



**MORDEN AREA
FOUNDATION**
for good, forever

2016 – 2017 Annual Report

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Greetings from Chairperson Avaline Widmer

WOW! Morden Area Foundation has had another amazingly successful blessed year, which would not have been possible without your support. So, on behalf of the Board of the MAF, we say **THANK YOU! THANK**

YOU! THANK YOU!

It is our pleasure to announce the establishment of two new funds: the Morden Corn & Apple Festival Fund, and the South Central Cancer Resource Fund!

It's not necessary to be a doctor, business owner, or teacher to make lasting improvements to your community. Each of us carry within us the capacity to change the world in small ways for the better. Our actions and thoughts affect people in our lives, and their reactions in turn affect others. As the effect of a seemingly insignificant word passes from person to person, its impact grows and can be a source of great kindness, joy or inspiration. Like stones dropped into still waters, causing ripples to spread and expand as they move outward, the impact you have on the world is greater than you imagine. The choices you make have far reaching consequences. You can use the ripple effect to make a positive difference and spread waves of kindness that will wash over the whole community. The recipient of a good deed will likely feel compelled to do a good deed for someone else. One act of charity, one thoughtful deed, or even one positive thought can pass from person to person, snowballing until it becomes a group movement that helps make your community more inclusive, resilient and sustainable. Every transformation, just like every ripple has a point of origin. You must believe in your ability to be that point of origin if you want to use the ripples you create to spread goodness. Consider the effect of your thoughts, and actions and try to act graciously as much as possible. A smile directed at a stranger, a compliment given to a friend, or a thoughtful gesture can send ripples that spread among your loved ones and your community and beyond. **Be a point of origin!**

Grant Recipients

Scholarships:

Morden Collegiate Student Council - Bailey Derksen	\$ 150
Victoria Rebekah Lodge – Verena Schulz	\$ 100
Diane McAndrew – Jordan Parker	\$ 300
Doug Cram Memorial – Tara Sweetnam	\$ 375
Ken Warkentin – Sidney Sinclair	\$ 350
John & Isabel Reichert – Danaka Hanash	\$ 900
Morden Area Foundation – Jordan Parker	\$1,160
Morden Adult Education - Pawel Lukasz Sowinski	\$1,160
Morden Masonic Lodge Nursing – Aline Lamirande	\$700
Richard, Emma & Leonard Krueger – Monica Lambrecht	\$230
Morden Festival of the Arts – Monica Lambrecht	\$245
Youth In Philanthropy / HASTA – Jordan Parker	\$600
Morden District United Way Scholarship	\$1,500

General Grants:

City of Morden - Ball diamonds, Lacross, Teen Drum	\$5,000
City of Morden – summer programs	\$1,091
Pembina Valley Child Care Centre – balance beam	\$2,350
Pembina Valley Child Care Centre Canada 150 Grant for playground resurfacing	\$14,910
Youth For Christ	\$5,000
South Central Regional Library	\$759
Caring & Sharing	\$1,698
Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre	\$413
City of Morden – Programming	\$1,091
Agassiz Medical Centre – Power of the Purse Grant	\$3,208
Pembina Valley Child Care - Power of the Purse	\$2,683
Alzheimer's Society of MB – Power of the Purse	\$4,108
Pembina Hills Arts Council	\$466
Morden District United Way – Vol of Year Donation	\$1,000
Women's Giving Circle	\$3,193
Lautenschlager Family Fund	\$206
Bill & Linda Fehr Scholarship	\$399
Morden Fire & Rescue	\$5,000
Pembina Hills Arts Scholarship	\$28
Total 2016-2017 Grants	\$59,283

2016-17 Directors

Chair Avaline Widmer, Lawyer
 Vice-Chair Ken Friesen, Accountant
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 Director Merley Wiebe, Self Employed
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CFDC “Dig Deep” Gala

In May, the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre held a very successful 2nd annual fundraising gala with profits from ticket sales, donations, and auction, used to build their Canadian Fossil Discovery Development Fund to a whopping \$30,000!

Dr. Anthony Russell was asked to speak on “The Life of Dr. Elizabeth ‘Betsy’ Nichols”. Betsy spent three field seasons in the bentonite quarries collecting and conducting research for her thesis, from 1985-1987. With the support of two summer helpers and Henry Isaak (Curator of Morden & District Museum at the time) she helped to bring in numerous specimens, some of which included the huge plesiosaur pelvic girdle currently on display in our gallery.

This fund was created specifically for the interest earned to be used to help support the activities of the CFDC and therefore the CFDC Board is actively working hard to create one of the largest funds held with the MAF.



Power of the Purse

The Power of the Purse began as part of a Women’s Giving Circle Fund initiative. 100 women were invited to bring \$100

each totaling \$10,000. On Saturday, March 4 three registered charities, preselected and applications approved by the MAF, made 15 minute presentations followed by each woman individually choosing the charity they wish to support with their \$100 donation.

The three projects of choice were:

1. Pembina Valley Child Care Centre – funding for Baby Room equipment and supplies – \$2,683.27 awarded.
2. Agassiz Medical Clinic Community Board – funding for a new Teen Clinic – \$3,209.27 awarded.
3. Alzheimer’s Society - Funding for the very first in the area Minds In Motion Program – \$4,108.46 awarded.

Sponsors: Boundary Trails Dental Centre, Focal Point, Gallery Wealth Management, Access Credit Union, Pure Anada, Rob Dudgeon, and Floral Scents.



Pay it Forward May

The Morden Area Foundation and the Winkler Community Foundation invite you to participate in PAY IT FORWARD

during the month of May and help make our communities a better place to live, work, and play.

The message is simple: *Do something nice for someone and ask nothing in turn other than they do something nice for someone else. Part of the beauty of this initiative is that it doesn't have to cost a cent.*

SHARE THE KINDNESS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Kindness is contagious – so let's pass our stories on, to encourage others! If you witness, or experience a Pay It Forward act of kindness, please post to your Facebook page, Twitter or Instagram and share using #PIF17 or email us at: info@mordenfoundation.ca to share Pay It Forward events and stories.

Even though we support demonstrating Pay It Forward initiatives every day, the Morden Area Foundation has chosen one month to encourage residents, students, teachers, business owners, employees, children, and groups of all ages to focus on Pay It Forward initiatives; to work together to make our community strong and vibrant. For Pay It Forward ideas and free printable resources go to www.mordenfoundation.ca and click on Pay It Forward May.

The month-long campaign began with the annual delivery of 500 cupcakes donated by the Winkler/Morden Coop throughout Morden to various businesses, schools and organizations. Several others jumped on board to conduct their own pay it forward campaign. The Morden and District Chamber of Commerce once again offered to surprise local businesses with flowers. The Maverick radio station once again gave out free pizzas daily during the month of May.



Fund Investments

The Winnipeg Foundation is responsible for all Morden Area Foundation fund investments. In addition to handling all MAF investments, TWF offers free training and educational sessions to the MAF Board members, are available by telephone or email Monday to Friday for any and all questions the Executive Director or Board Members may have, plus offers additional grants to the MAF to assist in administration costs.

As at August 31, the MAF fiscal year end for 2016-2017, the MAF total investments amounted to \$1,609,704.68.

Funds Held at the MAF

NEW Morden Corn & Apple Festival Fund – restricted – interest from this fund is to assist in payment of any and all expenses incurred by the Morden Corn & Apple Festival.

NEW South Central Cancer Resource – restricted – interest from this fund is to assist in payment of any expenses incurred for the general operations of SCCR.

Administration Fund – interest from this fund helps to cover all office administration costs.

General Fund - unrestricted – interest from this fund is for all registered charities to apply to for local projects.

Women's Giving Fund – unrestricted – interest from this fund is used for grants focused on women and children.

City of Morden – unrestricted - interest from this fund is for all registered charities to apply to for local projects.

Caring and Sharing Fund – restricted - Investment earnings are used by Caring and Sharing to pay for food, clothing, or other needs of children and families.

Health and Education Fund – unrestricted - interest earned is for all registered charities to apply to for local projects.

2014 Morden Stanley Winkler Power Smart Winter Games Fund – unrestricted – investment earnings are focused on sports related grants.

Recreation and Sport Fund (This includes the original Safeway Summer Games Fund) - unrestricted

Canadian Fossil Discovery Development Fund – restricted – investment earnings from this fund are to support activities of the CFDC.

Clark Elder Memorial Fund – restricted – investment earnings are used to support families needing assistance to pay for children in sports related activities.

Arts Stabilization Manitoba Fund - restricted – interest from this fund is used in support of equipment for and professional development of the Pembina Hills Arts Centre.

South Central Regional Library Fund – restricted – investment earnings are to assist in payment of any expenses incurred by SCCR as deemed appropriate by the SCCR Board for the general operations of SCCR.

John and Isabel Reichert Scholarship Fund

Morden Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund

Youth In Philanthropy (YIP-HASTA) Scholarship Fund

Bill and Linda Fehr Scholarship Fund

Jake Kenneth Warkentin Scholarship Fund

Doug Cram Memorial Scholarship Fund

Diane McAndrew Scholarship Fund

Morden Festival of the Arts Scholarship Fund

Richard and Emma Krueger Scholarship Fund

Morden Student Council Scholarship Fund

Victoria Rebekah Lodge Scholarship Fund

Pembina Arts Council Scholarship Fund

Morden Area Foundation Scholarship Fund

Morden and District United Way Scholarship Fund

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding these funds, setting up your own fund, or contributing to these funds, please contact the MAF office. Ph 204-822-5614 or Email info@mordenfoundation.ca



Volunteer of the Year 2016

Ron Blum was nominated by local resident Tom Sibbald as Volunteer of the Year for Ron's efforts in keeping the community of Morden clean and beautiful. "Everyone knows the guy that walks around collecting garbage. He's the kind of volunteer we should celebrate. Ron works quietly in the background while we go on with our day." says Sibbald.

Ron isn't the typical winner of this award by being the highest leader of several organizations, or volunteering the most hours for the most organizations. We are highlighting Ron as a shining example of how someone freely gives of his/her time following his/her passion and making a difference in our community in his/her own quiet way... just because. If everyone followed through on a random act of kindness such as this that Ron Blum does, can you imagine how much more incredible our community could be?

Five years ago, the Foundation decided to add to the volunteering award by presenting \$1,000 to the charity of the recipient's choice. This year, Blum chose to donate that money to the United Way of Morden & District.

24 Hour Giving Challenge

2016 was the 3rd annual challenge offered by The Winnipeg Foundation to raise \$10,000 within 24 hours on Saturday, November 19 wherein The Winnipeg Foundation will match \$1 to \$5 up to a maximum of \$2,000. The MAF met the challenge, raised \$10,268 and received the \$2,000 matching dollars. Congratulations and thank you to all MAF supporters for reaching and surpassing this goal!

Grants



2017 marks **Canada's 150th Celebration** and with that the Community Foundations of Canada offered a Canada 150 matching grant opportunity wherein 50% is granted by the MAF and 50% is matched and granted through the Canada 150 program. In the photo above the Pembina Valley Child Care Centre in Morden was granted \$14,910 for the resurfacing of the infant/toddler playground.



This year as part of the **"Kids helping Kids Program"** the Morden Collegiate Youth In Philanthropy (YIP) has partnered with the EMMS Grade 5's Pay it Forward Club and the Morden Area Foundation, in granting a total of \$2,375 to the Pembina Valley Child Care Centre for a new balance beam to be used by kids of all ages. The EMMS students held a Taco in a Bag fundraising lunch raising \$775. The YIP students raised \$375 through a garage sale, bake sale, and popcorn sales. The Foundation topped up these funds raised to fulfill the granting need as requested. Team work!

This program has been awesome for the youth of Morden. Individually they may not reach the goal but working together in partnership brings power to the youth and teaches them they can make great impact on their community. Kids helping kids is how it all begins.

Upcoming Events 2017-2018

Wed Dec 13 MAF Annual Christmas Party and AGM

Join us for the MAF AGM and celebrate the joyous season at hand as we highlight some of the past year's grants.

February 2018 Education month. Join us for "Coffee Breaks" held at various locations wherein people are invited for coffee and dainties and learn all about the Foundation, its history, grants made and the impact on Morden and area.

Sat Mar 3 Power of the Purse

100 women are invited to bring \$100 and listen to 3 charities make a presentation then choose which charity they wish to support. Only 100 seats available so get your tickets now.

Sat April 14 25th Anniversary Variety Night

A time to enjoy an evening of fabulous h'ordourves by Homestead South and a variety of entertainment and storytelling as we celebrate all the wonderful community projects the MAF has been involved in over the past 25 years. Meet the founding members and current Board.

May Pay it Forward May

Take part in the month long random acts of kindness and show your community you care.

June Graduation

The MAF takes great pride in assisting the youth of today with their educational goals for tomorrow at both the Morden Collegiate Institute and Adult Education Program both within the Western School Division.

July Vacation Time

Go on any vacation you like for as long as you like and know that your money is always working even when you are not.

August Morden Corn & Apple Parade

Be watching for the 25th Anniversary float and Board members past and current in the C&A parade on Saturday.

November 24 Hr Giving Challenge

This is your opportunity for your money to grow instantly because of the Challenge put forward by The Winnipeg Foundation to match funds \$1 for every \$5 up to \$2,000. We hope to have the Province of Manitoba and Access Credit Union on board with this challenge again in 2018.

2016-2017 Donors

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MAF 25th Anniversary 1993-2018

We look forward to celebrating MAF's 25th Anniversary all year long for 2018. Watch for upcoming celebrations and activities.



Directors in place

The Morden Area Foundation has been incorporated, and the board of directors for the charitable organization includes: (from left) back row - Bob Menzies, Ron Laverty and Sam Andrew; front row - Ivadell Sigurdson, Fred Westwood and Marilyn Skubovius. Missing were Betty Dunbar-Sager and Gordon Hoeschel.

Foundation plans kickoff dinner

A new charitable organization - the Morden Area Foundation - marks its official formation with a fundraising dinner kickoff Oct. 15.

The guest speaker will be Jim Daly of the University of Manitoba. The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Morden Recreation Centre.

The foundation is a non-profit organization created to provide financial support to charitable, educational, cultural and recreational projects which are beneficial to the community.

All monies donated to the foundation are held in perpetuity, and the income generated from their investment provides funding to qualifying, non-profit organizations in the Morden area. Contributions can be made in such ways as a gift or pledge, a bequest in a will, a memorial donation or a multi-year pledge.

The foundation board of directors serve on a volunteer basis without remuneration for a maximum of two four-year terms.

Tickets for the dinner are \$12 and are available from the directors: Sam Andrew, Betty Dunbar-Sager, Gordon Hoeschel, Ron Laverty, Bob Menzies, Ivadell Sigurdson, Marilyn Skubovius and Fred Westwood.