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COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPRING 2025



2024 Grant Recipient Spotlight

Flying down the ice on a sharp pair of skates.... performing a theatre production in front of a packed house...knowing you aren't alone in grieving the loss of a loved one... rehabilitation services after a stroke...supplying new basketballs for the high school teams... building a play structure...maintaining historical archives.... these are just a few of the projects that have been funded in 2024 thanks to BRCF donors and fund holders!

With so many applications and worthwhile causes, the "BRCF Grants Committee" works hard to distribute funding dollars. This year was no exception. This committee is comprised

of members from the BRCF Board of Directors and community members. The Foundation is so honoured to announce that \$40,441 was awarded in grant funding for 2024 for the following:

- The Big Beausejour Book Sale ~ new signage
- Brokenhead River Regional Library ~ new & improved lighting
- ESS Sport Fund (Ina Gibson Fund) ~ new basketballs for the ÉESS basketball program
- Elizabeth Schreyer Archive Fund ~ maintenance of historical records with the Broken-Beau Historical Society/Pioneer Village Museum
- Haystack Productions ~ wireless

communication system

- Interlake Eastman Health Fund ~ Camp Stepping Stones attendance
- Interlake Eastman Health Fund ~ Saebo Glove System for Stroke Rehabilitation (Beausejour Hospital East Gate Lodge Fund)
- Michael Hamende Memorial Minor Hockey Fund ~ BBMHA training and equipment
- Network 4 Change (& Cherrey Family Trust Fund) ~ new play structure
- Recreation Opportunities for Children (ROC) Eastman ~ mobile skate sharpener
- Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Center ~ sweat lodge site, change rooms & seating area

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Community Impact



Melanie Pelletier (The Big Beausejour Book Sale) & Leone Rondeau (BRCF Board Member)



Ashley Myers (Brokenhead River Regional Library) & Bonnie Stefansson (BRCF Board Member)



Holly Madden (BRCF Board Member) & Hon. Ed Schreyer (Elizabeth Schreyer Archive Fund)



Felix Wastle, Lori Sobetski, Judy Oderkirk (Haystack Productions) & Zane Hunter (BRCF Board Member)



Averill Stephenson (IEHF) & Brenda Wilgosh (BRCF Board Member)



Averill Stephenson (IEHF) & Holly Madden (BRCF Board Member)
"Beausejour Hospital East Gate Lodge Fund"



Shirley Cherrey (Cherry Family Trust Fund), Melinda Ives (Network 4 Change), Leone Rondeau (BRCF Board Member), Dana Rueckert & Kelly Fiebelkorn (Network 4 Change)

The following Community Fund holders contributed "unrestricted" dollars to make these grants possible.

BRCF General Fund * BRCF Sports Fund *
2006 Winter Games Fund * Big
Beausejour Book Sale Fund * CPTC
Community Fund

The following Community Fund holders contributed "dedicated" dollars to make these grants possible.

Beausejour Hospital/East Gate Lodge Fund *
Cherrey Family Trust Fund * Elizabeth
Schreyer Archive Fund * Ina Gibson Fund *
Michael Hamende Memorial Fund



Melinda Ives & Moni Loewen (Recreation Opportunities for Children "ROC" Eastman) & Holly Madden (BRCF Board Member)

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“Fund Feature”

Cherrey Family Trust Fund



The Cherrey Family Trust Fund

The Cherrey Family Trust Fund was established by the Cherrey Family in 2021. Jean and Laverne Cherrey moved to the Town of Beausejour in July 1967 with their seven children, Norman, Kenneth, Donald, Eleanor, Shirley, Allan, and Arlene. Although Jean and Laverne have both passed away, they have left behind seven children, 10 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. Jean and Laverne were very active community members in various organizations and have instilled that same sense of volunteer involvement within their children. In the words of Shirley Cherrey, “Beausejour will always be home to our family...Leaving a footprint is important.”

Leaving a Family Legacy

Shirley Cherrey joined the Brokenhead River Community Foundation as a volunteer in 2019, as she believed in the core objectives and the great community work the Foundation was doing. Shirley approached her family and together they started a trust fund under the "Cherrey" name, to support projects/programs in the local community. Leaving a family legacy was important, not only so that they could see how their support could help in the local community, but also how it could benefit future generations.

Eligibility

Applications must be for requests of supporting the Town of Beausejour with projects or programs by non-profit groups in the following areas of interest:

1. Sports ~ hockey, curling and figure skating
2. Public Spaces ~ playground & swimming pool
3. Physical Activity ~ walking trails & parks

Requests can be made relating to above categories for:

1. The purchase of equipment
2. Sport or player development
3. The funding of infrastructure improvements
4. Any other opportunity; mutually agreed upon by the BRCF & an acting member of the Cherrey Family



Other Information

Contributions, to the Cherrey Fund, as of April 1, 2025 were **\$106,904.92**. In Fall 2024, the first grant disbursement took place with **\$6,121.00** being gifted to **Network 4 Change** in support of their playground initiative.



Jean & Laverne Cherrey

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The Power of Philanthropy

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Bursary/Scholarship

BRCF Bursary

BRCF Scholarship

Beausejour Curling Club Scholarship

*Brokenhead ~Thalberg North~ Mars~ Brokenhead East
Scholarship*

Clinton Orr/Jodi Ruta Community Builder

Eric Lefko Memorial Bursary

Ernie Tirschmann Memorial Bursary

Gerald & Dr. Pamela Hawranik Bursary for Nursing

Ken Matchizen Memorial Scholarship

Madden-Bodnarchuk Sports Bursary

Radford Math Scholarship

Radford Science Scholarship

Robert Rittwage Memorial Scholarship

Robert Rondeau Memorial Scholarship



Funds as of April 2025

Community

BRCF Admin Fund

BRCF General Fund

BRCF Sports Fund

BRCF Yourh in Philanthropy (YiP) Fund

2006 Winter Games Fund

Beausejour Hospital/East Gate Lodge Fund

Best Community Fund

Big Beausejour Book Sale Fund

CPTC Community Fund

Cherrey Family Trust Fund

Don Grieg Fund

Elizabeth Schreyer Archive Fund

Ina Gibson Fund

Michael Hamende Memorial Fund

Nieckarz/Hill Community Fund

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2024 Financial Summary

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Main Bank Account - Access CU
Grant Holding Accounts
Shares - Access CU
Long-term Investments @ MV
Accounts Receivable
Undeposited Funds
Prepaid Expenses
GST Receivable

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable
Grants Payable
Total Accounts Payable

Equity

Unrestricted Net Assets
Net Income
Total Equity

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

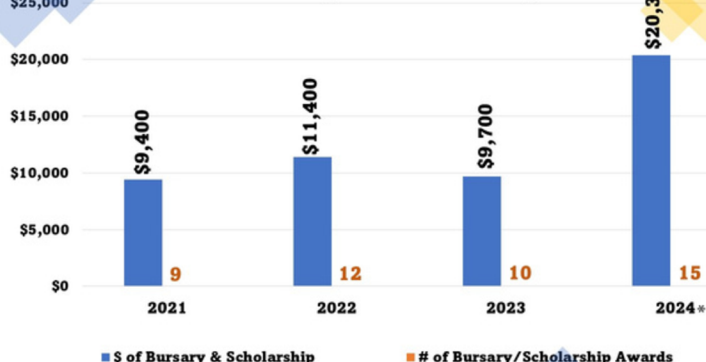
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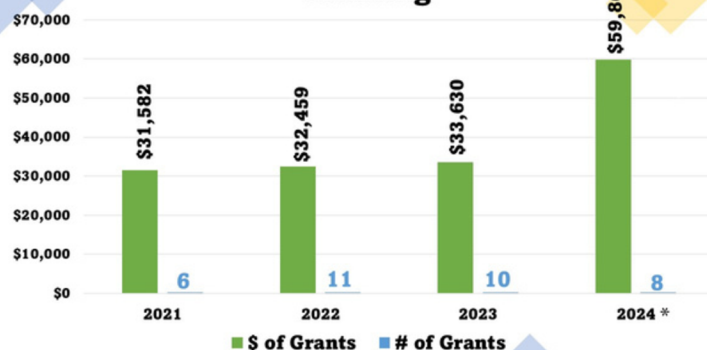
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0	100	-100
0	750	-750
144	7	137
2,475,291	1,703,119	772,172

Bursary/Scholarship



Granting



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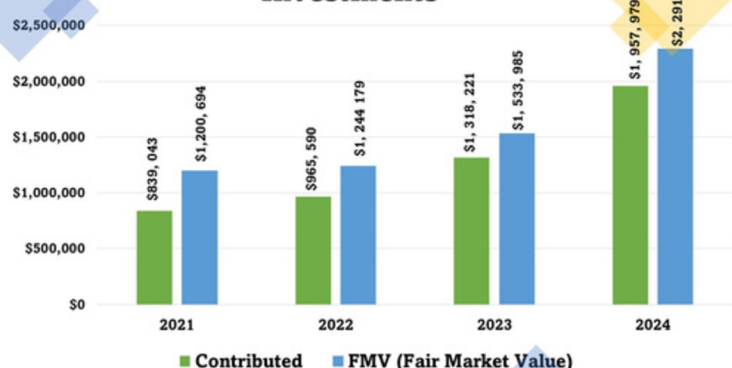
The gifts of all donors, past and present, have enabled the Foundation to continue
community support for today, tomorrow and forever!

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Ans, Linda & Ken
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Bialek, Jane
Bialek, Kenneth
Bialek, Randy & Iris
Big Beausejour Book Sale Inc
BJ Brokenhead Fire Fighters Assoc
Black, Jared
Black, Reg & Myrna
Borkowsky, Donna
Burden, Jeff & Monique
Bush, Jennifer
Campbell, Denise
Canadian Online Giving Foundation
Canadian Power Toboggan Championships
CD Mroz Farm
Century 21 Sun Country Realty
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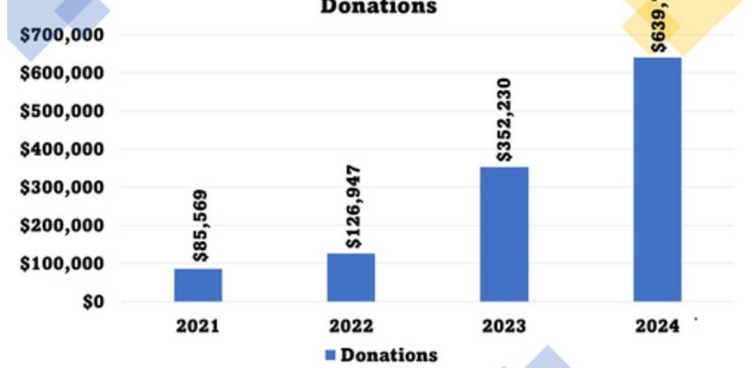
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Hamende, Lawrence B
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Hay, Tom
Hildebrandt, Kerryleegh
Holowinski, Gisele
Hunter, Zane
Johnson, Mary
Kiazyk, Chris & Barbara
Kowalchuk, Jack and Christine
Litke, Joan
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Puhacz, Gregory
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Rondeau, Kieran
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Rossington & Plohman, Shaunda & Gary
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Investments



Donations



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Vital
Signs
Report
Release**

Scholarship
& Bursary
Reception

June 19

Grant Info
Session

August 25

Fall Grant
Intake
Deadline
Sept 30

Giving
Week
November

LOOK FOR THE
BRCF AT LOCAL
EVENTS ALL
SUMMER LONG

Beausejour/Brokenhead Community
Groups & Organizations! Do you need
money?!

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Thomas Sill & BRCF

*** Apply Today!!! ***

Deadline
to apply
May 9



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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!

Post
secondary?!

**Deadline to
apply May 31**

“Vital Signs” Update!

The response to the Vital Signs
survey was nothing short of
amazing! Thank you to everyone who
took time to share their thoughts and
experiences! Please stay tuned to
the website and social media pages
for the upcoming launch!!

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WHAT IS THE



BROKENHEAD RIVER
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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

Please consider making a *forever* gift.

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