

President's Message

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The Westshore Community Foundation, Inc., which encompasses the communities along the west shore of Lake Winnipeg, is an enduring charitable organization created to build a permanent fund which will support non-profit groups in the areas of the environment, heritage and culture, sports and recreation, community services and health and welfare and education.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Westshore Community Foundation, Inc. (WCF) I am pleased to report that as of September 21, 2015, because of the continuing generosity of our donors, the endowment funds have grown to \$1,880,627.00. Because of this growth WCF is able to support more community projects and initiatives, watching how these successful projects enhance community life.

This year we have two opportunities which enable donations to the WCF to be stretched. November, 14th, 2015, the Westshore community Foundation once again participated in the Winnipeg Foundation's Endow Manitoba "Giving Challenge". This is a one day 24-hour event. Gifts were stretched on a 1:5 ratio through the help of the Winnipeg Foundation. E.g. a gift of \$100 will be bumped to a \$120 gift. Last year, the first year for this initiative, the WCF raised over \$5000.00. Each donation over \$20.00 received an income tax receipt. This year, with the matching funds from the Winnipeg Foundation we raised \$7,788.00

The Thomas Sill Foundation is currently complimenting donations to the Westshore Community Foundation on a 1:2 ratio. This initiative is in place until November of 2016. For every dollar raised, Thomas Sill will grant an additional 50 cents to our Foundation to a maximum of \$25,000. This is a tremendous growth opportunity for the Westshore Community Foundation and one which could enter into our giving considerations.

Please remember that the growth of the Westshore Community Foundation flows back into our community and the quality of life that we enjoy.

The Westshore Community Foundation exists for our community because of generous donators and willing volunteers working together to provide a better community in which to live. The Westshore Community Foundation's mandate is to "Build a Lasting Legacy". We encourage everyone to help "plant the seeds" that will help grow our community. Become a donor, we would love to hear from you. Visit our website at www.westshorefoundation.com or call our office at 204-642-9796. We look forward to hearing from you.

Having completed my three year term as President of The Westshore Community Foundation, as of December 31, 2015 it gives me great pleasure to see the continual growth of our Funds. This growth enables the WCF to continue to support eligible community projects and initiatives as well as provide support and encouragement to the students from the Westshore area through our scholarship program. This is made possible because of the continuing generosity of you, our donors.

Thank you so very much!