

# Looking Forward, Giving Back



SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE  
FOUNDATION

FISCAL YEAR 2010



*Celebrate  
giving*

in southwest Minnesota



*“The true meaning of life*

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

— *Nelson Henderson*



## Dear Friends,

Dreams of vibrant communities bustling with successful businesses. Dreams of excited youth entering school ready to learn. Dreams of vital service providers fulfilling their missions. In southwest Minnesota, we can do more than dream of such things – we can see them.



Our region is full of people whose time, energy and financial contributions help sustain the quality of life we so greatly value. As we kick off the Southwest Initiative Foundation's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we pause to celebrate giving and thank the more than 2,000 donors who in the past year have made a difference.

The names listed in this edition of *Looking Forward, Giving Back* represent those who have supported our work in Fiscal Year 2010 of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. Donors to SWIF's General Endowment, programs and partner funds represent the commitment needed to strengthen our region.

Alongside our more than 90 fund partners, we watched as gifts during Fiscal Year 2010 met important regional and local needs through grantmaking. Generosity transformed into programs, training opportunities, playgrounds, scholarships, music classes, technical equipment—the list could go on—as more than 340 grants were awarded to organizations throughout the region.

During this past year, we saw gifts increase by more than \$360,000 from the previous year and grantmaking surpass \$1.65 million. Our donors have stepped up, even in challenging times, and we can see the impact to our entrepreneurs, families and communities. Simply put, our supporters' vision, commitment and generosity make our lives in southwest Minnesota better.

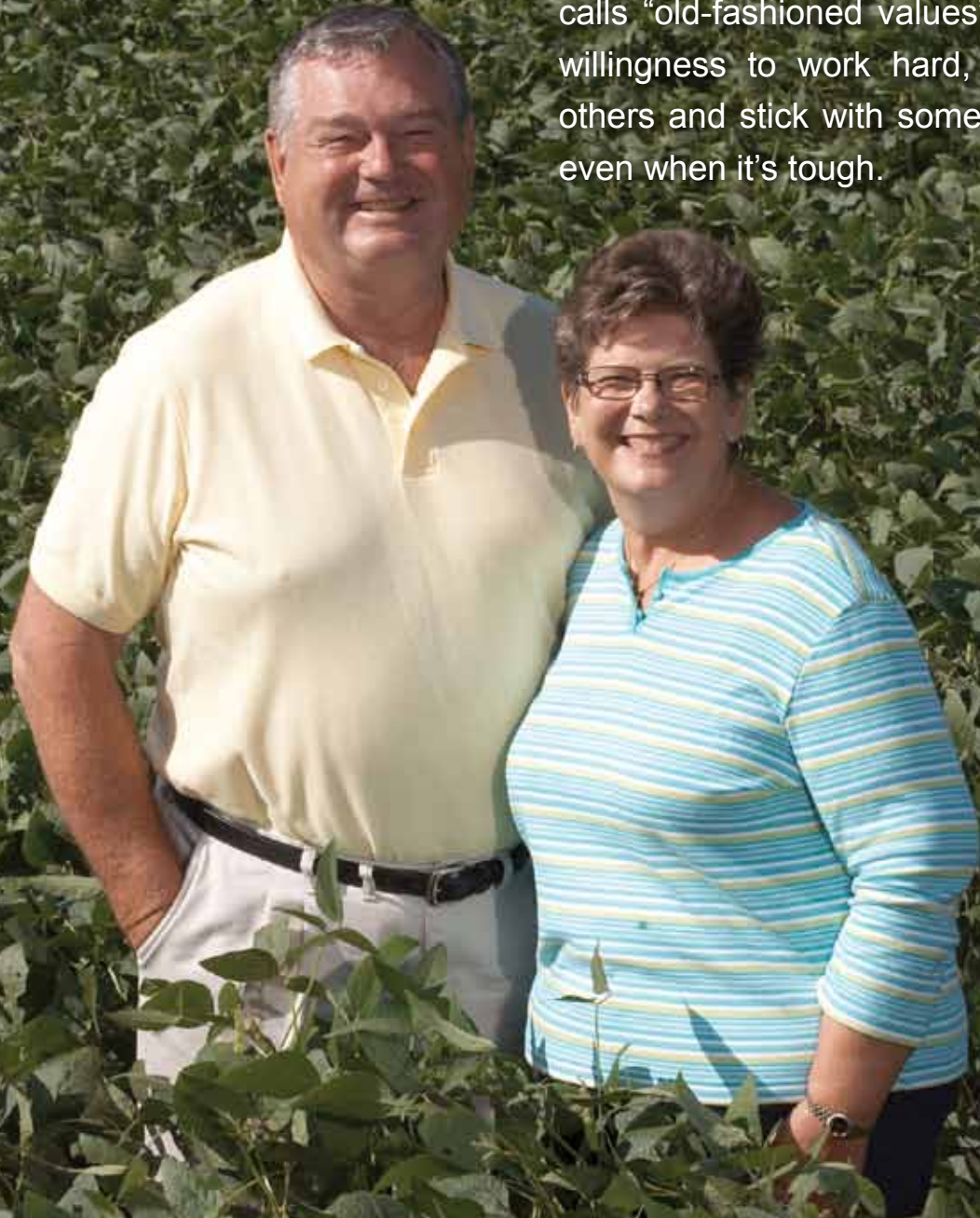
On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and all of southwest Minnesota, I thank you—our friends and partners—for your continued support!

Sherry E. Ristau, President/CEO



# Sandy and Peggy Ludeman: Timeless Values of Giving

*Sander V (Sandy) and Peggy Ludeman* of Tracy say you can probably find many couples like them. They portray what Sandy calls “old-fashioned values” – a willingness to work hard, help others and stick with something even when it’s tough.



As southwest Minnesota natives, Sandy and Peggy Ludeman share a passion for rural life and values. They live on Sandy’s family farm, just a few miles from Peggy’s family farm. They met when Peggy was in eighth grade and Sandy a freshman through 4-H. Although Sandy started college at South Dakota State University, Peggy jokes that he followed her to the University of Minnesota after just one semester.

The couple considered job offers in Chicago, St. Louis and other places with no intentions of returning home after college. But when a teaching position for Peggy opened in Slayton at the same time Sandy’s father lost a hired hand, plans changed.

Both agree their home area has been a great place to raise their family and the biggest factor for keeping them here during 41 years of marriage. Their son, Sander VI, and daughter, Dayna, are each married with children of their own. Four active little ones keep grandma and grandpa on the go. Peggy’s parents and Sandy’s father, all still in Tracy but facing challenges of aging, add a newer role of caregiver to their lives.

Many might allow such family and financial commitments to overshadow volunteering and supporting other causes. But not Sandy and Peggy. “If you want this world to be a better place, you have to get involved,” Peggy says with true conviction.

They credit their community-minded parents, Sandy’s love of people and challenges, and success in farming for their passion and ability to support what they care about.

*Unwavering support to their faith, family, each other and the region shows Sandy and Peggy Ludeman of Tracy don’t just talk about their values; they live them.*

“The world is too focused on things,” Sandy says. “And self,” Peggy adds.

Financially, they’ve supported numerous local projects. They’re also faithful supporters of SWIF’s General Endowment, helping to meet the changing needs of the region well into the future. As Growing Home Circle members, they see how their giving supports programs and investments in human capital.

“That’s what the Growing Home Circle is about,” Sandy says. “It’s about investing in people, opportunities and dreams of others.”

The Ludemans’ long list of accomplishments could seem like a dream itself.

In 1982, the couple was named Minnesota Outstanding Young Farmers and went on to become one of the National Outstanding Young Farmers. In 2010, Sandy was awarded the prestigious Siehl Prize for Excellence in Agriculture for his visionary leadership in the soybean industry and used a portion of the award stipend to increase their SWIF Growing Home Circle commitment. Their family’s conservation practices have also been nationally recognized.

“We try to make a positive difference,” Sandy said. “Awards are nice but they really represent what we’ve accomplished with others.”

There is no end in sight for how their generosity will continue to make a difference in southwest Minnesota.



## With great appreciation, we recognize

the individuals, businesses and other funding partners for their generous contributions during SWIF's Fiscal Year 2010 of July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. 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 2010 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.

## Funds that benefit the 18 counties of southwest Minnesota

**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.

Ronald and Dorothy Williams  
Ronald and Dorothy Williams - In Memory of W. Allen Buckner

**Awarded grants totaling \$23,860**

West Central Industries, Inc., to continue the Block Nurse Program, serving Willmar senior citizens  
Life Connections XI to sponsor an event that explores lifestyle and resource opportunities for persons age 50 and better in Willmar and surrounding communities  
Our Lady of the Lakes to support the Parish Nurse Program in the communities of New London, Spicer and Kandiyohi, promoting health and wellness through education, counsel and advocacy services

**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 \$11,506**  
Southwest/West Central Service

Cooperative to expand enrichment conferences and programs while keeping registration costs affordable for students, parents and teachers  
Dakota Wicohan, an apprenticeship program for Dakota language teacher development and Dakota youth leadership development, to increase youth leadership through mentoring and opportunities  
Redwood Area Communities Foundation to support Suntunka program costs, including a peer group facilitator, peer mentors, instructional materials, meeting and group supplies and transportation

**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.

Twenty-two Anonymous Gifts  
One Anonymous Gift - In Honor of Mary L. and Roger Sandquist  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Jessica Thaemlitz  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Alvin A. Tinklenberg  
Anderson Chemical Company  
John and Diana Anderson  
Garrett Backes  
Perry and Marquita Banks  
Gary and Marj Becker  
Benson Economic Development Authority  
Jon and Judy Benson  
Bernadette and James Berger  
Roger and Deb Berggren  
Don and Helen Berheim  
Doug Betlach - In Memory of Wilt Croonquist  
Big Stone County  
Birdwing Spa

J.R. Black and Barbara Fluttum-Black - In Memory of Sharon M. Black  
Tom and Sue Brakke  
Bremer  
Jeff and Debra Brockberg  
Henry A. Bromelkamp  
Eunice Bue Family - In Memory of Tifred Bue  
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Doug and Loni Bultman  
Bob and Marsha Bunger  
Elroy and Nita Burgeson  
Sara and Michael Carlson - In Memory of David Hoff  
Casualty Assurance of Granite Falls, Inc. - Scott Rasmussen  
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Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company  
City of Atwater  
City of Balaton  
City of Boyd  
City of Buffalo Lake  
City of Clarkfield  
City of Clinton  
City of Ghent  
City of Granite Falls  
City of Jackson  
City of Jasper  
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City of Luverne  
City of Madison  
City of Milan  
City of Montevideo and Chippewa County  
City of Mountain Lake  
City of Olivia  
City of Ortonville  
City of Redwood Falls  
City of Renville  
City of Trosky  
City of Vesta  
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Concorde Bank  
Tim and Connie Connell  
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Bill and Annie Curwick  
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Lea and Meridee Dobberstein  
Ansel W. Doll  
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Paul and Elizabeth Fellows  
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First State Bank Southwest - In Honor of Greg Raymo  
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Lindsay Holtz  
Eugene Hook  
Leland and Yvonne Huls  
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Joann Johnson  
Ronald and Susan Johnson  
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Jim and Sue Keul  
KleinBank  
Jean and Carlos Knakmuhs  
Stan and Teri Knutson  
Carol Kopperud  
Brad and Kim Kramer  
Scott Kudelka and Angela Becker Kudelka  
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Mike and Laura Kuvaas  
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Lakefield EDA  
Karen Larson  
Bob and Marlene Lee  
Bruce and Judy Lichty  
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Mark Lofthus and Marian Blattner  
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David and Lois Lovehaug  
Dr. Christine A. Loveland - In Memory of Grace Philip Brown  
Sandy and Peggy Ludeman  
Irene Madsen  
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Liz Maiers  
Rita Maiers - In Honor of Liz Maiers  
Rita Maiers - In Memory of Linda Maiers  
Scott and Amber Marquardt  
William and Roz McCormack  
The McKnight Foundation  
McLeod County  
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Meeker County

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Minnwest Corporation  
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Ed and Judy Newbury  
Derek and Tari Niemeyer  
Northwestern Farm Management Co.  
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Daryl and Ann Marie Olson  
Mel and Dee Paradis  
Becky and Jerry Parker  
Dr. Pat and Annette Patel  
Patrick and Kaia Pelstring - In Memory of Sam and Jacque Pelstring  
Steve and Marianne Perkins  
Dolores Peters - In Honor of Julie Hill and Dean A. Peters  
Dolores Peters - In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Wm. Smith  
Dr. Craig and Karen Pfeifer  
Phillip D. Black and Brigitte L. Sandquist Foundation Fund of Silicon Valley Community Foundation  
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Matching Gift Program - In Honor of Robert W. Rosenbrook  
Pipestone County  
Gene and Marlene Platt  
P.N.E., Inc. - Industrial Research & Development  
S. Todd Pushing DDS  
Gordon and Virginia Rasmussen  
Redwood County  
John and Patricia Remme  
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Renville County  
Sherry and Bruce Ristau  
Sherry and Bruce Ristau - In Memory of Pat McFarland  
The Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust  
Rock County  
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Thomas and Mary Ann Rolloff  
Jack and Carol Ann Sander  
Rob and Renae Saunders  
Conrad and Judy Schmidt  
Karen Schneider  
Mary Schnell - In Memory of Jim Schnell  
Berdette and Linda Schoep  
The Schwan Food Company

Randy Simonson  
Mildred (Ohlen) Skogmo - In Honor of Betty (Thiele) Bohmert  
Mildred (Ohlen) Skogmo - In Memory of Dr. Virgil R. Ohlen and Mrs. Pearl Thiele  
Shirley Skoog  
Theodore Smetak and Ann Montgomery - In Memory of Leland and Barbara Olson  
Dr. George Smith  
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Robert Thurston  
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Gladys Trautman - In Memory of Lyle A. Trautman  
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Westlund Associates, Inc.  
Willmar Area Senior Citizens Club  
Robert and Mary Wnuk  
Paul and Mary Wodrich  
Mark and Amy Woitalewicz  
Anita Wolff  
Yellow Medicine County  
Evelyn Zick - In Memory of Arnold and Todd Zick





# GROWING *HOME* CIRCLE

**SWIF GROWING HOME CIRCLE SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP** - A membership circle that honors individuals, organizations and businesses that pledge to make a contribution of \$1,000 or more to the SWIF General Endowment in Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010) to help SWIF meet the Phase VI challenge from The McKnight Foundation. Gifts are matched dollar-for-dollar by McKnight. In Fiscal Year 2010, 58 Growing Home Circle members contributed \$137,253 to the SWIF General Endowment.

One Anonymous Gift  
Anderson Chemical Company  
John and Diana Anderson  
Gary and Marj Becker  
Tom and Sue Brakke  
Bremer  
Bob and Marsha Bunger  
Patrick and Marcy Costello  
John and Tracy Dammermann  
Bob and Patti Dols  
Jeff and LeeAnn Ettinger  
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The Schwan Food Company  
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Dr. George Smith  
Sparboe Agricultural Corporation  
Robert Thurston  
Michael and Sheila Tolbert  
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Fahey, Richard and Wendy  
Hantge, Robert and Christie  
Hantge, Timothy and Sheila Ulrich  
and Richard and Peggy Westlund  
United Prairie Bank  
U.S. Bancorp Business Equipment & Finance Group  
Wanda State Bank  
Lyle and Cheri Weismantel  
Willmar Area Senior Citizens Community Center  
Mark and Amy Woitalewicz

Visit [www.swifoundation.org/growinghomecircle](http://www.swifoundation.org/growinghomecircle) for a list of charter members.

*Give where you live.*™

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

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

**SWIF Program - Early Childhood Initiative and Minnesota Thrive Initiative** - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF deliver its Early Childhood Initiative and the Minnesota Thrive Initiative in southwest Minnesota which work to ensure our youngest children have the best possible start and a healthy life of learning, achieving and succeeding.

The Bush Foundation  
City of Redwood Falls  
The McKnight Foundation  
Medica Foundation  
Rob and Renae Saunders

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

AgStar Financial Services  
Warren Herreid II and Jeannine Rivet  
Jackson Economic Development Corporation

**SWIF Program - Entrepreneurship Initiative** - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF deliver its Entrepreneurship Initiative which 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.

Bernadette and James Berger  
Church of St. Mary  
GiveMN - Give to the Max Day Matching Proceeds  
United States Department of Agriculture  
United States Small Business Administration

**SWIF Program - Nonprofit Management Fund** - A non-endowed resource that helps SWIF support 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.

**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.

**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.

Kevin and Kari Becker  
Center for Rural Policy and Development  
GiveMN - Give to the Max Day Matching Proceeds  
Great River Energy  
The McKnight Foundation  
Outland Renewable Energy, LLC  
Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation  
Southwest MN Private Industry Council, Inc.

**Awarded grants totaling \$578,616 from SWIF's General Endowment and Program Funds**

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation for Minnesota Compass, a social indicators project that measures progress in Minnesota and its regions, reveals trends, alerts the community to issues that must be addressed and promotes action  
Child Guide Program, a prevention program for all children with academic, social or basic needs in Lac qui Parle Valley, Benson, Willmar and Luverne schools  
Common Cup Ministry to expand the Parish Nurse Program and promote health and wellness through education, counsel and advocacy services  
Community Foundation Insights for membership which gives participating community foundations access to up-to-date information on the finances, operations and best practices of their peers  
Council on Foundations for membership to help Southwest Initiative Foundation promote philanthropic practices and principles of grantmaking in southwest Minnesota  
Granite Falls Area Community Foundation to assist with marketing expenses toward their effort to broaden the base of community awareness and support in their first year of existence  
Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy to support the Midwest Rural Assembly to bring together community leaders, local and national policy makers and rural citizens from throughout the Upper Midwest and Great Plains to begin building a regional network  
Institute for Conservation Leadership to assist the Institute in providing service to southwest Minnesota  
ISD #347 Willmar to develop a pilot project expanding shared services to school districts and potentially changing the delivery of educational services in west central Minnesota  
Minnesota Community Foundation to support GiveMN, an online giving tool for all nonprofits in Minnesota  
Minnesota Conservation Corps to collaborate with the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance and serve residents in economic

distress, train young people for green jobs and build the region's renewable energy capacity  
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits for membership to help Southwest Initiative Foundation strengthen and increase philanthropic activity in southwest Minnesota  
Minnesota Council on Foundations for membership to help Southwest Initiative Foundation strengthen and increase philanthropic activity in southwest Minnesota  
Minnesota Fathers & Families Network to support training, workshops, conferences, newsletters, media connections, policy work and other outreach efforts to improve services to fathers and families across the state  
Morton Area Community Foundation to assist with marketing expenses toward their effort to broaden the base of community awareness and support in their first year of existence  
Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center to build on the success of YES! and prepare the YES! model for expansion and replication  
Redwood Area Communities Foundation to renovate the zoo in Alexander Ramsey Park  
Ridgewater College Foundation to provide technical assistance and entrepreneurial guidance to small business owners  
Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI) partners to support future opportunities with renewable energy development, energy efficiency and conservation throughout Minnesota  
The Sheltering Arms Foundation to support a regional membership to the Minnesota Early Childhood Funders Network, including the statewide research, advocacy and sustainability assessments currently under commission  
Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation to provide additional REDI loans in their region  
Southwest Initiative Foundation to:  
Develop and implement the vision and strategic action plan of the Mountain Lake Early Childhood Initiative  
Plan and implement various projects in accordance with the mission of the Wabasso Area Early Childhood Coalition  
Provide ongoing education for professional and volunteer



fundraisers in southwest Minnesota through a series of webinars about cold calls, capital campaigns, planned giving and ensuring success with limited staff and resources

Support "A Brisk Walk Through the Basics," a one-day seminar on the essentials of planned giving

Support Early Childhood Initiative coalition coordinators in the communities of Mountain Lake, Ortonville, Redwood Falls, Wabasso, Willmar, Windom and Worthington

Support the Nonprofit Leader's Academy in building the individual leadership capacity of 25 nonprofit leaders

Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council for membership to support its mission

Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation to support

Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership, a leadership development program for adult agricultural and rural leaders from across the state of Minnesota

Southwest Regional Development Commission Region 8 to fund housing studies, assessments and community development plans

Thirteen Community Foundation partners for matching challenge grants for immediate grantmaking in their community, including Appleton, Balaton, Benson, Clarkfield, Dawson, Heron Lake-Okabena, Hutchinson, Jackson, Lake Benton, Lismore, Litchfield, Madison, Marshall, Milan, Mountain Lake, Pipestone and Worthington

Twelve Youth Energy Summit (YES!) Teams for prize awards recognizing their achievements, including Atwater-Cosmos-Grove

City, Eden Valley-Watkins, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop, Lac qui Parle Valley, Litchfield, Marshall, New London-Spicer, New Ulm Putting Green, Springfield, Tracy, Willmar and Windom

Twenty Youth Energy Summit (YES!) Teams to support their energy action projects, including Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City, Bird Island-Olivia-Lake Lillian, Eden Valley-Watkins, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop, Hutchinson, Lac qui Parle Valley, Litchfield, Marshall, Morris, New London-Spicer, New Ulm High School, New Ulm Putting Green, Ortonville, Redwood, Springfield, St. James, Tracy, Westbrook-Walnut Grove, Willmar and Windom

University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships-Clean Energy Resource Teams to support the REDI Resource Directory website

Upper Minnesota River Valley Regional Development Commission Region 6W to support the 7th Annual Upper Minnesota River Art Crawl in Swift, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Big Stone and Yellow Medicine counties

West Central Initiative for the completion of the Transfer of Wealth study for the state of Minnesota

West Central Industries, Inc., to provide a scholarship to a local nonprofit director to attend the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Leadership Institute course

Worthington Area YMCA to support their new facility

Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation to support the 2010 Worthington Regional Bioscience Conference

Randal and Cathy Janssen  
Tom and Melanie Johnson  
Eileen Habstritt Jones  
Elmer and Joyce Kienitz  
Jerry and Lois Kluver  
Patty Kluver-Hartman  
Kenneth and Emma Koenen  
Jean Kraus, Dale Lighter and Nancy Johnson - In Memory of Zola Lighter  
Nicholas and Donna Krueger  
Carol Larson  
MACCRAY #2180 Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
MACCRAY #2180 Foundation Fundraising Proceeds - Cookbook Sales  
Cameron and Sarah Macht  
Cameron and Sarah Macht - In Honor of the Macht Family  
Garvin and Kathy Marcus  
Margaret Martenson - In Memory of James Martenson  
Margaret Martenson and Mary Martenson Fontaine - In Honor of Pastor Mary Hovland  
Margaret Martenson and Mary Martenson Fontaine - In Memory of Leon Hovland  
Maynard Lions Club  
Mid Minnesota Inspections  
Minnesota River Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
Minnwest Bank - Montevideo  
Gary and Deb Nelson  
Ross and Carissa Pederson  
Mary and Timothy Peh - In Memory of Curly Dammermann  
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Kevin and Tracy Thoma  
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Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Vreeman - In Memory of Jon Schroeder  
John White  
John and Sharon White  
Harold and Gladys Williams  
Thomas and Karleen Williamson  
Tom and Martha Zurn

**Awarded grants totaling \$17,572**  
ISD #2180 MACCRAY to:

Enhance English, language arts, speech and drama classes with the purchase of video cameras, computers, software and other supplies and equipment

Provide food supplies for the family and consumer sciences program

Purchase a computer, laptop and video cameras for the media literature/film studies, English, language arts and speech and drama departments

Purchase a kiln, vent system, timer and furniture kit to be used in art classes

Purchase a MacBook Pro laptop computer to be used in the Junior/Senior High Media Center

Purchase an electronic scale and video recorder for the wrestling program

Purchase books for sixth grade students

Purchase microphones and cords for the vocal music department

Purchase music stands for the band department

Purchase the Total Transformation Program to help children with behavioral issues

Support a golf team practice session in the Golf Dome

Support a trip to Valleyfair for all Students Against Destructive

Decisions (SADD) members and all incoming ninth grade students

Support field trips for the history/social studies classes

Support improvements to visitors' side bleachers at Maynard football field, elevating the bleachers to provide spectators with a better view

Support the annual staff in their efforts to produce an attractive, content-inclusive and affordable yearbook

Support the boys basketball program

MACCRAY #2180 Foundation Fund to support its mission

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

One Anonymous Gift  
Jack and Marlene Brodt  
Buetow and Associates, Inc.  
Mary Crampton  
Steven DeRuyter  
Linda Roth  
Karen Westberg

**Prairie Ecology Bus Center Fund**  
- A non-endowed fund that benefits the Prairie Ecology Bus Center of Lakefield, which serves 20 counties in southwest Minnesota and beyond.

Daniel Livdahl  
Prairie Ecology Bus Center  
Nancy Sather

**Awarded grants totaling \$157,000**  
Prairie Ecology Bus Center to build its new mobile learning center

**Walter and Raeanna Gislason Advised Fund** - A non-endowed fund that benefits the Willmar area, as well as other charitable organizations and causes in Minnesota and beyond.

Walter and Raeanna Gislason

**Awarded grants totaling \$13,600**  
American Red Cross to support the International Response Fund, which supports immediate relief and long-term support to victims of crises, like the recent earthquake in Haiti

American Refugee Committee to support its work as an international humanitarian assistance organization helping survivors of conflict

Central Asia Institute to support its mission to promote community-based education, especially for girls in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan

E-quip Africa to support its work collecting computers and school supplies for distribution to schools in Africa

James House to support its work as a Christian Discipleship Program for men recovering from addictions

Kandiyohi County Humane Society to replace panels on doors and outdoor fencing runs

Milkweed Editions to support its work as a nonprofit publisher for adults and young adults

Minnesota Orchestra to support its mission

Shelter House to support their efforts to create environments free of domestic abuse and sexual assault in Willmar

Southwest Initiative Foundation for membership in the Growing Home Circle

Unitarian Universalist Church of Willmar to support the building fund

Willmar Public School Foundation to support its mission

## Funds that benefit multiple counties in southwest Minnesota

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

Karen Baldwin

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

**Awarded grants totaling \$1,500**  
Minnesota State University, Mankato, toward two post-secondary scholarships  
University of Minnesota, St. Paul, toward a post-secondary scholarship

**Green Corridor Fund** - A non-endowed fund that benefits Waukon RIM, Inc., and furthers the efforts of the Minnesota River Valley Green Corridor Initiative.

Minnesota Department of Revenue  
Green Corridor, Inc.

**Heimark Family Advised Fund** - A non-endowed fund that benefits a variety of charitable organizations and causes in Minnesota.

Geri Heimark - In Memory of Robert S. Heimark

**Awarded grants totaling \$3,500**  
Yellow Medicine East to provide scholarships to graduating seniors

**Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc. Crisis Assistance Relief Effort (CARE) Fund** - A non-endowed fund that provides financial assistance to team members of Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc., and its subsidiaries and divisions in emergency or hardship situations.

John and Jennifer Court  
Tim and Spring Elwood  
Jeff and LeeAnn Ettinger  
Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.  
Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc. C.A.R.E. Fund Fundraising Proceeds

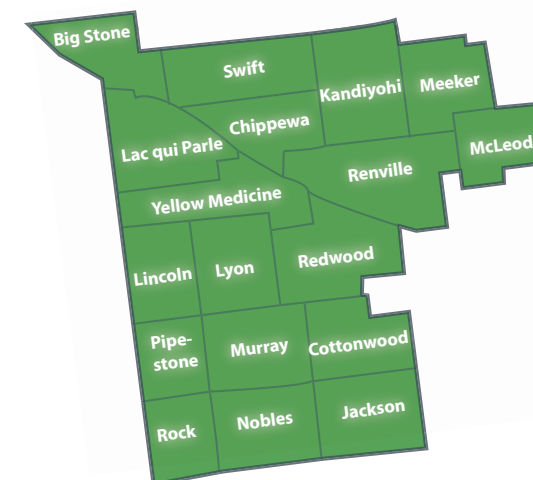
Mark Kasik  
James and Patricia Solheid

**Awarded grants totaling \$26,192**  
Nineteen Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc., employees experiencing a crisis

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

Four Anonymous Gifts  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Grisham White  
A+ Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Gary and Cheri Aeikens  
Al and Lois Ahrenholz  
Arlyn and Julie Alsum  
Harley and Clarice Ammermann  
Apol's Harley-Davidson  
Merlyn and Jackie Ast  
Glenn Berghuis  
Jeff Berghuis  
Marvin and Judi Boike  
Larry and Janet Bosch  
Robert and Carolyn Brix  
Bruce Soine Grain Dryer Repair - Bruce and Carol Soine  
Craig and Stephanie Burner  
Chad and Laura Gunter Farm  
Citizens State Bank of Clara City  
Citizens State Bank of Clara City Employees  
Clara City Class of 1969  
Clara City Lions Club  
Clara City Volunteer Fire Department  
Country Side Auto Body and Repair  
Daniel Cronen

Harm and Marilyn (Schoep) DeGrote - In Honor of Class of 1950  
Walter and Etta Dieken  
Robert and Diann Dirksen  
John and Virginia Donner  
Tom and Lisa Donner  
Donners Service, Inc.  
Todd and Lisa Dykema  
EF Foundation for Foreign Study  
Farmers Co-Op Oil Co.  
Les and Nancy Feia  
Stanley and Marilyn Freese  
Linda Fried  
Scott Gerdes  
GiveMN - Give to the Max Day Matching Proceeds  
Bennie and Sondra Groen  
James and Carmen Grussing  
Dean and Barb Gunderson  
Chad and Laura Gunter  
David and Tamara Halvorson  
Lonnie Hansen  
Brian and Brenda Harguth  
Hauser Families - In Memory of Harland and Julia "Bunny" Hauser  
Ronald and Sue Honken  
David and Ann Hovda  
Impact Innovations, Inc.  
ISD #2180 - MACCRAY Activity Fund  
Candice Jaenisch  
Kevin and Kjersti Jaenisch  
Paul and Sandra Jaenisch  
Edward and Marie Jansen  
Darrel and Verna Janssen

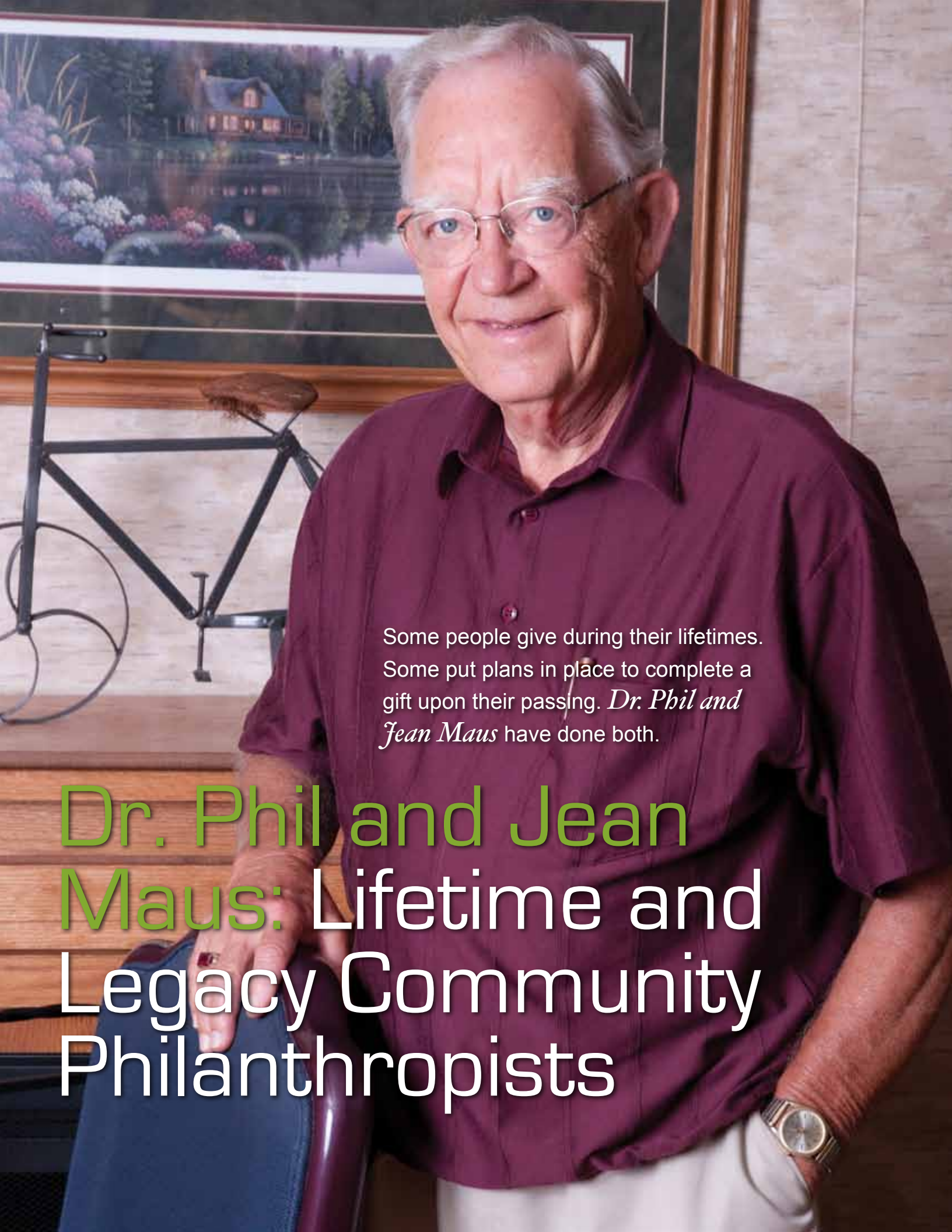


## Our service area

The 18-county region of southwest Minnesota includes 156 communities, covers 12,342 square miles, and is home to about 280,000 people.

Visit [www.swifoundation.org/servicearea](http://www.swifoundation.org/servicearea) to learn more about our work in your county.





Some people give during their lifetimes. Some put plans in place to complete a gift upon their passing. *Dr. Phil and Jean Maus* have done both.

# Dr. Phil and Jean Maus: Lifetime and Legacy Community Philanthropists

**Dr. Phil and Jean Maus are a vital part of the Dawson community.** They have been for over 50 years, and it's become an extension of their family.

Natives of southwest Minnesota, Phil grew up on a farm near Montevideo and Jean lived in Madison. Although only 30 miles apart, they didn't meet until college. While Phil pursued a pre-medicine degree, Jean returned to Madison to write for the *Western Guard* newspaper.

They were married in 1952 and Phil received his Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1953. Not-too-distant memories of World War II were at the forefront of people's everyday lives, resulting in Phil's departure to Panama as he was called to active duty for his medical expertise during the Korean War. They had one child there, Tim. As the conflict in Korea ended, Phil was invited to Dawson to practice medicine. He accepted, and the family of three moved home.

Shortly after returning home, Phil and Jean had their second child, Tamara. "It didn't take too long until we were rooted here," shared Phil.



Phil practiced medicine in Dawson until he retired in 1996, and Jean worked as a medical transcriptionist. Both were active volunteers in the community and Phil became connected to SWIF when he first served on an advisory committee, then on SWIF's Board of Directors from 2000 to 2006. During his tenure, Phil gave of his time and he and Jean made gifts to help SWIF grow its permanent endowment fund.

As SWIF launched its Community Foundation Program, Dawson became one of the first communities to partner. Phil was part of the Dawson Community Foundation's (DCF) formation, including its mission "to connect the needs of the community to the passion of donors with the goal of enhancing community resources and spirit." He continues to serve on its advisory board today and has watched it grow, through their gifts and gifts from countless others, into a permanent resource for Dawson.

"I believe it is so important to get people to participate in philanthropy at home—and not just their home community but also the region," shared Phil, "because the future of small communities depends on it."

Lifetime giving allows people to see their philanthropy at work. Phil and Jean can attest. But they have also committed to the ultimate gift.

While it can be difficult to contemplate mortality, Phil and Jean have planned ahead—for a world in which they will not live. And, they have included DCF in their plans.

They know their gift to the community will mean great things and a permanent legacy, as their final gift will be endowed for DCF. "The community foundation is a unique, adaptive vehicle for Dawson. People from all backgrounds and vocations can contribute to this broad and ambitious foundation and play a part in what can be accomplished in a small community," reflected Phil.

The sense of community—of home—can often capture our hearts. It can be like family. And Phil and Jean will care for their whole family during their lifetime and beyond.

*Phil and Jean Maus support local organizations and SWIF because they believe it is critical for the future of small communities.*



## 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.

Clinton Community Service Club  
 Heritage Hills - Stanley and Mary Smidt  
 Bill and Carol Sutkus - In Memory of Helen Sutkus

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

Ortonville United Appeal

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

Six Anonymous Gifts  
 A+ Foundation Golf Tournament Fundraising Proceeds  
 John and Myrna Adams - In Honor of Judy Gerhardt Nichols  
 Big Stone Walleye Club  
 Bill's Super Value Plus  
 Cenex Open House  
 Class of 2009  
 Bryan and Kristi Delage - In Memory of Ed and Naomi Gerhardt  
 Heather Eastman  
 Elementary Can Project  
 Alice Ellingson - In Memory of Herman Ellingson

William and Marlene Elmstrom  
 Ailys Henningson  
 Twyla Hinneberg  
 Robert and Arlene Hoffman  
 Joan Jurgens  
 Judy Nichols Blanket Raffle Fundraising Proceeds  
 Liz Ketz  
 Herbert and Joyce King  
 Vicki King  
 Aaron and Michelle Knutson  
 Donna Leiferman  
 Midcontinent Foundation  
 John and Judy Nichols  
 Northside Medical Center  
 Terry and Kathy Oakes  
 Ortonville Public School Foundation Fundraising Proceeds - Cookies for Kids  
 Vincent and Donna Parker - In Memory of Harlan "JR" Parker

Al and Lisa Ross  
 Jay Dee Ross  
 Jay Dee and Gloria Ross  
 Selmer and June Simonson  
 Lisa Staber - In Memory of Mr. Donald J. Moorhead  
 Paul and Ruth Strong  
 Roman and Carole Taffe  
 John and Audrey Tobin - In Memory of Harlan "JR" Parker  
 Mary Ann Ulrich  
 Gary and Sharon Watkins  
 Robert and Margureta Yaeger - In Memory of Tim Haukos

**Awarded grants totaling \$14,165**  
 ISD #62 Ortonville to support the playground landscaping project  
 Ortonville Public School Foundation Fund to support the school playground project golf tournament fundraiser

## Funds that benefit Chippewa County

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

K-Son Akiuo  
 Michael Burns  
 Sebastian Chikino  
 City of Milan  
 Joseph Dokoche  
 Francis "Iouris" Eitipei  
 Gabriel Elias  
 Inosi "Trinity" Elias  
 Merily Elias  
 Michael Elias  
 Mykey Elias  
 Mykeyann Elias  
 Eli Emmis  
 Anako Epwesu  
 Family and Friends - In Memory of Rev. Lloyd W. Anderson Jr.  
 Colleen Frey and John Tanquist  
 GiveMN - Give to the Max Day Matching Proceeds  
 Richard and Deb Hanson  
 Dominick Herman  
 Edwin Herman  
 Kristina Herman  
 Lorenzo Herman  
 Martina Herman  
 Norleen Herman  
 Nortina "Joyce" Herman  
 Sita Herman

Thomas Herman  
 Tokie Herman  
 Tracy Herman  
 Josephine Iouanis  
 Josephino Iouanis  
 JY Iouanis  
 Marciano "J-Son" Iouanis  
 Rikinia Iouanis  
 Karen Jenson  
 J-Rick Jicko  
 Richard Jicko  
 Chuck and Anne Kanten  
 Chuck and Anne Kanten - In Memory of Rev. Lloyd W. Anderson Jr.  
 James Kleven  
 Kent Kanten  
 Balthazar "Normy" Kantity  
 Les and Rio Kittelson  
 Leslie and Rudell Kittelson  
 Gary and Alvina Kleven - In Memory of Rev. Lloyd W. Anderson Jr.  
 Milan High School Class of 1975  
 Gayle Olson  
 Aron Ponun  
 Justleen Ponun  
 Mrina Ponun  
 M-Son Ponun  
 Nora Ponun  
 Skiller Ponun  
 Ron Porep  
 Prairie Sun Bank  
 Dari Raymond  
 Josia Raymond  
 Nelisa Raymond

Tommy "JD" Raymond  
 Marvin Rokura  
 Stanlyn Rokura  
 Stara Rokura  
 Emanuel Sepinon  
 Retsemy Sepinon  
 Samari Sepinon  
 Samuel Sepinon  
 Steve "Citi" Sepinon  
 Raxie Shotaro  
 Margaret Sodelani - In Memory of Rev. Lloyd W. Anderson Jr.  
 Steve R. Stephen  
 Nancy Strand  
 Ozzie Strand - In Memory of Rev. Lloyd W. Anderson Jr.  
 Ann Thompson and Ronald Porep  
 Erik Thompson  
 Erik Thompson - In Memory of Rev. Lloyd W. Anderson Jr.  
 Jim Kleven  
 Russ Olson  
 Steve Thompson  
 Mark and Terri Thorsland  
 Kari and Brent Torgerhagen  
 Margarita "Popo" Yamasita  
 Hellen Yowanes  
 Karen and David Zimmerman

**Awarded grants totaling \$5,112**  
 Chippewa County Family Services to support the Mentor Program which connects former and current caregivers

City of Milan to support the Syttende Mai Celebration  
 Greater Milan Initiative for:  
 A series of four free workshops to show participants how to save money on their utility bills  
 Necessary repairs to the roof and top bricks of the old Milan school building  
 Support of the Reading Room/Bookshelf Project  
 The Greater Milan Sustainable Energy Utility to provide start-up funds to staff and provide materials for the resource center and begin education and outreach programs  
 ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to:  
 Support the costs of local families to participate in the Scandinavians on the Road Family Folk School workshop  
 Support the November "Celebrating Women in Athletics" event  
 Milan Community Foundation to support its mission  
 Milan Public Library to purchase informational books on substance abuse directed at teenagers  
 Milan Village Arts School for the Spoon Gathering Festival



The Milan Community Foundation's grantmaking impacts important local projects and programs, including Milan's annual Syttende Mai Celebration where the community's heritage is celebrated with activities like the Maypole dance. Photo courtesy of Kristi Link Fernholz.

## 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.

Robert and Dawn Aamot  
 Brent Anderson and Marcia Toninato-Anderson  
 Augustin Building Construction, LLC  
 Boldt Construction  
 James Bolin  
 Brad Behrends Memorial Fund Golf Tournament Fundraising Proceeds  
 Brent J. Hogan Trucking  
 Paul and Sandra Cimmerer  
 Ronald Dammer  
 Peter and Marion Franz  
 Wennis and Joyce Franz  
 Roger and Janice Goertzen  
 Karmen Gohr and Tiffany Powell  
 Dale and Linda Gravley

Carol Harder  
 Dean and Jackie Harder  
 Ken Heide  
 Gary and Karen Hildebrandt  
 Kenneth and Glenna Joyce  
 Margaret Knutson  
 Willis and Marlene Krahn  
 Lynn and Cecelia Krueger  
 Land Title & Abstract Company, Inc  
 Mark and Kris Langland  
 Charles Lehman  
 Lee and Barbara Loewen  
 Jeremy and Mandy Lund  
 Neal and Kay Lund  
 James McDonald  
 Paul and Shelly McDonald  
 Paul and Jody Metcalf  
 Janelle Miller  
 Shawn and Kimberly Naas  
 Tammy Jo Olson  
 Scott and Robin Rahn  
 Glendeen Schroeder  
 John and Carol Schultz

Michael and Sonja Stoesz  
 Peter and Maureen Toews  
 Michael and Karla Wendt  
 Windom Mini Storage

**Awarded grants totaling \$2,000**  
 Mountain Lake High School for scholarships to two Mountain Lake High School students attending post-secondary school in 2010

**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.

T. Bennett and Doris Dickerson

**Awarded grants totaling \$2,831**  
 City of Mountain Lake to support the Mountain Lake Tree Commission

Heritage House, Inc., to support the Heritage Village of Mountain Lake  
 ISD #173 Mountain Lake to support the marching band at the Mountain Lake Public School  
 Mountain Lake Area Foundation to support its mission

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

Three Anonymous Gifts  
 David and Linda Buller  
 Harder Family Foundation Advised Fund  
 Steve and Judy Harder  
 Marycela Hernandez  
 Terri Mathiowetz  
 Mountain Lake Area Foundation Fundraising Proceeds



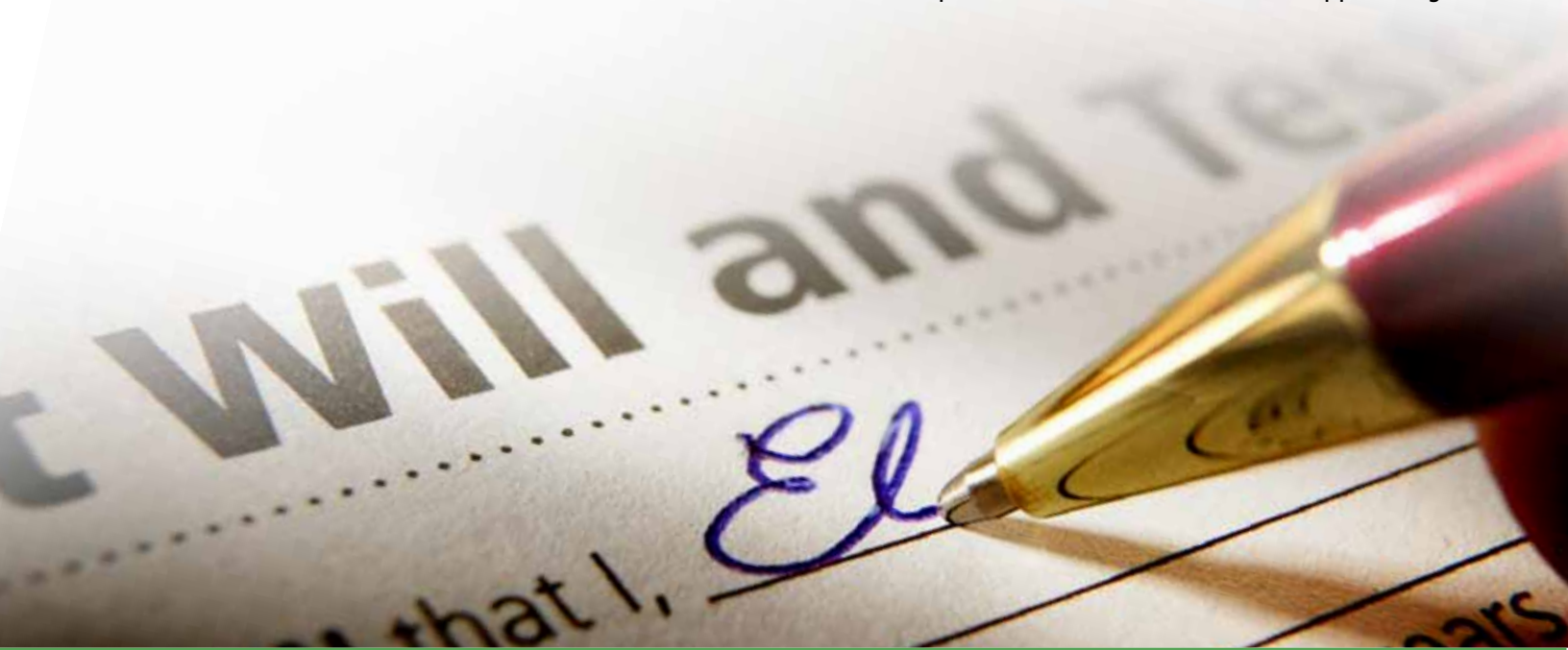
# Leaving Your Legacy

Have you considered what your legacy will be...for your family, your community and beyond?

If you've included the Southwest Initiative Foundation or any of our partner funds—including our 21 community foundation partners—in your planned giving arrangements, we'd like to know about it.

Any planned gift of any amount to our family of funds qualifies for a \$1,000 matching gift from The McKnight Foundation to our SWIF General Endowment from now through June 30, 2011.

It's as simple as a notification of your intent so please contact us at 1-800-594-9480 to help us make the most of this match opportunity!



Dolores Peters - In Memory of Arnold D. Peters  
Peterson Drug & Gifts  
James G. Sneer  
Dean and Laurie Swenstad  
Tim and Kaylene Swoboda

**Awarded grants totaling \$2,962**  
City of Mountain Lake to support the Mountain Lake Lake Commission  
ISD #173 Mountain Lake to:  
Purchase Wii Sports to run a program through Community Education  
Support Summer Recreation Scholarships at the Mountain Lake Public School  
Mountain Lake Chamber of Commerce to support the Pow Wow Parade  
Mountain Lake Public Library to support operations

**Mountain Lake Area Healthcare Foundation Fund** - A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that benefits healthcare services in the Mountain Lake area.

Florence Peters

**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.

One Anonymous Gift

**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  
James Turner

**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 \$2,027**  
Cottonwood County Historical Society, Inc., to support exhibits at the Remick Gallery for 2009-2010

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

**Awarded grants totaling \$5,000**  
Cottonwood County Historical Society to purchase a digital LCD projector, sound system, microphone system, TV and other technological equipment

## Funds that benefit Jackson County

**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 Joan Madsen  
Anonymous Family and Friends - In Memory of Pauline Diemer Seglum A & B Business Equipment, Inc.  
David and Ramona Berry - In Memory of William A. Smith and Evalyn M. Smith  
John and Becky Cselovszki - In Memory of:  
Marilyn Diemer  
Donald Whitman  
George and Collette Diemer - In Memory of:  
Marilyn Diemer  
Joan Madsen  
Alice Salentiny  
John Diemer - In Memory of Marilyn Diemer  
Edward and Colleen Freking - In Memory of Donald Whitman  
Jason and Tracy Freking - In Memory of:  
Marilyn Diemer  
Betty Hill  
Joan Madsen  
Frank Petric  
Alice Salentiny  
Donald Whitman  
Robert and Marilee Hartman - In Memory of:  
Norma Aden  
Ray Hesemann  
David and Bonnie Henkels - In Memory of:  
Joan Madsen  
Alice Salentiny  
Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation 2009 Dinner Theatre Fundraising Proceeds  
Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation Golf Tournament Fundraising Proceeds  
Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation Silent Auction Fundraising Proceeds  
Douglas and Cynthia Iverson  
Lonnie and Brenda Little - In Memory of Paula Henkels Eidhammer  
Carole Morris - In Memory of Marilyn Diemer  
Jens and Marge Olmem - In Memory of William A. Smith and Evalyn M. Smith

Cindy Owen - In Memory of:  
Ray Hesemann  
Frank Petric  
Pauline Seglum  
Herman Vangsness  
Tim and Cindy Owen - In Memory of Marilyn Diemer  
Lynn and Mary Schmid - In Memory of:  
Edith Nesseth Buhler  
Marilyn Diemer  
Betty Hill  
Doris Schmidt  
Bob and Roxy Schmidt - In Memory of Marilyn Diemer  
Jim and Patti Schneider - In Memory of:  
Marilyn Diemer  
Charles Schneider  
Dean and Judy Schumacher - In Memory of Russell Schumacher  
Minerva Smith - In Memory of William A. Smith and Evalyn M. Smith  
Southwest Star Concept School Board - In Memory of:  
Ray Hesemann  
John Zellar  
John and Judy Stenzel - In Memory of Greg Henkels  
James and Janis Stephenson - In Memory of Marilyn Diemer

**Awarded grants totaling \$10,525**  
City of Heron Lake for the Public Library to purchase new, comfortable chairs for the library meeting room  
Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation to support its mission  
ISD #330 Southwest Star Elementary to:  
Purchase Digi-walkers (pedometers) along with the comprehensive Teacher Resources to enhance student activity through physical education  
Purchase equipment needed for the Wii activities in the special education program and for use by the communities at large  
Rost Rustlers 4H Club to work with the Jackson County Historical Society to update local cemetery genealogy records, clean gravestones and display project at Jackson County Fair  
Western Community Action, Inc., to purchase a large freezer for the Heron Lake-Okabena Food Shelf to enable storage of frozen items and donations

**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.

60 Anonymous Gifts  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Evelyn Thies  
Jackson Community Foundation

**Awarded grants totaling \$2,700**  
Friends of the Jackson County Library Fund to:  
Support children and teen programs and the summer reading program  
Support its mission

**Horizons of Jackson Fund** - A related non-endowed fund of the Jackson Community Foundation that benefits the Jackson community.

One Anonymous Gift

**Awarded grants totaling \$4,129**  
Western Community Action, Inc., to support continued work toward reducing poverty in Jackson

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

Five Anonymous Gifts  
Holli Arp  
Violet Censky  
John and Dorothy Doppenberg  
Farmers & Merchants State Bank - Alpha  
Jan and Steve Fransen  
GiveMN - Give to the Max Day Matching Proceeds  
Jackson Federal Savings & Loan Association  
Kim, Chad and Erin Klassen  
Dr. Allen and Rose Krebs  
Roger and Carolyn Lind  
Roger and Carolyn Lind - In Memory of:  
Don Fiala  
Grace McDeid  
Daryl and Ann Marie Olson  
Daryl and Ann Marie Olson - In Memory of:  
Ron Harder  
Dwight Herman  
Winnie Lere

Neale Strom  
Eugene and Paula Peterson  
Richard and Kathleen Peterson  
David and Nancy Pribyl  
Brian and Kristin Resch  
"Still on the Hill" Concert Fundraising Proceeds  
Jerry and Linda Svoboda  
Dorothy Zimmerli

**Awarded grants totaling \$3,688**  
Big Buddies of Western Community Action to support its mission  
Fort Belmont Foundation to support its mission  
Friends of Jackson County Trail to support its mission  
Friends of the Jackson County Library Fund to support the Library's Summer Reading Program which provides paperback books as awards to children who reach the reading challenge goals  
Jackson Community Foundation to support its mission  
Jackson County Public Library to support the upgrades to the children's area, including replacing computers and purchasing educational materials  
Jackson Health Care Foundation to support its mission  
Western Community Action, Inc., to support Jackson Circles of Support, which provides a safe, supportive and sustaining environment for children while their parents participate in educational meetings

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

Two Anonymous Gifts  
Shirley Anderson  
Gery and Bev Arndt  
Dan Beert  
Mary Bezdicsek  
Laura Bidne  
Evelyn Brandt Casey  
Steve Condon  
David and Anne DeJong - In Memory of:  
Bud Allen  
Cindy Kotewa  
Karla Ebert  
Tami Egge  
Farmers & Merchants State Bank - Alpha



Bill Goede - In Memory of William and Alice Goede  
Lynn Gunderson  
Elizabeth Halloran  
Handevit and Anderson Law Office - In Memory of Laurence J. Whisney  
Mark Hanna  
Jackson Community Foundation  
Dan Joyce  
Jim and Sue Keul - In Memory of Milton Burud  
Michael Kuntz - In Memory of Mary Ann Kuntz  
Gail Lanning  
Paula Larson  
Marjorie Lev - In Memory of Don Lev  
Harlow and Helen Meium  
Paul and Tamara Meium  
Tamara Meium  
Todd Meyer  
Carol Neal  
Leonard Pribyl - In Memory of Mary H. Pribyl  
Brian Resch  
David and Lisa Ringkob  
Dr. Paul Roggow  
Kerri Rose

Carol Sandve  
Kay Schwieger  
Mark and Kay Steffen  
Wayne Tate  
David Tufvesson  
Mary Tufvesson - In Memory of Neil Tufvesson  
Eric and Barbara Tinnereim  
United Prairie Bank  
Ron and Kathy Vrchota  
Kari Wilkinson  
Dan Winterfeld

**Awarded grants totaling \$9,517**  
Jackson County Central Education Foundation to support its mission  
ISD #2895 Jackson County Central to: Be distributed to six classrooms to benefit students with special projects  
Equip the kitchens of Jackson County Central through support of the FFA

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

One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Duane Alberts - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Sharon Anderson - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Bank Midwest - Jackson - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Bank Midwest - Windom - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Curtis Bossert and Paula Traphagen-Bossert - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Richard and Jacqueline Cowles - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Richard and Mildred Eggimann - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Eliot Ellefson - In Memory of Doug Teigen

Donna Erickson - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
John Erpestad - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Leland and Evelyn Fransen - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Thomas Graves and Virginia Agresti - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Luke and Lori Henning - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Gregory and Jan King - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Richard Koch - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Roger and Carolyn Lind - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
MN Business Partnership, Inc.  
Timothy and Patti O'Brien - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Daryl and Ann Marie Olson - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Scott and Molly Swanson - In Memory of Doug Teigen  
Teigen Family - In Memory of Kristi Teigen

Tom and Jan Sand  
Dennis Schaeffbauer and Ann Hendershott  
Jerome and Elaine Schliep  
Cheryl and Brad Schmidt  
Carol Schmiesing  
Christine Schneider  
Darlene Schroeder  
Karen and Sherm Schueler  
Nelly Ann Sherwood  
Teresa Sieu  
Eileen Simonsen  
William Smith and Lori Park-Smith  
Lynnette Sommers

Jeffrey and LeAnn Stauffenecker  
Kay and Roger Strand  
Larry and Marilyn Stulen  
Laurie Summerland  
Neil Sussenguth and Valerie Swanson  
Dr. Tim and Barbara Swanson  
Monica Swartz  
Jimmy and Judith Terhune  
Rev. Mari Thorkelson  
James and Marilyn Tiede  
Robert and Karla Tinkenberg  
Tusa Family - In Memory of Paul Baumgarten  
James and Lori Tusa

Peter Tyke and Carol Myers - In Honor of Terry Brau  
Charles Vomacka  
Keith and Kathryn Voss  
Carol Welker and Lee Roisum  
Irene Whitmyre  
Whitney Music  
Marty and Judy Wieland  
Douglas and Mary Ann Wilkowske  
Willmar Band Boosters  
Willmar Music Matters Fund  
Fundraising Proceeds  
Willmar Musicales  
Wayne and Marilyn Zarnott

Grant and Linda Zeug

**Awarded grants totaling \$20,179**  
ISD #347 Willmar to support the music department by funding advanced placement music theory class, vocal and instrumental lessons, choral rehearsal accompanist and elementary music time for 2009-2010  
Willmar Music Matters Fund to support its mission

## 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.

Two Anonymous Gifts  
Sara and Michael Carlson  
J & D Construction, Inc.  
John C. Lindstrom  
Christopher and Beth Thorson  
Willmar Early Childhood Fund Book Sale Fundraising Proceeds  
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  
Kelly Adolphson  
Valerie Amberg  
Denis and Sandra Anderson  
Robert and Linda Anderson  
Dale and Cathy Bays  
Ken and Alix Behm  
Steven and Janae Bell  
John and Jill Benson  
William and Carol Benson  
Gordon and Lois Bos  
Brad's Plumbing of Kandiyohi, Inc.

Roger and Sharon Broman  
Glenn and Eunice Buchanan  
Cheri Buzzeo  
Erin Chambers  
Les and Renae Chermak  
John and Anne Christianson  
Ronald and Jeanine Christianson  
Fred Cogelow - In Memory of Brian Hulstrand  
Fred and Doris Cogelow  
Contemporary Study Club  
Randy and Rachel Curtiss  
James Dahl and Marilyn Rollwagen-Dahl  
Thomas and Julie De Boer  
Bruce and Phillis Deblieck  
Chloe Denison  
Chuck and Annette Derouin  
Dee Anna Dorsey  
Chris and Lara Duinink  
Mark and Sharon Eckhart  
Joanne Ellison  
John and Carol Esbjornson  
Peter and Andrea Etterman  
Mark and Janine Freitas  
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Friedrich  
Daniel and Lynn Fuglestad  
Walter and Raeanna Gislason  
John and Betty Gorans  
Gregg Hanson Charitable Foundation  
Darcy and Jon Gubrud  
John and Nancy Hafner

John and Donna Haines  
Robert and Dona Haines  
LaDonna Hallberg-Sook  
Ann Hendrickson  
Charles Hendrickson  
Michael and Mary Ann Hodapp  
Robert and Constance Hodapp  
Bruce Holmberg  
Holmgren Appraisals, LLC  
Craig and Lori Holmgren  
Eileen Huberty - In Memory of Brian Hulstrand  
G. Richard and Mary Huesing  
Gilbert and Cathleen Idso  
Louis and Joyce Johnson  
Thomas and Lynn Johnson  
Mark and Beth Johnston  
Margaret Karsten  
Thomas and Carolyn Kelleher  
Randy and Debra Klein  
Robert and Jean Koch - In Honor of Walt and Raeanna Gislason  
Jane Kochis  
Robert and Beverly Krusemark  
Elizabeth Lackore  
Lakeland Broadcasting Company  
Robert and Karen Larson  
Gregory and Jeanette Lecy  
Dr. Edward and Carmen Linden  
H. Willard Linder  
Lyle and Melissa Mangen  
Bryan and Traci Mara

Carl and Shirley Marcus  
Steven and Becky Martinka  
Donald and Marlys Mattson  
Connie VanDerBill Medin  
Dorothy Timm Meili  
Agnes Meium  
Bruce Melchert and Catherine Nilles  
Ernest and Ardyce Meyer  
Michele C. Hedlund Trust  
Brad and Suzanne Michelson  
Barton and Nancy Murphy  
Edmund and Lorel Nadolny  
Norma Jean Nelsen  
Nelson Construction Co., Inc.  
David and Christine Newcomer  
Palmer and Deloris Norling  
Northern Factory Sales, Inc.  
Janell Oelsigle  
W. Val and Kyle Parker  
Mary Jo Patton  
Mary Jo and Randy Patton  
Brian and Sherry Pearson  
Russell and Mary Merlin Pelkey  
Shirley Pettis  
Jacob and Ruth Polta  
Ruth Rand  
Roger and Dolores Rasmussen  
De Alton and Donna Rime  
John and Georgia Robino  
Carmen Rohne  
Steven and Nicole Roisum  
Dr. Robert and Dolores Rosenbrook

### In Dawson...

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

One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Gerald Michaelson  
Bethel Anderson  
Jim and Maren Bakken  
Dr. Martin and Carol Bergeland  
Myles and Karen Bergeson - In Memory of:  
Gracelyn Helgeson  
Andy Larson  
Rosie Lee  
Peter and Mercedes Bloomdahl  
Sandy and Jeff Boss  
Adam Christopher  
Class of 1940 - In Memory of Rosie Lee  
Ken and Sandy Club  
Loren and Carole Femrite  
Mahlon Femrite  
Beth Givens - In Memory of Mary Givens  
Mary Hartfiel  
James and Lois Helgeson - In Memory of Helmer and Alice Helgeson  
Terry Hermanson  
Norma Wordes Hoffbauer  
Daniel and Melrose Jamer  
Don and Judy Jamer  
Jeff and Carla Johnson  
Jon and DeAnn Lund  
Evelyn Martinson - In Memory of James H. Martinson  
Dr. Phil and Jean Maus  
Kristi Michaelson  
Pat Michaelson  
Dewayne Mickle  
Col. Wayne Moe  
Craig and Deb Moe  
Opal Nevins  
Ellsworth Olson

Dave and Peggy Pederson  
Kelly Perkins  
Jim Prestholdt  
Keith and Mary Beth Rensberger  
The Roigers  
Stanton and Sandy Smaagaard  
Valgean and Doris Stortien - In Memory of Lillian Oman  
Vivian Sundin  
Harvey and Lorraine Swenson  
Jerome and Kimberly Thompson - In Memory of Ervin and Genora Thompson  
Elwood and Gloria Thronrud  
John and Ginger Tollefon  
Beth Torstenson  
Rosalind Varpness

### Awarded grants totaling \$3,813

City of Dawson for Riverfest 2010 seating and other set-up accommodations  
Dawson-Boyd Arts Association to support the Children's Theatre production of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe"  
Dawson Community Foundation to support its mission  
ISD #378 Dawson-Boyd Public Schools for 2010 Dawson Community Foundation Essay Contest award recipient  
Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest to support Junior Achievement of Lac qui Parle County  
Lac qui Parle County Historical Society to assist with the advertising, open house and promotion of the Museum on Main Street Smithsonian Exhibit

**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.

Jerome and Kimberly Thompson - In Memory of Ervin and Genora Thompson

### Awarded grants totaling \$193

ISD #378 Dawson-Boyd towards scholarship awards within the Dawson-Boyd Schools

**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  
Anonymous Friends and Family - In Memory of Jedd Bates  
Darlene Abraham - In Memory of:  
Gracelyn Helgeson  
Connie Lien  
Dennis and Ruby Anderson - In Memory of Rosie Lee  
Lannie and Brenda Ashling  
Lannie and Brenda Ashling - In Memory of Harris Lee  
Jim and Maren Bakken - In Memory of:  
Alden Bothun  
Victoria Gitmahn  
Rosie Lee  
Ted Schmitt

Doug and Sharilyn Bates - In Memory of:  
Jedd Bates  
Rosie Lee  
Myles and Karen Bergeson - In Memory of Jedd Bates  
Lowell and Mary Berglund - In Memory of:  
Phyllis Anderson  
Jedd Bates  
Grace Borstad  
Kathryn Christianson  
Gracelyn Helgeson  
Harold Kragh  
Rosie Lee  
Vernon Ness  
Myrtle Berglund - In Memory of Jedd Bates  
John and Effie Deno - In Memory of:  
Alden Bothun  
Kathryn Christianson  
Gracelyn Helgeson  
Rosie Lee  
Kenneth and Linda Ellefson - In Memory of Andy Larson  
Lois Fenske - In Memory of Ted Schmitt  
Philip and Annabel Greseth - In Memory of Gracelyn Helgeson  
The Guest House & Cottage - In Memory of Donna Quale  
Tim and Brenda Halvorson - In Memory of:  
Grace Borstad  
Harris Lee  
Rosie Lee  
Kathy Schacherer  
Mary Hartfiel - In Memory of Kathryn Christianson  
Gracelyn Helgeson - In Memory of:  
Phyllis Anderson  
Louise Dahl  
Rosie Lee  
Lou Ella Sampson



Kathy Johnson - In Memory of:  
Jedd Bates  
Gracelyn Helgeson  
Johnson Memorial Home Residents -  
In Memory of Kathryn Christianson  
Eldon and Patricia Kragh - In Memory of:  
Jedd Bates  
Elnor Gulbrandsen  
Normax  
Lac qui Parle Mutual Insurance  
Company - In Memory of Gracelyn  
Helgeson  
David and Barbara Larson - In Memory of:  
Avis Anderson  
Ruth Anderson  
Jedd Bates  
Andy Larson  
Rosie Lee  
Selma Ness  
Vernon Ness  
Virgil Peterson  
LeRoy Unzens  
Judith Larson - In Memory of Kathy  
Schacherer  
Donald and Pat Lindblad - In Memory of:  
Phyllis Anderson  
Dale Austin  
Jedd Bates  
Alden Bothun  
Lucille Hermanson  
Rosie Lee  
Selma Ness  
Vernon Ness  
LuElla Sampson  
Kathy Schacherer  
Ted Schmitt  
Donald Thompson  
Barbara Lundquist - In Memory of:  
Kathryn Christianson  
Gracelyn Helgeson  
Wilda Kelley  
Rosie Lee  
Brad and Margaret Madsen - In  
Memory of:  
Jedd Bates  
Gracelyn Helgeson  
Rosie Lee  
Shirley Madonna Maiers - In Memory of  
Donna Quale  
Dr. Phil and Jean Maus - In Memory of  
Rosie Lee  
Dean and Joyce Pearson  
Kenwood and Diane Peet - In Memory of:  
Rosie Lee  
Lou Ella Sampson  
Gordon and Norma Powers - In  
Memory of:  
Alice Anderson

Kathryn Christianson  
Gracelyn Helgeson  
Harold Kragh  
Andy Larson  
Rosie Lee  
Donald Thompson  
Neil and Rosalie Schilling - In Memory  
of Rosie Lee  
Irene Thompson - In Memory of Eunice  
Swenson  
Jerome and Kimberly Thompson - In  
Memory of Genora Thompson  
John Tollefson - In Memory of Jedd  
Bates  
John and Virginia Tollefson - In Memory  
of:  
Welda Keeley  
Andy Larson  
Rosie Lee  
Lou Ella Sampson  
Florence Werner - In Memory of Jedd  
Bates  
Leon and Florence Werner - In Memory  
of Louise Dahl  
Michael and Beth Westby - In Memory  
of Gracelyn Helgeson

#### In Madison...

**Bernice Halvorson Scholarship  
Fund** - A related non-endowed fund of  
the Madison Community Foundation  
that provides scholarship support to  
students pursuing a degree in the field  
of education.

Bernice Halvorson Scholarship  
Fund of the Lutheran Community  
Foundation

**Awarded grants totaling \$2,000**  
Southwest Minnesota State University  
to provide a scholarship to a student  
pursuing a degree in the field of  
education

**Class of 1958 Fund for Madison  
Marietta Nassau Elementary School**  
- A related non-endowed fund of the  
Madison Community Foundation that  
benefits the Madison Marietta Nassau  
Elementary School in Madison.

John Siebenand

**Awarded grants totaling \$935**  
ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to:

Support K-4 students attending the  
musical performance "Suessical"  
in Dawson  
Support "On the Road to Hostfest,"  
which will fund the artist  
residency at Madison Marietta  
Nassau Elementary School  
and offer a variety of artistic  
experiences to students

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

David and Vicky Amundson  
Linda Anderson - In Memory of Susan  
Lee  
Baseball Auction Proceeds  
Cargill - Madison  
Stella Chester - In Memory of Susan  
Lee  
Dahle Construction Co., Inc. - Steve  
and Judy Dahle  
Erickson Chevrolet  
Farmers Co-Op Elevator Co. -  
Bellingham  
Tom and Ann Fernholz - In Memory of  
Susan Lee  
Gary Hauck  
Gary Hauck - In Memory of Susan Lee  
Phyllis Hauck  
Deborah Heaton - In Memory of Susan  
Lee  
Jean Hoover - In Memory of Susan Lee  
Robert and Janet Jette  
Jubilee Foods - In Memory of Susan  
Lee  
Gene and Mary Koosman - In Memory  
of Susan Lee  
Lac qui Parle Broadcasting Co., Inc. -  
In Memory of:  
Elferm Thole  
Susan Lee  
Lac qui Parle Co-Op Oil Company -  
Dawson  
Lac qui Parle Study Club  
Betty Lee - In Memory of Susan Lee  
Lonnie Lee - In Memory of Susan Lee  
Madison Bottling Company - In  
Memory of Susan Lee  
Madison Congregational Church  
Madison Study Club  
Madison VFW  
Maynard and Deb Meyer - In Memory  
of Susan Lee  
Minnesota Energy Resources Corp.

Brian and Karin Moen  
Harvey and Janice Moen - In Memory  
of Harold Moen  
Minerva Moen  
Greg and Kris Monson - In Memory of  
Susan Lee  
Mr. and Mrs. Clair Monson - In Memory  
of Susan Lee  
Vernon and Alyce Nelson - In Memory  
of Susan Lee  
Lester and Marlys Olson - In Memory  
of Susan Lee  
Gary and Kim Omland - In Memory of  
Susan Lee  
Janice Radach - In Memory of Harold  
Moen  
Glenn and Dee Rheingans  
Tim and Margo Roth - In Memory of  
Susan Lee  
Harry and Elizabeth Schulz - In  
Memory of Susan Lee  
Alice Shurb - In Memory of Susan Lee  
Siebenand Family  
Logan Stamp - In Memory of Susan  
Lee  
Swenson, Nelson & Stulz  
Kenneth and Marquita Thurber - In  
Memory of Susan Lee  
Art and Maxine Tostenson - In Memory  
of Susan Lee  
United Prairie Bank - Madison  
United Prairie Bank - Mankato  
Paul and Mary Wodrich - In Memory of  
Susan Lee

#### Awarded grants totaling \$24,350

CURE to secure a speaker for River  
and History Weekend at Lac qui  
Parle County Park  
ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to  
purchase equipment for the recently  
renovated weight/fitness room at  
the school  
Junior Achievement of the Upper  
Midwest to purchase curriculum  
for the classroom for Junior  
Achievement of Lac qui Parle  
County  
Lac qui Parle County Historical Society  
to scan and preserve historical  
photos to a digital media and to  
create acid-free display books and  
albums  
Lac qui Parle Players to bring the off-  
Broadway, one-woman show "180  
Days" to Prairie Arts  
Madison Community Foundation for  
Madison Baseball Field renovations

## 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 - Ivanhoe Public School  
District #403.

Ariene Adolphson  
Frank and Jeanne Bednarek  
Jason and Robin Bednarek  
Nate Bloch  
Bot Appliance & Electronics  
Bunco Club  
Steve and Diane Citterman  
Chris and Amy Clarke  
Archie and Connie Citterman  
C.J. Dahm Jr. and Patty Dahm  
DLR Group  
Donald and Mary Dombek  
Dale and Mary Dwire  
Dale and Mae Faulds  
Eugene and Alice Faulds  
Malcolm Faulds  
Rolland and Mildred Faulds  
Sharon L. Geurts  
Adam and Heather Gillund  
Guza Machine, Inc.

Stephen and Tammy Guza  
Jeanette Hauschild  
Dennis and Diane Healy  
Ivanhoe Class of 1954  
Ivanhoe Community Club  
Ivanhoe Family Pharmacy  
Ivanhoe Housing, Inc.  
Marjorie Jenkins - In Memory of Roy  
Jenkins  
Jeff and Natalie Jerzak  
Tim Jerzak  
Jill Juran  
Knights of Knowledge Study Club  
Kraus-Anderson Construction  
Company  
Kelly and Nancy Krog  
Craig and Debra Larson  
Kelly and Lynn Leibfried  
Elaine Mustari  
Jim and Jeanie Ness  
Chad and Pam Olsen  
Travis Olsen  
Paul and Beth Otto  
Adam Panka  
David and Maureen Panka  
Gene and Diane Panka  
Melissa Panka  
Michael and Rebecca Panka

Chris and Sharon Rasmussen  
Dale and Karen Richmond  
Paul Schumacher  
Bob and Kathy Seefeldt  
Allen and Colleen Sheik  
Hazel Spanton  
Allen and Jane Steffes  
Dwayne and Rita Strand  
Ken and Margaret Swanson  
Ken and Margaret Swanson - In  
Memory of:  
Ardis Berns  
Roy Jenkins  
Mary Swenson  
Ruth Torres  
Norm VanOverbeke  
Vote Yes Committee  
Harriet Weeks  
Val Whipple  
Howard and Susan Zehetner

#### Awarded grants totaling \$809

Lincoln HI High School Foundation  
Fund to support its mission  
Lincoln HI High School to purchase a  
camcorder and USB drive

#### In Lake Benton...

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

Brent and Connie Bressler - In Memory  
of Jack Burk  
Buzz and Joyce Dass - In Memory of  
Jack Burk  
Delaney Family - In Memory of Jack  
and Dorothy Delaney  
Delaney Family Farm - In Memory of  
Jack and Dorothy Delaney  
Hope Pederson - In Honor of Aldie W.  
Vick, Sheldon T. Vick and Joyce  
Vick (De Auslin)  
Rick's Welding, Inc.  
Gary and Veronica Williams - In  
Memory of Jack Burk

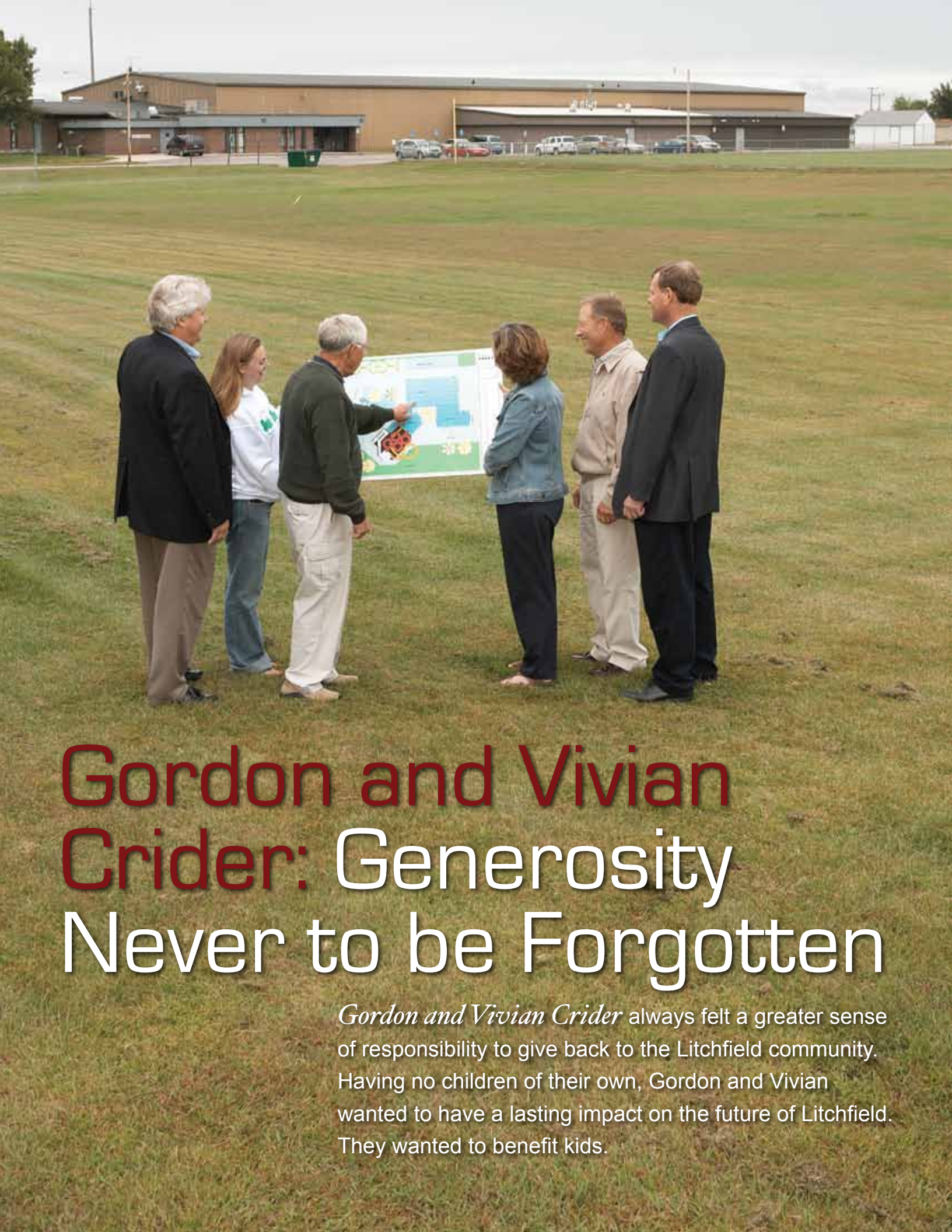
#### Awarded grants totaling \$3,500

City of Lake Benton to purchase books  
and a computer for the Lake Benton  
Library



A grant from the Lake Benton Area Foundation for new microphones helped make performances of Chicago a success at the Lake Benton Opera House.





# Gordon and Vivian Crider: Generosity Never to be Forgotten

*Gordon and Vivian Crider* always felt a greater sense of responsibility to give back to the Litchfield community. Having no children of their own, Gordon and Vivian wanted to have a lasting impact on the future of Litchfield. They wanted to benefit kids.

**Gordon and Vivian Crider lived modestly, running a small family business** for much of their adult lives. They opened Crider Cabinet Shop in 1946 in Litchfield after Gordon's discharge from the U.S. Army and marriage to Vivian. Gordon owned and operated the business until 2001 when he sold the shop to retire.

Retirement allowed Gordon to turn a lifelong career into a relaxing hobby during his later years. His cabinetry work, which was as signature as the bib-overalls he wore while crafting it, graces many homes in the Litchfield area and is a legacy itself – a legacy which Larry Jensen, Gordon's attorney, is quite familiar.

"Gordon was a very humble, modest man and a fine craftsman who took tremendous pride in his work," shared Larry. But Gordon and Vivian had plans to leave a greater legacy through their estate plan.

Following Vivian, who died in 1991, Gordon passed away in October 2009. Upon his passing, their estate left a significant gift to the Litchfield community through the Litchfield Area Community Foundation (LACF). Through their gift, Gordon and Vivian left their mark on a future project that will touch many lives.

The potential project – an outdoor water park currently in the planning stages – was an idea that had long been on the community's wish list. Gordon and Vivian's approximately \$480,000 gift to LACF will act as the lead gift to an overall \$2.5 million project, helping to make the wish a very distinct reality.

Gordon and Vivian also supported other charities through their estate, leaving gifts to the Alzheimer's Research Center, Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Food for the Poor, Inc.

While it's apparent they cared about several organizations across the U.S., they cared most for their community. Gordon and Vivian had a vision to jumpstart a project that will provide enjoyment to children in the Litchfield area for years to come.

Lorraine Whitcomb, a family friend and personal representative for the estate, recalled how later in his life, Gordon began to think about how he and Vivian would be remembered.

"Gordon always said, 'Life's sure funny. You live, you work, you die and you're forgotten.' He didn't want to be forgotten," reflected Lorraine during the public announcement of this gift.

LACF and the Litchfield community will make sure that doesn't happen. The Criders' incredible generosity will be remembered each time a family visits the water park and sees the permanent recognition of their legacy. The community spirit Gordon and Vivian carried during their lifetimes will live on in children's splashes, laughter and smiles.

Lorraine is already smiling, saying with certainty, "Gordon is up in heaven looking down on us...and I'm sure his bib-overalls are just bursting with pride."



*Gordon Crider crafted a legacy through fine cabinetry work, but he and wife Vivian had plans to leave behind something even greater for their community.*





**After raising enough money to replace the outdated set with newer and safer equipment, volunteers with the Balaton Area Community Foundation assemble the new playground in Lion's Park.**

ISD #404 Lake Benton to replace the pea rock on the surface of the new playground in front of the school with engineered wood fiber  
 Lake Benton Area Historical Society to: Provide Inter-Generational History Learning course to the sixth grade class at Lake Benton Public School  
 Send World War II Veterans on Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., to visit the WWII Memorial and other memorials  
 Lake Benton Opera House, Inc., to upgrade the sound system and

stage and enhance the theater experience with improved clarity of dialogue and lyrics

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

Lois Andersen - In Memory of Arvin "Ben" Andersen  
 Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
 Beck Agency - Kullen Stanek

Jerald and Ricke Bly  
 Jerald H. Bly  
 John and Margaret Bornhoft  
 Melvin Bornhoft  
 Lennie Burckhardt  
 Christianson Crop Insurance - Terry and Shawna Christianson  
 Christianson Farm Machinery, Inc.  
 Danebod Lutheran Church  
 Buzz and Joyce Dass - In Memory of: Doug Hess  
 Donna Larsen  
 Geneva Rasmussen  
 Jack Schueller  
 L.J. Serie

Jean Stefansen  
 Barb Swanson  
 Joyce and Arnold Dass  
 Larry and Kathy DeBoer  
 Christopher and Amy Determan  
 Sherman and Jane DeZeeuw  
 Clair and Deanna Drake  
 Elizabeth Duncan  
 Mark and Sandy Enemark  
 First Farmers & Merchants National Bank  
 First Security Bank - Lake Benton  
 Greg Goodmund  
 Merle and Shirley Hansen  
 Lyle and Dona Hanson

Trent and Jackie Hess  
 Carl Holmquist  
 Hope Mutual Insurance Company  
 Cilla Hughes - In Memory of Doug Hess  
 Don and Cilla Hughes - In Memory of Opal Christensen  
 Leland Isenberg  
 Roger and Julie Isenberg  
 Henry and Sharon Jacobsen - In Memory of: Doug Hess  
 Willmar Jensen  
 L.J. Serie and Donna Larsen  
 Barb Swanson  
 Jerry and Joan Jagt  
 John M. (Jack) Johnson  
 Jon Miles Johnson

Kevin and Dan Johnson  
 Jorgensen Financial Services  
 James and Carol Kopel  
 Byrl and Karen Koster  
 Kelly and Robin Knudsen  
 Allen Lund  
 Brad and Jolene Lund  
 Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative  
 Curtis and Darla Madsen  
 Harald Madsen  
 Maynards Food Center of Tyler  
 Thomas and Carolyn Mundt  
 Daryl and Kathy Neels  
 Craig Norgaard  
 Tim, Stacy, Shae and Teigyn O'Leary  
 Tim, Stacy, Shae and Teigyn O'Leary - In Memory of Doug Hess  
 Ines Peter

Earl and Verona Petersen  
 Petersen Law Office  
 Dale and Joy Schak  
 Daniel and Joann Schak  
 Shirley Schnell - In Memory of Leon Schnell  
 Ryan and Kathy Schreurs  
 Robert and Brenda Sichmeller - In Honor of Boyd and Donna Landsman  
 Skiver Car Show/Log Cabin Drive Inn  
 Leon and Diane Sorensen  
 Southwest Insurance Service  
 State Farm Companies Foundation - In Honor of Kelly Knudsen  
 Stephens Funeral Services, Inc.  
 Charlie Swenson and Sonja Lund  
 Mike and April Thomas

Steve Thomsen  
 Tyler Community Chest  
 Tyler Kiwanis Club  
 Tyler Lion's Club  
 Tyler Oil Co.  
 Tyler Wholesale, Inc.  
 Nancy and John Utoft DDS  
 Gary and Veronica Williams

**Awarded grants totaling \$217,767**  
 Tyler Area Community Foundation to support its mission  
 Tyler Golf Club for clubhouse remodeling so it may serve as a recreational asset in the community

## Funds that benefit Lyon County

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

Four Anonymous Gifts  
 Rosie Acton - In Memory of Enoch and Donna Swanson  
 Phyllis Ahlschlager  
 Balaton Chamber of Commerce - Fun Fest Committee  
 Balaton Elementary School  
 Balaton Elementary School Student Activity Fund  
 Ron and JoAnn Borchert  
 Chester Johnson Charitable Trust  
 Roland and Caroline Dobberstein  
 Craig and Ann Gifford  
 Wallace and Linda Gullickson - In Memory of Hazel Nash  
 Evan and Pamela Johnson  
 Lora Johnson  
 David and Gayle Kaup  
 David and Gayle Kaup - In Memory of Keith Anderson  
 Bruce and Sara Larson  
 Lions Park Playground Equipment Fundraising Proceeds  
 Cynthia Livingston  
 Ken and Audrey Miller  
 Ralco Nutrition, Inc. - Knochenmus Family  
 Thomas and Mary Ann Rolloff  
 Del and Pat Rutz  
 Adeline Scharfe  
 JoAnn Schultz  
 The Schwan Food Company  
 Ron and Connie Schwartau  
 Kevin and Donna Sletten  
 Daryl and Geneva Swan

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Swan  
 Francis and MaryKay Timmerman  
 John and Stella Tutt  
 Shirley Wendland  
 Willis and Joan Wendland  
 Lyle Wichmann  
 Theresa M. Zaske  
 Theresa M. Zaske and Penni Spaid

**Awarded grants totaling \$7,808**  
 Balaton Area Community Foundation to support its mission  
 Balaton Colonial Manor for upgrades in the resident rooms to enhance the feeling of home  
 City of Balaton for the new playground equipment at Lion's Park in Balaton

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

One Anonymous Gift  
 Dan and Linda Baun  
 William and Annette Curwick  
 John Hansen  
 Mike Henle  
 Lee and Norma Raske  
 Larry and Dawn Schiavo Family  
 The Schwan Food Company  
 Frank and Mitsue Shindo  
 Mike and Sue Snodgrass  
 Gary and Wendy St. Aubin  
 Paul and Joanne Stoneberg  
 Joel and Colette Tubbs  
 Van Der Hagen, Skogrand & Associates  
 Theresa M. Zaske and Penni Spaid

**Awarded grants totaling \$4,022**  
 Arc of Minnesota Southwest for the People First group of Lyon County as they grow in numbers and become financially independent  
 City of Marshall to cover the cost of asphalt to fill approximately 100 potholes with Marshall Community Foundation's logo spray painted on them to build awareness  
 Girl Scouts of Minnesota & Wisconsin River Valleys to subsidize the cost for girls in Marshall and surrounding communities to participate in the Girl Scout Swim Team program  
 Marshall Community Foundation to support its mission

**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  
 Affiliated Community Medical Center  
 Joseph and Catherine Amato  
 Bank of the West  
 Bremer Bank - Marshall  
 Clifford Jr. and Margie Dahl - In Memory of James E. Polesky  
 Emily Deaver  
 Betsy Desy and Charles Kost  
 Dr. John and Betty Mae Feda  
 Friends of Marshall-Lyon County Library  
 Gemelke Family - In Memory of Tom Gemelke  
 Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys  
 Mark S. Goodenow  
 Wayne Hanson

Jim and Deb Hey  
 Daniel and Michelle Hilfiker - In Memory of James E. Polesky  
 Arlyss Hovland  
 Joseph and Jennie Hulsizer  
 Johansson Sales & Service - Lars and Lena Johansson  
 Dennis and Cheryl McChesney - In Honor of Jackie Zerr  
 MDU Resources Foundation  
 Midwest Aviation  
 Tim and Judy Moberg  
 Northwestern Farm Management Co. - Randy Sook  
 Christine M. Olson - In Memory of Gabriel  
 David and Marcia Patterson  
 Michael and Arlene Rich  
 Right Angle Research, LLC - In Memory of David Steely  
 Brad and Patty Roos  
 Mr. and Mrs. William Schaeffer, Jr.  
 Daniel and Mary Snobl  
 Stoneberg, Giles & Stroup, P.A.  
 Walter and Sharon Strangman  
 David and Gwen Sturrock  
 Jim and Gloria Swartz  
 Tim and Donna Swenson  
 Will and Candace Thomas  
 True Value of Marshall  
 U.S. Bancorp Business Equipment & Finance Group  
 Tom and Janet Vandendriessche  
 Wells Fargo  
 Wells Fargo Foundation

**Awarded grants totaling \$250,000**  
 Marshall-Lyon County Library for architectural and related construction costs for the new library



## Funds that benefit McLeod County

### In Hutchinson...

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

### Awarded grants totaling \$500

Hutchinson Area Dollars for Scholars to support its mission

### Hutchinson Community

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

One Anonymous Gift  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Margaret Knutson  
3M Company  
Jay Beytien  
Burich Foundation - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Citizens Bank & Trust Co. - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Walt and Lynne Clay - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Donald and Cathy Donahue - In Memory of Jay Beytien  
Dr. John and Gail Gillard  
GiveMN - Give to the Max Day Matching Proceeds  
Goebel Fixture Co., Inc.  
Virgil Goebel - In Memory of Fred and Harvey Goebel  
Jon and Renee Hantge - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Jan and Gretchen Haukos - In Memory of Jay Beytien  
Mary Henke  
I.J. Burich Family Foundation - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
John and Julie Ingleman - In Memory of Kay Peterson

Kiland Family Trust - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Dr. Kent Kuball  
Glen "Clancy" Kurth  
David Ladd - In Memory of Maxine Ladd  
Don and Marlyce Lee  
Norman and Sandra McGibbon - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
John Miller DDS - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Dr. Steven and Evelyn Mulder  
Greg and Mary Peller - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Bob Peterson - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
James and Virginia Prochnow - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Tim and Melanie Remple  
Dr. Cris and Linda Remucal  
Sherry and Bruce Ristau - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
John and Nancy Rodeberg - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Dr. George Smith - In Memory of Jay Beytien  
Marguerite K. Smith - In Memory of Jay Beytien  
Stearns Foundation, Inc. - In Memory of Bob and Rosie Stearns  
Dr. Eugenio and MA. A.R. "Babi" Siruno - In Memory of Kay Peterson  
Timothy and Sheila Ulrich  
Timothy and Sheila Ulrich - In Memory of Jay Beytien  
Kay Peterson  
Donald and Susan Waiser  
Joanne Clay Willmert - In Memory of Jay Beytien  
Lydia Brinkman  
Kay Peterson

### Awarded grants totaling \$25,129

Crow River Arts, Inc., to purchase a portable microphone system and projection screen to be used at events

Crow River Drumline Association to purchase a quality performance floor for the Phoenix Drumline  
Historical Hutchinson to support the downtown mural in memory of Kay Peterson  
Hutchinson Jaycees for the replacement of the playground structure in Riverside Park  
ISD #423 Hutchinson to provide newspapers, in partnership with the *Hutchinson Leader*, to local teachers and students for educational purposes  
McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence to upgrade computer technology  
McLeod County Historical Society to upgrade the museum's website to ensure the ability to research, share and collect McLeod County history with anyone in the world  
United Way of McLeod County to support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program in McLeod County

### Hutchinson Hospice Endowment

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

Diana Anderson - In Memory of Linda Hillmann  
Steve and Marsha Frauendienst - In Memory of Laura Schiro  
GiveMN - Give to the Max Day Matching Proceeds  
Reed Kaping Family - In Memory of David Hoff  
Mike and Laura Kuvaas - In Memory of Dr. Floro Arive  
Liz Maiers - In Memory of David Hoff  
Marge and Bret Nelsen - In Memory of David Hoff  
Dr. Cris and Linda Remucal - In Honor of Mary Burich

### In Litchfield...

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

One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Donald L. Johnson

Sherry and Bruce Ristau - In Memory of David Hoff

### Awarded grants totaling \$591

Birchwood Hospice House to support operations of The Mary Burich House

### Hutchinson Independent School District #423 Foundation Fund

- A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Hutchinson Community Foundation that provides perpetual and immediate support to the Hutchinson Independent School District #423.

Sarah and Jeff Baumgartner  
Blackboard Review DVD Fundraising Proceeds  
David and Anne Broderius  
Brad and Nancy Gapp  
Jefferey and Marlys Hoeft  
Fern Hoff  
Hutchinson ISD #423 Foundation Fund Fundraising Proceeds  
I.J. Burich Family Foundation of the Minnesota Community Foundation  
Joyce Johnson  
Ralph and Geri Johnson  
Glen and Ginny Kegley  
Dr. Kent Kuball  
John and Lena Mowlem  
Charles and Betty Nielsen  
Mark and Bernice Reinke  
Sue Ruzicka  
Becky Stromley  
Timothy and Sheila Ulrich  
Daron and Lori VanderHeiden  
Wells Fargo - On Behalf of John and Lena Mowlem

### Awarded grants totaling \$847

Hutchinson Independent School District #423 Foundation Fund to support its mission

Anderson Chemical Company  
Jim and Betsy Ellingson  
Chuck and Sue Fenton  
Leland and Brenda Fredman  
Larry and Ann Jensen  
Joann Johnson  
Michael Johnson  
Reed Kaping Family - In Memory of Darrel "Frank" Kaping Sr.

Nancy Lee Kaping  
Roland "Pete" Luthens  
Liz Maiers  
Richard and Norma Marquardt  
Jean Palm McIntosh - In Memory of Sidney and Irene Palm  
John Mueller - In Memory of Ronald Schmidt  
Muhit Rahman and Anna Nolen Rahman  
Randy Reinke - In Memory of: Henrietta Anderson  
James Anderson Family  
Don Johnson  
Brenda Rick  
Marlin and Dee Schutte

Sibley Dental Suite, PLLC  
Garth Sparboe  
Daryl and Nancy Wattenhofer

### Awarded grants totaling \$3,575

City of Litchfield to support the T.R.A.I.L. Project  
Forest City Township for initial startup operations for a new subsurface sewage treatment system, which will bring imminent health threat and non-compliant systems into conformance  
Litchfield Area Community Foundation for the community water park project

Meeker County to purchase material to finish the general store, newspaper office and an addition to the blacksmith shop at Forest City Stockade

### Litchfield Early Childhood Fund

- A related non-endowed fund of the Litchfield Area Community Foundation that benefits children ages birth to 5 in the Litchfield area.

Litchfield Early Childhood Coalition

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

Two Anonymous Gifts  
Affiliated Community Medical Center  
Don Bergerson  
Don and Janet Bergerson  
Dr. David and Sharon Detert  
Judith Dufrey - In Memory of: George A. Marshall  
David Thompson  
Marcia Boline Zinter  
Gen. John W. and Gloria A. Foss - In Honor of the Foss Children  
Richard and Norma Marquardt

## 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.

Seven Anonymous Gifts  
Ryan Beers  
Tim and Tina Bengtson  
Tina Bengtson  
Tarry Boelter  
Tarry and Sally Boelter  
Nancy Boerboom  
Lynn Buldhaupt  
Mark and Jannette Carlson  
Janet Cuperus  
Maxine Gaul  
Trish Grieme  
Paul Haberman  
Perry and Stacey Hegstad  
Stacey Hegstad  
Larry and Sharon Henderson  
Sharon Henderson  
Janet Herrig  
Steven and Kristin Jones  
Christine Larson  
Jason and Christine Larson  
Murray County Central Paraeducators  
Lucille Paden - In Honor of Fredrick Soetebier  
Sherry Robinson  
Sherry Robinson - In Honor of Janeane, Madeline and Kate Robinson  
Mark Schleisman  
Mark and Donna Schleisman  
James Wajer  
James, Becky and Drew Wajer  
Brenda Whitehead  
Cal Wurpts  
Cal and Kathy Wurpts  
Joan York

### Awarded grants totaling \$898

Murray County Central Rebel Foundation to support the Murray County Central Public School District

### Murray County Early Childhood

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

Twenty-seven Anonymous Gifts  
Kevin Anderson  
Maureen and Kevin Anderson  
Marvin Arneson  
Avoca Spray Service  
Lorna Bader  
Al Bakke and Nancy Skjong-Bakke  
Bank Midwest - Westbrook  
David and Suzanne Bau  
John and Mary Beech  
Karen Beers  
Ryan Beers  
Robert and Peggy Bennett  
Diane Bergerson  
Justin and Tara Berreau  
Marcy and Aaron Berritt  
Chad Berry  
Bisbee Plumbing and Heating  
Charles and Susan Blackmer - In Memory of our Parents  
Dan Blankenship  
Fredric and Phyllis Bloemendaal  
Darla Bly  
Mark and Nancy Boerboom  
Karen Bonde  
Michael Bonstetter  
Ruth Bonstetter  
Penny and Todd Boock  
Borch's Sporting Goods  
Joseph and Julie Borssard - In Honor of our Grandchildren  
Brenda Bose

Mary Jo Bose  
Audrey and Daniel Braun  
Jerry and Harriet Braun  
Eric Brockberg  
Val Brown  
Bruning Construction - In Memory of Floyd Bruning  
Jim and Lynn Buldhaupt  
John Burman  
John and Suzanne Burman  
Irving and Judy Busman  
Berdena Buys  
Caribbean Tan and Consignment  
Canton Bookkeeping and Tax Service - Cheryl Johnson  
Darwin and Sandy Carlson - In Honor of Jane Streff  
Eric and Elizabeth Carlson  
Gary and Marilyn Carlson  
Keith Carlson  
Kevin Carlson  
Marion Carlson  
Roger Carlson  
Roger and Kim Carlson  
Twyla Carlson  
Carlson's Northside Service, Inc.  
Janice Caster  
Michael and Carol Ann Chapman  
Jeff, Nikki and Kyle Cheskie  
Brian and Jodi Christensen and Family  
Brian and Bonnie Christiansen  
Doran Christophfels  
Ronald and Kathryn Engler  
Stephen and Janet Ciesielski  
Lonnie Clark  
Katie Clarke  
Rick and Diane Clercx  
Community Creations  
Comer Salon by Traci  
Jeannette Coudron Lillberg  
Creative Three, Inc.  
Currie State Bank  
Currie State Bank Employees  
Currie Town and Country Boosters, Inc.

L.F. and J.A. Dahl  
Sarah and Eric Dahlgren  
Stanley Dahlgren - In Memory of Dennis Carlson  
Chris and Nora Dahlhoff  
Julie and Craig Dahlhoff  
Dan Conway Construction  
Dave Bassett Trucking  
Davis Typewriter Co., Inc.  
Dean and Debra De Greeff  
Troy and Kim De Greeff  
Kristen and Dana Deacon  
Joyce Den Hartog  
Joan Deslauriers - In Memory of Ed Deslauriers  
Lucille Deslauriers  
Diane Devereaux  
Diane's Café and Catering  
Brian and Cindy Dierks  
Dennis and Jessica Doeden  
Patti Dold  
Double S Slayton Pizza Ranch  
Wayne and Heidi Drealan  
Dumos Construction  
Keith and Roxanne Dumos  
Gerald Earl  
Jean Eich  
Ronald and Janelle Einck  
Diane and Mark Ellens  
Nicole Elzenga - In Honor of John and Christina  
Energy Services Group  
Ronald and Kathryn Engler  
David and Michelle Erickson  
Ronald and Pamela Erickson  
Chad and Heidi Felton  
First National Bank - Pipestone  
Shelly Ford  
Reed and Kathy Forster  
Frontier Telephone  
Karl and Julie Frovarp  
Fulda Free Press  
Wayne Funk  
Mary Kay and Dale Galles

## 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.

Michael Field  
Lutheran Community Foundation - Stanley and Edith Holmquist Estate

Scott and Donna Whitcomb - In Memory of Irma Magnuson

### Awarded grants totaling \$84

Grove City Area C.A.R.E. to support its mission



- |  |                                    |                                    |                                      |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Gary's Service                           | Amy Hoglin                         | Beth Kaufman                       | Rita Lear                            |
| Gene's Sporting Goods                    | Mary Homan                         | Jim and Sue Keul                   | Katie Leclair                        |
| Craig and Amy Gertsema                   | Mike and Esther Homandberg         | Shawn King                         | Gerald and Mary Leonard              |
| Sandra Gersema                           | Randy and Karen Honermann          | Linda Kirchner                     | Monogram Meat Snacks                 |
| John and Jane Giese                      | Dale and Judith Horn               | Linda Kirchner                     | Leon and Marilyn Mortland            |
| Greg and Jody Gillette                   | Jon and Ruth Hoyne                 | KL Communications, Inc.            | Siebe and Mary Muller - In Memory of |
| James and Carolyn Gillette               | Fred and Jody Hudson               | Gerald and Iris Klein              | Minnie Fience                        |
| Chester and Idalia Ginn                  | Doc and Betty Hughes               | Darrell and Cynthia Kleve          | NAPA                                 |
| GL Sports                                | Jeffrey and Lorna Hulstein         | Scott and Barbara Kleve            | Charles and Margaret Nelson          |
| Steve and Karla Gleis                    | Thomas and Paula Hunstad           | Margaret Kluis                     | Dale Nelson                          |
| Dennis and Sue Graphenteen               | Millie Hurley                      | Ralph and Bev Knapp                | Ruth Nelson                          |
| Nate Graphenteen - In Honor of Brynn     | The Hut of Slayton                 | Ken and Marlys Knuth               | Ruth Nelson - In Honor of Sean       |
| and Tanner Graphenteen                   | IDE@S - John Cowan                 | John Knutson                       | Solheim                              |
| Great Clips - Karen Schmitz              | Sue Isder                          | Glen and Patricia Kramer           | Thomas and Linda Nelson              |
| Great Plains Sports, LLC                 | Bonnie and Donald Jacob            | Phillip and Brittany Kramer        | Nepp Sales and Service, Inc.         |
| Jeffrey and Patricia Grieme              | Blaine Jacobson                    | Adam and Wendy Kremer              | Craig Nissen                         |
| Dawn and Randy Groves                    | Jail and Bail Fundraising Proceeds | Pat Kremer                         | Greg Nolting                         |
| Robert and Connie Haberman               | Mary Jans                          | Pat and Lisa Kremer                | Marvin and Theresa Nystevold         |
| Hadley Steel, Inc.                       | James Jeans                        | Randy and Kim Kremer               | Jane Olsem                           |
| Haecherl Construction                    | Joann Jefson                       | Carol Koster                       | Onken Backhoe Service, Inc. - Mike   |
| Paul and Diane Hall                      | Jim Oslund Construction            | Ryan and Lisa Kruger               | and Lyle Onken                       |
| Barbara Hammer                           | Calvin and Gail Johnson            | Jennifer Krumwiede                 | Karen Onken                          |
| Chris Hansen                             | Chris Johnson                      | Krumwiede Motorsports              | Ken and Betty Onken                  |
| Doug Hansen and Luann Jacobsen           | Johnson Control                    | Darwin and Terese Kruse            | Stacey and Jason Overgaaauw          |
| Hansen                                   | Daniel and Nicole Johnson          | Leon and Lorie Kruse - In Honor of | Page 1 Printers                      |
| Scott and Julie Hartle                   | Dave Johnson                       | Lauren and Logan Stoel             | Parker Plumbing and Heating          |
| Ardis Haughen                            | Dennis Johnson                     | Theodore and Marcia Kunze          | Debra and Jody Penoyer               |
| Lauret and Daniel Hauptert - In Honor of | Douglas Johnson                    | Rita Lambert                       | Alyssa Peterson                      |
| Keagen Wiekeraad                         | Johnson Floor Sanding              | Rita and Richard Lambert           | Darrell Peterson                     |
| Hefty Seed Co.                           | James and Diane Johnson            | Laraway Roofing, Inc.              | Jan Ann Peterson                     |
| Steve Henke and Nancy Peltola            | Eric Jones                         | D.M. Larson                        | Lisa Peterson                        |
| Todd Hieronimus                          | Daniel and Lillian Kampa           | Evelyn Larson                      | Mark and Kathy Peterson              |
| Marcy Hoekman                            | Amy Kathman                        | Larson Family                      | Michael and Lisa Peterson            |
|  |                                    | Joseph Larson                      | Patrick Peterson                     |
|  |                                    |                                    | Doug and Nancy Lee Pierson           |
|  |                                    |                                    | Travis and Daisy Pierson             |
|  |                                    |                                    | Dorothy Pike                         |

- John and Mary Ellen Moline  
Robert and Wanda Moline  
Monogram Meat Snacks  
Leon and Marilyn Mortland  
Siebe and Mary Muller - In Memory of  
Minnie Fience  
NAPA  
Charles and Margaret Nelson  
Dale Nelson  
Ruth Nelson  
Ruth Nelson - In Honor of Sean  
Solheim  
Thomas and Linda Nelson  
Nepp Sales and Service, Inc.  
Craig Nissen  
Greg Nolting  
Marvin and Theresa Nystevold  
Jane Olsem  
Onken Backhoe Service, Inc. - Mike  
and Lyle Onken  
Karen Onken  
Ken and Betty Onken  
Stacey and Jason Overgaaauw  
Page 1 Printers  
Parker Plumbing and Heating  
Debra and Jody Penoyer  
Alyssa Peterson  
Darrell Peterson  
Jan Ann Peterson  
Lisa Peterson  
Mark and Kathy Peterson  
Michael and Lisa Peterson  
Patrick Peterson  
Doug and Nancy Lee Pierson  
Travis and Daisy Pierson  
Dorothy Pike

- Jason and Nikki Platt  
Gary and Betzy Plotz  
Pro Cellular  
R & L Miller Farms  
Heidi Rachuy  
Red Wagon Antiques and Farm Toys  
Heidi Rohloff  
Jean Runkle  
Gene Rupp  
Kenneth and Sharon Rupp - In Memory  
of Dieckmann and Rupp Family  
Members  
John and Anita Ruppert  
Ruppert Oil  
Hubert and Marilyn Sandmann  
Sara Lee  
Gary and Nancy Sauder  
Michael and Karen Sawatzky  
Schaap Sanitation  
Julie Schleisman  
Troy Schneekloth  
Kevin and Joyce Schrier  
Schurr Concrete  
Doug Schurr and Katrina Gillette  
Clarence and Kimberly Scott  
Scott's Appliance, Inc.  
Julie Seifert Kautz  
Shades of Green, Inc.  
Kent and Connie Shea  
Earl Sheppard  
Eugene and Margaret Short  
Sid's Signs on Broadway  
Doug Sieve  
John Sievers  
Gregg and Tina Slaathaug  
Slayton Building Materials, Inc.

- Slayton Electric  
Slayton Firemans Relief Association  
Slayton International, Inc.  
Gregory and Diana Slotten  
Peggy Smith  
Mel and Camille Snow  
Southwest Minnesota Concrete  
Cindy Sparb  
Steve and Michelle Steffe  
Timothy and Christine Steigauf  
Chantelle Stelten  
Eileen Stephenson  
Steve's Alignment and Repair  
Steve's Auto Body and Glass, Inc.  
Arlyn and Sandra Stokesbary  
Sussner Construction  
Michael and Margaret Svensson  
Staci Sweetman  
Leann Syring  
Cindy Telkamp  
Terry Tentinger  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
Foundation - In Honor of Arlyn and  
Sandy Stokesbary  
Scott and Kim Tollinger  
Karen Tommeraasen  
Dr. C.J. and Karen Torbert  
Totzke Funeral Home  
Trails Edge General Store  
Linda Tucholke  
Wilfred and Joan Tucholke  
Vaaler Insurance, Inc.  
Sarah Valenzula  
Darren and Jackie Veldhuisen  
Ivan Vogel  
James and Janet Voges

- Janet Voges  
Jane Vothersm  
John and Marlene Wajer  
Richard and Mary Jo Wajer  
Steve and Nancy Walter  
Cindy and Greg Wasberg  
Douglas and Tami Wendt  
Nancy Wells  
Thomas and Brenda Whitehead  
Troy and Connie Wieneke  
Betty Wilcoxin  
Elton and Linda Wing  
Keith and Connie Winter  
Kim Winter  
Scott and Heidi Winter  
Ann Witzel  
Woitaszewski Abstract and Title, Inc.  
Daniel and Amy Woldt  
Calvin and Kathy Wurpts  
Xcel Energy  
Joan York  
Jeffrey and Rose Zens  
Marilyn Zinnel  
Michael and Susan Zins

**Awarded grants totaling \$11,000**  
ISD #2169 Murray County Central  
to support the hiring of an Early  
Childhood Coordinator  
Southwest Regional Development  
Commission Region 8 to support  
the Murray County Early Childhood  
Initiative's 2010 programming



**Volunteers with the Murray County Early Childhood Fund support their local coalition and impact their youngest citizens by hosting an annual Jail and Bail event where willing community members are "arrested" and held until they make bail by soliciting donations to the fund from friends, neighbors and colleagues.**

## Funds that benefit Nobles County

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

One Anonymous Gift  
Lismore Cooperative Telephone Company

**Awarded grants totaling \$9,362**  
Lismore Area Community Foundation to support the park improvement project

**In Worthington...**  
**C.P. and Mary B. Schmidt Family Endowment Fund for Worthington Westminster Presbyterian Church** - A related fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits Westminster Presbyterian Church in

Worthington.  
**Awarded grants totaling \$74**  
Westminster Presbyterian Church to support youth programs

**C.P. and Mary B. Schmidt Family Endowment Fund for Worthington Regional Healthcare Foundation** - A related fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits the Worthington Regional Healthcare Foundation.

**Awarded grants totaling \$74**  
Worthington Regional Health Care Foundation for nursing scholarships

**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 \$532**  
Catholic Charities Diocese of Winona to help provide essential clothing to those in need in Worthington through the "Wear It Again" emergency clothing mission  
Worthington Area YMCA to purchase and install an automated touchpad timing system for the Stingray Swim Team

**Freese Family Advised Endowment Fund** - A fund that benefits Worthington and the southwest Minnesota area.

Jim and Linda Balk - In Memory of Norma Freese

- Neil and Kitty Conover - In Memory of Norma Freese  
Bodie and Amy Deuschle - In Memory of Norma Freese  
Doug and Donna Getzel - In Memory of Norma Freese  
Rich and Juanita Gunderman - In Memory of Norma Freese  
Don and Linda Harvey - In Memory of Norma Freese  
Beatrice Honkomp - In Memory of Norma Freese  
Denny and Deb Johnson - In Memory of Norma Freese  
Amie and Shirley Kazemba - In Memory of Norma Freese  
Jason Kruger - In Memory of Norma Freese  
Hazel Martinson - In Memory of Norma Freese  
Tom Martinson - In Memory of Norma Freese  
Craig and Karen Pfeifer - In Memory of Norma Freese



Shannon and Clea Rickert - In Memory of Norma Freese  
 Randy and Sue Simonson - In Memory of Norma Freese  
 Steve and Teri Timmons - In Memory of Norma Freese  
 Jerry and Beve Vajgrt - In Memory of Norma Freese  
 Nancy Wiese - In Memory of Norma Freese  
 Keith and Jean Wilson - In Memory of Norma Freese

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

Jeffrey and Sharon Johnson - In Memory of LaVonne Lillie  
 Conrad and Judy Schmidt - In Memory of Mary Krummen  
 Ron and Renee Ubl

**Awarded grants totaling \$776**  
 Hospice Cottage, Inc., to support its mission

**Robert and Florence Wolff Memorial Advised Endowment Fund** - A related fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits youth in the Worthington area.

**Awarded grants totaling \$1,066**  
 Cultural Awareness Organization for the 17th Annual International Festival to expose children to games, stories, arts and foods of various cultures  
 Manna Food Pantry, Inc., to support costs associated with mailing books to pre-school children through the Imagination Library program

**Robert J. and Betty Demuth Family Endowment Fund for St. Mary's School** - A related fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that benefits St. Mary's School in Worthington.

Robert J. and Betty Demuth

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

Four Anonymous Gifts

Jeff and Sharon Johnson - In Memory of Jim Bargman  
 Worthington Area Early Childhood Development Fund Fundraising Proceeds

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

Doug and Marcia Anton  
 Virgle Buck - In Memory of Joyce "Joy" Buck  
 Greg and Cindy DeGroot  
 Robert J. and Betty Demuth  
 First State Bank Southwest - In Honor of Alvin Kooiman  
 First State Bank Southwest - On Behalf of Randy Thompson  
 Ron and Winora Hallstrom  
 Jeffrey and Sharon Johnson  
 Jeffrey and Sharon Johnson - In Memory of LaVonne Lillie  
 Alvin and Alvina Kooiman  
 Gordon J. and Dorothy Orde  
 Curt and Shirley Pietz  
 John and Patricia Remme  
 Russell and Janet Rickers - In Memory of Sterling Johnson  
 Conrad and Judy Schmidt  
 Conrad and Judy Schmidt - In Memory of Joyce "Joy" Buck

Arnold and Elna Sexe  
 Mark and Marcia Shepherd  
 Dr. Randy Simonson  
 Darrell and Mary Jo Stitt  
 Herbert R. Stromquist  
 Randy and Tara Thompson  
 Maynard and Jeanine Townswick  
 Beve and Jerry Vajgrt  
 Wal-Mart Foundation - Worthington  
 Mike Woll  
 Worthington Area Christian Ministerial Association

**Awarded grants totaling \$2,544**  
 Friends of the Auditorium, Inc., to purchase a new Color Digital Document System to enhance quality of printed materials  
 Historic Worthington, Inc., to help tell the story of the Historic Dayton House through a series of carefully planned interpretive strategies  
 Lake Okabena Improvement Association to host a lake area spring clean-up and to purchase buoys to mark hazards in the lake  
 Worthington Area Foundation to support its mission  
 Worthington Chamber of Commerce to restore the Peace Avenue of Flags which will display the flags of each country represented in the community

## Funds that benefit Pipestone County

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

41 Anonymous Gifts  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Con Aubert  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Gordon Hunstad  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Robert L. Palmer  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Earl R. Perkins  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Hazel Popma

Wayne and Karen Amdahl - In Memory of Laurie Fritz  
 Mark and Debra Benz - In Memory of Butch Benz  
 Paul Fellows  
 Tom and Gerry Harper  
 Hartquist Funeral Chapel, Inc.  
 George and Mary Dee Hicks  
 Jasper Bus Service, LLC  
 Ingrid Lange  
 Steven and Peg Lange  
 Lange's Café  
 Bruce Linnemeyer  
 Ivan (Ike) Madsen  
 Mary Lohmann McElroy  
 Kevin Paulsen - In Memory of Bernice Bobendrier  
 Sally Eischens  
 Dale Swanson

Helen M. Perkins - In Memory of Earl R. Perkins  
 Pipestone High School Class of 1969 - 40th Reunion Gift  
 Pipestone Livestock Auction Market, Inc.  
 Pipestone Publishing Company, Inc.  
 Priester Bus, Inc.  
 LaVonne Hansen Sorenson - In Memory of Lauren P. Sorenson  
 Dale Winter

**Awarded grants totaling \$84,907**  
 Pipestone Area Community Foundation to support its mission  
 Pipestone Area School District to purchase a scoreboard

Pipestone Chamber of Commerce for clerical help to assist in promoting the community  
 Pipestone County Historical Society to support the Civil War Days Committee  
 Pipestone Four Winds Association to support the Rendezvous event at the former Hiawatha pageant grounds  
 Pipestone Performing Arts Center to support the Opland Singers  
 Pipestone School District to support Meinders Community Library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Project  
 Pipestone Senior Citizens Center to support its mission

## Funds that benefit Renville County

**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.

Two Anonymous Gifts  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Honor of Ken Anderson  
 Paul and Amy Albrecht  
 Kenneth Anderson - In Honor of: Levi Anderson  
 Wayne Baumgardt Family  
 Pastor Bobbi Bell  
 Brian Broderius Family  
 Buffalo Lake Area Business Association  
 Buffalo Lake Fire Department and Ambulance Service  
 Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart FFA  
 Rick Clark Family  
 Kris Dascher, Buffalo Lake Class of 1978

Brad Dobberstein Family  
 Heidi Michelle Eidem  
 David Hansen Family  
 Keith Johnson Family  
 Kingery Family  
 Kluver Family  
 Eileen Koeberl Family  
 Gena Koeberl  
 Lt. Col. Alan Koenig, Buffalo Lake Class of 1975  
 Bradley Koenig, Buffalo Lake Class of 1972  
 Kurt Kottke Family  
 James R. Lemmer  
 Dr. Glenn Lewis  
 Sigfred Lundgren Family  
 Chris, Bridget, Hatti, Elisabeth, Jack, Louise and Frederick Alexander Matzdorf  
 Minnesota FFA Foundation  
 Wally Nelson Family  
 Brad Oldre Family  
 Laurie Peterson's Seniors "Shine in 2009"  
 Nancy Dascher Redden, Buffalo Lake Class of 1980  
 Allen Schmidt Family  
 Heidi Smith and Family

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Stewart  
 Swedlanda Lutheran Church  
 Isaac Eugene Totenhagen  
 Chuck Wattnem Family  
 Jared Winkelmann Family  
 Leon Witter Family  
 Kenneth Anderson - In Memory of: Mrs. Charles Erickson  
 Roger Mueller  
 Kermit Olson  
 Dorothea Peterson  
 Audrey Torgerson  
 Kent and Tamarah Anderson Family - In Memory of Janet B. Anderson  
 Buffalo Lake Community Fund  
 Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Public School Foundation Advisory Board - In Honor of Buffalo Lake-Hector Class of 2010  
 Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Public School Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
 Buffalo Lake High School Classes of 1946, 1947, 1948 and 1949  
 Julianne Isaacson - In Memory of Janet B. Anderson  
 Bradley Koenig - In Memory of Bob and Marge Koenig  
 Gary and Pat Kubly - In Memory of Janet Anderson  
 Dr. Glenn Lewis - In Memory of Mary Singher  
 Marvin and Eleanor Michelson  
 Rueben and Donna Nordin  
 Sandy Pettit - In Memory of Ervin Rath  
 Curtis and Marian Sampson  
 Chad and Jennifer Schmalz - In Memory of Isabella Wothe  
 Michael Smith and Heidi Dascher-Smith  
 Allen and Marie Walter  
 Marilyn Richards Wilson - In Honor of Buffalo Lake Class of 1948

**Awarded grants totaling \$56,566**  
 Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart School Foundation to: Recognize the graduating class of 2010  
 Support its mission  
 ISD #2159 Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart to: Purchase a computer for students with vision and multiple

impairments  
 Purchase a study carrel and darkening shades for grades 6-12 special education  
 Purchase aerobics software for the kindergarten classes  
 Purchase agricultural welding books for the metal fabrication class for grades 9-12  
 Purchase and install a projector  
 Purchase library materials for RTI/Title 1 Words their Way Classroom  
 Purchase materials for the Art Education Program  
 Purchase rhythm sticks, drums and rattles for drum circles for grades K-5  
 Purchase SMART Boards for use in classrooms  
 Purchase two Apple iPads for student use  
 Purchase "We Both Read" leveled books  
 Support "Jump Start," a summer school program for K-4 students  
 Support the construction of dugouts at the baseball field  
 Support the second grade After School Intervention Program

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

One Anonymous Gift  
 Altimate Medical, Inc.  
 Dan and Linda Baun  
 Robert and Patricia Bennett - In Memory of Emie Smith  
 Julie Bentson  
 R.J. and D.D. Bidingier  
 Carol (Hogan) Billmeier  
 Carl and Angie Colwell  
 Jeanne Colwell  
 John Colwell  
 Shirley Dove - In Memory of Lucille Wolter  
 Ed Downs Memorial  
 Grace Mary Ederer

Richard Farmer and Ida Gatfield - In Memory of Otto Bucholz  
 Bernard and Joan Frank  
 Leon Greenslit  
 Tom and Barb (O'Neil) Greenslit  
 Mr. and Mrs. James Grzyb - In Memory of D. Glenn Ofsthun  
 Harvest Land Cooperative  
 Dan Hennen - In Memory of Lucille Wolter  
 John and Rita Hunt  
 Joseph and Lois Jensen  
 Ronald and Margaret Keller  
 Charles and Brenda Koerner  
 Allen and Jackie Kokesch  
 James Litch - In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Litch  
 James and Pauline Litch - In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Litch  
 LeRoy Lothert  
 Bennie and Deborah Mammen - In Honor of our Family  
 Minnwest Bank, M.V.  
 Morton Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau  
 Morton Area Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
 Morton Area World Day of Prayer  
 Richard and Delores Nelson  
 Craig and Joyce Neuenburg  
 Ralph and Jo Ann O'Brien  
 Richard and Alice O'Donnell - In Honor of Fred M. Colwell and Stephen F. O'Donnell

Sue Ann O'Neil - In Memory of Marvin and Hazel O'Neil  
 John and Sandy Seehausen  
 John and Janice Squibb - In Honor of Margaret and Bert Greenslit  
 Francis and Patricia Tisdell - In Memory of Marvin and Hazel O'Neil  
 Gary and Karen Toren - In Honor of Vernon and Marion Greenslit  
 Twin Cities and Western Railroad Company  
 Harry and Jane Weilage  
 Steven and Stephanie Zimmer - In Honor of Howard and Lucille Shaw

**Awarded grants totaling \$833**  
 City of Morton to support local seniors and youth  
 Morton Area Community Foundation to support its mission



# Farmland Retention Program

Did you know that SWIF can accept gifts of farmland and retain the land as an asset so it can continue to be farmed while benefiting our region and communities?

Through our Farmland Retention Program, we can provide you a vehicle for giving that preserves one of the greatest natural assets of southwest Minnesota - farmland.

Benefits of a gift of farmland include:

- Your land stays local in the hands of SWIF and tended to by local hands
- Your land remains functional as farmland
- Your land provides your lasting legacy for the community and region
- You receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of the property
- You bypass all capital gains tax

One donor recently chose this option for their more than 200 acres of farmland because they wanted the tenant who had been farming the land to continue doing so. And, they wanted to make a gift that would benefit the entire region. SWIF now owns the land and upholds the lease agreement with the current tenant.

Let us be your partner in accomplishing your charitable goals through a gift of farmland!

## Funds that benefit Swift County

### In Appleton...

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

Eleven Anonymous Gifts  
Richard and Yvonne Anderson  
Appleton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Appleton Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
Appleton Economic Development Authority  
Appleton Lions Club  
Farmers & Merchants State Bank - Appleton  
Gary Hendrickx Agency  
GiveMN - Give to the Max Day Matching Proceeds  
Liebe Drug Stores  
The Martinson Foundation  
James and Sydney Masseur  
Jon Panzer  
Prairie Playhouse Child Care, Inc.

Prairie Sun Bank  
Thomas Rice  
Roland Schmidt - In Memory of:  
Violet "Brownie" Anderson  
Cleone Brustuen  
Doris Koosmann  
Marianne Schmesing  
Ritchie and Mary Sue Voorhees  
West-Con  
Wojtalewicz Law Firm, LTD

**Awarded grants totaling \$20,098**  
Appleton Ambulance Relief Association to purchase a Stryker powered ambulance cot  
Appleton Area Chamber of Commerce to create a sense of community pride by hanging flower baskets along Main Street  
Appleton Municipal Hospital & Nursing Home to renovate the courtyard for the residents of the nursing home  
Appleton Stewardship Initiative for a leadership training series

City of Appleton for construction of the 150-foot Appleton Memory Trail in Riverside Park to provide a wheelchair-accessible route from the city sidewalk to an area directly in front of the band shell  
ISD #2853 Lac qui Parle Valley to: Purchase a Promethean board for both first grade classrooms at the Appleton-Milan Elementary School

Purchase equipment for the newly upgraded weight/fitness room  
Sponsor two Child Guides, one serving Appleton-Milan Elementary and the other serving Madison-Marietta-Nassau Elementary  
Support Camp Buckskin, a camping experience for students ages 6-16  
Upgrade Appleton A's Baseball equipment and support field maintenance and repair

Lac qui Parle Valley Dollars for Scholars to support the Dollars for Scholars program

**Appleton VFW Post 4955 Flags of Honor Memorial Endowment Fund** - A related fund of the Appleton Community Foundation that perpetuates the Appleton VFW Post 4955 Flags of Honor Memorial.

Ruth Anderson - In Memory of Harold Heinecke  
Jeff and Kristin Funderburg

### In Benson...

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

Four Anonymous Gifts

John and Linda Chatten - In Memory of Ramon Millett  
Yvonne Connolly - In Memory of Thomas C. Connolly  
Karen Evenson  
FibroMinn, LLC  
Grant and Hege Herfindahl  
Dr. Michael and Julie Holte  
Paul and Jan Kittelson  
Chuck and Marie Koenigs  
Chuck and Marie Koenigs - In Memory of:  
Mildred Hanson  
Ramon Millett

KSCR/KBMO Radio - Paul Estenson  
Frank and Pam Lawatsch  
Richard and Jan Lundebrek  
Richard and Jan Lundebrek - In Memory of:  
Dennis Cronen  
Joraan Forbord  
Ramon Millett  
Marguerite J. Rodahl  
George Vanderwyst  
State Bank of Danvers  
State Farm Companies Foundation  
Andrea Thomson - Edward Jones Agency

Lee and Jennifer Westrum

**Awarded grants totaling \$3,000**  
Minnesota Extension Service in Swift County to purchase sewing equipment to be used for the 4-H program  
Northside Elementary for an Apple iPad to assist disabled students and provide an instrument to help them see, hear and communicate  
Swift County Human Services to: Support the Get Up & Get Active Project which will focus on

individuals who have been certified disabled through Social Security or the Minnesota State Medical Review Team and receive Medical Assistance and also those individuals who have health and wellness needs  
Support the Health Recreation for Children with Mental Health Concerns Project for children ages 4-18 with an open Children's Mental Health Case with Swift County Human Services

## Funds that benefit Yellow Medicine County

### In Canby...

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

Canby Area Retired Educators Association (CAREA)  
Canby Firemen  
James and Cynthia Cleveland - In Memory of:  
Anna Armitage  
Ted Fairchild  
Christine Nelson  
Ronald Nelson  
Amanda Sievert  
Wayne Tol  
Wilma Yackley

Dakota Wind - Ben Thorson Memorial Scholarship

Esther Harms Trust - In Memory of Wesley and Esther Harms

Farmers Co-Op Association - In Memory of Virgil Merrill

Douglas and Margaret Frazier - A New Leaf

Reid and Danelle Frazier - A New Leaf

Gerry and Marcia Gingles - In Memory of Debbie Bredeson

Lois Hanson - In Memory of Milt Hanson

Michael Klinkner and Jolene Wagner - In Memory of Donald Wagner

Joe Kolbach  
Richard Larson - In Honor of Richard J. Larson and Leone M. Keene

Bonnie (Kubiszewski) Longtin and Rhonda (Doom) Weidert

S.A.A.  
Mark and Marlene Wagner - In Memory of:

Donald Wagner  
Wilma Yackley

Mathew and Kari Wagner - In Memory of Donald Wagner

### Awarded grants totaling \$21,164

Canby High School for scholarships to Canby High School graduates attending post-secondary school

**Canby Community Scholarship Endowment Fund** - A related fund of the Blue and Gold Foundation that benefits students of the Canby area.

One Anonymous Gift  
Craig and Barbara Allison  
Sharon Budahl Avery  
Marian Bach  
Birk Family, Ben and Kelley Nemitz, Odean and Sarah Thorsteinson and Tony Birk

Canby High School Class of 1960 - In Memory of Paulette (Janiszewski) Behnke

Canby High School Class of 1961 - In Memory of Linda (Johnson) Richardson

Canby High School Class of 2009

DeLon and Ann Clarksean  
Kevin and Vicki Cummings

Timothy and Sheryl Curran  
Ziad El-Bteddini

Mark and Carol Hruby  
Jeff Jeremiason

Greg and Linda Kockelman  
Kathy Larson - In Honor of Marilyn Hanson

Milo and Judy Larson - In Memory of:

Morris Melby  
Gwen Miller

Richard Larson - In Honor of Richard J. Larson and Leone M. Keene

Gary Maas - In Honor of David Maas  
Bjorn and Margot Monson

Nancy Atkins Moore  
Robert and Charlotte Pohlen - In

Memory of CHS '74 Classmates  
Rotary Club of Canby

Alan and Julie Saltee  
Sioux Valley Regional Health Services  
Marchita Smeby  
Southwest Insurance Agency, Inc. of Canby - In Memory of Kathy Clark  
Dean and Jane Stoks - In Memory of Joan Simonton  
Dr. John W. Streff  
Glenyce Peterson Vangness - In Memory of Marlys and Parents  
Ron Wicklace - Diversified Financial Group  
Roger and Karen Wollum

**Laura Miller Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund** - A related fund of the Blue and Gold Foundation created in memory of Laura Miller that benefits students of the Canby area.

Glady's C. Miller Estate

### Awarded grants totaling \$221

Canby High School for a scholarship to a Canby High School graduate attending post-secondary school

### In Clarkfield...

**Clarkfield Area Charter School Fund** - A non-endowed fund that benefits the Clarkfield Area Charter School.

### Awarded grants totaling \$528

Clarkfield Area Community Foundation to support its mission

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

Erling and Stena Anderson  
Ron and Hallie Anderson  
Ron and Hallie Anderson - In Honor of Clarkfield High School Class of 1949  
Bethel Art  
B-C-H Enterprises  
Gary and Marj Becker  
David and Roselyn Biermaier  
Rodney and Barbara Bruffat - In

Memory of:  
Audrey Hill  
Lillian Larson  
Clarkfield Area Charter School Fund  
Consumers Co-Op Oil Company  
Crop One, Inc.  
Ronald and Jill Doty - In Memory of LuVerne and Joanne Grinager  
John Driscoll - In Memory of Jack Lynner

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Enevoldsen  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Enevoldsen - In Memory of Pat Helegran Lundy  
F & M Bank and F & M Insurance  
David and Jacqueline Fields  
Charles and Florence Flett - In Memory of Charles and Rose Flett  
Gary and Susan Fritz  
Dennis and Mary Jo Haaland  
Haaland Furniture and Cabinet Company

Sheldon and Margery Haaland - In Memory of Jewell and Josie Haaland  
Robert and Marilyn Hanson  
Geri Heimark - In Memory of Robert S. Heimark  
Michael A. Helgeson  
Michael and Jennifer Kirkeby  
Doris Koenen



Listul Seeds  
 John and Marlys Londgren  
 James and Arlene Lynner - In Memory of Ed Lynner  
 Maury Miller  
 Dr. Pat and Annette Patel  
 Richard and Elaine Petersen  
 Elaine J. Sandager  
 Robert and Peg Schlenner  
 Berdette and Linda Schoep  
 Schoep & McCashin Law Firm - Alexandria  
 Blanche Simpson - In Memory of Dewayne Simpson  
 Harry and Pam Smith  
 Harry and Pam Smith - In Memory of Alice Smith  
 Curt and Rosie Sorum  
 Kirk Stensrud  
 Larry and Ann Stensrud  
 Larry and Ann Stensrud - In Memory of Pat Lundy  
 Larry and Ann Stensrud and Barb and Rodney Bruflat - In Memory of Alton Rysdahl  
 Grant and Becky Velde  
 Oscar and Phyllis Waller  
 Paul Wilson  
 L. Sherman and Joyce A. Winson

**Awarded grants totaling \$2,754**  
 City of Clarkfield to support the Summer Recreation Program

Clarkfield Area Community Foundation to support its mission  
 Clarkfield Care Center to purchase a specialty Hi/Low Bed  
 Clarkfield Community Library to purchase books and media materials for use by Clarkfield area children  
 Clarkfield Lions Club to improve the playground equipment at Valhalla Park  
 ISD #4172 Clarkfield Area Charter School to purchase picnic tables  
 Yellow Medicine County 4-H to support youth development and leadership projects

**In Granite Falls...**

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

American Legion Auxiliary #69  
 John and Mary Austgen  
 Craig and Heidi Bakkelund  
 Paul and Barbara Benson  
 Leslie and Susan Bergquist  
 John and Margaret Bjorge  
 Gene and Sharon Buchholz  
 Merald and Barbara Buchholz

Elroy and Nita Burgeson  
 Darrell and Hazel Carter  
 Albert and Susie Chu  
 Rose Dahl  
 Tom and Tammy Edman  
 James and Coleen Ford  
 Avis Freitag  
 Avis Freitag - In Memory of Ardis Fischer  
 James and Lorene Fromm  
 Ron and JoAnn Fromm  
 GiveMN - Give to the Max Day Matching Proceeds  
 Granite Falls Bank and F & M Insurance  
 Granite Falls Knights of Columbus  
 Granite Family Eyecare  
 Granite Grinder and Café  
 Earle and Bonnie Gustafson  
 Ruby Halverson - In Memory of Russell Halverson  
 Scott and Peggy Heglund  
 Mark and Robin Henderson  
 Mark and Robin Henderson - In Memory of:  
 Ardis Fischer  
 Barb Johnson  
 Jason and Molly Hoff  
 Gene Huth  
 Eldoris Hustad - In Memory of Oscar and Alice Leyse  
 Marlene Ims  
 Michael Juenemann, CPA

DuWayne and LaVonne Koenen  
 Gary and Patricia Kubly  
 Spencer and Peggy Kvam  
 Robert Lecy  
 Cecilia Minelli - In Memory of Phil Minelli  
 Karen Norell  
 Marvin and Evelyn Olson  
 Jason and Teresa Peterson  
 Picht's Body Shop, Inc.  
 David and Elizabeth Reimer  
 Carol Ryan  
 Paul and Pat Sheggeby  
 David and Cindy Smiglewski  
 Lee Ann Smith  
 Star Financial and Marketing, Inc.  
 Allen and Leanne Stoeckman  
 Dwayne and Rita Strand  
 Shirley Thom  
 Tjosvold Equipment, Inc.  
 Upper Sioux Community  
 Cynthia Velde  
 Linda Virnig  
 Luverne and Evonne Vosberg

**Awarded grants totaling \$113**  
 Granite Falls Historical Society to purchase metal shelves and acid-free storage materials for use in storage room

# Take Your Passion to Action

Giving may seem like an easy topic to talk about. It's something most of us could agree is important. But giving may be more difficult to actually do. With many competing priorities, our time, energy and resources can seem strained. What would our region look like without passionate people like Sandy and Peggy Ludeman, Dr. Phil and Jean Maus and Gordon and Vivian Crider?



**Liz Maiers**  
 Development Officer



**Nancy Fasching**  
 Grants Officer

Sandy and Peggy take a big-picture approach to their giving, supporting the entire southwest Minnesota region. Gordon and Vivian thought far beyond their lifetimes, hoping to be remembered for leaving a lasting legacy in Litchfield. Phil and Jean care about meeting their community's needs now and into the future.

All three couples took different approaches to their giving but they share a few things in common. They all made commitments to give generously for the benefit of others. They all made a difference in southwest Minnesota. And, they all made it happen through the Southwest Initiative Foundation.

Our tools for giving can meet nearly any philanthropic goals. Our passionate and knowledgeable staff are ready to provide the technical support that allows you to focus on what you truly care about. Whether you have a specific idea or just want to explore options for your charitable dollars, we're able to help you every step of the way—from raising funds to grantmaking.

Without dollars coming into SWIF's General Endowment, program funds and fund partners, we wouldn't see dollars distributed to worthy causes throughout the region. Grantmaking does more than meet important regional and local needs. It's also a way to celebrate the positive impact felt by sharing a vision, sound planning and working together as leaders and volunteers.

If you'd like to see your name in next year's edition of *Looking Forward, Giving Back*, contact us at 1-800-594-9480 or check out our online resources at [www.swifoundation.org](http://www.swifoundation.org). Together, we can take your passion to action and celebrate the result.



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