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SFACF LAUDS FURNITURE MISSION ACHIEVEMENTS

Sara Crosby presents the annual *Community Spirit Award* to Stephanie Heiden, Marcia Van Ginkel, and Doug Kooiman of Furniture Mission of South Dakota at *City Blossom3* — Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation's annual spring fundraiser. In addition to the award, SFACF presented a \$5000 grant to Furniture Mission. It will be used to furnish the homes of those less fortunate.



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Lucky guests at *City Blossom3* left the event with reproductions of Paul Schiller and Mary Groth's artwork, but Furniture Mission of South Dakota walked off with the big prize.

Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation recognized the seven-year-old agency with its *Community Spirit Award*. The award is given annually to an agency that took an SFACF grant and did something truly phenomenal.

Furniture Mission's road to success began when Marcia Van Ginkel decided to connect families who had lost loved ones and were disposing of household items with families in need of home furnishings. She started looking around at available services and soon learned that existing agencies lacked the space, time, and staff to reach out and bring supply and demand together.

"No one seemed to want to rise up to do it," Van Ginkel, founder of the faith-based agency, says, "So I figured God meant for me to be the one. I went on KELO and asked for a truck and got two." With that, the Furniture Mission of South Dakota began.

Van Ginkel displaced her husband's car and commandeered their home garage. Soon she was offering donors free pick-up of clean, gently-used furniture and free drop-off to families without a way to bring furniture home. The demand was surprising, and Van Ginkel quickly found herself in need of warehouse and office space.

In 2003, the group incorporated, received Tradition of Caring support from KELO, and worked through Community Development to find a distribution site. Still operating on a shoestring, they turned to SFACF, asking for \$2500 to cover costs of collecting, warehousing, and distributing furniture to those in need.

"In the beginning I thought we'd serve 500 people and be done," Van Ginkel says. But within the first five years, Furniture Mission received its 10,000th referral. "The community was wide open for our services."

The Mission now serves 200 families each month with a nearly all-volunteer staff. Demand for its services continues to rise. It runs eight trucks and traveled 29,215 miles in 2009. The group is in process of acquiring a new warehouse to store donated beds, sofas, tables and other furniture. Volunteers use an on-site workshop to build dining tables and "Bunkie Beds" — wooden-framed cots for children. In the near future, they hope to be able to find money to build small dressers, items that are hard-to-come-by necessities.

Over the years, SFACF's Grants Committee has helped Furniture Mission manage growth, stepping up with funding to purchase lumber to build tables, paying for a truck, and helping with operating costs and fuel needs.

"The Furniture Mission's service to our community has become indispensable," observes Mary Tidwell, Chair of the SFACF Board. "That's why *City Blossom* is so important. Thirty percent of the money raised each year goes to meeting immediate needs. The rest is put into endowment so it will benefit the Sioux Falls area for good, for ever."

Thanks to an anonymous donor who matched event donations, *City Blossom3* raised over \$200,000! Guests mingled in Sammons Financial Group's atrium while listening to Dakota Academy of Performing Arts' String Trio and enjoying beverages provided by GoodSpirits Fine Wine & Liquor. In addition to these donations, pastel artist, Mary Groth, and photographer, Paul Schiller, contributed their interpretations of an early morning lake scene. Six guests won reproductions of either Groth's "Tranquility" or Schiller's "Morning Reflections."

Van Ginkel, Doug Kooiman, a founding board member, and Stephanie Heiden, the Mission's executive director, were on hand to accept their award. The Furniture Mission has been affected by the economic downturn, Heiden says. "Because of the recession, people are buying less furniture, and, of course, we have fewer donations," she says. Heiden is especially grateful to the hotels that have donated beds and linens and to Sanford and Avera hospitals, which joined the effort with a program to reimburse the Mission for its purchases of "Pack-n-Play" gear, combination baby beds/playpens given to families in need whose babies are born at the hospitals.

All furniture recipients are referred by a church, school, or other agency, guaranteeing that donations reach those truly in need. Volunteers are continually inspired by the stories of the families they help, such as one of a little boy who, when asked at school what he wanted from Santa, asked only for a bed for his mother to sleep in.

The Furniture Mission accepts gently-used furniture, bedding and linens, lamps, small appliances, dishes and kitchenware. It's important that items are in good condition. The Mission wants to provide not only furniture, but basic human dignity in their efforts to make houses into homes for families in need.

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SFACF THINKS WITH ITS HEART



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

CANDY HANSON



Our nation holds intelligence in high esteem. From the time we're schoolchildren, we're taught to prize the genius that invented everything from the light bulb to the personal computer.

Inventions — the conveniences that become the necessities so ingrained in our daily existence that we cannot imagine life without them — are manifestations of brainpower. Whether we attribute these to a single person — Edison and his light bulb, for example — or to the nameless team of physicists and engineers at Cape Canaveral that put John Glenn into orbit, we have abounding faith in man's ability to think, plan, set goals, and achieve.

With just such diligence, every few years, nonprofits like Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation bring their leaders together and undertake strategic

planning. Staff will analyze forces that are coming to bear on their organization. Financial officers will chart growth and make revenue projections. Board members will put their best thoughts forward, debate, and reach consensus on a roadmap to the future.

Too often, planning is a time-consuming, onerous process. But, every now and then, planning transcends the mere exchange of ideas, the enumeration of goals and objectives.

Such was the case when SFACF's Board met this spring to vision its role in our community ten years from now. The Community Foundation has a strong track record of responding to local needs, of linking donors with means to people with needs.

SFACF's Board doesn't want to give that up, but as they looked to the future, its members dreamed big. In 2020, they want

the Community Foundation to have surpassed its role of a facilitator of philanthropy and to have emerged as a convener — an organization at the forefront of identifying and addressing the opportunities that will make this an even more amazing place to live.

A wise person once observed that great goals don't start in the brain, they start in the heart. It's passion that ignites the desire that makes invention possible. It's passion for the Sioux Falls area that inspires SFACF's leadership.

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JULY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR AT SFACF

Change is afoot at the Community Foundation. July means saying good-bye to retiring board members and welcoming others.

Paul Schiller, who inspired *City Blossom* and chaired SFACF from 2007 – 2009, and venerable Grants Committee members Larry Bierman and Caroline Deinema have turned in their tattered board books and look forward to a summer free of committee meetings. Martha Carlson and Tom McDowell, both experienced SFACF volunteers, will move up to governance positions.

Officers for 2010 – 2011 are Mary Tidwell, chair; Doug Hajek, vice chair; Richard Van Demark, secretary; and John Henkhaus, treasurer.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS BRING WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE TO SFACF



MARTHA CARLSON

A love for the Sioux Falls area inspired Martha Beach Carlson to join Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation's Board of Directors. She attributes her giving nature, however, to her father, Chandler Beach, "My dad died when I was nearly sixteen, but he was very involved with activities in my hometown of Huron and in South Dakota," says Carlson. "The idea of being involved really started there."

Carlson earned her undergraduate degree from the University of South Dakota and went on to get her MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in Chicago, where she lived for six years. Eventually she decided big-city life just couldn't offer the sense of community she thrives on. She returned to Sioux Falls, where Citibank was just establishing itself, and took a position managing the training and communications function. The company's

reputation for giving back to the community reinforced the example her dad had set for her.

Carlson served on several nonprofit boards before joining SFACF's Grants Committee three years ago. Her husband, Walt, a respected orthopedic surgeon, shares her enthusiasm for community work. The couple is enjoying seeing their two sons, Bayard and Sam, both biology students at St. Olaf College, grow into young men. Her empty nest gives her more time to spend with her mom, Jean Ann, who lives at Prince of Peace, and with her three dogs, Zelda, Dizzie, and Opus.

"Sioux Falls has provided us with a wonderful lifestyle, a safe place in which to raise our kids, and many opportunities," Carlson says. "I feel that it is up to each of us to say thank you in some capacity, no matter how small."



TOM MCDOWELL

Family, a sense of history, and a love of his job are what keep Tom McDowell in the unpredictable climate that the Midwest is known for.

After graduating from the University of South Dakota, McDowell moved to San Diego and began working as a CPA. After ten years in California, six spent with AXA Equitable, he returned to Sioux Falls, concluding that his hometown makes up for its lack of sunshine and beaches with its wonderful environment to raise a family and kindness in the city's residents.

"My parents and grandparents were very involved in this community," McDowell says. "In my opinion, their generations established the finest city in the country. I not only have the desire, but I feel a sense of responsibility to try to help maintain what they have created."

McDowell is president of McDowell Financial Group. He was introduced to SFACF through a business friend

and mentor and was immediately struck by how versatile its services are.

McDowell has served on SFACF's Development Committee for three years and is currently wrapping up a year as president of Downtown Rotary. He had promised himself and his wife to cut back on outside activities for a while. When asked to join SFACF's Board, however, he decided it would be the one exception he would make.

Days are busy for McDowell and his wife Susan. Their family grew with the addition of baby John ten months ago. They're also the proud parents of 12-year-old Olivia and nine-year-old Wil. Much of their time is devoted to family activities, sports, and school programs. McDowell truly wouldn't have it any other way.

SFACF WELCOMES NEW FINANCIAL OFFICER



MIKE FINNEGAN

A Sioux Falls resident since he was a toddler, Mike Finnegan signed on as Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation's Controller in May, happy to join its efforts to better his hometown.

After graduating from O'Gorman High School, Finnegan headed for Vermillion where he earned a Master's degree in accounting from the University of South Dakota. Returning to Sioux Falls, he went to work for McGladrey & Pullen, LLP. As luck would have it, while there, he was assigned to do the field work for SFACF's audits.

He had left public accounting and had been serving as CFO for Electric Supply Co. when he learned that a position at SFACF would be opening. As he thought about a potential move, Finnegan realized that he already felt at home with SFACF's staff. "I really came to respect SFACF and the people here, and I liked the idea of getting into the nonprofit world," he says.

Finnegan met his wife, Lauri — a native of Aberdeen and now a registered pediatric nurse at Avera McKennan

Hospital — during their first semester at USD. They courted through their college years and married in 2006.

Finnegan is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hunting pheasants and camping here in South Dakota and in northern Minnesota. But, his newest hobby is parenting eight-month-old son, Benjamin, whose latest trick is pulling himself up into a standing position. Libby, a yellow Labrador retriever, rounds out Finnegan's little family. Benjamin likes petting Libby's paws. Libby likes licking Benjamin's face — when she can get away with it.

Finnegan enjoys living near family and friends. He says one of the best things about being back in Sioux Falls is connecting with his buddies from O'Gorman. On a summer weekend, couples will gather at the Finnegan's and pitch in to enjoy cooking out together.

"It's a good-sized city with a small town feel," Finnegan says. "There's always more to do and see."

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 2000

Chair, SFACF Board of Directors
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Who together with his wife, Dorothy, gave our city Arrowhead Park and created the **DALE AND DOROTHY WEIR** ENDOWMENT that will serve our community for good, for ever.

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS BENEFIT FROM SFACF CAPACITY GRANTS SYNERGY



SFACF announced the recipients of four Arts Capacity Building grants in April at Cherapa Place. An award to Washington Pavilion of Arts and Sciences will update ticketing and audience tracking capacity. SFACF Chair Mary Tidwell is pictured at center. Representing the Pavilion, left to right, are Sarah Campbell, Jon Loos, Allison Hauck, President Larry Toll, RoseAnn Kelly, Chair Chuck Gullickson, and David Merhib.

They aren't the flashiest grants SFACF has awarded — capacity building is all about infrastructure and efficiency. But SFACF capacity grants will have a big payoff for local arts audiences and enthusiasts.

Four arts organizations received assistance from SFACF this spring. The Arts Capacity grants totaled more than \$100,000 and will help the groups weather the economic downturn and get a handle on strategies that will make them more viable in the future.

"The synergy that spun off from the Community Foundation's grant opportunity was amazing," says Larry Toll, president of the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science. "It got us thinking about how we could share resources and make a lot of arts groups stronger," he says, referring to the collaboration among organizations that took place during the application process.

The Pavilion's project is a good example. They received \$60,000 from the Arts Capacity fund to acquire technology and staff training that will help the Pavilion bring more people through its doors and increase revenue. With new AudienceView Ticketing and Fundraising software in place, the Pavilion can offer ticketing services to other groups, creating a higher level of efficiency for the arts community as a whole. AudienceView will also allow staff to assess audience interests by collecting data that they are currently unable to track. Ultimately, the Pavilion can make better programming decisions, which will result in fewer cancelled productions due to disappointing ticket sales.

Synergistic collaboration didn't stop with shared audience-building tools. Dakota Academy of Performing Arts will use a \$19,025 grant for strategic planning, board development, and to investigate the feasibility of a merger with and relocation to the Pavilion. DAPA offers rigorous, challenging education programs in music and

drama to children and young adults aged five to 22. Well known for its Plays for Living Theatre Company and Chamber Music Program, DAPA would fill a gap in the Pavilion's Community Learning Center, which is eager to expand its activities to include more opportunity for youth involvement.

Facility-sharing emerged as a focal point for other organizations during the grant-writing process. Sioux Empire Arts Council, which now manages Horse Barn Arts Center at Falls Park, is also contemplating a move to the Pavilion. The group received \$9,500 from SFACF and will use the funding to hire a consultant to help devise a strategic turnaround for the organization, which has served the Sioux Falls area since 1969. SEAC is known for having been an incubator for SculptureWalk and other successful cultural efforts. Relocating to the Pavilion will bring SEAC alongside other cultural organizations and create a central location for people interested in participating in a range of arts activities.

Rounding out the award winners was the Sioux Empire Community Theatre, which received a grant of \$18,134. As with other performing arts organizations, Community Theatre experienced big drops in sponsorship support and ticket sales when the local economy went stagnant in late 2008. For the past seven years, the Community Theatre has worked to keep live theater accessible to everyone in Sioux Falls by maintaining low ticket prices, even when it means making cuts in other important areas. The volunteer-driven group recently started the Sioux Empire Kids Theatre, a program that gets children involved in acting workshops and other performance activities. Their board's goal is to develop a fundraising strategy that is sustainable and to improve their capacity to attract grants.

"If we meet all of these outcomes, there is no doubt that Community Theatre will be a much stronger organization in five years than it is today — both in terms of our financial situation, but also in terms of the programming we are offering our community," says Sarah Jennings, board chair.

A special Arts Capacity Grants Committee — Kristi Niechwiadowicz, Martha Carlson, George Lundberg, Steve Metli, Robin Prunty, Nathan Quello, and Mary Tidwell — evaluated the applications and recommended awards, which were made possible by a grant from The Kresge Foundation, Troy, Mich. The Committee will reconvene this fall to evaluate the organizations' progress.

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C.J. "Del" and Alene Delbridge Family Endowment
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 Available: August 20; Due: October 8

Excellence in Education
 Available: August 31; Due: September 30

Sioux Empire Fund for Hunger Relief
 Available: October 1; Due: November 12

Print copies of SFACF's grant application at www.sfacf.org

SFACF HONORS OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AT SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

Each year, SFACF's scholarship program helps send more than 100 students to colleges, universities, and vocational and technical schools. Through the generosity of donors and the volunteer work of selection panel members, SFACF gives a boost to those striving for a better life. Below is a list of this year's recipients, many of whom were honored during the annual scholarship reception, held May 13.

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HARRY LEE SCHOLARSHIP
Emily Schreur

ANNA AND PAUL LIND SCHOLARSHIP
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Jessica Ronning

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Ashley Munk

ANDY AWARD
Zach Nevadomski

BILL BARLOW "SECOND CHANCE" SCHOLARSHIP
Kari Klarenbeek

JEREMY BAUM "HOPE" SCHOLARSHIP
Ashley Munk

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Kala Carpenter

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Cory Fitch
Alexandra Stanley

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Jeffrey Mettler
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Jessica Perez

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Courtney Kolbeck
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Caitlin Hodne
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GORDON INGWERSEN SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP
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Anna Bahnson
Michael Kapperman
Tyler Miles

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Jenna Headrick

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Katie Boote
Jessica Pederson

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Lexi Fox

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Larissa Birdsall
Shelby Thompson

DAVID L. PROFILET SCHOLARSHIP
Emma Knecht

JOE AND NORMA RAHM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Eric Felderman
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Nathan Boone
Elizabeth Waterman

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Maura Bickner

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Jenna Parmely

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Kevin Allender

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Tanner Herr
Jason Panek

TRENT AREA SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Paige Hemmer
Samantha Rus
Kylie Rush
Danielle Selken
Maggie Swift
Nicole Veldkamp

WASHINGTON HIGH ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND
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Jada Ratzlaff

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GREAT GRANTS FROM COMMUNITY FUNDS

Donors to SFACF's unrestricted Community Fund endowments make it possible for the Grants Committee to make grants to a variety of organizations every two months. These grants were made from February 2010 through May 2010.

29-90 SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, \$1,000

Gives students the opportunity to learn about the importance of our state's natural resources by attending the South Dakota Wildlife Foundation Youth Conservation Camp.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH DAKOTA, \$1,200

Teaches kids how to overcome the limitations of asthma while enjoying summer recreation at Camp EA.N. (Fix Asthma Now).

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE, \$1,500

Preserves the history of Augustana College through the creation of the *Augustana Album*, a digital repository of the college's newspapers and yearbooks from 1908 to the present.

CARROLL INSTITUTE, \$5,042

Teaches middle-schoolers how to identify and respond to cyber-bullying, a form of harassment that targets teens through electronic media and cell phones.

CENTER FOR FAMILY MEDICINE, \$2,100

Funds a study to determine the prevalence of vitamin D deficiency among pregnant women and nursing home residents to better prevent and treat the problem.

DAKOTA ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS, \$19,025

This *Arts Capacity* grant provides strength and stability by underwriting merger costs to partner with the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science. (See story page 6.)

DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS, INC., \$7,500

Fills the streets of downtown Sioux Falls with music throughout the summer by supporting the *Downtown Street Musicians* program. This grant was made possible by the Xcel Energy Foundation.

FAMILY CONNECTION, \$6,000

Sustains and expands *Children's Connection*, a support group for at-risk children who have a family member in prison. The program now operates in eight elementary and three middle schools in the Sioux Falls area.

FAMILY VISITATION CENTER, \$2,200

Assists the organization with strategic planning to provide a roadmap that will advance the organization's program and financial goals.

FRACTURED ATLAS PRODUCTIONS, INC., \$2,450

Underwrites *Bridge the Gap: Lakota Sioux*, a six-part Web series due out in July that will feature the beauty of the Lakota culture and examine the poverty that exists on the reservation.

FURNITURE MISSION OF SOUTH DAKOTA, \$5,000

This unrestricted grant recognizes the Furniture Mission as the recipient of the 2010 SFACF *Community Spirit Award*. (See story page 1.)

GREAT PLAINS ZOO & DELBRIDGE MUSEUM, \$1,000

Supports the Chamber-approved Community Appeal, "Monkeys, Magic, and More".

HANDI-RIDERS, INC., \$5,000

Expands the agency's therapeutic horse program to accommodate clients year-round. This grant is in addition to one made this past spring and brings SFACF's total program support to \$10,000.

HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH, \$7,500

Launches a new after-school tutoring program for Terry Redlin Elementary students as they move up to Whittier Middle School.

SECOND CHANCE RESCUE CENTER, \$5,870

Keeps dogs healthy by funding kennel dividers and an air exchange system to prevent airborne diseases from spreading throughout the Center's 59 kennels.

SIOUX EMPIRE ARTS COUNCIL, \$9,500

This *Arts Capacity* grant brings technical assistance to SEAC's leadership as it tackles strategic planning, board composition and commitment, and financial sustainability. (See story page 6.)

SIOUX EMPIRE COMMUNITY THEATRE, \$18,134

This *Arts Capacity* grant provides consulting services to help the organization develop a fundraising plan that will ensure future financial stability. (See story page 6.)

SIOUX FALLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, \$25,000

Uses social media to engage young adults in civic activism through *Plugged in Sioux Falls*, a program being developed by the Chamber's Young Professionals Network.

SIOUX FALLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION, \$60,000

Supports the Foundation's affordable housing program, improving the quality of low and moderate income housing in the Sioux Falls area. This grant was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Bancorp Foundation.

SIOUX FALLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION, \$16,000

Prepares students to make a successful transition to the world of business and industry by supporting the *Sioux Falls Workforce Development* program. This grant was made possible by a grant from the Gannett Foundation.

SOMALI-BANTU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS OF SOUTH DAKOTA, \$820

Opens the door to self-sufficiency by teaching English to Somali-Bantu families in the Sioux Falls area. There are currently over 600 individuals from the Somali-Bantu community in the state.

SOUTH DAKOTA CARES, \$3,000

Supports *Recycle for Life*, a program that refurbishes and distributes medical equipment to individuals who don't have the resources to purchase the equipment.

THE COMPASS CENTER, \$957

Provides interpreting services for a hearing-impaired participant of one of the agency's programs.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, DAKOTAS, \$2,837

Gives at-risk youth the gift of education by supporting after school and summer school programs at Floyd Career Learning Center. This grant also enhances the math curriculum by providing updated text books to meet the new South Dakota Department of Education requirements in Algebra and Geometry.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, DAKOTAS, \$10,000

Supports women leaving prison, their children, and their children's caregivers through *Look Up and Hope*, a pilot program designed to help women make safe and healthy transitions back to their communities after incarceration.

WASHINGTON PAVILION OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, \$5,000

Provides at-risk youth an opportunity to experience the performing arts by offering reduced-price tickets to attend a performance of "Little House on the Prairie: The Musical."

WASHINGTON PAVILION OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, \$60,000

This *Arts Capacity* grant improves event ticketing technology, helps the Pavilion track audience preferences, and enhances operational efficiency. (See story page 6.)

WHITTIER RESIDENT ASSOCIATION, \$1,000

Underwrites costs for filing for nonprofit tax-exempt status.

SFACF LAUNCHES NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

FUTURE SIOUX FALLS PROVIDES A ROADMAP FOR PROSPERITY

If acting without planning is risky, planning without action is futile.

That's the message steering committee members for *Future Sioux Falls* will carry forth as they organize for implementation of the community's new master plan for economic development.

Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation provided \$10,000 in support for the planning project, a Forward Sioux Falls initiative that brought SFACF alongside the Chamber of Commerce, Development Foundation, Sioux Empire United Way, and local governments to map out a strategy aimed at ensuring that the area stays at the top of the list for quality of life and entrepreneurial opportunity well into the future.

The project got underway this past fall, when Market Street, a national research company out of Atlanta, began an assessment that compared the Sioux Falls metro area to three communities with which it competes for jobs and workers — Des Moines, Iowa, Fargo, ND, and Rochester, Minn.

"We learned that a city's quality of life is a big factor when people and businesses decide to relocate," says Doug Hajek, SFACF Vice Chair and steering committee member. "The new plan will keep community development headed in the right direction."

Future Sioux Falls is destined to become a rallying point for the next Forward Sioux Falls campaign. It focuses on the achievement of targeted objectives under five broad, visionary goals known as Workforce Pipeline, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Quality Growth, Visitors and Events, and Marketing.

To see the implementation timeline and activities, visit www.futuresiouxfalls.com and click on "Final Strategy."



Gigi Rieder, president, and April Schave, secretary of Whittier Resident Association, think of East Side Lutheran Church as one of the neighborhood's most treasured landmarks. The Association is working to improve the neighborhood through resident involvement and activism.

Two of Sioux Falls' oldest and more fragile neighborhoods are ready to reclaim their original sense of community. Armed with a \$20,000 grant, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation will partner with City Planning to help Whittier and Pettigrew Heights associations grow.

The two districts border downtown Sioux Falls to the east and west. SFACF's Neighborhood Association Capacity Building Project aims to unite residents and open channels for bringing needed assistance and services to the areas. Both neighborhoods require clean-up, beautification, and maintenance of residences and streets, but the difference between the two areas is striking.

Pettigrew Heights spans 16th Street to 9th Street and is bordered on the east by Minnesota Avenue and on the west by Covell Avenue. The area's housing is 67% rental, with many tenants' income falling below poverty levels. The population may be among the state's most diverse, with 32% coming from Hispanic, Latino, American Indian, Black/African American, or Asian origins, compared to the city's overall 12% non-white population. Of property owners, 3,900 in the neighborhood are in need of financial assistance to maintain and update their properties.

The Whittier neighborhood is located on the opposite side of the Big Sioux River, and lies north of Tenth Street, east of Weber Avenue, south of the Burlington Northern railroad lines, and west of Interstate 229. In contrast to Pettigrew Heights' large rental population, nearly 60% of homes in the Whittier neighborhood are owner-occupied, but rental units in the area do tend to have a high turn-over rate and create a hurdle for neighborhood unity.

Nevertheless, the Whittier Resident Association has grown in recent years. It has submitted an application for tax-exempt nonprofit status and has an eight-member board of directors. Annual clean-up days are well established and help build a sense of community. This April on their fourth run, volunteers arranged to collect and haul over 70 tons of rubble, yard waste, wood, tires, and appliances to city dumps and recycling sites.

In addition to yard and street cleanup, the most important issues to residents in the Whittier neighborhood are traffic safety and city zoning and building code enforcement.

"Code enforcement is so important because people take pride in their property, and when you have someone who doesn't, it brings down property values for everyone," says Gigi Rieder, president of Whittier Resident Association, who has lived in the neighborhood for 19 years.

With four years of success behind them, Whittier Residents are looking forward to the next stage of development. "We need financial stability of the Association and to see residents, business owners, and renters and landlords working together to make our neighborhood a better place," Rieder observes.

In Pettigrew Heights, most of the individuals comprising the neighborhood association aren't residents, but representatives of various agencies providing social services.

Sioux Falls Seminary plays a big role in revitalization efforts with Summit House, a building at 12th Street and Summit Avenue that the Seminary purchased in 2008, and renovated as a live-in learning environment for urban ministry. Students housed there are required to serve the neighborhood for five hours a week with activities such as clean up and beautification projects, elementary school programs, and homeless outreach. One of their favorite activities is *A Growing Place* — a teaching garden at Lowell Elementary where area children work alongside community agencies and learn science, math, nutrition and leadership skills through their interaction.

"Housing is a priority for Pettigrew's neighborhood advocates. We're a voice for the voiceless," says the Rev. Tim Olsen, Director of Operations at Summit House. "We're working to bring investors, designers, and policymakers together to build culturally indigenous, affordable housing."

SFACF's neighborhood project will give both associations a much-needed boost by paying for a consultant to help the groups figure out strategies for making their organizations stronger.

Whittier's goals are to achieve tax-exempt status for the neighborhood association, develop a sustainable fundraising program, and incorporate affinity groups into its program of service. Pettigrew's goal is to invigorate its association so that neighborhood residents provide more leadership and the group is less reliant on agency staff. Personnel from City Planning who have helped both groups get to where they are today will continue to provide technical assistance.

"The biggest challenge is getting the people to realize that it is about them, their wants, needs, and ideas," April Schave, secretary of Whittier Resident Association, says. "It's not about working for the Association. It's about making the time and finding the people with similar interests, creating ways to see their ideas in action."

Funding for the project was made possible through a grant to SFACF from the Bush Foundation, through the South Dakota Nonprofit Enhancement Project.

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