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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Happy spring! The Foundation Board hopes all is well with you as we start to move out of the depths of winter into the warmth and optimism of spring. Spring leads to renewal and growth and your Board of Directors has been working hard towards the growth and increased awareness of the BRCF to the community at large. For example, some of you will be receiving this newsletter via a new online subscription as this is one of the growth efforts. If you have not signed up for this, please head over to the Foundation's website and fill in the signup form. The Foundation has scheduled many activities in

the coming weeks and months. You can find a list of them later in this edition. Please consider taking part in these as we all strive to growing our community - together. Forever!

In the meantime, here are some interesting pieces of information to ponder as we think of this season of growth...

YOUR Foundation:

- Serves the residents of Beausejour-Brokenhead including Tyndall, Garson, Thalberg, Stead, Gull Lake, Molson and Seddon's Corner

- Has existed and served the community since 1998
- Accepts donations, regardless of amount, and invests them retaining their value forever
- Is a registered charity and can issue tax receipts for donations as an effective form of tax planning
- Disperses a portion of the interest gained from these investments in the form of scholarships, bursaries and community grants

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- Has awarded, to date, 144 scholarships & bursaries totaling \$100,774.71
- Has granted, to date, \$429,465.69 for 233 grants to local community groups
- Can easily create new funds for a cause or interest meaningful to any group, family or individual
- Supports and advances community activities, facilities and the general welfare of its citizens
- Is here for you and our community. If you have questions or we can be of assistance to you or your organization reach out to the Foundation anytime!

Please read on and enjoy our latest edition of the BRCF newsletter.

Wishing all the best in this season of growth,

Reg Black,
President

Brokenhead River Community Foundation



ADMINISTRATION & MARKETING COORDINATOR

The Brokenhead River Community Foundation Board would like to introduce Administrative and Marketing Coordinator Debbie Majeau. Reporting to the Board, Debbie is responsible for the various administrative processes of the Foundation and for the marketing/promotion. Debbie will deal with all forms of communication and will work to maintain good working partnerships with all stakeholders in the Town of Beausejour and RM of Brokenhead. The position is also tasked with enhancing and increasing the awareness of the Foundation.



Debbie Majeau

Debbie was born and raised in the RM of Brokenhead. While Debbie currently resides in the RM of Alexander with her husband and two daughters, her parents still reside on their acreage north of Beausejour. Debbie has an extensive background in not for profits and education and a passion for community and helping others which makes her ideal for this position. Combine that with her enthusiasm (especially for her home town) and work ethic and the Foundation is pleased to welcome her aboard. Feel free to contact her at any time to discuss the Foundation or just say hello!

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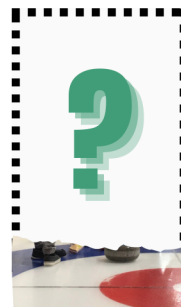


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Answers on pg 7 ...no peaking!



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Leaving a Legacy **Will's & Estates**

Thinking and planning about the end of our earthly existence is an uncomfortable and often taboo subject that many of us try to avoid. The reality of our eventual passing is not something we wish to think about. Many put off the important task of giving direction to our possessions acquired over the course of a lifetime and how they should be dealt with when we are gone. This is where the importance of having a Last Will and Testament comes into play. It is designed to articulate how, where and what we wish to do with those possessions. Lawyers are there to help us with creating a Will and to advise and guide us in the preparation of this very important document.

A Last Will and Testament is a legally binding document. It is an enduring statement that can reflect our individual values and ensures that which is important to us is taken care of when we are gone. They help alleviate some of the stress to your family members as they deal with your passing and the legality of disposing of your possessions. Among some of the most common things a Will can do is direct how to handle your personal and financial assets, how to care and provide for minor children or dependant family members. They can also give instruction to support a cause, charity or organization that is important to you. Above all, the most important reason to have a Will is that they provide peace of mind to you and your loved ones as there is now direction to follow after your passing.

There is much to be said about the creation of a Last Will and Testament that requires time and effort to produce. That is why the Brokenhead River Community Foundation is pleased to partner with the team from Wasylin Law Office in an upcoming Will and Estate Planning evening. Wasylin Law Office is a local community office that specializes in matters related to Will and Estate Planning. This father and son team is committed to providing the best legal representation to their clients with the goal to navigate the complexities of this process with clarity and compassion at an affordable cost.



Chris & Mike Wasylin

So please join us on *Tuesday, May 7th - 7pm at the BeauHead Senior Centre* as we present an open and free event to our community on Wills & Estates. Michael and Christopher Wasylin will be on hand to give guidance and expertise on the process of creating a Last Will and Testament.



Understanding Wills & Estates

May 7th, 2024 @ 7pm

Beauhead Senior Centre, Beausejour, MB

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*2023 Financial Summary Report

*For further details on the financial report, please see our website - brcfoundation.ca

LIABILITIES & EQUITY	Oct 2023	Oct 2022	Change
Accounts Payable	2,598	587	2,011
Grants Payable	0	29,584	-29,584
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,215,815	1,215,815	0
Net Income	296,617		296,617
Totals	1,515,029	1,245,985	269,044

Assets	Oct 2023	Oct 2022	Change
Main Bank Account - Access CU	47,775	43,770	4,005
Grant Holding Accounts	53,933	47,297	6,636
Shares - Access CU	11	11	0
Endowment Capital - TWF	1,413,129	1,153,101	260,028
Accounts Receivable		800	-800
Prepaid Expenses		327	-327
GST Receivable	181	679	-498
Total Assets	1,515,029	1,245,985	269,044

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UPCOMING EVENTS

***We have a very busy spring & summer planned with many dates to note.
Please help us help our community by supporting the BRCF.***



**Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Week in support
of the BRCF (ends May 5)**



Understanding Wills & Estates Evening



Scholarships & Bursaries Deadline



2023 Grant Recipients Report Deadline



2024 Grant Submission Deadline



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HEY GRADS!

St. Ouens Garson
Beausejour Thalberg

The Brokenhead River Community Foundation has scholarship & bursary opportunities for any graduating student living in the École Edward Schreyer School catchment area! That means even if you are graduating at another school, you can qualify just by living in our community!



you know what to do here

Post secondary?!

Deadline to apply May 31


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Our Community

Answers from page 3 - past community grant recipients

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CPTC Brighten
Beausejour" Track
Lighting Project (2023)

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Beausejour Active Transportation
Committee - Rail Trail Prairie Parks (2020)

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Tyndall Curling Club - Curling
rock refurbishing (2019)

3



Beausejour Brokenhead Firefighter's
Association - Fire Prevention Teaching
Materials (2023)

Do you know of a local community organization in need of grant funding?

Contact us to see if the BRCF could be of assistance.

The BRCF provides community grants, scholarships & bursaries to enhance the quality of life in the Beausejour-Brokenhead community.

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WHAT IS THE



BROKENHEAD RIVER
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We are a local volunteer run organization that accepts gifts and donations for sustainable investment to generate revenue.



Revenue is put directly back into the community by way of grants, scholarships and bursaries.

The principal balance is never spent and allows the foundation to continually give back to the Beausejour Brokenhead community – **forever!**



We rely upon the generous financial gifts from donors to continue our mission to give back to our community

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