



Elkhorn and Area Foundation Inc.



Providing a unique opportunity for each of us to invest in the future of our community.

November 2021

Elkhorn & Area Foundation Inc. was established in 1998 by a forward thinking group of community members. The purpose of the foundation is to assist the community in responding to today's challenges and meeting emerging needs now and into the future. The Foundation now provides a unique opportunity for each of us to invest in the future of our community. From 1999 to 2021 grants totaling \$376 735 and scholarships totaling \$31,500 have been awarded. Over the years the grants awarded have supported many great volunteer projects that have benefited and enhanced our community.

Have you ever wondered what a difference you make when you donate to the Elkhorn and Area Foundation?

Five years ago the Elkhorn and Area Foundation were awed with a one million dollar bequeath from Milburn and Gilbert Soder. Milburn and Gilbert farmed north of Elkhorn and were avid supporters of the community. They enjoyed watching curling and hockey at the local rinks, attended events at the Elkhorn Leisure Centre as well as both the Legion and Elks Halls. Most near and dear to their farming roots was the Elkhorn Agriculture Society. Through their estate planning and generous donation after their passing they are continuing to support their community and surrounding area into perpetuity.

While the Soder bequeath had an immediate and substantial effect on The Elkhorn and Area Foundation it has been each donation big and small that have been appreciated and grown our fund from the beginning to where we are today. The projects and visions of many organizations in the area have become a reality because of a grant from the Elkhorn & Area Foundation. Each year we are amazed by the forward thinking and planning from so many organizations looking to sustain and improve our communities. Every year we have more requests for grants than funds, so continuing to grow our Foundation is necessary in order to fulfill these visions and dreams. A donation to the Elkhorn and Area Foundation provides a unique opportunity for each of us to invest in the future of our community.

There are many ways to contribute to the Elkhorn and Area Foundation:

- A gift of cash
- A gift of a bequest through a will
- An "in memorium" donation
- Purchase a bulb for the Elkhorn & Area Memory Tree in memory of a loved one. (When purchased during Endow Manitoba week – Nov . 15-21st, an additional donation is received from Endow Manitoba and the Provincial Government)

Donations are accepted by cash, cheque, or online via credit card (please visit elkhornandareafoundation.ca to donate online). For further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our board members.



Appreciation sign on new bleacher in memory of Milburn & Gilbert Soder

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Memorial Donations	
Made to the Elkhorn and Area Foundation in Memory of:	
2016	2019
Milburn & Gilbert Soder	Perry Thompson
Graham Bartley	Emma Allison
Verna Szoradi	Jerry Lund
Muriel Jones	Berniece Shoemaker
Don (Dint) Bartley	Howard & Gertie
Flora (Biddy) Shoemaker	Conquergood
Doug Cousins	
Tom Fisher	2020
John W.M. Thompson	Val Shoemaker
	Norma Lambkin
2017	Etta Tutthill
Jerry Shoemaker	Gavin Krieser
Joyce Barnes	Margaret Davis
Lloyd Baskerville	Bob Nesbitt
Dee Robinson	
Dorothy Effler	2021
	Etta Tutthill
2018	Grace Warnica
Debbie Bailey (Glover)	Al Earis
Gavin Krieser	Bob Nesbitt
Brian Bajus	Margaret Davis
	Betty Walker
	Melody Peacock

Check out our website elkhornandareafoundation.ca

Elkhorn & Area Foundation Board Members

- Chairman – Brenda Orr
- Treasurer – Alanna Martin
- Secretary – Marcy Rowan
- Directors – Jill Canart
- Linda Clarke
- Mikey Stevenson
- Steve Malcolm
- Bill Bickerton
- Lana Bajus

Thank You outgoing board member Teresa Sanheim for her valuable input and professionalism while serving on the Foundation Board – it was greatly appreciated. WELCOME to new board member Lana Bajus – we look forward to having you on the board.

Board Members

If anyone is interested in serving a term on the Elkhorn & Area Foundation board, please contact any of the current board members for more information.

2021 Elkhorn School Youth in Philanthropy (YIP)

This program is partnered with the Thomas Sill and Elkhorn & Area Foundation to promote philanthropy within the students in our area. Due to the Covid pandemic, the annual Arts Gala where the grant presentations are held was forced to be cancelled for another year. The following grant were awarded by the YIP group:

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Elkhorn Early Learning Centre	iPad	\$912.47
Elkhorn School Varsity Volleyball	Jerseys	\$1405.43
Elkhorn School Gr. 5 Music Program	Ukuleles	\$300.00
Elkhorn School Track & Field Program	Track Markings	\$132.10
TOTAL AWARDED		\$2750.00

2021 Elkhorn School Scholarship

Four \$500 scholarships were awarded at Elkhorn School Graduation Ceremony – Covid version. Receiving the awards were: Vanessa Johnson, Kate McLean, Ashlie Jewar, Jessie Drake



Vanessa Johnson



Kate McLean



Ashlie Jewar



Jessie Drake



Youth in Philanthropy grant presentation



Elkhorn Early Learning Centre indoor toys



Elkhorn Early Learning Centre playground equipment



McAuley arena hockey dividers

2021 GRANTS AWARDED - TOTALLING \$69,250

It was another challenging year for all the volunteer organizations with the Covid pandemic and restrictions playing a factor into many project and grant requests. The Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce Gala was also forced to be cancelled for another year and most grants were awarded via mail until Covid restrictions permitted photo opportunities for some of the completed projects.

Grants totaling \$69,250.00 were awarded as follows:

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Elkhorn District Community Centre	Ice Plant Replacement & Shed	\$25,000.00
Elkhorn LUD - RM of Wallace-Woodworth	Electronic Town Sign - Village of Elkhorn	\$10,000.00
Elkwood Manor Auxiliary	New furniture for 24 resident rooms	\$7500.00
STARS Air Ambulance	Incubator Mount	\$5000.00
McAuley Community Association	Ice Hockey Divider Panels	\$3000.00
Elkhorn Museum Restoration Club	Phase 3 - 1906 Kirkella Church Renovation	\$3000.00
Elkhorn Curling Club	Replace eavestroughing	\$3000.00
MB Antique Automobile Museum	Security Cameras	\$3000.00
Elkhorn Elks Community Fund	Outdoor Picnic Tables	\$2500.00
Virden Health Centre Auxiliary	Replacement IV Pumps	\$2500.00
Elkhorn Early Learning Centre	Indoor and Outdoor toys & equipment	\$2000.00
Arts Mosaic - Costume Closet -Virden	Costume Closet washroom renovations	\$1500.00
Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District	Apple trees for Elkhorn School Gr. 5 students	\$1250.00



*Elkhorn District Community Centre
IcePlant/Shed project*



Costume Closet renovations



Elkhorn Museum security system



Electronic sign downtown Elkhorn



*Elkhorn Museum -
Kirkella Church Restoration*



Elkhorn Elks picnic tables

If have any questions regarding grants or donations or any comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact any of our board members or email info@elkhornandareafoundation.ca



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Thank you

to all our donors and volunteers helping to make a difference for Elkhorn & surrounding areas



Elkhorn Curling Rink eavestrouthing



Elkwood Manor resident room furniture

MEMORY TREE LIGHT UP NIGHT

The Annual Memory Tree Light Up is usually held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce Santa parade. This annual event is such a special way to remember our family and friends during the holiday season. Sheets to purchase bulbs will be mailed out and will also be available at the Elkhorn Co-op Grocery Store and Elkhorn Post Office.

We are hoping to have an in-person Light Up this year and are currently in the planning stages in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce to hopefully have a Town Light-up event. Watch for posters in and around the community.

Note: If you are wanting to include your Memory Tree donation as part of the Endow MB Giving Challenge, please see note under Endow MB Giving challenge on this page for instructions. Memory Tree sheets must be in by Nov. 21st to have names included on the Memory Tree board for the Light Up event. Deadline to be included on the Memory Tree Board prior to Christmas is Dec. 15th.



ENDOW MB GIVING CHALLENGE NOVEMBER 15th-21st

This year's Giving Challenge has once again been extended to a full week – November 15-21st.



Help your community flourish forever!
Give to your local community foundation between November 15 – 21 and your \$5 gift becomes \$7 thanks to stretch-funding from the Winnipeg Foundation and the MB government!
Donate online at endowmb.org or via cheque payable to "Elkhorn & Area Foundation" (dropped off at Guild Insurance or with Corinne Fester).

This Giving Challenge is a great opportunity to help your foundation grow exponentially. Gifts made to the Elkhorn & Area Foundation between November 15-21st will be "stretched" through the combined efforts of the Manitoba Government and the Winnipeg Foundation. For every \$5 donated, they will "stretch" that donation by \$1 each, up to a total of \$4000 per foundation – so your \$5 gift instantly becomes \$7. Gifts can be made online through ENDOWMB.org on the above dates or through the elkhornandareafoundation.ca website or cheques or cash can be dropped off at either of the Elkhorn Co-op grocery store or Elkhorn Post office. Donations can also be made by mail to : Elkhorn and Area Foundation, Box 25, Elkhorn, MB R0M 0N0.

*Note: cheques can now be made out to Elkhorn & Area Foundation to be included with this promotion but **MUST BE RECEIVED AND DATED BETWEEN NOV. 15-21st.***

NOTE: All donations for the Memory Tree can be included with this promotion if they are received and dated within the above dates. As per above these sheets can be dropped off at the Elkhorn Co-op grocery store or Elkhorn Post office in the envelopes provided.

2020 Financial Highlights:

Grants totalling **\$69,250.00** were awarded

Scholarships totaling **\$2,000.00** were awarded to four Elkhorn High School graduates

Total Funds in Elkhorn & Area Foundation Endowment Fund as of August 31, 2021

\$1,790,611.97

For a full Financial Statement, please see the Elkhorn & Area website where information will be posted following Financial Audit.