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# Looking Forward, Giving Back

FISCAL YEAR 2008

Meet the people who are

*making a difference*

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,

Each and every one of us has countless opportunities to give of our resources, which makes this publication of “Looking Forward, Giving Back” so special. The names of the men, women, families, businesses and organizations included here represent not only our list of donors in Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008), but also the people who are making a difference in southwest Minnesota.



As president and board chair of the Southwest Initiative Foundation, we believe that each and every gift, regardless of the amount, is an important investment in the place we call home. Our communities and region have so much to offer—our excellent quality of life, variety of thriving businesses, and multitude of opportunities for youth, families and older adults are second to none.

As we look forward, we know the future of southwest Minnesota holds even greater potential because of the people who support the work of the Foundation.

Those listed throughout this booklet have chosen to give of their financial resources to the people and communities of this great region. We are honored that the Southwest Initiative Foundation is their vehicle for philanthropy. It can be yours, too. As you read the inspiring stories about giving and look through our list of donors, we hope you will consider your part in “Looking Forward, Giving Back.”



We have the tools and resources to help you achieve your charitable goals. We'd love to partner with you through a community foundation fund that allows local leaders to build an endowment for their community, a donor-advised fund that helps families collaborate in their giving decisions or our general endowment fund that meets the changing needs of our region. We're ready to continue our story of excellence in southwest Minnesota together.

On behalf of our entire region, thank you for supporting southwest Minnesota!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherry E. Ristau".

Sherry E. Ristau, President/CEO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Freese".

Wayne Freese, DVM, Board Chair



# Gustavo Estrada: Making a Difference Little by Little

*Gustavo and Ann Estrada* give within their means knowing their contributions add up to make a big impact on southwest Minnesota.

“Little by little, you can get a lot,” Gustavo Estrada of Marshall said when referring to his annual gifts to the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) General Endowment. It is a heartfelt belief based on his positive experiences with SWIF and the recognition that giving what you can, when you can, is an excellent way to help people and provide for the region.

Gustavo and his wife, Ann, have given consistently during the past eight years to SWIF’s General Endowment. They’ve made a conscious decision to give within their means in support of causes that are important to them. Gustavo is quick to point out that each gift may be small in monetary terms, but that he is confident it is making a difference. Their dedicated giving fits into the bigger picture of the general endowment and connects directly to SWIF’s role within southwest Minnesota.



Gustavo noted how SWIF has changed—and in his words, improved—throughout the years. This is due in large part to the general endowment, which allows the Foundation to set its priorities based on the changing needs and opportunities of the region.

“The Southwest Initiative Foundation says, ‘We need something here. Let’s work. Let’s go do it,’” Gustavo said, noting that he appreciates the Foundation’s “can-do” attitude.

Gustavo lives by the same mantra by taking action when he sees challenges and opportunities for people in his community. His position as a minority advocate at the Marshall Public School allows his passion for youth and education to flourish while helping students, families, school staff and teachers understand each other and work toward a common goal of high school graduation and secondary education. That passion also connected him to the work of SWIF.

Gustavo—as a former SWIF loan committee member, Marshall Early Childhood Initiative coalition member and grant recipient—has seen firsthand the many ways in which SWIF carries out its mission in southwest Minnesota.

*Annual gifts to the Foundation allow Gustavo and Ann Estrada to support their community and region in a powerful way.*

Gustavo and Ann moved to Marshall in 1996 and have been making an impact on the place they call home ever since. Ann said she never imagined she’d end up back in her hometown, but its size and safety make it an attractive community, while Gustavo added that the friendly, good-hearted people make it a desirable place to live.

Gustavo has five children, ages 4 to 22, and both he and Ann agree that Marshall is a great place to raise a family, which is their top priority. Despite having three young, active children who require much of their time and resources, Gustavo and Ann feel compelled to support SWIF and its work.

“When you give something, you can receive something back,” Gustavo said.

By partnering with SWIF, Gustavo and Ann are giving what they can, little by little, knowing their investment will help the region in a very big way and yield great returns for the community of Marshall and southwest Minnesota.

**It is with great appreciation** that we recognize the individuals, businesses and other funding partners listed on the subsequent pages for their generous contributions and grants for the SWIF's Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008).

We believe this list to be accurate and complete; however, if we have inadvertently omitted your name, please accept our sincere apology and contact us as soon as possible to ensure that we update our records. Together, we are making a difference in the 18 counties of southwest Minnesota!

## Funds that benefit the 18 counties of southwest Minnesota

**Paul and Alma Schwan Aging Trust Endowment Fund** – An endowment fund that was created to maximize the social and economic contributions of elders throughout southwest Minnesota by keeping them well and engaged in community life.

Russell and Janet Rickers  
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**Southwest Minnesota Student Enrichment Endowment Fund** – An endowment fund that was created to benefit youth in southwest Minnesota through a variety of enrichment programs and activities.

David and Kyong Ae Paskach

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

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# GROWING *Home* CIRCLE

**SWIF Growing Home Circle Charter Phase Membership** – A membership circle that honored individuals, organizations and businesses that contributed \$1,000 or more to the SWIF General Endowment during the charter phase of the campaign (July 1, 2004—June 30, 2006) to help SWIF meet the Phase V challenge from The McKnight Foundation. Gifts were matched dollar-for-dollar by McKnight and these donors will forever be recognized for their generous and visionary gift to the Foundation.

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**SWIF Program - Early Childhood Initiative and Minnesota Thrive Initiative**

– A non-endowed resource that receives program gifts from various supporters to help the Southwest Initiative Foundation deliver its Early Childhood Initiative and the Minnesota Thrive Initiative in southwest Minnesota that work to ensure our youngest children have the best possible start, and have a healthy life of learning, achieving and succeeding.

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**SWIF Program - Economic Advancement Initiative**

– A non-endowed resource that receives program gifts from various supporters to help the Southwest Initiative Foundation deliver its Economic Advancement Initiative, whose goal is to leverage the economic assets in the region that support broad-based prosperity and diversify the region's enterprises.

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– A non-endowed resource that receives program gifts from various supporters to help the Southwest Initiative Foundation deliver its Entrepreneurship Initiative that facilitates and supports regional resources to assist and invest in entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial ventures.

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**SWIF Program - Parish Nurse**

– A non-endowed resource that receives program gifts from various supporters to help the Southwest Initiative Foundation fund parish nurse projects in southwest Minnesota. Parish nursing utilizes an innovative model of care that promotes holistic wellness for people of all ages.

One Anonymous Gift

**SWIF Program - Renewable Energy**

– A non-endowed resource that receives program gifts from various supporters to help the Southwest Initiative Foundation advance its efforts in renewable energy that optimize wealth retention in the region, connect the region's current and future workforce to career opportunities in renewable energy and facilitate regional discussion and advocacy for renewable energy.

Kevin and Kari Becker  
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## Funds that benefit multiple counties in southwest Minnesota

**Chippewa River Watershed Project Endowment Fund**

– An endowment fund that was created to benefit the Chippewa River Watershed Project of Montevideo.

Kylene Olson

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– A non-endowed fund that was created to provide financial assistance to team members of Jennie-O Turkey Store and its subsidiaries and divisions in emergency or hardship situations.

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**Minnesota Educators of the Gifted and Talented (MEGT) Fund**

– A non-endowed fund that was created to benefit Minnesota's gifted and talented youth.

Minnesota Educators of the Gifted and Talented  
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**Prairie Ecology Bus Center Fund**

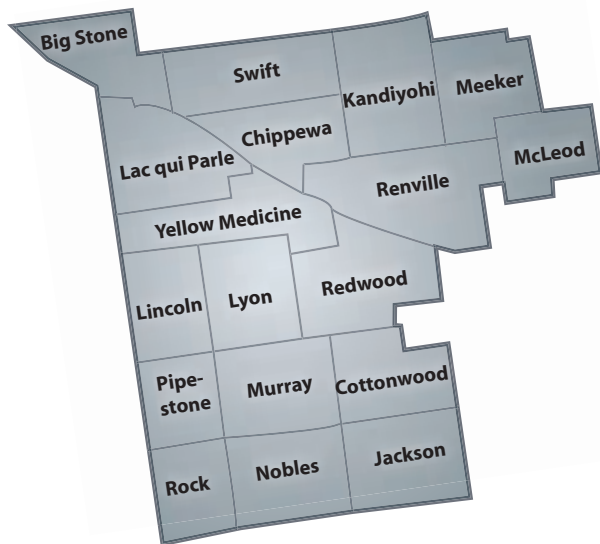
– A non-endowed fund that was created to benefit the Prairie Ecology Bus Center of Lakefield, which serves 20 counties in southwest Minnesota and beyond.

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# Ways to Support Southwest Minnesota

*Our mission...*

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



**One of the key assets** in southwest Minnesota is the philanthropic spirit of its people. Many individuals and organizations find that creating a designated fund at the Southwest Initiative Foundation is a straightforward, flexible and effective way to facilitate their unique charitable giving goals. The Foundation has a variety of options available:

An **Agency Fund** is one that is established to benefit one or more specific organizations. Common examples are school districts, historical societies and hospice facilities.

**Community Foundation Funds** allow donors to make gifts to SWIF and designate them for use in their communities. After an extensive organizing process, a local advisory board oversees fundraising and grantmaking activities.

A **Designated Grant Fund** supports specific established programs, either in one community or throughout the region.

**Donor-Advised Funds** may be created by an individual or a family and allow named advisors to provide ongoing input to the Foundation about annual grants.

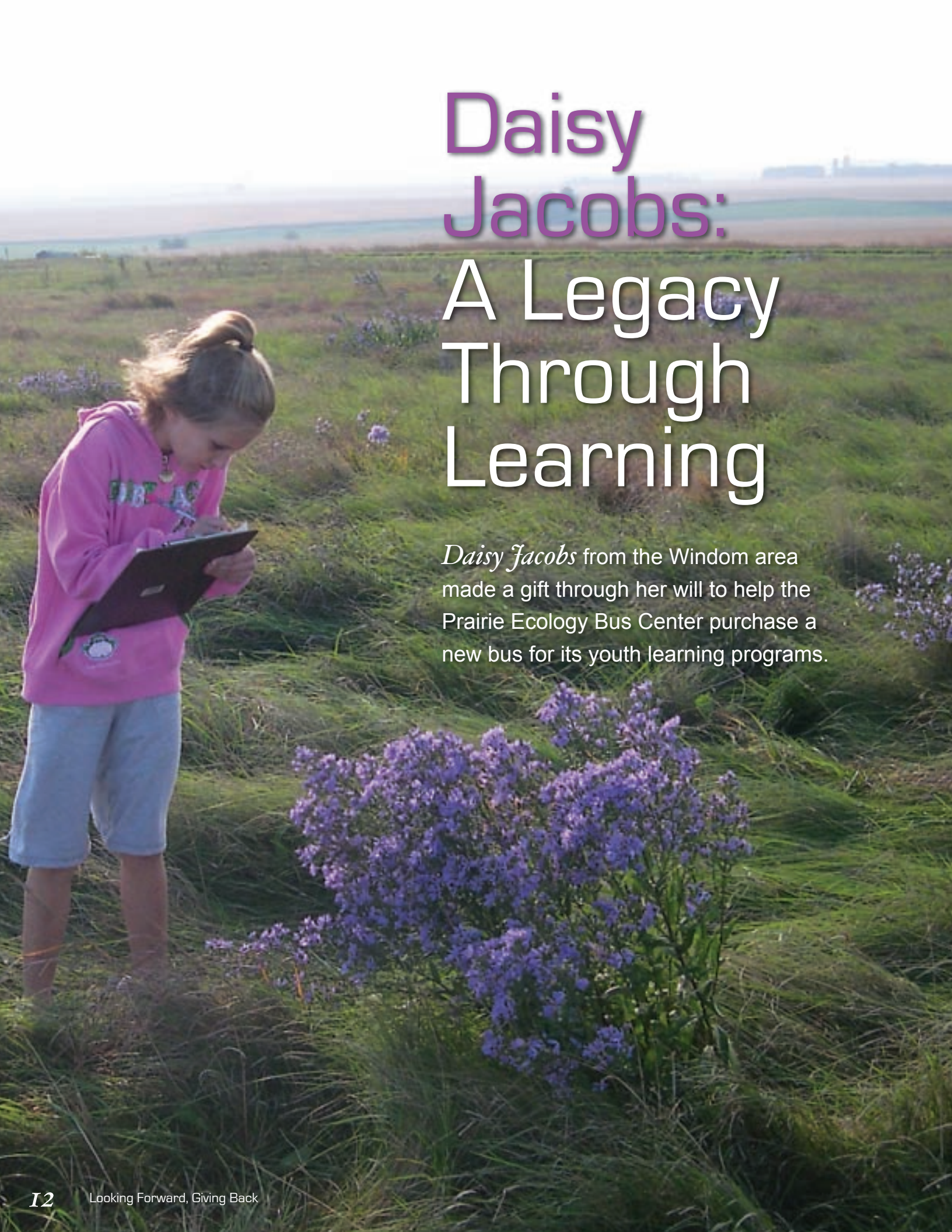
A **Field-of-Interest Fund** is one that supports a particular priority, such as aging, youth, healthcare, veterans and more.

**Scholarship Funds** provide financial support to students within a named school district or in a specified area of academic pursuit.

Finally, **Sustainability Funds** are established when communities involved in a SWIF program or initiative, such as the Early Childhood Initiative, wish to sustain their work beyond Foundation grant funding.

You can enter into a partnership with SWIF by making a gift to an existing fund that aligns with your goals, or you may establish a brand new fund within your areas of interest!

For more information about the Southwest Initiative Foundation's programs, services and your charitable giving options, please visit [www.swifoundation.org](http://www.swifoundation.org).



# Daisy Jacobs: A Legacy Through Learning

*Daisy Jacobs* from the Windom area made a gift through her will to help the Prairie Ecology Bus Center purchase a new bus for its youth learning programs.

**Daisy Jacobs believed in the potential** of children even though she and her husband, Carl, never had any of their own. That's why, when she wrote her will many years ago, she made a gift to the Prairie Ecology Bus Center Fund, a designated fund of the Southwest Initiative Foundation, to "...coordinate, encourage and assist in the development of environmental education, research, history, recreation and visitor attraction..."

Her intention remained quiet until she passed away in 2007.

Little is known about this compassionate and visionary woman other than she was born and raised near Windom and returned to the area with her husband to make their home. She became a well-respected and beloved bank teller for State Bank of Windom and was active with the First Methodist Church.

After Carl's passing in 1978, Daisy continued living in the area and grew aware of the Prairie Ecology Bus Center based in Lakefield, and its mission to help unlock the learning potential in children through innovative educational experiences.

When she wrote her will, Daisy also stated that the gift could be used for the administration of a mobile ecology training unit. Her vision was picture perfect. After all, at that time, the Prairie Ecology Bus Center was not even delivering its mission in the current bus laboratory it now uses.

Today, the organization is in the process of raising money to replace its first bus, which seats up to 32 students, delivers them to outdoor learning sites and provides them with the tools they need to conduct scientific investigations. Students and adults have access to insect sweep nets, water dip nets, binoculars, chemical test kits, soil monitors, microscopes, macrosopes and more.

Its mobility makes rural environments more accessible to students across the area. The on-site experiences complement existing classroom curriculum and help students develop a clearer understanding of the value of our natural resources.

Daisy felt a strong connection to the Prairie Ecology Bus Center's work with youth, and her gift will allow the organization to purchase a new bus within the next two years. "Essentially, success is wearing out our current bus and there is a great need to replace it before the issues we have now become more problematic," shared Chrystal Dunker, executive director of Prairie Ecology Bus Center.

With a price tag of approximately \$300,000, Daisy's generous gift brought the organization about two-thirds of the way to the goal—all because she believed in their mission.

Daisy chose to keep her gift quiet during her lifetime. But her gift today, and after the bus is purchased, will speak volumes about her love and commitment to children and southwest Minnesota.



*Little is known about Daisy Jacobs, except that she cared deeply for the children of southwest Minnesota.*

## Funds that benefit Big Stone County

### In Ortonville...

**Ortonville Public School Foundation Fund** – An endowment and non-endowed fund created to provide perpetual and immediate support to the Ortonville Public School District.  
Three Anonymous Gifts  
Big Stone Walleye Club  
Mark and Terry Block - In Memory of Mary Worrall  
Dolores Christensen - In Memory of Jim Johnson  
Consolidated Ready Mix, Inc.  
David and Brenda Dinnel

Donald and Ruth Donais  
D.L. and J.M. Felton  
JoAnn Hasslen - In Honor of the Ortonville High School Class of 1957  
William and Amy Hasslen  
Bill and Donna Hoel - In Memory of Kris Cunningham  
Bill and Donna Hoel - In Memory of Jim Johnson  
Bill and Donna Hoel - In Memory of Mary Worrall  
Robert and Barbara Hornstein - In Memory of Mary Worrall

David Hovde and Dolores Christensen  
Sandra Josephson - In Memory of Clarence Vinkemeir  
Aaron and Michelle Knutson  
Gregory and Rebecca Lossen  
Minnwest Bank - Ortonville  
John and Judith Nichols - In Memory of Naomi Gerhardt  
Roger and Barbara Nornes - In Memory of Carol Nelson's Father  
Roger and Barbara Nornes - In Memory of Mary Worrall  
Northside Medical Center  
Burton and Germaine Nypen

Ortonville High School Class of 2008  
Micah and Deb Reiffenberger - In Memory of Jacob Riley  
Ronglien Excavating, Inc.  
Jay Ross  
Jay Dee Ross  
Roger and Coralie Sandberg  
Gregory and Mary Schoenbeck  
Shirley Skoog  
Dewane and Cathy Stoddard  
Steve and Lori Strei  
Paul and Ruth Strong  
Roman and Carol Taffe  
Jay Trenhaile  
Steven G. Winther, DDS

## Funds that benefit Chippewa County

### In Milan...

**Milan Community Foundation** – A permanent resource that benefits the Milan area through grantmaking and community projects.  
One Anonymous Gift  
Richard Bjornjeld  
Michael and Susan Burns

Gladys Crowley - In Memory of Margaret and William Thompson, Sr.  
Bill Eckhardt  
John and Geraldine Esberg  
Carol Ford  
Karen Jenson  
Chuck and Anne Kanten  
David and Lois Lovehaug

Duane Ninneman and Maureen Laughlin  
Rose Olson - In Memory of John Raynold Olson  
Jerry Rud - In Honor of Jane Rud and Jim and Judy White  
Nancy Strand - In Memory of Judell Kolstad  
Nancy Strand - In Memory of John Raynold Olson

Nancy Strand - In Memory of Larry Ziemann and Anne Kanten's sister  
Donald and Beverly Struxness  
John Tanquist  
John Tanquist and Colleen Frey  
Erik Thompson  
Erik Thompson - In Memory of Ray and Judell Kolstad  
Rev. Charles Waibel  
Western Crop Protection Service

## Funds that benefit Cottonwood County

### In Mountain Lake...

**Brad Behrends Memorial Fund** – A related non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that was created to support the Mountain Lake community.  
Dye Financial Services  
Peter and Marion Franz  
Brian and Sandra Moldt  
Prairie Plans, Inc.  
Tom Schmidt  
Edwin Thauer, Jr.

**Mountain Lake Area Foundation** – A permanent resource that benefits that Mountain Lake area through grantmaking and community projects.  
Judy and Steve Harder  
Tim and Kaylene Swoboda

**Mountain Lake Area Healthcare Fund** – A related non-endowed fund of the Mountain Lake Area Foundation that was created to benefit healthcare services in the Mountain Lake area.  
Kevin and Misty Karschnik

Marlin and Wilda Pankratz

### In Windom...

**Business, Arts & Recreation Center (BARC) Endowment Fund** – An endowment fund that was created to benefit the Business, Arts and Recreation Center in Windom.  
One Anonymous Gift - In Honor of the Windom High School Class of 1948  
David Campbell  
Dean and Kathy Crowell  
Ken and Elaine Henry

James and Coralee Krueger  
Paul and Carla Sartorius  
Anthony and Heather Smith - In Memory of Mort and Alice Smith

**Cottonwood County Historical Society Endowment Fund** – An endowment fund that was created to benefit the Cottonwood County Historical Society, located in Windom and serving Cottonwood County.  
The Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust

## 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 - In Memory of Clint Baumgard  
Mark and Judy Bartosh - In Memory of Charles and Joann Bartosh

David and Ramona Berry - In Memory of Evie Rickgarn and William Smith  
David and Ramona Berry – In Memory of Evie (Smith) Rickgarn  
Drew and Dawn Campbell  
Drew and Dawn Campbell – In Memory of Warren Zehr  
Cargill, Inc.

George and Collette Diemer - In Memory of Paul Fest  
George and Collette Diemer - In Memory of Lorry Gunther  
George and Collette Diemer - In Memory of Duane "Dick" Madsen  
George and Collette Diemer - In Memory of Billy Martin  
Mary Dise – In Honor of Vernon and Grace Kay

Robert Ferguson - In Memory of Lorry Gunther  
Robert Ferguson, Jr. - In Memory of Paul Fest  
Dave and Rose Freking  
Jason and Tracy Freking - In Memory of Dick Madsen  
Rich and Diane Freking - In Memory of Paul Fest

Bob and Marilee Hartman - In Memory of Lorry Gunther  
 Robert and Marilee Hartman - In Memory of K. Costello  
 David and Bonnie Henkels - In Memory of Paul Fest  
 David and Bonnie Henkels - In Memory of Dick Madsen  
 Margaret Henkels - In Memory of Billy Martin  
 Heron Lake-Okabena Community Foundation Fundraising Proceeds  
 Douglas and Cynthia Iverson  
 Deb Mathias - In Memory of Larry Gunther  
 Deb and Luke Mathias - In Memory of Billy Martin  
 Jens and Marge Olmem – In Memory of Evie (Smith) Rickgarn  
 Jens and Marge Olmem - In Memory of Evie Rickgarn, William Smith, and Barb Olmem  
 Marjorie L. Olmem, CPA - In Memory of Evie Rickgarn, William Smith, and Barb Olmem  
 Tim and Cindy Owen - In Memory of Clinton Baumgard  
 Bob and Judy Pelzel - In Memory of Billy Martin  
 Lois Rasche - In Memory of Edna Haberman  
 Jim and Patti Schneider - In Memory of Clinton Baumgard, Duane (Dick) Madsen, and Lloyd Ruthbeck  
 Minerva Smith – In Memory of Evie (Smith)  
 Minerva Smith - In Memory of Evie Rickgarn and William Smith  
 Janis Hartberg Stephenson and Juhl Hartberg - In Memory of Wilbur and Ramota Hartberg  
 Sherilyn Timko - In Memory of Paul Fest  
 United Prairie Bank  
 Jerry and Jane (Bartosh) Zins

**In Jackson...**  
**Friends of Jackson County Library Fund** – A related non-endowed fund of the Jackson Community Foundation that was created to benefit the Jackson County Library and its related programming.  
 Forty-three Anonymous Gifts  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Donald Belsheim  
 Book Sale Fundraiser Proceeds  
 Friends of the Jackson County Library  
 Gordon and Jean Bargfrede  
 Family Foundation Fund of the Oppenheimer Funds Legacy Program  
 Laurence Konradi  
 Donita Soucek - In Memory of Don Belsheim  
 Donita Soucek - In Memory of Bob Voda

**Horizons of Jackson Fund** – A related non-endowed fund of the Jackson Community Foundation that was created to benefit the Jackson community.  
 The Minneapolis Foundation

**Jackson Circles of Support Fund** – A related non-endowed fund of the Jackson Community Foundation that was created to provide support to the Circles of Support program in Jackson.  
 Six Anonymous Gifts  
 First Baptist Church - Grateful Hearts  
 Eleanor Hutchinson - In Memory of Jack Hutchinson  
 Amy Schlager  
 Mark and Kay Steffen  
 Gregory and Devera Warner

**Jackson Community Foundation** – A permanent resource that benefits the Jackson area through grantmaking and community projects.  
 One Anonymous Gift  
 Carol Achterkirch  
 Steve and Jan Fransen  
 Richard Koch  
 Roger and Carolyn Lind - In Memory of Stephen M. Aylward  
 Roger and Carolyn Lind - In Memory of "Fat" Kielblock  
 Rose Ann Rolph  
 Jerry and Amy Schlager - In Memory of Mary Beth Paulson  
 Dorothy Zimmerli

**Jackson County Central School Foundation Fund** – An endowment and non-endowed fund created to provide perpetual and immediate support to the Jackson County Central School District.  
 Mark Aamot  
 Avis Anderson  
 Charles and JoAnn Anderson - In Memory of Nestor and Ethel Anderson  
 Gery Arndt  
 Kent Bargfrede Family  
 B. Chozen Family Fund  
 Raymond Bunderle  
 Chozen Family Fund  
 Steve Condon  
 Jack Farris  
 Keith Felcyn  
 Fugere Family Foundation - In Memory of Catherine and Sever Knutson  
 Fugere Family Foundation - In Memory of Sever and Catherine Knutson, Alyce and Glenn Knutson, and Alvina and Sylvia Knutson  
 Hach Scientific Foundation - In Honor of Mr. Loel Sirovy

Liz Halloran  
 Walter H. Halloran - In Memory of Dr. Walter Halloran  
 Eleanor Hutchinson - In Memory of Jack Hutchinson  
 Dan Joyce  
 Jim and Sue Keul - In Memory of Harold "Fat" Kielblock  
 Carolyn Ryberg Kingshill - In Memory of Carl and Dorothea Ryberg  
 Betty Lou Kloster - In Memory of Gordy Bargfrede  
 Wallace Musegades - In Memory of Lewis Swearingen  
 Dolores E. Peters - In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. William Smith  
 Ms. Gwen O. Pitsenbarger  
 David and Nancy Pribyl - In Memory of Francis J. "Frank" Pribyl  
 David and Nancy Pribyl - In Memory of Robert Voda  
 Mary Jean Psik  
 Carol Sandve  
 David and Vandela Scherer  
 Donita Sue Soucek  
 Mark and Linda Titus - In Memory of Gerhard Berger  
 Mark and Linda Titus - In Memory of Bob Voda  
 Trillium Natural Foods  
 Mary J. Krebs Turnbull  
 United Prairie Bank  
 James Verdick  
 Leo and Barbara Verdick - In Memory of Peter C. and Roselle Verdick  
 Howard J. and Joyce C. Vetter  
 Rod and Sylvia Von Ohlen  
 Ron and Kathy Vrchota - In Honor of their Son's Education at JCC Schools  
 John C. Williams  
 Dan Winterfeld

## Funds that benefit Lac qui Parle County

**In Dawson...**  
**Dawson-Boyd Alumni Association Endowment Fund** – A related endowment fund of the Dawson Community Foundation that was created to address the educational needs of youth of the Dawson-Boyd School District.  
 Loren and Carole Femrite - In Memory of Harlowe Berge Lund and Margaret Gubrud  
 Dan and Luanne Fondell

**Dawson Community Foundation** – A permanent resource that benefits the Dawson area through grantmaking and community projects.  
 One Anonymous Gift  
 J. Dennis Anderson - In Memory of Stanford Anderson, Class of 1947  
 Martin and Carol Bergeland  
 Orton and Barbara Bergeland  
 Elnore Bergeson - In Memory of Bill Nelson  
 Myles and Karen Bergeson  
 Myles and Karen Bergeson - In Memory of George Holan

Myles and Karen Bergeson - In Memory of Ralph Pontow  
 Joe and Alberta Berghorst  
 Jeff and Sandy Boss  
 Loren and Carole Femrite  
 Nancy Gimmestad  
 Gundy's Custom Cabinets  
 Tim and Brenda Halvorson  
 Lyle and Mary Hanson  
 Ronald Helgeson  
 Daniel and Melrose Jarner  
 Donald and Judy Jarner  
 Gary and Sherry Jeseritz  
 Elsie Johnson  
 Jeff and Carla Johnson

John Tollefson Law Office  
 Jean Jordahl  
 Tom and Cheryl Kloss - In Memory of Merlin Borstad  
 Roger and Sharon Knutson  
 Donald and Pat Lindblad  
 Craig W. Lund  
 Harold and Marguerite Lundin  
 Evelyn Martinson  
 Dr. Phil and Jean Maus  
 David and Kathleen Michaelson  
 Kristi Michaelson  
 Midwest Truck & Parts, Inc. - David and Peggy Pederson

Bonieta Miller - In Memory of George H. Miller and Ervin and Elsie Sommerfeld and In Honor of Robert A. Miller  
 Steven Nash  
 Roger and Carol Nelson  
 Ronald and Mary Nelson  
 Bethel D. Olson  
 Dennis and Joan Olson - In Memory of Harold Hanson  
 Dennis and Joan Olson - In Memory of Steve Ruzich and In Honor of Irene Ruzich  
 Jim and Kristi Prestholdt  
 Glen and Dorothy Rakow  
 Keith Rensberger  
 David and Phyllis Rian  
 John Roiger  
 Leon and Mary Ann Schueller  
 Donn E. Sjolander  
 Stanton and Sandy Smaagaard  
 Duane and Hjordis Sommerfeld  
 Roger and Beverly Stratmoen  
 Muriel, Kari, and Kimberly Stringer  
 Joan Strom  
 Roger and Karen Strom - In Memory of Bud Adophson, John "Jack" Mahoney, Glenn Nissen, Jake Perkins, and Ellsworth Smogard  
 Roger and Karen Strom - In Memory of Ralph Pontow and Eldo Thompson  
 Rick and Nicole Stulz  
 Jerome and Kimberly Thompson  
 Orville and Alice Tollakson  
 Beth Torstenson  
 Donald Twite  
 Rosalind Varpness  
 Roald Wangsness  
 L.D. and J.K. Winge  
 David and Myrmelle Wulff  
 Lyle and Marguerite Young

**Dawson RSG (Ruzich, Seeling & Gustafson) Scholarship Endowment Fund** – A related endowment fund of the Dawson Community Foundation that was created by Dawson sports alumni to generate scholarship opportunities in honor of Steve Ruzich, Ken Seeling and Charles Gustafson, three retired teachers and coaches.  
 Kenneth and Dorothy Seeling  
 Darold and Naomi Wold

**Johnson Memorial Foundation Fund** – A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Dawson Community Foundation that was created to benefit Johnson Memorial Foundation in Dawson.

Johnson Memorial Foundation  
 Brad and Margaret Madsen - In Memory of Howard Madsen  
 Arthur and Mary Ann Winden

#### In Madison...

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

**Class of 1958 Fund for Madison-Marietta-Nassau Elementary School** – A related non-endowed fund of the Madison Community Foundation that was created to benefit the Madison-Marietta-Nassau Elementary School in Madison.  
 Two Anonymous Gifts  
 Wayne and Nathaleen Mosey  
 Mary Lou Sandquist

**Lac qui Parle Museum Endowment Fund** – A related endowment fund of the Dawson Community Foundation and the Madison Community Foundation that was created to benefit the Lac qui Parle County Historical Society and Museum, located in Madison and serving Lac qui Parle County.  
 Lac qui Parle Historical Society

**Madison Community Baseball Endowment Fund** – A related endowment fund of the Madison Community Foundation that was created to benefit the Madison community baseball field and its related programming.  
 Two Anonymous Gifts  
 Cynthia Albrecht  
 Mike Albrecht

Robert and Delores Bormann  
 Bryan and Heidi Clark  
 Amy Enger  
 Ann Fernholz - In Memory of Todd Brown  
 Brian and Erica Fernholz - In Memory of Bob Morken  
 Steve and Lisa Haas  
 Robert Hansen  
 Peter and Louann Jacobson - In Honor of the Madison High School Class of 1972  
 Jerde Family - Dianne, Laurie and Family, Nancy and Family, and Michael and Family - In Memory of Dick Jerde  
 Jubilee Foods - Madison  
 David Katzenmeyer  
 Don and Carole Katzenmeyer  
 Michael and Linda Katzenmeyer  
 Madison Community Baseball Endowment Fund Auction Proceeds  
 Greg and Kris Monson  
 James and Kathyne Nesvold  
 Peter Nyhus and Nancy Novak  
 Philip Nygard - In Honor of Jay Katzenmeyer  
 Jeff and Mary LaVonne Olson  
 Harry and Elizabeth Schulz  
 Jacqueline Sigdahl  
 Ray and Cathy Struck  
 Tri County Insurance  
 Tri County Insurance - Tom Miller

**Madison Community Foundation** – A permanent resource that benefits the Madison area through grantmaking and community projects.  
 Two Anonymous Gifts  
 David and Vicky Amundson  
 Donald M. Anderson  
 David and Margaret Berg  
 Ralph and Verona Berg  
 Carol Bly  
 Robert Bly  
 Gary and Jane Boraas  
 Michael and SaraAnn Carlson - In Memory of Violet Stageberg  
 Cheryl Knoll Insurance  
 Cheryl Knoll Insurance - In Honor of Bob Pascaly  
 Cheryl Knoll Insurance - In Memory of Marilyn Schafer

Dennis and Ann Christ - In Memory of Pearl Henningsgaard  
 Steven Dahle  
 Chuck and Carole Fernholz - In Memory of Gerald and Bertha Tollakson  
 Dr. W.A. and Inez Gualtieri  
 Gary Hauck and Vicki Vick - In Memory of Russ Larsen  
 Phyllis J. Hauck  
 Haugen Insurance Agency, Inc.  
 Richard and Carolyn Jackson  
 Jubilee Foods  
 Jay Katzenmeyer - In Memory of Kay Katzenmeyer  
 KleinBank  
 Jan and Scotty Kuehl  
 Lac qui Parle Agency  
 Carlyle Larsen  
 Norma Larsen - In Memory of Clayton and Russell Larsen  
 Madison Bottling Company  
 Madison Study Club  
 Brian and Karin Moen  
 Larry and Diane Norland  
 Dr. S. Todd Pushing  
 Glenn and Delores Rheingans  
 Colin and Linda Rosendahl  
 Matthew Skaret  
 Swenson, Nelson, & Stulz, PLLC  
 Art and Maxine Tostenson  
 United Prairie Bank  
 John and Bette Wallman  
 Paul and Mary Wodrich

## Funds that benefit Lincoln County

### In Lake Benton...

**Lake Benton Area Foundation** – A permanent resource that benefits the Lake Benton area through grantmaking and community projects.  
Two Anonymous Gifts  
One Anonymous Gift - In Honor of Glenn Krog  
One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Jorgen and Selma Krog  
Don and Diane Evers - In Memory of Marion Goeke  
Don and Diane Evers - In Memory of Earl Johannsen  
Paul Fehrman and Family - In Memory of Lori Fehrman  
Hartquist Funeral Chapel, Inc.  
Jeanette Hauschild - In Memory of John "Jack" Delaney  
Jeanette Hauschild - In Memory of Dennis Johnson

Hope Mutual Insurance Company - In Memory of Joyce Burd  
Don and Cilla Hughes - In Memory of Jack Delaney  
Lois Larsen - In Honor of Glenn Krog  
Jeanne Meyer - In Honor of Patti Peterson  
Larry and Jeannie Meyer - In Memory of Hans and Thera Krog and Edwin and Elvira Meyer  
Anita Mohr, daughter of Harland Huenecke - In Honor of Glenn Krog  
LaVerne and Mary Paschke - In Memory of Josephine Bianconi  
LaVerne and Mary Paschke - In Memory of Marion Goeke  
Niel and Marlys Petersen - In Honor of Glenn Krog  
Jay and Janel Stuefen - In Memory of Dennis Johnson

Margaret Tellinghuisen - In Honor of Glenn Krog  
James and Pamela Veire - In Memory of Dennis Johnson  
Gary and Veronica Williams - In Memory of John "Jack" Delaney  
Gary and Veronica Williams - In Memory of Marion Goeke  
Gary and Veronica Williams - In Memory of Dennis Johnson

### Lake Benton Education

**Foundation Fund** – A related endowment and non-endowed fund of the Lake Benton Area Foundation created to provide perpetual and immediate support to the Lake Benton Public School District.  
One Anonymous Gift

### In Tyler...

**Tyler Area Community Foundation** – A permanent resource that benefits the Tyler area through grantmaking and community projects.  
Two Anonymous Gifts  
Mrs. Allen Gratz  
The Schwan Food Company and Employees  
Tyler Area Community Foundation  
Fundraiser Proceeds

## Funds that benefit Lyon County

### In Balaton...

**Balaton Area Community Foundation** – A permanent resource that benefits the Balaton area through grantmaking and community projects.  
One Anonymous Gift  
Balaton Sportman's Club  
Balaton Women of Today  
David and Gayle Kaup  
Bruce and Sara Larson  
Bruce and Sara Larson - In Memory of Vernon Anderson  
Bruce and Sara Larson - In Memory of Fred Tutt  
Stanley and Jean Larson - In Memory of Fred Tutt  
Dave and Ruth Lehnhoff  
Janet Scherbart and Family - In Memory of Wayne Fruke  
Kevin and Donna Sletten  
Willis and Joan Wendland  
Theresa Zaske

Larry and Dawn Schiavo Family  
Fund of the National Philanthropic Trust  
Joseph H. Louwagie  
Todd and Karen Madden  
Francis and Hon Mortier  
Ken and Gwen Mukomela  
Anthony Nwakama, MD  
Tom and Pam Odland  
Joe and Betty Roers  
The Schwan Food Company  
Mark and Claudia Stenson  
U.S. Bancorp  
U.S. Bancorp Foundation Employee Gift Matching Program - On Behalf of Karen Madden  
Van Der Hagen, Skogrand, & Associates  
Joseph and Jane Willett  
Theresa Zaske

**Marshall-Lyon County Library Fund** – A non-endowed fund that was created to benefit the Marshall-Lyon County Library, located in Marshall and serving Lyon County.  
Nine Anonymous Gifts  
Douglas and Peggy Anderson  
LuAnn Anderson  
Bernie and Carol Archbold  
Archer Daniels Midland Company  
Kathleen Ashe and John Bunge  
Bank of the West  
Dan and Linda Baun  
Coleen Behm  
Jan Belsheim  
Kristin Blomme  
Margaret Bosshardt

John and Phyllis Bowden  
Bremer Bank - Marshall  
John and Jean Brobst  
Jay and Judi Brown  
Jacob Bunge and Wendy Van Keulen  
Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation  
Jay and Heather Cattoor  
Dean and Karen Champine  
Cinema Entertainment Corporation  
Theatres/Marshall 6 Theatre  
Cold Stone Creamery  
Computer C & C, Inc. - Computers and Beyond  
Betsy Desy and Charles Kost  
Ms. Mary Everslage  
Dr. John and Betty Mae Feda  
Friends of the Library  
Neil and Stacy Frost  
Coleen Frye - In Memory of Stan Frye  
Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys - Marshall Service Unit  
Mark S. Goodenow  
Clinton and Sherlee Gregg  
David and Linda Grong  
Donna Hartfiel  
Judy Hayes  
Mark and Melanie Heckelman  
Jack and Terri Hennen  
Keith Hennen - In Memory of Kenneth Peterson, MD  
Jack and Mary Hickerson  
Brian and Sandi Hoffman  
Arlyss Hovland

Alice Huisenfeldt - In Memory of Genevieve Huisenfeldt and Arnold Huisenfeldt  
Joseph and Jennie Hulsizer  
Gregory and Anne Isaackson  
Ms. LaVonne Johnson  
Robert and Corlys Knudson - In Honor of their Grandchildren, Joseph, Lincoln, and Caleb Rock, Keziah Eden, and Jude Knutson  
Ken and Diane Konjura  
Marissa Kunde  
Linda Lange  
Vincent and Anne LaPorte  
Larson's Home Furnishings  
Gregory and Rebecca Lecy  
LaVonne Lutz  
Lyon County  
David and Sherry Marks  
Marshall Area Senior Citizens, Inc.  
Marshall Wal-Mart Store, Inc. Employees  
MDU Resources Foundation  
Midwest Aviation  
Midwest United Insurance Services, Inc. - Darrell and Karen Wiener  
Roger and Constance Mohr  
Ken Mukomela  
Richard Mukomela  
Richard and Heidi Mukomela  
Gary and Marie Nelson - In Honor of Josie and Bailey Nelson  
Dave and Margaret Olafson  
Fran and Lynne Olivigni  
Donald and Joan Palmer  
H. Clyde and Helen Pedersen  
Stella Peterson - In Memory of Richard Wollin

### In Marshall...

**Marshall Community Foundation** – A permanent resource that benefits the Marshall area through grantmaking and community projects.  
Two Anonymous Gifts  
Robert Aufenthie  
John and Becky Bot  
Joel and Peggy Connot  
Don and Elaine DeRuyck  
Stan and Brenda Holmberg  
Bob Jacobson and Jill Vroman  
Ron and Barb Labat

Tom and Anna Pickering  
 Clarence and Glenyce Possail  
 Marcia Rehkamp - In Memory of  
 Mary Finnegan  
 Reinhart Food Service  
 Jean Replinger  
 Michael and Arlene Rich  
 Tom and Muriel Runholt  
 Gretchen Scharmer - In Memory of  
 William and Rosemary Thomson

Thomas and Sharon Sebelien  
 Lee Shaw  
 Gerald and Norma Sletten - In  
 Memory of Dorothy Bjornebo  
 Gerald and Norma Sletten - In  
 Memory of Lucille Swanson  
 Daniel and Mary Snobl  
 Southwest MN Orthopedics & Sports  
 Medicine, Inc. - Dr. Anthony  
 Nwakama

Chad and Joy Springborg  
 Mary Jane Striegel  
 David and Gwen Sturrock  
 Jim and Gloria Swartz  
 Tim and Donna Swenson  
 Jeff and Jackie Thomas  
 Turkey Valley Farms, Inc.  
 United Presbyterian Women  
 U.S. Bancorp Business Equipment &  
 Finance Group

U.S. Bank/U.S. Bancorp Business  
 Equipment Finance Group  
 Employees  
 Tom and Janet Vandendriessche  
 Ryan and Nicole Veith - In Memory  
 of William and Rosemary  
 Thomson  
 Richard and Lorraine Wakefield  
 Beth Weatherby  
 Dan Williams, Realtor

## Funds that benefit McLeod County

### In Hutchinson...

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

Twenty-one Anonymous Gifts  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of  
 Margaret Knutson  
 Two Anonymous Gifts - In Memory of  
 Gary Henke  
 Elaine Black  
 Walt and Lynne Clay  
 Jim and Linda Fahey  
 Bernie and June Knutson  
 David Ladd - In Memory of Maxine  
 Ladd  
 Sedona E. Miller  
 Napa Auto Parts - Hutchinson

Sherry and Bruce Ristau - In  
 Memory of Kathy Graf  
 Dr. George Smith  
 Roger and Rachel Stearns - In  
 Memory of Ned Stearns  
 Marlin and Ruth Torgerson  
 Timothy B. and Sheila Ulrich  
 Joanne Clay Willmert

**Hutchinson Hospice Endowment  
 Fund** – A related endowment fund  
 of the Hutchinson Community  
 Foundation that was created to  
 benefit the Hutchinson Hospice  
 House.

Nancy Kaping  
 Dr. Cris and Linda Remucal - In  
 Honor of Mary Burich

Herbert and June Schulz - In  
 Memory of Mark Zimmerman  
 Soul Refuge Band

### **Hutchinson Independent School District #423 Foundation Fund** –

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

Mark and Julie Ashbaugh  
 David and Anne Broderius  
 William Carlson and Mary  
 Guggemos Carlson  
 Todd and Lisa Grina  
 Interface Financial Group  
 Ronald and Susan Johnson

Keith and Lisa Kamrath  
 Christopher and Lisa Kraft  
 Oliver and Donna Luhring  
 Patrick and Debbra Marcotte  
 Brian and Monica Mohr  
 Dolf and Patti Moon  
 John and Lena Mowlem  
 Daniel and Katie Olberg  
 Jeff and Darci Peters  
 Mark and Bernice Reinke  
 Lenny and Patti Rutledge  
 Allen Stoeckman  
 Timothy and Sheila Ulrich  
 Marc and Heather Vaillancourt  
 Daron and Lori Vanderheiden  
 Mary Wells and Bill Arendt  
 Rich and Peggy Westlund

## Funds that benefit Meeker County

### In Grove City...

**Grove City Area C.A.R.E.  
 Endowment Fund** – An endowment  
 fund that was created to benefit  
 Grove City Area C.A.R.E. in Grove  
 City.

Dorothy Abitz  
 Timothy Bergstrom - In Memory of  
 Helen Miller  
 Michael and Lynn Bredeson  
 Robert and Dianne Cannon  
 Wayne and Nancy Crowe  
 Gary and Alexis Cumings  
 Robert Dressel - In Honor of POW/  
 MIA Soldiers  
 Michael Field  
 Marle and Suzan Gaarder  
 Grove City Area Care Program  
 Grove City United Fund  
 Leone Hamm  
 Helaine Ingeman  
 Arlyss Johnson  
 Allan and Loyce Knutson  
 Beverly Knutson  
 Bryan and Linda Larson  
 Richard and Barb Larson  
 Peter and Paulette Lee  
 Frank and Mary Ann Marshall

Don and Linda Mickelson  
 Lucille Nelson  
 Stanley and Corrine Nelson  
 Ron and Deb Olson  
 David and Marcy Palm - In Honor of  
 Wally and Fran Palm  
 R.D. and Gayle Peterson  
 Scott Peterson  
 Mr. Tom Quello  
 Diane Schultz  
 Verrol and Joyce Smith  
 Ardell Thompson  
 Ardell and Lynne Thompson  
 Gary and Betty Thomsen  
 Ardis Thorp - In Honor of Idella Moe  
 Trinity Lutheran Women, Grove City  
 Dean and Karen Urdahl - In Honor of  
 Idella Moe

### In Litchfield...

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

Gary and Joy Agren  
 Dr. David and Sharon Detert  
 Leland and Brenda Fredman

Gifts Given In Memory of Arvid  
 Reinke by:  
 Gregg and Linda Berggren  
 Richard and Bonnie Bohn  
 Dennis and Ruth Buhl  
 Copeland Buhl & Company, PLLP  
 Dolan & Besser, Attorneys at Law  
 Wes and Mary Jo Edwards  
 Lori Grant  
 Lynn Grant  
 Celestine Gross  
 Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Herzog  
 i:SPACE Furniture, Inc.  
 Clyde and Janice Kinney  
 Liz Maiers  
 Richard and Norma Marquardt  
 Wayne and Linda Nelson  
 William and Bonnie Nelson  
 Marlin and Dee Schutte  
 Elvera Smith  
 Alan and Nancy VanDyke  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hamm  
 Craig Hess  
 Leland and Yvonne Huls  
 Rick and Linda Johnson  
 Litchfield Independent Review  
 Judith Palm - In Memory of Mr. and  
 Mrs. Sidney H. Palm

Dwight Peterson  
 Randy Reinke  
 State Farm Companies Foundation  
 - In Honor of Jason and Sara  
 Tibbits  
 Marion (Quinn) Sutherland - In  
 Memory of Harlan and Myra  
 Quinn  
 Systems West & Agri-Systems, Inc.  
 Lyle and Linnea Working - In Honor  
 of their Parents

**Litchfield Public School  
 Foundation Endowment Fund** –  
 A related endowment fund of  
 the Litchfield Area Community  
 Foundation that was created to  
 benefit the Litchfield Public School  
 District.

One Anonymous Gift  
 Gordon and Arlene Backer - In  
 Memory of Theresa Johanneck-  
 Thomas  
 David and JoAnne Benoy - In  
 Memory of Gordon Bruce Risch,  
 Class of 1954  
 Don Bergerson

Phyllis Byron - In Memory of Theresa Johanneck-Thomas	General John W. and Gloria A. Foss - In Memory of Colonel Peter J. Foss, Litchfield High School Class of 1947	Lee Meade, Sr. - In Memory of Theresa Johanneck-Thomas	Michael and Marjorie Solbrack - In Honor of Dave and Ardella Solbrack
Allen Dollerschell - In Memory of Albert and Lillian Dollerschell	E. Ray and Bonnie Johnson	Barbara Larson Moen - In Memory of Jane C. Larson	Marguerite Schnell Strand - In Memory of Dr. Frederick Schnell
Judith (Schultz) Durfey - In Memory of Robert Eeseen and Jean (Ellig) Pherigo, Class of 1959	David and Shirley Kelly	Rosemarie Johanneck Reynolds - In Memory of Thresa Thomas	Doriann Thompson, Class of 1957 - In Memory of Paul N. Thompson, Class of 1957
Robert and Susan Erickson - In Memory of John Erickson	Litchfield Alumni Association	Sheldon E. Robbs - In Memory of Cecil and Velma Robbs	Edwin "Jim" Wilmot
	Leo Lund - In Memory of Theresa Johanneck-Thomas	Theodore Smetak and Ann Montgomery	

## Funds that benefit Murray County

### In Slayton...

#### **Murray County Early Childhood**

**Fund** – A non-endowed fund that was created to benefit children ages birth to 5 in Murray County.

Nineteen Anonymous Gifts

One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Jeff Dahl

One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Rita Leas

Dean Ackerman

Elmer and Mavis Anderson

Kevin Anderson

Lila Anderson - In Honor of All Kids

Merlyn Anderson

Rick and Marla Anderson - In Memory of Linda Prairie

Ardis Andert

Thomas and Mary Appel and Family

Elaine Asman - In Honor of Grace Buesing

Lorna and Jean Bader

Duane and Carol Baker

Allan and Nancy Bakke

Bank Midwest

Aaron and Marcy Barritt

David and Michelle Baumhoefner

Karen Beers

Luke Beers

Ross and Melanie Behrends

Tina Bengtson

Myron Bennett

Janet Benson

Tom and Sally Berg

Diane Bergerson

Frederic and Fran Berreau

Deb Bestge

Bryan Biegler

Joe and Louise Biegler

Lauren Biegler

Margaret Biegler

Mena Bjerke

Polly Blanchard

Dan and Kristie Blankenship

Mike and Beth Bobeldyke

Sherri Boehnke

Mark Boerboom

Nancy Boerboom

Gwendolyn Bohlke

Mary Ann Boock

Todd Boock

Rebecca Braasch

Broadway Bowl

Dr. George Brockway

Bea Brown

Lori Buesgens

Gary Bussee

Dorothy Byers

David Cannon

Ben and Kari Carlson

Gary and Marilyn Carlson

Keith Carlson

Rosemary Carlson

Carlson's Northside Service, Inc.

CenturyTel, Inc.

Brian Christensen

James and Tammy Christensen

Maureen Christensen

D.L. and J.M. Christoffels

Lonnie Clark

Tony and Dana Clarke

Jeanne Cochran

Corner Salon

Corner Salon by Traci

Creative Three, Inc.

Eric and Sarah Dahlgren

Stan and Joan Dahlgren

Dana and Kristin Deacon

Dean DeGreeff

Pete and Gordena DeGreeff - In

Memory of Todd DeGreeff

Troy and Kimberly DeGreeff

John and Kim DeLong

Garry and Mary Dierks

Dierks Oil

Dueber's, Inc.

Gerald and Deanne Earl

Carol Eder

Audrey Eide

Les Engler

Barry and Ellie Erickson

Delilah Erickson

Dorothy Erickson - In Memory of

Raelynn Erickson

Ronald and Patricia Erickson

Mary Everson

Barb Falk

First National Bank

Marc and Dawn Freese

Lyndon and Marsha Funk

Brian and Alexis Gass

Richard Gaul

Jerrod and Mabelle Gertsema

T.J. Gertsema

Loretta Gervais

John and Jane Giese

Eric, Krista, and Owen Gillette

Michael and Sharon Gillette

Darci Goedtke

The Grain Exchange, Inc.

Cindy Grant

Orville Grieme

Nancy Griffith

Michael Groen

Lori Gunnink

Robert Gunther

Susan Gustaf

Hadley Farmers Elevator

Dave Haecherl

Mark and Suzanne Hagen

Bruce Haken

George and Iris Hallin

Steven and Vicki Hansen

Steve Hartle

Darlene Hartwell

Dodi Haugen - In Memory of her

Parents

Steven and Dodi Haugen - In

Memory of Royal Lear

Darcie Heezen

JoAnne Heidebrink - In Memory of

Mark Woitaszewski

Ron and Sherryl Hellenga - In

Memory of Ray and Renate

Sharon Henderson

Todd Hieronimus

Chuck and Trudy Holinka

Sandy Holinka

Dan Horn

Dave Horn

Paul and Judith Horn

Peter Horn

Tim Horn

Alberta Hovde

Jon and Ruth Hoyme

Hub Drive-In, LLC

LuAnn Hudson

Millicent Hurley

Evelyn Huset

The Hut of Slayton, Inc.

Marv Isder

Dan and Lynn Iwaszko

Donald and Bonnie Jacob

Penni Jandl

Dorothy Jensen

Roger Jensen

Jim's Market

Brenda Johnson

Cal and Gail Johnson

Gary and Susan Johnson

Lynn Johnson

Steve Jones

Linda Julien

Janette Jurgens

Janice Kass

Amy Kathman

Beth Kaufman

Nancy Kelly - In Memory of Wayne

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Troy Kepler

Carrie Kesteloot

Jim and Sue Keul

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kirchner

Scott and Alita Kirchner

Todd Kirchner

Daniel and Julie Kirlin

Kiwanis Club of Westbrook

Margaret Kluis

Ralph and Bev Knapp

Ken and Marlys Knuth

Alice Knutson

John and Patrice Knutson

Howard Konkol

Kim Konkol

Randy and Kim Kremer

Ivan and Tracey Kuhlman - In

Memory of Tiffany Kuhlman

Robyn Lais

Sharon Lais

Linda Lange

Larson Welding & Machine

D.M. Larson

Skip Larson

Left Bank Café

Teresa Liesenfeld

Amy Loosbrock

Deb Louwagie

Gerald and Cathy Magnus

Steve and Mary Magnus

Les Martin

Randy Martin

Jill McCartney

John and Sharon McClure

Gerald and Jill McCord

Dr. Connie McNab

Michael and Connie McNab

Mike and Connie McNab - In

Memory of Jimmy McNab

Cynthia Meling  
 Mary Mesner  
 James and Theresa Meyen  
 Mike's Plumbing & Heating, Inc. -  
 Mike Lund  
 Brent and Emily Miller  
 Colleen Miller  
 Jason and Monica Miller  
 Roger Miller  
 Mills Enterprises, Inc. - In Honor of  
 Kaylee Hellenga  
 Joseph and Michelle Miranowski  
 Marlene Moberg  
 Jerry V. Moline, CPA  
 John and Mary Ellen Moline  
 Robert and Wanda Moline  
 Anita Muldoon - In Honor of Kelly  
 Muldoon  
 Muldoon Chiropractic Trust - Dr.  
 Joseph and Kelly Muldoon  
 Joe Muldoon  
 Murray County Central Activities  
 Murray County Early Childhood  
 Fund Jail and Bail Fundraiser  
 Anonymous Donations  
 Murray County Early Childhood Fund  
 Fundraiser Proceeds  
 Ruth Nelson  
 Greg Nolting  
 Luther and Patricia Onken  
 Joyce Otkin  
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Wayne and Shannon Pederson  
 Mary Perry  
 Maxine Pierson  
 Nancy Lee Pierson - In Memory of  
 her Loved Ones  
 Dr. Gary Plotz, Jr.  
 Beth Prahm  
 Prairieland Economic Development  
 Corporation  
 Cora Pry  
 Caryn Raddle  
 Ramerth Hardware, Inc.  
 R.A. Muecke Sand and Gravel, Inc. -  
 Brett Muecke  
 Ruth Rehborg and Pat Madson  
 Roxanne Reski  
 Thomas Rhodes  
 Joe and Sheila Risacher  
 John and Mary Risacher  
 Joseph and Sheila Risacher  
 Rob and Kris Rohrer  
 David and Kathy Roslansky  
 Ruppert Oil Company - Mike Ruppert  
 Jeffrey and Kristi Salmon  
 Michael and Naomi Samuelson  
 Scott and Valerie Santjer - In  
 Memory of Cory Hegna  
 William and Joan Sauer  
 Mike and Karen Sawatzky  
 Schettler Realty, Inc.  
 Donna Schleisman  
 Maria Schleppenbach-Grogan

Colette Schmidt  
 Ben Schnabel  
 Linda Schoenfelder  
 Jerome and Cari Schreier  
 Scott's Appliance, Inc.  
 Dawn Scouton  
 Cris Self  
 Jim and Janese Siedschlag  
 Slight Construction  
 Slayton Floral  
 Slayton Post Office  
 Mel Snow - MC Medical Center  
 Southwest Minnesota Concrete, Inc.  
 Southwest MN Orthopedics & Sports  
 Medicine, Inc. - Dr. Nwakama  
 Chad and Margaret Spartz  
 Juhl Stavnes  
 Arlyn Stokesbary  
 Sandy Stokesbary - In Memory of  
 Marvin Stokesbary  
 Britta Streff  
 Sussner Construction, Inc. - Dan  
 Sussner  
 Rolland and Margaret Swanson  
 Shelly Sweetman  
 Steven and Cindy Telkamp  
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 In Honor of Teresa Liesenfeld

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 Employee Gift Matching Program  
 - In Honor of Arlyn Stokesbary  
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 Sonja and Sheryl Wait  
 Darin and Leslie Wajer  
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 John and Marlene Wajer  
 Maureen Walker  
 Justine Wettschreck  
 Sharon Wettschreck  
 Brenda Whitehead  
 Thomas and Brenda Whitehead  
 Fred Widboom  
 Elonne Winter - In Honor of her  
 Grandchildren  
 Neil and Angela Witte  
 The Wittrocks  
 Witzel Bus Service  
 Woitaszewski Abstract & Title, Inc. -  
 In Memory of Mark Woitaszewski  
 Calvin and Kathy Wurpts  
 Joan York  
 Corrine Zenk  
 Steve and Sue Zenk  
 Marilyn Zinnel

## Funds that benefit Nobles County

### In Lismore...

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

Douglas and Marie Brake  
 Jerry and Julie Brake  
 Ray and Audrey Brake  
 Jake and Gladys Buss  
 Farmers Union Coop Oil Company of  
 Luverne and Lismore  
 Rodney and Delores Groenewold  
 Milton Hebig  
 Lismore Cooperative Telephone  
 Company  
 Esther M. Loonan  
 Gary and Vickie Loosbrock  
 Lorang Brothers  
 Ruth Baltes Estate - In Memory of  
 Ruth Baltes  
 State Bank of Lismore  
 Rodney and Aileen Tweet  
 Steven and Laurie Wieneke

### In Worthington...

**Ellen Baker-Merrigan Advised Endowment Fund** – A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that was created to benefit the Worthington area, as well as other charitable organizations and purposes in Minnesota.  
 Ellen Baker-Merrigan

**Hospice Cottage, Inc. of Worthington Endowment Fund** – A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that was created to benefit the Hospice Cottage, Inc. in Worthington.  
 Three Anonymous Gifts  
 John and Patricia Remme  
 Ron and Renee Ubl  
 Loretta Yeske

**Nobles County Freedom Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. Endowment Fund** – A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that was created to benefit Nobles County Freedom Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. in Worthington.  
 Freedom Veterans Memorial, Inc.

### Robert and Florence Wolff

**Memorial Endowment Fund** – A related endowment fund of the Worthington Area Foundation that was created to benefit youth in the Worthington area.

Lyle Voss - In Memory of Alvin and Florence Voss

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

Nine Anonymous Gifts  
 Robert and Holli Arp  
 Vernon and Jean Bastian  
 David and Sally Anne Benson  
 SaraAnn and Michael Carlson  
 Steven and LoriAnn Dudley  
 Early Risers Kiwanis Club  
 Jerry and Judy Fiola  
 First State Bank Southwest  
 Employee Gift Matching Program  
 - In Honor of Randy Thompson  
 Lyle and Karen Gadda  
 Brian and Susan Hagen  
 Doug and Deb Harberts  
 Prairie Holdings Group, LLC  
 Jon Ramlo

Randy and Tara Thompson  
 Worthington Area Early Childhood  
 Development Fund Fundraiser  
 Proceeds

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

Doug and Marcia Anton  
 Jon and Judy Benson  
 Robert and Betty Demuth  
 James and Linda Hudson  
 James L. Vance Trust  
 Jeff and Sharon Johnson  
 Jerry Kingrey  
 Russell and Janet Rickers - In  
 Memory of Don and Dorothy  
 Rickers  
 Kathryn L. Roslansky  
 Conrad and Judy Schmidt  
 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
 Foundation Employee Gift  
 Matching Program - In Honor of  
 Kathryn L. Roslansky  
 Beve and Jerry Vajrgt

## Funds that benefit Pipestone County

### In Edgerton...

**Edgerton Public School Foundation Fund** – An endowment and non-endowed fund created to provide perpetual and immediate support to the Edgerton Public School District.  
 One Anonymous Gift  
 Frances Anker  
 Elene Deremo - In Memory of Charles E. Deremo  
 Donna Elson  
 Larry and Marilyn Schoolmeester - In Memory of Charles E. Deremo

### In Pipestone...

**Pipestone Area Educational Enrichment Foundation** – A permanent resource that benefits the Pipestone area through grantmaking and community projects.  
 Darrell Butterwick Family  
 Darrell Butterwick - In Memory of Violet C. and Theodore Chapman and Beverly J. Butterwick  
 Bob Duffus, Class of 1944 - In Memory of Dorothy Duffus Fisher, Class of 1934  
 Paul E. Fellows

David and Deborah Heller - In Memory of Alice Jaycox Heller  
 George and Mary Dee Hicks  
 Beverly McCurdy Johnson - In Memory of Philip McCurdy, Alvina McCurdy Granberg, and Bertha McCurdy Stueven  
 Richard and Patrice LeBrun  
 Bruce Linnemeyer  
 Dr. Christine Loveland  
 Steve Maki - In Memory of Clarence H. Maki  
 Travis and Stephanie Pierce  
 Tom Pinkert

James and Char Schmuck - In Memory of Marilyn Hubbard Schmuck  
 Mildred (Ohlen) Skogmo - In Memory of Dr. Virgil Ohlen and In Honor of Robert B. Ohlen

## Funds that benefit Renville County

### In Buffalo Lake and Hector...

**Buffalo Lake-Hector Public School Foundation Fund** – An endowment and non-endowed fund created to provide perpetual and immediate support to the Buffalo Lake-Hector School District.  
 Two Anonymous Gifts  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Honor of Ken Anderson  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Catherine Delwiche  
 One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Barb Oakland  
 Marcella Abner - In Memory of Willis Abner  
 Kenneth Anderson  
 Kenneth Anderson – In Honor of: Dulcie and Jeremy Anderson Family  
 Kent Anderson  
 Keri and Kim Anderson Family

Sean Anderson  
 Larry Baumgardt Family  
 Roberta Beilman  
 Belgrade High School Class of 1952  
 Buffalo Lake Area Business Association  
 Buffalo Lake High School Class of 1962  
 Wendy, Steven, Kelsie, and Megan Dascher  
 Jenna Erika Donnay  
 Alianne Alexis Grelling  
 Jason Jakobitz  
 Lorie and Douglas Kirtz Family  
 Dominic Knutson  
 Eileen and Jon Koeberl  
 Emma Koeberl and Rebecca Peterson (Sweden)  
 Steven and Debbie Kramer  
 Liz Maiers  
 Harriet and Marvin Markeson

Chris and Bridget Matzdorf Family  
 Elsa Mexia  
 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Michelson  
 Minnesota Energy Employees  
 Donna and Rueben Nordin Family  
 Dorothea Peterson  
 Iris and Erling Rognli  
 Joyce and Elmer Wehlage  
 Mildred Werner  
 Kenneth Anderson - In Memory of: Chuck Giraud  
 Lyle Richards  
 Marie Roiger  
 Marilyn Schafer  
 Buffalo Lake-Hector FFA - In Honor of Camp Courage  
 Buffalo Lake High School Class of 1962  
 Robert and Phyllis Reck Engstrom  
 Mathilda Wengler Gerding - In Memory of Wilfred Gerding  
 Hector Community Drive

Steven Hess and Tammy Miller-Hess - In Memory of Myron "Pete" Miller  
 Gary and Pat Kubly  
 Stephen and Nancy Mabuice  
 Newberg Sky Spray, LLC  
 Ed and Judy Newbury  
 Steven and Vicky Novotny  
 Neil and Joyce Nyhus  
 Chad and Michelle Paulson  
 Curtis and Marian Sampson  
 Joann Streeter - In Memory of Mark Streeter  
 Allen and Marie Walter  
 Rita Walz - In Memory of Harold Walz  
 Joyce Wehlage - In Memory of Vernon Nickols  
 Norma Winkelmann - In Memory of Eugene Winkelman

## Funds that benefit Rock County

### In Luverne...

**Luverne Child Guide Endowment Fund** – An endowment fund that was created to provide ongoing support to the Child Guide Program in the Luverne area.  
 Connie Connell - Southwest Initiative Foundation Award

## Funds that benefit Swift County

### In Appleton...

#### **Appleton Community Foundation** –

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

2007 Appleton Charity Golf Classic

Fundraiser Proceeds

Richard and Yvonne Anderson

Richard and Yvonne Anderson - In

Memory of Wally Schroeder

Chris and Brenda Domeier - In

Memory of Floyd Boraas

James and Sydney Masee

John and Jeanette Pfaff

Rollie and Nancy Schmidt - In

Memory of Reinhart Koozman

#### **Appleton VFW Post 4955 Flags of Honor Memorial Endowment Fund** –

*A related endowment fund of the Appleton Community Foundation dedicated to perpetuating the Appleton VFW Post 4955 Flags of Honor Memorial.*

Ruth Anderson - In Memory of Phil Anderson

Lu Ann Hegland - In Memory of Phil Anderson

Leonard E. Masee Trust - In Memory of Phil Anderson

Ritchie and Mary Sue Voorhees - In Memory of Phil Anderson

### In Benson...

#### **Benson Area Community Foundation** –

*A permanent resource that benefits the Benson area through grantmaking and community projects.*

Four Anonymous Gifts

One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Jim Bjerk

One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Judy Grossman

One Anonymous Gift - In Memory of Pat Knutson

Benson Historic Bottle Proceeds

Benson Kiwanis Club

Benson Lions Club

Mick and Marlys Boone

Gert Breen - In Memory of David Breen

Case New Holland Excellence in Government Committee - On Behalf of Kim Heiden

John and Linda Chattin - In Memory of Gretchen Urke and Clara Mae Boese

Steve and Patricia Cina

Dan and Donna Anderson

Brent and Patty Grube

Michael and Julie Holte

Jeff and Amy Jones

Mark and Ann Kettelkamp

Paul and Jan Kittelson

KSCR/KBMO Radio

Donna Lilleberg

Jan Lundebrek - In Memory of Lucille Lee

Jan and Richard Lundebrek - In

Memory of:

Jim Bjerk

David Breen

Jack DeVaan

Judy Grossman

Roger Maanum

George Olen

Virginia Swanson

Jerry and Carol Peterson and Swift County Implement

State Bank of Danvers

State Farm Companies Foundation

Good Neighbor Grant Program –

In Honor of Mark Frank

Lee and Jennifer Westrum

Todd and Stephanie Wordelman

## Funds that benefit Yellow Medicine County

### In Canby...

#### **Blue and Gold Foundation Fund** –

*An endowment and non-endowed fund created to benefit students of the Canby area.*

Five Anonymous Gifts

A'Viands

Canby Farmers Grain Company

Canby Firemen's Relief Association

Cleveland Chevrolet, Inc.

Conrad's Truck & Tractor

Kevin and Julie Doom

Esther Harms Trust - In Memory of

Wesley and Esther Harms

Farmers Co-op Association

First Security Bank

Helena Chemical Company

Independent Oil Company

Michael Klinkner and Jolene Wagner

- In Memory of Donald J. Wagner

Kockelman Construction, Inc.

Outland Renewable Energy, LLC

Paul Pederson and Amy Wagner - In

Memory of Donald Wagner

Dennis and Jane Roske - In Memory of

Janice Roske Jeronen

Schrunk's Canby Implement

Gary and Vicki Stoks

Agnes Wagner - In Memory of

Donald Wagner

Jennifer Wagner - In Memory of

Donald J. Wagner

Mark and Marlene Wagner - In

Memory of Donald J. Wagner

Mathew and Kari Wagner - In

Memory of Donald J. Wagner

Roger and Karen Wollum

#### **Canby Community Scholarship Endowment Fund** –

*A related endowment fund of the Blue and Gold Foundation that was created to benefit students of the Canby area.*

Three Anonymous Gifts

John and Diana Anderson

A'Viands

Oscar and Rita (Phillips) Bengtson

Rita Bengtson

The Birk Family, Ben and Kelley

Nemitz, Odean and Sarah

Thorsteinson, and Tony Birk

Emmitt and Darlynn Blankenfeld

Canby Area Retired Educators

Association - CAREA

Canby Area Shrine Club

Canby High School Class of 1960

- In Memory of Avis Frazeur and

Wayne Anderson

Canby High School Class of

1960 – In Memory of Rosella

(Kockelman) Rybinski and Larry

Funk

Canby High School Class of 2007

Canby Jaycees

Don and Tammy Deslauriers, Canby

High School Class of 1986

Farmers Co-op Association - In

Memory of Florene Ningen

Gifts Given In Honor of the Canby

High School Class of 1967:

David and Judy (Chaplin) Boblitt

Thomas Clark

Judy (Abel) Dye

Dana Kelly

Dr. James and Carol (Saltee)

Oakland

Donn and Barbara Peterson

Eroy Quenroe

Don and Janet (Livingston) Rose

John and Kitty (Winkels) Sherlock

George and Donna Sorensen

Richard and Judy (Denelsbeck)

Stone

Robert and Debra Winkels

Marvin and Mary Ann Goplen

Alfred and Mary Graner

Loren and Karen Hacker

Mark and Carol Hruby

Sheila (Flynn) Joyce

Dr. Craig and Nancy Kaddatz

Greg and Linda Kockelman

Norm and Sandy Larsen

David Maas

Gary Maas

Betty Merritt - In Memory of Lottie

Berge

Betty Merritt - In Memory of Bernice

Mathison

Betty Merritt - In Memory of Evie

Pederson

Wendell and Marlene Miller

Bjorn and Margot Monson

Nancy (Atkins) Moore

Gerald and Marilyn Mueller

Dr. D.T. and Anne Nelson

Rodney Olson

Lorna Rangaard - In Memory of

Dorothy Weber

Margaret (Peggy) A. Roe - In

Memory of Sherry Salmon

Rotary Club of Canby

Phyllis Saltee

Dean and Jane Stoks - In Memory of

Florene Ningen

John W. Streff

SVCC Auxillary

Sally and Larry Vogt

Mark and Kari Whittier

Ron Wicklace - Diversified Financial

Group

### In Clarkfield...

#### **Clarkfield Area Charter School**

*Fund – A non-endowed fund that was created to benefit the Clarkfield Area Charter School.*

Paul Wilson

#### **Clarkfield Area Community**

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

Clarkfield Lions Club

Gene and Jacqueline Wenstrom

# Making a Difference

That's what Gustavo and Ann Estrada in Marshall are doing through their annual gift to the Southwest Initiative Foundation's (SWIF) General Endowment. It's what Daisy Jacobs was able to accomplish with a visionary gift in her will to the Prairie Ecology Bus Center Fund at SWIF. It's what each and every person listed in this edition of "Looking Forward, Giving Back" is doing.



**Marc D. Vaillancourt**  
Development Director

Whether through a gift to the regional, permanent resource that helps the Foundation deliver its mission and programs throughout southwest Minnesota or a gift to a local community foundation or designated fund, the people listed in this booklet are indeed making a difference and helping facilitate positive change in their communities through their generosity.

The SWIF General Endowment enables you to make a gift that not only benefits your community, but also the entire region, while both the Community Foundation and Designated Fund Program provide a variety of vehicles that allow you to give to the specific causes you care about deeply.

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Please call us at 1-800-594-9480 as you consider how you, too, can make a difference. If you haven't done so already, join us as we make southwest Minnesota an even greater place to live, work, do business and raise a family.

Together, we can look forward, and help you give back to the causes that matter most to you.



**Liz Maiers**  
Development Officer



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*“To give*

*away money is an easy matter...and in any man’s power. But to decide to whom to give it, and how large and when, for what purpose and how, is neither in every man’s power nor an easy matter. Hence it is that such excellence is rare, praiseworthy and noble.”*

— Aristotle



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