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2014 GRANTS

Swan Valley Animal Protection League - Isolation Pens for Cats Swan Valley Stampeders Hockey Board - Jerseys Town of Minitonas — Minitonas Hall Reno Special Olympics MB Parkland - Uniforms Swan River Daycare Centre — Cubbies Benito & District Vesselli Dancers - Costumes Minitonas Middle Years PAC — Playground Equipment Swan Valley Crisis Centre — Fence Swan Valley Easy Lopers — English Riding Initiative Bowsman Skating Rink — Upgrading Facility Swan Valley Communities that Care - Youth Events Kenville Memorial Hall - Kitchen Floor Replacement Harley House Committee — Purchase antiques Community in Bloom — Enhance Green Spaces Heyes Child Care Centre — Shelving Unit SVRSS — Mini WE Day Skateboard Union - Youth Snowboard Park Swan River Kinsmen Nursery School - Fence Rotary Club — Exercise Equipment - Pathway SRFC Youth Centre — Youth Education Dolyna Dancers — Costumes/Perogy Maker Northwest Regional Library - Smart Television Monitor

To Move Ahead in the Future We Must Look to our Past

The Harley House in Swan River has been the site of a ten-year restoration and preservation project to make local history and pioneer culture available to the public on a year-round basis. Slowly but surely, as funds become available, a group of dedicated volunteers are working at recreating a historic period in the pioneer log home of the Hugh Harley family, he having been the first land agent and postmaster for the Swan River Valley. The committee is presently searching for period furniture and accessories. Interpretative displays will then be set up to tell the story of early family life in the valley. The Community Foundation of Swan Valley is pleased to be a part of this project with a grant to purchase authentic antiques.

Isolation Pens a Must To Maintain Health Standards

One of the mandates of the Swan Valley Animal Protection League is to protect, shelter, and promote the adoption of homeless animals. In the past, stray kittens and cats were put together into isolation pens. Now, with the risk of upper respiratory infections so common, it's important to upgrade the protocol to isolating the cats and kittens separately. This necessitates the need to purchase ready-made stainless steel crates that are stable and can be easily cleaned and sterilized. The benefit of this new setup would be a healthier cat population. The Animal Protection League also promotes responsible pet ownership as well as a reduction in the cat population through spaying or neutering. The Community Foundation of Swan Valley supports the League and is pleased to help with the purchase of these much-needed crates.

All gifts are pooled and invested in permanent endowment funds, which generate interest used to support community projects in a broad variety of charitable areas.

The Swan Valley Legacy "The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy"

The Community Foundation of Swan Valley: The word community means many things to so many people and the world to us. We are a charitable organization founded by local citizens. Our dream: to help people invest in building a community that is a better place to live, work, and play. We fund local projects and initiatives through invested proceeds of donations. The principle is never touched. That principle, your donation, creates a legacy of ongoing benefits with the valley being its sole beneficiary. By choosing to use the foundation for memorial donations, a loved one's memory lives on forever through grants, bursaries, and scholarships. In less than ten years, over \$200,000 in grants have helped a variety of organizations, clubs, and individuals. And this does not include the bursaries and scholarships that have helped our young people further their education.

Some Past Grants Allocated

Old Time Community Spirit Alive and Well in Kenville

Just about anyone who has ever lived in the valley has happy memories of a good time "had by all" at the Kenville Memorial Hall. For decades it has been the meeting place for parties, dances, wedding receptions, political meetings, teas, curling suppers, plays, and any number of events that make up the fabric of a small community's life. Kenville residents want to see their hall stay active and viable, but due to time and wear, many repairs and upgrades are needed to meet today's safety standards. Some residents have already pitched in to do a portion of the necessary work. Others have worked tirelessly at raising funds. And the entire village is behind the project to ensure that it continues to be a major focal point of their home town. The Community Foundation of Swan Valley is pleased to play a role in helping to maintain this heritage facility with a grant to help with the necessary renovations.

Snowboard Park In the Planning Stage

With summer long gone and fall on the wane, plans for new and exciting winter experiences are now on the minds of many valley snowboard enthusiasts of all ages, with an emphasis on our youth. The hope is to create a snowboard park right in the valley that will encourage home-grown talent to enjoy this sport rather than leave the area in search of a facility that will meet their needs. Everyone working on the project is a dedicated volunteer. Because of the high shipping costs, the group want to keep the delivery of equipment to a one-timeonly level. The volunteers will then be utilized to get the equipment in place, maintain the park, and keep the features safe. The life expectancy of the rails is ten years as they need little maintenance. The staff at Thunderhill will contribute their expertise to the project. The Community Foundation of Swan Valley is pleased to be of financial assistance through a generous grant.

A Community In Bloom

Despite a distinct lack of rain this spring, our little community is very much "in bloom" with the lovely trees that line our streets in full leaf regalia. And this is due in part to loyal volunteers who make up the Urban Forest Committee. The Community that Blooms Committee, again all volunteers, is committed to fostering civic pride through the beautification of the town. Their initiative this year was to purchase two water-saving planters, which can be seen as one enters the town from the east. A very beautiful Canadian "Flag in Flowers" greets visitors from the west. The volunteers are also responsible for planting and maintaining all the flower beds and pots in the Legion Park. The Community Foundation is pleased to support this year's purchase of the special planters. And it salutes the committee members who work so tirelessly to keep our "community in bloom".

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

anticipation. Thank you. with so many like-minded individuals.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To advance education:







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The Community Foundation of Swan Valley is really just what the name implies - "All About Community". What we do as a foundation is really just create avenues or opportunities for folks to make a difference. The Cultural Gala we hosted in October was one of those opportunities. We appreciate the support it received and look forward to next fall's Gala event with much

Believe it or not, we have another opportunity – 2017 is Canada's 150th birthday and our foundation, to honour this birthday, has created another avenue. We are encouraging you to become a member of our "Celebrate Canada 150 Club". What better way to celebrate Canada's birthday than to help grow one of its best communities, "The Swan River Valley".

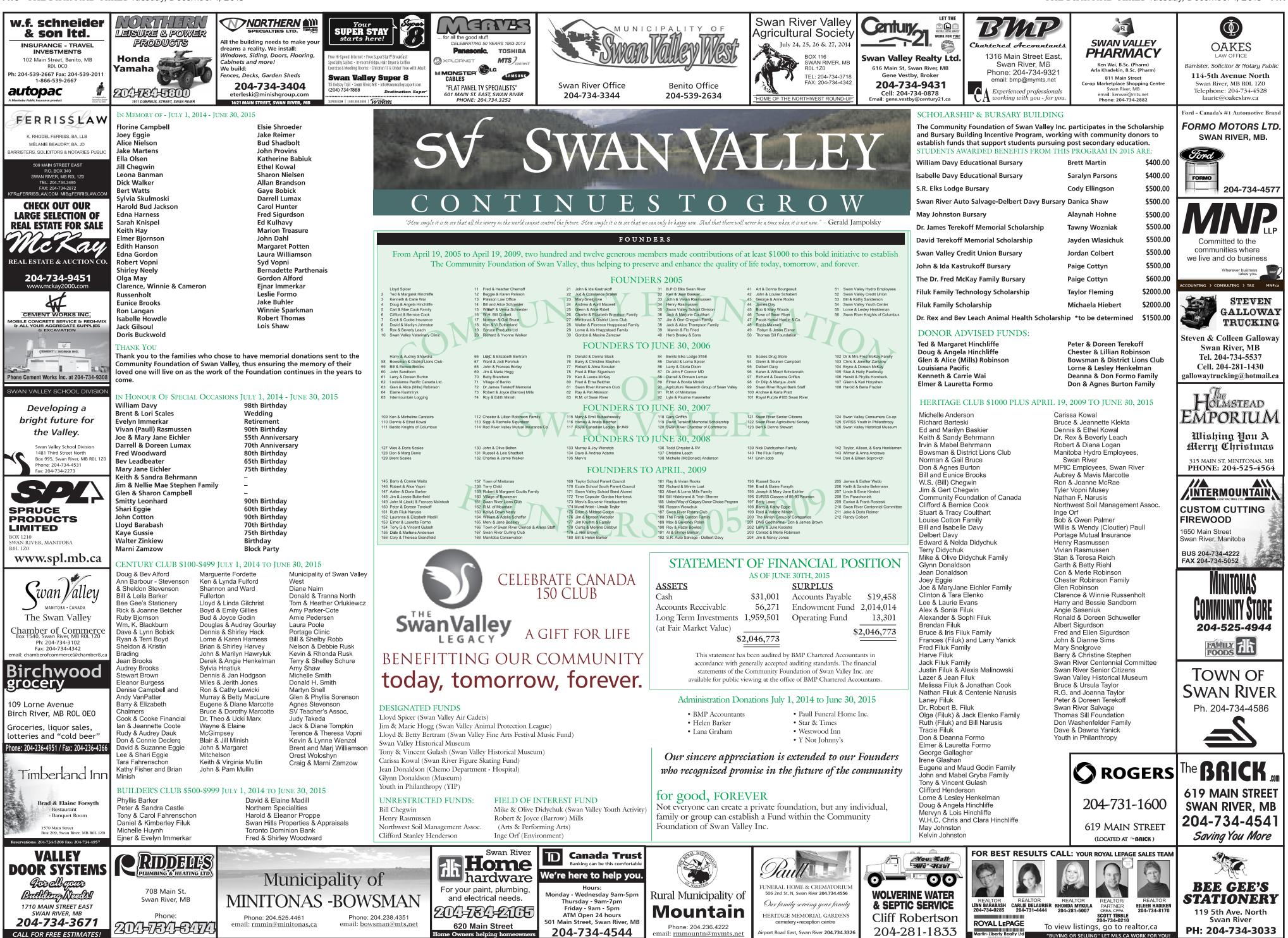
For \$1,000.00 you can become a part of the Club and leave a legacy that will stay here forever and help other organizations within the community prosper. It doesn't get much better than that. You may already have money in the foundation, and it might simply mean topping it up. Whatever the situation, we want to get your name – your family name – on our Heritage Monument at the Swan Valley Museum. We want to recognize you annually as a pioneer of this valley that truly made a difference.

So please spread the word because it is all about connecting people who care with causes that matter. It is something our Community Foundation Board is passionate about, and it is great being in a community like the Swan River Valley that is filled

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