

Elkhorn and Area Foundation Inc.



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 7th. 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.

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 17th 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 12th-17th

This year's Giving Challenge has once again been extended to a full week -November 12-17, 2024.



This Giving Challenge is a great Now is the time to help your opportunity to help your foundation

grow exponentially. Gifts made to the Elkhorn & Area Foundation between

November 12-17 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 ROM 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. 12-17th

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.

2024 Financial Highlights:

Grants totalling \$79,750.00 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 2024

over \$1,800,000

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

Elkhorn and Area Foundation Inc. Providing a unique opportunity for each of us to invest in the future of our community. November 2024

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24-Hour Giving Challenge 2024 Financial Highlights

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 2024 grants totaling \$569,805 and scholarships totaling \$41,250 have been awarded. Over the years the grants awarded have supported many great volunteer projects that have benefited and enhanced our community.

Elkhorn and Area Foundation Celebrates 25 Years of Community Support

As the Elkhorn and Area Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary, we are reflecting on a quarter-century of philanthropy, growth, and meaningful impact. In 1999 the foundation handed out \$185.00 in grants and in 25 years that has grown to over \$79 000.00 in grants for 2024! The foundation has been a pillar of support for the local area, funding numerous projects that have enhanced the quality of life for residents. Since its inception, the Elkhorn and Area Foundation has provided critical funding for projects that improve local infrastructure, enrich educational opportunities, and support health and wellness initiatives. Over the past 25 years, the foundation has distributed funds to various community programs, including scholarships for local students, upgrades to recreational facilities, support for seniors' initiatives and much, much more.



The first Elkhorn and Area Foundation Board

Front Row: Jill Canart, , Gail Martin, Betty Rookes, Barb Hodson Back Row: Harry Schulz, Jim Johnson, Don Bartley, Bob Nesbitt Ron Canart

Memorial Donations

Made to the Elkhorn and Area Foundation in Memory of:

2016

Milburn & Gilbert Soder Etta Tutthill **Graham Bartley** Grace Warnica Verna Szoradi Al Earis Muriel Jones **Bob Nesbitt** Margaret Davis Don (Dint) Bartley Flora (Biddy) Shoemaker Betty Walker **Doug Cousins** Melody Peacock Tom Fisher

John W.M. Thompson

Bob Nesbitt Pat Robinson Jerry Shoemaker **Grace Anderson** Joyce Barnes Debbie Labossiere Lloyd Baskerville Dee Robinson 2023

2022

Garth Soder

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Lil Robertson Marilyn Pateman Debbie Bailey (Glover) Maureen Bajus Gavin Krieser **Bob & Alice Loucks** Brian Bajus Joan Jebb Johnny Leslie Dennis Kyle Arnold Johnson

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

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

2024 Yyvonne Day

Garth Soder Joan Brown Hugh Drake Bill Bartley Ruby Rozak Gordie Grant Laura Densmore Betty Russell Brian Allison

Elkhorn & Area Foundation Board Members

- Marcy Roawn Directors - Steve Malcolm Chairman

Vice-Chairman - Jill Canart

- Alanna Martin Treasurer

Secretary - Lana Bajus

- Bill Bickerton

- Tyler Mitchell

- Rhonda Hansen

for her valuable input and professionalism while serving on the Foundation Board. We are truly grateful for the countless hours you dedicated to the foundation. WELCOME to new board member Rhonda Hansen - we look forward to having you on the board.

Thank You to outgoing board member Brenda Orr

- Brent Brennand **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.

A highlight for the foundation was the generous bequeath of one million dollars from Milburn and Gilbert Soder. The Soder brothers' donation was not only generous but transformative. This contribution significantly bolstered the foundation's endowment, ensuring its sustainability for years to come.

We are also very grateful for the support of our annual memory tree fundraiser. It started out as handwritten names on puck board, moved to computer print outs and has now evolved to being featured on the town's digital sign! The lighting of our memory tree during the holiday season is a very special tradition that is near and dear to all of us.

As we celebrate 25 years of giving, the Elkhorn and Area Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to our mission over the years. Every donation, no matter the size, has played a crucial role in shaping the future of our community. Your generosity has made it possible for us to support vital projects and initiatives that have improved the lives of



Memory Tree Donations move from handwritten to a Digital sign.

In 2018 Elkhorn's Manitoba Antique automobile Museum was accepted into the Manitoba Heritage Trust program.



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

Board members stuff envelopes to request donations in the early days of the foundation.



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Welcome to the

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2024 GRANTS AWARDED - TOTALLING \$79,750.00

2024 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 \$79,750.00 were awarded as follows:

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Manson Community Rink	New Sign for outside	\$650
Virden Health Auxiliary	IV pump	\$2,700
Elkhorn Early Learning Center	Furnishings, blinds and security system	\$30,000
Manitoba Auto Museum	POS system	\$400
Elkhorn Leisure Centre	New Laptop	\$500
Kola Community Development Committee	Kola Rink repair project	\$5,000
Virden Aud Theatre	Seating restoration project	\$5,000
Wallace Fire Dept – Station #2	New Hand held radios	\$3,000
Elkhorn Ag Society	Sound Booth	\$5,000
Elkhorn District Community Center	New ice plant and movable storage container	\$25,000
Youth in Philanthropy	Yearly sponsorship	\$2,500
	\$79,750	



This year's grants were handed out in conjunction with the citizen of the year award at the Town Wide Gala held in the Elk's Hall



YIP representative Shaylee Fratinger presents Elkhorn School Phys Ed Teacher Tyler Wood with a cheque to purchase cross country skis for the gym classes.



2024 Elkhorn School Scholarship

Five \$500 scholarships were awarded at Elkhorn School Graduation Ceremony. Receiving the awards were: Carson Krieser, Shaylee Frattinger, Taylor Archer, Payton Kyle, and Piper Sisson

2024 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 School Phys Ed Program	Cross Country Skis	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL AWARDED	\$2,500.00

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.