



Lac du Bonnet & District Charitable Foundation 2025 Annual Report

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Greetings From The Lac du Bonnet Foundation



Janice Leroux,
President

2025 has proven to be a year of growth and community accomplishment for the Lac du Bonnet Foundation. When the Foundation was first established in 2008, it did so with just over \$10,000 in its endowment fund. I am very proud to say that thanks to the growing support of our wonderful donors and two very generous bequests from Beverly-Lynn Neisteter and Melvin and Joan Siple, our Endowment Fund grew to \$2,400,000 at the end of 2025.

Due to the increase in the Endowment Fund, as well as a generous donation from the Thomas Sill Manitoba Fund, the Foundation was able to award a record \$75,325 in grants, scholarships, and bursaries in 2025. This brings the total amount of grants awarded since the inception of the Foundation to \$407,442. An accomplishment that we are most excited to announce!

On another note, 2025 marked the retirement of three long-serving board members, including our President, Gary Rollins, along with Laverne Wojciechowski, and Mitch Walker. All were awarded Director Emeritus status in recognition of their many years of outstanding and dedicated service. I am humbled to assume the role of President and hope to maintain the same strong and steady leadership that Gary so ably provided for the past 6 years. Laurette Greenley has taken over the role of Grants Chair that Mitch Walker so aptly held for 8 years. To offer both continuity and knowledge to the Executive, Dick Campbell will continue in his role as Treasurer as will Dave Johnson as Chairperson of the Board.

The Foundation was also pleased to welcome a new member to our board. Leanne McGregor has joined our board and, with her vast experience in information technology, will be heading up our newly formed Technology Committee.

Heading into 2026, I am proud to say that the Foundation is well positioned to grow and significantly increase our financial support for projects, both big and small, that benefit our community today, tomorrow, and forever.

Janice Leroux, President

2025 Board of Directors

- Janice Leroux - President
- Dave Johnson - Chair
- Dick Campbell - Treasurer
- Laurette Greenley - Secretary
- Kim Laurans
- Kevin Champagne
- Cheryl Lidfors-Karklin
- Norman Lussier
- Rick McGregor
- Leanne McGregor

Proudly serving the the
Town of Lac du Bonnet,
the RM of Lac du Bonnet
and Ward 4 of the
RM of Alexander since 2008.



Leanne McGregor & Janice Leroux - 2025 Canada Day Parade

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Community Outreach

The Lac du Bonnet & District Charitable Foundation feels it is very important to be a visible part of the communities we serve. Over the last few years, we have expanded our presence at local events, including the Canada Day Parade, the Lac du Bonnet Night Market, and the annual Christmas Craft Sale. We also held 2 free Pork on a Bun Giveaways at the LDB Farmers' Market to celebrate our \$1 million and \$2 million dollar Endowment Fund milestones. Our Marketing Committee has developed a new PowerPoint presentation, and we began meeting with local charities and community groups to raise awareness about the Foundation. In 2025, the first presentation was made to the Lac du Bonnet Historical Society with more planned for 2026.

Our participation in the annual Giving Challenge has also been successful. Historically, the Challenge has aligned with the Christmas Craft Sale, allowing us to maintain a booth, connect with donors, and secure additional contributions. In 2025, we achieved a ranking of ninth out of fifty-six participating foundations, reflecting our growing donor support. In 2025, total Giving Challenge donations were \$42,316 for which we send our sincere thanks to all donors.

We also offer our continued gratitude to the group of anonymous supporters who continue to pledge to match the donations from the community to the Giving Challenge. This year, 22 members of that group contributed a further \$22,000.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who continues to support The Giving Challenge Week via online and mail-in donations and those of you who visit our booth at the Craft Sale. We love meeting our donors at such a festive event!



(L-R) Director Dick Campbell, Dir. Emeritus John Barnard, Director Dave Johnson & Dir. Emeritus Mauri Rutherford at the 2025 LDB Christmas Craft Sale



Foundation Directors Dave Johnson and Cheryl Lidfors-Karklin at the 2025 Lac du Bonnet Night Market.

Endow Manitoba Regional Meeting

On April 16, 2025, the Foundation hosted an Endow Manitoba Regional Meeting where representatives from the following neighbouring community foundations met to discuss common opportunities and challenges:

Brokenhead River Community Foundation
Selkirk & District Community Foundation
Pinawa Community Foundation
The Winnipeg Foundation
Lac du Bonnet & District Charitable Foundation

The sessions were led by three members of the Endow Manitoba Team – Kevin Parsons, Chloe Abez-Rondeau and Melanie Badger and the discussions were focused in four areas: building stronger relationships with potential grantees, taking on larger long-term projects, helping applicants with the grant application process and creating stronger community collaboration. This regional meeting provided a great opportunity for us to share some of our successes with our colleagues and neighbouring community foundations and to learn from them about what successes they have experienced that we might benefit from in our efforts in the community.

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Scholarship News

The Brittany Bung Memorial Scholarship

The Lac du Bonnet Foundation Board is honoured to announce the creation of a new scholarship for 2026, the Brittany Bung Memorial Scholarship. Brittany was a graduate of Lac Du Bonnet Senior School. Following graduation, she was accepted into the Culinary Arts program at Red River College Polytechnic. She was excited to attend college, especially in a field for which she had shown a real passion. Sadly, Brittany passed away before she was able to realize her dreams, but her kind-hearted nature and giving spirit continues to touch everyone she knew.

The scholarship in her memory will be presented annually to a graduate of Lac du Bonnet Senior School who displays a passion for continued education, for full time study at an accredited Canadian Post Secondary Institution.



Bursaries and Scholarships

The Lac du Bonnet Foundation is honoured to also manage the Winnipeg River Bursary, created and supported by emeritus board Member, Gus Wruck; the Chuck Reynolds Memorial Scholarship created by the Reynolds family in Chuck's memory; and the Russ Reid Memorial Bursary created in Russ's memory.

The Winnipeg River Bursary is awarded annually to a deserving student(s) based on need and possible relevance or benefit to the Lac du Bonnet region. This year, two bursaries of \$2,000 each were awarded to Kobie McMurren and Noah Bacchus and were presented to them on June 27 by Marline Wruck and Mitch Walker.

The Chuck Reynolds Memorial Scholarship supports Lac Du Bonnet Senior School graduates in their attempts to pursue their passions at the post secondary level. The donor committee looks for applicants who are fueled by a combination of passion, talent, intellect, achievement and determination.

This year's recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship went to Jack Reynolds. Jack will be attending the University of North Dakota where he will be pursuing his education in the field of accountancy.

The Russ Reid Memorial Bursary will be awarded annually to a Lac du Bonnet Senior School student(s) who is pursuing further studies at an accredited university or college, is actively involved in sports and school activities and exhibits other positive attributes.

This year there were two recipients, Myles Rosnow and Jack Reynolds, each of whom was awarded \$500.

Myles will be pursuing his education in the field of accounting at the University of Manitoba.

Jack will be studying at the University of North Dakota in the field of accountancy.

The Foundation Board Members would like to extend their congratulations to each of this year's award recipients and to all local graduates as they begin the next chapter of their lives.



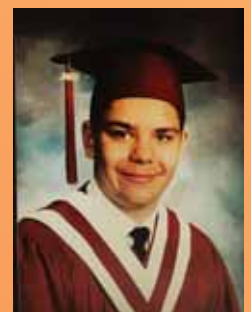
Kobie McMurren



L-R: Mitch Walker, Kobie McMurren, Marline Wruck and Noah Bacchus



Noah Bacchus



Myles Rosnow

2025 Lac du Bonnet Foundation Grants

From January to June of 2025, the Grants Committee was made up of past Chair Mitch Walker, Gary Rollins and Dick Campbell. In September, the committee was made up of new Chair Laurette Greenlay, Janice Leroux, Dick Campbell, Kevin Champagne and Norman Lussier. Mitch Walker stayed on as an advisor for the remainder of 2025.

Centennial School (4 Grants)

\$910.87 towards the purchase of an iPad communication device and specialized apps designed to augment the communication skills of an 8 year-old autistic student.

\$3,000 towards the development of the Regulation Room with a crash mat and light wall.

\$2,000 towards the purchase of two iPads and specialized apps designed to augment the communication skills of special needs students.

\$4,000 towards the purchase of nine classroom iPads.



Centennial School

RM of Lac du Bonnet – Recreation Department

\$1,000 towards the purchase of soccer equipment for Youth Soccer.

LDB Legion

\$3,000 towards the purchase of replacement lounge doors for the Legion.

LDB Wildlife Association

\$4,735.90 towards the Outdoor Education Centre flooring project.

Lee River Snow Riders

\$1,200 towards the purchase of two battery powered pole saws for snowmobile trail maintenance.

Pioneer Club of Lac du Bonnet

\$4,000 towards the replacement of two electric furnaces for the Pioneer Club.

LDB and District Regional Library

\$5,903.12 towards replacement of the heating and cooling system with a new more energy efficient system. This was a Thomas Sill Manitoba Fund Grant.

Survivors Hope

\$2,000 towards a Community Craft Night



RM of Lac du Bonnet



Lac du Bonnet Legion



LDB Library



Pioneer Club



Lee River Snow Riders



LDB Wildlife Assoc.

2025 Lac du Bonnet Foundation Grants - Continued

LDB Food Bank

\$7,000 towards the purchase of a storage shed and accessories such as shelving, packaging materials and a weigh scale. This was a Thomas Sill Manitoba Fund Grant.



LDB Food Bank

Lac du Bonnet Manitoba Metis Federation

\$2,000 towards Phase 1 of the Red River Cart Project.



LDB Manitoba Metis Federation

LDB Arena

\$10,000 towards the purchase of replacement tempered rink glass and aluminum stanchions. This was a Thomas Sill Manitoba Fund Grant.



LDB Arena

Great Falls & District Recreation Association

\$5,000 towards a replacement commercial dishwasher for their kitchen renovation project.

Kids Snowflake Bazaar (2 Grants)

\$3,000 towards the purchase of tablecloths for this annual event.

\$300 towards retractable signs to be used when attending promotional events.

Lac du Bonnet Historial Society

Payout of annual earnings from the Heritage Fund was \$1,056.

Lunch is on Us

\$1,722.80 towards a commercial Hotplate and 24-quart Stock pot for "Lunch is on Us" Program.

LDB Ice Fishing Derby

\$2,000 towards a Promotional Video for the 2026 Ice Fishing Derby.

LDB Emergency Management Radio Procurement Program

\$4,000 towards four radios to provide instant communication and enhanced level of safety and communication.



Kids Snowflake Bazaar



Great Falls & District Recreational Centre



Grant Recipients & Board Members

Grants Awarded in 2025:

\$75,325

Grants Awarded Since 2010:

\$407,442



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Thomas Sill Manitoba Fund

Thomas Sill was born in Winnipeg on November 15, 1905. He attended St John's High School and then articulated and became a chartered accountant in 1927. He subsequently established the accounting firm of Sill, Streuber, Fiske and Company.

Thomas Sill died on November 18, 1986 and at that time his executors created The Thomas Sill Foundation, which became one of Manitoba's largest private charitable foundations. This Foundation was wound up at the end of 2023, at which time remaining resources were used to create the Thomas Sill Manitoba Fund at The Winnipeg Foundation.

Community Foundations across Manitoba which are members in good standing of Endow Manitoba are eligible to apply to this Fund annually for support of their charitable operations. In 2025, we received a grant of \$22,903 for projects in our community. While the annual amount of the grant the Foundation will receive from this Fund will vary, it is anticipated that we will be eligible to receive grants for many years to come.



Thomas Sill
1905 - 1986

Youth in Philanthropy 2025-2026



YIP Committee 2025-26 (Back Row L-R) Hannah Stewart, Kayla Swayze (Front Row L-R) Bella Thomas, Scotia Ross, Kailyn Pineau, Raina Andrelunas, Rhea Maxwell Lansard, Saffiya Rosnow (Missing) Rosalie McManus

YIP is a leadership program designed to introduce young people to philanthropy and community development. The program provides students with hands-on experience working as a team to learn about and help local charitable organizations with the support of the LdB Foundation. Foundation Directors, Kim Laurans and Cheryl Lidfors-Karklin serve as advisors on behalf of the board and Kim Stevenson, the Principal at the Lac du Bonnet Secondary School is the school advisor.

YIP's main goal is to support worthy projects within Lac du Bonnet and the surrounding area. Any project of a charitable nature, big or small, that will benefit the community in a way that makes Lac du Bonnet a more livable, secure, and caring community will be considered for financial support.

Each year our YIP group raises funds to increase the YIP fund. Each spring, a portion of the earnings from this fund is granted out to charities or other community organizations that enhance the lives of Lac du Bonnet residents. The past grants have included grants to the local community centre, Lac du Bonnet arena, and the local library to name just a few. In 2025, grants were awarded as follows:

Two Rivers Seniors

\$400 towards the purchase of food warming mats and coffee carafes for the Let's do Lunch Congregate Meal Program.

LDB Arena

\$2,000 towards the purchase of replacement tempered rink glass and aluminum stanchions.

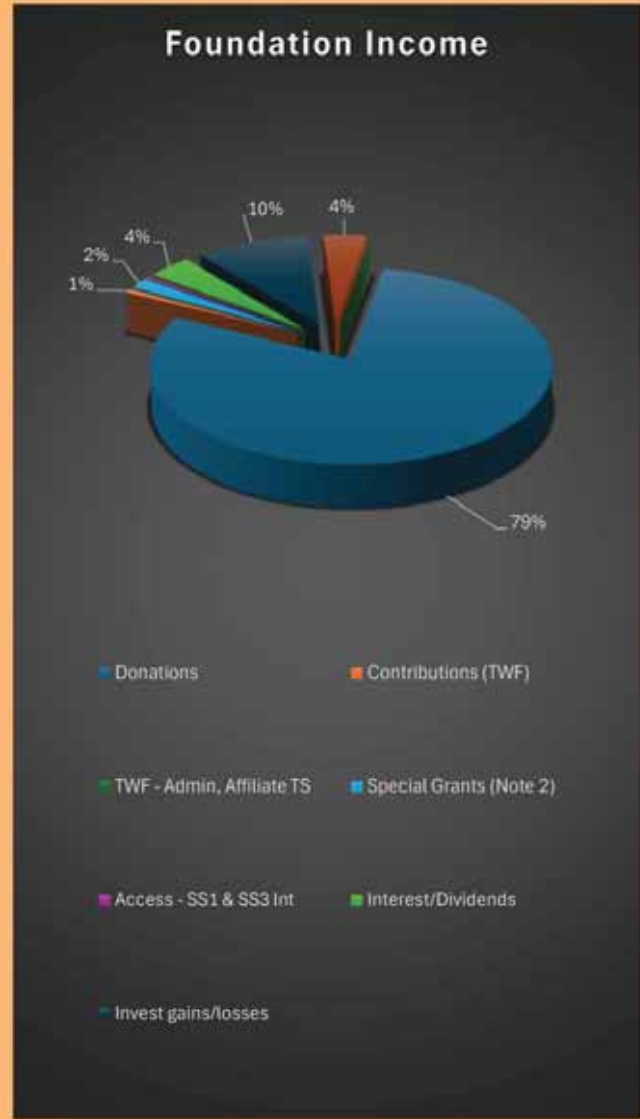
2025 Financial Summary

Lac du Bonnet Charitable Foundation Income Statement for Year Ended December 31, 2025

INCOME	
Donations	
Received	\$1,017,965.27
Not Received	\$23,929.33
Admin Donations	
Received	\$0.00
Not Received	\$0.00
Contributions (TWF)	\$7,730.00
TWF - Admin, Affiliate TS	\$1,909.00
Special Grants (Note 2)	\$22,903.32
Access - SS1 & SS3 Int	\$4,614.75
Interest/Dividends	\$50,984.54
Invest gains/losses	\$129,770.71
Unrealized gains/losses	\$48,164.44
Miscellaneous	\$1,505.00
Total Income	\$1,309,476.36

EXPENSES	
Accounting & Legal	\$2,255.50
Admin Fee (TWF)	\$11,691.36
Advertising	\$11,454.11
Auto - Travel Expenses	\$0.00
Grants	\$80,302.77
Investment Fees (TWF)	\$7,664.26
Meetings/Education	\$1,013.80
Membership Dues	\$1,135.00
Office Supplies	\$809.88
Office Admin	\$4.99
Other Expenses	\$1,505.00
Website Hosting	\$27.29
Total Expenses	\$117,863.96
Net Income	\$1,191,612.40

ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025	
Chequing	\$4,638.89
Savings	\$523,901.61
Managed Fund	\$790,516.81
Health & Senior Services	\$129,142.64
Education	\$93,207.30
Wildlife	\$44,202.96
Museum	\$32,083.57
Other	\$889,878.42
Total Assets	\$2,507,572.20
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$2,507,572.20



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