



Elkhorn and Area Foundation Inc.



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

November 2023

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 2023 grants totaling \$492,555 and scholarships totaling \$26,260 have been awarded. Over the years the grants awarded have supported many great volunteer projects that have benefited and enhanced our community.

Elkhorn & Area Foundation Special Project

Elkhorn & Area Foundation undertook a special project over the last couple of years at the Elkhorn Cemetery. In the Northwest corner of the cemetery there were several old wooden crosses indicating the gravesites of many unmarked graves. These crosses were installed to honor the folks who were unable to afford a proper burial and headstone at the time of their death. Many of these gravesite are believe to go back as far as 1904.

Every year a group of volunteers gathers in the spring for Cemetery Clean-Up day and a few of the volunteers who were active members of the Elkhorn & Area Foundation decided it would be a great project to coordinate with the Elkhorn Cemetery to install 50 permanent marker stones for each known gravesite and a granite bench to "Remember" and "Honor" them all. We are proud to say the project was completed in the spring and that it was even mentioned during the Lisa Bartley's very informative "Cemetery Tour" held during the recent Homecoming. If you are out at the Cemetery please have a seat to "Remember".



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Memorial Donations

Made to the Elkhorn and Area Foundation in Memory of:

2016

Milburn & Gilbert Soder
Graham Bartley
Verna Szoradi
Muriel Jones
Don (Dint) Bartley
Flora (Biddy) Shoemaker
Doug Cousins
Tom Fisher
John W.M. Thompson

2020

Val Shoemaker
Norma Lambkin
Etta Tutthill
Gavin Krieser
Margaret Davis
Bob Nesbitt

2017

Jerry Shoemaker
Joyce Barnes
Lloyd Baskerville
Dee Robinson
Dorothy Effler

2021

Etta Tutthill
Grace Warnica
Al Earis
Bob Nesbitt
Margaret Davis
Betty Walker
Melody Peacock

2018

Debbie Bailey (Glover)
Gavin Krieser
Brian Bajus

2022

Bob Nesbitt
Pat Robinson

2019

Perry Thompson
Emma Allison
Jerry Lund
Berniece Shoemaker
Howard & Gertie Conquergood

2023

Garth Soder
Lil Robertson
Marilyn Pateman
Maureen Bajus
Bob & Alice Loucks
Joan Jebb
Johnny Leslie
Dennis Kyle

Check out our website elkhornandareafoundation.ca

Elkhorn & Area Foundation Board Members

- Chairman – Brenda Orr
- Vice-Chairman – Jill Canart
- Treasurer – Alanna Martin
- Secretary – Marcy Rowan
- Directors – Steve Malcolm
- Bill Bickerton
- Lana Bajus
- Brent Brennand
- Tyler Mitchell

Thank You to outgoing board member Mikey Stevenson for his valuable input and professionalism while serving on the Foundation Board – it was greatly appreciated. WELCOME to new board member Tyler Mitchell – 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.

2023 Elkhorn School Youth in Philanthropy (YIP)

This program is partnered with Elkhorn & Area Foundation to promote philanthropy within the students in our area. This year their grants were awarded at the annual Spring Concert and BBQ at Elkhorn School.

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Elkhorn Memorial Park Revitalization Project	Wheelchair accessible play structures and walking path	\$1,500.00
Elkhorn Ag Society	Demolishing old building	\$1,200.00
Elkhorn School Band	Instruments	\$122.00
TOTAL AWARDED		\$2,822.00



2023 Elkhorn School Scholarship

Five \$500 scholarships were awarded at Elkhorn School Graduation Ceremony. Receiving the awards were: (L-R) Kassidy Johnson, Sara Chant, Brent Brennand (Presenter) Kiley Kalyniak, Logan Brennand and Connor Carvey.



Elkhorn & Area Foundation had a few dedicated members who undertook to re-light the Memory Tree that stands on the corner of main street. The tree gets lit up every year to recognize and remember all our friends and loved ones who are no longer with us to celebrate the Holiday season. With the dedication, help and vision of Alanna Martin and Sharlean Bickerton, volunteers Jill & Clayton Canart and Mike Volk, a few businesses – David from BlackVelvet welding, Chris from Jebb Electric, Barry from Canart Backhoe and Tutthill Construction – the tree with it’s beautiful new lights was completed just in time for the Elkhorn Homecoming. The tree was lit up all weekend to remember all of our family and friends who were unable to attend the Homecoming weekend and add an extra “sparkle” to main street.

2023 GRANTS AWARDED - TALLING \$70,000.00

2023 saw many great granting requests and the Elkhorn & Area Foundation was proud to award Grants to the following to assist with their projects and visions to enhance our community.

Grants totaling \$70,000.00 were awarded as follows:

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Assiniboine West Watershed District	Apple trees for every Gr. 5 student in Elkhorn School. Students get a planting demonstration and importance of maintaining food producing trees is explained	\$1,300
Virten District 4-H	Livestock Panels for shows	\$1,500
Elkhorn Early Learning Center	Daycare Playground upgrades – shade gazebo, picnic tables etc	\$3,000
Virten & District Health Auxiliary	Cast Cart for Virten Hospital Staff	\$3,500
Elkhorn Curling Club	New linoleum flooring	\$3,500
Trinity United Church	New replacement wheelchair ramp	\$4,400
Elkhorn Elks	Racetrack improvements and repairs for Western Weekend	\$4,800
Wallace Fire Dept – Station #2	New Overhead Door at the Elkhorn Station	\$5000 - thru special funding awarded to EAF
Elkhorn Ag Society	Bleachers for fairground	\$5000
Elkhorn Ag Society	Demolition of old Ag building	\$5000 - thru special funding awarded to EAF
Elkhorn District Community Center	Aluminum rink divider for younger age groups	\$8000
Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce	Elkhorn “Car-Town theme” branding project	\$10,000
Elkhorn Memorial Park Revitalization Project	New wheelchair accessible play structures & adult swing and walking path throughout park	\$15,000
TOTAL AWARDED - 2023		\$70,000



Elkhorn & Area Foundation was a proud volunteer at the Registration tent for Homecoming 2023. What a great weekend!! All the volunteers should be so proud of the weekend – right from the carnival Friday night, to the Western Weekend events and the amazing Fireworks on Sunday night and everything else in between – it was great from start to finish! Our group had a very small part in the weekend but we were so proud to showcase Elkhorn to all returning former residents and showoff all the awesome projects that our great groups of volunteers have accomplished over the years. Elkhorn & Area Foundation had a small part in supporting some of these projects that have been completed over the years and it was great to promote what small communities can accomplish.

The Foundation mission statement of *“Providing a unique opportunity for each of us to invest in the future of our community”* was certainly displayed all weekend –

Such as the new revitalized park that opened just in time for homecoming, the rebranding of the town as “Car Town” with all the neat murals and cars on display and to greet you when you drive into Elkhorn, upgrades to the fairgrounds – racetrack, bleachers and the track – as well as the new building and washrooms – were just a few of the recent projects that Elkhorn & Area Foundation has been able to support with all the donations that are made yearly to the Foundation.

So “Hats off” to all our Community VOLUNTEERS and DONORS – lots of great things are getting accomplished to enhance our Community and Benefit all our community members and surrounding areas.

FUN FACT:

Manitoba has 57 Community Foundations and Canada as a whole has 201. Manitoba is definitely leading that statistic and Elkhorn & Area Foundation is proud to be a part of that philanthropic mission! Community Foundations invest in their communities to make it a better place to live, work and play. They bring people together who care very much about their community and offer them different funding options to provide support for their community and to achieve their personal charitable goals. Please contact any member of the Elkhorn & Area Foundation for more information on your Foundation.



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Thank you

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



MEMORY TREE LIGHT UP NIGHT

The Annual Memory Tree Light Up will be held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce Santa parade and Light Up on Saturday, December 2nd. 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 Coop Grocery Store and Elkhorn Post Office.



We are excited to Light Up our Memory Tree this year with its new and improved lights – Special thanks to some dedicated volunteers as mentioned earlier in this newsletter. It is a beautiful addition to main street to sparkle and shine throughout the holiday season adding to the Holiday Magic and special time of Reminiscing.

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 19th to have names included on the Memory Tree listing on the Digital Sign for the Light Up event. Deadline to be included on the Memory Tree digital sign listing prior to Christmas is December 15th.

ENDOW MB GIVING CHALLENGE NOVEMBER 13th-19th

This year's Giving Challenge has once again been extended to a full week – November 13-19.



This Giving Challenge is a great opportunity to help your foundation grow exponentially. Gifts made to the Elkhorn & Area Foundation between November 13-19 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 \$4,000 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 Coop grocery store or Elkhorn Post office. Donations can also be made by mail to: Elkhorn and Area Foundation, Box 25, Elkhorn, MB R0M 0N0.

Now is the time to help your community flourish forever!

Give to your local community foundation between November 13 - 19 and help them reach their Giving Challenge goal. Every gift made during this week will be stretched by The Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba government – increasing the amount your foundation receives. Contact your local community foundation for details and giving options.

*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. 13-19th***

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 Coop grocery store or Elkhorn Post office in the envelopes provided.

2023 Financial Highlights:

Grants totalling **\$70,000.00** were awarded

Scholarships totaling **\$2,500.00** were awarded to five Elkhorn High School graduates

Total Funds in Elkhorn & Area Foundation Endowment Fund as of September 2023

\$1,718,189.97

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