



Dauphin & District Community Foundation 2024 Annual Report

President's Message

Valerie McInnes

Our endowment funds along with our partnership with Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), have resulted in over \$3.17 million granted to our area.

All donations are income tax deductible.

All donations count, large and small.

Donations are invested with the generated interest income given back to local community organizations through the DDCF granting program.

Every penny donated has been invested and will generate grants for generations to come.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As Chair of the Dauphin & District Community Foundation (DDCF), I am proud to reflect on a year marked by growth, generosity, and deepening community impact.

In 2024, we continued our mission to enhance the quality of life in Dauphin and surrounding areas through strategic grant-making, community engagement, and long-term stewardship.

Financial Milestones

- Total Donations Received to End of 2024: \$5,775,000
- Organizations Impacted Through Grants in 2024: 22
- Total Grants Awarded Since 1995 (through partnerships with CFC): \$3.17 million

These figures reflect the trust and commitment of our donors, partners, and community members. Every dollar entrusted to us is invested with care and purpose, ensuring sustainable support for generations to come.

Grants & Partnerships

In 2024, DDCF awarded grants to 22 organizations, supporting a diverse range of programs and services. These grants have enabled local registered charities and nonprofits to expand their reach and effectiveness, addressing critical needs in our community.

Board Members

In 2024, we said goodbye to Darren Eddie, Ferris Vandernat, Anjeela Rungloll Asrayah, and Daryl Bacon — each of whom made meaningful contributions to DDCF. We're deeply grateful for their service. At the same time, we were fortunate to welcome Lindsay Dingwall, Cam Abrey, Seth Gares, and Carter Van Alstyne to the board, ensuring continued strength, insight, and leadership as we move forward.

Acknowledgments

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated board members, staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners. Your unwavering support and commitment make our work possible.

Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient Dauphin and District. Thank you for being part of this journey.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge we are in Treaty 2 Territory, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Dakota, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dene peoples, and homeland of the Métis Nation. We affirm our commitment to working in partnership with Indigenous communities in the spirit of truth and reconciliation to enhance quality of life in our community.

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Vice Chair &
VP Strategic Dvlpmnt



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VP of Finance



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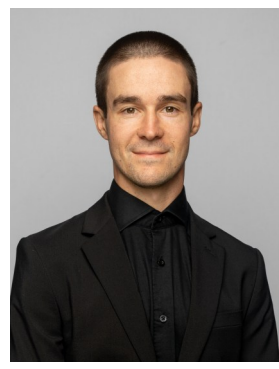
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Joined 2022



Kristen Haverluck
Joined 2021



Lindsay Dingwall
Joined 2023



Seth Gares
Joined 2024



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Joined 2024



Cam Abrey
Joined 2024



Darren Eddie
2 terms 2019 - 2024



Anjeela Rungloll Asrayah
Partial term
2023 - 2024



Daryl Bacon
Partial term
2020 - 2024



Ferris Vandernat
Partial Term
2023 - 2024

We had a great year in spite of having to say goodbye to a few board members. We all lead busy lives and sometimes volunteer work has to be adjusted to fit our schedules, but we benefited from the input of every board member while they were able to participate. A huge thank you to each of these wonderful people for their contributions. Kit Daley, Executive Director

With your generous support we added three notches!!



Centre and right photos courtesy of Dauphin Herald

In the photo on the left, Valerie McInnes, Chair, places a notch at the \$5.25 million mark as Cam Abrey ensures the ladder is secure, and Rita Dupley and Joe Houston join in the celebration.

In the centre photo, Darren Eddie placed two more notches to **\$5.75 million** while Wayne Heide, Kit Daley and Seth Gares share in this amazing moment. This was largely due to the final cheque received from the **Estate of Peter Paul Sklepowich**.

In the photo on the right, Jason Beyette of Johnston Law Office presented Seth Gares with a cheque in the amount of \$325,000. What an amazing gift from Peter! It will have an impact on our community forever. What a beautiful legacy!

We set our sights on our next goal—**ten million in endowments**. When we reach that goal, we will be **giving back over half a million dollars every year!**

Every gift of cash, large or small, has helped us grow.

If you haven't already done so, please consider joining our **2% Club**. When planning your estate, consider leaving 2% (or more, if you'd like) to DDCF. It can be a lasting legacy of your life and your commitment to your community, and it could have significant tax advantages for your estate!

You can gift securities, which offers a considerable tax advantage to the donor as a gift to charity of appreciated securities is only taxed at 37.5% of the capital gain.

You can leave a gift through your life insurance.

If you decide to include DDCF in your estate planning, please ensure you let us know your wishes with regard to the gift. We will ensure that your gift supports the area most dear to your heart.

As always, it's not about how much we receive, it's about how much we can give back. The more we grow, the more we grant. Your gift, large or small, is one of the many

Gifts that keeps on giving!

Your gift will make a difference....forever!

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Our 2024 DDCF Contributors

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Gail Hrehirchuk
Merv & Nancy Kiryluk
Estate of William MacMillan
Manitoba Hydro Employees
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Estate of Peter Paul Sklepowich

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Here is an example of what your donations go toward. We provided a grant to École Macneill for a washer and dryer and this is what they said about what it meant to their school:

“The washer and dryer have already proven invaluable in helping us respond to unexpected needs and maintain a healthy environment for learning. Your contribution goes far beyond the machines themselves—it’s a statement of compassion and community that we deeply appreciate.

Thank you once again for your commitment to supporting schools like ours. Your generosity is helping us build a more inclusive and nurturing space for all.”

Thank you to our donors!

Dauphin & District Community Foundation (DDCF) plays a vital and lasting role by supporting charitable projects that improve life for all of us. Your original gift is never spent, ensuring a lasting legacy for donors and a permanent source of support for the community.

It’s not about how much we receive, it’s about how much we can give back. The more we grow, the more we grant!

CREATING YOUR LEGACY

Dauphin & District Community Foundation (DDCF) helps people leave a personalized, lasting legacy to make our community a better place. We make charitable giving easy, providing the opportunity to target your areas of interest, and protect your legacy by investing and granting your funds wisely. DDCF works with you to develop a specific plan that meets your timelines and provides you with your desired degree of impact and involvement. You can start small and build your fund over time. Here is a list of our funds:

Designated Funds are established to benefit specific charitable organizations. The earnings from these funds are distributed to the designated organizations on an annual basis.

DDCF Designated Funds:

Dauphin Homecoming '98
Shane Allard Memorial Fund *for goalie equipment, scholarship or clinic*
Dauphin's Countryfest Fund - *Vermillion Park Walking Trail*
Gordon & Irene Durston Memorial Family Fund - *Fort Dauphin Museum*
Dauphin Public Library Fund
Dauphin First United Church Fund
Dauphin Minor Hockey Fund
Parkland Rec Complex – *Pool Maintenance Fund*
Youth In Philanthropy Council
Parkland Humane Society Fund
Dauphin Fire Department Memorial Fund
Dauphin & District Arts Legacy Fund - *Watson Arts Centre*
Arts Stabilization MB Fund - *Watson Arts Centre*
Bella Pernarowski Memorial Food Bank Fund
Johnston and Company Law Office - *Administration of DDCF*
Ross & Tyyne Ritchie Memorial Fund - *Dauphin Ag Society Inc.*
Ukrainian Folk Arts Centre & Museum - *MB Heritage Trust Program*
Rick Smylski Ebb & Flow Community Fund
Jack Hrehirchuk Memorial Minor Baseball Fund
Rotary Club of Dauphin

Agency Fund is a simple way for registered charities to efficiently build an ongoing source of income. Annual income earned benefits the organization and the portion granted can be used for any purpose.

Dauphin & District Arts Legacy Fund

Field of interest funds allow a donor to designate a specific area of interest to which charitable grants will be made. DDCF uses discretion in selecting the most appropriate recipients annually.

DDCF Field of Interest Funds:

Roland Briggs Memorial Fund - *the benefit of children*
Fusion Credit Union "Green" Fund - *for the environment*
Alice & Ted Dent Family Fund - *for the Beautification of Dauphin*
Clifford & Peggy Chute Memorial Fund - *to help meet the recreational needs of less fortunate children*
Tackling Poverty Together Fund - *lending a hand when necessary*
Cycles in Motion—An Initiative of D-Town Plaza - *for the promotion of physical activity and wellness*
Ploshynsky Family Fund - *for the welfare of animals*
Mr. & Mrs. N.A. Hryhorczuk Fund - *for the preservation of Ukrainian culture and history*
Dare to Dream Fund—DCTI Gang of '69-'70 - *for the benefit of young people with wishes and dreams*
Jim & Iona Tarrant Kin Memorial Fund—*for the benefit of youth*
Support Our Seniors Fund—*for the benefit of seniors*
Peter & Terrie Doig Youth Sport Fund

Donor Advised Funds provide donors with the opportunity to weigh in:
Eric Irwin Memorial Fund

Named Funds give the donors an opportunity to honour a loved one, their family, or someone who has had an impact

DDCF Named Funds include:

Lloyd & Rie Keough Memorial Fund
Ray Lunsted "Post It Forward" Fund
Frank & Bessie Lampard Family Fund
Herman & Bonnie Streu Family Fund
Pat & Laddie Hutchison Family Fund
Nicholas & Anne Shwets Family Fund
Mary & Walter Slyzuk Memorial Fund
Marion Harrison Memorial Fund
Larry & Joyce Love Family Fund
Dean Cooley GM Fund
Stewart/Symchych Families Memorial
Dawn Willemse Fund
William & Elizabeth Hart Family Fund in memory of Will Hart
Elmer & Donna Billows Fund
Dr. Michael Cuthbert Memorial Fund
Freiheit Family Fund
Paul & Irene Allard Memorial Fund
Donna Keough Archer Fund
Keough Family Fund
Peter Paul Sklepowich Memorial Fund
Rick Smylski Memorial Fund
Garry Dixon Memorial Fund

Scholarship funds provide assistance and encouragement to promising young students:

DDCF Scholarships include:

Terry Yates Memorial Scholarships (3)
AAA Kalichak Scholarship
Neil Peterson Countryfest Music Scholarship
Dr. Allan & Shirley Lysack Scholarship
Marilyn Libby Memorial Music Scholarship
Kozak Scholarship
DDCF General Scholarship
Gary Brandon Memorial Scholarship
Marge Tycholis Memorial Scholarship
McMunn & Yates Building Construction Scholarship ACC
Parkland Campus
Dauphin Clinic Pharmacy
Larry & Joyce Love Family Music Scholarship
Wes & Andrew Bernat Family Music Scholarship
Stanley Kustra Engineering Scholarship
Margie Lysack Memorial Scholarships (2)
Trotz Family Scholarship
Safe Grad Committee Scholarship
Class of 2020 Scholarship
Bellemare Family Scholarship
Dauphin Ochre Band Parent Organization Scholarship
Rick Smylski Memorial Scholarship

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Support we provided and support we received!

FOUNDATION FRIDAYS

FREE WALKING AT THE DAUPHIN CLINIC PHARMACY INDOOR WALKING TRACK AT CREDIT UNION PLACE.

FRIDAYS, STARTING OCTOBER 4TH.

6:30AM - 9:00PM.

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It was important to us that our wonderful citizens continue to have a safe place to walk in the winter months, free of ice (and windchill), as they continue to lead healthy lifestyles. We were in great company with our sponsorship, joining South Parkland Healthy Child Coalition, Dauphin Clinic Pharmacy, Rotary Club of Dauphin, Aspen Insurance, Remax Parkland Realty, providing free walking weekdays, during the winter months.



Patel Ajay, Boston Pizza Dauphin, has been holding annual fundraisers leading up to Valentine's Day and DDCF has been the recipient for the last few years. In 2024 we received \$1,018 as a result of the efforts of Ajay and his team. This will increase the amount we have available to grant annually, and his gift will grow each year. Thank you, Ajay, for believing in what we do and for providing such heartwarming support!



Coldest Night of the Year 2024

This is such an amazing event and we were so happy to be sponsors again this year.

A total of \$31,034 was raised for **Dauphin Friendship Centre's Food for Thought** program.



This is such an important event and a very worthwhile cause.

Dauphin Friendship Centre Inc.



Gifts that Keep on Giving!

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Thank you for your support!

Endow
Manitoba



Giving Challenge

Nov. 12-17, 2024

The Giving Challenge started in 2014 as a way to help community foundations in Manitoba grow their Unrestricted Funds.

Since 2019, DDCF has been in the top three for donations received every year! Remarkable when you consider that there are now 57 community foundations in the province.

We cannot thank you enough for your support and we are thrilled to annually increase our available grants. Thank you!

Best Western Plus 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Auction

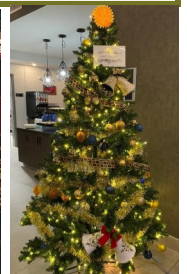
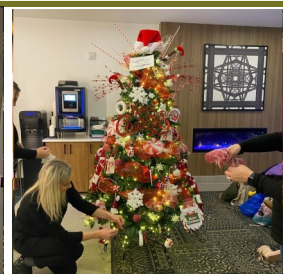


When **Tim Spiller**, General Manager of **Best Western Plus** Dauphin, reached out to invite us to be involved in the **Second Annual Christmas Tree Auction**, we were thrilled. We never anticipated that this night would be as delightful as the first one.

Thank you to the wonderful organizing by **Tim Spiller** and his team at **Best Western Plus** Dauphin, heartwarming participation by businesses and staff that came to decorate trees, the fun of the auction by Larry Garton of **Garton's Auction Service**, and the contribution of **Expressions Entertainment** who helped bring it all together. What a night!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the businesses and guests, we raised \$3,205 through the auction of 12 beautifully decorated trees!

A huge thank you to Darcy Dawson of **Dawson Logistics** for providing a truck to make these special deliveries possible, and thank you again to everyone who contributed to making this event a success. Together, we made Christmas brighter for 12 families in our community.



Thank you for your amazing support!

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Grants Awarded 2024

Organization	Project	Grant
Active Living Centre	Signage	\$5,000
Barkland Bridges Inc.	Kennels for rescues	5,000
Canada's National Riding & Dancing Cossacks	Toward purchase of a trailer	8,000
City of Dauphin	Memorial monument	5,000
Countryfest Community Cinema	Lights	2,500
Crocus Quilters Guild	Equipment and supplies	3,250
Dauphin Derailleurs Cycle Club	Trail groomer	4,000
Dauphin & District Allied Arts Centre (WAC)	Tables and lighting	3,700
Dauphin Hawks (MVSD)	Padded chairs and score table	8,500
Dauphin Hero Club	Laptop and carts	1,808
Dauphin Pickleball Club	Equipment and supplies	2,500
Ecolé Macneill School (MVSD)	Washer & dryer	1,800
Fort Dauphin Museum	Security bars and lighting	7,769
Macneill Gamers (MVSD)	E-sports	1,800
Manitoba Summer Games	DRCSS track upgrade	40,000
Michif Child & Family Services	Swim passes for children in care	1,710
Regional Connections	Holiday Tapestry Bash	7,450
Riverside Cemetery	Signage and security cameras	5,000
Sub Committee of DRS	Maamawi Park	10,000
Whitmore Drama Club (MVSD)	Equipment for dinner theatre	5,000
Zirka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble	Host event	1,500
Total		\$131,287



Honouring Lives and Resilience

On June 15, 2023, our community was forever changed by a heartbreaking tragedy. In the wake of this unimaginable event, which deeply impacted survivors and the families of those lost, a memorial has been erected as a place of reflection, remembrance, and healing.

This monument stands as a lasting tribute to the precious lives we lost — each one cherished, each one missed. It also serves as a symbol of our community's compassion, strength, and commitment to supporting one another through sorrow and beyond.

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More grants awarded....



Dauphin Active Living Centre was able to obtain modern new signage with their new name, enabling visitors to easily find them. Looks great!!



The Manitoba Summer Games Host Committee set their sights on refinishing the DRCSS track, complete with a rubberized surface, which will be a legacy of the games, allowing Dauphin to attract provincial and potentially national level competitions. Pictured are Darren Eddie, Marissa Phillipe, Evan Andrew, Clayton Swanton, and Michel LaRiviere.



Dauphin Derailleurs Cycle Club was in need of a newer trail groomer for their volunteers who maintain the trails. A huge thank to these folks for the great work they do and the time they put in!



Another legacy of the games is the Buckets and Borders basketball court, a beautiful finish to the Myles Haverluck Athletic Facility. We were honoured to be affiliated with this gorgeous project through the grant awarded for the track.

Thank you for your thoughtful gifts which enable us to provide support through our granting program. Every gift counts!

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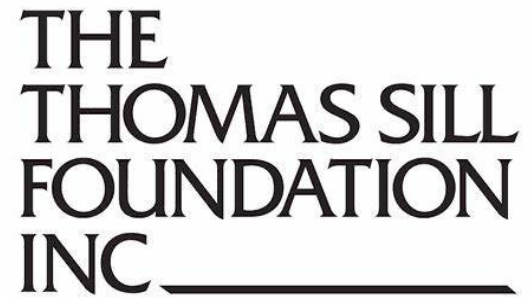
More granting available!!

The Thomas Sill Foundation was established in 1987 by the last will of Thomas Sill, a Manitoba resident and chartered accountant with offices across the province. For decades, the Thomas Sill Foundation supported charitable activities in Manitoba, awarding grants to many communities with the vision that these communities would continue to grow and prosper.

At the end of 2023, the Thomas Sill Foundation wound down operations but wanted to ensure its longstanding legacy of supporting Manitoba continued. With some of the remaining resources, the Thomas Sill Manitoba Fund was established

at The Winnipeg Foundation to benefit Endow Manitoba community foundation member communities. It will provide annual disbursements to Endow Manitoba program community foundations in good standing. The grants can only be issued to registered charities for projects that will be completed within the calendar year.

This is going to provide over \$20,000 additional granting to our area—an amazing boost to our granting!



HONOUR THE MEMORY OF SOMEONE SPECIAL by making a memorial contribution to the DDCF. We will promptly acknowledge your gift and send notification to the designated person or family. You will also receive a tax receipt.

DONATIONS MADE IN MEMORY OF (2024)

Don Allen
Doreen Balchen
Frances Billows
Loretta Billows
Dorie Birss
Lionel Bourdin
Glen Carr
Walter Church
Jim Chute
Garry Cleave
Dorothy Day
Lucie Desjardins
Garry Dixon
Margaret Edwards
Daniel Eilers

Gladys Fendick
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Ross Forbes
Liz Fournier
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Richard Hamilton
Grace Hancharyk
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Bud Rea
Larry Rea
Leonard Sharna
Velma Snitka
Al Steiner
Harish & Arun Sud
Iona Tarrant
Bill Thompson
Jack Tycholes
Myrtle Walterson
Jeanne Wilson

DONATIONS MADE IN HONOUR OF (2024)

Randy Ashcroft's retirement
Barb & Dean Durston's anniversary
Ellen Forfar's 95th birthday
Victoria Kiryluk
Ray's & Sylvia's dedication
RBC Team
Maggie Scott
Ella Wynn's birthday

DONATIONS MADE IN CELEBRATION OF (2024)

Audrey Houston
Kathy Bellemare

DID YOU KNOW:

- In 2024 we had \$169,463 available for granting from our Undesignated pool which includes Named funds, Field of Interest funds, Donor Advised funds and the Shane Allard Memorial fund plus we had \$23,184 for our Designated funds, \$69,335 was sent to our managed funds, \$33,223 was available in scholarships and \$2,500 for Youth in Philanthropy
- In 29 years DDCF's endowment funds have generated nearly \$2.9 million in grants and scholarships
- The market value of our funds at the end of 2024 was almost \$8.7 million
- DDCF administers over 90 separate funds including 24 Scholarship funds and 33 Undesignated funds
- DDCF assists other local area community organizations by managing their community funds in Ethelbert, Gilbert Plains, Ochre River and Mossey River.

Philanthropist of the Year 2024

Clayton's tireless work in our area has made a significant and lasting impact. As a founding member of the development of Northgate Trails, he has dedicated countless hours to making our local trails a place for all to enjoy. His commitment goes beyond the trails themselves—Clayton has been actively involved with the Dauphin Derailleurs Cycle Club, promoting cycling in our community, and worked side by side with Carla Wolfenden for many years on the Manitoba Summer Games, helping to shape a memorable experience for all involved.

He wanted to bring Buckets and Borders to the DRCSS and even though there was limited time, he made it happen. He was a driving force behind the new track. These contributions have not only improved our local facilities but also opened doors for future generations to experience the joys of sport and recreation.

Perhaps one of the most admirable qualities of Clayton is his unwavering support to our community. It's not just about what he's done; it's about ensuring that his work will benefit Dauphin for years to come.

Clayton takes action, makes things happen and leaves a lasting legacy. His relentless pursuit of progress, his tireless work ethic, and his boundless enthusiasm have made a real difference to all of us.

Clayton, thank you for everything you've done and continue to do. We are incredibly fortunate to have someone like you leading the way.



Valerie McInnes presented Clayton Swanton with the Philanthropist of the Year award.

Philanthropist of the Year Organization 2024



Photo courtesy of Dauphin Herald

Pictured are Carrie Lang, our Chair- Valerie McInnes, Crystal Amyotte, Robin Gambler, Lori Bicklmeier

We were excited to award our very first Philanthropist of the Year to an Organization. Since its incorporation in 1974, the Dauphin Friendship Centre Inc. has been a pillar of support, compassion, and generosity to Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients and has made a lasting impact on our community.

Through a wide range of programs, they provide vital services to those in need. Whether it's emergency assistance for food shortages, helping people access services and resources, or hosting community programs like agency luncheons, parenting classes, and Coats for the Community, their dedication to supporting others is unwavering.

It's because of their incredible commitment to our community that we are proud to present them with our very first Philanthropist of the Year Award for an Organization - 2024. The Dauphin Friendship Centre makes us stronger, brings us together, and reminds us of the power of giving!

Your gift will make a difference....forever!

Four new funds created in 2024

Peter & Terrie Doig Youth Sport Fund

Peter and Terrie Doig relocated to Dauphin in 1983. Peter practised dentistry in Dauphin & Ste. Rose du Lac for over 30 years. Terrie was employed with Family Services for 35 years in the foster care and adoption programs. Their 3 children, Jennifer, Andrew & Lindsay, were born and raised in Dauphin. The Doigs were always involved in sports and in 1997 formed the Parkland Gators Swim Club. Peter was the head coach for 15 years and Terrie was on the volunteer board. The Doigs left Dauphin in 2019, when Peter joined the University of Saskatchewan College of Dentistry in Saskatoon. The community of Dauphin will always hold a special place in their hearts. The proceeds of the endowment will be used to promote and support youth sports.



Garry Dixon Memorial Fund

Remembering Garry – A Devoted Community Member

Garry and his wife, Laurie, made Dauphin their home in 1979, where they raised their family and became deeply rooted in the community. Garry had a passion for the outdoors, especially big game hunting and fishing, pursuits he shared with a close circle of friends. Known for his generous spirit and strong sense of civic duty, Garry gave back in countless ways—serving on volunteer boards, contributing to service groups, and lending a hand at community events. In keeping with his lifelong commitment to helping others, Garry requested that donations be made to the Dauphin & District Community Foundation upon his passing in 2019—a lasting legacy of his dedication to the place he loved.

Rotary Club of Dauphin Fund

The Rotary Club of Dauphin celebrated its 100th Year as a service club. Contributions to the community have exceeded well over \$1 million dollars over the last 20 years between community upgrades, scholarships, camp fees, etc. The new “Rotary Club of Dauphin Centennial Fund” was started with a kick off from Tim Hortons Holiday Cookie drive so that Rotarians and local community members and groups can add funds over time. This will, in perpetuity, help support future local improvement projects, scholarships and camps in and around Dauphin. If you like what Rotary does and want to assist with future endeavours, please consider donating to the Centennial Fund.



Jack Hrehirchuk Memorial Minor Baseball Fund

Jack Hrehirchuk, born in Dauphin, was a lifelong baseball enthusiast who played senior ball for six years with Grandview, Gilbert Plains, and Dauphin. While with Dauphin, he pitched a no-hitter against Erickson. He later coached, umpired, and served as an executive with both Dauphin Minor Baseball (30 years, including a term as president) and the Dauphin Redbirds (10 years). Jack also umpired in the Manitoba Senior Baseball League for a decade and contributed to the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame as treasurer and director. Jack made significant contributions to Dauphin as coach, administrator, and hockey referee, and was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Honour Society in recognition of his lifelong commitment to sport. Jack always planned to establish a fund for Dauphin Minor Baseball, a wish fulfilled by his wife, Gail, and their son, Gordie, after his passing.