

SOLOMON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

GROWING FOR GREATNESS



Welcome!

Spring is an exciting time of growth and renewal. We have been planning and collaborating with community organizations and leaders to continue the good work happening in Mitchell County.

Our strategic planning has been guiding our activities. Through our Leadership Capacity, we identified the need to engage our youth in philanthropy and the first step to this was visiting every 5th-grade classroom in Mitchell County. We educated them on the definition and application of giving of your Time, Talent, and Treasure for the benefit of your community, school, church, and/or home. Then we invited these students to attend our brand-new event GIVE TO GROW coming up on April 24. Thanks to generous donors the students will each have \$20 to give to the non-profit(s) of their choosing!

Our Financial Stewardship has guided our creation of the Legacy Society which has identified the importance of Planned Giving and Endowments. We have directly benefited from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and Patterson Family Foundation in how their founders had a vision for rural preservation and legacy giving. We are honored to steward the gifts of our donors to ensure their passions and visions for Mitchell County are at the forefront.

Thank you for partnering with us through telling the story of the Solomon Valley Community Foundation and how we can be a key partner for the continued success of Mitchell County.

Julia Rabe
Executive Director



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MATCH MONTH

NEW GOALS LEAD TO A RECORD BREAKING CAMPAIGN.

Solomon Valley Community Foundation geared up for its 2023 November Match Month campaign with an increased goal, an additional matching partner, and a new match incentive resulting in a record-breaking year!



As in years past the Dane G. Hansen Foundation pledged \$2 for every \$1 raised, up to \$50,000, during the month of November. Additionally, this year the Patterson Family Foundation entered the scene offering a secondary 1 to 1 match of up to \$70,000. Combining the Dane G. Hansen and Patterson Family Foundation's match incentives meant a significant increase in matching funds which sparked SVCF's new Get a Match, Make a Match opportunity and increased the overall match month goal from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

The concept of Get a Match, Make a Match was relatively simple. Due to the Dane G. Hansen and Patterson Family Foundation's contributions, the first \$70,000 raised during the November campaign would GET a match. Anything over and above the initial \$70,000 helped to MAKE a match benefiting Mitchell County non-profits at an upcoming Give to Grow day which we will discuss later in this newsletter.

As quoted in a press release from this fall SVCF Director, Julia Rabe explained, "This is a game changer and a fantastic opportunity for our donors to not only benefit from receiving a match, but it now allows them to help make a match as well."

As we have experienced time and time again, SVCF donors are extremely generous. When it was all said and done, SVCF hit our \$75,000 goal and exceeded it, raising a total of **\$83,655** in local donations. When factoring in the \$170,000 in matching funds, the 2023 Match Month campaign generated **\$253,655** that will stay right here in Mitchell County generating grant dollars and supporting strategic initiatives for years to come.

FUN FACT

SVCF has been holding match month campaigns ever since the Dane G. Hansen Foundation rolled them out in 2016. To date, these campaigns have generated over \$468,000 in local donations and close to \$1.5 million in total when factoring in the match from the Hansen Foundation, and now the Patterson Family Foundation.

From Tiny Seeds, Come Mighty Trees

SVCF GETS INTENTIONAL ABOUT ENGAGING OUR YOUTH

Our youth represent the heartbeat of our community's future. Within them we see emerging leaders, innovators, and change-makers who will shape the course of our communities and drive progress forward. As with generations before, who laid the foundation for what our community embodies today, we recognize the importance of doing the same to ensure our communities continue to thrive.

The SVCF Board has a passion and vision of engaging the youth of Mitchell County in philanthropy. Through committee work our Board identified the 5th graders of Mitchell County as our focus for investment of education, time, and empowerment. This fall our staff and board members visited every 5th-grade classroom throughout the county. The students engaged in learning more about philanthropy and how to apply their time, talents, and treasure to the things that mean the most to them. SVCF looks forward to continuing this work and hosting the 5th grade classes at our Give to Grow event this spring. Thanks to two generous donors the students will receive \$20 and get to experience philanthropy first hand!



Bottom Left: Beloit Elementary. Top Right: Tipton Community School. Middle Right: St. Johns Catholic School. Bottom Right: Lakeside Elementary.



Give to Grow

A DAY OF GIVING HOSTED BY SVCF

We know everyone loves a good match opportunity and SVCF is no stranger to match campaigns, which is why we are excited to announce our newest event Give to Grow!

Give to Grow is a one-day matching initiative aimed at increasing visibility and long-term endowment growth for area non-profits. As a result of a successful November Match Month campaign, and with the support of the Patterson Family Foundation, SVCF has set aside \$25,000 in matching funds for qualifying non-profits participating in this year's event.

Donor gifts received during the event will be matched proportionately, up to 100% from SVCF's \$25,000 match pool. In addition, hourly giveaways sponsored by area businesses will provide even more opportunities for patrons to select a non-profit to benefit. Moreover, all 102 Mitchell County 5th graders from Beloit Elementary, St. John's, Lakeside Elementary, and Tipton Community School will be bussed in for the event. Thanks to generous donations from Guaranty State Bank and SMC Concrete & Construction, each student will be provided \$20 in Give to Grow Monopoly money so that they too can participate in the giving.

Over 20 qualifying non-profits are set to participate this year. SVCF is honored for the opportunity to partner with them to promote their missions and help build long-term endowments. For more information visit givetogrowmc.com

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Name That Fund

WITH SO MANY OPTIONS, DISCOVER WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

Creating a fund at the Solomon Valley Community Foundation is an easy way to invest in the health and vibrancy of the organizations that are meaningful to you. In a few easy steps, you can determine which type of fund is the best option for your needs and begin to put your charitable dollars to work in the areas that are most important to you.



DONOR ADVISED

One of the most popular fund options, a Donor Advised fund is established by donors who wish to actively participate in the grant-making process. Individuals who establish a donor advised fund recommend charitable projects or organizations they want to support.



DESIGNATED

Donors who wish to support a specific agency or cause can establish a designated fund. If the original charity ceases to exist, becomes obsolete or is unable to perform their charitable purposes, our Board of Directors is able to redirect funds to an organization providing similar services without the cost of expensive legal action.



FIELD OF INTEREST

Field of interest funds are established to focus your gift in particular interest areas, specific program initiatives, causes or geographic areas of your choice. At the donor's request, use of the funds is restricted to a specified area of interest, but flexibility remains to meet changing situations.



UNRESTRICTED

An unrestricted gift is not specifically designated for use by a particular agency, cause or area of interest. Our Board of Directors oversees the use of these funds. Setting priorities for their use and determining how grants will be distributed to support the charitable needs of our community. Unrestricted funds give us the ability to respond to pressing and often changing needs in the community.



ORGANIZATIONAL

Organization funds are available to non-profits and offer a simple and efficient way to build capacity and provide long-term support for their mission. Establishing an organization fund is also a great way to encourage estate and legacy gift directed toward your non-profit.





SCHOLARSHIP


Two different scholarship fund options are available to support student education based on donor interest and budget. Designated Scholarship Funds partner with schools and other nonprofits to facilitate the process, whereas the community foundation manages the process, start to finish, for Traditional Scholarship Funds.



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