

Chair had bird's eye view to volunteers transforming community



The 2016-2017 Board of Directors and staff

FRONT ROW: Doug Chorney, Heather Hogg, Stan Halbesma, Terry Neplyk. **BACK ROW:** Eileen Janowski, Rosalyn Ferguson, Deann Lane, Gord Henrikson (Vice Chair), Kelly Lewis (Chair), Bev Clegg (Executive Director), Carole Wiedemann, Michele Polinuk

Volunteers transform communities. The Selkirk & District Community Foundation has certainly known this to be true over the last 22 years.

From past to present board members, volunteers and grant recipients, it has been incredible to see the difference this organization has made over the years. It is the dedication, tenacity and commitment of this wonderful community that has secured our stature as "Here for Good".

Over 22 years ago, Hugh Arklie, Executive Director of the Thomas Sill Foundation said, "Just wait and see what happens with this foundation twenty years from now".

I don't believe anyone would have imagined that we would be granting over one quarter of a million dollars to our community annually by 2017. We have also been able to add a Finance Manager, Eileen Janowski to our hardworking team, consisting of Bev Clegg, our Executive Director and Carole Wiedemann, our Donor Services Representative.

Various Board, Board Chairs and dedicated staff over the last 22 years have moved us from a grass root level foundation to a well-respected one within the Community Foundation of Canada.

As my tenure as Chair of the Selkirk & District Community Foundation comes to an end, I look forward to the future, as I know it is so very bright. I can hardly wait to see where we can go in the next 20 years.

— Kelly Lewis, Chair SDCF Board

Homes for All Fund

When the volunteers of Homes for the Holidays realized their house and heritage tour was going to be a great success, they knew they needed to find a way to share the rewards.

In just two years, the volunteer team had managed to pay all their bills, make a donation to Nova House Women's Shelter for its new building and still have some money left over.

The group exceeded its goal when philanthropists Jim and Betty Ann Gaynor became patron sponsors of Homes for the Holidays 2016 and pledged \$1 for every \$2 donated by other sponsors.

So after two years of hosting 1,500 tourists through 19 different private homes, heritage sites and churches, a new fund was created at the SDCF with \$20,000 seed money. The fund is called Homes for All and will allow non-profit groups that provide safe and affordable housing to apply for grants.

"Those of us on the tour are fully aware that we are luckier than some. We have warm, safe homes to raise our families. Not everyone has that," said co-founder of Homes for the Holidays Shirley Muir.

"We know there are many hard working community groups in our region whose staff work hard to provide that same comfort for those less fortunate. This fund will be one place they can ask for financial help to repair a roof, put in a wheelchair ramp, buy a new stove or buy bed-bug proof furniture among other things," said Muir.



One of the highlights of Homes for the Holidays 2017 was the Fire Heart Women's Traditional Hand Drum Group and Elder Ruth Christies' story telling at the historic St. Peter Dynevor Old Stone Church, where Chief Peguis is buried.

Save the Dates!

Bob Jefferson Memorial Golf Tournament
presented by
Investors Group • Thursday, September 7, 2017

Citizen of Year 2017 • Banquet: Wednesday, November 8, 2017
• Nomination deadline: Monday October 2, 2017

24 Hour Giving Day • Saturday, November 18, 2017

Grant Application Deadlines • Monday, October 2, 2017
• Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Long-term vision pays off for Old Stone Church

Construction of a church on the east side of the Red River, three miles north of Selkirk where Cooks Creek meets the Red, began in 1852 and in 1853 it was blessed and named Saint Peter by David Anderson, Bishop of Rupert's Land.

The storied church is now commonly known as St. Peter's Old Stone Church, and remarkably, it is still in use by its congregation today. There may some divine intervention aiding the church in its longevity, but just to be safe, there's also the Chief Peguis Heritage Park Endowment and Managed Funds.

According to Tom Serger, People's Warden with St. Peter's, Lorraine and Don Swanson were instrumental in the creation of the fund in June 2006.

The Swansons helped Parishioners overcome some of the barriers they had when trying to raise funds, like the Anglican Church's desire to avoid tradi-

tional fundraising endeavours that including gambling, which meant even bingo funds were frowned upon.

The Swansons established the Chief Peguis Heritage Park Inc., (CPHP) and a Board of Directors, with Lorraine Swanson as chairperson, was formed. Charitable designation was established and an agreement put in place that stated the CPHP would restore the Old Stone Church, create an endowment fund and develop the CPHP on 40 acres of Parish land close to the church.

To date, the fund has supported two major projects – \$3,700 to restore the church steeple in 2012 and \$11,000 for upgrades to stained glass windows and re-shingling in 2017.



University students took part in a recent dig at the Lockport site, uncovering things like clay pottery used by First Nations people 400 years before European settlers arrived

There's a Wow Factor with Lockport Heritage Park

The Lockport Heritage Park Project will give us all a new perspective on the way First Nations people lived near Lockport some 400 years before the first European settlers arrived on the scene.

Leigh Syms, Curator Emeritus, The Manitoba Museum and Adjunct Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Manitoba, said the project shows that local First Nations were far more sedentary than once thought, and that they were growing their own crops and making storage sites in the ground.

Previous school of thought had them fishing and hunting, following their food sources, bison, rather than spending time in one location. Syms said even Elders from Peguis said they had no idea they were so involved in growing their own crops.

"You get a sense of 'wow' this is exciting science... Some 400 years before the first Europeans were here, (local First Nations) were busy, involved in practicing cultivation," Syms said.

"They were also planting crops, corn and beans and other plants and had sufficient successes that they were building storage bins."

The Selkirk and District Community Foundation provided a grant of \$10,000 to the project, to help facilitate scientific analysis of materials discovered at the site and a TV documentary that is being filmed.

University of Manitoba students gathered artifacts from the site this past summer, following up on research done in the '80s that showed the First Nations had constructed storage bins.

New scientific analysis, being done at Lakehead University, is looking at pottery from the site, and is determining things like what the locals cooked in them and even how they cooked their food.

Community Fund for Canada's 150th grant recipients

The Selkirk and District Community Foundation, together with the Community Fund for Canada's 150th, the Government of Canada and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast, are proud to announce three local recipients of Canada's 150th Awards.

The community volunteers from Homes for the Holidays: House and Heritage tours will bring Lighting the Night for 150 to Selkirk's Manitoba Avenue East the first week of December and turn it into Holiday Alley.

"This will be a legacy project so that there will be lighting available to local shops every year starting on Canada's 150th," says

Homes for the Holidays co-founder Shirley Muir.

A \$15,000 Canada 150th grant will allow businesses on Manitoba Ave. East to buy outdoor Christmas lights through Holiday Alley and decorate their store front for Light the Night.

Charley Waters of the Selkirk Community Arts Centre says their project, 4 Doors Aboriginal Arts & Film Festival, will bring people together to watch several films, including – "Elder in the Making" and "Two Scoops."

The films were created by Aboriginal artists and offer their view of traumatic events in their, and our, Canadian history.

"It's Canada's 150th, so it's a birthday for Canada but it's not necessarily a celebration for our Indigenous people. We're a community arts centre and art is about growth and change and finding deeper meaning," Waters says.

"We felt this would be a perfect time to share with the community, expand our relationships within our community, and with each other through education. These films are educational, but they're also about connection."

The film festival, which received \$6,100, takes place June 16-18. It includes a showing for students at the High School and the public showing at the Gaynor Family Regional Library.

The Marine Museum of Manitoba received \$8,900 to create exhibits on the passenger deck of the historic ship Keenora.

"The Canada's 150th grant provides the Marine Museum an opportunity to develop more effective interpretative exhibits to portray the maritime heritage of our community," says Fraser Stewart.

"This region was initially developed on the fishing and water transportation industries of our waterways. We plan to tell more stories of the Indigenous and the newly immigrated peoples who had a major influence on who we are today," said Stewart.

Selkirk and District Community Foundation Inc. 2016 Financial Statements



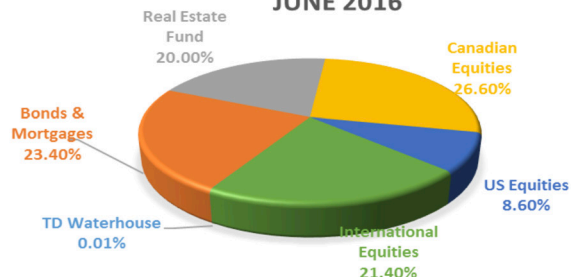
Summarized Balance Sheet

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015
Assets		
Cash, receivables, prepaid expenses	\$ 367,361	\$ 800,769
Investments at market value	7,298,447	7,041,601
Funds held in trust, at market value	1,289,802	1,322,544
Charitable remainder trust	14,908	14,908
Cash surrender value of life insurance	2,244	2,244
Total Assets	\$ 8,972,762	\$ 9,182,066
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$ 177,280	\$ 182,746
Deferred donations	57,663	509,941
Managed Fund	602,561	592,023
Endowment Funds, at market value	8,089,527	7,858,278
Charitable remainder trust	14,908	14,908
Operating Fund	30,823	24,170
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 8,972,762	\$ 9,182,066

Great West Life manages the investment portfolio of endowment assets.

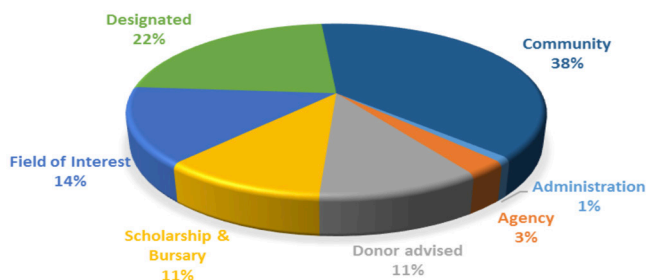
Market value at year end was \$7,298,477 which is a \$ 256,846 increase in value from the prior year end

INVESTMENTS AT MARKET VALUE JUNE 2016



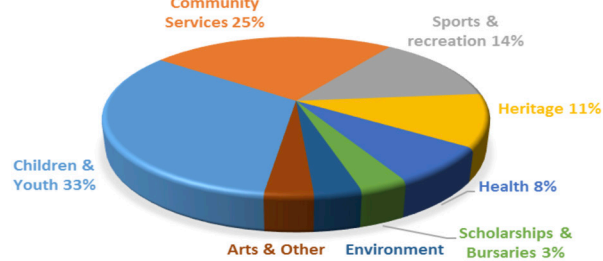
Donations and Bequests received in 2015/2016 totaled \$ 289,988 and were allocated to funds as shown below:

DONATIONS RECEIVED 2015/2016



Grants awarded in 2015/2016 totalled \$ 216,902, an increase of \$ 38,360 over the prior year and were allocated to the following sectors:

GRANTS MADE 2015/2016



Summarized Statement of Endowment Funds & Net Assets

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Income earned on investments, net of management fee	\$ 158,163	\$ 511,039
Donations	289,988	512,474
Revenue for Endowment Funds	\$ 448,151	\$ 1,023,513
Grants made during the year	\$ 216,902	\$ 178,542
Excess of revenue over grants for the year	\$ 231,249	\$ 844,971
Net assets, beginning of year	7,873,186	7,028,215
Net assets, end of year	\$ 8,104,435	\$ 7,873,186

Summarized Statement of Operations, Flow Through & Net Assets

	2015/2016	2014/2015
Revenue	\$ 104,299	\$ 81,546
Flow Through donations	556,869	3,500
Total revenue	\$ 661,168	\$ 85,046
Program & Administration expenses	\$ 97,646	\$ 84,800
Flow Through donations	556,869	3,500
Total expenses	\$ 654,515	\$ 88,300
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 6,653	\$ (3,254)
Net assets, beginning of year	24,170	27,424
Net assets, end of year	\$ 30,823	\$ 24,170

The summarized financial statements have been prepared from the annual financial statements. The annual financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016 have been reviewed by BDO Canada LLP, Chartered Accountants.

If you would like to receive a copy of the annual financial statements along with accompanying notes and the review engagement report, please call 204-785-9755 or email fin.manager@sdcf.ca

By the Numbers:

- \$ 1.8+ Million** Grants made from the Foundation to the community since 1997
- \$ 8.9+ Million** Foundation asset size in 2016
- 1995** The year the Foundation started

Our Donors: Gifts received April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

For a full listing of all donations made In Honour Of and In Memory Of, to the donors fund of choice, please visit our website at: www.sdcf.ca

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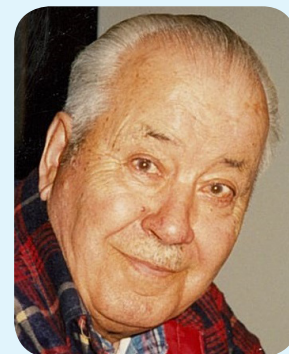
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This past year the communities of Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements lost some very committed, loving community leaders, volunteers, philanthropists and friends. Their thoughtful families asked that donations be made in their memory to the Selkirk and District Community Foundation, for which we are very grateful.

Newly Created Funds & Estate Gifts

A special THANK YOU to the donors who created a new fund or made a thoughtful gift to the Foundation in their will. Those funds and donations are:

- Endowment for the Arts Fund
- Homes for All Fund
- Knights of Columbus Selkirk Council #6150 Bursary
- Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)
- Parker Sutherland Memorial Fund
- Estate of Bill Cholosky...In memory of Bill & Olive Cholosky and Joseph and Michael Cholosky

2016–2017 Community Grant Program

A year of great grants!



Twice a year the SDCF welcomes charitable organizations in the region of Selkirk and the Rural Municipalities of St. Clements and St. Andrews to submit proposals on how we can help them achieve their wishes and dreams. In 2016–2017 we funded 44 groups and with future granting, a total of \$249,506.

Organization & Project	Awarded
Community Fund & Maude Gordon (Poulter) Fund	
Nova House; new women's shelter (2 nd payment of 2 year commitment)	\$ 25,000
Community Fund	
Hearthstone Community Group; redevelopment of 2nd floor at Day Program facility	\$ 10,000
Community Fund for Canada's 150th	\$ 10,000
Parents for Safe Grad; Ceiling draperies & chair coverings	\$ 4,000
Betel Home Foundation; automatic door openers	\$ 3,350
St Andrews Heritage Centre; redevelopment of tartan display	\$ 3,300
Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble; Development of "Pryvit" Welcome Dance	\$ 3,260
Lord Selkirk School Division; 50th Anniversary celebrations	\$ 3,000
Gaynor Family Regional Library; furniture upgrade	\$ 1,900
East Beaches Regional Complex; public address system	\$ 1,000
St Andrews Community Club; folding table carts	\$ 1,000
East Selkirk Middle Years School; amplification system for hearing impaired	\$ 700

Organization & Project	Awarded
Gaynor Family Fund	
Growing Healthy Together; family resource program support	\$ 12,050
Selkirk Friendship Centre Day Care; commercial dishwasher	\$ 7,000
Onashiwini Aboriginal Head Start; skating program equipment, kindergarten ready program and kitchen appliances & furniture	\$ 8,751
Centennial School & PAC; development of outdoor natural playground	\$ 7,500
Nova House; Helping Kids Heal Program	\$ 5,000
St Andrews Child Care; outdoor playground development project	\$ 5,000
Ecole Selkirk Junior High Band Parent Association; band instruments	\$ 4,322
Interlake Co-Op Nursery School; outdoor playground redevelopment	\$ 3,138
Robert Smith School; Ukulele music program	\$ 2,000
Lord Selkirk Education Centre; Catch/Clean/Cook Fishing Program	\$ 800



Zachary Mitchell, Zur Robinson, Dakota Tyerman from the Lord Selkirk Education Centre check out new fishing rods for the centre's Catch/Clean/Cook fishing program.



Moms and babies enjoy time together in Growing Years Family Resource Centre's Whole Baby Love program. A SDCF grant will purchase new furniture for the Manitoba Avenue centre.



Direct support worker Tiara McLachlan and Nicole Kulchyski cut mushrooms for the day's pizza lunch at Hearthstone Community Group. A SDCF grant will help renovate the second floor space.

Organization & Project	Awarded
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Maude Gordon (Poulter) Fund

Manitoba Archaeological Society; Lockport archaeological dig	\$ 10,000
Vital Signs 2017; a research project led by SDCF	\$ 10,000
Gordon Howard Centre; commercial dishwasher for lower level kitchen	\$ 5,600
Knox Presbyterian Church; restoration of stain glass windows	\$ 5,000
Lake Friendly; certification program	\$ 2,500

R.M. of St. Andrews Fund & Community Fund

Petersfield Curling Club; replacement of ice surface heater	\$ 3,217
Clandeboyne Community Club; painting of hall's interior	\$ 3,000

R.M. of St. Clements Fund

East Selkirk Recreation Association; replacement of rubber mats for arena	\$ 2,032
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Western Canada Games Legacy Fund

St Andrews Gymnastics Club; floor mats for gymnastics program	\$ 5,000
St Andrews Community Club; soccer posts & nets for soccer program	\$ 4,000
Beausejour Community Services; line painter to mark sport fields	\$ 2,300
Selkirk Canoe Kayak Centre; support towards 10-person dragon boat	\$ 1,500
KidSport – Interlake Eastman Region; helping support local families	\$ 900

Youth in Philanthropy – Youth Advisory Council

Selkirk Day Care; outdoor playground equipment	\$ 750
St Francis Place Shelter; bedding and towels	\$ 705
Project Linus – Selkirk Chapter; blanket materials, trolley & totes	\$ 570
LSRCSS Nursery School; play equipment	\$ 250
Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen; kitchen appliances	\$ 150
LSRCSS Starvin' Marvin – Breakfast Program; kitchen appliances	\$ 75



Members of the Friday Fibres show up at Gaynor Family Regional Library once a week to spin wool together. They've been enjoying their shared passion at the comfort of the library, on new furnishings supported by SDCF.

DONATE TODAY and be part of the HERE for GOOD team

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Organization & Project	Awarded
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Sean Nicol Legacy Fund

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen & St. Francis Place Shelter	\$ 400
Community Living Selkirk	\$ 400
Nova House	\$ 295
Hearthstone Community Group	\$ 295

Designated Endowment Funds

Selkirk & District General Hospital Fund	\$ 22,095
Chief Peguis Heritage Park (Agency)	\$ 12,754
Selkirk Heritage Endowment Fund supporting Marine Museum of MB – Selkirk	\$ 7,655
Marine Museum of MB – Selkirk (Agency)	\$ 2,470
SDCF Administration Support Fund – Buhr Family Endowment Initiative	\$ 1,433
Amma's Book Shelf Fund – A gift of the book "Good Night Moon" for every baby born at the S&DGH	\$ 1,097
St George's Anglican Church, Wakefield Fund (Agency)	\$ 613
Mooring-Griffioen Library Fund supporting the Gaynor Family Regional Library	\$ 450
Jeanne & Dexter Harvey Fund	\$ 191
Selkirk Youth Hockey Assoc., Kidsport	\$ 600

Scholarships & Bursaries

Micky Hannesson Scholarship	\$ 2,000
Bob Jefferson Century 21 – Jefferson & Associates Realty Ltd Bursary	\$ 1,800
Dare to Dream Education Fund Bursary (Nova House)	\$ 1,500
Selkirk Youth Hockey Education Fund Bursary	\$ 800
Ernest & Helga Kromrei Memorial Bursary	\$ 800
Elizabeth Neskar Bursary	\$ 750
Selkirk & District Community Foundation Bursary	\$ 650
Selkirk Rotary Anns Education Bursary (1)	\$ 600
Selkirk Rotary Anns Education Bursary (2)	\$ 600
For future granting	\$ 9,638

Total Grants Awarded

\$ 249,506

Vital Signs connects community

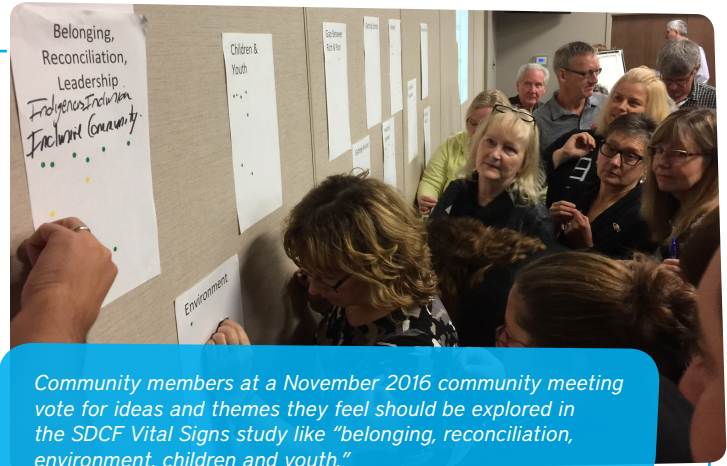
Late last year the Selkirk and District Community Foundation hosted a community meeting to ask, "What makes our community great? What could we do better?" About 80 representatives from dozens of non-profit organizations, businesses, unions and faith based groups, spent four hours digging deep to answer the questions and share their real-life experiences.

It was the launch of Vital Signs, an exercise to collect, interpret and share data to be compiled in a report and used to benchmark the health and well-being of Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements.

People were most proud that the community was compassionate and is able to come together and "get things done".

They felt as a region we would all be better off if we paid more attention to diversity and inclusion; developed programs and supports for marginalized people, including youth and seniors; had more affordable housing; and promoted the recreation, art, culture and heritage of the region, said Shirley Muir, who is helping to lead the Vital Signs study.

"The foundation has taken all those ideas and this year we're having deeper conversations with community leaders to help identify data that sheds light on those issues; if they would like to co-fund the study; and if they have anecdotal stories about why these are areas we need to grow or improve," Muir said.



Community members at a November 2016 community meeting vote for ideas and themes they feel should be explored in the SDCF Vital Signs study like "belonging, reconciliation, environment, children and youth."

The SDCF knows the results of Vital Signs can help inform how some of us donate and where the foundation can direct grants in the future, said in-coming SDCF Chair Gord Henrikson.

"This could really chart our growth in the future to make sure the foundation and this community continues to be 'Here for Good'," Henrikson added.

The Vital Signs report will include new Stats Canada data available in the fall of 2017 and be published and distributed early in 2018.

Chairs tell the story

The original group that huddled together in the early morning hours at the Selkirk General Hospital in 1993 planning what two years later would become the Selkirk and District Community Foundation were dreaming big no doubt, but even they would marvel at the 22-year-old Foundation's success today.

Original chairman Lewis Wasel echoed that sentiment.

"Successive boards have taken the foundation to new heights beyond what I would have imagined when we began," Wasel said.

The early morning meetings were held at the hospital to accommodate the late Dr. Ike Hussain, who could take off his volunteer cap and put on his medical one and go straight to surgery.

Wasel said the original board was honoured when Lieutenant Governor Yvon Dumont attended the foundation's inauguration in 1995.

Bill Findlater was the second chairman, from 2002-2003, an important time in the board's history as Findlater continued momentum building the organization.

Gail Bodman became foundation chair in 2004, and, as she recalled, they were four members short.

"The movers and shakers who started the Foundation had left and new blood was needed," Bodman said.

Four new members were appointed and they set about their work. Bodman said the late Bobby Jefferson was a board member and she "made him work to be there". Of course, 'Bobby J' would go on to be a huge supporter of the Foundation, establishing a golf tournament that to this day raises funds.

During Bodman's tenure the Foundation acquired an office, telephone and answering system, computer and office furniture. They also hired Executive Director Bev Clegg in 2005. Assets grew from \$1.8 million in 2003 to \$3.5 million in 2008.

Next up in the Chair's seat was Michael Buhr, whose term ran from 2010-2012. Buhr said the Foundation experienced exponential growth in its second decade of existence with both en-

dowment funds and community grants exploding.

"This was not only due to the tremendous work done by the staff and board at the time, but more importantly by the solid foundation laid and the philanthropic seeds planted by the original directors," Buhr said.

Indeed, it was during Buhr's time at the helm that the Foundation received a million dollar gift from Jim and Betty Anne Gaynor – a sure sign that he, and all who had come before him, had earned the respect and confidence of the community.

Frank Wellink became Chair in 2013. He said there were milestones during his two-year term, including increasing to about \$7.7 million, but what stands out in his mind is the dedication of the board.

"I would say I still can't get over the commitment of the members of the board," Wellink said.

"They're such a committed group. And also the people in Selkirk who supported the Foundation."

Wellink said he greatly benefitted during his term from the knowledge of Treasurer Bill Bodman, or as Wellink calls him, 'the Financial Wizard'.

Today's Chair, Kelly Lewis said she's witnessed incredible growth during her 6 years on the board, and marvels at the fact the Foundation has been around for 22 years.

The Foundation has gone from being a very hands-on organization, even within Lewis' time, with board members folding letters and placing stamps on envelopes, to one with three staff members and new committees to accommodate all they do today.

"I look back on it, how far we have come in the 22 years. All the hard work, all those volunteers have worked so hard and have helped transform our community," Lewis said.

"Because of the donations that we received, we are able to connect those donors to our grant recipients and we have made a difference in our community."