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A LEGACY OF COMMUNITY GENEROSITY





The Frank and Vi Wiebe **Winkler Cheerboard Fund** supports the Winkler & District Cheerboard. Their mission is simple yet powerful: "to aid and assist families in need with a food hamper in the spirit of Christmas, and to involve the community in meeting this need."

Crystal Rempel highlighted the profound impact of this 45-year community tradition: *"To many, [the Cheerboard] provides a touch of relief during one of the toughest financial seasons of the year. Last Christmas alone, we distributed 424 hampers, including gifts for 798 children."*

The Wiebe family continues to support this fund because of the values it instills. *"We hope to pass on the belief that caring for your neighbor and community matters,"* the family shared. *"That means investing your time, building meaningful relationships, and giving financially when you are able. Everyone has something valuable to contribute. We want our children to live lives of generosity—whether through volunteering, donating, or serving others—to help make the world a better place."*

They added: *"Healthy communities only grow with continued support, and we are grateful for the opportunity to give back."*

By strengthening local families and inspiring generosity year after year, this fund truly embodies the love of community.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS CREATE LASTING CHANGE. HELP US DO THAT RIGHT HERE AT HOME.

Get in touch with the WCF Board Chair & Staff



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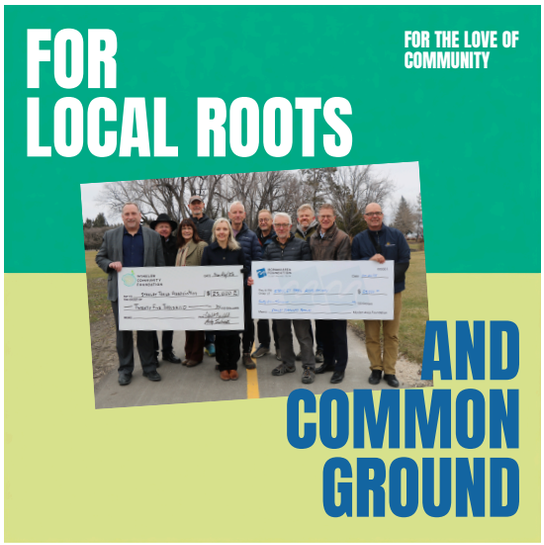
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In Memory of Evan Thomas: Opening Doors for Young Athletes

Amos Cortez and Hector Kauenhofen have received funding from the **Evan Thomas Memorial Fund** to cover their registration fees with Winkler Minor Hockey. Created in memory of Evan Thomas following the Humboldt Broncos bus tragedy, the fund helps ensure local youth can participate in the game he loved, regardless of financial circumstances. For Amos, playing hockey has always been a dream, and this support has made that dream possible.

Through opportunities like these, Evan's legacy continues to inspire young athletes and strengthen the friendships, connections, and sense of community that hockey brings.

The Winkler Community Foundation in numbers

Our Impact At a Glance

$2.38M
TOTAL GRANTS 2020-2025

42
ORGANIZATIONS IMPACTED THROUGH GRANTS IN 2026

$3.5M
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 2020-2025

$9.2 M
TOTAL ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

50
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2026

Creating a Memorial Fund: For the Love of Community

Many families choose to honour a loved one by supporting the causes, organizations, and community they cared about most. A **Memorial, Tribute, or Special Occasion Fund** offers a meaningful way to celebrate a life, preserve cherished values, and **create a lasting legacy**. These funds can support a wide range of charitable purposes and continue to grow over time, making a positive impact for generations to come. Whether you wish to recognize a loved one's memory, celebrate a milestone, or give back in a meaningful way, we are here to help bring your vision to life. To learn more about establishing a fund, contact Myra at myra@winklercommunityfoundation.com. Together, we can create a lasting legacy that strengthens our community for years to come.

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED THIS YEAR

Wyatt Fehr - Outdoor Classroom Project
Ronda Hildebrand - Gateway Resources Fund
Abe E Ens - Ens Heritage Homestead Fund



"A society grows great when people plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit."

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Community Grants: A Powerful Boost for Parkinson's Wellness

Community generosity is making a meaningful difference for local families living with Parkinson's. A recent grant to U-Turn Parkinson's ensures that specialized, life-changing programming can be offered right here in Winkler — removing the need for long-distance travel and strengthening access to proven fitness-based interventions.

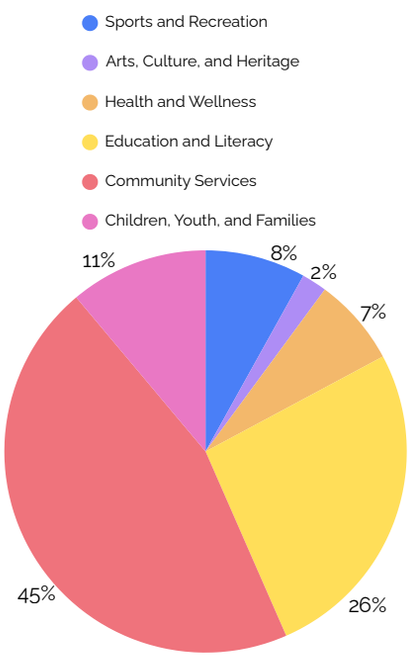
Instructor Stacey Dawson shared that this support allows U-Turn Parkinson's to provide local classes that "give people living with Parkinson's, and their care partners, a tangible tool to slow the disease process and maximize quality of life." Physical activity plays a vital role in improving mobility, independence, sleep, mood, and cognitive function.

Participants feel the impact firsthand. *"We are all in this together, fighting the same battle,"* said Karen Doell.

Thanks to donor support, individuals navigating a Parkinson's diagnosis can build strength, confidence, and community close to home.

Categories of Grants

A total of $424,009 in grants was awarded in 2026, supporting different aspects of our community





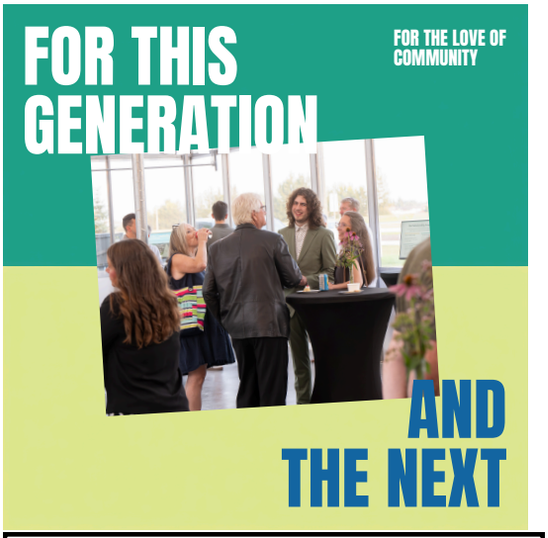
YiP Students volunteering at Central Station

Youth in Philanthropy: Igniting Local Youth to Take Action

More than 200 students from GVSD schools took part in Youth in Philanthropy's kickoff IGNITE Event, exploring local challenges and learning how charitable funding can make a meaningful difference for urgent needs and lasting solutions. Through hands-on activities and real grantmaking decisions, students experienced what it means to strengthen their community with intention and generosity.

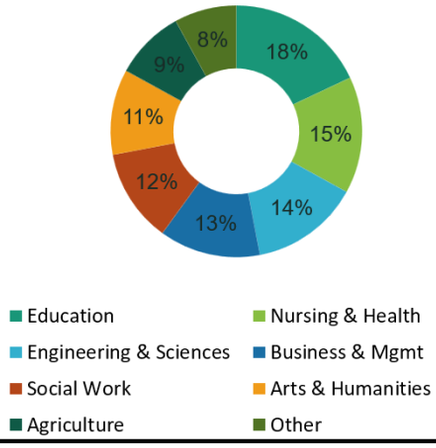
Over the past 23 years, Youth in Philanthropy participants have granted more than $88,000 to local charities—an enduring legacy of young people shaping positive change close to home.

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Career Paths of Past Recipients

As we celebrate a decade of supporting students through the Gordon Wiebe Education Fund, we're proud to see how past recipients are contributing to their communities today.



[This scholarship] gave me the opportunity to become more involved in activities that have had a meaningful impact on my university experience and community involvement. It gave me the freedom to invest in opportunities that have helped me grow both personally and professionally. -Lucas Ens



Connecting Generations of Scholars

Past and current scholarship recipients gathered at the 2026 Scholarship Reception to celebrate achievement, opportunity, and the lasting impact of community support. Over the past 10 years, the **Gordon Wiebe Education Fund** has awarded more than $886,000 in scholarships to 224 students and will continue supporting local students pursuing post-secondary education for generations to come.

2026 New Ongoing Education Support Award Recipients


Kristin Buhler


Joseph Penner


Rysa Limbaga


Olha Olehova


Julia Suderman


Alisha Bese


Riley Schellenberg


Judith Fehr



Heidi was selected as our **2026 Make It a Reality** Award recipient for her love for community, active volunteerism, passion for service, and exceptional grades. She is studying nursing at Brandon University.

Gordon Wiebe Education Awards

- Make It a Reality Award
- Ongoing Education Support Award
- WCF High School Award
- WCF RRC PolyTech Award

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FOR THE LOVE OF COMMUNITY: OUR JOURNEY TO 2030

The Winkler Community Foundation is on a journey to grow our endowment funds to $10 million by 2030. Reaching this milestone will increase grant funding, strengthen the Foundation's long-term sustainability, and ensure local generosity continues to benefit our community for generations to come.

Every gift, large or small, helps build a stronger and more vibrant community. Contributions are invested, with earnings used to support local charitable causes year after year. Together, we are creating a lasting legacy of giving and growing opportunities for impact, all for the love of community.



In 2026, we awarded over $313,509 in grants to 42 local charities and non-profit organizations, supporting projects and programs that strengthen our community. For a full list of grant recipients, visit ***winklercommunity foundation.com /grants***

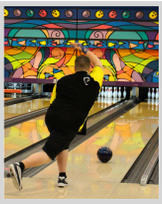
New Funds with the WCF



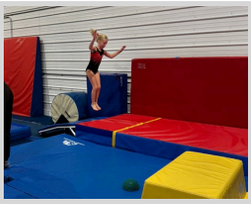
Stride Forward Fund - Donor-Advised Fund

Established in 2025, this fund will begin granting in 2027, with employees recommending each year how grant dollars are distributed to support local causes.

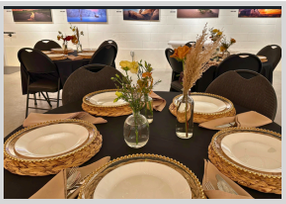
"We wanted this to be a forward-thinking legacy," said Jim Smith.


Special Olympics


Winkler Daycare


Magics Gymnastics


Stanley Trail


Winkler Arts & Culture


Winkler Bible Camp


Big Brothers, Big Sisters


Stars


Thresherman's Museum



Pembina Valley Pregnance Care Centre


Salem Home

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With higher demand for services and rising operating costs, donors have never been more vital to the charitable sector. Organizations rely deeply on the generosity of individuals like you to continue their work.

As we reflect on another year of impact, **we want to extend our sincere gratitude to all of our donors, partners, volunteers, and supporters.** Your ongoing generosity and commitment make it possible for us to continue strengthening our community and improving lives. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us make a difference.

Thank you to our Matching Sponsors

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DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Now is the perfect time to give. From **November 9–15, 2026**, every donation will be matched **dollar for dollar** on the first **$20,000** raised. That means your gift will have twice the impact, helping strengthen our community and support local needs.
Give during the campaign and help us unlock the full **$20,000 matching challenge!**

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2026-2027

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Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ **GIVING CHALLENGE gift of $** _____
Gift will be deposited in the Community Fund.
Must be received before November 15, 2026

☐ **One-time gift of $** _____

Please specify your fund: _____
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Donor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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