

## The Margaret & Alfred Wikjord Family Fund

The Pinawa Foundation is pleased to announce that a new unrestricted fund was established in November 2020 by the Wikjord Family in honour of Margaret. The Wikjord family has been a generous supporter every Philanthropy Day and 2020 was no exception when they chose to open the newest unrestricted fund.

An unrestricted fund allows granting for any area of interest. This fund joins our other two unrestricted funds: General and the Smart & Caring. In 2020 the grants from these funds supported all the groups in Community Project Month, as well as the Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) grants, and grants for fencing at Iron Gardens Elders Home and for new stage curtains at the Community Centre on behalf of Pinawa Players.



## Philanthropy Week November 9 – 15, 2020

Changes due to Covid restrictions saw Philanthropy Day stretched from one day to a full week. It was a great success. Thank you to everyone who added to our unrestricted endowment funds that week. The Foundation added \$122,799 to our endowment (this includes \$4,000 in grants from the Province of Manitoba and The Winnipeg Foundation).

The value of the Foundation's endowment funds at the end of 2020 was \$1,168,210.

**Congratulations Pinawa you have built a \$1,000,000 endowment fund in 10 years.**

The same week-long format will be used for 2021. Donations on-line may be made starting Monday November 8, 2021 through to Sunday November 14, 2021. Cheques payable to the Pinawa Foundation should be received by Saturday November 13, 2021.

## **Youth in Philanthropy**

The students' request for grant applications were sent out in early 2021 with a March 31 deadline. Decisions will be announced at the Foundation AGM in June (fingers crossed).

The students with Mrs. Krupka are recruiting for new members.

## **Community Project Month - May 2021**

The following groups are participants in 2021 Community Project Month.

Survivor's Hope Crisis Inc. – "Improved Services for East Man". Goal: \$5,000

Pinawa Tennis Club – "Repurposing/Resurfacing Tennis/Pickleball Courts". Goal: \$110,000

Two Rivers Seniors – "Covid Expenses Recovery" Goal: \$6,000

Pinawa Art 211 – "Sculpting Equipment – Metal Shelving/Lighting". Goal: \$1,000

Whiteshell Winter Arts Festival - "Activity Equipment (Shuffleboard, Mini Golf)". Goal: \$1,200

Pinawa Lions Club – "Burrows Park Playground Upgrade". Goal \$50,000 (over 2 years)

Pinawa Secondary School – "Guitar Program". Goal: \$1,400

Pinawa Hospital – "Security Card Access for Hospital Pharmacy". Goal: \$10,000

Pinawa Public Library – "Sit 'n Read (Sofa & Nordic Noir Collection)". Goal: \$6,000

Children's Place Day-Care – "Day Care Renovations". Goal: \$50,000

Whiteshell XC Ski Club – "Ski Trail & Track Maintenance". Goal: \$2,000

Pinawa Christmas Committee – "Town Holiday Lights" (owned not rented): Goal: \$1,000

Orville Acres Arena - "LED Light Replacement". Goal: \$12,656

The Pinawa Foundation will stretch community donations by 40% (to a maximum of \$2,000 per group). One cheque can contribute to all or any of the participating groups. Tax receipts issued for donations \$25 and over.

This year has been challenging for all our local groups and the usual fundraising activities to support their budgets have not happened. Please support them if you can.

## **Pinawa Foundation Celebrates Tenth Anniversary**

The Pinawa Foundation recently celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Most people believe their community is special; usually because of the people or the setting or the clubs and special events that make their town a home. Pinawa is no exception. The Pinawa Foundation was

established in 2010 as a non-profit organization focused on supporting charities, groups, and clubs in Pinawa.

“The Foundation was started by dedicated volunteers led by Lynn Patterson and Jane Sargent” said Chris Saunders, the Chair of the Board of Directors. “Over the past 10 years, we have been able to help many local groups with important projects, thanks to the generosity of our community and our corporate and government partners. We have distributed over \$500,000 to support these projects, and we have built our endowment fund to over \$1 Million so that we can continue to support the community for years to come.”



Some of the memorable projects for the Foundation over the years include the first project to get residents to sign up to be organ donors, donating mittens to the students in Pinawa to celebrate the Vancouver Olympics, the annual community project month in May, conceived and led by Carol Findlay, where the Foundation partners with as many local groups as possible to collect and top up the donations for them, publishing and distributing two books on local history and a community resource guide, and the recent programs to help local groups manage the challenges of Covid-19. The Foundation has also funded many projects at the local hospital (upgraded WiFi and cellphone service; new equipment for Cancer Care), the Pinawa Club (new equipment for both the golf course and the curling club; new flooring for the clubhouse) and the Whiteshell School Division (12 scholarships; new scoreboard, ukuleles, and other equipment; graduation display; history display; Youth in Philanthropy Program). The Ironwood Complex has also benefited from the Foundation with a new walk-in tub, fencing for the Ironwood Garden's Elder's home, and Covid-19 supplies.



In addition to our donors, the Foundation would like to thank several groups that have helped us over the years, including the LGD of Pinawa and Mayor Blair Skinner, the Winnipeg Foundation, our investment partner, the Thomas Sill Foundation, and Community Foundations of Canada, a national body that provides advice and support. They would also like to acknowledge all the people that have volunteered their time and skills to the Board of Directors over the years, including over 20 people that have participated as board members. The current board includes Chris Saunders (Chair), Carol Findlay (Treasurer), Connie Hamon (Secretary), Cindy Litke (Communications), Lisa Krupka (Youth in Philanthropy Leader), Alf Wikjord, John Tait, Don Kerr, and Chuck Vandergraaf.



Saunders also said “We have a dynamic board, committed to the work and Pinawa, but we can always use more volunteers. We need people that help create action around community opportunities and challenges. If you think you can help, please contact the Pinawa Foundation at 753-2446, email to [info@pinawafoundation.org](mailto:info@pinawafoundation.org) or mail to Box 100, Pinawa, MB, R0E 1L0.”

## **Community Futures Winnipeg River Names Chris Saunders as the 2020 Volunteer of the Year.**

Chris was recognized by CFWR as a dedicated volunteer and hard-working community supporter. Chris moved to the community in 1980 and in no time, he got involved in various local activities. Forty years later, Chris is still an active, engaged volunteer in Pinawa. His early involvement in the community stemmed from his love for sports. Chris was very involved with minor hockey and served many roles including coaching, managing, and refereeing. Chris has always been a willing volunteer at many local sporting, fundraising, and Lions Club events. Over the years he has participated on numerous boards and committees. Chris was part of the team to form the Pinawa Foundation and has served as Chairman since its inception. Chris has great pride in his hometown, and he works hard to make Pinawa a better place. For Pinawa’s 50th Birthday in 2013, Chris helped create two history books to capture the first 50 years of history in both the community and the Whiteshell Laboratories. Chris also continues to support the community through his own business by sponsoring many local events and fundraisers. Chris gives back to the community so the community can continue to strive and grow. Chris can often be heard to say “How can I help?”



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