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## SFACF INITIATIVE AIMS AT ENHANCING NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP



**C**urt Coffman, Gail Perry, and Jon Pratt travel to Sioux Falls this spring to inspire new approaches to agency leadership.

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Local nonprofits strapped for training funds are about to get some much-needed help. On April 9, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation will launch a new initiative designed to pave the way for nonprofit innovation and efficiency.

The initiative is called *Transforming Leadership*. It's a series of three capacity-building workshops for leaders of area nonprofits. The series stems from research SFACF conducted last summer to assess community needs.

SFACF's Board of Directors wanted to make the most of money raised at *City Blossom*, an annual fundraiser that supports unrestricted grantmaking. After consulting findings from a recent Sioux Empire United Way study and considering innovative programs underway in other communities, board members keyed in on "capacity building," a term used to describe a broad range of activities that enhance an organization's ability to achieve its mission.

In addition to being a safety net for basic human needs, nonprofits provide a myriad of educational and cultural activities that keep the community strong and vibrant. SFACF Grants Committee Chair Arlene Kirby points out that with the economy under stress, helping all nonprofits do their jobs more efficiently is a good use of resources.

Few agencies budget for staff and board development activities. If they do, when resources are tight, the first line item to be cut is money set aside to send leaders to conferences and training events.

Before firming up its plans, SFACF surveyed United Way agency directors, conducted focus groups, and interviewed local training professionals. SFACF had two goals. First, find out what kind of leadership training agencies need. Second, identify topics not currently offered by colleges, universities, and private providers in the Sioux Falls area.

Board member Doug Hajek puts it this way, "This could well be one of the very best times to invest in something that will inspire our community to an even more positive view of ourselves, foster a determination to discover new opportunities, and help us find the means for capitalizing on all the resources we can muster to capture those opportunities!"

Inspiration will come from national and regional experts. Dates and presenters are:

- April 9, Jon Pratt, Director of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, kicks off the series with an interactive workshop on Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence. *The NonProfit Times* recognizes Pratt as one of the 50 most influential nonprofit leaders in the United States.
- April 28, Curt Coffman, co-author of "First, Break All the Rules," travels from Denver to ask workshop participants to challenge their belief systems in how to hire the right managers. Coffman's consulting practice focuses on engaging organizational leaders and employees in excellent customer service.
- May 11, Gail Perry, author of "Fired-Up Fundraising," will share her passion for harnessing agency staff and board members in effective resource development. Perry believes that fundraising isn't about money, it's about changing the world.

A team of twelve representatives from Sioux Falls area nonprofits is assisting SFACF in promoting and coordinating the workshops. The team will assess post-session evaluations with an eye toward continuing the series for an additional two years. Members have already begun brainstorming other nonprofit capacity-building needs.

To meet individual staff development needs, Sioux Empire United Way, long a promoter of service excellence, has created a training scholarship fund. When they need to send key staff to individual training, partner agencies can apply for \$250 towards the cost of training from local training professionals.

*Transforming Leadership* is open to all local nonprofits, including faith-based organizations. Community Foundation CEO Candy Hanson hopes that local training professionals, agency managers, and board members will all take advantage of the series.

"We've capped registration at \$10 per session, so the series is affordable," Hanson says. "Getting an organization's staff, board leaders, and the local consultants they use on the same page will pave the way to nonprofit excellence."

Go to [www.sfacf.org](http://www.sfacf.org) for information on how to register for the *Transforming Leadership* series.

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# ONE DAY CLOSER TO BETTER



## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

CANDY HANSON



It's as true today as when Norman Vincent Peale posited it during the Great Depression, "Tough times don't last. Tough people do."

That's the kind of people Americans are — tough. We believe that even in the most troubled of times, our nation will find its way. We become part of the solution. We do the best we can with what we've got. We open our hearts to the less fortunate. Cultivate kindness. Keep the communities we live in strong. Tend to business at hand.

Tough is the quality that I see in the six-member team that manages Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation's endowments. In total, they share nearly a hundred years of professional experience in finance. They're pragmatic, and they know that dwelling on the downside is counterproductive. Despite the market pressures we all feel, they come together each month to analyze trends, look to the future, and steward the community's long-term charitable assets.

SFACF endowments have experienced losses. But because of the investment management team's diligence, we continue to beat our portfolio benchmarks.

And SFACF still ranks in the top 25% when compared to the performance of other community foundations nationwide.

It's natural to feel shaky about the future. Tough people take heart in remembering that ups and downs in economic cycles are inevitable. They know that even in this most extraordinary time, up is on its way. We don't know how long it will take to get here, but with each day that passes, we're one day closer to better.

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# UNIQUE ART COLLABORATION ADDS TO *CITY BLOSSOM* FESTIVITIES

He approaches nature's treasures and seasonal vibrancy with a photographer's sharp eye. She draws and paints, transforming the same world into a soft-edged impression of what she feels.

Together, Paul Schiller and Mary Groth are giving a signature look to SFACF's annual fundraiser, *City Blossom*.

The event is a family affair for Schiller, whose wife, Koni, joins development committee member Sara Crosby in co-chairing *City Blossom 2*. The celebration of spring and of the donors who support SFACF's grantmaking program will be held April 30, from six to eight o'clock at the Overlook Café in Falls Park.

"It's a fun evening, a time to rejoice in the good works that stem from the philanthropy of the Community Foundation's most visionary donors. We call them 'Community Builders'. Their unrestricted gifts are turned into grants that stimulate innovation we all benefit from," Koni observes.

SFACF debuted the event last year at Cherapa Place. Thanks to generous guests and an anonymous donor family that matched their gifts, last year's *City Blossom* raised more than \$225,000 in unrestricted contributions. SFACF invested 70% of the event income in its COMMUNITY FUNDS ENDOWMENT where it will spin off grants to worthy projects in the Sioux Falls area for good, for ever. And because some



MARY GROTH AND PAUL SCHILLER

opportunities are more immediate than others, SFACF earmarked the rest of the event earnings for its *Transforming Leadership* initiative. (See story on page 1.)

Schiller, a photo-artist and chair of SFACF's Board of Directors, committed to donate a photograph for each of the event's first five years. He and Koni then commissioned artist Mary Groth to create a companion piece. The original artworks belong to a permanent collection at SFACF. Six limited-edition, signed reproduction prints go home each year with a few lucky *City Blossom* guests.

This year and last, the artists' collaboration began with Schiller's photographs. Groth reviewed dozens of his pieces, searching for one that inspired her interpretation in pastels. For the first *City Blossom*, Groth selected Schiller's "Prairie Shadows," an image of sunbeams and cloud shadows playing over a golden field with a shelterbelt in the distance. Groth, well known

for her depictions of human life on the prairie, imagined and drew a young woman, a small girl, and a farm dog standing within the landscape. When paired, the pieces of contrasting media create a diptych, showing two perspectives of the same subject and inviting viewers to make their own connections.

The expectations for *City Blossom 2* are even higher this time around, as party planners move to a new location. "Spring is a beautiful time to have an event at the Falls," co-chair Sara Crosby observes. "Changing the venue each year keeps the celebration fresh."

Planners also hope to bump up the guest list, welcoming friends returning from winter homes and reaching out to new donors.

"This is a great way for younger philanthropists to connect with the Community Foundation and learn about what we do," says Crosby. "We'll give an award to one of the nonprofits that received a grant from us and did something phenomenal with it."

SFACF will announce the winner of the 2009 *Community Spirit Award*, unveil Groth and Schiller's new art collaboration, and draw names to give away reproductions of the work.

"There'll be a lot of winners at *City Blossom*," Crosby promises. "But the biggest winner is the community — all of us benefit from Community Foundation grants."

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## SFACF WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

Faith and friendship inspire Tom Ralph's efforts to make our community a better place to live, work, pray, and play. Because he valued his own parochial education, he first volunteered to work on service projects for Catholic schools. His latest commitment is a tribute to a close colleague's memory.

Ralph joined Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation's Board this past fall, filling the unexpired term of fellow EideBailly partner Jack Carmody, Jr., who died in late August. "SFACF serves a unique function in our community and really does great things," says Ralph, who now chairs the Audit Committee. "It's a good group of people, most of whom I wasn't fortunate enough to know beforehand."

Though Ralph was born in Bremerton, Wash., his Sioux Falls roots run deep. The second-youngest of five siblings, he moved here with his family at age 4. Ralph attended St. Joseph Cathedral



TOM RALPH

School and graduated from O'Gorman High School, where he met his future wife, Patti. The two married during his junior year at the University of South Dakota and relocated to the Twin Cities after he earned his accounting degree, in 1974.

In Minnesota, Ralph took his CPA exam and gained experience in public accounting, business transitions, and

estate planning. The couple came home to Sioux Falls in 1977, when Ralph accepted a position with Henry Scholten & Company. In June 2007, that company merged with EideBailly, where Ralph now serves as partner.

Along the way, the Ralphs have contributed to their neighborhood and the wider community as well. Their family — including children Patrick, Katie, and Lindsay — lived near Christ the King, and Ralph

served on boards for the church and its elementary school. As his children grew up, he volunteered for O'Gorman High School fundraising campaigns, helping with five drives there, including the recent O'Gorman Performing Arts Center appeal.

Ralph indulges his two passions — golf and cards — at Westward Ho Country Club. His annual golf trip with his buddies has been a tradition for more than 20 years. Ralph admits that course playability and climate are on nearly equal footing when choosing a destination. "We went to Tampa one year, and that was a little too far north," he says.

Ralph is a loyal football and basketball booster of his high school and college teams. He and Patti are delighted that both their daughters recently moved back to Sioux Falls. Having them and 3-year-old grandson Savian nearby makes the investment the Ralphs have made in the community even more personal and worthwhile.

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In just the first eight weeks of the 2008-2009 school year, Kristen Peterson's students collected 160 pounds of paper that ordinarily would be bound for the trash. Instead, the Tea Elementary classroom is "Being Green as a Third-Grade Team," recycling all that paper and an average of 100 pop cans a week from the teachers' lounge. The project is one of 16 supported by SFACF's *Excellence in Education* grantmaking program. Helping with a recent can round-up are Mikayla Wevik and Kourtney Headrick. (See all *Excellence in Education* grants on page 9.)



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Brian and Denise Aamlid

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## **Amy Erickson Scholarship Fund**

Proceeds from the Fourth Annual  
"Amy's Race"

## **Fool Soldier Scholarship Fund**

Vicki Altman  
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## **Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting Endowment**

Rev. D. Craig Cowser  
In Memory of Ralph Weelborg  
Jean Weelborg

## **Larry and Suzanne Fuller Charitable Fund**

Larry and Suzanne Fuller

## **Steve and Allison Garry Family Endowment**

Steve and Allison Garry

## **Girl Scouts - Dakota Horizons Council Funds**

**Minn-Ia-Kota Girl Scouts Endowment**  
Sonia and Randy Bury  
In Honor of Mary Lynn Myers  
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## **Going Home Special Project Fund**

Rick Bandy  
Dakota Country Dance Club  
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## **Great Bear Ski and Recreation Area Fund**

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## **Curtis L. and Glenda J. Hage Fund**

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## **Brian and Laurie Hansen Charitable Fund**

Brian and Laurie Hansen

## **Robert L. Hanson - Harold's Photo Fund**

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## **Hartford Area Community Foundation**

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Marion Ickes  
In Memory of Henry Christensen  
Nancy Christensen  
In Memory of A.D. Pearson  
William Pearson  
In Memory of Earnie Viet  
Bonnie Viet

## **Jeff and Sheila Hazard Fund**

Jeff and Sheila Hazard

## **Hills of Rest Memorial Park Foundation**

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Douglas and Anita Johnson  
Stephen and Christine Johnson  
Kenneth Munce  
Mark Preston  
Charles and Terry Schauer  
Sioux Valley Genealogical Society

## **Jerry Hoftiezer Memorial Scholarship**

In Memory of Jerry Hoftiezer on his  
Birthday, 2008  
Roy Purvis and Mary Joneson  
In Memory of Sue Horstmeyer  
Elaine Hoftiezer

## **Howard and Eunice Hovland Insurance Fund**

Howard and Eunice Hovland

## **Tom S. and Melissa Howes Fund**

Tom and Melissa Howes

## **Louis and Dorothy Hurwitz Sioux Falls Jewish Welfare Endowment**

In Memory of Dorothy Hurwitz  
Mary Sue Donohue

## **Independent Insurance Agents of Sioux Falls Scholarship Fund**

In Memory of Donald Davis  
In Memory of Robert Johnson  
Independent Insurance Agents  
of Sioux Falls

## **Inmates' Inipi Fund**

Mary Montoya

## **Jeff and Doreen Jorgenson Family Endowment**

Jeff and Doreen Jorgenson

## **Mr. Kealey's Opus**

In Memory of Ray Severson  
Anita Kealey

## **Dan and Arlene Kirby Family Restricted Fund**

Dan and Arlene Kirby

## **Joe and Jennifer Kirby Charitable Fund**

Joe and Jennifer Kirby

## **Steve and Suzie Kirby Fund**

Steve and Suzie Kirby

## **K. Gene and Karen Koob Charitable Fund**

Gene and Karen Koob

## **L.K. and Karen Larsen Family Foundation**

Lee and Karen Larsen

## **Lennox Area Community Fund**

In Honor of the 40th Wedding  
Anniversary of Merrill and Betty  
Tronson  
Mavis Steever  
In Memory of Mildred Smit  
Kenneth and Norma Saylor

## **Lions Club - Wayne Wiseman Memorial Youth Fund**

In Memory of Wayne Wiseman  
Don\* and Cara Lee Davis

## **The Lost Boys Education Fund**

Casa Del Rey  
Proceeds from Casa Del Rey  
Fundraiser

## **Luke's Gift Endowment**

Rick and Sonja Gourley

## **Thomas and Susan McDowell Family Endowment**

Tom and Susan McDowell

## **Vaughn and JoAnn Meyer Charitable Fund**

Vaughn and JoAnn Meyer

## **Minnehaha County Historical Society Endowment**

Loren and Mavis Amundson  
Anonymous  
Bruce and Rita Blake  
Bonnie L. Bunch  
Bonnie R. Bunch  
Kay Coddington  
Doug and Shawn DeGroot  
William Hogan  
Tom and Lorna Kilian  
Richard Neish  
Ronald Nelson  
Margaret Novak  
Larry Puthoff  
Tom Savage  
Alica Thiele

## **Arthur O. Moe Fund**

Estate of Arthur O. Moe

## **Mothers' Healing Garden Endowment**

In Memory of Marilyn Derwent  
John and Mary Lou Derwent

## **Jeffrey and Mary Jo Murray Charitable Fund**

Jeffrey and Mary Jo Murray

## **Stephen R. and Mary Lynn Myers Special Purpose Fund**

Stephen and Mary Lynn Myers

## **Kristi Niechwiadowicz Fund**

Kristi Niechwiadowicz

## **Roy and Rodora Nyberg Charitable Fund**

Roy and Rodora Nyberg

## **Robert and Karla O'Connor Family Charitable Fund**

Bob and Karla O'Connor

## **O'Gorman High School Fund**

Adler Trust Company

## **Osmann Family Native American Scholarship**

In Memory of Adeline Osmann  
The Board and Staff of the  
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Foundation



# GIFTS

October 2008 — December 2008

**Andy and Sara Patterson Family Charitable Fund**

Andy and Sara Patterson

**Pipestone County Historical Society Funds**

**Pipestone County Historical Society Endowment**

Gilbert and Connie Backlund  
Anna Duncan  
Jim Keyes  
Helen Perkins through the Luverne Area Community Foundation  
Pipestone High School Class of 1953  
Maynard Winsel

**Pipestone County Historical Society Endowment II**

Estate of Helmuth Schroeder

**Louis and Joyce Profflet Endowment**

Joyce Profflet

**Dean and Jan Radach Family Fund**

Jan, Darren, and Angie Radach

**Joe and Norma Rahm Memorial Scholarship**

George Rahm

**Marlene A. Rance Charitable Fund**

Marlene Rance

**Larry and Jan Rau Family Fund**

Larry and Jan Rau

**Sanford – OB-GYN, Ltd. Charitable Fund**

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**Sanford Clinic – Family Medicine 69th & Minnesota and 49th & Oxbow Charitable Fund**

Sanford Clinic - Family Medicine  
69th & Minnesota and 49th & Oxbow

**Sanford Clinic – Luverne Charitable Fund**

Sanford Clinic – Luverne

**Sanford Clinic – Worthington Charitable Fund**

Sanford Clinic – Worthington

**Sanford Clinic Community Service Committee Charitable Fund**

Sanford Clinic Community  
Service Committee

**SC – Canton Family Physicians Charitable Fund**

SC – Canton Family Physicians

**SC – Gastroenterology Charity Fund**

SC – Gastroenterology

**SC – Heart Partners – Lloyd E. Solberg MD PhD Charity Fund**

Lloyd E. Solberg

**Paul and Koni Schiller Charitable Fund**

Paul and Koni Schiller

**David Jay Schmidt Memorial Scholarship Fund**

In Honor of Mary Schmidt,  
Christmas 2008  
In Honor of Norbert Schmidt,  
Christmas 2008  
Roger, Jane, and David Solheim  
Lindell, Ginger, Chris, and  
Jonathan Sunde

**Seventh District Medical Society Scholarship**

Seventh District Medical Society

**John and Mary Simko Family Endowment**

John and Mary Simko

**Singing Boys Fund**

**Singing Boys Endowment Fund**

In Memory of David Blanchar  
In Memory of Robert Heege  
In Memory of Elizabeth Holt  
Lois Harchanko  
In Memory of Joan Vaage  
Jorgen U. Vaage

**Landon Wulf Singing Boys Endowment**

In Memory of Betty Jean Leuthold  
Arnie, Myra, Monica, and Tanya Wulf

**Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Funds**

**Unrestricted Community Endowment**

Truman and Nancy Phelan,  
Community Builder  
Don and Helen Boen  
Daugaard for South Dakota  
Cy and Sandy Farner  
Tom and Patti Ralph  
In Honor of Paul Schiller, Christmas 2008  
Lawrence & Schiller  
In Memory of Dorothy Bork  
Joyce Profflet  
In Memory of Mary Connie Donohue  
Tom and Patti Ralph  
In Memory of Dorothy Doyle  
In Memory of William “Sam” Farner  
In Memory of Clarissa “Chris”  
Marie Garry  
In Memory of Anne Statz  
The Board and Staff of the Sioux Falls  
Area Community Foundation

**Sioux Falls Area Retired Teachers Scholarship**

In Memory of Donald Adler  
Patrick and Marty Baxter  
In Memory of Jorene Larson  
Sioux Falls Area Retired Teachers  
Association  
In Memory of Loella Rose  
Mary Ann Hofer  
Kenneth and Laurice Iseminger

**Sioux Falls Concerts Association Endowment**

In Memory of Eudora Zellers  
Sioux Falls Concerts Association

**Sioux Falls Jazz and Blues Society Endowment**

Todd Hopkins  
Katrina Lehr-McKinney

**Sioux Falls Public Schools Education Foundation**

Avera  
The Honorable Deana Barth  
The Honorable Darin Daby  
Jack Dyvig  
The Honorable Debbie Hoffman  
Pam and Tim Homan  
The Honorable Doug Morrison  
Sun Enterprises, Inc.  
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**Sioux Falls Woman's Alliance Fund**

Frank and Ethel West Charitable  
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**Sioux Valley Genealogical Society Endowment**

In Memory of Eddie Jorgenson  
In Memory of Melloie Oien  
Loren and Mavis Amundson

**Mary Sommervold Memorial Fund**

In Memory of Mary Sommervold  
Dan and Arlene Kirby  
Joe and Jennifer Kirby  
Kevin and Peggy Kirby  
Steve and Suzie Kirby  
Don and Ann Platt  
Paul and Koni Schiller

**South Dakota High School Honor Choir Endowment**

Loren and Mavis Amundson  
In Memory of Richard Braithwaite  
Dione Peterson  
In Memory of Robert Heege  
In Memory of Donald Stanga  
Dione Peterson  
Alan and Arlys Stanga

**South Dakota School for the Deaf Foundation Endowment**

Sam and Betty Speier, Benefactor

**South Dakota Symphony Orchestra Funds**

**Garson Granddaughters' Violin Chair in Honor of Isabel, Naomi, Cymry, and Sophia**

Fredric and Lorraine Teller

**Arlo and Mary Sommervold String Quartet Endowment**

In Memory of Mary Sommervold  
Dr. Sam and Norma Assam  
The Board and Staff of the Sioux Falls  
Area Community Foundation  
Charline Smith

**South Dakota Symphony Orchestra League Endowment**

In Memory of Mary Sommervold  
South Dakota Symphony  
Orchestra League  
Roger and Michele Weber

**South Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame Endowment**

In Honor of Dave Smith  
In Honor of Doug Smith  
William Sauck Jr.  
In Memory of John Leverett  
James and Penny Volin  
In Memory of Michael Rost  
Bill and Sally Clayton

**Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare Funds**

**Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare Endowment**

Raymond Jones

**Parnell J. and Dorothy Donohue Family Endowment**

In Honor of Mary Sue Donohue,  
Christmas 2008  
Dorothy Donohue  
Ellen Greenberg  
In Memory of Tony Dean  
In Memory of Senator Peg Lamont  
Mary Sue Donohue

**Rick Huffman Fund**

Rick Huffman

**Special Olympics South Dakota Fund**

In Memory of Heather Colman  
Steve and Stephanie Jacobson  
In Memory of Dorothy Doyle  
Vicki Madsen  
In Memory of Genevieve Fraser  
John Fraser  
In Memory of John Gross  
Lyle and Vikki Farrand  
In Memory of Darryl Halbritter  
Ronald and Janice Erkes  
Larry and Jean Kracht  
In Memory of Gladys Johnson  
Elmer and Wava Homandberg  
In Memory of Audrey Linneman  
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Beverly Fischer

In Memory of W.J. “Bill” Reynolds  
Bob Caselli

In Memory of Connie Schmidt  
Joann Oberlander  
In Memory of Don Talcott  
Dennis Kunkel  
In Memory of Gerald Tracy  
Steve and Stephanie Jacobson  
In Memory of Anna Vickerman  
Greg Boris  
Pam Brady  
Deb Bukrey  
Lyle and Vikki Farrand  
Mary Huisman  
Shelly Kolbeck  
Rosemary Nultemeier  
Lynn Risty  
Kathy Zornig

**Spirit of Sioux Falls Scholarship and Award**

In Memory of Timothy John Wald  
Sioux Falls Development  
Foundation

**Tea Area Community Funds  
Tea Area Community Fund**

Rebecca Aman  
Anonymous  
Arbor Care, Inc.  
Dwayne and Jerene Atkins  
Tom and Julie Babb  
Mike and Gail Bartlett  
Rob Brandner  
Michael and Mavis Craig  
Larry and Pat Ditter  
Farmers State Bank  
Don Feige and Jenn Moenck Feige  
Henry and Darlene Hagemeyer  
Barb and Randy Hascall  
Jay's Storage  
Johnson Salvage  
Thad and DeeAnn Konrad  
Don and Jeri Kuper  
Wayne and Margaret Larsen  
John and Michaele Lawler  
Doug and Nancy Mette  
Corky and Cindy Miles  
Marty and Cheryl Munkvold  
Sharon and Jeffery Nelson  
Timothy and Marlene Olson  
Deb Pritchett  
Larry and Pam Rieck  
Riverview Insurance, LLC  
Myron and Diane Roth  
Triple R Paving, Inc.  
Delmer and Shirley Wetering  
In Honor of Don Brobst  
Jeff Brobst  
In Honor of Ray and Sandy Cheney  
Kirby and Carrie Quamen  
In Honor of their Children and  
Grandchildren  
Dick and Alma Gors  
In Memory of Lee Hofer  
The Honorable Otto Hagedorn  
In Memory of Ike Rentschler  
Tom Rentschler  
In Memory of Cletus Weis  
Joseph Weis  
**Tea Area Community Scholarship**  
Proceeds from the Community  
Calendar Fundraiser

**David and Nancy Thomas Charitable Fund**

David and Nancy Thomas

**Ethan Michael Thompson Endowment**

In Memory of Ethan Michael  
Thompson  
Judy and Ron Buseman

**Trent Area Scholarship Fund**

In Honor of Bonnie Wheeler's  
Birthday  
In Memory of Maurice Miles  
Jean Miles

# GIFTS

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**In Memory of Irvin Boomgaarden**

Harlyn and Theresa Bokker  
Roger Elverson  
Hilda Johnson  
Laura Kirkegaard  
Loren and Sharryl Moller  
Dennis and Carol Peterson  
Alvin and Bernie Scherff  
Melvin and Sharon Scherff

**In Memory of Emmett and Hazel Feuerhelm**

Douglas and Jean Feuerhelm  
**In Memory of Norma Janssen**  
Merle and Faith Alberts  
Harlyn and Theresa Bokker  
Larry and Ada Jorgenson  
Carol Muller  
Clarence and Joyce Rave  
Ron and Lorraine Utech  
Wes and Maureen\* Van Daalen

**University of Sioux Falls Endowment**

**In Memory of Donald Davis**  
Robert Rust

**Jon and Suzanne Veenis Charitable Fund**

Jon and Suzanne Veenis

**Volunteers of America, Dakotas Funds**

**Joe H. and Elaine I. Floyd "Another Chance" Fund**

Joe H. and Elaine I. Floyd

**Bob Jensen Family Endowment**

**In Memory of Bob Jensen, Christmas 2008**  
Dakota Ellis  
Devann Ellis  
Joann E. Jensen  
Heather Oligmueller  
Paige Oligmueller  
Rachel Oligmueller  
**In Memory of Harold Swanson**  
Joann E. Jensen

**Wagner Family Charitable Trust Fund**

Mike and Paula Wagner  
**In Honor of Ian, Stephanie, and Gabriel Smithdahl, Christmas 2008**  
**In Honor of Jeremy, D'one, and Mackenzie Wagner, Christmas 2008**  
**In Honor of Josh, Missy, Liam, and Nolan Wagner, Christmas 2008**  
Kathryn Pieplow  
**In Honor of Mike and Paula Wagner, Christmas 2008**  
Loyd and Donna Wagner

**Jerry and Patricia Walton Endowment Fund**

**Jerry and Patricia Walton Special Purpose Fund**

Jerry and Pat Walton

**Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science Funds**

**Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science Endowment**

Tom Bennett  
**In Memory of Mary Sommervold**  
Loren and Mavis Amundson

**Connie and Mick McDowell Family Matinee Series Endowment**

**In Memory of Constance Kundert McDowell**  
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**Pavilion Art Acquisition Fund**

The Jerstad Family Foundation, Benefactor  
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**Mary Jo Wegner Sioux Falls Arboretum Fund**

**In Memory of Michael Rost**  
Darcy Anderson  
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Joe and Kathy Carmody  
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Nancy Dillon  
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Steve and Kris Egger  
Rick and Marcia Entwistle  
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Jane Nutter Johnson  
Marlo and Marlene Mahlstedt  
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Betty Ordal  
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**In Memory of Mary Jo Wegner**  
James and Penny Volin

**YMCA Funds**

**Camp Leif Ericson Endowment**

**In Memory of Richard Braithwaite**  
Don\* and Cara Lee Davis  
**In Memory of Donald Davis**  
James and Ila Ahrendt  
Loren and Mavis Amundson  
John and Sherry Archer  
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George and Judith Regan  
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Janet Roepke  
Phil and Jimmie Rysdon  
Les and Arlette Scherschligt  
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David and Linda Shields  
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Jimmie and Dorothy Stone  
Brian Stuart  
Gayle Syverson  
Don and Florence Toft  
Richard and Michelle Van Demark  
James and Laura Westby  
Tom and Cathy Whalen  
Wichita Radiological Group, P.A.  
Lois Williams  
Tom and Lynne Zimmer  
**In Memory of Raymond Goodwin Syverson, Jr.**  
Joseph Casagrande  
Don\* and Cara Lee Davis

**Ivan H. Howes YMCA Camp Scholarship Fund**

**In Honor of Mike and Bunny Howes, Christmas 2008**  
Andy and Jessa Howes  
**In Honor of Mike Howes' Birthday**  
Rae Smith

**YWCA of Sioux Falls Endowment**

Cara Lee Davis  
Charline Smith

— IN MEMORY OF —

We extend our deepest sympathy  
to the friends and family of

**DON DAVIS**

A Community Builder and  
cofounder of the YMCA'S CAMP  
LEIF ERICSON ENDOWMENT whose  
gifts will continue to provide  
opportunities for young people

**MAUREEN VAN DAALEN**

Who, together with her husband,  
Wes, was one of the founders of  
the DELL RAPIDS COMMUNITY FUND



# NONPROFITS COUNT ON QUICK RESPONSE FROM SFACF “SPOT” GRANTS



Students from Cindy Nelson's fifth-grade class at Hayward Elementary wrote SFACF in the fall to ask for help in telling their school's more than 136-year-old story. Their goal: Before summer break, raise enough money to erect a historical marker. SFACF rewarded the students' determination with a \$1,000 spot grant — enough to cover a little over half the marker's cost.

donations and a check from one of the student's uncles put the campaign over the top. “The kids are just so excited to know the community cares about them.”

Andy Patterson, SFACF's vice-president, calls awards of \$1,000 or less “spot” grants. “The grants are designed to

be flexible and available to local agencies pretty much ‘on the spot’.”

Nonprofit organizations with needs that crop up during the year can submit their proposals at any time. They don't have to wait to have their ideas reviewed at bi-monthly meetings of the Grants Committee.

In applying for spot assistance, groups also bypass SFACF's standard grant application. A submission can be as simple as a one- to two-page letter signed by the organization's executive director and board chair. The letter is limited to:

- a brief description of the project to be accomplished,
- a budget for the proposed project,
- a list of governing board members, and
- if one is not already on file with SFACF, a copy of the organization's IRS tax-determination letter.

Program Officer Patrick Gale serves as SFACF's liaison for all grant inquiries. “Our spot award system is obviously easy enough for Mrs. Nelson's fifth-graders to understand. Their letter was perfect. I didn't have to ask for any additional information.

The proposals must still meet our grantmaking criteria,” he continues. “But agencies really appreciate a streamlined approach. If they're

successful, they get a timely answer and can put their plans in motion. We're often able to make a decision within 48 hours. We almost always decide within two weeks.”

Gale says that SFACF has seen a marked increase in requests for immediate assistance with each new year. He fielded nearly a dozen more applications in 2008 than in the previous year.

In addition to providing help with small start-up projects, spot awards often lead to big undertakings and permanency. Groups applying to the federal government for tax-exempt status, for example, may request money to pay for their legal work or filing fees. These groups go on to become long-term community service providers.

Agencies also use spot awards to fill special needs they uncover while delivering other services. While providing energy assistance over the winter to families in need, Inter-Lakes Community Action learned that the same families didn't have the money to pay for activities for their children. The following summer — thanks to an SFACF spot grant — the kids headed off to area pools with summer swim passes.

Though SFACF's investment may seem small compared to an organization's overall budget, spot grants have the potential to inspire unique partnerships and create lasting effects. It all begins with a quick answer to a great idea.

*Print a copy of this newsletter at [www.sfacf.org](http://www.sfacf.org)*

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### 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  
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## SFACF Grant Application DUE DATES

**SFACF COMMUNITY FUND**  
\$3,000 and up  
May 1

\$3,000 or less  
Accepted at any time

### APPLICATIONS FOR:

*C.J. “Del” and Alene Delbridge Family Endowment Grants*  
Available: June 15  
Due: August 15

Print copies of SFACF's grant application at [www.sfacf.org](http://www.sfacf.org)

Make your tax-deductible check payable to Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation, 300 N. Phillips Avenue, #102, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57104-6035. Alternately, phone (605) 336-7055, ext. 13 to make a gift by credit card. Note: SFACF pays a 4.75% fee for credit card transactions



# SFACF FUNDS CREATIVE CLASSROOM PROJECTS

Kristen Peterson's third-grade students at Tea Elementary live in a digital age, but worksheets and other assignments get handed in the old-fashioned way — on paper. So when Peterson learned that the school's waste disposal provider didn't offer a recycling program, she decided to start her own. "My ultimate goal is for my students to understand that being green should be everyone's mission — to prolong the life of our planet in a responsible way," Peterson wrote in her grant application to SFACF.

Petersen's project is one of 16 enrichment activities funded by *Excellence in Education*, SFACF's sponsorship program for teachers whose ideas exceed their classroom budgets. Teachers who submitted applications were limited only by their imaginations. Their creativity shone through in project descriptions.

"The selection panel was impressed not only with the number of applications received, but also with the quality of the proposals," says SFACF Program Officer Patrick Gale, whose panel included Linda Larson, Chris Skinner, Shelly Skinner, and Sharon Schueler. "I think it really speaks to how dedicated teachers are to seeing that their students succeed. We're lucky to have such caring teachers in our community."

In all, the group recommended a total of \$11,655 in grants to winning projects that ranged from math and reading fundamentals to activities that encourage students to think beyond the classroom.

At St. Katharine Drexel School in Sioux Falls, Carrie Threadgold's pre-Kindergarten students will learn about "community helpers" — people whose service-based jobs add to our neighborhoods. Second-through fifth-grade students at Harrisburg Liberty Elementary School are taking their experiences even further. Working together to build and program remote-controlled robots, they're also brushing up on world events as they model their experiments after NASA's mission to Mars.

Here is a list of this year's *Excellence in Education* award recipients.

#### **Peggy Baney et al**

*Discovery Elementary School  
First grade*

Builds writing skills through the "Authors as Mentors" project, in which students focus on a published author's work as a model for crafting their own narratives. \$973

#### **Dustin Degen et al**

*Beresford Middle School  
Seventh and eighth grades*

Applies students' science, writing, and math skills to formulate hypotheses, design and conduct experiments, gather and analyze data, and report results during a middle school science fair. \$300

#### **Lisa Greene**

*St. Michael + St. Katharine Drexel School  
Third grade*

Increases understanding of vocabulary and builds listening skills in a phonics-focused program that fosters motivated and independent readers. \$525

#### **Cathy Hagg**

*Christ the King Elementary School  
Kindergarten through second grades*

Expands student experiences in science, social studies, and language skills through *Exploring Fridays*, a program that provides hands-on activities for young learners. \$575

#### **Jenica Haraldson**

*St. Katharine Drexel School  
Pre-Kindergarten through first grade*

Integrates healthy living habits with art, music, language, and other subjects, guiding students to create their own "Healthy Me" books that share what they've learned about eating right and exercising. \$1,000

#### **Erica Kogel**

*Hayward Elementary School  
Pre-Kindergarten*

Enhances listening comprehension, oral expression, and literacy skills among students who struggle with delays in processing language and who are being served by Individualized Educational Plans. \$487

#### **Lisa Kolb**

#### **Janey Diedrich**

*St. Michael + St. Katharine Drexel School  
First grade*

Gets students up and moving, combining physical activity and learning through teacher-created games such as "Spell-ercise" and "Math-ercise". \$1,000

#### **Kathleen Kunkel**

#### **Dorothy Lambert**

*St. Lambert Elementary School  
Second grade*

Sponsors a "Math Night for Families," giving parents take-home tools to help children develop math and problem-solving skills. \$454

#### **Molly Liberko et al**

*Harrisburg Liberty Elementary School  
Second through fifth grades*

Ties together current events in science, technology, and collaborative problem-solving as students build and program robots that accomplish small-scale missions parallel to the NASA mission to Mars. \$1,000

#### **Ronna Mikkelsen et al**

*Harvey Dunn Elementary School  
Fifth grade*

Boosts student interest in nonfiction texts that focus on science, social studies, and health topics by purchasing 80 subscriptions to *National Geographic* magazine. \$316

#### **Ann Okins**

*Oscar Howe Elementary School  
Fifth grade*

Introduces music students to the characters who live in "Mr. Everybody's Apartments" — a story approach to the five lines of the treble clef. Each note is a character who helps learners ease into reading music from the page. \$1,000

#### **Kristen Peterson**

*Tea Elementary School  
Kindergarten through third grades*

Teaches students practical ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle and takes third-grade students on a field trip to Sioux Falls to tour two "green" buildings and the recycling center. \$997

#### **Margo Smith**

*Christ the King Elementary School  
First grade*

Instills a love of reading and writing through a year-long writing project that shows students how to create personal stories around math, poetry, science, and language arts lessons. \$954

#### **Kathy Sorenson et al**

*Harrisburg Liberty Elementary School  
Kindergarten and first grade*

Reinforces language concepts including letter naming, rhyming, and oral reading fluency through ready-made reading games available on a rotating basis to teachers and their students. \$1,000

#### **Carrie Threadgold et al**

*St. Katharine Drexel School  
Pre-Kindergarten*

Creates classroom activity centers for dramatic play, hands-on science, and expressive visual arts to teach students how various community members — from police officers to grocery clerks — contribute to the neighborhoods in which we live. \$972

#### **Nicole Valnes**

*Renberg Elementary School  
Fourth through seventh grades*

Educates students on six problem-solving strategies and challenges them to apply critical thinking skills as they go on a "Math Quest" to tackle word problems and invent their own for classmates to solve. \$100

# 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 2008 through February 2009.

#### **AUGUSTANA COLLEGE, \$950**

Promotes community dialogue and learning about the Holocaust and genocide by funding a day-long community and student symposium, "After Auschwitz: The Memory, Meaning and Representation of the Holocaust," and aiding in bringing to Sioux Falls the author and Holocaust scholar Daniel Magilow to be the symposium's keynote speaker.

#### **DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS, INC., \$1,000**

Supports SculptureWalk 2009 in downtown Sioux Falls and at Falls Park. This grant was made possible by a gift from the Xcel Energy Foundation.

#### **DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS, INC., \$7,500**

Promotes arts and culture in the Sioux Falls area by providing free public performances from local musicians on downtown streets. This grant was made possible by a gift from the Xcel Energy Foundation.

#### **FAMILY CONNECTION HOSPITALITY HOUSE, \$1,000**

Assists Family Connection in revitalizing its volunteer leadership by providing facilitators for the board's strategic planning process.

#### **HAYWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, \$1,000**

Boosts fifth-graders' campaign to raise funds for a historical marker that tells the 136-year-old history of Hayward Elementary School. (See story on page 8.)

#### **HELP!LINE CENTER, \$10,000**

Helps 200 families that experienced a sudden loss of income at the end of the year purchase food and other staples over the holidays with gift certificates arranged through the Holiday Clearing House.

#### **HELP!LINE CENTER, \$2,500**

Supports research and production of "Community Trends," an annual needs assessment that helps the community anticipate demand for human services and mobilize resources to meet changing needs.

#### **INTER-LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION, INC., \$1,000**

Keeps low-income families with emergency energy assistance needs in Lincoln and Turner Counties warm over winter months.

#### **INTER-LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION, INC., \$1,000**

Updates an educational video for Heartland House, a transitional living program for families on the verge of homelessness.

#### **LIBERTY CENTER, \$1,000**

Helps Liberty Center's Board of Directors plan for expanded services by underwriting the cost of strategic planning. Liberty Center provides after-school and summer care programs for children and youth ages 3 to 17 and specializes in serving children with disabilities.

#### **McCROSSAN BOYS RANCH, \$1,000**

Sends youth, who would not otherwise be able to travel to their families, home for the holidays.

#### **McCROSSAN BOYS RANCH, \$1,000**

Purchases matching coats and cowboy hats for the Hitch Team, which was invited to march in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C. in January.

#### **MOTHER'S HEALING GARDEN, \$1,000**

Assists in providing information to visitors and helps with the upkeep of the garden by building a visitor center and storage facility. The Garden, located in the Dell Rapids Cemetery, is a refuge for mothers who have lost children through death.

#### **MULTI-CULTURAL CENTER OF SIOUX FALLS, \$950**

Educates the community on the history of African Americans in South Dakota by purchasing material for four sculptures and the frames used to display historic documents and photos in the new African American Museum.

#### **SANFORD HEALTH, \$960**

Fosters spiritual care education and support of volunteers at Sanford Hospice by purchasing training books entitled, "Companioning the Dying."

#### **SINTE GLESKA UNIVERSITY, \$2,500**

Supports the Northern Plains Indian Art Market.

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

Purchases food and gift packages for military families in need. This grant was made possible by a gift from the Wal-Mart Foundation.

#### **VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, DAKOTAS, \$780**

Supports an incentive program at the Floyd Career Learning Center. Students working to attain their General Equivalency Diploma who have perfect attendance can have part of their GED testing fees waived.

# HAVE YOUR WAY WITH YOUR WILL

## FUNDRAISING FOR "GOING HOME" REACHES GOAL

A memorial honoring those who gave their lives in defense of our country will soon be a reality.

In June 2007, Staff Sgt. Robb Roling's parents celebrated their anniversary with dinner downtown. As they left the restaurant, they paused to admire "Going Home," a statue depicting an angel carrying a fallen soldier heavenward. Hours later, they learned that their SculptureWalk visit coincided with their son's death in war-torn Baghdad.

In the days that followed, family members searched for a way to deal with their loss. Their grief led them to Sondra Jonson, the sculptor who created "Going Home". Their dream was to place a 10-foot rendition of the piece at Veteran's Memorial Park.

With approval from the City in hand, the Rolfings asked SFACF to manage the fundraising effort.

Now, 17 months after the drive began, donations from local service organizations and businesses, and friends and neighbors closed in on the goal. In-kind gifts from Henry Carlson & Co., which will install the statue, and Splitrock Landscaping & Nursery, Inc., which will donate the landscaping, put the project at its mark.

Jonson, the sculptor, wants to have the piece ready to ship by this fall. Enlarging the statue is challenging work. She's nearly done rendering a mid-size version to capture the detail of her original piece. With that step finished, she'll use computer-assisted digital scanning to bring the statue up to full size. Before the work is cast in bronze, she'll install a steel infrastructure.

SFACF and City Parks and Recreation Department hope to dedicate "Going Home" by Veteran's Day in November.



HOWARD PAULSON

Property owned by a deceased person can transfer in several ways. It can transfer under the terms of a will, under the laws of the state in the absence of a will, through a living trust, by beneficiary designation or by other contractual arrangement. Any or all of these possibilities can be used to carry out a person's wishes and to receive benefits under the tax laws.

A will is a written document that states how the assets of the deceased person are to be handled and distributed. A man who writes a will is known as a testator and a woman as a testatrix.

To write a will, a person must be at least 18 years of age and of sound mind. A will must be written and executed in accordance with state law.

A gift can be given in a will as a specific devise, a general devise, or all or part of the rest, residue and remainder of an estate. A specific devise is a gift of a particular item of property. For example, a specific devise could be a piece of real estate or an article of personal property. A general devise is a gift of a dollar amount. It could be for a sum, such as \$10,000. The rest, residue and remainder is what is left after the payment of estate taxes and expenses, any specific devises and any general devises.

Assets subject to a will can be given to any family member, friend or charity. Gifts to the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation can be for the benefit of several charities.

Under a will, a person can designate a guardian or conservator for minor children. Property can be placed in a trust for beneficiaries who need assistance or protection.

A pour over will can be used in conjunction with a living trust to ensure that the assets of a deceased person will be administered and distributed in accordance with the terms of the trust. Tangible personal property can be distributed under the terms of a handwritten statement that has been dated and signed.

A party named in a will to carry out its provisions is known as a personal representative. This term has replaced what was once known as an executor for a man and an executrix for a woman.

The process for transferring property subject to a will is called probate. It can be an involved procedure in some states. Usually, it is not in South Dakota. Basically it includes appointing a personal representative, collecting assets, paying bills and taxes, preparing an accounting, and making distribution.

Unless subject to an agreement or other restrictions, a will can be amended to make appropriate changes. A will should be reviewed and revised every few years and upon a marriage, divorce, birth, death or other significant change in circumstances.

In the absence of a will, property owned by a decedent in his or her own name would be distributed under state law. Without a will, those entitled to receive are usually the closest blood relatives of a deceased person.

Whether by will or by any of the other means available, it is important to be prepared.

*Howard Paulson is a partner with Christopherson, Bailin & Anderson where he specializes in estate planning and administration and real estate law. He and his wife, Lou Ann, are the parents of four grown children. For the past 25 years, Howard has served as Consul for Norway for the state of South Dakota. He and SFACF recommend you consult your legal and financial advisors for estate planning assistance.*

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