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**Golden Valley
County**
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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2017 Year-End Report

A Status Update for Donors and Supporters of Golden Valley County's Permanent Endowment Fund.

Community Foundation Grant Improves Play Area for Kids

When students at Lincoln Elementary School in Beach wanted to play football or other games, they had to play in the street, on the gravel playground, or on cement tennis courts nearby. These hard surfaces resulted in numerous injuries throughout the year. Wouldn't it be nice if the students had a grassy field to play on?

That is what the Beach school board thought as they looked at the vacant land across from Lincoln Elementary. The field was in poor condition with many holes and chunks of concrete and large rocks. Surely there could be a better way to make it available to the kids and improve the community?

So the school cleaned up the property, leveled the ground, and planted grass seed. Although the grass got a good start in the spring, the drought took its toll and it quickly died.

To make the space usable, the grass needed

water, and using city water was not in the budget given other priorities.

So when the local community foundation asked for grant applications for local projects, the school submitted a grant and was awarded \$2556 to cover half the costs to dig a well.

"The well will allow us to maintain the grass no matter the weather conditions, and the kids will have a beautiful spot to play" said Randy Dietz, custodian at Liberty Elementary and the project coordinator. *"We were not sure where we were going to get the funds so we are very grateful that the Golden Valley County Community Foundation exists and that the local committee awarded us this grant."*



Community Foundation Advisory Committee members Dee Baertsch (left) and Kim Nunberg (right) present the \$2,556 grant to Randy Dietz of Liberty Elementary for the new well.

Golden Valley County Community Found.

- **Market Value of fund as of 12/31/17: \$79,802**
- **Total Gifts to the Golden Valley County fund in 2017: \$5,800**
- **Grants awarded in 2017: 1 for \$2,556**
- **Total grants awarded since 2011: 12 grants, totaling \$14,333**

Committee Members:

Dee Baertsch	James Wosepka
Michelle Hardy	Lisa Gerving
Kim Nunberg	Jeanne Larson
Jill Tescher	Ashley Ueckert
Deb Walworth	Don Hardy

"We were happy to help with this project," said community foundation Chair Dee Baertsch. *We know the kids and the whole community will appreciate a well-kept multi-purpose field. It would be nice if we could make larger grants or more grants in the area. We know there are needs out there that are unfunded."* ♦

Ways To Give: Options to Grow Our Fund

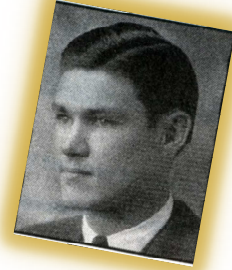
If you would like to help grow the Golden Valley County Community Foundation, there are many easy ways to support our fund:

- **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 Golden Valley County 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 Golden Valley County 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 our area long after you are gone, consider leaving a portion of your estate to the Golden Valley County Community Foundation.

Leave your Legacy in Golden Valley.

"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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