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MOVING PROGRAM EARNS COMMUNITY HONORS AT CITY BLOSSOM2



City Blossom2 Co-Chair Sara Crosby presents SFACF's 2009 Community Spirit Award to Craig Friedel during the April 30 celebration at Falls Park. Friedel accepted on behalf of the Moving Assistance Program, a nonprofit he and members of The Church of the Good Shepherd established to help people who lack transportation or other resources relocate to safer, more affordable homes.

SFACF first learned about the moving program in March 2008, when Friedel applied for an unrestricted COMMUNITY FUNDS grant to cover start-up expenses: \$550 for packing tape, labels, and gloves; \$170 for tape dispensers; \$600 for phone service; and a little more than \$1,600 for office supplies and liability insurance.

Guests at *City Blossom2* learned how MAP turned \$3,000 in seed money into a priceless gift for those who have been helped. More than a quarter of those served were elderly, 83% had physical or mental disabilities, and 22% survived domestic abuse. One-third of the moves were for families with children.

"MAP is a wonderful example of how a small grant from SFACF and the commitment of dedicated volunteers can address a need in Sioux Falls in a timely and efficient manner," says Mary Tidwell, incoming chair of SFACF's Board of Directors. "Our unrestricted grant fund is designed to do just that — match gifts from donors with people who have a vision and the dedication to work to better our community. It's a win-win experience for everyone involved!"

In any given year, requests for SFACF grant support outstrip the money its Grants Committee has to spend. That's why *City Blossom* is so important. Thirty percent of the money raised at the event goes to a project that addresses a timely need. The rest is placed in a permanent endowment where it will be used benefit the community for good, for ever. T. Denny Sanford gave this year's event a boost by offering to match contributions dollar-for-dollar up to \$100,000.

"It's always nice to be recognized, but the most rewarding thing for us is to see the results of what you can do in the eyes of the people you're helping," Friedel says. "Obviously, the additional funds from SFACF help, too. We look at it as allowing us to do more, for more people."

If you know someone in need of moving assistance, call the HELP!Line Center at 211 or dial the MAP hotline at 221-5950.

After a few months of on-the-job training, Craig Friedel learned how to reassure a young mother that her family's earthly possessions would make it to their new home. He found the right thing to say when someone was embarrassed by where she lived, even when it was all that person could afford.

Friedel answered a call to a unique volunteer experience while working with fellow members of The Church of the Good Shepherd, an Episcopal parish. Searching for a meaningful service role in the community, the group contacted HELP!LineCenter. They learned that the Center receives a significant number of calls each year from people in need who have the opportunity to move to safer, more affordable housing, but simply do not have a way to make the move.

Within a few weeks, the Moving Assistance Program had its own nonprofit status and was looking for start-up funds. In the year-and-a-half since, people who turned to MAP for help have faced many challenges. Some were too frail or old to organize their moves. Others lacked a car, packing boxes, or someone to help with the heavy lifting. In all, MAP has completed nearly 50 moves, relocating 130 men, women, and children to better homes.

For that work, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation on April 30 announced MAP as the recipient its 2009 Community Spirit Award. Friedel accepted a \$2,500 grant on behalf of the all-volunteer agency he leads during *City Blossom*, an annual fundraiser for SFACF's grantmaking program. "We were just overwhelmed because the award certainly isn't something that I or the other board members were expecting," Friedel said later.

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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

CANDY HANSON



Some people are born visitors. Put them in a taxi and by the time they've reached their destination, they'll know more about the driver than some of us know about our next-door neighbors.

Risa Mickenberg took visiting a step further than most. She quizzed her city cab drivers for their reflections on life, compiling the best of their philosophies in "Taxi Driver Wisdom".

The little black book teems with off-the-cuff observations and advice that are amusing at times, sobering at others. My favorite is from a new American, who while marveling on the fact that his recently acquired

cab came equipped with driver-side airbags quipped, "I'm for better always. I'm for future."

The context of his remark may be ordinary, but by extension, the sentiment holds meaning for Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation. What nonprofit that applies for an SFACF grant isn't planning to do something better? Which donor who arranges a bequest to an SFACF endowment isn't for the future?

Harnessing the generosity of givers and the energy of doers is our most distinctive attribute. No special interest biases our work. An organization or a donor may want to give a hand up to those in need, improve access to human

services, green the environment, celebrate the arts, or give a boost to young scholars as they head off to college or tech school. If something is good for the Sioux Falls area, we're for it.

On July 1, SFACF begins its 25th year of service of linking good people to good causes. We're proud of many past accomplishments, but they dim in comparison to what we will accomplish in the future. Unfettered by prejudice or politics, SFACF will be making the amazing community we share better, for good, for ever.

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NEW DIRECTORS JOIN SFACF BOARD

When someone is so naturally good at doing good, it's hard to let her go. During its May meeting, SFACF's Board of Directors thanked Mary Pat Sweetman, outgoing member and former chair of the board, for her dedication to the community.

Sweetman, who joined the board in 2001, has worked on nearly every committee at SFACF — including Development, Investment, and Grants. During her time as chair, she oversaw a strategic planning retreat that identified a fundraising need for unrestricted dollars. The session ultimately led to the creation of *City Blossom*, SFACF's annual event to cultivate *Community Builders*. Mary Tidwell succeeds Sweetman, bringing to the role her deep understanding of SFACF's grantmaking processes. Paul Schiller remains on the board as immediate past chair.

Doug Hajek moves into the position of vice chair, while Richard Van Demark and John Henkhaus remain in their offices of secretary and treasurer, respectively. Directors and staff members welcome Sara Crosby and Jayna Voss to the board.

SARA CROSBY



Sara Crosby has done it all — built a nonprofit from the ground up, trained board members and staff, scrambled for sponsorships and grant dollars. Her track record in nonprofit leadership is sure to be an asset to SFACF as she joins the board of directors July 1.

Crosby, a founder and executive director of the Dakota Academy of Performing Arts — a nonprofit institute where youth study theater and music — knows how small investments can lead to big achievements. “We started our first season with \$94 in the bank,” Crosby says. She's proudest of her hands-on

role with DAPA's Plays for Living Theatre Company. The performance series, which travels to middle schools throughout the area, focuses on topics such as depression and teen suicide, diversity, and alcohol abuse.

Now, Crosby will help foster growth in the larger community through SFACF, where she's served on the Development Committee for the past two years and co-chaired *City Blossom*2. “I really believe the Foundation has an incredible opportunity with the projects it chooses,” she said. “It embodies everything I am in terms of what motivates people and how everyone has it in them to make a difference.”

Crosby's dual background in theater and social work might seem odd at first, but role-playing is one way psychotherapists uncover the reasons behind their patients' emotions and actions. That curiosity has served Crosby well, both as a clinical social worker and as a professional actress working out of New York City.

It was a long way from Ames, Iowa, where she was the middle child and only girl in a family of big thinkers. Her father taught American literature at Iowa State University.

Her mother, an academic advisor, was active in the League of Women Voters and volunteered at a nursery school for children with disabilities. It was a labor of love, as Crosby's parents each grew up with a sibling with special needs. Her mother also founded The Women's Theater Company in Ames, while her father served on the school board and on the Youth and Shelter Service Board. The family spent summers camping in the west while visiting different Native American reservations.

Crosby and husband Daniel, a physician who specializes in interventional neuroradiology, have worked to inspire a similar spirit of adventure, social responsibility, and empathy in their own children. The family came to Sioux Falls a decade ago, when daughter Tessa was 6. This fall, she'll be a junior at Lincoln High School and a second-year member of SFACF's Youth Advisory Committee. Older brothers Ian and Cameron — fraternal twins — recently wrapped up their sophomore year of college at schools in Boston and Washington state.

“We've always taught them that if you've got the means to feed and clothe yourself and keep a roof over your family's head, you've got to put back into the community what you've taken out,” Crosby says.

JAYNA VOSS



Some of the bravest people Jayna Voss has met look like ordinary folks. Until they start talking about their biggest concerns and their most hopeful dreams.

“They come in, sit down, and within the first few minutes, they're telling me the most personal details about their business, their family situation — things that are very difficult to say,” says Voss, a lawyer who specializes in estate planning. “I get to help them find a plan that will work for their entire family.”

Many times, that also means providing for their community. Voss, a partner at Cutler & Donahoe in downtown Sioux Falls, is happy to manage the details. That's what makes her such a great fit as a new member of SFACF's Board of Directors.

Voss grew up on a family farm outside Wessington, a rural community where neighbors counted on one another. She was a typical small-town student, involved in nearly every sport and activity offered. She stayed close to home, earning her undergraduate diploma in business economics and accounting from South Dakota State University and her law degree from the University of South Dakota.

The call that changed her path came two-and-a-half years into her legal career in general business practice. It was a law school classmate who planned to leave her firm to raise a family. She knew of Voss' interest in estate law and proposed that Voss take her place on the estate planning team at Cutler & Donahoe. Voss made the move in 2000, gaining a mentor in founding partner Rich Cutler. Within a few years, Voss began

volunteering as a board member for the Children's Care Foundation, serving on the Business Leadership Council at the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, and lending her legal expertise to SFACF's Special Gifts & Investments Committee.

“Taking care of family always is at the top of the list,” Voss says of her clients, though she could just as easily be talking about herself. She and husband Shane, the incoming superintendent for the Alcester-Hudson School District, spend most of their time outside work at activities for their daughters: Danielle, 13, Cassandra, 11, and Sydney, 6. Voss also keeps close ties with an older brother in Wisconsin and three younger sisters in this corner of the state — two of them right here in Sioux Falls.

“We've worked hard, and I feel blessed that I'm now in a place where I can give back,” Voss says. “The Community Foundation provides so many ways to do that. It's a unique opportunity for me, to be a conduit of information for families.”

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Sioux Falls Area Retired Teachers Scholarship
In Memory of Effie Rishoi
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Sioux Falls Area Retired Teachers Association
In Memory of Esther Sidlo
Howard and Eunice Hovland

Sioux Falls Figure Skating Club Endowment
John and Linda Kolb

Sioux Falls Public Schools Education Foundation
The Honorable Deana Barth
Builders Supply Company
The Honorable Darin Daby
The Honorable Debbie Hoffman
Hy-Vee
The Honorable Doug Morrison

Sioux Valley Genealogical Society Endowment
In Memory of Sharon Rae Fresvik
In Memory of Ronald Remme
Loren and Mavis Amundson

South Dakota High School Honor Choir Endowment
In Memory of Ardell Timmerman
Alan and Arlys Stanga

South Dakota Symphony Orchestra League Endowment
In Memory of Shirley Ryan
South Dakota Symphony Orchestra League

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Tea Area Community Fund
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Ray and Sandy Cheney

Trent Area Scholarship Fund
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In Memory of Raymond May
Wes Van Daalen
In Memory of Olney Moe
In Memory of Evelyn Sieps
Brenda and Martin May
In Memory of Morris "Mory" E. Nelson, Jr.
Richard and Sheri Holt
In Memory of Gordon Selken
Melvin and Arla Selken

In Memory of Maureen Van Daalen
Merle and Faith Alberts
Lorrayne Alexander
Stuart and Jeanne Benson
Wayne and Lois Burkhart
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Becky Eikmeier
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Doris Jordan
Larry and Ada Jorgenson
LaWayne and Audrey Leuning
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John and Dorothy Scholten
Harold and Elouise Skatvold
Ron and Lorraine Utech
Dorothy Valland

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In Memory of Florence Sletton
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Dick and Roxie Waggoner Family Scholarship
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In Memory of Maurice "Mick" Studer
Marlys Ahrendt-Hohman

YMCA Funds Camp Leif Ericson Endowment
In Memory of Donald Davis
Melissa and Fred Cornelius
Pamela and David Marburger
Warren and Millie Opheim
James Ricketts
Melanie Rigney
Charles and Gwendolyn Schone

YWCA of Sioux Falls Endowment
In Memory of Doris Ann Leye
The Board and Staff of the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation

— IN MEMORY OF —

We extend our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of

LOUIS HURWITZ
Who left bequests to several charitable endowments.

ADA MAY YEAGER
Who with her late husband, Anson, founded a charitable trust that will benefit Friends of SD Public Broadcasting.

Gifts in memory of these donors will be published in the annual report.

SFACF HAPPENINGS



For 30 years, the South Dakota Lions Eye Bank has helped grieving families give precious gifts of sight and health to strangers in need. Corneas restore vision, heart valves pump life-giving blood, and bone and skin tissues strengthen and protect. Now, the Eye Bank itself needs help relocating to a new headquarters in Sioux Falls. SFACF's grant to support the *Building for Sight and Life* capital campaign brings the Eye Bank one step closer to a 16,000-square-foot facility with specialized areas for research, donor-family services, and tissue recovery and distribution to transplant centers. The campaign was approved by the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Community Appeals Committee and runs through the end of July. L-R: Kristi Niechwiadowicz, SFACF board member and grants committee vice chair, and Christine Belitz, executive director of the Eye Bank.

The spirit of giving surged right along with the Falls of the Big Sioux River during the April 30 *City Blossom2* event. The evening of wine, music, and good company raised nearly \$200,000 for SFACF's unrestricted grantmaking program, thanks to donors and a generous, dollar-for-dollar match from T. Denny Sanford. A few guests took home a little something extra: limited-edition prints of works created especially for *City Blossom2* by local artists Paul Schiller and Mary Groth. Here, donors Brad and Konni Swenson pose with Schiller's piece, "Prairie Giants".



This spring's high school and college graduates will need to make the most of their time if they want to compete in the midst of extraordinary situations facing our world today. That's advice straight from someone who should know — Don Jorgensen, who squeezed in a May 7 appearance at SFACF's Scholarship Reception between anchoring live broadcasts of the evening's "KELOLAND News" programs. For his turn as featured speaker at the annual event, the Parker native drew on lessons he learned in the news business and as the youngest of seven boys. "When you're starting out, be willing to take the jobs no one else wants," he said. (See page 7 of this newsletter for the names of this year's award recipients.)

Print a copy of this newsletter at www.sfacf.org

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Contributions to Funds in the Community Foundation

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SFACF Grant Application DUE DATES

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 November 1
 January 1

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APPLICATIONS FOR:

C.J. "Del" and Alene Delbridge Family Endowment Fund
 Available: June 15
 Due: August 15

Effie C. Skaarud Animal Welfare and Appreciation Fund
 Available: August 21
 Due: October 10

Excellence in Education
 Available: September 4
 Due: October 30

Sioux Empire Fund for Hunger Relief
 Available: October 2
 Due: November 13

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

SFACF SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION CELEBRATES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Each year, SFACF's scholarship program helps send more than 100 students to colleges, universities, and vocational and technical schools. Through the generosity of donors and the volunteer work of selection panel members, SFACF gives a boost to those striving for a better life. Below is a list of this year's recipients, many of whom were honored during the annual scholarship reception, held May 7 at the Holiday Inn City Centre.

AXA ADVISORS SIOUX EMPIRE SCHOLARSHIP
Zachary Weber

ALCESTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND – DELMER SCOTT AWARD
Jason Vreugdenhil

WYATT AMMON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Johnathan Schultz

ANDY AWARD
Brittany Smith

BILL BARLOW "SECOND CHANCE" SCHOLARSHIP
Thad Berreth

JEREMY BAUM "HOPE" SCHOLARSHIP
Deitrich Thompson

GLORIA RAE BECK SCHOLARSHIP
Carly Blankenfeld

VINCE BECK FIVE POINT SCHOLARSHIP
Eric Stearns

ROBERT W. BEST SCHOLARSHIP
Justin Bentz
Amanda Schaefer
Rachel Soyland

MYRTLE AND DAVID BLOMQUIST SCHOLARSHIP
Kama Konda

FRED AND MARIE CHRISTOPHERSON SCHOLARSHIP
Adam Heck
Gareth Steers
Tyler Vogel

COGLEY-BUFFINGTON CERTIFIED PROPERTY AND CASUALTY UNDERWRITERS SCHOLARSHIP
Patrick Linsenmeyer

JIM AND PAT CROSTON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
Kasey Thalhuber

DAKOTA GOLD STUDENT ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP
Stephanie Bachman
Amanda Kautz
Andrew Midden
Amanda Wagner

DAVENPORT, EVANS, HURWITZ & SMITH SCHOLARSHIP
Jacqueline Adams
Michael Bruning
Jay Cole
Matthew Elsinger
Luke Fuhrman
Adam Heck
Emily Sazama
Lauren Wolf
Benjamin Young

FOOL SOLDIER SCHOLARSHIP
Orrie Charger, Jr.
Gilbert Red Dog, Jr.

JOE FOSS "AN AMERICAN HERO" SCHOLARSHIP
Rachael Andersen
Molly Kokesh
Stacey Scholten
Meghan Schuster
Emily Sperry
Mike Tuch

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SIOUX FALLS MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE SCHOLARSHIP
Rachel Sustad

HARRISON-JOSLYN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Jay Cole
Amanda Kaskie

JERRY HOFTIEZER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Abbie Clauson

HOPPS DOW SCHOLARSHIP
Jenna Dennert
Mariah Woods

HOVIK FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
Jay Cole

INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS OF SIOUX FALLS SCHOLARSHIP
Rachael Andersen

GORDON INGWERSEN SCHOLARSHIP
Lauren LaBrie
Korey Lambert

GORDON INGWERSEN SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP
Travis Clark

JULIUS A. AND DOROTHY L. JACOBSEN SCHOLARSHIP
Brett Feterl
Megan Fredberg
Ethan Shafer

JAMES AND BERNICE KOPPERUD SCHOLARSHIP
Collin Block

KATHERINE A. LARSON SCHOLARSHIP
Molly Martin

FRANK LINGO SCHOLARSHIP
Kira Dahl
Matthew Huber

DALE LOKKE LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
Autumn Dykshorn

LINDSEY ANN MASTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Rachel Oien

KIMBERLY ROSE MEANS-NATIVE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF TRIBES SCHOLARSHIP
Russell Brehmer

SALLY BERTINA MEYER SCHOLARSHIP
Matthew Herbert
Zachary Weber

OSMANN FAMILY NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP
Russell Brehmer
Jonnilynn May

ROBERT AND DR. JUDY NISSEN SCHOLARSHIP
Jessica Evans
Tamara Nold

DAVID L. PROFILET SCHOLARSHIP
Kayley Maas

JOE AND NORMA RAHM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Shane Bruckner
Dana DesLauriers

JAMES B. AND VERA A. SADLER SCHOLARSHIP
Justina Berkness
Shannon Holtz
Caitlin Iddings
April VanderWell
Ariel Willeson

DAVID JAY SCHMIDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Kevin Berg

SIOUX FALLS AREA RETIRED TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP
Meredith Lind

DELMAR AND ROSEMARY SKLUZAK SCHOLARSHIP
Andrea Taylor

JAMES STENHOLTZ SCHOLARSHIP
Collin Block

TEA AREA COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
Brynn Roeman
Megan Johnson

TRENT AREA SCHOLARSHIP
Ethan Amdahl
Carly Blankenfeld
Sara Bunkers
Jessica Damm
Bethany Ellefson
Bailey Hagedorn
Crystal Hanson
Seth LeBrun
Martha Nagy
Cheryl Wilke

SHON TRIMBLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Joey Brown

VIOLA LINGO WATSON SCHOLARSHIP
Jonathan Schneller

WASHINGTON HIGH ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
Justin Bentz

WESTWARD HO COUNTRY CLUB HONOR GOLF SCHOLARSHIP
Erin O'Connor

LANDON WULF BVHS SCHOLARSHIP
T.J. Polzin

YEAGER-AFDAHL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Jerylin Reed
Taylor Shoemaker

The winners of the Hovland Scholarship, Harry Lee Scholarship, Anna and Paul Lind Scholarship, Jan and Jerry Nicolay Scholarship, Duane Odland Scholarship, Louis Shoraga Scholarship, and Spirit of Sioux Falls Scholarship had not been selected as of press date.

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 February 2009 through May 2009.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES, \$1,716

Underwrites costs for "The Clock is Ticking for Rural America: A Behavioral Health and Safety Conference." The early August event includes such diverse topics as depression among rural residents, environmental sustainability of contemporary farming methods, and the link between accessible health care and economic development.

FAMILY VISITATION CENTER, \$5,210

Provides volunteers with an opportunity to serve as visitation monitors through a development and recruitment program. Previously, paid staff filled this role.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER SIOUX FALLS, \$7,850

Increases efficiency and saves volunteer labor by purchasing a hydraulic dump trailer. Thanks to more than 100 local partners and 1,200 volunteers, seven families will get new homes this year in Sioux Falls.

KILIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, \$292

Gives music-appreciation students the chance to see world instruments in person at the National Music Museum in Vermillion. Many instruments also are historical artifacts, crafted by indigenous cultures or by old masters who dedicated their lives to the art of making the pieces that make music.

MOVING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, \$2,500

This grant is unrestricted and recognizes MAP as the recipient of the 2009 SFACF Community Spirit Award. *(See story on page one of this newsletter.)*

MOTHERS' HEALING GARDEN, \$500

Purchases materials to create fleece blankets to comfort individuals and families who are experiencing a crisis.

SIOUX EMPIRE COMMUNITY THEATRE, \$1,000

Builds self-esteem, communication, and collaborative skills in children through creative drama by helping cover costs for the *Sioux Empire Kids' Theatre Program*.

SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS EYE BANK, \$1,000

Supports *Building for Sight and Life*, a Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce-approved Community Appeal to build a new headquarters for the South Dakota Lions Eye Bank.

YWCA OF SIOUX FALLS, \$500

Helps develop healthy and active lifestyles in girls ages 4-18 by providing clinics to teach softball techniques to kick start the season and create an interest in joining the sport.

YWCA OF SIOUX FALLS, \$1,000

Underwrites *Around the World in 90 Days*, a unique program in which students at both YWCA childcare centers will, throughout the summer, explore cultures of several countries.

WASHINGTON PAVILION OF ARTS & SCIENCE, \$1,000

Supports *Project Design Challenge 2009*, a city-wide science fair for students in Kindergarten through 12th grades. This year's challenge: Design a building that can withstand the force of a tornado.

TRANSFORMING LEADERSHIP CHANGES HOW NONPROFITS APPROACH THEIR WORK

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SFACF DONORS HONORED

Kudos to Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation donors recognized this spring for their contributions of time and talent to worthy causes.

Marvin K. Bailin — An SFACF founder and former legal counsel, Bailin is a longtime supporter of children’s causes. Twenty years ago, when Children’s Care Hospital & School needed a speech and language disorders clinic in Rapid City, Bailin took the lead to create a partnership between CCHS and the Scottish Rite Foundation. Children’s Care Foundation presented its 2009 Distinguished Service Award to Bailin May 29.

Mary Lynn and Stephen Myers — The University of South Dakota conferred honorary Doctor of Public Service degrees on this couple at commencement May 9. Stephen is the former head of the state investment council. Mary Lynn is a past chair of SFACF’s Board of Directors and immediate past treasurer for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Koni Schiller — This energetic, always upbeat arts advocate has co-chaired two SFACF *City Blossom* events, but she won honors from the Visual Arts Center in the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science May 1. Schiller, a former member of the Center’s board, earned the Emeritus Award at the annual Arts Night celebration. As a volunteer, she helped grow Arts Night, Sidewalk Arts Festival, and created and launched the Pavilion Holiday.



GAIL PERRY

By headcount alone, SFACF’s capacity-building workshop series for nonprofit leaders added up to an unqualified success. *Transforming Leadership* drew more than 200 participants representing more than 150 area charities at each session.

The response was exactly what SFACF’s Board of Directors had hoped for when it set aside proceeds from last year’s *City Blossom* event for an initiative designed to help local nonprofits do their jobs better. With that subsidy in place, SFACF brought in nationally recognized experts in three aspects of nonprofit administration and offered the workshops at just \$10 per session.

“Number one, it was affordable, and number two, it was extremely accessible,” says Katrina Lehr-McKinney, executive coordinator of the Sioux Falls Jazz & Blues Society. “It’s just wonderful to be able to take advantage of those opportunities, especially with such high-caliber teachers.”

While attendance numbers were high, the series’ true achievement will be measured by another standard — whether the board members, staff, and volunteers who attended the workshops use what they’ve learned to improve efficiency.

Evaluations from each session indicate that more than 90% of nonprofit leaders believe that they can put new tools to work in their agencies. SFACF will follow up on those intentions this summer by surveying agencies to find out what kinds of changes they’ve made.

Governance issues — how to help develop strong board leadership — proved the series’ hottest topic. Participants suggested a yearly, community-wide training session for new board members. They snagged spare copies of “Principles & Practices for Nonprofit Excellence” as they left Jon Pratt’s eponymous workshop. Pratt heads the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits.

Gail Perry showed more than 200 nonprofit leaders how to put the “fun” back in fundraising when she wrapped up SFACF’s spring *Transforming Leadership* series in May. The consultant and author of “Fired-Up Fundraising” coaxed participants out of their seats and into a mingling exercise as she coached them on how to share their passion for the organizations they lead.

Curt Coffman, co-author of “First Break All the Rules,” encouraged nonprofit leaders to view their employees as their agencies’ most important assets. His research challenges many commonly held assumptions about how best to manage people.

“It’s hard to get to training opportunities even a few times a year, so what the Community Foundation brought here was incredibly valuable to us,” Lehr-McKinney says. Coffman’s presentation inspired her to reassess her ideas on leadership and management. “He got me thinking about the different things that motivate people and how best to help them along their way.”

Given the economic times, it’s no surprise that nonprofit leaders’ evaluations listed fundraising issues as their second most important capacity concern. Undaunted by the size of her audience, Gail Perry, author of “Fired-Up Fundraising,” had participants on their feet, greeting one another by sharing their passion for the agencies they serve. “Fundraising isn’t about money,” Perry observed, as she showed the group how a series of exercises could help volunteers overcome their fear of asking for support.

United Way, a long-standing advocate for improving nonprofit management, supported the *Transforming Leadership* initiative by encouraging Partner agencies to augment the group sessions by using funds United Way has set aside for training for individual staff members.

Staff from nine other local nonprofits helped plan and conduct the series. They’ll continue to assist SFACF as it organizes a second workshop series tentatively scheduled for this fall. That series will be funded with a grant from the Bush Foundation through the South Dakota Community Foundation’s *South Dakota Nonprofit Enhancement Project*.

In the meantime, Lehr-McKinney hopes to keep the conversation and ideas for improving efficiency going. She’s one of the nearly 125 *Transforming Leadership* participants who signed for up an informal e-mail networking group hosted by SFACF. Members plan to stay connected so they can exchange ideas and brainstorm problem-solving strategies for their toughest challenges.

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