mark and Linda Stromswold  
Titan Machinery  
Tri County Insurance  
Brian and Courtney Ulstad

# The Schwan Food Company: Beyond Corporate Giving

Just like their familiar yellow trucks seen throughout southwest Minnesota, *The Schwan Food Company's* many contributions to Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) are a vivid reminder of this business's legacy of giving in the region and beyond.

**The Schwan Food Company is usually best known** for its very first product—ice cream. In 1952, founder Marvin Schwan (pictured left) packed 14 gallons of his family's ice cream into a van and started visiting customers in rural southwest Minnesota. By the end of the day, it was all sold and the home delivery business model that would grow his company into a frozen-food industry leader was born.



Since then, home delivery, retail grocery and food service have transformed this company from local to national, with more than 16,000 employees. But corporate headquarters remain in Minnesota—Marshall and Bloomington—as does an enduring commitment to this region.

The company's legacy of giving through SWIF began in 1990, when Marvin and The Schwan Food Company made a generous gift to honor his parents. The Paul and Alma Schwan Aging Trust Endowment Fund was created to help communities prepare for and respond to the opportunities and challenges of an aging rural society. Other organizations and individuals have continued giving to the fund, creating a strong, permanent resource for southwest Minnesota.



Some of the fund's greatest impact was made by supporting SWIF's Parish Nurse Program and training parish nurses who have served more than 100 southwest Minnesota communities since. It also supported Senior College at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Let's Go Fishing of Minnesota and more recently, SWIF's Encore Entrepreneurship program and the Honor Flight Southwest Minnesota organization.

But Schwan's relationship with SWIF goes far beyond the Paul and Alma Schwan Aging Trust Fund. The company has provided tremendous support to SWIF's General Endowment, another permanent resource for southwest Minnesota. By providing the lead gift to SWIF's Growing Home Circle created in 2004 and annual membership to the campaign since—including a \$25,000 gift during SWIF's 25th anniversary year—The Schwan Food Company has helped SWIF meet match opportunities from The McKnight Foundation and leverage important dollars for the region.

Additional gifts have supported SWIF's Student Enrichment Fund, Technology and Telecommunications Initiative (TNT) and the Early Childhood Initiative.

And, when local leaders partnered with SWIF to create the Marshall Community Foundation and Balaton Area Community Foundation, The Schwan Food Company matched gifts to each endowment to support the communities where their employees reside. In addition, they provide marketing support to the foundations and offer time off for employees to serve on their advisory boards.

"It's gone beyond just money," said Theresa Zaske, Community Relations Specialist at The Schwan Food Company. As a resident of Balaton, she has both a company and community volunteer perspective of this unique corporate giving relationship.

"Marvin Schwan started this really great thing but it's continued long beyond his passing." Theresa said.

The impact of The Schwan Food Company's leadership and commitment to giving will be felt for a very long time as well.

United FCS  
VFW Post #1656 Madison  
Brandon Vonderhaar  
Peter and Tamera Weber  
Bart and Kelly Wittnebel  
Kelly Zahrbock

**Awarded grants totaling \$9,390**  
ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley to support:

Accelerated Reading Books for the Madison Marietta-Nassau Elementary School  
Child Guide Program  
Travis and Cristy Olsen  
Midwest for classroom curriculum  
Lac qui Parle County to support the Lac qui Parle Beef and Sheep Show

Lac qui Parle Players to support their production of "Seussical the Musical"  
Madison Community Foundation to support upgrades to the Madison baseball field

**Madison Public Library Foundation Fund** - A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Madison Community Foundation that benefits the Madison Public Library.

City of Madison - On Behalf of the Norma Thompson Estate

**Awarded grants totaling \$105,274**  
Lyon-Lincoln Electric Trust to support:  
Aebleskiver Days  
City of Tyler's 125th anniversary celebration

Fundraising efforts for a downtown message sign  
Remodeling the Tyler Golf Clubhouse

Russell-Tyler-Ruthton FFA Chapter's Vineyard, Demonstration and Evaluation project

The Danish Immigrant Museum to support a performance by the National Danish Team in Tyler project

## Funds that benefit Lincoln County

**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 Adolphson  
Donald and Sandra Banta - In Memory of Arlene Adolphson  
Frank and Jeanne Bednarek  
Steve and Diane Citterman  
Chris and Amy Clarke - In Memory of John Nyhus  
Michael and Anne Cota - In Memory of John Nyhus  
John and Elisabeth Ellgen  
Eugene and Alice Faulds - In Memory of:  
Arlene Adolphson  
Bob Thies  
Malcolm Faulds  
Malcolm Faulds - In Memory of Arlene Adolphson  
Rolland and Mildred Faulds - In Memory of Arlene Adolphson  
Friends and Family - In Memory of Dorothy Leibfried  
Friends and Family - In Memory of John Nyhus  
Norma Goodmundson - In Memory of Arlene Faulds  
Jeanette Hauschild  
Wayne and Cheryl Hauschild  
Dennis and Diane Healy  
Ivanhoe Family Pharmacy  
Jeff and Natalie Jerzak  
John and Stephanie Kaczrowski - In Memory of John Nyhus  
Myron Knofczynski - In Memory of John Nyhus  
Kelly and Nancy Krog  
Deb and Craig Larson - In Memory of Dorothy Leibfried  
Kelly Leibfried  
Kevin and Judy Leibfried  
Lincoln HI High School Foundation Fund Fundraising Proceeds

Dan and Marla McCarty - In Memory of John Nyhus  
Olsen Custom Farms, LLC  
Travis and Cristy Olsen  
Paul K. Olson  
Gene and Diane Panka  
Chris and Sharon Rasmussen  
Dale and Karen Richmond  
Clyde and Wendy Rost - In Memory of John Nyhus  
Duane and Barb Schalek - In Memory of Anna Blumeyer  
Paul Schumacher  
Robert Seefeldt  
Robert and Kathy Seefeldt  
Allen and Colleen Sheik  
Kenneth and Margaret Swanson - In Memory of:  
Dorothy Leibfried  
John Nyhus  
Henry and Ruth Torres - In Memory of Arlene Adolphson  
Larry and Stephanie Vezina - In Memory of Arlene Adolphson  
Harriet Weeks  
Lilas Widmark - In Memory of:  
Dorothy Leibfried  
John Nyhus  
Ralph and Patricia Wieland - In Memory of Arlene Adolphson

**Awarded grants totaling \$6,279**  
ISD #403 - Ivanhoe to support:  
Art class's large hallway artwork  
Tutor program to help students with Algebra  
Replacement drums and cymbals to start a drum line  
Two computer tables  
Lincoln HI High School to support:  
Ag-Science lab materials to demonstrate using and making electricity and biofuels  
Tenth grade American History student projects  
Two band room computer programs and a voice amplification system

**In Lake Benton...**  
**Lake Benton Area Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Lake Benton area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift  
Brent and Connie Bressler - In Memory of Eleanor Worth  
Joyce and Arnold Dass - In Memory of:  
Joyce Knutson  
Robert Rourk  
The Delaney Family - In Memory of Jack and Dorothy Delaney  
Delaney Family Farm - In Memory of Jack and Dorothy Delaney  
Robert F. Determan, CPA  
Ray Hurd - In Memory of Keith Kinner  
Elroy "Bud" Knutson - In Memory of Joyce Knutson  
Bryan and Janet Kuhn - In Memory of:  
Joyce Knutson  
Eleanor Worth  
Lake Benton Area Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
Lake Benton HRA Board - In Memory of Robert Rourk  
Richard and Mary Midden - In Memory of Eleanor Worth  
LaVerne and Mary Paschke - In Memory of:  
Evelyn Rudebusch  
Eleanor Worth  
Jim and Pam Veire - In Memory of:  
Keith Kinner  
Joyce Knutson  
Eleanor Worth  
Gary and Roni Williams - In Memory of:  
Keith Kinney  
Robert Rourk  
June Serie

**Awarded grants totaling \$3,000**  
City of Lake Benton to support:  
A microwave oven for the Lake Benton Senior Dining site  
Community time to provide library materials to elderly and disabled community members  
ISD #404 - Lake Benton for trophy and memorabilia display cases at the Lake Benton School  
Lake Benton Lake Association to support 2011 lake treatment

**In Tyler...**  
**Tyler Area Community Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Tyler area through grantmaking and community projects.

Five Anonymous Gifts  
Dennis and Jeanne Blomgren  
Jerald and Ricke Bly  
John and Margaret Bornhoft  
Buffalo Ridge Newspapers, LLC  
Dennis and Jolean Faaborg  
Josh and Lissa Gravely  
Carl Holmquist  
Henry and Sharon Jacobsen  
Jerry and Joan Jagt  
Allen Lund  
Lyon-Lincoln Electric Trust - Operation Round Up Fund  
Curtis and Darla Madsen  
Gary Manson  
Greg and Marilyn Peter  
Ines Peter  
Harlan and Marsha Petersen  
Gordon and Virginia Rasmussen  
Ellen and George Ruhmann  
Kurt Thomsen - Shadetree Auto Repair  
Richard Siemers  
Charlie Swenson and Sonja Lund  
Tyler Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
Tyler Community Chest  
Tyler Healthcare Center, Inc.  
Dr. John and Nancy Utoft

**In Balaton...**  
**Balaton Area Community Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Balaton area through grantmaking and community projects.

Balaton Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
Marvin and Charlene Chandler  
Thomas and Alecia Chandler  
First Independent Bank  
Tabor and Denise Hoek  
Lora Johnson  
David and Gayle Kaup  
Bruce and Sara Larson - In Memory of:  
Douglas Rathje  
Marlo Schultz  
Glenn and Karen Larson  
Orin and Carolyn Lustfield  
Midcontinent Foundation  
Ralph Manwarren Charitable Trust  
Thomas and Mary Ann Rolloff  
LaDonna Rosen - In Memory of Mavis Johnson  
Jean Schaffer  
Kevin and Donna Sletten  
Larry Sloan  
Penni Spaid  
Dennis and Donna Swan  
Francis and MaryKay Timmerman  
John and Stella Tutt  
Grant and Tammy Wee  
Shirley Wendland  
Willis and Joan Wendland - In Memory of Marlo Schultz  
Western Mutual Insurance Company  
Lyle Wichmann - In Honor of Elenora Wichmann  
Lyle Wichmann - In Memory of Lawrence Wichmann  
Theresa Zaske and Penni Spaid

**Awarded grants totaling \$4,858**  
City of Balaton for new playground equipment at Lion's Park

**In Marshall...**  
**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

**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

**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

**Marshall Community Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Marshall area through grantmaking and community projects.

Frank and Mitsue Shindo  
Paul and Joanne Stoneberg

Joel and Colette Tubbs  
US Bank Foundation  
Tom and Janet Vandendriessche  
Theresa Zaske and Penni Spaid

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

Five Anonymous Gifts  
One Anonymous Gift - In Honor of:  
David Peters  
Reed Stevens  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Jeanette Gemelke  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of:  
Genevieve Huisenfeldt  
Cathy, Bruce and Kevin Berg  
Todd Bock  
Scott and Terri Boerboom - In Honor of Joyce Strootman  
Margaret Bosshardt  
Lyn Brodersen  
Joseph and Linda Brungardt  
John Bunge and Kathleen Ashe  
Cattoor Oil Co.  
Myra Colburn - In Memory of Mildred Skogen  
Michael and Suzanne DeBrule  
Betsy Desy and Charles Kost  
Friends in Service  
The Good Thoughts Study Club  
Mark Goodenow  
Amanda Grinager  
Jerry and Sandy Hoffbeck  
Arylss Hovland - In Memory of John V. Jensen  
Julie Kent  
Anna Mae Kruse  
Jeff and Cathy Kruse

Robert and Premjit Larsen  
James and Jan Leffler Charitable Fund of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation  
James and Allison Marshall  
Marshall-Lyon County Library Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
MDU Resources Foundation  
Thomas and Lisa Meyer  
Tim and Judy Moberg  
Ernest and Shelly Moe  
Gwen Mukomela  
Seth and Teresa Myhre  
Charles Obler and Lori Vikesland Obler  
Raphael and Lillian Onyeaghala  
Robin Osland  
Stella Peterson  
John and Jennifer Rabaey  
Dorothy Rottier  
Tom and Muriel Runholt  
Benjamin and Kristel Schamber  
Gerald and Norma Sletten - In Memory of Mike Jacobs  
David and Gwen Sturrock  
Marie Sullivan - In Memory of:  
Arlis DePover  
Emma Hennen  
Ester McLaughlin  
Karen Sweetland - In Honor of Teresa Mitness  
Timmy and Donna Swenson  
Will and Candace Thomas  
Gerald Jr. and Mary Toland  
True Value of Marshall  
TSP  
U.S. Bancorp Business Equipment & Finance Group

**Awarded grants totaling \$20,000**  
Marshall-Lyon County Library to support phase one of construction

## Funds that benefit McLeod County

### In Hutchinson...

**Carol M. Ulrich Haukos Advised Endowment Fund** - A related fund of the Hutchinson Area Community Foundation created in memory of Carol M. Ulrich Haukos to benefit McLeod County.

Anna Ulrich

### Hutchinson Area Community

**Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Hutchinson area through grantmaking and community projects.

Two Anonymous Gifts  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Margaret Knutson  
Marcus Max - Ameriprise Financial - In Honor of SWIF's 25th Anniversary  
James Dahl - In Honor of Elsa Young  
Karen Grasmon  
Thomas and Mary Inglis - In Memory of Jay Beytein  
Greg and Betty Jodzio  
Don and Marlyce Lee  
Brad and Jeri Lueneburg

Robert Peterson - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Dr. Cris and Linda Remucal  
Dr. George Smith  
Dr. George Smith - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Westlund Associates, Inc.  
Joanne Willmert  
Joanne Willmert - In Memory of Lorraine Templin

### Awarded grants totaling \$3,688

Crow River Arts, Inc. to support the downtown memorial in memory of Kay Peterson  
Crow River Habitat for Humanity for a laptop and projector to support promotion, train volunteers and use for educational classes  
Hutchinson Center for the Arts for an electric distribution panel for RiverSong Music Festival grounds  
ISD #423 - Hutchinson for a new Hutchinson Marching Band logo banner and Color Guard uniforms

**Hutchinson Hospice Endowment Fund** - A related fund of the Hutchinson Area Community Foundation that benefits the Hutchinson Hospice House.

Steve and Marsha Frauendienst - In Memory of Laura Schiro  
Laura Kuvaas - In Memory of Grandma Rita  
Dr. Cris and Linda Remucal  
Tim and Sheila Ulrich

### 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.

Six Anonymous Gifts  
Sarah and Jeff Baumgartner  
David and Anne Broderius  
Betsy Brown  
Tom Daggett  
Kristine Dobratz  
Jason Durheim  
Val Elder  
Nancy Gapp

Jefferey and Marlys Hoeft  
Fern Hoff  
Glen and Ginny Kegley  
Betty Krohn  
Donna Luhring  
Scott and Lorie Maurer  
James and Donna Mills  
Sherry Murphy  
Sarah Nelson  
Charles and Betty Nielsen  
Cassie Padrnos  
Mark and Bernice Reinke  
Bob and Sue Schantzen  
Naomi Shadis  
Chris Sones  
Springsted, Inc. - On Behalf of Donna Luhring  
Becky Stromley  
Daron VanderHeiden  
Lori VanderHeiden  
Tina Vorlicek

**Jay Beytien Memorial Endowment Fund** - A related fund of the Hutchinson Area Community Foundation that supports educational opportunities and community beautification in Hutchinson.

Jay Beytien Estate

## Funds that benefit Murray County

### 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  
Maxine Gaul  
Trish Grieme  
Paul Haberman  
Stacey Hegstad  
Sharon Henderson  
Janet Herrig  
Ken and Marlys Knuth  
Christine Larson  
MCC West Elementary Walk-a-Thon  
Murray County Central Booster Club  
Sherry Robinson  
Mark Schleisman  
James Wajer  
Brenda Whitehead  
Joan York

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

27 Anonymous Gifts  
4M Odds 'n Ends  
A & B Business Equipment, Inc.  
Clair and Bonnie Ackerman  
Action Realty Group, Inc.  
Amoco 76  
Ardis Andert  
Thomas and Judy Andrews  
Abby Bangasser  
Richard and Barbara Bassing - In Honor of Dodi Haugen  
Mark and Kristen Beek  
Charles and Carol Benda  
Tom and Sally Berg  
Joseph and Melissa Biren  
Steven and Judy Bloemendaal  
Tarry and Sally Boelter  
Mark and Nancy Boerboom  
Julie Bonnsetter  
Todd and Penny Boock  
Borch's Sporting Goods, Inc.  
Tamara Buesing - In Honor of Grace Buesing  
Jill Bultmann - In Honor of Gary and Sami  
Melissa Buntjer

John and Suzanne Burman  
Darwin and Sandy Carlson  
Kim Carlson  
Mark and Jannette Carlson  
Oscar and Sarah Carlson  
Rachel Carlson  
Twyla Carlson  
Carlson's Northside Service, Inc.  
Joseph and Janice Caster  
Chandler Co-Op  
Jeff and Nikki Cheskie - In Memory of Lorin Prahm  
Douglas and Katie Clarke  
Rick and Diane Clercx  
Corner Salon by Traci  
Creative Three, Inc.  
Kevin Crowley  
Vincent Crowley  
Stan Dahlgren - In Honor of Dahlgren Children and Grandchildren  
Craig and Julie Dahlhoff  
Dan Conway Construction  
Troy and Kimberly DeGreeff  
Charles and Linda Diederich  
Brad Dierks  
Diversified Resource Management, Inc.

Jennie Doeden  
Steven and Deborah Dvorak  
Ronald and Janelle Einck  
Rodney and Kim Eisfeld  
Diane Ellens  
Jill Erickson - In Memory of Kay Forey  
Neal and Mary Everson  
Farmers Agency of Avoca, Inc.  
Anthony Krant  
Kari and Cotton Fransen - In Honor of Johnnie Alexis Fransen  
Wayne Funk  
Mary Kay Galles  
Gary's Service  
Bruce and Eileen Gerber  
Terry Giesen  
Greg and Jodi Gillette  
Golden Living Center  
Paul and Barbara Grabowski  
Nate and Lisa Graphenteen  
Jeffrey and Patricia Grieme - In Memory of Lorin Prahm  
Daniel and Dana Gunnink  
Hadley Farmers Elevator  
Barbara Hammer  
Hansen Trucking  
Brian and Kate Harmsen  
Ardis Haugen - In Memory of George Haugen  
Dodi Haugen - In Honor of My Grandson  
Michael and Shannon Haugen  
Sharon Henderson

Hoffmann Construction of Murray County, Inc. - In Memory of Lorin Prahm  
Jesse Hoffmann  
Randy and Theresa Holinka  
Mary Homan  
Jon and Ruth Hoyme  
Brittany Hulstein  
Thomas and Paula Hunstad  
Al and Arlys Husfeldt  
Interstate Battery System of South Dakota  
Isder Farms, Inc.  
Lonn and Jody Jackels  
Loren and Becky Jacob  
JCL Solutions  
Eric Joens  
Kent and Donna Johansen  
Johnson Ditching, Inc.  
Johnson Publishing  
Callie Johnson and Bailey Onlar - Gail's Daycare  
Gavin and Sarah Johnson  
Janice Kass  
Jack and Beth Kaufman  
Kirchner Trucking  
Jacob, Monica, Zachary and Wyatt Kirchner - In Memory of Ryan Kirchner  
Mike and Jan Kluis  
Ralph and Beverly Knapp  
Ken and Marlys Knuth  
John and Patrice Knutson - In Honor of Ava and Alice Carlson  
Howard and Donna Kor  
Brad and Kim Kramer  
Anthony Krant  
Benjamin Kremer  
Sarah Kunze  
Ted and Marcia Kunze  
Larry and Katherine Laleman  
Laraway Roofing  
Jason and Christine Larson  
Mylan and Clarice Larson  
LeRoy's Alignment and Glass, Inc.  
Mike and Becky LeTendre  
Jack and Barb Lewis  
Corey Lickness  
Lindberg Construction  
Roger Lindmeier  
Jeffrey Lohnes and Christine Haugen  
Paul and Deb Louwagie  
Ludolph Brothers, Inc.  
Malone & Mailander  
Richard and Lori Manderscheid - In Memory of Lorin Prahm  
Mark's Tire and Service  
Richard and Debra Martius  
Chad McBeth  
Russell and Vonna McCloud  
Jason and Monica Miller - In Memory of Allan (Butch) Miller  
Minnwest Insurance

John and Mary Ellen Moline  
Daryl and Jeaneen Nelson  
Kevin Nelson  
Thomas and Linda Nelson  
Gregory and Janice Nolting  
Northwest Natural Gas of Murray County, LLC  
Marv and Theresa Nysetvold  
Jane Olsem  
Jim Oslund - In Memory of Gordon and Anton Oslund  
Page 1 Printers  
John and Betty Palmer  
Parker Plumbing and Heating, Inc.  
Chuck and Cassidy Paulzine  
Deb Penoyer  
Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Pipestone, Minnesota, Inc.  
Jess Petersen  
Tim and Bonnie Petersen  
Ann and Dave Peterson  
Michael and Lisa Peterson  
Travis and Daisy Pierson  
Nicholas and Jill Pieske  
Katie Pilger  
Joshua and Sheri Platt  
R & L Miller Farms, Inc.  
R. A. Muecke Sand and Gravel, Inc.  
Radke Wheel Service  
Ralo Lolkus Heating, Plumbing & Air Conditioning  
Melissa Richardson  
Joseph and Sheila Risacher  
Rowdy's Radiator & Repair  
McKenna Samuelson  
Michael and Naomi Samuelson  
Larry and Linda Sanow  
Sara Lee  
Michael and Karen Sawatzky  
Mark and Donna Schleisman - In Memory of Robert Schleisman  
Natalie Schmidt  
Travis and Frankie Schmidt  
Schmitz Grain, Inc.  
Jerome and Cari Schreier  
Lauryn and Amanda Schumacher  
Darren and Stacie Schuur  
Shades of Green, LLC  
Sid's Signs on Broadway  
Slayton Building Materials, Inc.  
Slayton Plumbing and Heating  
Southwest Minnesota Concrete, Inc.  
Southwest Wholesale Co., Inc.  
Spartz & Sons Well Co.  
Molly Spartz  
Anna Marie Spartz-Schweim  
Fred and Charlene Steensma  
Michael and Chantelle Stelter  
Arlyn and Sandy Stokesbary  
Stonegate Orchard and Market  
Linda Stoner  
Dave Swart  
Chad Swenson

## Funds that benefit Meeker County

### 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.

The Stanley W. and Edith J. Holmquist Fund of the Lutheran Community Foundation

### In Litchfield...

**Litchfield Area Community Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Litchfield area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Grandma Jeanne Granlund  
Ken and Deb Anderson - In Honor of Zack and Lucy Midtling  
Donald and Elaine Besonen

Donald Brock - In Honor of the Grandparent Challenge  
David and Geraldine Buresh  
Judy Butson  
Gordon and Vivian Crider Estate  
Allen L. Dollerschell - In Memory of Albert and Lillian Dollerschell  
Ellery and Jeanette Erickson - In Honor of the Grandparent Challenge  
Chuck and Sue Fenton  
Roger and Janice Flatten - In Honor of the Grandparent Challenge  
Leland and Brenda Fredman  
Jo Anne Gabrielson  
Robert and Arlene Groskreutz - In Honor of the Grandparent Challenge  
Stacey Helstrom  
Les and Pat Herzog  
Sandi and Mike Hirman  
Ashley and Tracy Huhn  
IRD Glass  
David and Diane Janson - In Honor of the Grandparent Challenge

Larry and Ann Jensen  
John W. Mueller Law Firm  
Ron and Sue Johnson  
Joseph and Loraine Langemo - In Honor of the Grandparent Challenge  
Wilbur and Virginia Latham - In Honor of the Grandparent Challenge  
Dr. Cecil and Ann Leitch - In Honor of the Grandparent Challenge  
Custom Products - Liberty Diversified Litchfield Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
Linda Lyons  
John and Lesli Mueller  
Burton and Marcia Munson - In Honor of the Grandparent Challenge  
Ron and Gladys Nicholson  
John and Nancy Nicklasson  
Richard and Roxanne Penk  
Timothy and Debra Peterson  
Dhanush D. and Eva Prasad

Randy Reinke - In Memory of:  
Beverly Everts  
Harold Skiem  
Randy and Rosanna Reinke - In Memory of Tab Hicks  
Brenda Rick  
James and Julie Rick  
Donald Schreifels and Susan Altizer  
Kary and Stephanie Sommerfeld  
Dean Urdahl  
VFW Post 2818  
Lores J. Vlamnick - In Honor of the Grandparent Challenge

**Litchfield Public School Foundation Endowment Fund** - A related fund of the Litchfield Area Community Foundation that benefits the Litchfield Public School District.

Judith Durfey - In Memory of Diane (Holtz) Dougherty and Robert Schreifels - Class of 1959

Thrifty White Drug - Kathy Nelson  
Kevin Tinklenberg  
Jerry and Linda Tower  
Tracy Equipment, Inc.  
Myron Trulock  
Vaaler Insurance, Inc.

Donald and Mary Van Iperen  
James and Janet Voges  
Dale and Christyn Vos  
John and Marlene Wajer  
Loretta Warren  
Joan Wells

BethAnn Winter  
Woitaszewski Abstract & Title, Inc.  
Calvin and Kathy Wurpts  
Kevin and Sara Lee Wynia  
Xcel Energy  
Lee and Joan York

Marilyn Zinnel - In Honor of My  
Grandchildren

**Awarded grants totaling \$5,000**  
ISD #2169 - Murray County Central  
to support the Murray County ECI  
local coordinator

Chuck and Dorie Sendelbach  
Sheldon F. Reese Foundation  
Beverly Sogn  
Lesa Sorenson - In Honor of Lois  
and Bill Sorenson  
David C. Spark  
Ted and Joan Stout  
Lois Swenson - In Honor of Bo and  
Carol Nangle's 50th Wedding  
Anniversary  
Marjorie (Clark) Swenson  
Wilson Brown's Point Foundation

**Awarded grants totaling \$59,690**  
City of Pipestone to support  
restoration of Pipestone's Harmon  
Park  
International Historic Highway 75  
King of Trails to support Step Up  
Your Business social networking  
workshop  
Keepers of the Sacred Tradition  
of Pipemakers to support  
the Pipestone Pow Wow and  
celebrate Native American Indian  
art, dance and music

Pipestone Area Community  
Foundation to support:  
Four Lifepak CR Plus  
Defibrillators and an AED wall  
cabinet  
Scholarships awarded to high  
school graduates attending  
post-secondary school  
Pipestone Fire Department for new  
Jaws of Life rescue equipment

Pipestone Four Winds Association  
to support the "Love of Land"  
Rendezvous and promote cultural  
heritage and tourism  
Pipestone Senior Citizens Center to  
support:  
Senior dances  
A new copier

## Funds that benefit Nobles County

### In Lismore...

**Lismore Area Community  
Foundation** - A permanent resource  
that benefits the Lismore area  
through grantmaking and community  
projects.

Lismore Cooperative Telephone  
Company  
Veryle and Avis Stoffel

### Awarded grants totaling \$21,439

American Legion Post 636 to support  
building improvements  
Lismore Area Community Foundation  
to support park improvements  
Lismore Fire & Rescue Department  
for an AED, blood pressure  
monitors and additional cuffs

### In Worthington...

**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 \$232

Love, Inc. of Worthington to support  
the church and its work in the  
community  
Worthington Montessori School to  
support CPR and first aid training

### Hospice Cottage, Inc. of

**Worthington Endowment Fund** - A  
related fund of the Worthington Area  
Foundation that benefits Hospice  
Cottage, Inc. in Worthington.

Conrad and Judy Schmidt - In  
Memory of Barb Gary  
Ron and Renee Ubl  
Loretta Yeske

### Worthington Area Early Childhood

**Development Fund** - A non-  
endowed fund that benefits children  
ages birth to 5 in the Worthington  
area.

Five Anonymous Gifts  
Steven and LoriAnn Dudley  
Lyle and Karen Gadda  
Brad and Kim Kramer  
Randy and Tara Thompson  
Jeanette Varuska

Gloria Widboom

**Worthington Area Foundation** - A  
permanent resource that benefits  
the Worthington area through  
grantmaking and community  
projects.

Doug and Marcia Anton  
Cheryl Avenel-Navara - In Memory of  
John LeRoy Olson  
Vernon and Jean Bastian  
Dr. Dean and Marilyn Chapman  
Davis Typewriter  
Robert J. and Betty Demuth  
First State Bank Southwest  
Immaculee in Worthington  
Committee  
Jeffrey and Sharon Johnson - In  
Memory of John Olson  
Alvin and Alvina Kooiman  
Scott and Margaret Nelson  
James and Deborah Nickel  
Margaret Olson - In Memory of John  
Olson  
Gordon J. and Dorothy Orde  
Russell and Janet Rickers - In  
Memory of Don Rickers  
Rolling Hills Bank & Trust  
Conrad B. Schmidt, DVM  
Conrad and Judy Schmidt

Mark and Marcia Shepherd  
Randy and Susan Simonson  
Sterling Drug of Worthington  
Beve and Jerry Vajgrt  
Wells Fargo Foundation  
Worthington Federal Savings Bank

### Awarded grants totaling \$5,000

Cultural Awareness Organization to  
support children's activities and  
a talent contest during the 2011  
International Festival  
Historic Worthington to support  
repairs to the Historic Dayton  
House  
ISD #518 - Worthington to support  
the Nobles County Integration  
Collaborative's Students Today,  
Leaders Forever trip  
Lake Okabena Improvement  
Association to host a lake area  
spring cleanup  
Manna Food Pantry, Inc. for books  
that are delivered monthly to pre-  
school children  
Nobles County Historical Society,  
Inc. for archival storage materials  
to preserve its historic uniform  
collection  
Nobles County Library for books and  
craft materials used for teen and  
pre-teen programs

### In Bird Island, Olivia and Lake Lillian...

**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.

AgVenture/Corn Capital Genetics,  
Inc.  
Altimate Medical, Inc.  
Bird Island Economic Development  
Authority  
F & M Bank Minnesota  
George Paur Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Home Town Bank - Olivia Branch  
Island Financial Planning, Inc.  
Jackie and Neil Kaufenberg  
Lake Lillian C & C  
Olivia Family Dental  
Olivia Kiwanis Club  
RE/MAX Preferred Realty  
Rural Computer Consultants, Inc.  
Saunders Mertens Schmitz, PA  
Sheehan's Gas Company, Inc.  
State Bank of Bird Island  
Thurston Genetics

### 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.

Five Anonymous Gifts  
Anonymous - In Honor of BLHS  
School Teachers  
Anonymous - In Honor of Chris and  
Faye Schmidt  
Anonymous - In Memory of Ervin  
Rath

Ken Anderson - In Honor of:  
Kent Anderson Family  
Virgil Anderson Family  
Bird Island Civic and Commerce  
The Buffalo Lake Health Care  
Willing Workers  
Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart  
Class of 2011  
Lynette Clark  
Pearl Dettmann  
Margaret Gill  
Diane Knorr  
Mr. Mel Kriz  
Gary and Pat Kubly  
Dr. Lewis  
Jodi Mellies  
Alyssa Ness  
Marietta and Ralph Novotny  
Debbie and David Rath  
Laurie A. Schmitz  
Margaret Steffel  
Mildred Werner  
Norma Zuelke  
Ken Anderson - In Memory of:  
Janet B. Anderson  
LaVern Anderson  
Douglas Grams  
Elmer C. Hillmann  
Marjorie Hillmann  
Marie Luehring  
Merlin Olson  
Sylvia Shafer  
Pearl Stresman  
Ken Anderson and Margaret Gill - In  
Honor of:  
Bjorn Gaspard Anderson  
Jacquelyn Baysinger  
Becky Boll  
Buffalo Lake Fire Department and  
Ambulance Service  
Carrie Magnuson  
Thrivent Financial Community in  
the Redwood and Renville Area  
Brad and Mary Ellen Warren  
Ken Anderson and Margaret Gill - In  
Memory of Dale Baumgardt  
LaVern Anderson

Brian and Rebecca Boll - In Memory  
of Doris Carlson, Elementary and  
Early Childhood Teacher  
Broderius Corp.  
Buffalo Lake Community Fund  
Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Schools  
Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
Bill Bulau  
Joe and Linda Carlson - In Memory  
of Doris Carlson, Elementary and  
Early Childhood Teacher  
Kristine Dascher - In Memory of  
Robert Dascher  
Pearl Dettmann - In Memory of  
Jerome Webster  
Dobberstein Farms  
Don Wendel Agency, Inc.  
Fosland Electric  
Leonard and Lucille Haas  
Hector Community Drive  
Hector Lions Club  
Orlando Hillmann - In Memory of  
Marjorie Hillmann  
Dorothy Hull  
Doris Kapping  
Kenneth Krumrey Family - In  
Memory of LaVern Anderson  
Milton and Bernadine Klammer  
Thomas and Cheryl Koeberl  
Judith Korson  
Kurt and Jane Kottke  
Jeremy and Lynn Krause - In  
Memory of Dora Carlson,  
Elementary and Early Childhood  
Teacher  
Abby Krippner  
Dennis Krumvieda - In Honor of the  
BLHS School Foundation Board  
Members  
Mike and Laura Kuvaas  
Alton and Ione Lean  
Marvin and Eleanor Michelson  
Kenneth Moritz and Mildred Werner -  
In Memory of LaVern Anderson  
Wesley and Kathleen Nelson  
Edgar and Constance Newberg - In  
Memory of Mr. Devon Squire

Jesse and Judy Newbury  
Mark and Tina Novotny  
Neil and Joyce Nyhus - In Honor  
of Zach's Graduation from Grad  
School  
Bonnie Oldre  
Brad Oldre  
Phoebe Olson - In Memory of Murlin  
Olson  
Elaine Radloff - In Memory of Jim  
and Curt Radloff  
Larry Rath  
Lois Reck  
Lester and Katheen Schafer Family -  
John, Carla, Laurie and Mary Beth  
Warren and Mabel Schmalz - In  
Memory of LaVern Anderson  
Ilo Schwartz - In Memory of Ed  
Schwartz  
Jeff Ufkes - In Honor of Julie Ufkes  
Allen and Marie Walter  
Merle and Doris Walter  
Winter Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Anita Wolff - In Memory of Frances  
Wolff and Eida Wulcon

### Awarded grants totaling \$15,000

ISD #2159 - Buffalo Lake-Hector-  
Stewart for five smart boards

### In Morton...

**Morton Area Community  
Foundation** - A permanent resource  
that benefits the Morton area  
through grantmaking and community  
projects.

Six Anonymous Gifts  
Anonymous - In Honor of Bill, John  
and Leon Greensliit  
Anonymous - In Memory of Mr. and  
Mrs. James McGowan  
Anonymous - In Memory of Mike  
Prescott  
Anonymous - In Memory of Jessie  
Florence Miller Schmidt

## Funds that benefit Pipestone County

### In Pipestone...

**Pipestone Area Community  
Foundation** - A permanent resource  
that benefits the Pipestone area  
through grantmaking and community  
projects.

11 Anonymous Gifts  
Patricia Beyers  
Maurice and Gert Bickford  
Claudia Carson  
Gregory and Susan Cooper  
Marlys Crawford  
Paul E. Fellows  
James and Colleen Ford  
Ed and Judy Hansen

Larry and Jan Harkema  
Hartquist Funeral Chapel, Inc.  
Randy and Cindy Hartquist  
James Heil  
George and Mary Dee Hicks  
Kathy Hill  
Gordon Hunstad Trust  
Norman A. Hunstad  
Jasper Bus Service, LLC  
Beverly (McCurdy) Johnson - In  
Memory of:  
Alvina McCurdy Granberg  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert McCurdy  
Bertha McCurdy  
George and Shauna Kayser  
Jean Johnson Kimes

Keith and Ruth Kluis  
Steve Lange  
Steve and Peg Lange  
Steve and Peg Lange - In Memory  
of:  
Wally Bucher  
Wayne Lange  
Bob Nelson  
Paul Nelson  
Dorothy Stager  
Darlene Thompson  
Curtis and Sandra Larson - In Honor  
of Class of 1964  
Gary and Linda Lee  
Steven and Leslee Maki  
Carol Jean McCallum

Mary Lohmann McElroy  
Gordon Mitchell - In Honor of Class  
of 1955  
LeAnn Tobias Nordberg  
Kevin Paulsen - In Memory of:  
Hank Appledorn  
Robert Nelson  
LeRoy Wittrock  
Helen M. Perkins  
Pipestone Area Softball-Baseball  
Association  
Pipestone Industrial, LLC  
Jay and Kristin Portz  
Priester Bus, Inc.  
David Roesler  
Carol Ann Sander



*Harold Juul* had a passion for helping people. Through his family's People Helping People Nursing Scholarship Fund, Harold's legacy continues, helping to ignite that same passion in others.

# Harold and Edith Juul Family: People Helping People

**The Juul family's story starts out sounding like others shared by families across southwest Minnesota. After serving in the Navy during WWII, Harold came back to his hometown of Hutchinson. In 1947, he married Edith, a farm girl from Nebraska, and a few years later they had two daughters.**



*As a full-fledged community foundation, SWIF has the tools and expertise to assist people like Harold Juul—pictured above with wife Edith and left with 2003 scholarship recipient Sarah Weseman—establish a named fund that supports their passion.*

Harold and his father owned a successful contracting business and earned a reputation throughout Minnesota for quality workmanship. Harold even mentored young high school and college men who wanted to learn the trade, which his family thought was at least partly due to living with a houseful of girls.

His sense of vision combined with genuine care showed through Harold's many other volunteer roles as well. He served on the telephone company and hospital boards, his church's long-range planning committee and volunteer groups, and was a volunteer counselor for an online counseling service. He loved being in on the cutting edges of technology and enjoyed what was going on around him. His community contributions led to being named "Mr. Hutchinson" in 1985.

He also remained active with his alma mater, Dunwoody College of Technology based in Minneapolis. Harold received the Dunwoody Alumni Achievement Award, was the first donor to establish a charitable gift annuity at Dunwoody and created a scholarship fund to support Dunwoody students.

But his generosity didn't stop there.

Harold was inspired by his wife and daughter, Ellen, to start a nursing scholarship fund. Both women were nurses and he especially wanted to create a resource that could help others further their careers and their lives.

Ellen remembers her father asking what she thought of the idea. He thought it could be a way to help people locally. He also wanted the fund to be endowed, ensuring it would last long into the future.

"Dad had just a heart for people," Ellen said. "He was a great listener."

In 2001, he created the People Helping People Nursing Scholarship Endowment Fund through the Southwest Initiative Foundation's (SWIF) designated fund program, which administers more than 75 funds that benefit a variety of causes throughout the region.

Since then, scholarship grants totaling \$12,000 have been awarded to students. Applications are open to all nursing assistants in McLeod and Meeker counties and the requirements are simple, a reflection of Harold's desire to keep scholarships very accessible to students.

Harold really liked the nursing program at Ridgewater College, which allowed students to continue working while taking courses. It also offered the flexibility needed for non-traditional students to enter and continue in the field, from LPN to RN. Partnering with the College was a natural fit to identify students in need of assistance.

"He cared for people, he was a man of faith, he was a good dad and a good friend to everybody," Ellen said. "Through my dad, and now through his legacy, we're helping people in the area find a way to reach up—to do better in life."

Anonymous - In Memory of Joseph Terrance and Margaret Brazil  
Julie Bentson  
Morris Brovold - In Memory of Betty Lou Brovold (Smart)  
Joanie Brown - In Memory of:  
Grace Lothert  
Angie Schlicht  
Mary Lou Butzer  
Angie Christensen  
Gary and Harriett Cornwell - In Memory of:  
Dale Hanke  
Pat Weilage  
Cathy Crain - In Memory of Angie Schlicht  
Harriet Deinken - In Memory of:  
Grace Lothert  
Angie Schlicht  
Grace Mary Ederer  
Bernard and Joan Frank - In Memory of Pat and Hattie Keaveny  
Joan Frank - In Memory of:  
Grace Lothert  
Angie Schlicht  
Joyce Haubrich - In Memory of Angie Schlicht

James and Ellen Heinecke  
Sharon Hennen - In Memory of:  
Grace Lothert  
Angie Schlicht  
Steven and Chris Hettig  
Home Town Bank  
Richard and Lois Jaehning - In Memory of Grover and Louise Jaehning  
Sandy Jensen - In Memory of Angie Schlicht  
Johnson Revocable Trust  
Maurice Keaveny  
Ronald and Margaret Keller - In Honor of Jerry Gleich  
Ambrose and Lois Kodet  
Charles and Brenda Koerner - In Memory of John and Gen Koerner  
James Litch - In Memory of Angie Schlicht  
Rev. LeRoy Lothert  
Phillip and Donna Loveless - In Memory of William Angermeyr  
Margaret Lussenhop - In Memory of:  
Grace Lothert  
Angie Schlicht  
Larry and Margaret Mages

LaDonna March - In Memory of Robert Revier Family  
Minnwest Bank M.V.  
Monica Morrissey  
Darby and Geraldine Nelson  
Ralph and Jo Ann O'Brien - In Memory of Jim and Gert  
Richard and Alice O'Donnell  
Otto Bremer Foundation  
Darin Prescott - In Memory of Michael W. Prescott  
Jerome and Carrol Prescott  
Dorothy Rebstock - In Memory of Angie Schlicht  
Redpoll, LLC  
Pat Reitter - In Memory of Angie Schlicht  
Renville County HRA/EDA  
John and Sandy Seehausen - In Memory of:  
George Discher  
Grace Lothert  
Angie Schlicht  
Jackie Simmons - In Memory of:  
Grace Lothert  
Angie Schlicht  
Cathy Sindelir

Mary Ann Sullivan - In Memory of Thomas J. Sullivan  
Bennett Trochelil  
Marilyn Vogl - In Memory of Angie Schlicht  
Robert Wederath  
Harry Weilage - In Memory of Harry E. and Loismae Weilage  
Harry and Jaen Weilage  
Charlie Koerner - In Memory of John and Gen Koerner  
Morton Area Community Foundation  
Fundraising Proceeds  
Lewis and Caren Swoboda

#### Awarded grants totaling \$1,058

City of Morton to support:  
A 4th of July float honoring fallen Civil War soldiers from Renville County  
Morton Lion's Club Summer Recreation Program  
Renville County Historical Museum to support commemorating the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War at Birch Coulee

Leonard Munstermann  
Louise Olson  
Otter Tail Power Company  
Michael and Bonnie Owens  
Allan and Brenda Oyen  
Jon Panzer  
John and Jeanette Pfaff  
Marilyn Pike, Maria Jaramillo-Pike, Alonzo Soto Pike and Xochilt Soto-Pike  
Jeff and Heather Pliotter  
Prairie Land Financial Group, Inc.  
Prairie Playhouse Child Care, Inc.  
Tim and Natalie Pust  
G.P. and Janette Rheingans  
Vance Rheingans  
Thomas Rice  
Violet Risch  
Carol and Ron Roiger  
Ronald and Marie Ronning  
Dr. Rudy and Barbara Ronning  
Ron's Service Center, Inc.  
Wayne and Carol Ruether  
Russell Johnson American Legion Post #72  
Steve and Roschelle Schirm  
Wade and Cheryl Schmidt  
Shadowland Turkey Farms  
Robert and Eleanor Simcoe  
Dr. Kevin and Kathleen Skjei  
Allen Smith  
Allen and Mary Lou Smith  
State Bank of Danvers

Robert Steinke  
Roger Stotts  
Joyce and Duwayne Suckow  
Charles and Sandra Tatge  
Sylvia Taylor  
Edna Telford  
Norma Torgerson  
David and Colleen Tose  
Randy and Julie Anne Twitchell  
United Methodist Women  
Curt and Sara Vacek  
Nate Vander Velde - State Farm Insurance  
Arthith Waldon  
Western Prairie Farm Collectors  
C.W. Wilkening  
Wojtalewicz Law Firm, LTD

#### Awarded grants totaling \$3,221

ISD #2853 - Lac qui Parle Valley to support:  
Lac qui Parle Valley Cheerleading team  
Day Break Committee's efforts to provide a safe, alcohol-free, fun after-prom event for students  
Lac qui Parle Valley Strengthening the Family's elementary Child Guides  
Lac qui Parle Valley Dollars for Scholars for scholarships awarded to Lac qui Parle Valley High School graduates

Prairie Playhouse Child Care to support training for 14 staff  
Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission-Region 6W to support "Energize Appleton"

**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.

Richard and Yvonne Anderson  
Ruth Anderson - In Memory of:  
Marlo Remund  
Wilfred Tucholke  
Home 2 Home Thrift Store

#### In Benson...

**Benson Area Community Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Benson area through grantmaking and community projects.

Two Anonymous Gifts  
Benson School District #777 All School Reunion Committee  
Don and Helen Berheim

John and Linda Chatten - In Memory of Lyle Krogstad  
Dennis De Haan - In Memory of Dr. Richard Lundebrek  
Dan and Donna Enderson  
Paul Estenson  
Karen Evenson  
Donna Force  
Randy and Deb Hilleren  
Julie Holte - In Memory of Richard Lundebrek  
Michael and Julie Holte  
Chuck and Marie Koenigs  
Chuck and Marie Koenigs - In Memory of:  
Dr. R.P. Griffin  
Richard Lundebrek  
John Thompson  
Jan Lundebrek - In Memory of:  
Candace DeHaan  
Dr. Richard Olaf Lundebrek  
Mark Frank Insurance Agency, Inc.  
State Bank of Danvers  
Lee and Jennifer Westrum

**Awarded grants totaling \$5,768**  
City of Danvers to support the creation of a park  
DeGraff Dineen Park for an addition to existing shelter  
Swift County Archers for 3-D targets used during community education classes and special events

## Funds that benefit Rock County

#### In Luverne...

**Luverne Child Guide Endowment Fund** - A fund that benefits the Child Guide Program in the Luverne area.

#### Awarded grants totaling \$2,020

Luverne Child Guide Advised Endowment Fund to support the Child Guide Program

## Funds that benefit Swift County

#### In Appleton...

**Appleton Community Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Appleton area through grantmaking and community projects.

Seven Anonymous Gifts  
Mary Aasland  
Agralite Electric Cooperative  
AHS Class of 1960  
AHS Class of 1973  
Charlie Allen  
Dennis and Charlotte Allen  
Allpress Farm  
Jacob and Sonya Allpress  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Anchor Plastics, Inc.  
Richard and Harriett Anderson

Richard and Yvonne Anderson  
Appleton Community Foundation  
Fundraising Proceeds  
Appleton Lions Club  
Appleton Oil Company, Inc.  
The Appleton Project  
Appleton Veterinary Clinic, LLC  
Daniel and Lynette Arnold  
Ascherman Oil, Inc.  
Baldwin Children  
Curtis and Tina Baldwin  
Thomas and Leatrice Benson  
William and Jeanette Bergstad  
Paul and Kerry Bonk  
Rebecca Brown  
Julie Busse  
Larry and Pannarasee Christenson  
Clemen Electric  
Congregational Women's Fellowship

Culligan Water Treatment of Appleton, Inc.  
Del Dee Foods  
Christopher Domeier  
Ehrenberg Publishing  
Employees of Pioneer Public TV  
Dan and Cindy Enke  
Farmers & Merchants Insurance Agency  
Farmers & Merchants State Bank  
Todd and Diane (Stegner) Gerhardt  
Kenneth and Judith Glimsdal  
Jerald and Ruby Halvorson  
Harry's Shoe Store  
David and Sherry Hastings  
Edward and Dawn Hegland  
Phyllis Hegland  
Jason Heinecke

Brent Heinecke, Rolf Heinecke and Nancy Thorson - In Memory of Harold Heinecke  
Amer and Mabel Holman  
Home 2 Home Thrift Store  
Cammie Jane  
Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.  
Dr. Romulo Kabatay  
Barbara Kerr  
Harold and Jeanne Kittelson  
Liebe Drug Stores  
Dale Lien  
Dennis and Janet Lindahl  
Martinson Foundation  
James and Sydney Masee  
Leonard E. Masee  
Gene and Barbara Meyer  
Leonard Jr. and Carolyn Meyer  
Minnesota Energy Resources Corp.

#### In Canby...

**Blue and Gold Foundation Fund** - An endowment and non-endowed fund that benefits students of the Canby area.

Three Anonymous Gifts  
Canby Firemen  
Jim and Cynthia Cleveland - In Memory of:  
Bernard Ailts  
Marie Antony  
Donald Chizek  
Margene McDonald  
EmMillie Nevins  
Dennis Roske  
Robert Syltie  
Gene Yackley  
S.A.A. - In Memory of Lawrence and Adeline Driessen  
Thomas Sniegowski, DDS

#### Awarded grants totaling \$15,843

Blue and Gold Educational Foundation of District 8 to support scholarships awarded to Canby High School graduates attending post-secondary school  
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**Canby Community Scholarship Endowment Fund** - A related fund of the Blue and Gold Foundation that benefits students of the Canby area.

Canby Area Retired Educators Association  
CHS Class of 1960 - In Memory of Lorraine Popowski Smith  
CHS Class of 1961 - In Memory of Russell Hauger  
CHS Class of 2010  
CHS Class of 1974 Home Room

- In Memory of Superintendent Bernard Ailts  
Ralph and Norma Dovre  
Gerry and Marcia Gingles - In Memory of Superintendent Bernie Ailts

Hayek Family Endowment  
Jeff Jeremiason  
Milo and Judy Larson - In Memory of Superintendent Bernard Ailts  
David and Jodi Mercer - In Memory of DeWayne Bliss  
Bjorn and Margot Monson  
Nancy Moore  
Rotary Club of Canby  
Sioux Valley Regional Health Services  
Dean and Jane Stoks - In Memory of:  
Superintendent Bernard Ailts  
Rita Lindberg - CHS Class of 1971

#### In Clarkfield...

**Clarkfield Area Community Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Clarkfield area through grantmaking and community projects.

One Anonymous Gift  
Anonymous - In Memory of Jill Doty  
Anonymous - In Memory of Geneva Emblem  
Anonymous - In Memory of Doug Koepp  
Erling and Norma Anderson  
Alain and Kathern Bellicot  
Rodney and Barbara Brufiat - In Memory of:  
Jill Doty  
Lillian Falkum  
Dennis Haaland  
Mike Helgeson  
Leo Olson  
Ina Risa  
Brian Schweer  
Inky Stenhaus  
Bruce Christopherson



Bruce and Helen Christopherson  
 Clarkfield Lions Club  
 F & M Bank and F & M Insurance  
 Robert and Marilyn Hanson  
 Veryl Jessen  
 Gloria Johnson - In Memory of Jill Doty  
 Sheldon and Kathleen Kittelson  
 Neil Linscheid  
 John Howard Lynner  
 Lois Lynner  
 Paulette O'Connell - In Memory of Jill Doty  
 Dr. Pat and Annette Patel  
 Dolores Rysdahl  
 Berdette Schoep - In Memory of Leo Olson  
 Blanche Simpson - In Memory of Leora Friberg  
 Curtis and Rosie Sorum  
 Kirk Stensrud  
 Larry and Ann Stensrud - In Memory of:  
 Ron Donner  
 Jill Doty  
 Earl Lindquist  
 Ina Risa  
 Shirley Smolley  
 Robert Thompson  
 Ramona Willander  
 Elaine Wold

Roger and Caroline Tokheim  
 John and Clarice Velde  
 Oscar and Phyllis Waller  
 L. Sherman and Joyce Ann Winson - In Memory of:  
 Jill Doty  
 Roland Ford  
 Dennis Haaland  
 Brian Schweer  
 Robert Thompson

**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

**Granite Falls Area Community Foundation** - A permanent resource that benefits the Granite Falls area through grantmaking and community projects.

Four Anonymous Gifts  
 Craig and Heidi Bakkelund  
 Paul and Barbara Benson

Leslie and Susan Bergquist  
 Blandin Foundation  
 Merald and Barb Buchholz  
 Hazel and Darrell Carter  
 Albert S.W. and Susie A.Y. Chu  
 Judd and Martha Copeland  
 Rose Dahl  
 Barry Evenstad  
 Phyllis Fredlund  
 Avis Freitag - In Memory of:  
 Carl Aus  
 Spencer O. Kvam  
 Vernetta Nelson  
 Scott Yeager  
 Ron and JoAnn Fromm  
 Granite Falls Bank and F & M Agency  
 Granite Falls Class of 1960  
 Granite Falls Council No. 6731  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Granite Falls Kiwanis Community Fund  
 Granite Family Eyecare  
 Granite True Value  
 Earle and Bonnie Gustafson  
 Audrey Hanson  
 Scott and Peggy Heglund  
 Mark and Robin Henderson - In Memory of:  
 Carl Aus  
 Spencer Kvam

Leroy and Ruby Hieb  
 Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Huth  
 Steve and Karen Jacobson - In Memory of Spencer Kvam  
 David and Donna Jepson  
 Willis and Arlyss Johnson  
 Robert and Rita Knutson  
 DuWayne and LaVonne Koenen - In Memory of:  
 Carl Aus  
 Lori Carmany  
 Phyllis Gustafson  
 Charly Rose Holmstrom  
 Arline Imes  
 Delilah Kling  
 Spencer Kvam  
 Hagen Sederstrom  
 Gary and Patricia Kubly  
 Spencer and Peggy Kvam  
 Karen Norell  
 Jason and Teresa Peterson  
 RE/MAX Neighbors - Tammy Edman  
 David and Elizabeth Reimer  
 Don Sebring  
 Allen and Leanne Stoeckman  
 Roger and Belva Tjosvold  
 Dennis and Susan Van Hoof  
 John Welckle

**Southwest Minnesota** has seen tremendous change over the past 25 years. Through it all, collaboration has been the key to leveraging resources and supporting our people, organizations, businesses and communities.

SWIF is committed to capitalizing on new opportunities and meeting our region's changing needs—and your support allows us to do just that. Whether you've given to our SWIF General Endowment, a specific program, a local community foundation partner or one of many other important partners in our family of funds, you—our donors—make our work possible.

Thank you!

# A New Way to Give

## Keep It Growing: Southwest Minnesota's Farmland Retention Program<sup>SM</sup>

If you're in southwest Minnesota, you're standing on some of the world's most valuable land, agriculturally speaking. You likely already knew that.

But did you know that SWIF created a program to keep wealth from this valuable farmland local—and while doing so, make a difference throughout our entire region?

Keep It Growing: Southwest Minnesota's Farmland Retention Program<sup>SM</sup> allows donors to give their land as a charitable gift. Rather than selling it, SWIF maintains ownership of the property.

There are many benefits to all involved with this giving option.

- **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.

To learn more about this great giving option, contact us at 800-594-9480 or email [donate@swifoundation.org](mailto:donate@swifoundation.org).

# The Impact of Your Giving

## 2011 Year in Review



In addition to the giving and grantmaking featured in this edition of *Looking Forward, Giving Back* the dedication, vision and generosity of our donors and partners helped SWIF experience a truly milestone year.

Our work focused on collaboration and innovation to leverage new and existing resources, which helped SWIF deliver valuable programming throughout southwest Minnesota. These accomplishments—and many more—are possible thanks to your ongoing support.

### 25th Anniversary Highlights

- Awarded grants totaling \$50,000 through SWIF's Paul and Alma Schwan Aging Trust Endowment Fund to support Honor Flight Southwest Minnesota and kick off the anniversary year
- Toured the region with an all-staff bus tour, visiting partners in many southwest Minnesota communities and learning more about SWIF's impact
- Hosted receptions in each of SWIF's 18 counties to celebrate many years of partnership and impact on a local, as well as regional, level
- Celebrated the Best of Southwest with a regional Showcase of Southwest Minnesota and 25th Anniversary Banquet, where the Southwest Initiative Foundation Award and four new awards were presented

### Program Accomplishment Highlights

- Awarded 236 grants totaling nearly \$830,000 to meet regional and local needs
- Closed 40 loans, including the largest loan in SWIF history, to support businesses
- Created or retained 318 jobs through the Business Finance and Microenterprise Loan Programs
- Received \$705,000 in national funding from USDA Rural Development and Bank of America to support the Microenterprise Loan Program
- Hosted the first Leading By Example Executive Summit focusing on leadership in the biology-agriculture industry in partnership with the MinnWest Technology Campus, Kandiyohi County and City of Willmar Economic Development Commission and the Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
- Sponsored the 7th Annual Worthington Bioscience Conference, focusing on regional and industry opportunities now and into the future
- Facilitated the Luverne Commercial Revitalization project, a pilot community engagement project
- Established the BOLD (Bird Island-Olivia-Lake Lillian) Early Childhood Initiative
- Received the Nancy Latimer Award in partnership with the Minnesota Early Childhood and Thrive Initiatives partners
- Completed the first Nonprofit Leader's Academy cohort, building the capacity of 19 nonprofit leaders
- Expanded the Youth Energy Summit (YES!) program to include three new partners and 25 student teams
- Created eight new designated funds and established one new community foundation partnership with the Bird Island and Olivia Community Foundation Fund
- Redesigned programs by combining the Microenterprise and Entrepreneurship programs and restructuring the Community Foundation Program for greater impact in the region
- Created a Facilitation and Transfer Field Guide that captures best practices and expectations for SWIF's work in community and leadership engagement
- Announced SWIF President/CEO Sherry Ristau was elected to the national Council on Foundation's Board of Directors, providing a voice for rural philanthropy
- Launched promotion of Keep It Growing: Southwest Minnesota's Farmland Retention Program<sup>SM</sup> as a tool for retaining wealth in the region and received the first gift of farmland through it
- Hosted The McKnight Foundation for a two-day site visit in southwest Minnesota and received a five-year, \$6 million grant from McKnight
- Exceeded fundraising goals and had a record number of donors, leveraging important dollars for the region
- Realized the highest fiscal year return in SWIF history on endowment portfolio investment, with a 21.5 percent return on investment as of June 30, 2011
- Managed a balanced budget and received a clean audit
- Completed a new five-year strategic plan that will guide SWIF's mission-driven work through Fiscal Year 2016

To review our audited financial information, visit [www.swifoundation.org/annualreports](http://www.swifoundation.org/annualreports) or call 800-594-9480 to receive a printed copy.



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