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## BUILDING *a Lasting* LEGACY

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# PRESIDENT'S Message

*The Westshore Community Foundation, Inc. (WCF) exists for our community thanks to generous donors and willing volunteers working together to build a better community for everyone. With this spirit of generosity, we can build a legacy that will enhance the vitality of our community, through funding projects that will assist residents from early childhood to their senior years.*

**TRISTIN TERGESEN,**
President

In 2018, my term as board chair comes to an end. As I step down from this role, I am pleased to report on the continued growth of the Foundation funds and the increased activities of the board members. I am proud of the accomplishments of the Westshore Community Foundation and I am humbled to be surrounded by the talented and motivated group of volunteers that make up the foundation's board of directors.

Once again, the 24-Hour Giving Challenge was a great success and thanks to you, our generous donors a total of over $15,000 in funds was raised during the challenge in 2018.

In 2018, the Foundation activities continued to grow as did the endowment funds, which in turn made it possible to offer increased funding towards grants and scholarships. Over $38,000 in funds were granted to important projects in Gimli, Winnipeg Beach, Sandy Hook and Riverton. As well, in 2018, twenty promising young students received scholarships from WCF for a total of more than $30,000 in scholarship funds distributed. Read more about the many grants and scholarships awarded thanks to our generous donors on the next pages.

The year ended with a new fundraising activity through the support of the Lakeview Hotel and Conference Centre. The first ever WCF New Years Eve Dinner and Dance was planned and executed to great success. This event, along with the Annual Golf Tournament, which is held in late August helps to increase the administrative fund for the Foundation and this fund supports all operational costs for the foundation.

Consider your donation today and help us to continue building a lasting legacy.

Sincerely,

Tristin Tergesen

# 2018 WESTSHORE BOARD

**BACK LEFT TO RIGHT:** Shelley Narfason, David Douglas, Ruby Tretiak, Darcy Jacobs, Tim Arnason, Giuseppe Dalzotto
**FRONT LEFT TO RIGHT:** Tristin Tergesen, Eric Stefanson, Connie Magnusson-Shimnowski, Gerry Knutson, Ruth-Anne Furgala, Michele Couture
**MISSING:** Don Matthewson

## Growing EVERY YEAR

**Your generosity helps us to continue our mission of:**

**BUILDING A LASTING LEGACY.**

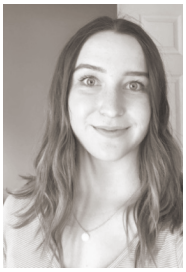
As we continue to grow, so does our ability to give back to the communities we serve. Westshore's catchment area runs along the west shores of Lake Winnipeg; south from Dunnottar and north up to Riverton.

We were proud to see some new funds in 2018 including the New Icelandic Museum Heritage Fund. With the addition of these funds and continued support from our donors we were able to increase our overall assets to over **$2,350,000** in 2018.

This helped us provide scholarships of over **$33,000** to **20** deserving students. Furthermore, these funds were put to good use in our communities through projects and community enhancements. In 2018, our grants provided to community groups totalled over **$38,000**.

# Scholarship
## RECIPIENTS / FUNDS

### Larry & Helen Kristjanson Family Scholarship



2017 - Anika Hatherly
$4,790

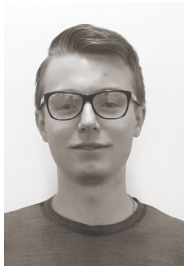
2018 - Kaitlyn Coutu
$5,319

### Carole Ann Clark Memorial Scholarship

Caleb Plett
$2,654

### Alison Olson Memorial Scholarships

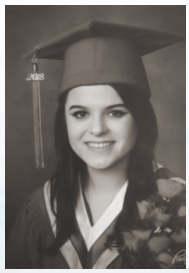
Devan Gingrich
$3,936



John Isfeld
$3,936

### Westshore Community Scholarships

Emily Dann
$500

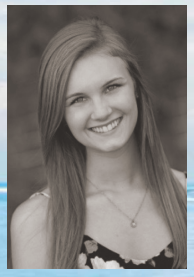


Alyssa Licoppe
$500

Owen Roberts
$500

Brooklynn Toderan
$500

Katrina Capuska
$1,000



Bailey Groot
$1,000

Jon Dalzotto
$1,000

Taylor Johannesson
$1,000

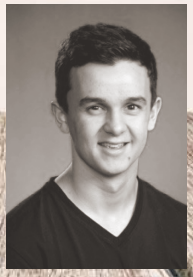
Erin Leath
$1,000

Jennifer Luperon
$1,000

Alina Moore
$1,000

Nathanael Plett
$1,000

Tristan Roberecki
$1,000



Tanner Schroder
$1,000

Emma Zdebiak
$1,000

*New*

**MUSIC FUND**

# TIM AND DELPHINE ARNASON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We have always believed that we have a responsibility to help others, whether through our careers, our volunteerism, our hospitality, or our other resources. We also believe, among the multitude of worthy causes, that music enhances individual people, and society's overall well-being, in a way unlike others.

We can all relate to music that has comforted us in times of sorrow, made us laugh or be scared when watching a movie, motivated us when we thought we couldn't move one more muscle, calmed us when we've been stressed, enlivened our imagination in the 'stories' told in music, and enhanced our social interaction when sharing music with our family and friends.

Besides its entertainment value, science has proven that the study and enjoyment of music enhances our brain function, including memory and social emotion, and can help in the rehabilitation of patients who suffer from numerous and varied afflictions.

Using these beliefs as a basis, we have asked the Westshore Community Foundation to assist us in setting up a scholarship fund to help individuals advance their knowledge and understanding of music by providing financial help and encouragement in their studies. We hope that through these studies, individuals receiving our scholarship funding will develop and share their musical skills and talents with their families, friends, and society as a whole.

We humbly offer our scholarship, with gratitude to the Westshore Community Foundation, musical students, their parents and families, teachers, and community members who support these wonderful students in their musical goals.

*- Tim and Delphine Arnason*

# New Year's EVE

*2018 marked the first (now annual)*
*New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance Fundraiser.*

Over 125 guests joined the Westshore Community Foundation to Celebrate the New Year and listen to the wonderful music of the Cracked Eggshells. The event raised over $4,000.00 for the foundation.

**Thanks to everyone in attendance!**

# 2018 24 HOUR Giving Challenge

**Thanks to all our generous donors!**

## WE RAISED $15,115.68

# *Grant* RECIPIENTS

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| 1. **Lake Winnipeg Research Consortium** | Lake Ecology Field Program | $2,300 |
| 2. **Gimli High School & Community** | Multi Sports Court | $5,107 |
| 3. **Betel Home Foundation** | New Resident Stove | $500 |
| 4. **Gimli New Horizons 55+ Club** | Sound Proofing | $2,700 |
| 5. **Evergreen Band Boosters** | New Instruments | $1,500 |
| 6. **Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School** | SSES Community Natural Playground | $2,500 |
| 7. **Sandy Hook Community Club** | Structural Repair | $5,000 |
| 8. **Gimli Film Festival /New Iceland Heritage Museum** | Projector Upgrade | $2,400 |
| 9. **Betel Heritage Foundation** | AV Systems Upgrades | $2,700 |
| 10. **Winnipeg Beach Curling Club** | Roof/Ceiling Renewal | $4,000 |
| 11. **Interlake Women's Resource Centre** | New Entryway & Roof | $7,100 |
| 12. **Riverton & District Friendship Centre** | 2 Freezers /Food Bank | $2,300 |
| 13. **Gimli Humane Society** | Animal Shelter Reno Project - Phase 1 | $500 |

**2018 Grants Totalling $38,607**

Betel Heritage Foundation

Evergreen Band Boosters

# INTERLAKE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE $7,100 GRANT

The Interlake Women's Resource Centre has had a busy year serving our communities within our catchment area. We have also been busy planning projects to improve our Centre and make sure all people have access. In particular, this year our goal was to replace our existing front entry door with a new **42-inch door that meets Wheelchair accessibility guidelines for Manitoba**. As the Centre ages new needs come up and along with the door this past year it became apparent that our roof was in need of repair. We are also very pleased to have our **roof** replaced and that we can continue to uphold structural competency for our Centre.

We are very thankful to the Westshore Community Foundation Inc. for seeing the value and need for our projects and for the grant of $7,100 we received from your organization. Thanks again to The Westshore Foundation Inc. for your support but also the support you provide throughout our community and the positive change that occurs through your generosity.

# STORIES FROM OUR *Grant Recipients*

## SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY CLUB $5,000 GRANT

The Sandy Hook Community Club would like to express our appreciation to the Westshore Foundation for the grant. With the grant money our club was able to have the **foundation supports and beams** for the club house floor replaced. When the repair was started we discovered more repairs were needed and with the grant we were able to afford those as well, in time for our centennial season, 2019. The floor is vital in keeping the club house safe for our many activities including family bingo, movie nights, pancake breakfasts, day camp, field day, socials, and corn roast. Thank you so much!

## SIGURBJORG STEFANSSON EARLY SCHOOL $2,500 GRANT

SSES was very appreciative to have the support of the Westshore Community Foundation with the recent construction of the SSES Community Natural Playground. This beautiful natural space provides a unique, accessible environment for students and community members of all ages to interact and engage with nature. This natural space helps to enhance physical health and well being as well as cognitive development. We were proud to permanently recognize Westshore on signage and our school donor tree.

# BETEL HERITAGE FOUNDATION - WATERFRONT CENTRE $2,700 GRANT

Johnson Hall is a gem located in the heart of Gimli, which is used by thousands of residents and visitors every year. A high quality audio and visual system is a key part in the successful operation of the facility. This grant has replaced an aging 17-year-old system with a brand new, state-of-the-art **digital projector and upgraded audio system**, which will provide a high quality visual and audio experience for everyone.

The Betel Heritage Foundation would like to thank the Westshore Foundation for their generous contribution that was put towards the purchase of a new, state of the art projector for Johnson Hall in the Waterfront Centre.

The projector is used frequently by community members and visitors for events such as meetings, weddings, community festivals and other functions. The new projector displays quality images and videos and is user friendly with its up-to-date technology.

# EVERGREEN BAND BOOSTERS $1,500 GRANT

The **bass drum, congas, and shekere** are instruments that are currently being used to enhance the quality of music education at Dr. George Johnson Middle School in Gimli. The bass drum with its rotating stand will allow Grade 7 & 8 Band students to be able to play the drum in a variety of positions so that students are able to perform songs from different genres. The rotating stand will also assist students who are normally unable to play the bass drum properly due to their physical size at the middle year's level. The congas and shekere are instruments that will be used for all Grade 5-8 Music and Band classes and will be incorporated into their musical programming for the 2019 Spring Festival and Concert season and for years to come.

## 2018 LAKEVIEW RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE ANNUAL BENEFIT

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

## IN SUPPORT OF THE WESTSHORE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*The Lakeview Resort & Conference Centre Annual Benefit Golf Tournament was held on August 27, 2018 at The Links of the Lake golf course in Gimli. Again, the Westshore Foundation was the recipient of the event's proceeds. The 2018 event was a great day and saw one of our largest turnouts ever.*

The tournament is always focused on having fun and raising awareness around the Westshore Community Foundation. The 2018 tournament features included:

- *Hole in one closest to the pin prizes on holes 4, 7, 11, and 14*
- *Closest to the line prize on hole 6*
- *Longest drive prize (Men and Ladies separately) on hole 17*

The day began with a 10:30 a.m. breakfast at Lakeview. Tee time was set for 12:30p.m. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the day. The event concluded with a dinner at the Lakeview at 6:00 p.m. Prizes were awarded to the winning team, "most honest" team, followed by the previously mentioned hole events. A new feature this year was complimentary driving range balls thanks to Pharmasave Gimli. In the end everyone walked away with a prize and a great experience.

Westshore Foundation is once again fortunate to be the beneficiary of this event held by Lakeview Resort & Conference Centre. Michael Lazer, the staff and the Lakeview head office and management team are incredibly generous. Their full sponsorship of the facility, breakfast, dinner, several significant prizes and their efforts to engage business partners in the tournament are critical in the success of this event.

## Tournament SPONSORS

- Lakeview Resort & Conference Centre – Our Benefactor
- Noventis Credit Union – Power Carts
- KC Enterprises - Putting Contest Prize
- Giesbrecht & Sons GM - Hole in One Prizes
- Pharmasave - Driving Range Sponsor

## Auction PRIZES

- Winnipeg Blue Bomber Football Club
- CANCENTRAL Card & Supply
- Diageo

## Monetary DONATION FOR PRIZES

- Olmar Enterprises
- Baker Law Corporation
- Rick Edwards
- Lakeview Dental
- Paul Cuthbert
- Giuseppe Dalzotto
- Connie Magnusson-Schimnowski

## Hole SPONSORS

- Olmar Enterprises
- Knutson Builders
- Super A Foods Gimli
- Interlake Agencies
- Sunlife Financial (James Anton & Eva Vida)
- GD Accounting
- Don Matthewson Group Benefit Specialist
- CIBC
- Minerva Tree Farm & Nursery
- Splash Printing
- Gimli Home Hardware
- Miram Financial Services
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- Sobey's

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