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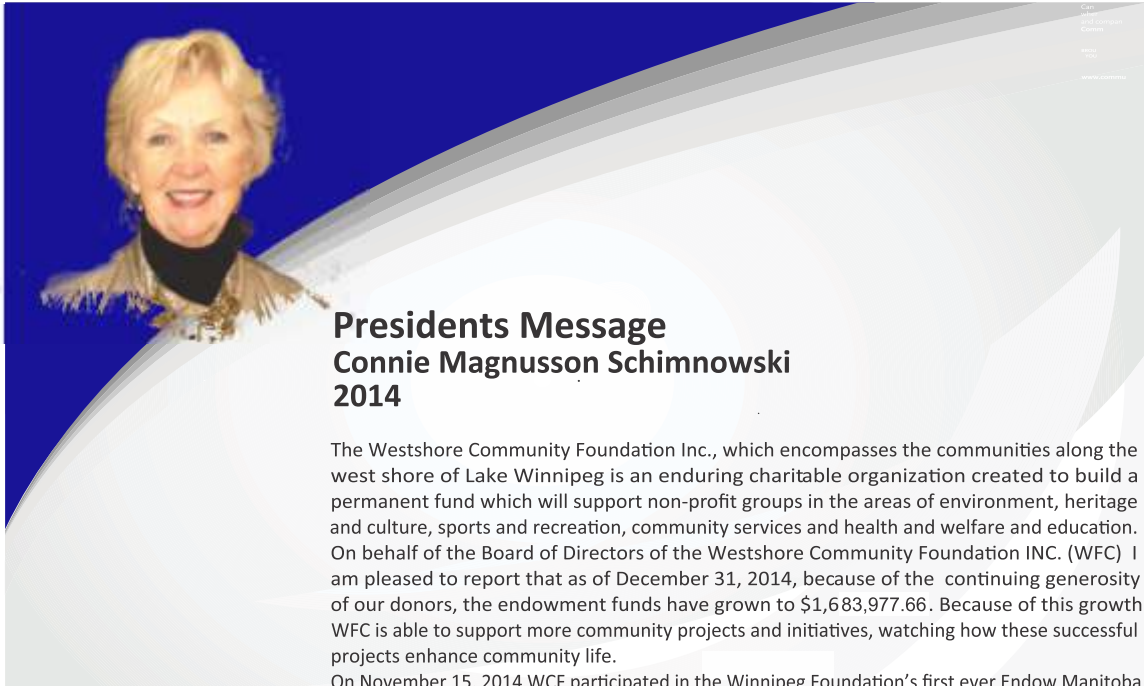
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"Building a Lasting Legacy"

Connie Magnusson-Schimnowski
President Westshore Community Foundation Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT





Presidents Message Connie Magnusson Schimnowski 2014

The Westshore Community Foundation Inc., which encompasses the communities along the west shore of Lake Winnipeg is an enduring charitable organization created to build a permanent fund which will support non-profit groups in the areas of environment, heritage and culture, sports and recreation, community services and health and welfare and education. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Westshore Community Foundation INC. (WFC) I am pleased to report that as of December 31, 2014, because of the continuing generosity of our donors, the endowment funds have grown to \$1,683,977.66. Because of this growth WFC is able to support more community projects and initiatives, watching how these successful projects enhance community life.

On November 15, 2014 WCF participated in the Winnipeg Foundation's first ever Endow Manitoba "Giving Challenge". Gifts were "stretched" on a 1to 5 ratio. Over \$5,000 was raised. This event not only raised funds but also created the opportunity to make Westshore Community Foundation more visible in the community. We will continue to do this with ongoing initiative. The Westshore Community Foundation exists for our community in which we live. The Westshore Community Foundation's mandate is to "Built a Lasting Legacy" We encourage everyone to help "plant the seeds" that will help grow our community. Become a donor, we would love to hear from you Visit our website at www.westshorefoundation.com or call our office at 204-642-9796 We look forward to hearing from you.

Your Board of Directors



Front row left to right:

Don Matthewson, Connie Magnusson-Schimnowski, Eric Stefanson, Tristin Tergesen, Shelley Narfason, Oli Narfason

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Tim Arnason, Mike Devlin, Giuseppe Dalzotto, Gerry Knudson, Jeff Wood

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THE LARRY & HELEN KRISTJANSON FAMILY BURSARY FUND

In April 2011 long time Gimli residents Larry & Helen Kristjanson established this fund to provide a bursary for Gimli High School students who exhibit good potential in life but lack the financial resources to pursue post secondary education



Dallas Nedotiafko of Fraserwood, as the first recipient of this award received \$2,330.00. Dallas is now studying at the Brandon University Faculty of Music after graduating with distinction from Gimli High School last June. A pianist and keyboard player, he plans a career in music and began building the foundation at Gimli High School where he played in the big band and jazz ensemble, sang in the divisional choir and mentored younger students on piano and clarinet.

He was also active in athletics and social justice issues.

CAROL ANN CLARK Memorial Scholarship & Bursary Fund Established 2008

Carol Ann Clark was born and worked in Winnipeg. upon her retirement, she made Gimli her home. Carol Ann Clark was a faithful, committed volunteer at Sigurbjorg Stefanson Early School until her passing in 2006. In her will, funds were directed to the Westshore Community Foundation and the Carol Ann Clark Scholarship Fund was established ensuring her commitment to children's education in this area would carry on.

Serena Bobrovich is from Arnes, Manitoba and a graduate of Gimli High School. She is in her final year in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba. Serena's goal is to become an Early years Teacher. In the past, Serena has volunteered as a Special Olympics swimming instructor and has performed respite work with a member in the community who has Downs Syndrome.



2014 **Serena Bobrovich**
received \$1,736.00

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"BUILDING A LASTING LEGACY THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS"

**Please think of Westshore Community Foundation
for your 2015 Charitable Donations**

Your donation goes back to the community through scholarships and where it helps local charities to deliver and expand their programs. The funds available for this community giving are here today, forever. Your support enriches the lives of many people in our community. For further information or an audited financial statement contact us at 204-642-9796, e-mail: westshorefdn@hotmail.ca or visit www.westshorefoundation.com.



NEW ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED BY AN OLD FRIEND

In November, 2014, the Estate of Alison Olson provided \$104,967 to establish the **ALISON OLSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY FUND** as stipulated in Alison's Last Will & Testament to financially support students in attending post-secondary education. This fund will commence granting scholarships in 2016. Alison is an old friend to Westshore, having established the Ted & Alison Olson Fund in 2012 to support various charities and worthy causes within our community. These endowments are an enduring legacy from an outstanding individual whose commitment to improving our community serves as a worthy model for us all!

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Giving is like a community quilt. We are uniquely sewn together in fabric of support which allows multiple individuals and organizations to create an intricate and vibrant whole. Various non-profit organizations give enormous service to our area, yet from time to time are in need of some financial assistance. whether it's churches, art clubs or day cares, the Westshore Community Foundation relies on individuals and business in the community for their generosity. The pattern of the spirit of Giving is set. When students seek scholarships for their post-secondary education support, Westshore comes to their aid. The community donors give to Westshore, who give to our youth, who graduate and bring their strength and experience back home. Sewn together to build a bright future. The Spirit of Giving blends us together and gives us an interwoven interconnected quilt.

submitted by Jeff Wood

"Building a Lasting Legacy"





THE TED & ALISON OLSON FUND

This fund was established in October 2012 by Alison Olson, a retired English teacher, in memory of her late husband Ted Olson, a lifelong resident and well known commercial fisherman in Gimli. It will support charitable endeavors in the community. The first grant of 2014 was \$729.00 and given to the Manitoba Heart & Stroke Fund for the purchase of a defibrillator to the Waterfront Center

VERNA PALMER MEMORIAL FUND

WESTSHORE'S FIRST DESIGNATED FUND ■ ESTABLISHED IN 2004

Keeps on Giving

This fund was established to support people within the Foundation's catchment who are in need of assistance to better their lives, with priority given to the needs of women and children. The fund divides its grants between the Evergreen Basic Needs and the Women's Resource Center. To date \$4,193.00 has been given.



In 2014 the Westshore Community Foundation Inc. awarded a grant of \$1000.00 to Evergreen Basic Needs towards the purchase of a truck. The purchase of this truck has helped to increase furniture sales substantially as they now have the ability to pick up and deliver items which are donated or sold. Prior to obtaining this vehicle, deliveries from Winnipeg Harvest were limited to once monthly. Now, Evergreen Basic Needs is able to drive to Harvest once a week for fresh fruit and vegetables. Since acquiring this truck they have picked up 14,000 pounds of food from Winnipeg Harvest for those in need in our community.



“Building a Lasting Legacy”

2014 Grants

Applicant Name	\$ Granted	Proposal
Gimli Lutheran Church	\$500.00	Carpeting
Gimli Seniors Residence	\$500.00	Building Costs
Gimli Unitarian Church	\$1,000.00	Gutters
Riverton Early Middle Years	\$2,500.00	Walking Track
Evergreen Band Boosters	\$2,000.00	Instruments
Family & Youth Regional Support	\$2,000.00	Healthy Parenting
Cornerstone Enterprises	\$3,000.00	Reno/expansion
Icelandic Festival of MB	\$1,000.00	Sound System
Interlake Women's Resource	\$2,500.00	Wheelchair ramp
RivertonBifrost Parks & Rec	\$1,000.00	Rest stop on trail
DGJMS PAC	\$1,000.00	Gym curtain
Minerva Hall Ladies Aid	\$1,000.00	Door & fridge
Evergreen Basic Needs	\$1,000.00	Truck purchase
Sigurbjorg Stefansson School	\$1,000.00	Natural Playground
Heart &Stroke Foundation	\$2,000.00	Defibrillators
Town Wpg. Beach Centennial Committee	\$2,000.00	Replica Lighthouse
Gimli Children's Centre	\$5,000.00	New Van
2014 Grants	\$29,000.00	

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Parenting Workshop

2014 - Our grants in action
Communicating and Coping with Your Teen

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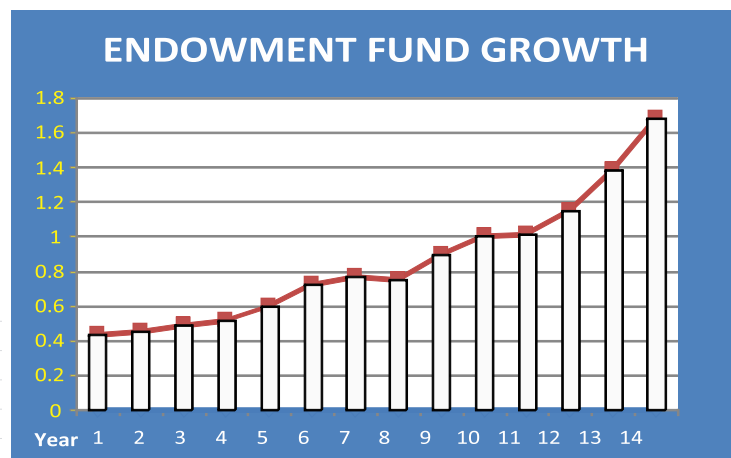


Westshore's Jeff Wood and Connie Magnusson- Schimnowski with Facilitator Bruce Somers



On November 15th, 2014 The Westshore Community Foundation participated in the Winnipeg Foundation's Endow Manitoba 24 Hour Giving Challenge. The Winnipeg Foundation offered to "stretch" every \$5.00 donation by \$1.00 up to \$2,000.00 per foundation. The challenge was on! Information about the challenge was placed throughout the Westshore area by our very capable marketing committee of Tim Arnason, Tristin Tergesen, Shelley Narfason and Mike Devlin. The amount raised by the Westshore Community Foundation from 28 donations was \$4,500.00 and with the stretch amount of \$900.00 from the Winnipeg Foundation, the total came to **\$5,406.00**. The Westshore Community Foundation wishes to thank everyone who participated in the "Challenge", helping to build a lasting legacy. The Westshore Community Foundation continues to provide grants to local community projects and scholarships to students from the Westshore area.

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2008	750,234.09
2009	894,763.36
2010	1,003,916.43
2011	1,010,944.59
2012	1,144,606.14
2013	1,379,272.66
2014	1,683,977.66



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Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School unveils natural playground

School focusing on reconnecting children with nature

By Marney Blunt

Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School (SSES) is giving community children a fun new playground while reconnecting them to nature.

SSES students and staff launched their new Natural Playground Project on Tuesday, Nov. 25 in front of parents, media and members of the community.

The school is ready to dig into construct their new playground project, which aims to reconnect children with nature and help encourage creativity. The new playground will be a Bienenstock Natural Playground, a company that builds safe, creative and natural playgrounds to give children the opportunity to learn and play in nature.

SSES principal Rosanna Cuthbert says Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds were a perfect fit with the school's focus and philosophies, which include the six Cs of creativity, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, citizenship and character. SSES was also the third school in Manitoba to receive the Eco-Globe Transformational School Status, so a Natural Playground seemed to be the right fit.

The project, which is estimated at approximately \$300,000, has already received a \$30,000 grant from Evergreen School Division and a \$1,000 grant from the Westshore Community Foundation. The school will be putting full-sized evergreen trees into the playground, which Cuthbert says cost approximately \$1,000 each.

Any regular playground is around

\$150,000 just for a play structure type of thing. So when you think of it in a big scope of what you're doing with the landscaping and the pathways and the full-grown trees, it's really not a lot of money. And what we can do is complete it in phases so that it's usable, said Cuthbert, who added that she hopes to begin full swing with grant applications now that the project has been launched.

The first phase of the project is expected to be completed this summer.

I'm really optimistic with the excitement we've been receiving from companies and the community, said Cuthbert. For sure, we're going to start on our grading and the landscaping and the pathways and the irrigation system. We're going to start on that in the summer or as soon as we can.

Cuthbert says connecting children with nature is important when it comes to both physical and mental health.

Were realizing that that reconnection to nature is not only good for your physical health for digestion, to reduce obesity, for fine motor skills, but it's also good for cognitive development, and the research is proving that kids are actually achieving or learning more when they are exposed to nature and there's tons of research out (to support that), said Cuthbert.

I mean I love computers, but kids aren't moving around and they aren't getting that stimulation, collaboration and creativity.

Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds are also designed to affect the way children interact with one another and aim to reduce bullying.

The whole theory behind it is that the natural playground actually alters the way children in them relate to one another, said Cuthbert.

In commercial playgrounds, what usually happens is the most athletically gifted child ends up choosing the game and running the playground. But with a Natural Playground, kids tend to play more co-operatively and there is a higher variety of play, and environments are shown to reduce bullying and stimulate social interaction.

Cuthbert also says that the excitement from the students was a huge motivator for the project.

I'm just blown away by the community support and the excitement that we've experienced from the kids.



EXPRESS PHOTOS BY MARNEY BLUNT

An example a few of the features in the Bienenstock Natural Playground.



SSES students pull back the curtains to reveal the new Natural Playground Project design.

When we first had the assembly to show the kids first, of course, I wasn't sure how the students in the assembly (would react), said Cuthbert.

But they were cheering and they were clapping. I almost had tears in

my eyes. It was so beautiful and they were so pumped. The kids were also really excited about was the trees. It's just been the best thing ever to have this experience and have this opportunity for our kids in our community.



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2014 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Gimli based Westshore Foundation Inc. has completed another successful year by announcing their 2014 scholarships to students who experience the financial stress of having to move from home for post secondary education. The Foundation presented scholarships worth \$12,610 to nine Evergreen School Division students at Westshores eight annual donor appreciation and bursary award night.

Larry & Helen Kristjanson Family & Bursary Fund

Dallas Nedotiafko \$2300.00

Carol Ann Clark Memorial Fund

Serena Bobrovich \$1736.00

Westshore Community Scholarship Fund

Saelin Bjornson \$1744.00

Alyx Hough \$1200.00

Erik Arnason \$1200.00

Kristin Debrecen \$1200.00

Dayner Carry \$1066.00

Cassidy Dankochik \$1066.00

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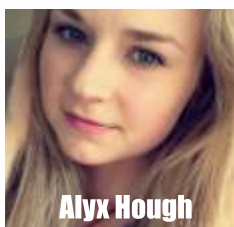
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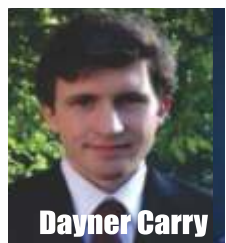
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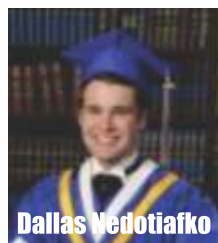
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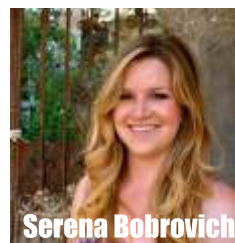
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2014 LAKEVIEW RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE WESTSHORE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Our 2014 Golf Tournament was a tremendous success, with participants enjoying all that the day had to offer. This tournament is a "must attend" for golf enthusiasts and "duffers" alike. Great food, relaxing golf, fantastic prizes, and a day filled with fun and fellowship is what can be expected at our 2015 tournament which will be held on Monday, August 24, 2015. For more information please contact: Tim Arnason at www.timarn@mts.net or at 204-899-8073; or visit our website at www.westshorefoundation.com



"Feedback from one of our 2014 golfers"

The day was memorable. It began around a table with a group of friendly visiting and munching on a scrumptiously delicious breakfast at the Lakeview Resort. Nobody cares that the weather did not cooperate, everyone just had a good time, knowing that they were there for a good cause. And, after the game, no matter how bad you golfed, you still got a prize or two and a wonderful dinner to end the day. I'm coming back next year, for sure

Mary Ann Churko

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