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A SINGLE GIFT FULFILLS MANY DREAMS

Seated at her piano, Ann Platt finds that pieces she learned as a girl come back to her quickly. But life tends to interrupt. Working to raise her family, she'd put aside her studies for decades before she realized how much she missed her instrument. Now, once again working with a private tutor, she's making up for lost time.

Part of that process is giving young musicians a boost. "It would be so wonderful if this reached a child who had some untapped gift but wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to take lessons," Ann says.

This past winter, Ann and her husband, Don, found a way to do just that. With a single gift to Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation, the Platts created four permanent endowments. Two of them support music education.

The first provides piano instruction and music lesson books for kids at South Dakota Children's Home. The second creates a piano scholars award for gifted middle school students in the Sioux Falls School District.

The Platts knew that SFACF could help realize Don's dreams as well. With the same gift, the couple endowed the Associate Trombone Chair of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra — a nod to the beloved King baritone horn that Don played throughout high school and later handed down to their son, and later their grandsons.

There's one last part to the couple's gift, and the Platts suspect those who know them even a little will guess that it's Don's doing as well. The fourth endowment benefits First Tee of Sioux Falls, the community's new youth golf program.

"You learn not only how to play a lifetime sport, you learn about life, honesty, integrity, and leadership," Don says of First Tee. He ought to know. His uncle has a home movie starring a four-year old Don, unsteadily whacking away at a golf ball. By age 10, Don says, he had grown quite adept at balancing a golf club across the handlebars of his



Throughout their 53 years together, Ann and Don Platt have supported the arts, children's causes, and parks projects, to name a few. They wanted to do more, and they knew SFACF could help. This past winter, they made one gift to SFACF that created four different endowments.

bike as he headed down a gravel road to the course. As an adult, he'd go on to claim numerous city and state titles and organize the South Dakota Golf Association, which inducted him to its Hall of Fame more than 20 years ago.

For much of their lives, Don and Ann had to work to make time for their hobbies. The two, who met while attending Iowa State University in Ames, had pushed their wedding date up nearly six months when Don's military orders arrived. Ann recalls the joy she felt when she saw an "old clunker of a piano" waiting in the Fort Lewis, Wash., barracks they called home while Don completed his field artillery officer commitment.

Afterward, the couple moved to Illinois. Don's degree in dairy technology made him a top pick for the job of setting up a state-certified lab. Two years later, in 1959, the Platts moved to Sioux Falls, where Don co-founded Nordica Foods Company. Ann put her home economics studies to the highest and most practical use, raising their son and two daughters.

When it comes to philanthropy, Ann says, "There are so many choices and so many good organizations that need help. We really did go in some different directions with the charities we chose. We knew we wanted to help children, of course, so that wasn't too difficult. The rest was even easier. Music is my passion, and golf is Don's."

For the Platts and donors like them, passion is the starting point for all the good things that happen through SFACF. We wouldn't have it any other way.

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PLANTING SEEDS FOR TOMORROW

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

CANDY HANSON



I hope by the time you receive this, our traditional South Dakota winter is a distant memory. Whether or not snow pyramids at the mall parking lots have vanished, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation is ready for a new planting season.

Tops on our list is preparing for *City Blossom*, a Community Builders Event we'll be hosting at Cherapa Place May 1. Our development committee aims to raise \$100,000 in new gifts to SFACF's unrestricted COMMUNITY FUNDS ENDOWMENT.

It's a big challenge, but our resolve is buttressed by the generosity of an anonymous donor family. They've pledged to match *City Blossom* contributions, dollar-for-dollar!

Unrestricted gifts are the ones SFACF's Grants Committee taps to fund charitable activities that address our community's most pressing needs and opportunities. Every other month, the Committee reviews proposals from local

nonprofits, carefully weighing the benefits of each and deciding which have the most potential for success. It's hard work, but the Committee's decisions are guided by "Sioux Falls Tomorrow" — a ten-year vision and goals for the Sioux Falls area.

This newsletter features stories about two recent COMMUNITY FUNDS grants — one that creates a new job placement service through Center for Active Generations. A second provides start-up funding to MAP, an all-volunteer moving assistance program that aids individuals and families with their relocation needs. Both are destined to transform the lives of those who are helped.

Being able to respond quickly to emerging needs is what makes unrestricted giving so important to our community. And, it's why SFACF has made *City Blossom* its planting priority this spring.

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SFACF START-UP GRANT HELPS LAUNCH MOVING PROGRAM

In early March, volunteers from the Moving Assistance Program, or MAP, helped their first applicant relocate to a safer environment. A grant from SFACF COMMUNITY FUNDS covered nearly two-thirds of MAP's start-up costs. Joel Wardell, seated, moved from a second-story apartment in an older home to an assisted living facility where he won't have to climb stairs. Volunteers included L to R: Jim Horn, Roger Johnston, Jeff Goff, Sarah Friedel, Adam Norenberg, Colleen McIntosh, and Rachel McAllister. Read more about other Great Grants on page 9.



Sometimes, the only thing separating a family from their new home is the road that leads to the front door. For a family without reliable transportation or friends to help carry the load, the distance can seem impossible — and the dream of escaping poor or unsafe living conditions slips away.

Like most people with a solid roof over his head, Craig Friedel didn't know any of this before he answered his church's most recent call to serve the community. Members at The Church of the Good Shepherd — an Episcopal congregation in Sioux Falls — simply wanted to help people in a meaningful way.

So Friedel got to work. He learned that moving assistance is one of the top five needs of area residents who phone the 211 HELP!Line Center. Using his background in project management, he analyzed the issue from every angle. After three months, he decided there was no reason it couldn't be done.

SFACF agreed. Its unrestricted COMMUNITY FUNDS grantmaking program gave Friedel the money needed to cover nearly two-thirds of the start-up costs for the *Moving Assistance Program*, or MAP. The independent nonprofit

aims to reach families in need, elderly residents, and people with disabilities who are physically unable to move themselves.

"At first, I thought we'd be helping people look for a better place, but most of them do have somewhere to go. They just can't get there on their own," says Friedel, whose group provides packing supplies, elbow grease, and whatever else is needed to get the job done. "They want to improve their lives, and that could be because of health, financial, or safety concerns."

Typically, those calling 211 for moving assistance qualify for government-subsidized housing. In Sioux Falls, that waiting list hovers around the 36-month mark. If a family can't move within the time frame allotted, they'll lose their spot.

That's what happened to Joel Wardell. Disabled by a leg injury, Wardell was largely homebound and struggled to scale the stairway to his second-floor apartment. Three years ago, when his turn to move came, he couldn't afford to pay a moving company. His six-year wait ended last month, when MAP moved him to an assisted-living facility.

Friedel anticipates MAP will help nearly 100 families in its first full year, averaging up to eight moves per month. Each time, he or another MAP volunteer will make a site visit to meet the applicant in his or her current home. Once there, MAP workers will assess the applicant's needs and document the furniture to be moved. They'll also note whether stairs, narrow hallways or other obstacles might present logistical challenges. Already, Friedel is on the lookout for a 6-by-12-foot enclosed trailer to pull behind a pickup or SUV.

"It's so important that they have a positive attitude and are fully prepared," Friedel says of volunteers. "No matter what the place looks like, you are still a guest in that home. And maybe you'll never have to live in a place like this, but someone has been living here. We have to respect that and to respect the people we're moving."

Volunteers looking to get involved can dial 211 or call MAP direct at 221-5950. While the charity needs a certain number of people who can carry boxes or help lift furniture, MAP also needs volunteers to pack and label boxes, keep track of what items go where, and drive vehicles.

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SFACF WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER



JO THEODOSOPOULOS

A self-described gypsy, Jo Theodosopoulos always comes home to Sioux Falls. She's criss-crossed the Upper Midwest in search of a vibrant community large enough to offer it all, but with a neighborhood feel that is missing in many major urban areas.

"I never wanted to let a job decide where I was going," says Theodosopoulos, who once chose a new city by closing her eyes and pointing to a map. "It was more important to me to find a place I liked and a community where I could see myself living."

She's found that and more in Sioux Falls. Now, she wants to help build community through her work. In the new role of Development Associate, Theodosopoulos coordinates SFACF events, oversees the gift process, and supports donor relations.

It's a mix that demands passion for detail and the desire to help others, two innate characteristics that set Theodosopoulos on a librarian's path. After completing her degree in liberal studies at South Dakota State University, the rural Miller native moved to Sioux Falls for the first time. She completed a distance-education program through the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and earned a master's degree in library science.

She stayed in the academic world — and in Sioux Falls — for a while longer, taking the Dean of Student Services job at National American University.

Meanwhile, she met her future husband, Kosta, a like-minded rolling stone. The couple spent a year in Fort Collins, Colo., where they purchased a print brokerage business. They hiked the mountains, kayaked the rivers, snow-shoed the landscape — and realized they needed to be closer to family.

Sioux Falls was the right choice for a second time, and the couple plugged back in to the community. Theodosopoulos drew on her language-arts background, spending two years as a proofreader and editor at VistaComm before seeking a new challenge at SFACF.

The two run Icon Printing from their central Sioux Falls home, where their family includes a Rottweiler named Rogan and a cat, Stray. Through Kosta's job as a manager at Nutty's North, they stay close to the local music scene — which Theodosopoulos counts as one of the city's keys to attracting other young professionals. In the meantime, her first two months at SFACF have shown her a new side of a familiar area. "I love seeing how excited people are getting about the work we're doing," she says. "Sioux Falls keeps getting better."

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BRIDGES CONNECTS EXPERIENCED WORKERS WITH NEW JOBS

A grant from SFACF COMMUNITY FUNDS made it possible for the Center for Active Generations to found a new employment resources program. BRIDGES helps workers ages 50 and older make the transition from retirement back into the marketplace. BRIDGES Coordinator LaRae Clausen, left, and Nikki Niemann-Lee met recently to talk about opportunities that fit Niemann-Lee's experience and interests.



Generational studies reveal that older workers are more likely to show company loyalty and less likely to expect fringe benefits beyond health and pension plans. Still, when mature workers attempt to switch careers or realize that full-time retirement isn't right for them, many find it hard to get a foot in the door.

That's where BRIDGES comes in. The Center for Active Generations founded the innovative employment resource program with a \$7,800 grant from SFACF unrestricted COMMUNITY FUNDS. BRIDGES, which stands for Boomers and Retirees Inspiring, Developing, Giving, and Engaging in Service, is designed to help mature workers make the transition back into the marketplace. Some need to work to cover rising prescription prices or higher costs of living. Others want to stay engaged and mentally stimulated, rediscovering their passions and developing their talents.

"Our program will enable them to explore their options, update skills, or teach them new skills to make them viable candidates for job positions," says Lisa Howard, the Center's program and volunteer director. "Our counselors will spend the extra time to give them the confidence they need to go on a job search."

In addition to connecting workers to job postings from local employers and the state's job service, BRIDGES offers one-on-one counseling, resume review, and interviewing tips at no charge to participants. Those resources are particularly important for workers who took lengthy breaks to raise children or become caretakers for an older generation.

Other services, including in-depth resume coaching and computer courses, are available for a fee. And unlike most programs for mature workers, BRIDGES is open to anyone 50 or older, regardless of economic status. It's truly a community project, Howard says, because participants needn't be Center members to receive help.

"You want to walk in with the confidence and excitement that you can do this — that this is your job," says LaRae Clausen, BRIDGES' new part-time coordinator.

Nikki Niemann-Lee hopes the employment link will help her find footing in a new community. She and her husband, who own a small contracting company, moved to Sioux Falls in 2006, after making Spearfish home for 25 years. Niemann-Lee, now 58, was part of the "Sandwich Generation." She cared for her aging grandmother, ran a home-based business,

and was the primary caretaker for her son, who's found new independence at an assisted-living facility.

"I know a lot of women my age who are looking for help in the job market," she says. "We all want to know where to find training, and where our skill gaps might be."

That was Niemann-Lee's experience eight years ago, when she enrolled in a college computer class to update her skills. At first, her younger classmates seemed skeptical she'd get up to speed. But it wasn't long before they crowded around her during computer labs, asking for tutorials. By semester's end, she had a new nickname: Obi-Wan Kenobi, after the master teacher in the "Star Wars" saga.

Clausen believes that Niemann-Lee's example will be an inspiration for those who are a little nervous about post-retirement employment or late career changes.

As for Niemann-Lee, she's happy to take part in the new program at the Center. She figures it will be a great way to boost her own connections to the community while helping others unlock doors to opportunities for personal fulfillment and greater self-sufficiency.

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SFACF Grant Application DUE DATES

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SFACF COMMUNITY FUND

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April 4

June 6

\$3,000 or less

Accepted at any time

APPLICATIONS FOR:

C.J. "Del" and Alene
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Endowment Fund

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Due: July 7

CONGRATULATIONS EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD WINNERS!

Children learn in different ways, and the best teachers know that what clicks with one student might not work for another. That's why *Excellence in Education* — SFACF's sponsorship program for teachers with big ideas and small budgets — kept the focus on Harold Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences for the second year in a row.

Gardner, an education professor at Harvard University, studied how children absorbed and processed information in the world around them. His findings helped form the basis for magnet, charter, and specialty schools nationwide. Closer to home, Sioux Falls area families can choose arts-based education at Eugene Field Elementary or instruction through the interrelated subjects of math, science, and technology at Lowell Elementary. In the fall, they'll have a third choice: language-based programs taught in English and Spanish at Rosa Parks Elementary.

In prior years, *Excellence in Education* has shone a spotlight on diversity and other topics that lend themselves to arts and humanities experiences. Expanding the range to Gardner's eight distinct intelligences generated a wider variety of project proposals.

"We got more math and science proposals, and we also had some projects that focused on healthy lifestyles, which is certainly a bonus," says SFACF Program Officer Patrick Gale.

Among those is the "wogging" program at Dell Rapids St. Mary Elementary. There, fifth- and sixth-grade students use pedometers to log the miles they've walked or jogged, and then track exercise's effects on their bodies by charting active and resting pulse rates. Another health-centered proposal came from Tri-Valley Schools, where students in Kindergarten through eighth grades are collaborating to host a day-long educational fair to teach their peers about health and the human body.

Gale led SFACF's selection panel, working with Linda Larson, Chris Skinner, Shelly Skinner, and Sharon Schueler to review applications. In all, the group recommended 14 projects for a total of \$12,514 in awards.

Julie Aasen and Kerri Smith

*Washington High School
Ninth through twelfth grades*
Boosts the reading program by purchasing books for the school bookmobile and for the *Students Read Together Program* — a program designed to help students struggling to read by pairing them with staff. \$1000

Peggy Baney

*Discovery Elementary School
Kindergarten and first grade*
Purchases books with musical, magical, and rhythmic text to encourage phonemic awareness, comprehension, and fluency in young readers. \$997

Katy Gaspar

*Christ the King and
St. Lambert Schools
Counseling for Kindergarten
and second grade*
Strengthens students' abilities to overcome challenges and interact with others by teaching conflict management skills ranging from accountability to handling frustration, anger, and impulsivity. \$480

Lisa Greene

*Christ the King School
Fourth grade*
Imaginations soar out of this world with this in-depth exploration of the sun and stars, solar system, the moon, and the history of space travel. \$761

LaNessa Hof

*St. Mary Catholic School – Dell Rapids
Kindergarten*
Provides take home bags including storybooks and audio tapes for students and their parents to complete that encourage healthy learning habits. \$938

Maria Kendle

*Tri-Valley School District
Kindergarten through eighth grades*
Promotes healthy lifestyles by underwriting an all-day Health and Human Body Fair for students to learn about the human body and ways to keep it healthy. \$1000

Kim Kersbergen

*Children's Home Society – Loving School
Pre-Kindergarten through
seventh grades*
Integrates social studies and music with *Music Around the World*, an interactive program that teaches students about other countries, customs, and cultures through music appreciation. \$1000

Emily Meier, Stacy Warwick, Alice Peters, Sonja Watembach

*Cleveland and Robert Frost
Elementary schools
Pre-Kindergarten*
Enables students to create and label books of their real-life pictures through use of a new laminator. \$500

Kim Menning

*St. Mary Catholic School – Dell Rapids
First grade*
Establishes *Literature Circles* to enhance reading and language arts curriculums by allowing students to take books home to read with a parent and prepare for participation in classroom discussions about the book. \$990

Margo Smith

*Christ the King School
First grade*
Expands the classroom's learning centers, allowing students to work independently or with others on activities that are reflective of the topics being discussed, and provides for students to attend the play, "Arthur Tricks the Tooth fairy" at the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science. \$958

Marcee Stahly and JoAnn Schultz

*St. Mary Catholic School – Dell Rapids
Fifth and sixth grades*
Educates students about exercise's benefits for the heart and body with the help of new pedometers and stopwatches. Students use math concepts to create heart-rate graphs to better understand how the respiratory and circulatory systems work together. \$900

Angela Thill

*St. Michael and St. Katharine
Drexel schools
Fifth grade*
Sharpens students' math skills by creating an environment in which they are able to solve problems and work together using their own ideas and strategies. \$989

Patricia Toben

*West Central Elementary
Kindergarten through second grades*
Increases musical intelligence for students and their families by purchasing take-home bags including folk song books, rhymes and dances, audio recordings, and small instruments. \$1000

Laurie Wenger

*Harrisburg Elementary – Liberty
Second through fifth grades*
Gets students out of their desks and into the real world. An outdoor classroom — complete with native grasses — connects students to their natural environment, while other opportunities expose students to career options. Students can shadow a doctor or an architect, complete an independent study about a topic they are passionate about, work on a state park trail or conservation project, and design literacy kits for families moving into the area who are learning English as a new language. \$1000

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For fifth- and sixth-grade students at Dell Rapids St. Mary Elementary, exercise does a body good. Teachers JoAnn Schultz and Marcee Stahly designed a year-long unit on healthy living — and got a boost from an SFACF Excellence in Education grant. The money helped purchase new pedometers and stopwatches for the students, who measure their heart rates before and after they walk or jog in the WOG program. Plotting pulse rates on charts allows students such as sixth-grader Kelly Michel to see how "wogging" conditions their bodies to a higher level of activity and helps them grow stronger.

Great Grants From Community Funds

Donors to SFACF unrestricted COMMUNITY FUND endowments make it possible for the Grants Committee to make grants to a variety of organizations every two months. These grants were made from October 2007 through March 2008.

Augustana College, \$5,000

Unites families and experts through sponsorship of an inclusive conference, "Lighting the Way: Autism Spectrum Disorders in our Community."

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE SIOUX EMPIRE, \$800

Purchases an LCD projector to provide quality training experiences to mentors of at-risk youth. Mentors learn how to address issues ranging from child development and abuse to positive activities and cultural awareness.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA – SIOUX COUNCIL, \$1,674

Replaces kitchen appliances in the Newton Hills Camp Ranger House.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF SOUTH DAKOTA \$1,000

Supports a mental health counselor from Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare to assist *Bright Start* clients who are having difficulties during their pregnancies.

FURNITURE MISSION, \$5,000

Brings families together by purchasing lumber for new kitchen tables.

GIRL SCOUTS – DAKOTA HORIZONS COUNCIL, \$1,000

Enlightens eighth-grade students on the real costs of day-to-day life with shopping sessions at the Reality Store. Students learn how to balance needs — such as making mortgage payments, covering child-care costs, and purchasing groceries — with wants in a monthly budget.

HEALTH CONNECT OF SOUTH DAKOTA, \$1,500

Assists the organization with board development and strategic planning for the future, to ensure that individuals and families will have the tools they need to make informed decisions about their health care.

HELP!LINE CENTER, \$1,000

Offsets printing costs for the Community Trends report to be presented to representatives of local organizations at the HELP!Line Center's "Unmet Needs" breakfast.

LIBERTY CENTER, INC., \$1,000

Families facing financial hardships receive assistance for childcare costs for children with disabilities.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTH DAKOTA, \$7,200

Gives a voice to those served by the LSS Refugee and Immigration Center by offsetting the cost of a part-time interpreter through the "Bridging the Gap" program.

MOVING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, \$3,000

Moves community members including worthy families, elderly residents, and those living with disabilities to new, safer homes.

THE RED HAT/HARTFORD SOCIETY, \$1,000

Underwrites care packages for local military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. This grant was made possible by the Wal-Mart Foundation.

SCULPTUREWALK, \$1,000

Underwrites SFACF's sponsorship of the SculptureWalk 2008 work, "Inuit Woman and Child."

SCULPTUREWALK, \$7,447

Provides permanent steel frames for the pedestals that display artists' pieces included in SculptureWalk.

SIOUX FALLS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, \$1,000

Contributes to the O'Gorman Performing Arts Center campaign, which was approved as a Community Appeal by the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

SIOUX FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, \$900

Teaches children about French and Spanish cultures through *Summer Language Camps*, offered through the district's Community Education programs.

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE, \$1,200

Upgrades the organization's donor management system to allow for greater flexibility as the emergency shelter continues to grow.

THE BANQUET, \$5,000

Gives students in need an opportunity to live up to their potential by providing backpacks and school supplies through Project S.O.S.

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH, \$1,937

Helps bring together the faith-based "Soul Connections Conference," a collaboration to combat homelessness.

THE CENTER FOR ACTIVE GENERATIONS, \$7,845

Opens the door for older adults to transition from retirement back to the workplace by providing a resource center for assistance with job placement, resume writing, interview skills, and computer training.

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SFACF ADJUSTS TO CHANGING MARKETS



\$100,000

CHALLENGE GRANT BOOSTS BANQUET'S ENDOWMENT

Feeding hungry families is one of a community's most basic needs, and a challenge grant through SFACF will help The Banquet care for those who seek nourishment of body and spirit.

Soon after hearing about a new endowment for The Banquet at SFACF, a donor family decided the challenge would be their way of sharing their blessings with others and thanking Carolyn Downs for her 20 years of leadership at the ministry.

If The Banquet can raise \$300,000 in designated gifts for THE BANQUET ENDOWMENT by Jan. 2, 2009, the anonymous donor family will contribute another \$100,000 to the permanent fund at SFACF!

"The Banquet has been blessed over the years in so many different ways as our needs have grown," says Mike Huether, president of The Banquet's board. "We've moved into a new building, and we're serving more and more guests. The endowment will allow us to have some continuity, knowing we will get a certain amount of support from the fund each year."

That's particularly important as The Banquet expands its services in the future. The charity, which has an annual budget of more than \$500,000, has seen operating expenses increase 10 to 15 percent each year.

"Challenges like this are never easy, but they are exciting," Huether says. "You get a greater sense of accomplishment when you meet them, and that's exactly what we plan to do."

Make your gift to THE BANQUET ENDOWMENT and earn a 1:3 matching gift. Use the "How to Give" form on page 8.



The successful management of permanent endowments embraces two goals. The first is to maximize the stable and sustainable support to an endowment's charitable beneficiaries. The second goal is to preserve the purchasing power of an endowment's assets. Ultimately, if the inflation-adjusted value of an endowment's assets is not maintained, the annual support an endowment provides to its beneficiaries will be neither stable nor sustainable.

Successfully mediating these goals is difficult even in the most benign market conditions. While volatility in the financial markets is typically perceived as the primary source of risk, the greater risk for a permanent endowment is a prolonged period of generally poor inflation-adjusted returns on financial assets. Such was the case in the period between the late 1960s and the early 1980s. During this time, excluding new contributions, many endowments experienced declines of 50% or more in the inflation-adjusted value of their endowment assets.

How does one respond to the current tumult in the financial markets, particularly if it portends a new, less hospitable investment environment? Or, more specifically, how is the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation responding in managing its assets in this period of increased uncertainty?

First, SFACF is maintaining a highly diversified asset allocation. While the core of the main investment pool continues to consist of broad-based, low-cost domestic and international equity index and exchange-traded mutual funds, SFACF has achieved significant diversification within and around these core positions.

During the last three years, for example, SFACF has increased the main pool's allocation to international developed and emerging markets and added allocations to (1) liquid real assets (including investments in natural resource and materials equities, domestic and international real estate funds, and commodity and precious metals funds), (2) absolute-return strategies through both liquid mutual funds and non-public vehicles, (3) U.S. Treasury inflation-protected securities, and (4) high-quality non-U.S. bonds. Most recently, SFACF has invested in a second absolute-return strategy and in a non-public distressed debt fund. In light of these commitments, the Foundation's Investment Management Committee is currently reviewing its policy asset allocation targets and ranges.

Second, the Committee continues to periodically rebalance investment assets within SFACF's target policy ranges. It should be noted, however, that the main investment pool's allocations to cash and short-term U.S. Treasury bonds have been at the top of their ranges since February 2007.



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Third, the Committee maintains a strong focus on portfolio risk and risk-adjusted returns. While it may be too early to make a meaningful assessment, the limited data available suggest that the portfolio risk has been reduced and that risk-adjusted returns have been improved by the SFACF's diversification efforts.

Lastly, three years ago, SFACF's Board of Directors reduced the recommended annual spending rate from 5% to 4%. This change was not based on recent past performance. It was based on the Committee's qualitative assessment of the then current market conditions and on a quantitative analysis — specifically, a Monte Carlo simulation producing estimated probabilities of maintaining the purchasing power of SFACF's endowment assets associated with various asset allocations and spending rates.

In event the global market is entering a prolonged period of poor returns on financial assets, declines in both the nominal and inflation-adjusted values of SFACF's endowment assets and accompanying reductions in support to SFACF's beneficiaries may be unavoidable without significantly reducing the long-term expected returns for the portfolio. Maintaining a disciplined approach, however, may avoid any permanent impairment of the endowment's assets.

Richard Van Demark is secretary of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation and chair of its Investment Management Committee. A financial advisor with RBC Wealth Management, Van Demark served for 23 years on the board of Vassar College, 11 years as chair of its board. He is married to Michelle Van Demark. They are the parents of two children, Andrew and Hannah.

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