



# 2017 – 2018 Annual Report

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25 years ago, a small group of men and women with a vision to support and care for our community, founded the Morden Area Foundation. Since then, \$1,000,000 has been granted to our community. To celebrate this anniversary, we invite you to donate in multiples of 25 – \$25, \$125, \$525, \$2,500, or \$25,000 – to grow the General Community Fund. The interest earned on the fund will be available for granting to registered charities in Morden and the surrounding area. When you make a gift to the Foundation, it becomes your legacy that gives forever, and helps ensure a bright future for our community. Thank you to all participants.

## Grant Recipients

### Scholarships:

Morden Collegiate Student Council – Adam Thiessen	\$ 150
Victoria Rebekah Lodge – Kelsea Harder	\$ 100
Diane McAndrew – Spencer Hamm	\$ 300
Doug Cram Memorial – Dawson Hiebert	\$ 460
Ken Warkentin – Brendon North	\$ 365
John & Isabel Reichert – Emily Wiebe	\$ 900
Morden Area Foundation – Vanessa Wiebe	\$1,190
Morden Adult Education – Brae Leigh Bueckert	\$1,190
Morden Masonic Lodge Nursing – Regan Klassen	\$700
Richard, Emma & Leonard Krueger – Candace Wiebe	\$235
Morden Festival of the Arts – Alexandra Blatz	\$250
Youth In Philanthropy / HASTA – Vanessa Wiebe	\$600
Bill & Linda Fehr Scholarship	\$405

### General Grants:

South Central Cancer Resource – Power of the Purse	
- Free headwear for clients	\$4,540
Pembina Hills Arts Centre – Power of the Purse	
- Free Creative Play Program	\$2,254
City of Morden/Western School Division	
- Mental Health Week – Power of the Purse	\$3,756
South Central Cancer Resource	
- Citizen of Distinction Award Donation	\$1,000
Katie Cares – Beanie Baby bags for sick kids project	\$1,000
Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre	\$699
Caring & Sharing	\$1,749
City of Morden – Clark Elder Memorial Fund	\$1,148
Darlingford Fire Department – Jaws of Life	\$12,150
Lautenschlager Family Fund	\$233
Morden Community Handivan	\$7,000
Morden Corn & Apple Festival	\$631.04
Morden District United Way Scholarship	\$1,608
Morden Fire & Rescue	\$5,000
Pembina Hills Arts Scholarship	\$29
South Central Regional Library	\$771
South Central Cancer Resource	\$2,471.23
Women's Giving Circle	\$2,422.76
<b>Total 2017-2018 Grants</b>	<b>\$55,307.03</b>

## CFDC Museum Establishes a New Heritage Trust Fund



L-R: MAF Board Member Allison Braun, Executive Director Lynda Lambert, CFDC Executive Director Peter Cantelon, TWF Director of Finance Susan Hagemeister, TWF Endow MB Program Specialist Denise Campbell.

June 1st, 2018 the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre (CFDC) became the FIRST in Manitoba to get on board with the new Government of Manitoba Heritage Trust Program with a whopping \$20,000 kick start!

This program is designed to support the long-term sustainability of museums and archives in Manitoba. This is a matching program wherein the CFDC has three years to raise \$50,000 and at the end of the three years the Government of Manitoba will match the fund 2 to 1 and add \$25,000 to the fund. During the 3 years the monies will be held at and administered by The Winnipeg Foundation (TWF) and at the end of the term, all monies will be transferred into the CFDC fund held locally at the Morden Area Foundation (MAF) as per the Government of Manitoba requirements.

“It’s the most significant contribution from a funding perspective that the Province has made ... as incentive funding, there hasn’t been anything like this” Peter Cantelon explains. “We already understood and were convinced of the value of the fund with our local foundation, so when this was announced, we knew we had to take full advantage if it”.

The CFDC fund held at the MAF currently sits at approximately \$32,000 and by the end of the three years when the \$75,000 is transferred over from TWF to the CFDC fund held at the MAF, the CFDC fund will be well over the \$100,000 mark.

Susan Hagemeister, Director of Finance for TWF, says “Next year this endowment fund will pay back to the CFDC for its Board to use at their discretion, but primarily it will probably be used for their operations.”

## Tipping Recycling Bins Leads to Large Donation by MWM



L-R: MAF Executive Director Lynda Lambert, Board Members Al Sloan, Merley Wiebe, Myrna Wiebe, Allison Braun, and MWM Morden Sales Representative Larry Klein

The Morden and Area Foundation (MAF) received a financial boost thanks to Municipal Waste Management (MWM). “It means a lot to the foundation to see the support of the local businesses,” said MAF Treasurer Allison Braun. MWM donated \$1,496 to the Foundation’s endowment fund, which is used for MAF’s annual granting.

Morden sales representative for MWM Larry Klein said for every recycling bin tipped by their trucks during the previous year, five cents were donated back into the community. This past year a total of 29,924 carts were tipped.

Klein said this is something the organization has done since coming to the community and they’re looking forward to continuing the initiative. He said they chose the Foundation because it benefits multiple charities. “If you work in the community, you should give back to the community,” said Klein. Photo and story courtesy of Dantin Reimer, Golden West Radio, Pembina Valley Online.

### 2017-18 Directors

Chair	Avaline Widmer, Lawyer
Vice-Chair	Ken Friesen, Accountant
Treasurer	Allison Braun, Operations Manager
Secretary	Chris Bolt, Dentist
Director	Merley Wiebe, Self Employed
Director	Becky Williams, Teacher
Director	Myrna Wiebe, Strategist
Director	Al Sloan, Retired
Executive Director	Lynda D. Lambert

### 3rd Annual Power of the Purse Brunch



The organizing Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for participating in the 3rd Annual Power of the Purse brunch.

This year was successful with 105 women participating which is over and above the goal of 100. The event raised \$10,550 due to the number of participants and extra \$50 donation. According to the Charity of Choice cards, the funds are divided as follows:

South Central Cancer Resource	
Free headwear for clients	\$ 4,540.00
Pembina Hills Arts Centre	
Free Creative Play Program	\$ 2,254.00
City of Morden / Western School Division	
Mental Health Week	\$ 3,756.00

Congratulations to these excellent charities for their hard work within the community!! We all look forward to hearing how these donations have helped to make Morden a better place to live and visit.

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Power of the Purse for Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Morden Activity Centre.

Once again 100 dynamic, vibrant, and passionate women are invited to bring \$100, listen to presentations of three local charities with specific projects, and donate \$100 to your charity of choice that is closest to your heart. The goal is to raise and grant out \$10,000 within 100 minutes with 100 women with \$100. In order to meet this goal, the MAF is in search of sponsors to support the costs of this fundraising event and support local charities of choice.

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



Owen of Homestead South catered the delicious brunch.



### EMMS Grade 5 Students Pay it Forward - Kids Helping Kids

The EMMS Becky Williams Grade 5 students make the world a better place, a few Beanie Babies at a time. These students partnered with the Morden Area Foundation (MAF) to grant \$1,000 to Katie Cares for new Beanie Baby bags for sick children in hospital.

As part of the MAF Pay it Forward May program, these Grade 5 students held a taco in a bag lunch fundraiser during the month of May for the 3rd year in a row. The students themselves speak to management in person at both Giant Tiger and Morden Coop Foods to request donations of supplies for their project.



Once the supplies are delivered to EMMS they get to work chopping lettuce, cooking hamburger, and shredding cheese. They presell all lunches to students, teachers, family and friends. The day of pick up for the lunches, the students line up at work stations and each take a job. One cuts the bag open, one scoops the hamburger, one scoops the salsa, one adds the lettuce, one adds the sour cream, and one adds the cheese. It is a very fine-tuned job and a job very well done!

Earlier in the year, the students met with the MAF Executive Director who taught them about the MAF, how it operates, and how they as Grade 5 students can greatly impact their community. They are taught that by partnering together with each other, local businesses, and the MAF, they have great power to help others.



The students chose to donate to Katie's Cottage because of their "kids helping kids" motto. They are kids who are helping to brighten the day of sick kids in hospital. After hearing the story of Katie Reimer herself being a sick child in the hospital, asking her mother to buy a teddy bear for a sick child in the hospital with her, the Grade 5 students decided they could help carry on that tradition. (Photos courtesy Lorne Stelmach)



Ruth Reimer, co-founder of Katie Cares, and her team of volunteers create activity bags for children in hospital filled with coloring books with other activities and of course a teddy bear to love and hug. It is very fitting these students carry on

a gesture that Katie herself started from the love overflowing in her heart for other children.

"Kids giving to kids is just the best thing" says Ruth Reimer of Katie Cares. "They really have given from their hearts." Ruth continues "It is overwhelming at times when I think about the generosity of these children and what they did."

## Pay it Forward May



L-R: Board Member Merley Wiebe, Volunteers Dolores Guenther, Val Bergman, Dianne Lambert, Linda Fehr, Kathy Ritchie, Board Member Al Sloan, Exec Director Lynda Lambert and Board member Allison Braun

Every year a team of volunteers hit the streets of Morden delivering goodies to random businesses. This year, Tim Horton's offered to sponsor the donuts. Above is the team of volunteers that helped to spread a little kindness to the community.

The Morden Area Foundation and the Winkler Community Foundation team up again for another year of PAY IT FORWARD during the month of May.



Boundary Trails Dental Centre, donut recipients.



Décor Cabinets, donut recipient.



City of Morden, donut recipient.



Regional Connections, donut recipient.

## Fund Investments

As at August 31, the MAF fiscal year end for 2017-2018, the MAF total investments amounted to \$1,761,699.49. All investments funds are held with The Winnipeg Foundation who has a large team of professionals making very good returns of interest to allow the MAF to grant and funds to grow.

## Funds Held at the MAF



Annie Olafson and Chairperson Avaline Widmer

### NEW in 2018 – Joe (Johannes) and Annie Olafson Scholarship: \$400 per year to one recipient

Annie established this fund in loving memory of her husband Joe and their shared commitment to help educate local rural youth.

Joe was born and raised in the 1-6 farming district just south of Morden, Manitoba. He finished school at Grade 8 to work on the family farm. At age 20, Joe enlisted in the army and toured Italy, France, and Germany during World War II. After the war, Joe returned home to work the family farm with his father and brother. Eventually Joe took over the farm, married neighbor girl Annie Holenski, and together they raised one daughter and three boys while working hard to run a very efficient and productive farm.

Annie was a farm girl at heart and was raised in the 1-6 farming district as well. Annie finished school at Grade 6 to work the farm with her father and loved every minute of it. Annie always dreamed of becoming a nurse but living and working on a farm, raising a family, and volunteering in the community all kept her very busy. Annie's dream now is to support today's youth to accomplish their education goals.

The Joe (Johannes) and Annie Olafson Scholarship Fund is awarded to a rural student who is a Grade 12 graduate within the Western School Division catchment area with an average of 80% or higher, who demonstrates a positive attitude, and who intends to pursue post-secondary studies in the nursing field. If there is no application for nursing studies, then a graduate who intends to pursue an interest in post-secondary studies in an agricultural field will be accepted.



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

**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.

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

**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.

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

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

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

**Lautenschlager Family Fund** - restricted – in the building stage, no grants available at present.

**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.

**Recreation and Sport Fund** (This includes the original Safeway Summer Games Fund and the 2014 Morden Stanley Winkler Power Smart Winter Games Fund) – unrestricted – investment earnings are focused on sports related grants.

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

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

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

**Bill and Linda Fehr Scholarship Fund**

**Diane McAndrew Scholarship Fund**

**Doug Cram Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**(Jake) Kenneth Warkentin Scholarship Fund**

**John and Isabel Reichert Scholarship Fund**

**Morden Area Foundation Scholarship Fund**

**Morden and District United Way Scholarship Fund**

**Morden Festival of the Arts Scholarship Fund**

**Morden Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund**

**Morden Student Council Scholarship Fund**

**Pembina Arts Council Scholarship Fund**

**Richard and Emma Krueger Scholarship Fund**

**Victoria Rebekah Lodge Scholarship Fund**

**Youth In Philanthropy (YIP-HASTA) Scholarship Fund**

If you would like more information regarding these funds, setting up your own fund, or contributing to these funds, please contact the MAF office phone 204-822-5614.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coffee Parties



2018 kicked off the year with a series of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coffee parties designed to get the word out about the MAF. Downtown seniors' apartment blocks were designated areas of interest. With such cold weather in January and February, it was agreed it would be best to make a visit to their buildings rather than have them out where it was icy and cold.

A small group of women including Lenore Laverty, Nancy Penner, Marilyn Skubovius, Dianne Lambert, Linda Fehr, and Executive Director Lynda Lambert armed with delicious homemade baking, visited the Elks Place, Legion House 1&2 and Vista Terrace for coffee and conversation.

It was a time to look through photo albums filled with terrific stories and photos of the MAF's involvement in the community. A time to talk about community and what it has meant to all of us to be part of it. A time to talk about where the Foundation may go in the future and what needs could be addressed with interest earned from donations made today.

The coffee parties were a very good opportunity to connect and reconnect with many residents of Morden and area.

## Citizen of Distinction 2017



Dr. Bob Menzies. Photo courtesy of Reg Braun

To kick off the MAF's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations family physician, Dr. Bob Menzies was chosen as the first recipient of the Citizen of Distinction Award. A celebration took place on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Program 2-3:30 followed by refreshments and visiting to 4pm at the Access Event Centre 111 Gilmour Street, Morden.



Photo by Lorne Stelmach. Lorne Stelmach of The Winkler Morden Voice newspaper wrote:

*Dr. Bob described himself as humbled to receive the honour while giving credit to all those who make a difference in the community.*

*"I sometimes think about the community as a tapestry, if you will," he said. "You've got families that have been here for a length of time ... that kind of paints the mountains and the hills and the forests and the lakes and the meadows, and you kind of get that substantial background.*

*"Then you've got persons who I think contribute just as much ... that's the birds and the flowers and the butterflies and the things that make all of this so very beautiful, and I am just*

*pleased to be in a community where all of that works together ... where this tapestry is as beautiful as it is in Morden".*

*Menzies wondered why he would be singled out when "I think there's lots of people more deserving than me ... but not that I'm not thrilled to be standing here. Thank you for this.*

*"It's an amazing feeling ... its an amazing thing for your community to think you've done a good job."*

*... Menzies, who also thanked his wife Kathy and daughters for their love and support. "My mother and father taught me that this is a good community and we had a responsibility to make it better. It's the ethos of the culture of this community."*

*Dr. Ennok Persson paid tribute to Menzies as having played many roles in his life, including as a mentor and as a friend. "He's thoughtful, insightful, he's helpful, he's organized, he's smart ... he cares deeply for his family ... his family comes first," he said. "He has been one of the few old school physicians who care for patients from the cradle to the grave."*

*"Deep down, all this is based on caring for people, making a difference, seeing the potential in people."*

Dr. Bob was a founding member of the Morden Area Foundation and served on the Board for ten years. Dedication to his profession, and his volunteer involvement in community life, church, and family, has contributed to the quality of life in the City of Morden and area.



As part of receiving the award, Dr. Bob was honored to present \$1,000 to the charity of his choice being South Central Cancer Resource represented by June Letkeman.

Congratulations Dr. Bob and thank you for all you have done.

Photos throughout are courtesy of Lorne Stelmach, of The Winkler Morden Voice, Dantin Reimer of Golden West Radio, Greg Vandermeulen and Lauren MacGill of The Morden Times, and MAF volunteers.

## Grants

This year a major MAF grant in the amount of \$12,150 was awarded to the Darlingford Fire Department for a new Jaws of Life. This grant covered a significant portion of the total cost of \$35,000, said Chief Cal Funk, who noted this new Jaws of Life is a significant upgrade from the 1985 set they had been using.

“It’s a huge upgrade. We went from about 26,000 pounds of cutting force ... to about 145,000 pounds of cutting force” said Funk. Their old Jaws of Life were no longer able to cut some of the new steel in cars, he noted, and it was also much more unwieldy to use.

“We can respond immediately, and to places where we couldn’t typically get these units in before.” “We are not tethered by hoses anymore because it is battery operated, we can take these things virtually anywhere ... into a tank of a combine, if somebody gets tangled in equipment, inside a baler, in ravines, wherever we can go, they can go too.” “These are much simpler to use. The old set, you pull out a pump, you put hoses to it, you put the units up to it, and it can be 5 to 7 minutes before you actually get going.” That time can make a big difference in an emergency.



Board Member Merley Wiebe presents a cheque to the Darlingford Fire and Rescue Team.

Following the idea of paying it forward, Funk said “we took our old set and we passed them onto Notre Dame fire department, who had nothing.”

MAF Chairperson Avaline Widmer said they were happy to help. “It’s going to save lives,” she said, “so when we’re able to give grants that are important for the safety and welfare of our citizens, it’s pretty exciting.” Story in part and photo by Greg Vandermeulen of The Morden Times.

## 2017-2018 Donors

Sam Andrew	Donna Barnett
Sheila Campbell	Marion Dudgeon
Linda Fehr	Diane Guilford
Brian Hancock	Lynda Lambert
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Giane Guilford	Laverty Lenore
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### Donations Made in Memory Of

Don Boulton, Linda Butler, Dr. Bob Menzies, Jack and Mavis Hart, Helen Borthwick, Ruth Mudge, Lydia Andrew, Velma Dudgeon, Susan Collins, Jack Barnet, Lindy Stock



The Winnipeg Foundation offered a challenge to raise \$10,000 within 24 hours on Saturday, November 18, 2017. 2017 was very exciting with reaching the goal of \$10,000 as TWF matched with \$2,000, the Province of Manitoba matched with \$2,000 and the local Morden Access Credit Union also jumped on Board with matching funds of \$2,000.

\$18,445 was raised plus \$6,000 matching funds realizes \$24,445 deposited to the MAF endowment because of this fantastic event.

**Congratulations and thank you to all MAF supporters for reaching and surpassing this goal!**



### 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 Hoeschen.

### 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 Hoeschen, Ron Laverty, Bob Menzies, Ivadell Sigurdson, Marilyn Skubovius and Fred Westwood.