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RICHARDTON AREA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2022 Year-End Report

An Update for the Community on the Richardton Area's Permanent Endowment Fund.

Our community foundation celebrated 40 years last year and what an impact it has had on our community! That seed our founders planted so long ago has grown and bears fruit - in the form of grant dollars that we award every year! In fact, we've awarded over \$70,000 in grants from this fund since our inception.

These grant dollars have supported projects at our school, park district, medical center and senior citizens center. They've provided money for scholarships for our youth and helped support our veterans through our American Legion. This is the result of Richardton residents believing in the future of our community and investing in our foundation so that future generations will have the resources they need to improve the quality of life in our hometown.

Our thanks to all the donors that have contributed to this fund over the years to help nourish our "apple tree". Your continued support allows us to have a bigger impact.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. While we are enjoying the fruits of our harvest now, we are also eager to see how much we will grow in the next 40 years!

Richardton Area Community Foundation Advisory Committee

Carmen Bohn, Chair	Kathy Hueske
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\$18,800 Awarded in 2022

This year, the Richardton ACF Advisory Committee awarded a total of \$18,800 in nine different grants to the following organizations and projects:

- **Richardton Baseball Club:** \$4,300 for a scoreboard
- **American Legion Post 180:** \$4,000 for window and parking lot updates
- **Richardton-Taylor Public School Music Department:** \$2,500 to replace several large, bass line instruments
- **Raider Booster Club:** \$2,000 for gymnasium chairs
- **Camp ReCreation:** \$1,500 to replace air mattresses for sleeping
- **Raider Pee Wee Program:** \$1,500 for equipment for field and camps
- **Richardton Healthcare Foundation:** \$1,000 for dining room acoustic ceiling tiles
- **American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 180:** \$1,000 to replace the 100 cup coffee maker, purchase a vacuum, and other items
- **WayMaker Training Organization Richardton:** \$1,000 for WayMaker Training 2022 (traveling basketball teams)

Grants are awarded once a year. Any organization with a 501(c)(3) status or government agency may apply. Applications are available online at www.NDCF.net/ Richardton.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.



Richardton Area Community Foundation

- **Market Value of Fund (as of 11/30/22): \$437,303**
- **Total Gifts to the Fund in 2022 (11/30/22): \$2,435**
- **Grants awarded in 2022: 9 grants totaling \$18,800**
- **Total grants awarded since inception: 284 grants totaling \$303,903**

Knudson Honors Parents with Gift to Richardton

Bill Knudson has fond memories of growing up in Richardton, North Dakota, the middle child of five. Knudson and his family moved to the community when he was four years old. His father became the manager of Farmers State Bank, which was a Bremer Bank, and also worked as an appraiser.

Working for Bremer was a good fit for my dad," said Knudson. "Bremer Banks are owned by a non-profit and give back to their communities and my dad was also philanthropic."

Knudson's parents, Darrell "D.W." and Lorine Knudson, met in Dickinson. D.W. served in the Army during World War II and Lorine was a riveter. They married in 1943 and lived in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, before moving to Richardton in 1955. They built a house in town shortly after moving there and lived the rest of their lives in Richardton, raising their children and supporting their community.

The town was vibrant in those years.

"There were two car dealerships, two grocery stores, a bowling alley, a dry goods store, and three bars," Knudson remembers. "It was a thriving community – a good place to grow up. Seems like it was a less dangerous, more innocent time."

Knudson's older sisters attended St. Mary's High School in Richardton as there was no public school there at the time (boys attended Assumption Abbey High School). Richardton Public School was built during this time and Knudson graduated from the new high school in 1969. He earned an Associate of Arts degree from Assumption College in Richardton, graduated from Creighton University with a degree in Economics and Finance, and became an appraiser, like his father. Knudson worked with his father doing appraisals in Richardton for about eight years after college before starting his own appraisal firm in Bismarck.

Lorine passed away in 1998 and D.W. continued to

live in the home they built in Richardton for another decade. He spent the last two years of his life at the Richardton Health Center, passing away in 2012.

Knudson made a donation of \$10,000 to the Richardton Area Community Foundation in 2021 in honor of his parents and the legacy they left in Richardton.



Lorine & DW Knudson in 1986

"I've been aware of the foundation for awhile and wanted to do something to give back and to honor my parents," he said. "Richardton was such an important part of their lives. It's not about me . . . it's about my parents and how hard they worked to build their community. It's important to do that and to keep doing that. There are a lot of good community leaders who take pride in their town . . . that's what "community" is."

D.W. and Lorine's legacy of building community will continue now forever, thanks to this gift from their son.

If you would like to discuss various ways to support the Richardton Area Community Foundation, including charitable gift annuities, gifts of stock or real estate, or utilizing the IRA Charitable Rollover, contact John Heinen, Development Director for the North Dakota Community Foundation at 701-590-4614 or John@NDCF.net. Anonymous gifts are also welcome.



Questions or want more information?



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"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

- Desmond Tutu



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