



# PHILANTHROPY

**SWIF IS DEDICATED** to promoting philanthropy in southwest Minnesota to help retain local wealth, strengthen communities and offer donors multiple vehicles for which to contribute their charitable dollars and fulfill their philanthropic objectives.

- The Growing Home Circle Campaign welcomed 11 new members pledging an annual commitment of \$1,000 or more to the SWIF General Endowment, a permanent resource to support SWIF's work in our region. All gifts to the SWIF General Endowment, including Growing Home Circle gifts, are matched dollar-for-dollar by The McKnight Foundation. The 66 Southwest Initiative Foundation Growing Home Circle members raised a total of \$139,000 in FY08.
- SWIF's Community Foundation Program established two new partnerships—Balaton and Clarkfield—bringing the total to 19 community foundations.
- SWIF's Designated Fund Program established nine new designated fund partnerships to help donors achieve their unique philanthropic goals, bringing total partnerships to 63. The new designated fund partnerships include:
  - Clarkfield Area Charter School Fund
  - Class of 1958 Fund for Madison-Marietta-Nassau Elementary School
  - Ellen Baker-Merrigan Advised Endowment Fund
  - Grove City Area C.A.R.E. Endowment Fund
  - Hutchinson ISD #423 Foundation Fund
  - Jackson Circles of Support Fund
  - Johnson Memorial Foundation Fund
  - Lac qui Parle Museum Endowment Fund
  - Nobles County Freedom Veterans Memorial Park, Inc. Endowment Fund

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