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Our Mission

The purpose of the Montevideo Area Community Foundation is to inspire generosity and to promote philanthropy that benefits the Montevideo area, now and into the future….

Business after Hours

By: Donna Krueger

The Crossings at the Montevideo golf club was a festive venue for the annual MACF grant awards ceremony on December 21, 2015. Under the holiday lights and decor, about 60-70 attendees enjoyed an appetizer bar and drinks while socializing before the ceremony began.

Emily Sumner, Montevideo Area Chamber of Commerce Director, thanked Rekow Management for hosting December's Business After Hours. Mark Rekow then welcomed the crowd and brought Kevin TeBeest from MACF to the podium for a brief history of the organization as well as its ongoing events and projects.

MACF began in 1993 with its first big grant of $15,000 to the Montevideo Community Center. Since then, the Foundation's endowment has awarded over $122,000 in grants between 2003-2015.

Kevin also previewed the next challenge for MACF: **a $60,000 fund-raiser with $10,000 being granted by SWIF**. The attendees were told to watch for further details on the fund drive beginning in the spring of 2016.

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KinderKare - $2000
Accepted by Chad Morinville
KinderKare will use the funds to purchase Ipads and Kindle Fires for their classrooms. The Ipads will aid in monitoring development progress of the children, while the Kindle Fires will offer students access to new technology and apps. With the increase of technology usage and the programs available on these devises, KindKare believes this technology will better prepare the children for the future.

2015 Grant Recipients

Chippewa Enterprises - $4200
Accepted by Gwen Bowler
1 in 68 people suffer from autism. This grant will be used to purchase Ipads and sensory equipment for those who suffer from austim. This project will increase communication skills for clients with autism and help them to adjust to their current and future environments.

Montevideo Art Project - $1618
Accepted by Emily Sumner
Public art is part of a healthy and complete community, which is why MAP is working to create new public art projects in Montevideo. The funds will be used for a rail car project/mural at the Depot, that all of Montevideo will be able to enjoy.

Chippewa County Fair - $1442
Accepted by Steve Haugen
Approximately 14,000 people attend the annual Chippewa County Fair. These funds will be used to refurbish some of the public restrooms, which will help to improve the experience of those attending the fair.

Project Turnabout - $1312
Accepted by Lois Schmidt
Project Turnabout is a non-profit organization that provides inpatient and outpatient treatment for addiction. The grant will be used to purchase high-quality and maintenance free patio furniture, that patients can use to relax and renew during their treatment.

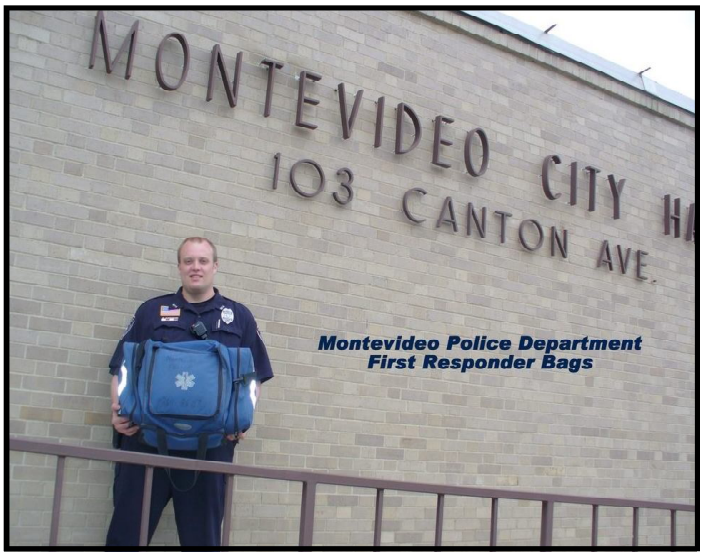
CARES (Community Animal Resources Education and Support Group) - $500
Accepted by Elaine Appelwick
For several years CARES has assisted local residents in caring for their pets. This grant will be used for vouchers to help families pay for veterinarian costs, such as spaying, neutering, and vaccinations.

Montevideo Area Community Foundation: A Brief History By: Mark Rekow

The Montevideo Area Community Foundation (MACF) was established in 1993, by community members interested in supporting the needs of our community through encouraging the charitable intent of individuals and organizations in our area. The initial Advisory Board chose to affiliate with the Minnesota Community Foundation to benefit from that group's expertise in administration and investments.

In 2012, the decision was made to transfer those functions to the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) to benefit from their familiarity with the needs and opportunities in our region, which has proven to be an excellent fit. The current Board represents a broad cross section of business, non-profit, civic and governmental organizations.

During the first several years, the Foundation was involved in the creation of more than $1,000,000 in donor advised and field of interest endowed funds by individuals and organizations to serve their charitable interests. Music, scholarships and the community at large, were major beneficiaries. Those organizations continue to receive ongoing benefits from the earnings of those endowment funds, created over 20 years ago.



In 1998, the MACF stepped forward with a $15,000 Challenge Grant which led to a fund drive which, along with funds from the Senior Citizens Club, raised $206,000 to complete the renovation of a City owned building to create the Montevideo Community Center. We have also encouraged and facilitated the development of playgrounds, a Boys and Girls Club Center, two disc golf courses, bike trails, and many other worthwhile projects.

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A Letter from the Chairman

by: Todd Ricke

I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Todd Ricke, and I have been a member of the MACF Advisory Board since 2013, serving this last year as the Chair of the Board. I am a graduate of Montevideo Senior High, Class of 1995. My wife is Alyssa, and we have two boys, Ty (7) and Tate (5). I am a Vice President at J&D Construction, working primarily in the Operations side of the business.

I find the work with the Foundation very rewarding. When I look at my children, I want to make Montevideo a great environment for them to grow up, like I have had. We have been fortunate to help out many worthy causes in the area that not only will affect their lives growing up, but also many other people in a broad spectrum of ages and capacities. I am proud of the Grants that have been awarded to the community for a variety of projects over the years.

I am also very proud of the work we have done with the school system. I was happy to volunteer much time and resources to the Sanford Playground Project a few years ago both as a foundation member, as well as a business owner in the community. Seeing those projects come together, as well as the feedback from other organizations such as Chippewa Enterprises, and the Chippewa County Fair, over the years about how the foundation has helped them has given me much satisfaction, as well as fuel to continue to work to improve more parts of our community that we will enjoy for years to come.

As many of you know, since coming on board a few years ago, we have effectively doubled our endowment fund through a fund-raising challenge in 2014. We currently are in the process of another challenge in which we are going to raise another $60,000 that the community will reap the benefits of for many years to come.

I find it very motivational that the funds which we are working hard to raise have a significant positive impact infinitely into the future, and benefitting the whole community instead of a select few that other organizations are working to help.

I would like you to consider donating to our latest fund-raising effort.

This past year was like many previous ones. There were more worthy grant applicants than we had funds available, so narrowing that gap is our number one priority.

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Disc Golf Tournament by: Kevin TeBeest

Nearly 40 individuals participated in the first annual Chinhinta-Lagoon Disc Golf Tournament on October 17, 2015.

Disc golf is a game that requires precision and accuracy, where individual players throw a flying disc at a target. While this sport has been around for a while, it has seen a surge of popularity in recent years as a game that can be enjoyed by all generations.

Similar to the sport of Golf, this game requires a course, and players must work their way through the course with the fewest number of throws. Montevideo is now proudly the home of two disc golf courses. The first is located in Lagoon Park, and was established in 2012. The second course is in Chinhinta Park, and was established in 2015. The Montevideo Area Community Foundation is proud to say it assisted in funding the creation of both courses.

With the creation of two courses, some creative young minds decided it would good to host another tournament in Montevideo. A tournament which the Montevideo Area Community Foundation was eager to assist with.

There was a good mix of local disc golfers as well of a number from out of the area. It was a great opportunity to highlight the Lagoon Park course as well as introduce people to the new course in

Chinhinta Park. In addition to the disc golfers, there were also several spectators that followed the golfers in addition to those that just stopped by to check out the new event. The tournament was supported by many local businesses and it served as an opportunity to expose new people to what the foundation can help the community do. We hope to see even more people at next year's tournament!

A special thank you to all of the Sponsors of the Chinhinta-Lagoon Disc Golf Tournament!

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- Rekow Managment
- Mark & Lynn Rekow
- Dr. Jeff Anderson

2016 Calendar

Grant Challenge Deadline
June 30, 2016

Fiesta Community Picnic
June 16, 2016

Grant Applications Due
October 30, 2016

Business After Hours/
Grant Awards Ceremony
December 2016

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By 2003, earnings from the MACF Endowment and Rehabilitation Funds were providing enough income to begin a program of annual grants. Since that time more than $110,000 has been awarded to projects supporting cultural, educational, civic, wellness, and environmental programs in our area. Grants have been made to schools, Heritage Hill, Chippewa Enterprises, Community Center, Boys and Girls Club, Circle Sentencing, Entrepreneurs Assistance Network, Block Nurse Program, Caregivers Support Group, Chippewa County Fair, animal welfare, and many other worthy projects.

The generosity of donors enabled MACF Endowment Fund to grow to nearly $100,000 by 2013. In 2014, SWIF provided a $25,000 Challenge Grant which was quickly met by the community. Another $25,000 Challenge Grant was initiated by three local donors, and that opportunity was met successfully as well. With the total of $100,000 raised in 2014, the Endowment Fund was doubled in size to $200,000! This incredible growth enhances our ability to support worthy groups in our area.

Start a Legacy - Give a Gift

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please send donations to:
Montevideo Area Community Foundation
P.O. Box 261, Montevideo, MN 56265

Donations may also be made on-line at: www.montevideofoundation.org/giving

2016 Challenge Grant

In 2014, the Montevideo Area Community Foundation ("MACF") was offered a challenge by the Southwest Initiative Foundation ("SWIF") to raise $25,000, which SWIF would match. This gave us the opportunity to increase our Endowment Fund by $50,000. The MACF Advisory Board created a plan where they split into teams and met with area businesses to ask for a donation. They were able to reach the $25,000.00 goal within a few weeks. Following that success, the MACF was offered another $25,000.00 challenge by several local individuals. Again, through the same process the MACF was able to reach that goal within a few months.

Given the success of our efforts in 2014, when SWIF offered another challenge grant, we knew we had to go big or go home.

The biggest difference for this challenge grant is SWIF had us compete against the other 23 local community foundations working with SWIF. SWIF had a total of $50,000.00 to divide among all 24 community foundations. The goal was for each community foundation devise a new plan to raise money.

After brainstorming, the MACF Advisory Committee came up with an ambitious plan. We would request $25,000.00 from SWIF, and we would create a list of past residents and graduates to create a new pool of donors. It turns out that our foundation asked for the most money, and we were subsequently awarded the most money, $10,000.00.

However, getting the challenge grant is only the first step. We will now need to raise funds to match the challenge grant. As it stands our goal is a 10-20-30 matching program. That is $10,000 from SWIF, $20,000 from previous local donors, and $30,000 from new donors, with the expectation that the majority of the $30,000 would come from previous residents of Montevideo. This would increase our endowment fund by $60,000 and provide thousands of extra dollars to be available for grants every year. But, we only get the $10,000 and the $20,000 from the local donors if we raise the additional $30,000.

The MACF will begin contacting possible donors the beginning of April. If you know of a person who use to live in Montevideo, and think they would like an opportunity to give back to the community, feel free to pass along our information; we would love to hear from them. Or, feel free to provide us with their information. We also wouldn't mind the opportunity to spread the word about our organization. We have to raise the $30,000 by the end of this June and we know that by working with all of you; together, we can and will succeed.

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Most people think that Americans are generous because we are rich. The truth is that we are rich, in significant part, because we are generous.

—Claire Gaudiani

SPOTLIGHT GRANT

The Montevideo area foundation has been a great supporter of the Chippewa County Fair. The last three years at the fair included major growth and improvements to our program. MACF has helped us with two projects in recent years.

The first project was to increase handicap access at the fair. This involved leasing golf carts vehicles (6-8 passenger) used as a people transport. This helped, considering we have limited on site parking, to transport people that struggle to walk within the grounds. We received many compliments about how much people appreciated the rides. It has been important enough that it has become a regular item in our budget that we plan for each year.

The second project was to remodel a room in the fair office to help young families attend the fair. We created a mother's room. The room features a calm quiet atmosphere to allow mom's to change diapers and feed babies, and even to rest a bit in the air conditioning. We furnished the room with couches, rocking chairs, changing stations, and room partitions for privacy. This has also been a great asset to the fair.

The third project we will work on this spring/summer will be to remodel two spublic bathrooms that are in need of repair. The scope will include new bathroom stalls, painting, new sinks and faucets, and shower stalls to accommodate the carnival that helps make the fair a huge success.

Thanks again to the MACF for all that you do to support the Chippewa County Fair and all of the other organizations that you support.

Jason Dehne, Chippewa County Fair Board

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