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MERCER ISLAND, Wash. -- Yale University, Studs Terkel (the Chicago author), mountain climbing, tribal colleges and homesteading in northeast South Dakota would seem to have little in common with each other. Then again, at the South Dakota Community Foundation, we have a tendency to stumble across individuals who are absolutely fascinating. Lois Irwin of Mercer Island is one of these great people.

More than a year ago, the telephone rang at the South Dakota Community Foundation office in Pierre, and it was a program officer from the Seattle Foundation. She had been visiting with one of their board members, who mentioned that her neighbor had some farmland in South Dakota she was interested in giving away for charitable purposes. From this conversation, a friendship and a philanthropic relationship were born.

Lois Irwin, and her husband, Ward, have lived in the Pacific Northwest for several decades. Lois is a retired nursing instructor, and Ward spent many years working as an engineer at Boeing. Their story is as interesting as any novel you have read. Lois grew up in Montana, but moved to North Dakota before graduating from high school. She received her degree in economics and biology from St. Olaf College in Minnesota and went on to get a Master's Degree in Nursing from Yale in New Haven, Conn. She was at Yale from 1941-1944, and since the Yale unit of doctors and nurses was sent to assist in the South Pacific during World War II, Lois and her classmates staffed the New Haven Hospital until 1946. After the war, she decided to go west, and ended up as a nursing instructor at the Virginia Mason Hospital Nursing School in Seattle. As an outdoor enthusiast (including camping, kayaking, mountain climbing), Lois met Ward through a mountain climbing group, and they were married.

Lois came from a family of homesteaders. Her grandfather homesteaded in Wisconsin in the 1800s, and when it grew too crowded, he walked to South Dakota to start another homestead for his wife. Lois' favorite story about this long journey is that her grandfather would drink slough water filtered through his handkerchief to stay hydrated as he walked. He settled in Brown County, Dakota Territory, and Lois' mother was born just prior to



LOIS IRWIN AND HER HUSBAND, WARD ENJOY THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE FROM KAYAKS IN 1976.

statehood in 1889. Lois' mother eventually inherited this quarter section of land in South Dakota, and passed it along to Lois.

Twenty years ago, Lois was listening to public radio, and heard author Studs Terkel lamenting the lack of higher education opportunities in Indian Country. She made a decision that when the opportunity came for her to do something about this matter, she would do her best. After a conversation with her neighbor, a call from the Seattle Foundation, a trip to Mercer Island, Wash., and the sale of 160 acres in Brown County, South Dakota, Lois has followed through on her commitment. The proceeds from this sale resulted in the South Dakota Community Foundation's first Field of Interest Fund. The Native American Education Fund will perpetually generate earnings to support higher education opportunities for South Dakota's American Indian population. Lois Irwin is a remarkable woman with a great life story and tremendous conviction. The South Dakota Community Foundation staff, our state, and Native American students from across South Dakota are better off for having crossed her path.



Community Savings Account News

Two major advances have occurred on the Community Savings Account front.

In a mere seven months, the Irene Community Foundation in June reached its goal to qualify for a South Dakota Community Foundation grant, and the Salem Area Foundation, which has been in a start-up mode since spring, completed its final organizational step by approving its bylaws and electing officers.

The progress in Irene and Salem illustrated what has been an active period for communities connected to the South Dakota Community Foundation. A number of local foundations are embarking on fundraising projects, or strategically planning how to expand their base.

In Irene, the announcement was before a large crowd of returning alumnus at the All School Reunion on a beautiful June 9 Saturday night. Both David Bak of the Irene Community Foundation and Bob Sutton, president of the SDCF, addressed the audience and Sutton presented a check for \$25,000 as a matching grant for the Irene foundation reaching its goal of \$75,000. In that audience was Sherman Petersen, of Michigan, class of 1945, whose significant gift enabled the goal to be achieved so rapidly. It was a sweet moment for the community and the foundation's board of directors, which includes, in addition to Bak, Bob Satter, John Brockmueller, Carol Hansen, and Daron Schenk.

Meanwhile in Salem, that community was moving swiftly toward establishing a community foundation and on July 12 announced it had adopted its bylaws and elected Glenda Blindert as the organization's chairwoman. Also elected were Pat Scheier as vice chair and Janet Karel, secretary treasurer. Quite an accomplishment given that the process was only launched in March when the SDCF extended a challenge grant of \$25,000 if the Salem Community Foundation could successfully raise \$75,000 by July 1, 2010.

Since then, Salem foundation supporters have been steadily pushing forward. They created a pamphlet titled, "Leave Your Imprint," which explains the mission of the foundation and how it can sustain and improve the community. The pamphlet was distributed to a large crowd that attended the June 4 Customer Appreciation Supper, which afforded a unique opportunity to spread the word about the fledgling foundation's work. Salem's board, which also includes John Stiefvater, Ron Feterl, and Mike Kinzley, continues to focus on ways to increase awareness and build the endowment so that the foundation can do its important work of helping the Salem community.

In that vein, all communities that are associated with the South Dakota Community Foundation are invited to a workshop designed to help board members raise money and build awareness. The West River conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Rapid City on Oct. 23, and the East River workshop is scheduled for Oct. 25 at the Crossroads in Huron. Both workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., allowing participants to drive in on the same day and be home for dinner. There is no charge for the workshops and a registration form will be mailed in coming weeks. The topics were selected based on feedback from the various foundation members, who said they wanted training in these two important areas for all foundations.

Grants Awarded

The South Dakota Community Foundation awarded thirty-nine grants from our unrestricted grant fund in the first half of 2007 totaling \$276,550. The Foundation received seventy-two applications, with requests totaling approximately \$1.5 million.

The Foundation makes grant awards in the areas of economic development, human services, health, education and cultural programs. Grant applications are accepted anytime and awards are made within a 45-60 day time period. For more information on the South Dakota Community Foundation or to obtain an application, contact the Foundation office at 1-800-888-1842 or visit our web site at www.sdcommunityfoundation.org. Following is a list of those awards and how the grant dollars will be used.

Armour South Dakota Industrial Development, Armour, SD - \$5,000

The Armour South Dakota Industrial Development Company, in conjunction with the City of Armour is receiving financial support to help facilitate the expansion of Werkmeister Welding manufacturing operation with the addition of a new 19,500 square foot facility. This organization must raise \$75,000.

Badlands South Central Enterprise Facilitation, Hamill, SD - \$4,000

Funds from this grant will assist the Badlands South Central Enterprise Facilitation (BSCEF) organization by providing much-needed assistance to small business operators and aspiring entrepreneurs in a very rural part of our state. Serving nine counties in western South Dakota, BSCEF uses the Sirroli Institute model to assist in the start-up of business ventures to revitalize rural areas, create jobs, and provide an ongoing tax base.

Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, Belle Fourche, SD - \$5,000

Matching funds will assist the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce with the construction of a monument for tourists to visit the "geographic center of the nation." The old marker was a red fence post in a pasture 20 miles from town. The new monument design is that of a compass rose, poured concrete and then over-laid with South Dakota granite. This marker will be provided and paid for by the National Coast and Geodetic Survey. Nearly 6,000 tourists stop at the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce for information about Belle Fourche and the Black Hills Area.

Black Hills Playhouse, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD - \$7,000

The Black Hills Playhouse is receiving grant money to purchase materials and labor for two buildings. One building will be used for rehearsals and one building will be divided and used for costumes in one half and selected set and property work in the other half. Both buildings will be used for needed storage during the winter. The grant is contingent on the Playhouse raising \$93,000.

Canova Community Improvement, Inc., Canova, SD - \$4,000

The baseball organization and the city of Canova have teamed up with the Canova Community Improvement organization to improve the lighting facilities of the baseball and softball fields in Canova, SD. The new lights are far more energy efficient which will reduce the electrical costs to the city. Athletes from a four-county area have used these fields over the last 50 years. Funds will be contingent on them raising \$30,000.

Capital University Center Foundation Advisory Board, Pierre, SD - \$10,000

Matching funds will assist the Capital University Center Advisory Board build a new facility for Capital University Center. CUC has been housed in a wing of St. Mary's Healthcare Center in Pierre. For the past 23 years, St. Mary's has provided office and classroom space for CUC. As a result of the Healthcare Center's long-term construction plan, the space in which CUC is located has been scheduled for demolition. The grant is contingent on them raising \$3,090,000.



Clark Development Corporation, Clark, SD - \$5,000

The Clark Development Corporation has been offered a gift of two apartment complexes. Matching funds will assist the Clark Development Corporation build garage units and purchase the land the garages will sit on to enhance apartment complexes.

Clovervale 4-H Club, Winner, SD - \$3,000

The Clovervale 4-H Club working in a cooperative effort with the Clearfield Youth Center is receiving funds to assist them with the upgrades to a baseball/softball facility in Clearfield, SD. Improvements will be made to the infield, fence surrounding the field, dugouts, lighting system, and concession stand. The field is home to three girl's teams, three boy's teams and one men's league team. There are approximately 80 players that use this rural field each year.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission, Rapid City, SD - \$8,000

The Cornerstone Rescue Mission in Rapid City is implementing a transitional housing program called The Cornerstone Apartments for homeless families with children. The facility will provide families a safe and secure place to live while transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing. Funds will assist Cornerstone with interior finish and basic furnishings. They must raise \$142,000 for the project.

Deuel Gymnastics, Clear Lake, SD - \$5,000

Deuel Gymnastics is creating a new gymnastics club that will assist with providing space and equipment and create a gymnastics club for children of all ages in the Deuel school district. The Deuel gymnastics program has endured inadequate facilities over the past years and many local families are traveling to Watertown and Brookings multiple times a week to use the gymnastic facilities in those communities. Funds from this grant will assist with the purchase of bleachers.

Downtown Brookings, Inc., Brookings, SD - \$5,000

Efforts to re-establish the South Dakota Main Street program state-wide will be the focus of this grant. This program will provide technical and informational resources to towns and cities interested in the revitalization of their downtowns. Communities will receive professional advice and training, develop public-private partnerships, and improve their downtowns physically.

Eureka Community Development Co., Inc., Eureka, SD - \$10,000

Matching funds will assist the community of Eureka in reaching their goal to complete construction of a retail center on Hwy. 10, which will reach out to those passing through the community. The funding for the construction is being provided through SDREL, but they are required to increase their loan loss reserves. This grant is contingent on them raising \$10,000 for the loan loss reserve.

Family Connection, Sioux Falls, SD - \$6,000

Family Connection is a program that provides services and support to families of prison inmates in Sioux Falls. Family

Connection established the Children's Connection program, which provides services of weekly support groups for children with a parent in prison. These support groups are facilitated by Licenses Professional Counselors or Social Workers who are employed by Family Connection. They meet weekly with these children over the lunch hour at their school. This program serves 150 students in 28 weekly groups at six elementary and three middle schools. There are two additional elementary schools that have requested services as well. Funds from this grant will assist with expanding their program.

Habitat for Humanity-South Dakota, Inc., Brookings, SD - \$6,000

Habitat for Humanity-South Dakota is the statewide organization that serves the activities of 14 affiliates across the state. This organization has a strong presence in many communities, including 4 affiliates that exclusively serve the Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Cheyenne River and Crow Creek Indian Reservations. Funds will assist this organization to develop the public awareness campaign and use the materials to generate opportunities for new partnerships at both the state and local levels of Habitat for Humanity.

LeadershipPlenty South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD - \$16,250

LeadershipPlenty has provided training in 27 communities across South Dakota. This training focuses on identifying new leaders in communities, and developing their leadership skills. Funds from this grant will assist with the second phase of the program called "Creating Value Added Communities". This segment takes the leadership skills and puts them to work developing solutions to community issues with a primary focus on economic development efforts.

Marshall County Prayer Rock Museum, Britton, SD - \$3,500

The Marshall County Prayer Rock Museum has been verified by the Smithsonian as a prehistoric artifact representing the Mound Builders ceremonies. This verification has caused a reawakening of interest at the museum and the museum is in need of some updates. Funds will assist with a number of programs and projects they are implementing at the Museum.

New Underwood Community Development Corporation, New Underwood, SD - \$4,000

Matching funds will assist the New Underwood Community Development Corporation in purchasing a new wood floor and protective cover in the high school gym. The new floor will result in hosting more tournaments which in turn will bring more visitors to the New Underwood area. The gym is used for various community events too, such as funerals, church carnivals and church fundraising suppers, youth and adult basketball and open gym activities.

Northeast Council of Governments Development Corporation, Aberdeen, SD - \$10,000

NECOG Development Corporation provides direct loans to eligible applicants through a revolving loan program. NECOG-Development Corporation receives

approximately 5 inquiries per month from individuals, businesses, development organizations, and banks about the availability of loan funds. Recently NECOG-DC was awarded an IRP loan of \$750,000 from USDA Rural Development and is now in the process of procuring the necessary match of \$187,500. This \$10,000 will help towards this match.

Oglala Lakota College, Kyle, SD - \$15,000

Oglala Lakota College is in Phase IV of their Rebuilding the Lakota Nation Through Education Campaign. They have been issued a challenge grant for the John Around Him Endowed Scholarship Fund. If they can raise \$85,000 they will receive \$15,000 to assist with student scholarships. Oglala Lakota College will then invest the \$100,000 within the South Dakota Community Foundation creating the John Around Him Endowed Scholarship Fund.

On Hand Development Corporation, Miller, SD - \$10,000

Matching funds will assist On Hand Development Corporation's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program. This program will initiate the proper process in completing a spec building for the purposes of securing a space for three new projects, which will add new jobs to their community and county. The RLF program has had tremendous success and has assisted twenty-three existing businesses expand and has either retained or created over 100 new jobs.

Plankinton Childcare, Inc., Plankinton, SD - \$5,000

This is a Governor's Daycare facility in Plankinton, SD. This facility will be licensed for up to 40 children and is located adjacent to the Plankinton School. This grant will help defray the costs of setting up the community daycare. Members of the community are donating items to the daycare as well as labor to the construction of the building.

Rural Community Innovations (RCI), Bozeman, MT - \$5,000

Rural Community Innovations (RCI) is the fiscal agent for Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation, an organization on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The project they are receiving funds for has two parts. The first part involves the finishing of the Thunder Valley Community House. The second part of the project is a program called Wisdom Keepers. It is based on several Values of Lakota Life. These programs will help young people immerse themselves in the value based traditions, ceremonies, and morals of their ancestors, giving them a stronger sense of self and positive direction. They need to raise \$44,460.

Sanborn Central Scholarship Foundation, Forestburg, SD - \$10,000

The Sanborn Central Scholarship Foundation was challenged by an anonymous donor to raise \$100,000 for a scholarship fund at Sanborn Central High School. As part of that challenge, the South Dakota Community Foundation provided \$10,000 Sanborn Central group reaching \$100,000.

Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sioux Falls, SD - \$10,000
Caminando Juntos, sponsored by the Aberdeen Presentation Sisters, is an out-

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reach ministry with the Latino population in the Sioux Falls area. They help create a welcoming presence and respond to the needs of newer Latino immigrants. One focus of this ministry is immigration services and a second area is Education. They teach 6 different levels of English as a Second Language classes and assist immigrants prepare for citizenship eligibility by providing citizenship preparation sessions. Funds will assist with these programs.

South Dakota Network Against Family Violence & Sexual Assault, Sioux Falls, SD - \$2,000

The South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault has a permanent endowment fund within the South Dakota Community Foundation. Funds from this grant will assist the Network with capacity building including education and prevention efforts statewide and to discover methods to sustain these services. The grant is contingent on this organization raising \$18,000.

South Dakota Teen Court Association, Rapid City, SD - \$10,000

The South Dakota Teen Court Association has been awarded a grant to assist with their program. This program is made up of Teen Court administrators in partnership with youth to support, promote and advocate for Teen Courts in South Dakota. This program is administered at the local level by staff, but conducted entirely by youth. Students serve as the jury, attorneys and other officers of the court. A local attorney generally serves as judge. Juvenile offenders accused of non-violent crimes can be directed to the Teen Court system versus the SD Juvenile Courts. The trial is held, with evidence pointing out that the crime actually did occur. The defense does not argue innocence, but rather appropriate punishment for the offense. The sentences handed down include community service, public apologies to parents, teachers, siblings, etc., and also serving the Teen Court system. Most of the youth involved have been through the process themselves. If any of the terms of the sentence are not met, the juvenile is immediately sent to the "real" court system.

South Eastern Development Foundation, Sioux Falls, SD - \$10,000

Matching funds from this grant will assist the South Eastern Development Foundation meet the required amount needed to receive an Intermediary Relending Program loan from USDA. Efforts will focus on improving the quality of life in Clay, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner and Union counties by providing opportunities for small business ownership and expansion, job retention and creation, and entrepreneurial enterprises for the six county regions. This organization must raise \$106,666.

St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, SD - \$10,000

St Joseph Indian School serves Native American youth in grades 1-12 with residential and educational services. Over 240 youth currently live on the Chamberlain campus, with over 90 percent of the students coming from South Dakota reservations. Funds will assist with the construction of new residential facili-

ties for the high school males. All St. Joseph students, from age 6 to 18, live in residential facilities with adopted "houseparent's" and families of approximately 10 siblings. The new expansion will increase the number of high school students served by 25%, and also allow more space for younger students, where the waiting list is larger than current enrollment. They must raise \$2.0 million by December 31,2007.

Strand-Kjorsvig Nursing Home, Roslyn, SD - \$2,000

Funds will assist the Strand-Kjorsvig Community Rest Home, located in Roslyn with replacing the manual start switch on their generator with an automatic one. Each year the State Department of Health performs a survey. After completion of their last survey the Nursing Home was informed that this upgrade was necessary. This nursing home is also the shelter for Roslyn and surrounding communities.

Teach For America-South Dakota, Pierre, SD - \$5,000

Funds will assist Teach for America -South Dakota expand its program by bringing an additional 25 teachers to South Dakota. Teach for America-South Dakota is a program that brings outstanding recent college graduates to teach in urban and rural schools. This program has provided teachers who are currently serving in Crazy Horse, American Horse, Little Wound, St. Francis and Todd County school districts on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota. They impact nearly 3,000 students each day.

The South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy, Pierre, SD - \$5,000

Funds will assist The South Dakota State University College of Pharmacy for the first phase of a telepharmacy project assessment. Communities will be identified that are the most appropriate for a remote telepharmacy site and infrastructure will be established.

Tripp County Veterans Memorial, Colome, SD - \$5,000

Funds will assist the Tripp County Veterans Memorial Committee to construct a memorial for all veterans from the Tripp County area that have served beginning with World War I and are currently serving our country. The names of the men and women, both those that gave and for those that have given all, will be placed on the front and back of the Granites which will surround the existing World War I statue.

United Retirement Center, Inc., Brookings, SD - \$20,000

Funds will assist the United Retirement Center, Inc. with a 16,000-square foot addition to its original structure. United Retirement Center, Park Place Apartments, Park Place Assisted Living and the URC Child Development Center are the four major entities that presently make up this intergenerational campus. This new addition will provide new space for 84 children. This will bring the total number of children served to 120. Opportunities for young and old will enjoy and help each other in an atmosphere of support and care that is

beneficial to both generations. It will also have space for short-term and for sick children.

Webster Area Development Corporation, Webster, SD - \$5,000

The Webster Area Development Corporation is receiving funds to assist them in obtaining funding from South Dakota Rural Enterprise. Which in turn will assist in a project which may bring a manufacturing facility to the Webster community. The Development Corporation must raise \$15,000 for this project.

Wellspring, Inc., Rapid City, SD - \$10,000

Wellspring, Inc. provides family based therapeutic services for youth who cannot function in their own family, the open community and the open school setting due to mental, emotional and/or chemical dependency problems. Funds will assist with the purchase of a new facility and complete necessary construction needs. Wellspring currently operates inpatient and outpatient programs and has provided services to over 15,000 adolescents and family members since opening in 1994. They must raise \$1,443,425.

Winner Boy Scout Troop 100, Ideal, SD - \$10,000

Matching funds will assist the Winner Boy Scout Troop with relocating their cabin, doubling the size making it accessible to the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Basmasters. The new cabin will have two meeting rooms and a restroom and it will have an in-floor heating system. This grant is contingent on them raising \$110,000.

Yankton Baseball Association, Yankton, SD - \$5,000

Funds from this grant will assist the Yankton Baseball Association with tearing down and replacing the grandstand at Riverside Baseball Park in Yankton.

Youth & Family Services, Inc., Rapid City, SD - \$4,800

Youth & Family Services received funds to assist with their Girls Incorporated Health Connections program. This program addresses the physical and mental health of at-risk girls, ages 5-15. These girls are referred to the program because they do not have a regular health care provider, have unmet or urgent care needs, and/or do not receive regular medical attention. The program provides advocacy and access to health services and empowers the girls and their caregivers to achieve better health throughout their lives.

Youth Wise, Spearfish, SD - \$6,000

Youth Wise is a program that provides educational services to the youth of the Northern Black Hills with an emphasis on alcohol, other drugs and tobacco prevention. Funds will assist with a school wide web-based survey to evaluate student depression and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Survey results will be utilized for strategic planning and data assessment. Once the survey is complete and an evaluation form is completed, they are eligible for Federal and State dollars. This organization must raise \$14,000.

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New Community Saving Account Coordinator Hired



Noel Hamiel of Mitchell has been named Community Savings Account Coordinator for the South Dakota Community Foundation.



Noel Hamiel

In his position, funded by a grant from the Bush Foundation, Hamiel will work closely with more than 70 foundations across South Dakota that have established savings accounts, as well as those communities that are considering establishing foundations.

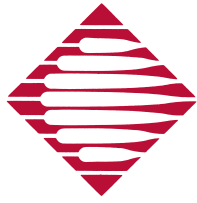
Hamiel will serve as the primary liaison between the South Dakota Community Foundation and the organization's partner foundations at the local level. He will work in the areas of fund and board development, grantmaking, public relations and standard operating procedures for local community foundations.

Local foundations are a key way South Dakota communities can help themselves. By establishing a permanent endowment, these foundations play an essential role in identifying and addressing community needs, from fire trucks and day care centers, to a broad range of economic development initiatives. Towns and cities of all sizes and geographic location have partnered with the SDCF, from Aberdeen to Alpena, and Hot Springs to Huron. Additional communities are starting local foundations each year.

Hamiel is a lifelong resident of South Dakota who grew up on a wheat and cattle ranch west of Chamberlain. He retired from a career in newspapers that spanned 1972-2007, with most of that time in South Dakota. Prior to his position with SDCF, he was publisher of The Daily Republic in Mitchell, where he and his wife, Janet, have lived for 14 years. They have three grown daughters and three grandchildren.

During his career in the newspaper field, Hamiel twice served as president of the South Dakota Associated Press Managing Editors association, chaired the state APME Freedom of Information Committee, and served on the board of the South Dakota Newspaper Association.

Over the years Hamiel also recorded an active role in public affairs. He was a member of the Governor's Task Force on Tourism in 1988, and in 1999 co-chaired the Governor's Task Force on Wages, which was charged with determining the root causes of historically low wages in many South Dakota occupations. He served on the South Dakota Board of Education in 1986-89 and as its chairman in 1989. He also served as a member of the National Task Force to Develop a School Curriculum in 1988. South Dakota State University named him a Lusk Fellow in 2006 for outstanding contributions in the field of journalism.



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