



LAKE MILLS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FACT SHEET 2011

“The purpose of the Lake Mills Area Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life of the people and the community it serves through the promotion and facilitation of charitable giving and the awarding of grants to worthy projects and organizations in the community.”

Foundation Grant Program. In 2009 and 2010, the Foundation awarded grants to several community projects and organizations:

2009

- Arts Alliance of Greater Lake Mills Grist Mill Fence Project*
- Jefferson County Literary Council Efforts in the Lake Mills Area*
- Lake Mills Annual Fireworks Program*
- Lake Mills Fire Department Fire Safety House Training Program*
- Main Street Wayfinding Signage Project*
- Rainbow Hospice Care Inpatient Facility Project*
- Rock Lake Activity Center Summer K-5 Camp Program*

2010

- Arts Alliance of Greater Lake Mills Grist Mill Fence Project*
- Lake Mills Annual Fireworks Program*
- Rainbow Hospice Care Inpatient Facility Project*
- Lake Mills City Band Concert Sponsorship*
- L-Cat Booster Club Concession Stand Project*
- Committee for the Lake Mills 175th Birthday Celebration*

Types of Foundation Funds. The Foundation provides donors with several types of fund alternatives to better meet the giving needs of individuals in the community. The complete fund portfolio includes:

- **Designated Funds.** A Designated Fund allows the donor to direct his/her gift toward a particular organization in the community. Once established, anyone may contribute to such a fund. The Arts Alliance Fund is an example of such a fund in the Foundation.
- **Donor-Advised Funds.** A Donor-advised Fund provides the opportunity to establish a personal or family fund in the Lake Mills Area Community Foundation with the ability of the donor to provide guidance and direction to gifting from the fund.
- **Field of Interest Funds.** A Field of Interest Fund provides donors the opportunity to direct how their gift can be used to support organizations or projects within the community that benefits a particular field or interest group.
- **Named Scholarship Funds.** A Named Scholarship Fund provides graduates of Lake Mills High School with scholarship monies to help fulfill their life dreams and aspirations by advancing their education through attending a community college, university, or technical/trade school. The Setz Scholarship Fund is an example of such a fund in the Foundation.

The Foundation’s Recognition Courtyard



The Foundation's Courtyard recognizes its donors in varying ways,

depending on the level of the donation:

- \$1,000 - \$2,499: Engraved Name on Pillar
- \$2,500 - \$4,999: 4" x 8" Engraved Stone
- \$5,000 - \$24,999: 8" x 8" Engraved Stone
- \$25,000 - \$49,999: 16" x 16" Engraved Stone
- \$50,000 - \$99,999: 24" x 24" Engraved Stone
- \$100,000+: Engraved Stone Bench

Note: Multiple donations over time accumulate to achieve the various levels of recognition

Foundation Board of Directors

Officers: Dick DeVor, President; Steve Dehnert, Vice President; Boyd Forest, Secretary; Beverly Farnsworth, Treasurer
Directors: Jon Dahle, Dennis Hawkes, Gerry Heckmann, Todd Larson, Jay Smith

Please Visit the Foundation Website: www.lakemillsareacommunityfoundation.org

The Lake Mills Area Community Foundation Inc. is a non-profit 501(C)3 agency.
Your contribution is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by the tax laws.
Donations may be sent to: Lake Mills Area Community Foundation, PO Box 33, Lake Mills, WI 53551



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Community Partnerships. The Foundation has developed partnerships with number of community organizations and projects in an effort to better serve the charitable character of the community. These include:

*The Arts Alliance of Greater Lake Mills; The Athletic Facilities Improvement Committee;
The Friends of the L. D. Fargo Library; The Lake Mills Library Statue Project; The Main Street Program*

Ways You Can Give to the Foundation

Cash Gifts Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated by the Foundation.

- **Bequests** A bequest is a gift given through your will or trust.
- **Appreciated Securities, Real Estate, or Other Assets** Current U.S. tax law allows the donor of appreciated securities, real estate, or other assets to get a tax deduction for the market value of the donation and avoid capital gains taxes.
- **Individual Retirement Account or Tax-Deferred Annuity** You can use the Foundation as the beneficiary of a traditional IRA or tax-deferred annuity.
- **Life Insurance** You can make a donation to the Community Foundation by purchasing a life insurance policy naming the Foundation as Owner and Beneficiary or doing the same with an existing policy.
- **Estate Contributions to an Existing Fund** You can enhance an existing fund, established by yourself or others, by making a major gift to the fund via your estate plan.
- **Deferred Gifts** It may be beneficial to make a deferred gift of future interest during your lifetime, by retaining life interest in your property and leaving the remainder of the interest to the Foundation.

Current Foundation Funds Donations may be made to any of the following Foundation Funds:

- **Alumni Scholarship Fund.** This fund has been established as a scholarship endowment fund. The lead donation was made by a group of past recipients of the Lake Mills High School Distinguished Alumni Award. LMHS Alums are encouraged to contribute to this fund.
- **Arts Alliance of Greater Lake Mills Fund.** This fund was established through a partnership between the Foundation and the Arts Alliance of Greater Lake Mills to encourage and promote the arts in the Lake Mills Area.
- **Fiberdome Charitable Fund.** This fund was established by Fiberdome Inc. as a donor-advised fund to support local projects and organizations.
- **Foundation Endowment Fund.** This fund was established by the Foundation as an endowment fund. Donations directed to this fund are added to the endowment principal. Only a small percentage of this fund (4-5%) may be distributed each year. These distributions are made through the Foundation's Grant Program.
- **Lake Mills Public School Fund.** This fund was established by an anonymous donor for the purpose of supporting co-curricular activities in the Lake Mills Public School System.
- **Lake Mills School District Fund.** This fund was established to support the Lake Mills High School Distinguished Alumni and Community Service Program. Any expenses incurred in the administration of this program may be covered by this fund.
- **Scott Alan Ferguson Scholarship Fund.** This fund was established by the generosity of Scott Alan Ferguson and provides scholarships to Lake Mills High School graduates who are pursuing college/university studies in Engineering, Science or Business.
- **Setz Scholarship Fund.** This fund was established as a scholarship endowment with a gift from the estate of Clinton Setz Sr. Scholarships are to be awarded in perpetuity based only on earnings and appreciation of the fund.
- **Trinity Pines Lifeline Fund.** This fund was established to support the Lifeline Medical Alert System provided to residents of the Trinity Pines Retirement Center.
- **Tyrana Ladies Club Fund.** This fund was established by gifts made in the memory of Mary Nahn with funds distributed annually to Christmas Neighbors.

"Friends of the Foundation" Program. Those who pledge a gift to the Foundation for (3) or more of (5) consecutive years in one of the categories below will have their name appear on the Foundation website and in the Annual Report as a special **"Friend of the Foundation."**

_____ Platinum Circle Friend of the Foundation	\$1,000 or more per year
_____ Gold Circle Friend of the Foundation	\$500 - \$999 per year
_____ Silver Circle Friend of the Foundation	\$100 - \$499 per year
_____ Bronze Circle Friend of the Foundation	Under \$100 per year

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