MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I am writing this message Thanksgiving is almost upon us. We are so thankful for all of our partners and donors who help to make Northwest Minnesota a better place to live and work.

When you think about your year-end or holiday giving, please consider donating to the Northwest Minnesota Foundation General Endowment Fund. Through the General Endowment Fund, we seek to fulfill our purpose to Build Better Lives for those throughout the region. Your donation, of any amount, will help us continue our efforts to:

- Support existing and recruit new child care providers
- Help communities thrive and attract young, millennial families
- Match donors with philanthropic needs in the region
- Serve local philanthropic funds
- Provide loans to small businesses and entrepreneurs
- Innovate new solutions for housing challenges in the region
- Support the agencies and organizations housing those experiencing homelessness in the region, especially supporting the youth, ages 16 – 24, who are vulnerable to drug addictions, abuse and sex trafficking.

The fastest, easiest way to Build Better Lives is by visiting our website at www.nwmf.org and clicking on the “Give Now” button. You can also click on the "Ways to Give" tab to view other meaningful ways to support our work.

Your gift, combined with the resiliency of the region we serve, will have a lasting, forever impact.

With gratitude,

KAREN WHITE
President

THIEF RIVER FALLS COUPLE GIVES BACK THROUGH DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

For more than 40 years, Ole and Ruth Tweet have called the community of Thief River Falls home. From day one, they felt welcomed from the thoughtful, friendly community members who also encouraged their volunteerism with community projects and the school system.

The Tweets have five children who have grown up in Thief River Falls. When establishing a donor advised fund with NMF in 2000, one goal was to inspire their children and involve them in philanthropic decisions. They wanted them to think about what is important in their lives and how they can pay it forward.

A donor-advised fund is a charitable investment account, for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations you care about. When you contribute cash, securities or other assets (continued on page 3)
The Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NMF) Board of Directors and staff held our annual Giving Circle Celebration to recognize individuals, organizations, or businesses who have made significant contributions to the Foundation’s endowment or charitable funds that it manages.

At the Hampton Inn in Bemidji, on September 19th the philanthropic spirit was alive as 17 donors throughout northwest Minnesota were recognized at different giving levels.

Our Circle of Vision Community Champions are donors who have made gifts of over $500,000. Inducted posthumously to the Giving Circle were H.C. Bill and Jessie Baer and Eldor and Stella Omdahl.

The Baer’s have a designated fund with NMF that supports our Foundation, Sanford Health Foundation, Bemidji State University and arts and culture organizations.

The Omdahl’s fund supports environmental and conservation causes and any efforts that benefit northwest Minnesota or the Wetlands, Pine and Prairie Audubon Sanctuary.

About The Circle Of Vision
The Circle of Vision recognizes current gifts, irrevocable planned gifts or publicly announced will bequests of $100,000 or more made by individuals, families, organizations or businesses in direct support of the Foundation or any of its component funds. The Circle of Vision awards were established to recognize those who see the possibilities of tomorrow by acting today; who believe in their communities, and; who say “yes” when asked to share of themselves and their resources. The generosity that inspired these gifts is a tremendous contribution to the Quality of Place in the region. The foundation’s success is a result of philanthropic endeavors and its future progress will brighten the future for all of us.

Circle of Vision recipients were The Marvin Companies, Crookston Blue Line Club, Engelstad Family Foundation, Estate of Lois Ludwig, Fertile Lions, Joe and Amy Cass, Joseph and Janice Lueken Foundation, John and Mavis Wahlberg, Jake Marvin, Ottertail Power Company, Polaris Foundation, Polaris Industries, Team Foundation & Industries, Tom and Marilyn Miller, and First National Bank Bemidji & Foundation.

Upon accepting the Circle of Vision award, Paul Welle, FNB Foundation said, “Northwest Minnesota Foundation should be commended for making it possible to give at any level so donors are able to impact the communities in which we live.”

NMF President Karen White expressed deep appreciation for these donors and the difference they are making for the region. “One of the most important things the foundation helps with is connecting donors to their charitable interests and the programs they wish to support,” White said. “The impact that one person or family can make is clearly seen in the generosity of the people we are honoring tonight.”

NEWEST GIVING CIRCLE MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT AWARDS CEREMONY

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