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INCOME STREAM FROM ENDOWMENTS HELPS KEEP PUBLIC BROADCASTING VIBRANT



Photo: Acts of Nature

Viewers nationwide will get an up-close view of the Badlands next fall, when the state's public broadcasting network debuts its first locally produced, high-definition documentary. Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting — the nonprofit, fundraising arm of SDPB — will use revenue from its SFACF endowments to help offset production expenses.

The idea seemed nearly too big a decade ago, but Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting was determined. With less than \$200,000 to invest, Friends aimed to build a \$3 million endowment.

There was only one way for board members to make it happen: Not touch a dollar until they reached their goal.

"I remember all of us sitting around the table, almost laughing at this far-off day when we'd take that first payout," says Julie Andersen, Executive Director of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

That day has arrived. This year, Friends — the nonprofit, fundraising arm of SDPB — will use endowment distributions to help offset production expenses for two new documentaries, including the first locally produced feature filmed and broadcast entirely in a high-definition format, or HD.

The stories are uniquely South Dakotan. "Our Statehouse — A Capitol Idea" traces the beginnings of the Capitol, from political wrangling to laying the cornerstone. The 60-minute program will premiere in time for this summer's 100th anniversary celebration in Pierre.

Meanwhile, another film crew will take its digital cameras to the Badlands for a second hour-long work that captures the geological art forms in all four seasons. The HD format will allow viewers to experience the full depth of the Badlands' stark beauty, sculpted by water and wind for the past 75 million years.

Set to debut in fall 2008, "The Badlands: Nature's Time Capsule" will be offered to public broadcasting stations nationwide. SDPB will develop a companion Web site for each program, with educational materials for teachers and lifelong learners alike.

Putting endowment revenue into local programming was a natural decision for Friends, which annually supports SDPB's general fund through membership drives, pledge campaigns, and other activities.

"Now that we're going to start enjoying the fruits of those labors, we had to ask ourselves, 'What are we going to do with it?'" Andersen says. "We decided it should go to things we otherwise might not be able to do. It's also a way to let donors know that their gifts, their bequests, and their generosity have a very direct effect on the services SDPB provides."

Andersen credits Friends' endowment growth in part to the comfort level its board gained in working with SFACF on the *Partnership to Raise Community Capital*, an endowment-building challenge-grant program in which Friends and 17 other local organizations participated. But she knows that Friends' success truly begins with its volunteers and the word-of-mouth recognition they gained for endowment giving.

"We would be in big trouble without their work," Andersen says. For the 2008 fiscal year, Friends support makes up about 16 percent — roughly \$1.36 million — of SDPB's \$8.5 million budget.

Friends has no plans to simply sit back after surpassing its "unreachable" benchmark. Andersen envisions the network's endowment as a way to safeguard SDPB against cuts in government funding.

"I absolutely have the hope, faith, and confidence that we will be able to grow this endowment to a point where we can fully fund our local efforts with the payouts we receive," Andersen says.

That's good news for viewers, who can trust that Friends and SFACF are working together to secure public broadcasting in our state for good, for ever.

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END-OF-YEAR GIFT PLANNING



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

CANDY HANSON



Time is running short. If you're planning to make a charitable gift from Individual Retirement Account holdings, you'll need to move quickly to get the job done.

As this newsletter goes to print, the U.S. Congress has yet to extend the "charitable IRA rollover" provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. That means donors 70 1/2 years or older who would like to make a tax-neutral gift of IRA assets need to contact their plan administrators now to complete the transfer before the end of the year.

Before you do that, be sure to visit with your tax advisor to confirm this is a good giving option for you. Most Sioux

Falls Area Community Foundation endowments – everything from unrestricted community funds to the Zoological Society's funds – qualify for the program. Several donors have established new endowments for their favorite charities.

The end of the year is also a good time to consider giving to one of the many residential programs in our area.

Children's Home Society, for example, needs help with its foster care and adoption program. A new room used for family therapy sessions awaits furnishings. "It's private and a little more comfortable for our families," says community relations director Deb Moritz. "Right now we've got a hodge-podge of old furniture from around the

campus. This is something people can give to at Christmas time and know it's directly affecting the lives of our children here."

And remember, when parents of children and youth sheltered at places such as Children's Home, Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare, and Family Connection Hospitality House are absent or unable to send holiday gifts, the staff often dig into their own pockets to pay for simple parties and gifts.

There are so many ways to share a year's blessings with the community. Let us know how we can help with your end of the year gift planning.

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ELMEN FAMILY CREATES ONE-OF-A-KIND PARK

Jim Elmen played hard, but only after he'd earned it.

Eloise, Jim's wife of nearly 46 years, remembers long work weeks — but even more vividly, the weekends when Jim logged 100 miles on his bicycle. A tenacious rider, Jim competed in timed rides and explored all that Sioux Falls' bike trails had to offer. During vacations at the family's cabin near Custer, he rode the Mickelson Trail.

Jim, who lived with a neurodegenerative disorder known as multiple system atrophy, biked even when his body started resisting cues from his brain. He switched to a recumbent bike as his health deteriorated. Later, he needed help from Eloise or their children — Renee, Rebecca, and Richard — who pedaled and steered from behind a custom wheelchair attachment. Jim and Richard took their last rides together during mild December days in 2005, three months before Jim died.

Next year, a park dedicated to Jim's passion for biking will give cyclists, rollerbladers, and pedestrians something new along the city's trails. Jim's family has arranged to gift the nearly \$750,000 needed for park development through SFACF, using equal grants from the James and Eloise Elmen Foundation and the Robert and Rita Elmen Foundation. And in the same maverick style that made Elmen Enterprises a leader in industries from rental equipment to land development, Elmen Park Trailhead will be unlike anything else.

The trailhead — along the Sioux River, north of 12th Street and across from the U.S.S. South Dakota Battleship Memorial — will include masonry shelters, public restrooms, and a parking lot for those who must drive to reach



the 26-mile loop. Other planned features range from vending machines stocked with healthy snacks to an air compressor and hose — a practical touch that Richard says his father would have appreciated most.

Construction will begin in spring, and the city plans to dedicate the trailhead in late summer or early fall of 2008.

"It's incredibly unique, and that comes through from Jim's family," says Jon Jacobson, a landscape architect at Brian Clark & Associates, the firm that designed the concept plan. "The thing that's really nice about this project is that it ties into something that's already a great feature of Sioux Falls — the greenway — and makes it that much better."

The park and its site are so personal, the gift marks one of the few times the Elmens have allowed their name to be used for a project they've funded. Jim wouldn't have wanted the credit, Eloise says, but the community deserves to understand the reasons for the park.

Jim Elmen biked with the same energy that earned him the nickname "Jet" at work. But when his health no longer allowed him to ride independently, his son, Richard, outfitted a wheelchair with a custom device called The Afterburner. "People on the trails thought it was so cool, they'd stop and say hello," Richard says. "I think Dad kind of liked that." Next year, the new Elmen Park Trailhead will offer cyclists a rest stop and more along the city's trail system. Jim's family will cover park development costs with grants made through SFACF.

"Everybody knew Jim for his personality and his hard work," she says. "He'd be helping customers load their equipment at the store, and most times they thought he was the hired help." That was fine by Jim, who never asked others to do a job he wouldn't take on himself.

For Bob Elmen, Jim's brother and business partner, the park celebrates Jim's life in a way that makes sense for the community. An entrepreneur who prides himself on his instinctive feel for the best use of any property, Bob shares Jim's drive to do things right the first time.

"In the long run," Bob says, "if people say, 'That was a good thing to do — well, that's what we're in it for.'"

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SFACF WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER



CLAY SEACHRIS

The Community Foundation's newest employee puts his talents toward good deeds even when he's off the clock.

Clay Seachris, SFACF Accounting and Program Assistant, also is a longtime member of the Great Plains Streetrodders. While restoring classic cars and socializing, members raise money for children's causes such as the El Riad Shrine's transportation program and the Angel Tree.

"There's really a large amount of philanthropic good that goes on in the Sioux Falls area," Seachris says.

At SFACF, Seachris coordinates aspects of scholarship compliance and is training to back up the Gifts and Grants Administrator and CFO. It's a slight shift on the skills Seachris refined during his 15 years in banking. Prior to joining SFACF, Seachris managed a team of Home Federal lenders underwriting consumer loans through car dealerships.

Seachris didn't set out to be a numbers guy. The Pierre native was on track to become a high school biology teacher and coach. When student teaching wasn't the right fit, he took a job servicing automatic teller machines for a Sioux Falls armored car company. Seachris soon realized he was more interested in what went on behind the counters at the banks he visited.

That included a certain deposit-vault worker, Susan, with whom Seachris has shared 12 years of marriage. In the meantime, Seachris returned to school, studying business administration through the University of Sioux Falls' degree completion program.

Seachris' passion for cars has remained a constant in his life. He's sold many of his restored works to collectors like himself, but he keeps a Corvette convertible as an "all-weather car." His current favorite is the 1965 Ford Cobra replica he built from the ground up — but it's a late-model Grand Prix that gets him to SFACF each day.

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Family gathered from near and far to congratulate John and Eileen Quello on being named this year's SFACF Friends of the Foundation. More than 200 people attended the annual donor reception at C.J. Callaway's, including some very special guests — all five of the Quellos' young granddaughters. L to R: In back are Susan (holding Bergan) and Nathan Quello, Eileen and John Quello, and Lee and Sara (holding Kaia) Goldstrand. In front are Anna Goldstrand, Brita Quello, and Ingrid Goldstrand.



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In Memory of Robert Christensen
Brenda and Martin May

Wagner Family Charitable Trust Fund
In Honor of Paula Wagner's Birthday 2007
Loyd and Donna Wagner

Washington High Alumni Scholarship Fund
Lowell Hansen III through the Hansen Family Foundation

Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science Funds Knudson Pavilion Open Door Fund
Dave and De Knudson

YMCA Funds Ivan H. Howes YMCA Camp Scholarship Fund
Mike and Bunny Howes

— IN MEMORY —

We extend our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of

R. HERB BOWDEN

Who during his lifetime co-founded the VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, DAKOTAS ENDOWMENT

CELESTE M. HARRINGTON

Who during her lifetime established the EDWARD J. HARRINGTON AND CELESTE HARRINGTON FAMILY ENDOWMENT with her late brother

GENEVIEVE NELSON

Who during her lifetime established a charitable gift annuity with her husband, Selmer

NILA I. PITTS

Who during her lifetime established the Hymen and NYLA PITTS CHARITABLE FUND and whose bequests to SFACF will benefit our community for good, for ever

NOTICE

Don't plan your holiday 2008 trips quite yet! The complimentary SFACF calendar, which features photo-artist Paul Schiller's donated panoramic of the Falls, should show Dec. 1 as a Monday. We regret the error and have reprinted the calendar. Do call us at 336-7055 ext. 11 if you'd like us to send you an updated version.

SIoux FALLS TOMORROW II STAKEHOLDERS CITE PROGRESS TOWARD VISION



Civic, business, and education leaders gathered in mid-September for a stakeholder meeting to review progress toward goals outlined in *Sioux Falls Tomorrow II*, a community visioning project. L to R: Denise Nelson, Coordinator of Growing Healthy Community Initiative; Jay Powell, Executive Director of Sioux Empire United Way; and Julie Becker, Executive Director of St. Francis House.

Village People they're not, but Sioux Falls Tomorrow II Stakeholders are all about moving the village we call home from good to great.

Stakeholders — volunteers drawn from all walks of the community — gathered twice this fall to assess progress toward the 2004 report, "SFT II: A Vision for the Future of the Sioux Falls Area," and to brainstorm ways to address emerging issues.

Their review of community, educational, economic development, health and human services, and public service goals lists more than five dozen examples of progress. These range from the expansion of recreational opportunities, improved access to social services, and neighborhood revitalization efforts to increased educational opportunities and funding for the Lewis & Clark Rural Water System.

But Stakeholders aren't ones to rest on success. They also identified gaps in progress and targeted three issues for special attention — workforce development, access to affordable health care, and giving others a voice in charting a course for the city's future.

SFT II activities are sponsored through the joint efforts of the local Chamber of Commerce, Multi-Cultural Center of Sioux Falls, Sioux Empire United Way, Sioux Falls Development Foundation, county and city governments, and SFACF — which was the primary funder for the 2004 planning series.

"We continue to give funding priority to proposals that address Sioux Falls Tomorrow needs and opportunities," says Arlene Kirby, chair of SFACF's Grants Committee. "Our target is that least 60% of the grants we make are tied to the plan's goals."

And, this spring, SFACF has agreed to train volunteers and to help design a public input project that will help the city tap into an even wider base of community opinion on where Sioux Falls should be headed.

"One of a community foundation's most important goals is being a catalyst to local visioning and problem solving," Kirby observes. "It's a way of making sure this is always a great place to live."

SFACF RENEWS COMMITMENT TO HOLIDAY CLEARING HOUSE

We know you'll agree — a child's holiday wish is priceless. That's why SFACF has supported the *Holiday Clearing House* every year since 2003, when SFACF's Grants Committee awarded the program a start-up grant in its first year.

Run by the HELP!Line Center, the *Clearing House* matches donors with families in need. Its goals are to provide gifts and food in an efficient and caring manner, to avoid duplication whenever possible, and to reach the maximum number of families in need. The program makes it easy for donors to help parents meet basic needs and fulfill their children's simple holiday wishes.

"The *Clearing House* gets the things that most of us take for granted to people who can really use them," says Arlene Kirby, chair of

SFACF's Grants Committee. This year, SFACF contributed \$1,000 from its unrestricted COMMUNITY FUNDS endowment.

"Sioux Falls is a giving community all year long, but the holidays are such a focus, especially for children in families who are going through a hard time," Kirby says. "The thing that's wonderful about the *Clearing House* is that you can remain anonymous or meet the family you help."

Based on the size contribution you're able to make, the *Clearing House* will match you with a family and let you know the kinds of gifts that are truly needed. You can deliver the gifts yourself on Dec. 11. If you choose to remain anonymous, expect to have your shopping done and delivered to the *Clearing House* by Dec. 6. To learn more, dial the HELP!Line Center at 211.

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SFACF Grant Application DUE DATES

SFACF COMMUNITY FUND
\$3,000 and up
December 7
February 8
April 4

\$3,000 or less
Accepted at any time

APPLICATIONS FOR:

Youth Advisory Council
Available: Nov. 20
Due: Jan. 4

Sioux Falls Stampede Hockey Club Awards
Available: Jan. 11
Due: Feb. 15

Print copies of SFACF's grant application at www.sfacf.org

How to Give

Contributions to Funds in the Community Foundation

Yes, I'd like to make a gift to my community through the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation.

My gift is enclosed. Please contribute it to this SFACF fund —

- Unrestricted Community Fund Endowment
 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Fund Name of another SFACF Fund
 Excellence in Education

This gift is made in honor of:

This gift is a memorial to:

Please send a gift card to:

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_____ Address

_____ City, State, Zip

SFACF SCHOLARSHIPS Go ONLINE DEC. 15

Bryce Nussbaum grew up in Plankinton and attends college in Madison, but he took a virtual trip through Sioux Falls to help him get there.

The Dakota State University freshman visited SFACF's Web site during his scholarship search, following up on a recommendation from a high school teacher.

A few clicks of the mouse later, Nussbaum was downloading an application for the JOE FOSS "AN AMERICAN HERO" SCHOLARSHIP — one of two statewide awards posted online during last year's pilot project.

Starting Dec. 15, students looking for financial assistance will find application forms for SFACF's full range of scholarships at www.sfacf.org. Visitors will be able to view the more than 70 scholarships by category, streamlining their searches.

"In the past, SFACF printed and mailed applications to schools, which took a lot of time, paper, and postage," says SFACF Program Officer Patrick Gale. "Switching to this online system will be more cost-effective. At the same time, it will be easier for students to access, whether they're at home or at school."

Posting scholarships online makes good sense for SFACF because its awards run the higher-ed spectrum. SFACF offers grants for graduating high school seniors, assistance for graduate-level students seeking professional degrees, extra help for those attending a vocational or technical school, and awards designed to uplift those who have struggled to succeed in a traditional classroom — just to name a few. And while SFACF primarily serves Sioux Falls and its surrounding area, it also manages a number of scholarships open to students from across the state. Until now, that's meant preparing packets for schools in hundreds of communities.

Online applications will be a draw particularly for those already attending college or technical



Scholarship hopefuls such as Bryce Nussbaum, who received an SFACF award this past May, increasingly are turning to the Internet as a primary search tool. Later this month, SFACF will launch a new scholarship page that allows students to download application forms for the full range of SFACF awards. L to R: Sylvia Henkin, scholarship selection panel member; Nussbaum; and Larry Ritz, Friend of the Foundation and panel member.

school — young adults and nontraditional students who can't depend on a high school counselor to serve as a gatekeeper. Up to this point, SFACF has relied on financial aid offices and colleges' departmental hubs to spread the word about scholarship opportunities. The Web site can be a powerful tool to bridge any gaps.

Good communication is important to Jim and Pat Croston, former teachers whose son established an award in their names to benefit a third-year education major. "I think this idea of going online is a really good one," says Pat, who encourages her grandchildren to search for scholarship money via the Internet.

Pat and her husband want to help the next generation of teachers from the Sioux Falls area. To fulfill that promise, they need to know that local graduates will have a way to hear about the scholarship while away at college. Posting applications online gives SFACF — and students — another way to connect.

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 July through September 2007.

ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS, \$1,000
Promotes philanthropy through sponsorship of National Philanthropy Day in South Dakota, Oct. 4-5, 2007, in Sioux Falls. The event recognizes outstanding philanthropists, businesses, and communities, and provides skill-building workshops for fundraising professionals.

HELPLINE CENTER, \$1,000
Gives a Christmas to those in need in the Sioux Falls area through *Holiday Clearing House*. The program coordinates distribution of assistance from faith-based organizations, businesses, community organizations, service clubs, and individuals.

INTER-LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION, INC., \$1,000
Sends children from low- to medium-income families in Lincoln and Turner counties back to school with new supplies.

SOUNDS OF SOUTH DAKOTA, \$7,500
Introduces audiences to an expanded version of Mozart's comic opera "The Impresario" as part of Vocal Showcase 2007. The performance is set in South Dakota in the 1940s and marks the opening of the South Dakota Symphony's 2007-08 Chamber Orchestra season.

SOUTH DAKOTA CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS, \$5,000
Purchases handicap-accessible playground equipment at Robert Frost Elementary School, allowing children with special needs to engage in playground activities.

THE DRAGON'S DEN, \$7,000
Gives youth a safe, drug- and alcohol-free place to hang out by offsetting start-up costs for The Dragon's Den, a youth center in Garretson.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, DAKOTAS, \$1,320
Creates solutions to reduce and prevent bullying and relational aggression among youth through the work of a task force comprised of school and community leaders.

DAKOTA SKY INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL, \$7,450
Provides opportunities for audiences to experience live, classical music and for pianists to improve skills through master classes led by prize-winning musicians. This grant made possible by gifts from many donors.

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Each year, SFACF honors more than 100 students with awards from over 70 scholarship funds. Most students receive their awards in April, but a few winners are selected during the summer months. SFACF congratulates the winners of the following awards, which were made between May and September 2007.

ALCESTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
HARRY LEE SCHOLARSHIP
Haley Kleinhans

ANNA AND PAUL LIND
SCHOLARSHIP
Sarah Dunham

DELMER SCOTT AWARD
Hailey Kleinhans

MARY SCOTT AWARD
Megan Ryken

LOUIS H. SHORAGA
SCHOLARSHIP
Brian Albers

ANDY AWARD
Travis Engel

MYRTLE AND DAVID
BLOMQUIST SCHOLARSHIP
Courtney Peterson

AMY ERICKSON
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Jennifer Fish

FOOL SOLDIER
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Gilbert Red Dog, Jr.
Ramona Schell

HOPPS DOW SCHOLARSHIP
Nathan Larson
Whitney Raap

HOVLAND SCHOLARSHIP
Adam Aalgaard
Makala Johnson
Matthew Moldan

THE LOST BOYS
EDUCATION FUND
Alier Deng

ROBERT AND DR. JUDY NISSEN
SCHOLARSHIP
Michelle Sejnoha

DUANE ODLAND
SCHOLARSHIP
Samantha Grace

P & M STEEL - PROFILET
FAMILY ENGINEERING
SCHOLARSHIP
Brad Norton

JOE AND NORMA RAHM
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Joshua Coats
Garret Meier

SPIRIT OF SIOUX FALLS
SCHOLARSHIP
Kelsey Garry
Megan Oesterling



The playground at Robert Frost Elementary serves grade-school students, youngsters in the Head Start program, and neighborhood families — including parents who have children with special needs. So when the school's Parent Teacher Association committed to replace its outdated equipment, fundraisers knew they'd need to find a play system that would accommodate a wide range of users. SFACF provided the final piece of funding needed for the *All Play Project* through an unrestricted Community Funds grant. The gym features typical ladders, slides, and swings as well as a transfer station and swings designed for students with limited mobility due to disabilities.

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COUPLE ENTRUSTS THEIR UNRESTRICTED GIFT TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

FAMILY'S LOSS LEADS TO MEMORIAL FOR ALL VETERANS

A soldier's commitment to duty, honor, and country led him to give all in defense of freedom a world away. Now, his family is giving back to the community that has supported them in their grief.

"Robb was the impetus, but this is not only for Robb. Lots of others paid the price before he did," says Rex Roling of his son, Staff Sgt. Robb Roling. "This is for all the veterans of the Sioux Falls area who made the ultimate sacrifice."

Rex and Margie Roling hope the gift they're helping bring to Veterans Memorial Park — a bronze sculpture that depicts an angel carrying a fallen soldier heavenward — will be a source of comfort for visitors.

A member of the U.S. Army's elite Green Berets, Robb was killed June 30 while training Iraqi police to clear insurgents from a Baghdad neighborhood.

The statue is "Going Home," a work by Nebraska artist Sondra Jonson that's part of SculptureWalk 2007. The couple admired the sculpture after an anniversary dinner downtown, unaware Robb lay dying. The gift to the City of Sioux Falls will be a 10-foot-tall rendition of the statue that linked them to their son in that moment.

Donors who wish to contribute to the Rolings' fundraising effort may send a check to the SFACF/GOING HOME SPECIAL PROJECT FUND.

Rex, Margie, and their children, T.J. and Tiffany, hope to see "Going Home" dedicated by Memorial Day 2009. The installation will include the insignia of all military branches. "It just fits with what Veterans Park should be and what it will be. And it's going to be forever," Roling says.



LEO AND HAZEL REPPERT

Married Jan. 18, 1936, Leo and Hazel Reppert worked shoulder-to-shoulder to build up their farm. Leo came from a large farm family of six boys and three girls. Hazel was three years Leo's junior, raised in Sioux Falls from age 2. She and her brother had only their mother, and those lean years made Hazel grateful for small kindnesses and eager to help others. Thanks to her legacy gift through SFACF, others struggling to make ends meet will find help from The Banquet, Food Pantry, and other local nonprofits.

Leo and Hazel Reppert were committed to the land and to each other. Their quiet pride in the farm they built northwest of Sioux Falls shows through in the photographs they saved — vinyl siding for the house, machinery parked in front of Leo's barn, renovations to Hazel's kitchen.

The Repperts made a good life on the farm, and they shared their blessings with others. After Leo's death, in 1998, Hazel put down on paper her charitable intentions for the land they loved so well. Now, thanks to the legacy gift Hazel created with help from attorney Marv Bailin, the Repperts' tradition of giving will continue through SFACF.

"They started with nothing," says Carol Uthe, who knew the Repperts most of her life. Her parents, Joe and Clara Ausan, befriended Leo and Hazel in 1945, soon after the younger couple moved to a nearby rented farm. "Whatever they ended up with, they earned through their hard work."

Hazel's gift is all the more visionary because it supports SFACF's unrestricted grantmaking program. Hazel's generosity makes the Repperts SFACF's newest *Community Builders* — donors who have made significant unrestricted gifts to SFACF. Each year, part of the annual distributions from the LEO AND HAZEL REPPERT ENDOWMENT will help fund projects that address the community's most pressing needs and opportunities. Other organizations benefiting from the Repperts' endowment are The Banquet, the Food Pantry, Children's Home Society, and the Scottish Rite Foundation of South Dakota.

Hazel would be pleased to know just how many lives her legacy will touch. She had a gift for making others feel welcome, and guests in her home found handmade touches everywhere — from intricately pieced quilts to the dolls in crocheted versions of each First Lady's inaugural gown.

Hazel made time for handiwork even while she worked shoulder-to-shoulder with Leo. Wed in their early 20s on

Jan. 18, 1936, Leo and Hazel began their married life in town. Leo worked as a plumber but wanted to farm, and the couple moved to their first of several rented properties in the Baltic and Renner areas.

There, Hazel found a friend and mentor in Carol's mother, who invited the Repperts to visit and later join Crooks' West Nidaros Lutheran Church. The couple took their commitment seriously, devoted to the church and the fellowship they discovered there.

Leo realized his dream in 1950, when he and Hazel bought a farm near the present-day intersection of Marion and Benson roads. They built up a hog operation, earning the "Pork Producer of the Year" title in 1967. During their years on the farm, they also ran a dairy barn and raised beef cattle.

"Leo was very proud of the number of people he fed with the livestock raised on his farm," says Carol's husband, Doug. "I think the idea of feeding the needy is why Hazel chose The Banquet and the Food Pantry. And Children's Home Society comes in because of the children they were never blessed to have themselves."

Instead, Hazel and Leo became part of the Ausan Family. And when Carol and Doug started a new generation, they named the Repperts as their younger son's godparents. "You would've thought they had a son that day," Doug says.

The couple stayed on the farm after retiring, in 1990. Leo, then 77, had decided it was time to rent the land to young neighbors just starting to come up in the farming business. He died eight years later, on Nov. 24, 1998. Hazel joined him Sept. 11, 2006, having spent her last few years at Covington Heights in Sioux Falls.

Her heart, though, belonged in the country. With her Christmas 2005 cards, she enclosed a brief note that ended with these words: "I still have the farm, too." Because of her legacy gift, that land will continue to sustain Hazel and Leo's neighbors for generations to come.

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