



WINKLER
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

CELEBRATING IMPACT: Today & Forever



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Winkler Community Foundation celebrates community and partnerships. Together, we strategically work to make our community better. We celebrate with our grant recipients who take action towards impacting community in such amazing ways. We support our young people through education awards, celebrating the many ways they have given back to community. We celebrate our donors and fund holders as they support initiatives in our community for lasting impact.

As a Foundation, it is our mission to identify, support and enhance the quality of life in our community as we work towards growing a thriving and generous community to benefit ALL, today and forever. Together we can make a difference.

In 2024, the WCF Board of Directors set a goal of growing our endowment funds to **\$10M by 2030**. An increase in our endowment funds leads to an increase in granting, which in turn enhances our impact on the community.



WCF Board (L-R): Tena Lane, Stacy Wiebe, Nina Pinlac Manugid, Andy Schmidt, Viola Enns Woelk, Chad Harder, Myra Peters (ED), Corey Hildebrand, Barb Neufeld.
Missing: Mayor Henry Siemens, Dan Ward

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US;
LEAVING A LEGACY WORTH CELEBRATING.



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH VITAL SIGNS: SEEING THE BIG PICTURE

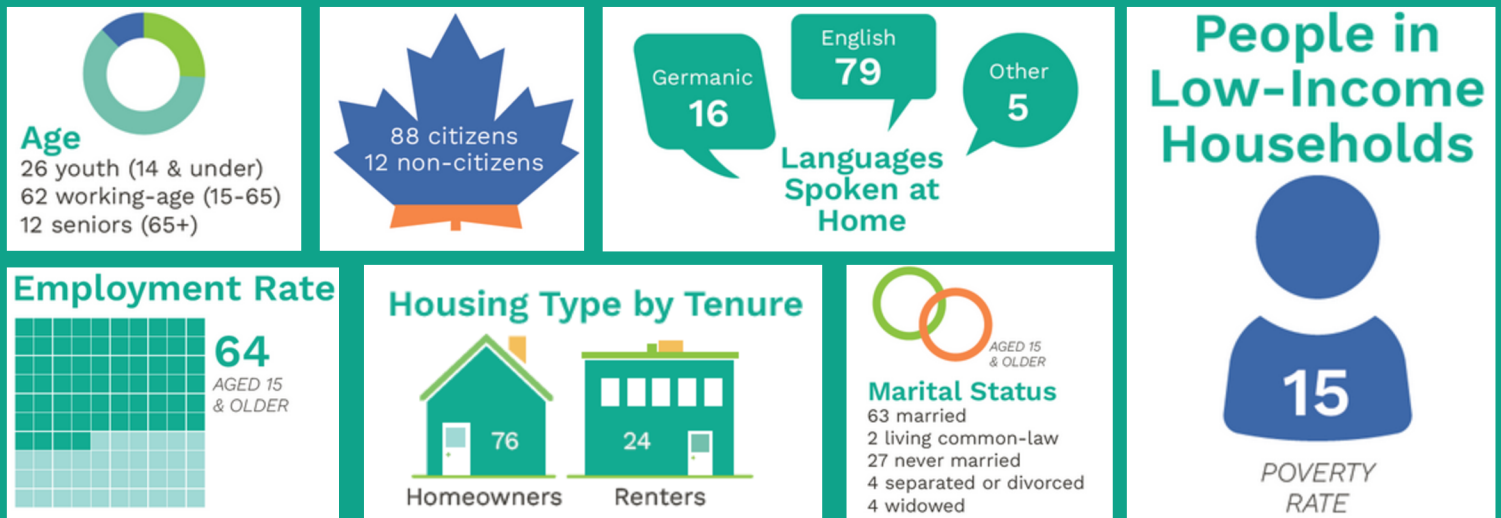
The Winkler Community Foundation’s 2024 Vital Signs initiative is a community check-up that measures the vitality of the community, identifies opportunities, and supports action on issues that are critical to well-being.

Using this evidence-based approach, the Winkler Community Foundation connects the community to its greatest opportunities. The report helps inform governance, guide targeted grant-making and foster collaborative partnerships. The goal is to empower decision-makers, policymakers and residents alike to take action, aiming to improve the quality of life for all in the region. The full report is available on our website.



WHAT IS INSIDE THE VITAL SIGNS REPORT?

The report combines local data and community input to provide a comprehensive snapshot of well-being in the Winkler and Stanley communities. **Here’s a preview of what you can find inside:**



ACTION STEPS

1. Read the full report mailed to every household in Winkler. The report is also available on our website (an extended version is available too).
2. Share your reflections with us. What stood out to you?
3. Find your passion and Take Action!

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH GORDON WIEBE EDUCATION AWARDS

This year, we had the opportunity to disburse 45 Gordon Wiebe Education Awards to young people from Winkler and area, amounting to over \$100,000. Our Gordon Wiebe Scholarship Committee, consisting of 2 WCF board members and 3 community volunteers, worked hard to review all applications and select deserving recipients.

"THANK YOU... YOUR CONTRIBUTION HAS PROVIDED ME GREAT FINANCIAL RELIEF, ESPECIALLY WITH MY HIGH TUITION AND LIVING COSTS THIS SCHOOL YEAR. WITH YOUR GENEROUS HELP, YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AS A LICENSED PHARMACIST STARTING IN 2025."

-MICHELLE BAIER, OES



Barb Neufeld (WCF Board President), Natalie Neudorf (WCF staff), Alyssa Neufeld (2024 Make it a Reality Recipient), Dr. Kavi Abbu & Tena Lane (scholarship committee members)

2024 ONGOING EDUCATION SUPPORT AWARD RECIPIENTS



Tabea Nikel



Aliya Toews



Anna Snytko



Eric Xu



Michelle Baier



Brady Hiebert



Carly Unrau



Carah Wiebe



Griffon Hart



Calissa Penner

"I am so glad I took the leap and started university, now I am over halfway done! I was incredibly nervous in the beginning and I was so scared I would fail. But I am so glad that I pushed past that and did the hard things! I am so grateful for the support I have received through this scholarship."

- Tina Reimer, Make it a Reality recipient

"Receiving my scholarship fills me with immense gratitude for the opportunities it brings. Your support means the world to me. I'm eager to continue excelling in my studies and break ground on my career path in veterinary medicine."

- Carly Unrau, OES



Rylan Toews



Chantal Human



Clarissa Unger



Cutris Unger



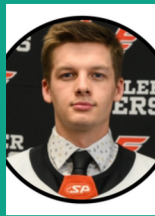
Isaiah Nissley



Noah Schaefer



Rebecca Wiebe



Lucas Ens



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH GRANTS

In June, the WCF presented \$132,973 in grants to local charitable organizations, showing its ongoing dedication to the community. The Foundation prioritized grants that address community needs and impact vulnerable populations, valuing public service, partnerships, and collaboration.

The WCF Board strategically chose to fund multiple projects partially, spread across many causes. These projects are expected to be completed within a year thanks to the combined efforts of staff, volunteers, and the community. For a complete list of this year's grants, please visit our website:

<https://winklercommunityfoundation.com/grants/>



2024 Grant Recipient Presentation



Gateway Resources, grant



Grant Recipients, 2024



South Central Cancer Care, grant



Reinfeld Park, grant



Northland Childcare centre, grant



Winkler Arts & Culture, grant

We are celebrating one year at our new office: 2-880L 15th Street, Winkler

Welcome to our new staff member, Kim.



Barb Neufeld,
Board President



Myra Peters,
Executive Director



Natalie Neudorf,
Scholarships
Coordinator



Kim Goodine,
Community Development
Coordinator

Leaving a legacy is planting seeds in a garden you may never see. Tomorrow someone will sit in the shade because you planted a seed today.



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY

Youth in Philanthropy is a community foundation leadership supported initiative that teaches young people about their community and how they can have a philanthropic impact. This past year, **WES** ran YIP as an exploratory program. Students learnt about charities, ran a Candy Cart fundraiser, and volunteered at the Pembina Valley Humane Society. In spring, they granted \$652 to PVHS towards spay and neutering surgeries.



In 2023/24, **GVC** took a new approach to YIP and ran it through the Business Admin. program, teaching students about social responsibility as a business owner as well as local charitable work. Student groups organized different fundraising initiatives to give back to the community. In spring, GVC YIP granted \$4,230 to 5 local charities: Katie Cares, Adult & Teen Challenge, Winkler Family Resource Centre, Winkler Day Care, and Regional Connections.

STRETCH YOUR GIVING DOLLARS!

During the Giving Challenge your gift to the COMMUNITY FUND, no matter what size, will be stretched thanks to Endow Manitoba, Province of Manitoba, City of Winkler and local businesses that have committed to stretch the donations (*Max. of \$2000 commitment per business*). This means, every dollar that you give (*for the first \$30,000 received*) is being matched \$1 for \$1 thanks to our local businesses.

Growing the Winkler Community Foundation (WCF) COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND allows WCF to support charities that address areas of need in our community.

Ways to give:

- Online @ winklercommunityfoundation.com
- Cash or Cheque: mail or drop off at office before Friday Nov 15/24
- Contact Myra for other giving options 204-362-9292.



Thank you to our Matching Sponsors



Now is the time to help your community flourish forever!



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Winkler Community Foundation builds and manages endowment funds to support local charitable activities. These are funds where money is invested and only the generated interest is dispersed. These funds are held in perpetuity, meaning they are never spent: each year they keep on earning interest and giving back to the community.

In 2024, five new funds were created! For a full list of funds please visit our website.



Evan Thomas Memorial Fund

This fund will support young athletes that might not otherwise have the opportunity to play organized hockey due to financial barriers. This fund will cover hockey registration fees for deserving athletes annually.



Wyatt Kash Fehr Memorial Fund

This fund was created to keep Wyatt's memory alive. The construction of an outdoor classroom at JR Walkof is to be built in his honour. This fund will support other future community projects in Wyatt's memory.



Jake & Tina Neisteter Memorial Fund

Jake and Tina were very involved in their community and were known to say, "If you live in a community, you have to give back." This fund supports community grants in memory of Jake & Tina.



Thomas Sill Fund

In his last will, Tom Sill established the foundation which bears his name. His will, a measure of his astuteness, contained only this instruction: "I have decided to create an entity for charitable purposes." This fund will award community grants.



Winkler Cheerboard Agency Fund

This fund was created to provide ongoing support to the Winkler Christmas Cheerboard to assist their mission of giving out hampers to help and care for those in need, in the spirit of Christmas.



MAIL DONATION TO:

2024-2025

Winkler Community Foundation - 2-880L 15th Street, Winkler, MB R6W 0H5

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Donor Signature: _____

GIVING CHALLENGE gift of \$ _____
Gift will be deposited in the **Community Fund**.

Must be received before November 17, 2024

Monthly pre-authorized gift of \$ _____
Fund name: _____

One-time gift of \$ _____
Please specify your fund: _____

For List of funds: www.winklercommunityfoundation.com/what-we-do/funds/

Date: _____

Give a gift
THAT KEEPS GIVING

