

Erickson's Announce \$1 Million Planned Gift to Launch Heritage Circle Honoring Two South Dakota Families

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Sometimes it is just a bit easier to take the road less traveled when someone great has gone before you. It is how South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF) Board Chairperson Jeff Erickson and his wife, Linda, feel about the philanthropic legacy two South Dakota families have built in this state.

“Paul and Muffy Christen, and Dale and his late-wife Patricia Larson, have demonstrated that true generosity has more to do with heart than it does money,” said Jeff Erickson, who alongside his wife Linda, recently announced plans to add \$1 million to their donor advised fund at the Community Foundation..

“The focus we have on purposeful giving has been shaped tremendously by the example of my mentor Paul Christen, and his wonderful wife



Dale Larson, Stephanie Judson and Paul Christen

Muffy.” Jeff Erickson went on to say, “and Dale, through his quiet giving to support South Dakotans in big ways, has shown Linda and I what true philanthropy is.”

The philanthropic legacies of both the Christen and Larson families are now being honored by SDCF with the launch of the Christen/Larson Heritage Circle, which recognizes donors who have made a gift of \$500,000 or more to SDCF either during their lifetimes or through their estate. The Erickson’s induction into the Christen/Larson Heritage Circle is in part to honor the example set by the SDCF’s two largest donors, but also establishes their own family legacy as well. The Erickson’s family fund will allow their four children and soon to be 12 grandchildren to be involved in choosing the nonprofit and charitable entities that will benefit both now and long into the future.

“We are honored to recognize the work of generous South Dakotans, who have committed to a life of service and giving,” said SDCF President Stephanie Judson. “Just as the Ericksons were encouraged and inspired by the Christens and Larsons, they are now building a legacy that will prompt others to give and serve in their own ways.”

The Christen family has championed growth through their immediate gifts, as well as a planned legacy to the Foundation from the family. “My family has long been believers in the work of the South Dakota Community Foundation because we know that the work they do every single day is setting the stage for a stronger state of South Dakota down the road,” said Paul Christen. “Through the Heritage Circle, it is my hope that generosity will continue to be passed on—from generation to generation.”

The Larson family first partnered with SDCF in 1987 when Dale Larson served on the SDCF Board of Directors. In addition to the giving through their private family foundation, the Larsons have designated funds for the benefit of nonprofits across South Dakota through SDCF. Several charitable causes important to the family will benefit from the gift the family has endowed. “Our family places a high priority on building for the future. It is our intent that nonprofit and charitable causes important to us have the support they need both now and long into the future,” Larson said. “The South Dakota Community Foundation makes it easy for us to ensure those resources will be available long term,” he added.

Linda Erickson said that the entire state is a better place because of the mission of SDCF. “I know that the work they are doing has touched every corner of this state,” she said. “There are even greater things ahead and I’m excited that we get to be a part of it through our gift.”

Jeff Erickson likened philanthropy to a torch and said it is a vision that must be passed from person to person until it becomes transformational for communities. “As the current Chairman of the South Dakota Community Foundation, I have witnessed first-hand how lives are changed through generosity. The example set by the Christens and the Larsons challenged us to leverage the resources we have to not only help others, but do it with purpose,” he said. “They have encouraged so many of us to have a greater perspective on life and giving. It is so fitting that the Community Foundation’s Heritage Circle be named in honor of two great families who exemplify philanthropy.”



Jeff Erickson, Paul Christen, Linda Erickson, and Muffy Christen



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The SDCF is offering regional Good Grants Guidance training sessions. Participants learn about the different funding opportunities SDCF offers and how to apply for them. This year, the Foundation held four workshops across South Dakota in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Eagle Butte and Keystone at the “Strengthening the Circle” conference. These workshops are by invitation and offer both group presentations and one-on-one sessions (per request). Look for workshops coming to your area in 2019.

Good Grants Guidance Attendees in Rapid City



Sioux Falls Good Grant Guidance Participants Share Successes



Taking Questions in Eagle Butte



Stephanie Miller Davis

Stephanie Miller Davis was a beloved mother, wife, friend, and community volunteer. In her lifetime, she touched countless lives with her kindness, loyalty and courage. She was an exceptional mother who raised her daughters to be strong, educated, and responsible women.

Stephanie loved books and created her legacy by donating children's books and bookcases to the school library in her hometown of Murdo. She wanted to provide the children in the community the books she longed to read as a child growing up on the South Dakota prairie. She also donated the financial resources to start the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Jones County. Through this program, every child under 5 in the county receives a free book each month.

When her family wanted to memorialize her life, they knew it needed to be through books. A donor advised fund at the South Dakota Community Foundation was just the vehicle for the Davis family to carry on Stephanie's passion for early childhood literacy. "We chose the South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF) in large part because of the focus on the state of South Dakota, especially in rural communities," said daughter Anne Franz. "SDCF stood out with their personalized approach and local connections that no other foundation offered."

Since the establishment of the Stephanie Miller Davis Memorial Fund, more than 8,400 books have been distributed to children across South Dakota. The family believes strongly in the importance of early childhood reading. According to the Campaign for Grade Level Reading, "reading proficiency by third grade is the most important predictor of high school graduation and career success. Yet every year, more than 80 percent of low-income children miss this crucial milestone". The Davis family wants to help all children achieve this milestone by focusing efforts on early childhood literacy programs for children under five years old.



In October 2018, John Davis, Stephanie's widowed husband, attended the SD Library Association annual meeting in Sioux Falls to visit with librarians about grant dollars available to them through the Stephanie Miller Davis Memorial Fund. The fund has granted dollars to the United Way of the Black Hills for their baby's first book program, and both the Jones County and Beresford Imagination Library programs.

Pleased with the success of their investments through the Imagination Library program, the Davis family started looking for more opportunities. By utilizing the SDCF's network of nonprofit relationships, the family was introduced to "Baby's First Book Bag", a collaborative project of the United Way of the Black Hills and Black Hills Reads where families living in poverty receive early literacy materials for their children. Bright Start Nursing Program and Parenting Program, Youth and Family Services, Rural America Initiatives, and the YMCA incorporate the Book Bag into their work with parents, empowering the parents in the early literacy development of their children. The grant from the Davis family has allowed over 340 families to benefit from this gift and ensures the continuation of the program for at least three years.

As they say, giving is contagious. Grant distributions from the Stephanie Miller Davis Memorial Fund have done much for fostering early childhood literacy across the state. However, the family has bigger goals. Starting immediately, the Davis family plans to offer grants to the network of public libraries in South Dakota with service areas of less than 5,000 residents. These are libraries with limited resources and lack the manpower to apply for larger and more traditional grant programs. The family hopes to provide funding to as many libraries as possible.

Stephanie's legacy will go on through the investment at the SDCF. Ms. Franz says it best: "If my mom was here today, I think she would be proud that we are continuing to support the heroic work of parents, teachers, librarians and other community members to provide every child the chance to read. She loved South Dakota and was deeply invested in its future."



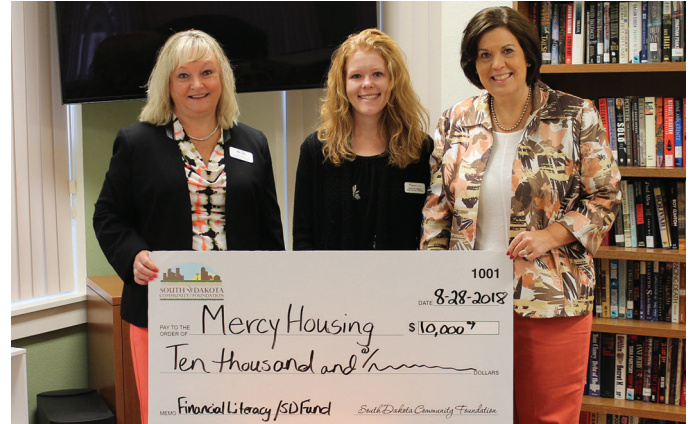
South Dakota Fund Grants

From May 1 – November 30 the SDCF awarded 41 South Dakota Fund grants totaling \$457,979. The South Dakota Fund makes grants in support of culture, economic development, education, health and human services. The SDCF Board of Directors awards grants throughout the year to nonprofits that meet both vital and diverse needs across the state. For more information on how to apply, visit SDCommunityFoundation.org/For-Nonprofits/SD-Fund-Grants or call 800.888.1842.



Abbott House - \$20,000

The Abbott House received a grant award to upgrade their facility's existing security system. Abbott House is in Mitchell and serves as home to girls ages 7 through 17 most of whom have suffered severe abuse, neglect and trauma in their young lives. The purpose of the security system is not to keep children inside the facility but rather serves as reassurance to the children and youth residing there that outsiders cannot enter the building at any given time.



Mercy Housing - \$10,000

Mercy Housing in Rapid City will use dollars received to help with the development of a computer lab and related programming at their multi-family affordable housing property. Driftwood Estates is home to approximately 165 residents including 103 youth ages 0-18. Families come to Mercy Housing Midwest with a desire to access stable housing and meet basic needs including health care and healthy food. The computer lab will enhance the ongoing Resident Services Program offered onsite.



Lemmon Area Charitable & Economic Development Corporation - \$10,000

Lemmon's existing gymnasiums were in high demand and could not provide floor time for their expanding youth programs. Funds provided partial support for replacement of the hardwood playing surface in the Beeler Community Center located in Lemmon, SD.



Assisting Children to Smile - \$6,000

Established in 2005, the Assisting Children to Smile Program is a statewide program that assists in the provision of orthodontic treatment for underprivileged children in South Dakota, who would not otherwise receive care. The program is a partnership between the Grand Chapter of South Dakota Order of the Eastern Star, the South Dakota Orthodontic Society and The South Dakota Sunshyne Smiles Dental Foundation. Funds will assist with partial support for orthodontic care for eligible children in our state.



Community Innovation Grants

The SDCF Board of Directors awards Community Innovation Grants in partnership with the Bush Foundation. In 2018, \$400,000 was awarded to support nonprofits using problem-solving processes that lead to more effective, equitable and sustainable solutions. The SDCF will offer three rounds of application submissions in 2019. The first round opens January 14 and closes February 15.



Tyndall Development Company - \$10,000

Funds will provide support for the development of a plan to address Tyndall’s housing needs. Tyndall Development Company, Inc. plans to address their city’s housing shortage by conducting a housing needs study. They will engage local contractors and hold public meetings to garner input. The city of Tyndall has been removing old buildings and houses. Sixteen acres of land have been purchased on the edge of town to start a housing development.



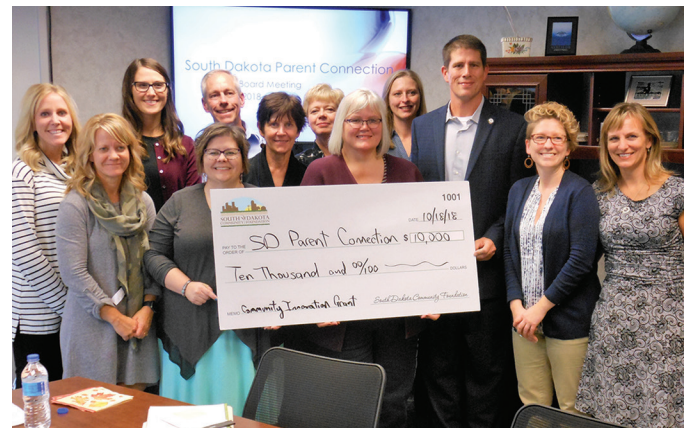
South Dakota Art Museum - \$10,000

A one-day planning event was held for invited South Dakota 4th and 5th grade teachers to visit the “Why” exhibit at one of three locations (Atka Lakota Museum, Chamberlain; SD Art Museum, Brookings or the Heritage Center, Red Cloud). This exhibit will foster expansion of the SD history standards by inclusion of curriculum developed by Lakota teachers.



Pine Ridge Girls School - \$10,000

The Community Innovation Grant awarded to the Pine Ridge Girls School will provide partial support for the creation of an evaluation system for their school. Founded in 2016, school founders want to be able to demonstrate the effectiveness of the school and share that information with others. The evaluation project will track the school’s impact on their students. Convenings will be held and community engagement will take place as findings are shared.



South Dakota Parent Connection - \$10,000

The South Dakota Parent Connection is conducting a study that will look at the increasing number of young children who are presenting behavioral challenges. South Dakota Parent Connection had previously established the SD Community of Care Coalition to address family and child needs and will partner with them again to study this issue. Last fall, they met with stakeholders from the Sioux Empire area and will expand these learning and listening session to all four regions of the state along with representatives of Native American tribes. Their goal is to define the scope of the problem and educate provider communities on ways to build resiliency in children as well as build the capacity of healthcare, childcare, community and parent education programs to prevent early care and education failure.

SDCF New Funds

May 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018

Abbott House Foundation Designated Fund - To provide financial support to Abbott House, Inc. of Mitchell, SD as designated by the donor.

Badger Cemetery Fund - To provide financial support to Badger Cemetery as designated by the donor.

Pat & Cathy Bowar Community Fund - To provide financial support to charitable and nonprofit purposes at the recommendation of the donor.

Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area Fund - To provide financial support to the Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen, SD.

Jay Bruggeman Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates of Canistota High School excelling in mathematics.

Canistota School Foundation - To provide financial support to the Canistota School District.

P. Jean Christenson Flower Fund - To provide financial support for beautification of Clark community at the recommendation of the Greater Clark Area Foundation Board of Directors.

Egan Hillside Cemetery Association Fund - To provide financial support to Egan Hillside Cemetery Association as designated by the donor.

Mary E. Fuchs Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates of Abbott House of South Dakota.

Vivian Hansen & Cecil Marie Hansen Memorial Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates of Philip High School pursuing a degree in special education and nursing fields.

Heitgen Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates of McCook High School.

Dr. Paul & Carol Hohm Healthcare Fund - To provide financial support to Huron Regional Medical Center as designated by the donor.

Knox Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates of McCook High School.

Lehr Family Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates of Huron High School.

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota - Western Programs Fund - To provide financial support to Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota - Western Programs.

Jerry & Sandra Mencke Fund - To provide financial support to charitable and nonprofit purposes at the recommendation of the donor.

John C. Miller Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates of Sioux Valley High School.

Mitchell Weekend Snack Pack Program Fund - To provide financial support to Mitchell Weekend Snack Pack Program.

DeMaris Paulson Nesheim - LSS Western South Dakota Programs Fund - To provide financial support to Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota for Western South Dakota Programs as designated by the donor.

DeMaris Paulson Nesheim - Philip Health Services Fund - To provide financial support to Philip Health Services as designated by the donor.

Harlan & Mae Niedermyer Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates residing in Fall River County.

Pierre/Fort Pierre AAUW Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to female graduates of T.F. Riggs, Stanley County High School and Capitol University Center pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

Prospect Hill Cemetery Fund - To provide financial support to Prospect Hill Cemetery Association in Wessington Springs, SD as designated by the donor.

Rapid City Arts Council Designated Fund - To provide financial support to Rapid City Arts Council as designated by the donor.

John & Jane Rasmussen Family Fund - To provide financial support to charitable and nonprofit purposes at the recommendation of the donor.

Blair & Verna Rodman Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates of Hitchcock-Tulare High School.

Charles R. & Lois Ann Rose - Boys & Girls Club of the Sioux Empire Fund - To provide financial support to Boys & Girls Club of the Sioux Empire as designated by the donor.

Charles R. & Lois Ann Rose - Children's Inn Fund - To provide financial support to Children's Inn, Inc. as designated by the donor.

Charles R. & Lois Ann Rose - Cornerstone Rescue Mission Fund - To provide financial support to Cornerstone Rescue Mission as designated by the donor.

Charles R. & Lois Ann Rose - Love, Inc. of the Black Hills Fund - To provide financial support to Love, Inc. of the Black Hills as designated by the donor.

Charles R. & Lois Ann Rose - Working Against Violence, Inc. Fund - To provide financial support to Working Against Violence, Inc. as designated by the donor.

Charles R. & Lois Ann Rose - Youth & Family Services Fund - To provide financial support to Youth & Family Services as designated by the donor.

Mabel G. Salmen Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates of Burke High School with preference given to student from Bonesteel at the recommendation of the Bonesteel Community Foundation.

Paul Lowell Shubert Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation pursuing a degree in nursing.

South Dakota Ag Foundation Challenge Fund - To provide financial support to South Dakota Agricultural Foundation.

South Dakota Master Gardeners Association Fund - To provide financial support to South Dakota Master Gardeners Association.

South Dakota Wildlife Federation Youth Conservation Camp Endowment Fund - To provide financial support to South Dakota Wildlife Federation's Youth Conservation Camp.

Mary Still Memorial Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to graduates of Tripp County High School as recommended by the Tripp County Community Foundation Board of Directors.

Marcia & Ray "Bud" Wenk Family Scholarship Fund - To provide financial support to Madison High School students who are active participants on a school team or in a school organization to help attend camps, workshop or seminars.

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Search a full list of our funds online at:

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At a Glance

Non-profit Savings Accounts

Each year, growth is our goal. We aim to grow the funds we manage and the opportunities we provide so communities and organizations can flourish. The information below shows how the SDCF is impacting South Dakotans through accepting and managing donor gifts.



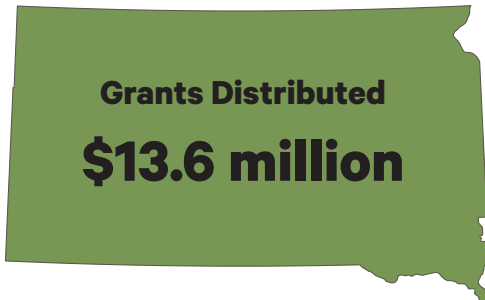
From January 1 through November 30, 2018



3,758 gifts were received totaling



\$11.4 million.



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Thank you to our donors for your continued support.



The South Dakota Community Foundation is committed to strengthening nonprofits through our Nonprofit Savings Account challenge grants. Organizations are selected through a competitive application process and receive a \$20,000 match when they successfully raise \$80,000. The challenge grants will create new designated funds for each of the successful applicants. The SDCF takes care of the investment and administration of the funds, issues IRS receipts and handles all necessary tax filings.

2018 Recipients:

- Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting - Sioux Falls
- Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota - Western South Dakota
- Safe Harbor Foundation - Aberdeen
- South Dakota Hall of Fame - Chamberlain
- Teach for America South Dakota - Mission

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May 1 through June 30 each year.



CSA Success: Deuel County Community Foundation

The Deuel County Community Foundation (DCCF) has made a large difference to those in the Clear Lake area in their 11 years of existence because of the board's long-term dedication and a very generous community.

In 2007, several Deuel County business leaders learned about the possibility of creating a community savings account (CSA) in Deuel County with the South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF), but they put the initial rollout on hold for nearly a year due to the hospital fundraiser that was ongoing when they were first organized.

"The newly formed DCCF believed the county's residents and businesses couldn't financially support two large fundraisers in one year," said current DCCF President, Becky Krause.

Jerry Heiberger, manager of ITC, the local telephone and communications cooperative headquartered in Clear Lake, served as the first president of the board and served for eight years. DCCF took on a challenge match from SDCF in 2008.

Face to face contact, simple events and working with the local paper lead to success for DCCF says Krause. "DCCF promoted the benefits of the CSA in Deuel County by meeting personally with businesses, individuals and other organizations in the county, as well as running many articles in the local newspaper."

During the first year of the match, DCCF held an "Evening Out Event", a simple cake and coffee event. Entertainment was provided and Bob Sutton, President of the SDCF at that time, spoke about the partnership between DCCF and SDCF and the benefits of other CSAs around the state. This cake and coffee event eventually transitioned to what is now called the annual "Tour of Tables".

"Businesses, individuals and community organizations participate by either sponsoring a table, donating a silent auction item or giving a cash donation," says Krause. "The past two years, there has been a matching gift opportunity, and this has been well received. Guests attending can give to DCCF with the first designated amount being matched by a business or individual."



Agri Partners, Incorporated is one local business that sponsored a clock themed table at the DCCF Tour of Tables fundraiser this year.

DCCF also partnered with Dakota Ridge Pheasant Preserve to establish an annual pheasant hunt fundraiser and a Ladies Night Out" event.



Deuel County Community Foundation's Annual Pheasant Hunt Fundraiser was held October 26, 2018 at the Dakota Ridge Pheasant Preserve.

All these efforts helped DCCF reach their first goal of \$75,000 to receive the matching funds of \$25,000 from the SDCF.

"Achieving this goal was a major milestone for the board and communities in Deuel County," said Krause. "The Deuel County National Bank was one of our initial supporters when they committed to a \$10,000 contribution. This gift was used as an incentive for other businesses and individuals to support the DCCF."

Because of the DCCF's generous donors, many worthy causes have been funded over the last 11 years. "One favorite of the



CSA Success: Deuel County Community Foundation

board is when we can assist our EMS Services in the county,” says Krause. “No one knows when you or your family may have to rely on these emergency services. There are so many people who volunteer for the fire departments and ambulance crews, and we feel that if they can donate their time, we can donate money to help them with their equipment needs.”

DCCF also grants funding to organizations that promote education and well-being of the children in Deuel County including the weekend food back pack program (SACH), field trips through the school and education programs about sexual assault and abuse in homes.

“We look at every grant application as if we were spending our own individual money and are good stewards of the donations that have been given to us,” says Krause. “Not every application is approved, and I believe that is a positive sign that the board does a very good job of carefully evaluating the wants and needs of the organization that is requesting the gift.”

Because of the success DCCF has seen, they recently started a scholarship program for area youth in April 2018. The board was able to distribute two \$500 scholarships. “While academics is important, the deciding factor for awarding the scholarship was based on community involvement and volunteering by the student. We wanted to recognize students who are already giving back to their community and hope they will continue to do so in the future,” says Krause.



Preston Homan, a Deuel County High School student received a \$500 scholarship from the Deuel County Community Foundation. Homan started in the fall of 2018 at Morningside College studying ag business.

All DCCF board members assist with two annual fundraisers. “We divide a list of potential donors among the group and everyone has a responsibility to ask, follow up and collect the donation,” says Krause. “The tasks of the board are evenly distributed so no one is overwhelmed, yet everyone is involved.”

“A foundation at a county level is such a wonderful way to make an impact in the area where we live, work and go to school,” says Krause. “Usually the resources are limited with not many large corporate businesses; however, we have learned that we can set goals that are reasonable to our County and the residents respond. It’s also important to let people know where the money is given so they have a “buy in”, especially if it affects them, their children or grandchildren.”

Right now, the board’s goal is to share their story. “We would eventually like to host another capital campaign to grow our fund balance; however, since we are primarily an ag community, we are sensitive to the ag economy and how it is being financially affected now,” says Krause. “We hope to grow the fund balance at a slow and steady pace for many years to come with our two main fundraisers and private donations.”

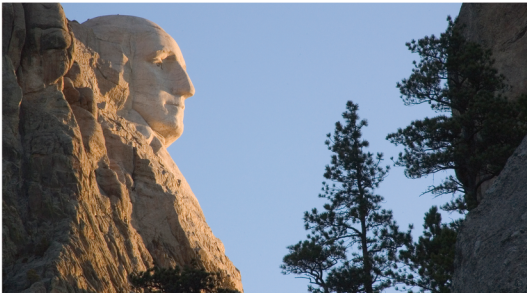
“Please consider making DCCF a benefactor of a portion of your estate planning or to remember DCCF as you direct memorials or gifts in honor of someone who has lived in Deuel County for their entire life,” says Krause. “It is truly a gift that keeps on giving.”

The Deuel County Community Foundation is one of almost 80 community savings accounts in partnership with the South Dakota Community Foundation and is permanently endowed meaning a donor’s gift is never “used up.” With careful investment, the fund will continue to grow and support annual grants forever ensuring the Deuel County area continues to thrive and prosper. As the fund grows, so will the benefit to the community and its residents.

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We all desire significance - to lead happy and fulfilled lives surrounded by family and friends.

For many of us, there is a compelling need to make a difference - to leave a lasting impact on the people most dear to us and the world in which we live. The search for significance and desire to plan for the future leads many to ponder their legacy. What kind of legacy will you leave? A bequest is perhaps the easiest and most tangible way to have a lasting impact on the people and organizations that mean the most to you. A bequest may also be an effective way to make a gift to charity and lessen the burden of taxes on your family and estate.

AN EASY GIFT TO MAKE

A charitable bequest is a bequest written in a will or trust that directs a gift to be made to a qualified exempt charity when you pass away. One benefit of a charitable bequest is that it enables you to further the good work of an organization you support long after you are gone. Better yet, a charitable bequest can help you save estate taxes by providing your estate with a charitable deduction for the value of the gift. With careful planning, your family can also avoid paying income taxes on the assets they receive from your estate.

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I, the undersigned,
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A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. With the help of an advisor, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift to be made to family, friends or charity as part of your estate plan.

A BEQUEST MAY BE MADE IN SEVERAL WAYS:

- Gift of a percentage of your estate
- Gift of a specific asset
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Certain types of property pass outside of a will or trust. These assets require that you name a beneficiary by completing a beneficiary designation form. To make a bequest of these assets, you should contact the company or entity from which you purchased the asset. Below are a couple of examples:

BEQUEST OF AN IRA

A retirement asset like an IRA account makes an excellent bequest to charity. If the IRA were given to your family, much of the value would be depleted through estate and income taxes. By designating charity as the beneficiary of part or all of your IRA, the full value of the gift is transferred tax free at your death and your estate receives a charitable deduction. If you wish to leave your IRA to your spouse at your death, you may also designate charity as the secondary beneficiary of your account. Contact your IRA or retirement account custodian to obtain a beneficiary designation form and make a bequest from your IRA.

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BEQUEST OF INSURANCE POLICY

An insurance policy makes a nice bequest to charity. As an asset of your estate, an insurance policy is taxable at your death. However, if the policy is gifted to charity, your estate avoids paying tax on the value of the policy and receives a charitable deduction for the gift. You may generally name anyone as beneficiary of your insurance policy and change your designation at anytime. Contact your insurance company to obtain a beneficiary designation form and make a bequest of your policy to charity.

This information is not intended as tax, legal or financial advice. Gift results may vary. Consult your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation.

SDCF Elects New Board Members

The South Dakota Community Foundation held board member elections at the fall board meeting in Mitchell this past October. Three current members were elected to serve an additional three-year term. Those members include Karl Adam of Pierre, Marilyn Hoyt of Huron and Doug Sharp of Watertown.

The Board also recognized Dave Anderson of Lemmon, Jim Hart of Madison and Trudy Morgan of Mitchell for their nine years of service on the Board of Directors. Dave Anderson served nine years on the Investment Committee and chaired the Committee from 2015 to 2018. Jim Hart served on the Investment Committee, was a past Chair of the Board Development Committee and served as Chairman of the Board from 2015-2017. Trudy Morgan served on the Grantmaking Committee, presiding as chair from 2015 to 2018. All three were members of the Executive Committee. "The contributions of our outgoing board members have been immeasurable," said SDCF President Stephanie Judson. "They were true servant leaders during their tenure. Their expertise and service were critical to the Foundation's continued efforts to build a stronger South Dakota."

The Foundation welcomed three new members to the Board of Directors. Mark Buche, Mitchell; Marcia Honomichl, Wagner; and Les Lindskov, Isabel; were elected to serve three-year terms.



Mark Buche was born in Pickstown, SD in 1952. Buche is a 1970 graduate of Notre Dame High School and a 1974 graduate of the University of South Dakota. Buche had a successful career with Tessier's Inc. (a heating, ventilating and air conditioning contractor) in Mitchell, SD, spanning 1974 through his retirement in 2010. During his tenure, the

business grew to include locations in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Rochester, Minnesota and Omaha, Nebraska. He has served in leadership capacities on numerous boards and committees over the years, including, St. Joseph Hospital and later Avera Queen of Peace, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell Area Development, South Dakota Chamber of Commerce, Focus 2020, Catholic Foundation of Eastern South Dakota, Commercial Bank of Mitchell, First National Bank of South Dakota, Home Federal Bank, and Avera Health Systems. Mark and his wife Chris have four grown daughters and nine grandchildren.



Marcia Honomichl grew up on a farm between Geddes and Lake Andes where she attended country school. After graduation from Lake Andes in 1973, she attended and graduated from Mitchell Technical Institute before starting her 43-year career in banking with Commercial State Bank. Honomichl served in several capacities, including Executive Assistant, Loan and

Investment Officer, and President/COO from 2006-2013; and served on the Board of Directors, 2003-2016. She attended the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for 3 years receiving her banking degree in 1993; served on the GSB Alumni Advisory Council for 20 years; and was elected to the SD Banking Association Board of Directors in 2001-2010. In 2008, she was named one of five Outstanding Banking Women by the Northwestern Financial Magazine covering 13 Midwest states. In addition to several local community boards, Honomichl was a founding member of the Wagner Area Community Foundation.

She and her husband of 44 years, Dave, have two children and four grandchildren.



Les Lindskov was born and raised on a ranch near Isabel, SD. He graduated from Black Hills State University in 1971 and began a career in teaching and coaching. He and his father started a fur business together before venturing into selling farm equipment. Lindskov and his family have been operating farm equipment dealerships for 48 years, with locations in

Isabel, Eagle Butte, Mobridge, Bowdle and Huron. They also own and operate a successful farming/ranching operation and two nationally known hunting operations. It is truly a family affair with Les and his wife, Marcia working alongside their four grown boys and their families, including 12 grandchildren.

Judson commented on the recent additions to the board. "We welcome Mark, Marcia and Les to the South Dakota Community Foundation Board of Directors. They bring great expertise and experience in leading, but most importantly, they bring a strong commitment to South Dakota and our future."

SDCF Staff Member Beth Massa Receives 2018 Woman of Distinction Award



Beth Massa, SDCF Regional Director of Foundation Relations in Rapid City received the 2018 Woman of Distinction Award on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018 at the Dakota Horizons Girl Scouts Award Luncheon. Congratulations, Beth. This is a well-deserved recognition of Beth’s efforts to improve the lives of others! Beth has contributed both time and support to the community, shows compassion for all and strives to make the world a better place. A woman of courage, confidence and character; she exemplifies the Girl Scout mission.

The Women of Distinction Luncheon honors and celebrates local women, businesses and girls; linking leaders of today with future female leaders. Honorees are women whose professional accomplishments make them positive role models who inspire girls to achieve their own goals and dreams. They exemplify the Girl Scout Promise and Law through ethical leadership and a commitment to making a difference in the lives of their fellow citizens through community service.

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