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November 2017

“Nearly End-of-Year Report”

A Status Update for Donors and Supporters of New England’s Permanent Endowment Fund.

\$5,680 Awarded to Playground Project in 2017

The laughter of children is a wonderful sound - it lifts the heart and reminds everyone who hears it to value each day and the time they spend with friends, family, and neighbors. It is the sound of community.

There will be more laughter in New England now because of the new playground at Lion’s



Park, which was partially funded with a \$5,680 grant from the New England Area Community Foundation.

“We are excited about having this new playground in our community and glad that the community foundation can help make it happen,” said community foundation committee member Jason Jung. *“These are the types of projects that make our community vibrant and a great place to live. We are hoping community members will make a donation to the fund this year, so we can give out larger grants to these kind of projects.”*

Because the New England Area Community Foundation is a permanent fund, as it grows it will be able to continue to invest in a different community projects, as well as potentially provide funds for future maintenance.

“It is nice to know a fund like this, along with other generous people, come together to improve the community for everyone,” said Lewellyn Rustand of the Lions Club.

For more information about Phase II of the Lions Playground project, contact Lewellyn at 701-579-4347. For more information about the New England Area Community Foundation and how you can help grow this fund, keep reading! ☺

New England Community Found.

- **Total Assets (as of 12/31/16):**
\$136,862
- **Total Number of Grants since inception: 11**
- **Total Dollars Given in Grants since inception: \$27,800**

Committee Members:

Shannay Witte, Chair
Kristi Madler
Patti Schatz
Keith Witte

Jason Jung
Shari Wolf
Cheryl Mellmer

Can you help us grow our fund to \$150,000 this year?



Committee members present the check to the Lions in June.

Ways To Give: Options to Grow Our Fund

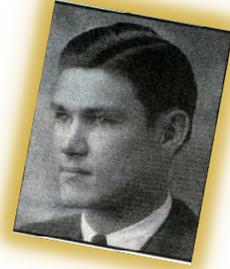
There are many easy ways to support our community's permanent endowment fund:

- **Write a check every year on your birthday.** Together, these gifts from area residents would grow our fund into a huge resource for our school, park district, and other nonprofit organizations!
- **Establish a Charitable Gift Annuity** through the North Dakota Community Foundation, which manages our fund. You will receive an annual payment for the rest of your life, and the New England Area Community Foundation will get the remainder of your gift when you are gone.
- **Leave a gift in your will.** You can designate a certain dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after other gifts have been made to your family or friends.
- **Donate agricultural produce.** This is an easy way to give without having to open your checkbook! Producers don't have to claim the income from the sale and they can still deduct the cost of production for whatever they donate.
- **Make the fund a full or partial beneficiary of your life insurance policy.**
- **Make a gift in memory of a loved one.**
- **Businesses:** donate a percentage of your net profit at the end of the year. Having a strong community with valuable services for residents improves our quality of life and is good for business!
- **Take advantage of the tax credit.** Businesses that give any amount and individuals that donate at least \$5,000 in one calendar year to the New England Community Foundation are eligible for the state's 40% income tax credit. This can make a big difference at tax time - talk to your financial advisor. ◇



Harry Stephenson died in 2005 at the age of 93.

In 2016, he helped build a new skating rink in Pembina, ND.



Harry left a gift in his will to provide resources for communities in northeast North Dakota. The fund he created gives out thousands of dollars in grants for projects in Pembina and the surrounding area every year. **His last gift will last forever.**

What will YOUR Legacy be?

If you would like to improve the quality of life in New England long after you are gone, consider leaving a portion of your estate to the New England Area Community Foundation.

Leave your Legacy in New England.

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

- Desmond Tutu

Questions or want more information?



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The New England Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF manages over \$70 million in assets for the betterment of North Dakota citizens and their communities. For more information about NDCF or the New England fund, contact John Heinen, NDCF Development Director at 701-590-4614.