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NEWSLETTER

FALL 2024

ENDOW MANITOBA GIVING WEEK CHALLENGE

Every year in November, The Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge is your opportunity to help your community foundation grow exponentially. This year is no exception. The Brokenhead River Community Foundation is thrilled to share this week once again with you! Gifts made to the BRCF "Unrestricted Funds" between November 12-17 will be "stretched" through the combined efforts of the Manitoba government and The Winnipeg

Foundation. This increases the amount the Foundation receives with your donation.

What does this mean?

The Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba government are committed to the growth of community foundations across Manitoba, each providing a maximum stretch of \$2,000 per foundation. This means the BRCF can receive up to \$4,000 in stretch funding. For every dollar donated (up to \$10,000) the Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba Government will add a total \$.40 on the dollar donated. This means more money being invested in our communities!

Making a donation during Giving Week is easy! One of the easiest ways is to head over to the Foundation website at www.brcfoundation.ca. If you click on the "Donate Today" header, you will find a direct link to all the ways you can donate (including online through "The Winnipeg Foundation portal". The Winnipeg Foundation partners and supports rural foundations like the BRCF.

As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, you can contact the BRCF via all the methods posted in this newsletter!



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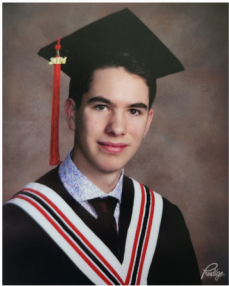
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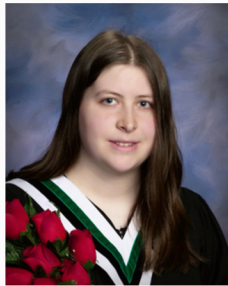
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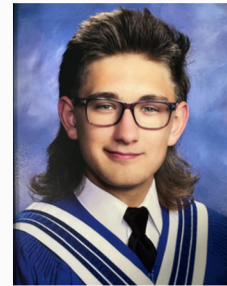
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Aaron Degenhardt -
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New Fund Spotlight!



The BRCF is pleased to announce the establishment of 2 new Funds within the Foundation

The Foundation was blessed to recently receive a generous donation from local residents Holly Madden and Scott (Philip) Bodnarchuk to establish the "Madden- Bodnarchuk Sports Bursary Fund." This new fund is to support students who are graduating and reside in the École Edward Schreyer School catchment area. Students are required to have been involved in amateur sport throughout their high school years. Applicants must have secured a sports related scholarship at any university, technical school or community college



specifically in the sports of soccer, volleyball, baseball, track and field or swimming. Their field of study is not restricted to anything specific. There is also an option to apply if the applicant goes on to post-secondary education at a university, technical school or community college in a sports related field. (For example: Kinesiology, Physical Education Teacher, Athletic Therapy, Physiotherapy, etc.)

Holly and Scott both grew up being involved in various sports and continue to be involved to this day. They have both sat on the BRCF board at different points of time which helped to understand the needs of our community. According to Holly, "although we were unable to have children of our own, we have many family members involved in sport and enjoy taking in their games and tournaments. We have experienced and are witness

to the benefits that sport provides youth. Sport provides many physical health benefits, improves mental health, increases confidence, encourages teamwork and sportsmanship and creates friendships that last a lifetime." Holly also added that because "not all youth are able to attain the academic standings that are a prerequisite for many post-secondary scholarships this Fund is created in the form of a bursary."

Holly became a BRCF Board Member in January 2022. She shared that she and Scott chose the BRCF because they "have both witnessed the benefits the Foundation provides to students and community organizations. We wanted to create a fund that would assist current and future students in a sports related way with their post-secondary education and leave a legacy at the same time."

Local residents Clinton Orr and Jodi Ruta gifted securities to the Foundation that were redeemed in the amount of \$202,054.59 to create the "Clinton Orr and Jodi Ruta Community Builder Fund.". This Fund will provide post-secondary funding to eligible graduating students within the École Edward Schreyer School Catchment Area.

When asked about the goal of this Fund, Clinton easily shared "Our goal is to encourage kids to get involved in their local organizations, to give back, and to connect with their community. We believe when kids engage in community service, they can cultivate empathy, strengthen social bonds, and develop valuable skills, all while having a positive impact on their neighbourhood."

Jodi also shared insight as to why they made this large donation. Ruta explained, "My family has

always been big into supporting our community. I have seen the positive impacts that it makes not only to the community but also to those who are volunteering. We are making this donation to hopefully promote more young people to get involved in the community."

The Foundation is pleased to be able to offer individuals the opportunity to create funds like Clinton and Jodi's. Right from the beginning, this partnership was open and the desire to work together was evident. When asked why they chose the Foundation Clinton responded "The Brokenhead River Community Foundation was the perfect partner. They have a long history of working with our community and have provided us with guidance throughout the process. Their people and infrastructure will ensure the fund is properly administered, rewarding civic minded students for years to come."



Foundation President Reg Black offered, "On behalf of the Foundation Board, and more importantly, our community, it is an absolute pleasure to announce these new Funds. The impact it will have for local students, forever, will be life changing. Sincere appreciation to Holly, Scott, Clinton and Jodi for entrusting the Foundation with their goals of giving back."

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Tax Benefits of Charitable Donations

We always hear about how making charitable donations (to registered charities) can help when filing your taxes but how does it really work?

Not only is giving to charity a great way to make a difference to your favourite cause, but when you claim your charitable tax credits you can also take advantage of federal and provincial government tax incentives.

Federal and provincial donation tax credits add up.

By donating to your favourite charity, you may receive as much as 49% of the amount you donated back at tax time. You should note that the percentages are not always that high though. For example, a donation of \$200 would be at more of a 25% return. This incentive would only apply to people who are "taxable" to begin with. A person who is not taxable at all won't save anything or receive any extra refund by claiming donations

Reduce Capital Gains Taxes

In most cases, donating appreciated stocks, mutual funds or stock options means you pay no tax on the capital gains.

Carry previous donations forward for a larger tax credit

You do not have to claim all of the donations you made in the year they were made. Any donation is automatically eligible to carry forward, and claim on your tax return, for up to five years. This flexibility means that the unclaimed carry-forward portion may qualify for a larger tax deduction in the future.

Transfer donation credits to your spouse or common-law partner

The donation tax credit is a non-refundable tax credit which means other tax credits must get claimed first to bring your tax payable to zero. If you cannot claim your donation amount on your tax return, pool your donations with your partner's for a larger tax credit on their tax return.



When it comes to charitable tax giving, you should always be informed. Ensure you are donating to an actual registered charity (like the BRCF) in Canada and talk to your Financial Advisor, Accountant or Tax Preparation Provider for the current and most accurate information. In addition, the Canadian Revenue Agency website is always updated with the most recent information. (website below)



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Grant Recipient Project Spotlight

Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre



Last year, the Brokenhead River Community Foundation was pleased to provide grant money to the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre for their Community Connection Events! According to Rebecca Watson (Keeper of the Centre) the "events have been a major success and very well attended by local groups like Association for Community Living, Network 4 Change, Brokenhead River Recreation Commission kids summer camp and lots of community members from the RM of Brokenhead, Beausejour, the Beauhead Senior Centre and more. All events were for FREE for participants, allowing many who perhaps could not have attended, to come to the Centre for teachings, time on the land and connection, all in the Spirit of Truth and Reconciliation."

Community Connection events at SSSC are gaining more momentum and they look forward to offering these events for years to come! In addition, they do host monthly sweats and drum circles for the community and most recently will be offering family sweat ceremonies.

Learn more about the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre at

www.sandysaulteaux.ca

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

**We have a very busy fall planned with important dates to note.
Supporting the BRCF means supporting the community.**

**Giving Week ~ November 12 to 17,
2024**



Now is the time to help your community flourish forever!

Give to your local community foundation
between **November 12-17**.

Make a gift to your community foundation's unrestricted fund between November 12-17
during the **Endow Manitoba Giving Challenge** and your gift will be stretched,
with support from The Winnipeg Foundation and the Manitoba government –
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Help The Foundation Help Our Community

Come Support The BRCF Fall Event

"The Brokenhead River Community Foundation Soiree - An elegant evening with refined hors d'oeuvres paired with premium spirits and wines"

Your \$100 ticket includes:

- ~ a branded glass for the free welcome cocktail (keepsake glass to take home)
- ~ 4 Sampling tables featuring Canadian Whisky; Scotch Whisky; Gin and Premium Wines
- ~ exclusive event appetizer and food pairings such as Smoked Salmon Canapes; Dark Chocolate Covered Strawberries; Fresh Oysters; Blue Cheese Steak Crostini; Crème Caramel; Stuffed Mushrooms; Fig Jam with Brie, Gouda or Aged Cheddar; Olive Chorizo with Manchego Cheese, Blue Cheese or Goat Cheese & more
- ~ "Bartop" Charcuterie Board
- ~ Sampling stations will be approximately 1/4 shot per person and 2-3 oz of wine per person (more than one selection at each station)
- ~ free Door Prize entries with every ticket purchased
- ~ Opportunity to bid in the Live Auction
- ~ \$25 tax receipt
- ~ The bar will be open for others who would like to purchase other beverages

This inaugural event is a great opportunity to get out with your friends, family, staff and kick off the holiday season while supporting the BRCF and the work it does in our community!

Purchase tickets from any board member of the Brokenhead River Community Foundation, the Breezy Oaks Inn & Tavern or by reaching out to Debbie Majeau (BRCF Administration & Marketing Co-ordinator) at contact information below.

Ticket sales limited to 200. Purchase early and avoid disappointment!



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**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16
2024**

**7 PM - 10 PM
BREEZY OAKS INN & TAVERN**

LIVE AUCTION

\$100 PER TICKET
\$25 tax receipt will be issued.

DOOR PRIZES

Tickets available from any board member of the BRCF, at Breezy Oaks, or by calling/texting Debbie at 431-343-2723.

ALL MONIES RAISED GO TOWARDS THE BROKENHEAD RIVER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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

Contact the BRCF to see if it 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



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It is 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!**



The Foundation relies on the generous financial gifts from donors to continue its mission to give back to our community

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