



NEWSLETTER

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The Brokenhead River Community Foundation Youth in Philanthropy (YiP) is going strong! The Foundation is so pleased to see the youth in our community taking an active role in volunteering and giving! From supporting local events, participating in the Double B Agricultural Festival parade, volunteering with community non-profits and providing grants, the youth are truly learning to be a part of something special!

If you are, or know, a youth aged 12-19 who might like to be involved with YiP, please reach out to yip@brcfoundation.ca for more information. Our YiP Coordinators will be happy to provide you with more information!

Did you know???

The Brokenhead River Community Foundation has an office! Thanks to generous support from Century 21 Sun Country Realty, the Foundation has a physical space to conduct business. Located in the back office at 644 Park Avenue in Beausejour, it's easy to arrange a meet up with Debbie! Want to check it out? Why not message and come in for a cup of coffee and a chat? Or drop in when the sign is out front of the building! There's nothing the Foundation likes better than connecting with our community!

Vital Signs Report Still Going Strong

The Vital Signs Report may have been completed in 2025 but it is still going strong in 2026!

We know many of you have had an opportunity to view the report, either via the website or in print form. The buzz that has been generated with it is incredible and the Foundation is so happy to see it being utilized in the community.

The report continues to be a valuable tool for our community moving forward. As we look to continued growth while addressing gaps in existing areas, the information gathered in the report will prove itself necessary time and again. If you haven't seen the report, visit www.brcfoundation.ca/vital-signs/



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Spotlight Corner

Growing our Community. Together. Forever!



The Big Beausejour Book Sale purchased wagons with grant money to assist shoppers in loading their book purchases. These wagons were a welcome addition to the shopping experience!

The Big Beausejour Book Sale not only raises funds to give back to the community. They also collect and distribute new & used school supplies for local students and fund the Dolly Parton "Imagination Library" in Beausejour Brokenhead.

Beausejour Daylily Gardens installed a new outdoor bulletin board with funds from the Nieckarz Hill Fund. This new board not only shares important information about the gardens but also includes community event information and serves as a welcome spot for visitors to our community.

Did you know that Daylily Gardens is the only official American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) display garden on the Canadian prairies?



École Edward Schreyer School now has "beach volleyball" courts on the school grounds thanks to the funds they received through the 2026 grant opportunities. Students can now engage more actively in volleyball at the school with a whole new dynamic in the outdoors! Go Barons!!





2026 GRANTS GIVING BACK

Beauhead Arts Festival

\$2,250 ~ Community Grant from “BRCF Community” Funds for power packs & equipment for the Arts Festival.

Beausejour & Area Food Bank

\$1,634 ~ Designated Grant from the “Don Grieg Fund”

Beausejour Brokenhead Minor Hockey Association (BBMHA)

\$2,010 ~ Designated Grant from the “Michael Hamende Memorial Minor Hockey Fund” & the “Cherrey Family Trust Fund” for equipment, training and skill development.

Beausejour Curling Club

\$1,922.36 ~ Community Grant from “BRCF Community” Funds & the “Cherrey Family Trust Fund” for ghost rings and bar glasses.

Beausejour Handivan

\$1,634 ~ Designated Grant from the “Don Grieg Fund”

Beausejour Slo-Pitch League

\$4,500 ~ Community Grant from “BRCF Community” Funds & “Canadian Power Toboggan Championships (CPTC) Fund” for bathroom renovations at the Beausejour ball diamonds

Big Beausejour Book Sale

\$1500 ~ Community Grant from “BRCF Community” Funds & the “Ina Gibson Fund” for wagons/carts at the Big Beausejour Book Sale (BBBS)

Brokenhead River Regional Library

\$17,000 ~ Community Grant from “BRCF Community” Funds, the “Thomas Sill Fund” & “The Big Beausejour Book Sale Fund” for the “washroom for everyone” renovation

École Edward Schreyer School (Sunrise School Division)

\$14,639.27 ~ Community Grant from “BRCF Community” Funds for beach volleyball courts

Friends of Daylily Gardens

\$1,125 ~ Community Grant from “Nieckarz Hill Community Fund” for an outdoor bulletin board at the Daylily Gardens

Interlake Eastman Health Fund

\$5834 ~ Designated Grant from the “East Gate Lodge/Beausejour Hospital Fund”

Pioneer Village Museum/Broken- Beau Historical Society

\$624 ~ Designated Grant from the “Elizabeth Schreyer Archive Fund”

Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre

\$10,000 ~ Community Grant from the “Thomas Sill Fund” for the sweat lodge interior house project

Survivor’s Hope Crisis Centre

\$2,000 ~ Community Grant from “BRCF Community” Funds for delivery of workshops, services and programs in the Beausejour Brokenhead area

Tyndall Curling Club

\$4,381 ~ Community Grant from the “Best Fund” & the “2006 Winter Games Fund” for the rock surface refurbishment



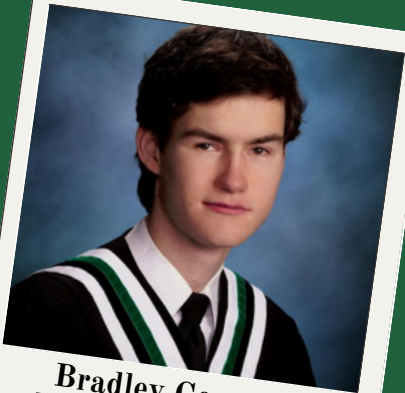
Asher Boonstra
Ernie Tirschmann Memorial Bursary
Radford Math Scholarship



Jordan Clark
Town of Beausejour Scholarship



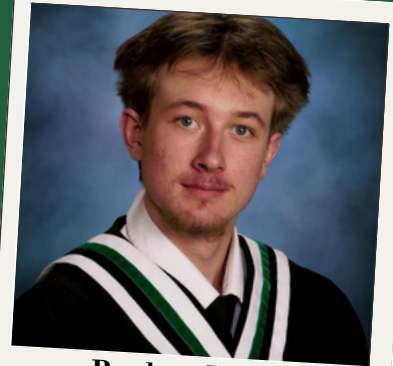
Skyla Dickerson
BRCF Bursary
Orr/Ruta Community Builder Fund



Bradley Germain
Robert Rittwage Memorial
Scholarship



Jaiden Ives
Eric Lefko Memorial Bursary



Reuben Kurbis
Brokenhead~Thalberg North~Mars~
Brokenhead East Scholarship



Brodie McDonald
BRCF Bursary



Kyra Pituley
Gerald & Dr. Pamela Hawranik
Bursary for Nursing Students
Orr/Ruta Community Builder Fund



Gabi Trudeau
Ken Matchizen Memorial Scholarship



Hayden Vernon
BRCF Scholarship
Radford Science Scholarship

Class of 2026 Bursary & Scholarship Recipients



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR LOCAL GRADS

Ans, Linda & Ken
 Arason-Li, May
 Baker, Vince & Nicole
 Bandel, Linda
 Bangert, Carl & Lea-Anne
 Bayne, Jeff & Leanne
 Beausejour Annual Craft Show & Sale
 Beausejour Curling Club
 Best, Otto & Lorraine
 Bialek, Kenneth
 Bialek, Rozalia
 Big Beausejour Book Sale Inc
 Beausejour Brokenhead Fire Fighters Assoc
 Black, Gordon & Darlene
 Black, Jared
 Black, Reg & Myrna
 Black, William
 Blanchard, Joan
 Blight, Irene
 Borkowsky, Donna
 Borkowsky, Karen
 Bush, Jennifer
 Campbell, Denise
 Canadian Online Giving Foundation
 Canadian Power Toboggan Championships
 CD Mroz Farm
 Century 21 Sun Country Realty
 Cherrey, Shirley
 Church, Carol
 Concordia Village Resident Advisory Council
 Donahue, David
 Dreffs, Dale
 Dunstan, Deborah
 Eastland Wildlife Association
 Ejucied Distributors Ltd

Estate of Donna Kisiloski
 Estate of Victoria Bialek
 Fosty, Dianna
 Goalen, Lawrie & Fran
 Graves, Gerald
 Greig, Don
 Greschuk, Susan
 Hamende, Lawrence B
 Holowinski, Gisele
 Horosko, Andrew & Linda
 Hrycewich, Marney
 Hunter, Zane
 Janson, Arno & Margaret
 Johnson, Mary
 Kamaraus, Judy
 Kiazzyk, Chris & Barbara
 Klapprat, Shirlee
 Komadowski, Sherry
 Kowalchuk, Jack and Christine
 Kozyra, Karen
 Lackman, Brian & Carol
 Lefko Farms Ltd
 Litke, Joan
 Litke, Shona
 MacLean, F. Kennedy & Wendy
 Madden & Bodnarchuk, Holly & Philip
 Majeau, Joël & Debbie
 Matchizen, Betty
 Mattern, Brad & Karen
 Molinksi, Gordon & Darlene
 Plohman, Grant & Judy
 Podealuk Greg
 Powers, Jarrett & Sandy
 Pratt, Lois
 Raynor, Stan & Kathleen

Ready, Robert & Lyla
 Reimer, Donald & Darlene
 Rondeau, Alma
 Rondeau, Leone
 Rosentreter, Michelle
 Rossington & Plohman, Shaunda & Gary
 Rowan, John & Catherine
 Russell, Gertrude
 Saunders, Gloria
 Schade, Bruce & Shannon
 Scheer, Leo & Gail
 Schulz, John & Katharine
 Shuster, Sara
 Social Responsibility (Federated Co-op Ltd)
 Stefansson, Jay & Bonnie
 Strecker, Greg & Denise
 Strecker, Rodney & Mona
 Stuve, John & Gisele
 Tarantism Dance Company
 The Winnipeg Foundation
 Tim Hortons Advertising & Promotion Fund
 Tirschmann, Douglas
 Turner, Donna
 Tymko, Al & Marg
 United Way Winnipeg
 Urban, Anthony & Kathryn
 Van Rensburg, Nicholas
 Versluis, Duane
 Warren, David & Janice
 Wilgosh, Glen & Brenda
 Wilgosh, Jennifer
 Young, Allan & Alice
 Young, Erica
 Anonymous Donors

2025

The BRCF also gratefully acknowledges that some of the above donations were made in memory of the following loved ones. May they forever live on in our hearts, minds and community.

*Diane Bialek
 Victoria Bialek
 Margaret Black*

*Alice Dreffs
 Michele Mills*

*Larrie Somerville
 Jennie Wolanin*

The Brokenhead River Community Foundation apologizes for any omissions or errors. Contact: brcf@brcfoundation.ca or 431-343-2723

Thank you!!

EVERY DONATION MATTERS.
 EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.
 EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.
 FOREVER!



Want to stay truly informed and connected to the BRCF?

Sign up for the e-news direct to your inbox! Not only will you get the newsletter as soon as it is released, but once a month, you will also receive the latest in Foundation updates! You can sign up via the website at www.brcfoundation.ca. There is a convenient pop-up the first time you visit the site or you can email brcf@brcfoundation.ca and Debbie will help you out!

FUNDING THE FUTURE

In April of 2026, BRCF Board of Directors conducted the first ever Strategic Planning session for the Foundation. Along with the acknowledgment of great growth, plans were made for continued development and goal setting. One of the biggest goals set is to reach \$7.5 million endowed by the end of 2030. This is, no doubt, an aggressive approach to growth but with all that has been happening in support of the Foundation, it is very possibly, an attainable one!

As one of the first steps toward that goal, the BRCF is rolling out the “Every Dollar Counts Campaign” beginning immediately! It’s always incredible to receive large monetary donations but the change in your pocket also makes a huge difference! Even if you give a dollar, that dollar continues to make an impact year after year! Stay tuned for much more coming on these incredible initiatives!

OVER THE YEARS

Did you know that if you donated \$10 in 2010, just a few of the things you have helped fund since that time are:

- ~a security system for the Garson Hall
- ~benches for Train Whistle Park
- ~lockers for the Splash Pool
- ~TV’s for Stony Plains
- ~walking paths at Daylily Gardens
- ~tables/chairs for the Air Cadet Program
- ~renovations at the Brokenhead River Community Hall
- ~upgrades to the Nolan Thomas Playground
- ~woodworking tools for ACL
- ~curling sticks for the Beausejour Curling Club
- ~Memorial Flags for the Beausejour Legion
- ~a play-structure at Network 4 Change
- ~community gardens at Pioneer Village Museum
- ~lighting at the CPTC grounds
- ~powerpacks for the Beauhead Arts Festival

...and your donation continues to support each year...forever!



The poster features a scenic background of a river at sunset. At the top left is the Brokenhead River Community Foundation logo with the tagline "Growing our community. Together. Forever!". To the right is the slogan "Stronger Communities Brighter Tomorrows". The central text reads "Every DOLLAR COUNTS" in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts, with a large heart symbol to the right. Below this, a blue banner says "Local Giving. Lasting Change." A row of four icons with labels follows: "SUPPORTS LOCAL INITIATIVES" (people icon), "BUILDS OPPORTUNITIES" (plant icon), "STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY" (house icon), and "PRESERVES OUR HERITAGE" (trees icon). A dark blue brushstroke banner contains the text "Give Today! BECAUSE EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS." Below this is the website "www.brcfoundation.ca". At the bottom, a paragraph explains the impact: "The impact doesn't simply come from the size of each donation made. It comes from what happens collectively. When you give to the Foundation, your donation is invested and never spent. A portion of the interest earned is donated back to the community year after year. That is how and where the impact is made! Together. Forever!"

View the *BRCF 2026-2030 Strategic Plan* at www.brcfoundation.ca under the “About Us” tab

Balance Sheet 2025

	December 2025	December 2024	Change
ASSETS			
Main Bank Account - Access CU	48,157	46,060	2,097
Grant Holding Accounts	125,821	136,023	-10,203
Shares - Access CU	11	11	0
Long-term Investments @ MV	2,670,964	2,291,052	379,911
Accounts Receivable	1,500	2,000	-500
Undeposited Funds	0	0	0
Prepaid Expenses	0	0	0
GST Receivable	543	144	400
TOTAL ASSETS	2,846,996	2,475,291	371,705
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Accounts Payable			
Accounts Payable	162	308	-146
Grants Payable	49,353	40,441	8,912
Total Accounts Payable	49,515	40,749	8,766
Equity			
Unrestricted Net Assets	2,434,542	1,644,992	789,549
Net Income	362,939	789,549	-426,610
Total Equity	2,797,481	2,434,542	362,939
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,846,996	2,475,291	371,705

Local Businesses Supporting Community



\$4,840

**RAISED FOR THE
BROKENHEAD RIVER COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

Beausejour Consumers Co-op ~ Annually in September, Beausejour Co-op hosts "Fuel Good Day" at its gas bars. This year, the Foundation was chosen as the recipient from sales of gasoline, car washes, coffees and Big Cool beverages! Thank you so much to all those who stopped to fill up in so many ways!! And thank you to Beausejour Co-op for choosing the Foundation out of all the very worthy local organizations!

Beausejour Tim Hortons ~ 2026 marked ten years of partnership for the BRCF and the Beausejour Tim Hortons. Once again, Smile Cookie Week was a huge success in support of the Brokenhead River Community Foundation! Thanks to everyone who has purchased Smile Cookies at the Beausejour Tim Hortons location!

Century 21 Sun Country Realty ~ Jared Black of Century 21 has been hosting a glow golf tournament in September in support of the Foundation for five years now! This fall marked the highest annual donation yet at \$6,400 raised! Thank you to everyone who has supported this incredible event over the years and thank you to Jared for making this possible!!



Together, we raised
\$11,506.81
for local students
in 2026!!

Total raised to date:
(ten years running)

\$61,525.82



**\$19,780
raised
to date**



Where are they now?

In 2008, Katrina (Borkowsky) Geard was awarded the “Brokenhead~ Thalberg North~ Mars~ Brokenhead East Bursary” upon her graduation from École Edward Schreyer School. The BRCF recently caught up with Katrina and asked her what she is doing now and what the support meant to her upon graduation. Here is her response.



“I work as a Coordinator in the Social Services field. Receiving the Brokenhead River Community Foundation scholarship felt like a love letter from my community. As a young person, knowing that the community I grew up in, wanted to support my education was meaningful. It feels especially significant to have been supported by my community and now through my education, be able to give back through community-based work. I am very grateful for the opportunities that the scholarship created for me!”

The community and the BRCF always love to hear about what our students go on to achieve. If you have received a bursary or scholarship in the past, please reach out to Debbie and share where you are now! We would love to share your story!

WHAT IS THE



BROKENHEAD RIVER
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION



- ✓ 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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