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The Foundations of the Seven Oaks Education Foundation

Most of us have volunteered for something at some point, whether it's to help organize an event, raise money for a cause or just be there to lend a helping hand when needed.

But the reasons we volunteer are different from person to person.

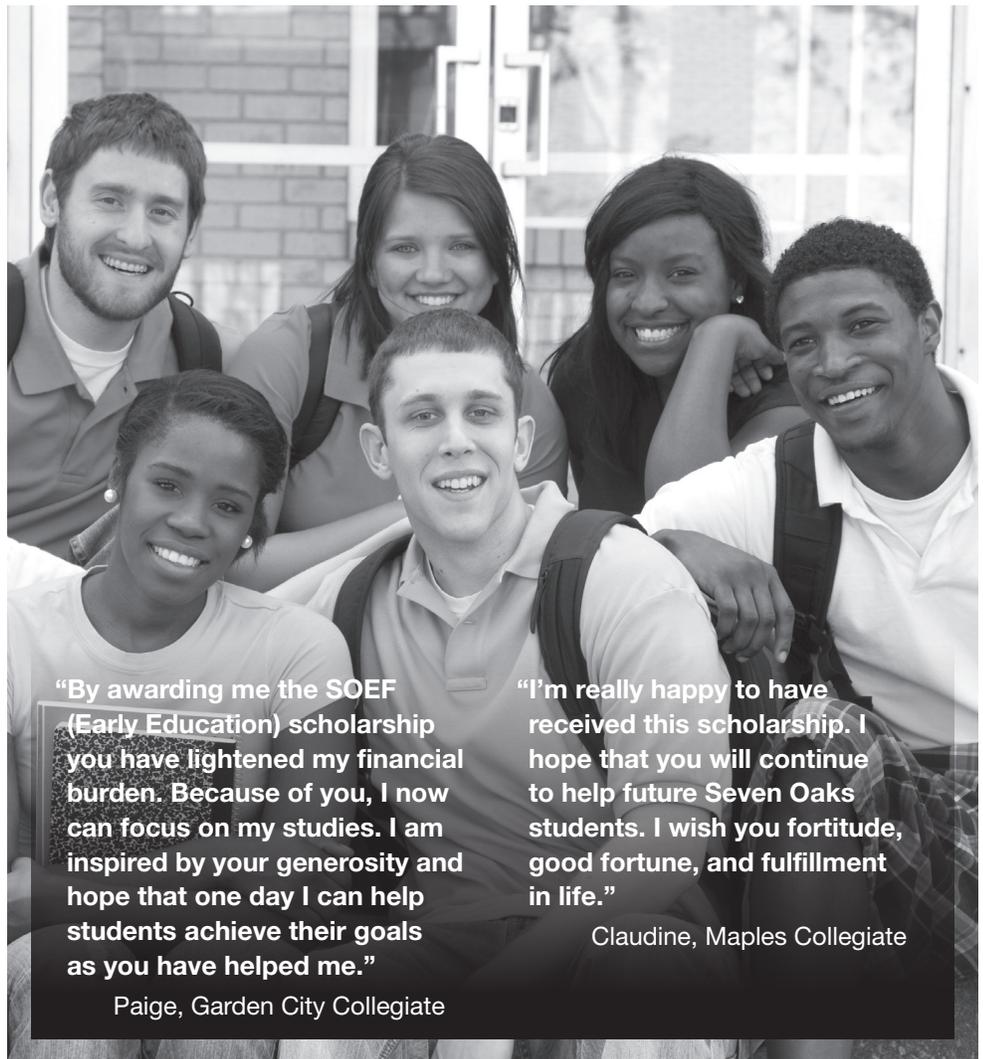
Our Seven Oaks Education Foundation volunteer Board of Directors is no different. Each person has reasons for giving his or her time and energy to the Foundation. And though some of the reasons may be similar, it's the personal meaning that makes them unique.

Pat Stefanchuk

After years of teaching in the Seven Oaks School Division, Pat Stefanchuk retired in 2004. But you'd never know it from the amount of time she spends working for the Seven Oaks Education Foundation Board.

Already busy volunteering for the F.A.S.T. (Families and Schools Working Together) program at Margaret Park School, chairing a committee that plans luncheons for ex-Flin Floners and taking courses through Creative Retirement, Pat wanted another way to maintain her ties with Seven Oaks.

"I looked for a way that I could stay connected to the school division and contribute as a volunteer," explains Pat. "The Seven Oaks Education



"By awarding me the SOEF (Early Education) scholarship you have lightened my financial burden. Because of you, I now can focus on my studies. I am inspired by your generosity and hope that one day I can help students achieve their goals as you have helped me."

Paige, Garden City Collegiate

"I'm really happy to have received this scholarship. I hope that you will continue to help future Seven Oaks students. I wish you fortitude, good fortune, and fulfillment in life."

Claudine, Maples Collegiate

Foundation was a perfect opportunity to continue to work for students who graduate and pursue post-graduate studies at a university or community college."

"I joined the Board in March, 2005, and

immediately began my quest to have a Creative Arts Scholarship created for each of the three high schools. The creative arts have always been important to me as a former Music teacher and Arts Consultant in Seven Oaks School Division."

The Board moved to approve a Creative Arts Scholarship along with two others: the Technology and Campus Life Scholarships. Seeing the addition of new scholarships and knowing what a vital role they played in promoting post-secondary education, Pat decided to continue her volunteering. She's been part of the Board ever since.

Today, she's Past President and current Chair of the Newsletter Committee (the most recent edition of which you're enjoying right this second). And she doesn't intend to stop volunteering any time soon.

"I believe in making a commitment once I have joined an organization," says Pat. "I enjoy meeting with my fellow Board members, serving on committees and working on fundraising initiatives such as our annual Bud, Spud, and Steak night."

More than that, however, Pat remains involved for the simplest of reasons; she believes in what the Board does.

"I don't think there's such a thing as too much support for education," says Pat. "Anything we can do to help encourage a student to take that next step into post-secondary learning is something that we should consider. Because it means a lot more than people realize."

Wayne Shimizu

Wayne Shimizu's involvement with the Seven Oaks Education Foundation Board actually started when he was working at another school division.

Wayne was originally a member of the Seven Oaks Scholarship Board, the precursor to the Seven Oaks Education Board. However, when the Scholarship Board began its transition to a full-fledged Foundation, Wayne took a job with the St. Vital/Louis Riel School Division.

"I began working with the St. Vital Education Foundation and learned of the support they were receiving

from the Winnipeg Foundation," says Wayne. "I mentioned this to Ed Johns, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Seven Oaks School Division who was spearheading the transition from Board to Foundation."

Ed arranged a meeting between the newly formed Seven Oaks Education Foundation and the Winnipeg Foundation, and an agreement was completed for the Winnipeg Foundation to look after a portion of the Seven Oaks Foundation's investments.

When Ed retired from Seven Oaks in 2005, Wayne returned to the Division and immediately re-involved himself with the Foundation. He remains part of the SOEF Board because he wants to ensure the good work – and opportunities for students – continue to grow.

"My interest is in seeing students from the high schools receive financial assistance for their post-secondary education," explains Wayne. "It would be great if we were able to see our asset base grow to the extent that we would be able to provide some very significant scholarships."

Since the move to an endowment model, the Foundation's asset base has grown from around \$60,000 in the late 90's to approximately \$600,000 as of today. But the goal is to continue to build on that so more scholarships in larger amounts can be awarded.

"An asset base of over \$1,000,000 would likely enable the Foundation to provide a number of \$500 scholarships along with a few scholarships in the \$5,000 range," says Wayne. "So my hope is to see our asset base grow to the extent that we can provide a few significant scholarships along with the ones we are providing currently."

Dawne Smithson

For Dawne Smithson, volunteering as a member of the Seven Oaks Education Board is a matter of family. Starting with her own.

As the mother of three children who attended school in Seven Oaks, Dawne has seen the changes and challenges students and their families encountered, including those related to post-secondary education.

Now, with grandchildren in the Division, Dawne volunteers her time to help ensure as many children as possible have more doors open when it comes to their education – particularly in an age where post-secondary education is becoming increasingly expensive.

"I joined the board because I was impressed with the way the division is adapting itself to the challenges associated with education in 2013 and with the unique programs that have been put in place to address these needs," says Dawne. "I also believe that providing financial support for education through the Foundation can make a real difference for someone."

"We have seen first-hand the commitment that the people that work in the Division have towards their role in helping to set children on a strong path for the future. I want to be part of that."

Dawne is currently the Secretary of the Board, and she definitely intends to remain involved with the SOEF Board for some time. She has a vision for where the Foundation can go; one she shares with her fellow Board members.

"For the future, I hope that the SOEF can raise its visibility and awareness in the community, allowing for greater fundraising opportunities which will ultimately benefit students in the Seven Oaks School Division by providing greater funds for scholarships."

Ramona Gallos

Though Ramona Gallos is now an Honorary Member of the Seven Oaks Education Foundation Board, you can rest assured her dedication and belief in what the Foundation does remains steadfast.

"I knew my ability to attend the meetings was going to be reduced and I didn't think it would be fair to keep the spot from someone else who wanted to be part of things," explains Ramona of her new Honorary Member status.

The title "Honorary Member" is well-earned. Ramona has been involved with the Seven Oaks School Division since 1979 when her own children began attending school and she joined the Parent Council. She has been an active volunteer since, along with her eleven years of service on the Seven Oaks School Board.

Ramona was also part of the sub-committee that helped transition the Scholarship Board into the Foundation because she – like her colleagues – believed in the importance of providing sustainable scholarship opportunities for students.

"I didn't want to see the opportunity for the creation of scholarships pass us by," Ramona says of the transition into an endowment fund model.

Ramona has always made time for the Foundation while balancing her already busy schedule. She volunteers (with the Maples Youth Activity Centre and the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation Gala Committee to name but two committees), operates Master Roofing with her husband, and – of course – spends time with her family.

"I think when something is important to you, you make time for it," she says. "And I feel it's important to give back to the community."

"That's something I always ask myself: how can I give back? It's just something that's near and dear to my heart."

Right now, Ramona's biggest time commitment is being a grandmother to "7.5" grandkids ("The 8th is impending," she laughs, noting that her eldest grandson now attends kindergarten in Seven Oaks). But she still wants to remain connected to the Foundation she has been such an integral part of for so long.

"What I want for the Foundation is for it to become self-sustaining; for the Foundation to be able to provide an increased number of scholarships and increased scholarship amounts through the interest generated by the endowment fund."

"I'm just so proud to be part of this organization that has enabled us to offer so many opportunities to students... but there's still always room for growth."

Scholarships 2013

A quick look at this year's scholarship recipients – scholarships made possible through the Seven Oaks Education Foundation, the Seven Oaks School Division and Community members and organizations.

GARDEN CITY COLLEGIATE 2013

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

Seven Oaks School Board Scholarship	Meagan Burbella - \$500
Seven Oaks School Division Scholarship	Princesca Reyes - \$500
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship	Kayla Matos - \$250
Ann and Paul Ruta Scholarship	Dorothy Mackintosh - \$200
Greg Zazulak Memorial Scholarship	Peter Oliver - \$200
S.O.S.B. Scholarship – John Leaman Memorial Scholarship	Braedon Humeniuk - \$300
Francis Standil Memorial Scholarship	Kaitlynn Nachtigall - \$250
Graham Murray Memorial Scholarship	Simona Ardita - \$250
Glen Proudlove Memorial Scholarship	Vasyl Katchanovski - \$250
John Trevenen Memorial Award	Josee Voyer - \$300
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship	Farah Katz - \$500
Arnold G. Minish Anniversary Award	Christina Claeys - \$500
Howard & Sari Sinaisky Memorial Scholarship	Ji Hae Kim - \$500
Lindsay C. Ulrich Memorial Sports Scholarship	Wesley Sysa - \$750
Vince Leah Scholarship/A. E.Wright Memorial Award	Sara Sadowy - \$250
R.D. Bell Memorial Award/Maltz Family Award	Andriy Andriyeshyn - \$250
Robert Jolly Memorial Award	Christian Davies - \$250
Total	\$6,000

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS:

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Creative Arts Scholarship	Cassandra Julyan - \$500
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Technology Scholarship	Jesse Harder - \$500
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Campus Life Scholarship	\$500
Early Years Education Scholarship (award to rotate annually 2011 WK, 2012 Maples, 2013 GCC etc)	Paige Payment - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship	Kelsey Honke & Katee Weremiuk - \$400
Total	\$2,400

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS – FUNDED THROUGH SOEF:

Garden City Collegiate 50th Anniversary Reunion Scholarship – for excellence in the sciences	Nicholas Ferens - \$1,500
Nellie & Ben Zaidman Memorial Scholarship Fund	Andrell Carta - \$1,000
David Allen memorial Scholarship	Geoffrey Wolk - \$500
CUPE 949 Scholarship	Matthew Fraser - \$500
City Councillor Scholarship, Mynarski Ward	Cynthia Mazurek - \$500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan	Danielle Dunn - \$300
Susan Popeski Memorial Scholarship	Natasha Wagner - \$500
Kendra Latzkitsch Memorial Scholarship	Sabrina Ferraz - \$500
J.D. Lysack Memorial Scholarship	Shayna Pierce - \$3,000
R.M. OF West St.Paul Scholarship	Kayla Atwood-Maluzynsky - \$300
Platinum Jets Scholarship	Jenny Truong - \$1,000
Total	\$9,600

Total Scholarships 2013 **\$18,000**

MAPLES COLLEGIATE 2013

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

a) Vocational	Wico Genido - \$150
b) Faculty of Education	Alyssandra Robles - \$300
c) Faculty of Arts/Science (2 scholarships to be awarded)	Michael Le - \$300
	Caspar Zhong - \$300
d) University I (a first year Post Secondary Program)	Fredieson Tumaming - \$300
Vince Leah/ Maples Letterman Sports Award	Divya Punj - \$300
Ken Seaford Award	Hannah Moral - \$300
Jake Yakmission/O. V. Jewitt Scholarships (2 scholarships to be awarded) :	Jan Manibo - \$250
	Christian Gutierrez - \$250
Seven Oaks Education Foundation Classic Scholarship .	Claudine Ordonez - \$350
Maples Scholarship Leadership Award (4 awards).....	Kristen Ulasz - \$250
	Amandeep Brar - \$250
	Sursattie Gorcharan - \$250
	Jessie Gamis - \$250
Seven Oaks School Board Bursaries.....	Claudine Ordonez - \$400
	Joan Vilaluz - \$400
	Maria Rodella - \$400
Total	\$5,000

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS:

a) Campus Life/ Future Paths	Amelia Hampton - \$500
b) Creativity in the Arts.....	Hardeep Suri - \$500
c) Technical Trades	Rodelio Tagle - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Alexis Campbell - \$400
Total	\$1,900

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS – FUNDED THROUGH SOEF:

CUPE 949 Scholarship	Camille Quintinio - \$500
CUPE 731 Scholarship	Daljit Theathi - \$500
Mae Mendoza Scholarship:.....	Christian Ilagan - \$500
	Adam Lennox - \$500
Toby Cracknell Award (Rotation: 2013 Maples, 2014 WKC, 2015 GCC).....	Phillip Hakeem - \$500
Maples Collegiate Alumni Scholarship.....	Prabhnoor Osahan - \$350
Lion's Club of West St. Paul Scholarship (2011 WKC, 2012 GCC, 2013 Maples).....	Keegan Speidel - \$500
Mohinder Saran, MLA for Maples	Melinda Dao - \$300
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan	Stefan-Angel Trajkov - \$300
R.M. OF West St.Paul Scholarship	Keegan Speidel - \$300
Bridge Builders Award	Amandeep Sehira - \$500
Cambrian Credit Union – Learning for Life Award.....	Maryanne Tran - \$1,000
Platinum Jets Scholarship	Mac Gel Capuno - \$1,000
Roy Snow Bursary Award:.....	Hailey Kostusik - \$750
	Prabhnoor Osahan - \$750
Roy Snow Bursary Award.....	Jaskiran Bedi - \$350
Walter Janzen Memorial Award.....	Trevor Evanchuk - \$400
Total	\$9,000

Total Scholarships 2013 **\$15,900**

WEST KILDONAN COLLEGIATE 2013

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION/ SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS:

James C. Anderson Award	Ginelle Judge - \$300
Jake Yakmission Memorial Scholarship.....	Kathy-Leen Flores - \$400
John Leaman Memorial Scholarship	Danielle Dolyniuk - \$300
Olive & George Allen Memorial Scholarship.....	Irah Niyo - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Education Scholarship	Tristan Michaels - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Faculty of Arts and Science Scholarship.....	Corene Simmonds - \$300
West Kildonan Collegiate Student Recognition Award.....	Melissa Pierson - \$300
West Kildonan Kiwanis Club Scholarship.....	Rachelle Kazina - \$300
O. V. Jewitt Memorial Scholarship	Josh Post - \$300
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship	Teagan Fontaine - \$400
SOSD/SOEF Scholarship	Tanner Long - \$400
Guy De Caire Scholarship.....	Jessica Barley - \$300
Ian Dordick Memorial Award for English.....	Jessica Campbell - \$300
Arthur E.Wright Award for Technology & Applied Arts.....	Benjamin Sodja - \$250
Vince Leah Sports Award	Mathew Carvalho - \$300
The Bailey Family Computer Science Award.....	Scott Haligowski - \$250
Total	\$5,000

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS:

Seven Oaks Education Foundation Creative Arts Scholarship	Rebecca Bettencourt - \$500
SOSD/SOEF WKCI Citizenship Scholarship.....	Alexa Hoy - \$500
SOSD/SOEF Campus Life Scholarship	Tamara Chymyshyn - \$500
Judy Silver Memorial Scholarship Fund (award to rotate annually: 2011 GCC, 2012 Maples, 2013 WK)	Taylor Hewak-Lacy - \$500
Pow Wow Scholarship.....	Carter Wilson - \$400
Total	\$2,400

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS – FUNDED THROUGH SOEF:

David B. Oster Memorial Scholarship (2013 WKCI, 2014 Maples and 2015 GCC) and rotate thereafter each year).....	Austin Zayac - \$400
WKCI 50th Anniversary Scholarship #1	Anton Uklein - \$650
WKCI 50th Anniversary Scholarship #2	Liad Grosman - \$650
number TEN Architectural Group – 5 year commitment commencing 2010 WKC, 2011 GCC, 2012 Maples, 2013 WKC and 2014 GCC	Jacquelyn Markiewicz - \$1,000
CUPE 949 Scholarship	Laura Burtnyk - \$500
City Councillor Scholarship, Mynarski Ward.....	Kayla Bartisz - \$500
Devi Sharma Leadership Award, City Councillor, Old Kildonan.....	Allison Danyluk - \$300
R.M. OF West St.Paul Scholarship	Alexa Hoy - \$300
Marjorie Jean Sanders Bursary (Platinum Jets)	Derek Warren - \$1,000
Total	\$5,300

Total Scholarships 2013 **\$12,700**



TOTAL Scholarships
\$46,600

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