

Challenge to boost local foundations

By Arlene Davidson

The Winnipeg Foundation and the Province of Manitoba will be partnering with community foundations on Nov. 17 for their annual Endow Manitoba 24-Hour Giving Challenge.

The Lac du Bonnet & District Charitable Foundation encourages residents from Lac du Bonnet and surrounding area to make a gift on Nov. 17 as the Winnipeg Foundation will stretch each \$10 gift by \$2 and the province will also contribute \$2 for every \$10 donation.

"This is a great opportunity to support the Lac du Bonnet Foundation," said Janice Leroux, committee chair for the Foundation initiative. "Of course, gifts are welcome at any time of the year, but giving on Nov. 17 means extra support. Thanks to the generosity of our community members, over \$15,000 was raised in support of the Lac du Bonnet Foundation during the 24-Hour Giving Challenge in 2017."

Leroux said that gifts can be made in person at the Lac du Bonnet Christmas Craft and Gift Sale, which will be held Nov. 17 at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre and Legion. Online gifts can also be made securely on the Lac du Bonnet Foundation

website at www.lacdubonnetfoundation.ca by clicking "Donate Online" under the Endow Manitoba Logo.

Donations to Community Foundations are pooled and permanently invested. Every year, these investments generate money that is distributed to support local charitable needs to help keep Manitoba communities vibrant and thriving.

"The Lac du Bonnet & District Charitable Foundation provides support to Lac du Bonnet and the surrounding area that lasts forever," said Leroux.

One of many initiatives that the foundation supports in Lac du Bonnet is the Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) program that they helped establish at the Lac du Bonnet Senior School (LdBSS).

On Nov. 1, Leroux, Foundation president Gerry Arbez and treasurer Dick Campbell paid a visit to Lucci's Three to deliver a donation of \$500 to facility staff member Keegan Sveinson. They were joined by Kaitlyn Mitchell, president of the LdBSS YIP, and teacher facilitator Lisa Gow, who presented Sveinson with an addition of \$1,500 to support program activities.

"Our committee was happy to donate funds to Lucci's Three for board games



Photo by Arlene Davidson
Gerry Arbez (left) and Kaitlyn Mitchell (right) present a total donation of \$2,000 to Keegan Sveinson at Lucci's Three.

and fitness equipment," said Mitchell. "We liked the idea of young people being able to

take part in fun, interactive social activities together."

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Granite Hills Golf support takes flight

By Arlene Davidson

Don and Sarah MacKenzie, owners of Granite Hills Golf Club in Lac du Bonnet, hosted their 10th annual His and Hers Golf Tournament on Aug. 20 in

support of the Children's Wish Foundation.

The MacKenzie's reported that 124 golfers participated this year and that \$11,000 was raised during the event from entry fees, silent auction items and hole sponsors.

"Once again, it was a huge success due to the generous support of the RM and Town of Lac du Bonnet, the community and many great friends," said Don. "The day included great golf and food and excellent prizes."

He added that he and Sarah are really happy that each year they have been successful at raising a little more than the previous year.

This year, the Children's Wish participant was Max

Bannister of Winnipeg who was born with a rare genetic disorder, which most children don't survive.

"When he was born he had eight holes in his heart, a clubbed foot, poor muscle tone and global developmental delay," said Don. "He had open heart surgery at seven months old and then 20 additional surgeries to repair the damage done to his trachea from intubation during his heart surgery."

Today Max is doing great.

"It was wonderful that Max and his mom and dad were able to join us for dinner," said Don. "Max's mother gave a wonderful presentation of Max growing up and the challenges

they have faced, which brought tears to many."

One of the major prizes again this year was a helicopter ride, compliments of John Gibson and family of Provincial Helicopter.

The winners of the prize were Mark Starodub and Charlene Fox of Selkirk who took a ride on November 2 with Max and his family.

"It was a perfect day. Sunny, clear blue skies," said Don. "They had a wonderful experience as they flew over the area including the beautiful Granite Hills Golf Course. We spoke with Kent, Max's father, after the ride and he said they were absolutely thrilled with it."

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Prize winners Mark Starodub (left) and Charlene Fox prepare to board the helicopter at the Lac du Bonnet Airport with pilot Corey Steis and Will, Max, Liz, and Kent Bannister.