Minnesota State Fair FOUNDATION Annual Report

J.V. Bailey House
Honoring J.V. Bailey
Dedicated August 27, 2006

J.V. Bailey, founder of Bailey Nurseries, served the State Fair as Superintendent of Horticulture (1932-1938) and as a director member of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society Board of Managers (1932-1938). He was President of the Board in 1933-1934.

This residence was home for State Fair employees, including directors and general managers, from the 1930s to 2004. It was also the fair-time home for State Fair staff and board members from 1913 through 1998.

The J.V. Bailey House now provides community meeting space, a State Fair reference library and offices for the Minnesota State Fair Foundation.

Preservation of this historical property was supported by the Bailey Nursery Foundation and the Garden and Horticulture Bailey Foundation.
Dear Foundation Friends:

Thank you for supporting our mission to improve Minnesota State Fair buildings, the fairgrounds and educational programs. Every contribution has helped the State Fair and the Foundation to keep moving successfully forward.

You have made it possible for us to grant excellent support for State Fair projects in agriculture, art, the fairgrounds environment, history and education. In 2016, we provided $1.1 million to the State Fair, marking the third year in a row to exceed a million dollars in grants. Cumulatively, since the start of the Foundation in 2002, we have granted $11.3 million for State Fair capital and program improvements. We salute you – our Friends of the Fair – for making this possible.

The Foundation provided support in all State Fair program areas and for the first time we were able to make significant grants from our Friends of the Fair unrestricted funds. Our tangible results included grants for public art kaleidoscopes, strolling musicians, recognition benches, and competition awards for fine arts and livestock shows. Major grants were given for West End Market, the History & Heritage Center and for the launch of a new TPT documentary about the State Fair. We set records for Taste of the Fair and for recognition pavers with 436 more stories added to the fairgrounds. Our 220 volunteers were exceptional ambassadors for promoting the Friends of the Fair brand.

The year brought excellent results for current and future endowments. Dick and Peggy Lidstad chose to establish a fund for bee education and programming at the fair. This exemplifies the Foundation’s role in furthering the State Fair’s educational purpose.

Looking ahead, we ask for your loyal support in advancing the State Fair’s relevancy as a leading cultural and educational organization worthy of improvements and preservation.

Sincerely,

Mitch Davis
Chair, Board of Directors

Kay Cady
Executive Director
In 2016, the Foundation granted close to $1.1 million to help fund projects within every program area. For a third year in a row, grants to the fair exceeded one million dollars. For the first time, the Foundation granted significant unrestricted Friends of the Fair funds. Cumulatively, the Foundation has granted $11.3 million to the State Fair while retaining other funds for future projects.
FRIENDS ★ OF THE ★ FAIR

We celebrate our Friends of the Fair who generously support our nonprofit mission with contributions at every level. In 2016, we reached an all-time high of 2,700 annual contributors. State Fair projects supported by Friends of the Fair were for every program area.

During the State Fair, our volunteers and Board members celebrated this support, wearing Friends of the Fair shirts and greeting Friends of the Fair at the front door of the J.V. Bailey House where we provide hospitality. Each day, Friends of the Fair were featured in the State Fair parade, waving along the parade route to promote the Foundation’s mission.

Thank you for being loyal State Fair fans. To learn more about being a Friend of the Fair, visit www.msffoundation.org.
2016

LEGACY Funds

Our Legacy Fund contributors share the common interest to have the State Fair be here for future generations. Each of our current and future endowments expresses the interests and desires of the contributor. Our endowments support State Fair projects within the Foundation’s program areas: art, agriculture, history, education and fairgrounds environment. The Foundation’s endowment support continues to grow in funds as well as expressions of donor interests that range from animal agriculture to seating on the fairgrounds. We invite you to consider endowment giving by calling 651-288-4328. We gratefully acknowledge contributors who have created Legacy Funds.

- Jerry and Jan Albrecht Fund for Minnesota State Fair Dairy Shows
- Brian and Carol Boeke Fund for Agriculture/Horticulture and Fairgrounds Environment
- Marie Cavallaro Fund for Fairgrounds Environment
- Mitch and Laurie Davis Fund for Animal Agriculture
- Ray Diekrager Fund
- Thomas Dzik and Hannah McGraw Dzik Fund for Arts and Culture
- Fabie Family Fund for General Support of the Foundation and its Mission
- Ginny Hubbard Fund for Access
- Huntington-Eilertson Family Fund for Arts and Culture
- Dick and Peggy Lidstad Fund for Bee Programming
- Minnesota Livestock Breeders’ Association Agricultural Fund for Livestock
- Minnesota State Fair Foundation General Endowment
- Sorensen Family Fund to Preserve the History and Legacy of the State Fair and Minnesota
- Helen Wagner Fund for Children’s Programming
**Supporting Bee Programs**

When Dick and Peggy Lidstad met, they were thrilled to find out they shared a mutual love of the State Fair and have attended the Great Minnesota Get-Together for more than 60 years. They especially like that the fair has “something for everybody in a very safe environment” and in 1960, they even brought their first child, Guy, to the fair when he was only three weeks old. To support the fair for future generations, they established the Dick and Peggy Lidstad Fund for Bee Programming — a Legacy Fund endowment that supports speakers, exhibits, demonstrations and children’s activities designed to help guests understand and appreciate the role that honeybees have in our society.

**Supporting Arts & Culture**

The 2016 State Fair featured Garden Kaleidoscopes in the Agriculture Horticulture Building that were supported by the Huntington-Eilertson Family Fund, a Legacy Fund endowment established by Cynthia and Steve Eilertson. The project brought together horticulture, public art and science in an all-ages, hands-on educational experience. Steve, a director emeritus for the Foundation, supports the State Fair by way of his deep appreciation for agriculture through his business Grain Millers Inc., an industry pioneer in supplying organic grain to consumers for decades. Through their endowment fund, the couple embraces support for State Fair arts, crafts, cultural programs and related competitions and facilities.
The Foundation funds awards for the Supreme Champion shows. Throughout the fair, Foundation staff and Board members join the Minnesota State Agricultural Society Board to present awards to Supreme Champions.

- Supreme Beef Champion (bull & female)
- Supreme Dairy Cattle Champion
- Supreme Sheep Champion (ram & ewe, both wool & meat)
- Supreme Draft Horse Champion (stallion & mare & gelding)
- Supreme Swine Champion (boar & gilt)
- Supreme Dairy Goat Champion
We acknowledge you for your generous support. Donors listed here gave to endowments, State Fair programs and projects, campaigns and Foundation operations. Gifts and pledges listed here represent contributions of $100 or more made between November 1, 2015 and January 6, 2017. We salute our Grand Champions who made gifts of $1,000 or more. Our complete list of 2016 contributors can be found at www.msffoundation.org.

### FOUNDATIONS

**$10,000 and above**
- American Beverage Foundation
- Driscoil Foundation
- Gale Family Foundation
- John E. Desmond and Janet C. Desmond Foundation
- Margaret H. and James E. Kelley Foundation Inc.
- McCarthey Bjorklund Foundation
- The Dellwood Foundation
- The Scrooby Foundation

**$1,000-$9,999**
- Bailey Nurseries Foundation
- Bud Rotter Family Foundation
- Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation
- Fredrikson & Byron Foundation
- HRK Foundation – Pugsley Fund of the HRK Foundation
- Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation
- Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation
- Richard & Nancy Nicholson Fund of the Nicholson Foundation
- Securian Foundation
- The Boss Foundation
- The K Foundation
- The Longview Foundation
- Union Pacific Foundation
- Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation

**$100-$9,999**
- Abbot Downing
- Allied Blacktop
- American Restaurant Consultants Inc.
- Anchor Bank
- Bachman’s Bailey Nurseries Inc.
- Berger Transfer & Storage Inc.
- Borgert Products Inc.
- Bridgeman’s Restaurants Inc.
- By The Yard Inc.
- Cambria
- Carousel Foods
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- Good Health Saunas
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- I Like You LLC
- IBM Matching Gifts
- Kallemyen and Kallemyen
- Liebermann Companies
- Lorenz Bus Service
- Maertens-Brenny Construction Co.
- Mancini’s
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- Katherine B. Andersen Fund
- Manitou Fund
- Minnesota Beverage Association
- Minnesota Livestock Breeders’ Association
- Sweet Martha’s Cookie Jar
- Tchulu Foundation Inc.
- U of M Good Neighbor Fund/
- MN Vikings Partnership Fund

**$10,000 - $24,999**
- African Violet Society of Minnesota
- Andy’s Grille
- Apron Elegance
- Becker Concessions
- Bongards’ Creameries
- Butcher Boys – F&W Concessions
- Cal Spas By Spa & Leisure Inc.
- Cassata Concessions
- Contract Office Marketing
- Custom Remodelers Inc.
- Daryl’s Dog House
- Eden Prairie Assembly of God Church
- The Foula Spa
- Grandstand Donuts
- Groth Family Farms
- Harrington Enterprises
- Hopkins Food Service Inc.
- J D Fair Dealers LLC
- J.B. Nelson
- Juanita’s Fajitas
- Lakeside Products
- Lemonade – Wiles Enterprises
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- MinneSnowwi Shave Ice
- Minnesota Farmers Union
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- Muskar Inc.
- MVMA
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- Rainbow Ice Cream
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**$5,000 - $9,999**
- Alan Calavano
- Mark and Mary Davis
- The Dietz Family Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation
- John and Anne Fabie
- Rosella Fefercorn
- The Haiten Family/Shanghaied Henri’s
- Jeff and Diane Hawkins
- Bob and Esther Anne Horn
- John and Nancy Kuechle
- Tony and Sandy Maghrak
- Gerald Meigs
- Donna Morgan
- Thomas Mungavan
- Carol Keers

**INDIVIDUALS**
- Anonymous
- Alexandria Bjorklund
- Martin Chorzempa and Jane Miller
- Mitch and Laurie Davis
- Steve and Cynthia Eliertson
- Ruth and John Huss
- Peg and Dick Lidstad

**$10,000 - $24,999**
- David Cavallaro/“Mouth Trap” Cheese Curds
- Sandy and Don Craighead
- Anne and Litton E.S. Field Jr.
- Terry and David Gilberstadt
- Joe Hognander
- Ginny Hubbard
- Brad and Lori Ribar
- Hugh and Margaret Schilling
- David and Kathryn Sorensen
- Elizabeth and Emma Wexler
- Wozniak Family/Fresh French Fries

**$5,000 - $9,999**
- Blake’s Concessions
- Cabinetpak Kitchens of Minneapolis
- Candy Factory – George’s Fun Food
- Carver County Fair
- Cotton Candy – Immelman
- Cross Lea Guernseys
- Crow Wing County Fair
- Dip Stix – M & S Concessions
- Donna’s Bar-B-Q Rib Sandwich
- Flowering Onion – A & M Concessions
- Gem Mountain Studio
- Gifts Made By Hand
- Kreative Acrylics
- MakeShift Accessories
- Mexican Hat
- Minnesota Federation of County Fairs
- Oasis Aqua Massage
- Peaceful Village Imports
- Roberta’s Inc.
- Swine Services Unlimited Inc.
- Three B’s LLC
- U.S. Bancorp Foundation
- Matching Gift Program
- Wells Fargo Community Support
- Campaign

### ORGANIZATIONS

**$10,000 and above**
- 2nd Wind Exercise Equipment
- Ames Construction
- Bremer Bank
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Historical Society
- Minnesota Rusco Inc.
- My Pillow Inc.
- Patio Umbrellas – M&E Sales
- Peterson Brothers Roofing
- Pronto Pups
- Space Center Inc.
- Spriggs
- Structural Restoration Inc.
- Sun Country Airlines
- TKDA Engineers Architects
- Planners
- Twin City Jacuzzi LLC
- University of Wisconsin – River Falls
- Vesco’s
- Western Bank

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Honoring
STATE FAIR
Generations

With more than 160 years of history, the State Fair has involved generations of families as exhibitors and business partners. To honor this dedication, the Foundation launched the Generations Award with 2015 being the inaugural year when we honored the Bobendrier and Keenan Families. The Bobendriers first exhibited Shropshire sheep in 1915, and the Keenans are owners of Ye Old Mill (1915), the oldest amusement ride at the fair.

At the 2016 State Fair, the Foundation honored the Newcomb Family with the Generations Award. The Newcombs started demonstrating and selling Feemster Slicers in the 1930s, and over the years expanded to kitchen wares and more through Syndicate Sales Corp. Billy Newcomb, the current generation, began “pitching” products at age 18. He now has more than 40 years at the fair.
First Board of Directors elected at the 2002 annual meeting & start-up funds from the State Fair & the “First 100.”

By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation written.

Grants of $260,000

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**MILESTONES**

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  - Supported development of State Fair Archives, hosted 500 guests at Taste of the Fair, and ended the year with a favorable operating net.

- **2003**
  - Sold Blue Ribbon Bargain books, and donors supported Moo Booth educational exhibit & historic Grandstand Marquee preservation.

- **2008**
  - Grants of $412,000

- **2009**
  - Grants of $1,015,000

- **2010**
  - Grants of $353,000
    - Donors funded Alphabet Forest literacy project & started vine planting on State Fair fence line.

- **2011**
  - Grants of $561,000
    - Established the first State Fair Endowment with Foundation Board contributions and helped fund Giant Sign Along public art project.

- **2012**
  - Established the Marquee preservation.
  - Exhibited & historic Grandstand Moo Booth educational project & started vine planting on State Fair fence line.
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- **2013**
  - Grants of $535,000
  - Grants of $1,022,000
    - Minnesota, and launched the History & Heritage Campaign.

- **2014**
  - Grants of $2,350,000
  - Grants of $1,723,000
  - Grants of $1,073,000
  - Grants of $1,460,000
    - Helped fund public art such as the KSTP Heritage Plaza.

- **2015**
  - Grants of $353,000
  - Grants of $1,022,000
    - Helped fund AgStar Arena & Heritage Campaign and supported other projects in agriculture, art, education, environment and history & heritage.

- **2016**
  - Grants of $2,350,000
  - Grants of $1,073,000
  - Grants of $1,460,000
    - Recognized for grants to the fair, performance arts from across Minnesota, and launched the History & Heritage Campaign.

**Foundation**

2001 - 2016

**Taste of the Fair**

- Alanna Storey
- Jill Story
- Mike Strub
- Tim and Beth Sullivan
- Rhonda Sunnarborg
- Emily Swanson
- Anne Swenson
- Brooke and Susan Taney
- Kathy Tettam
- Nikola Thommes
- Brad and Madge Thorsen
- Kristi and Mark Ties
- Lloyd and Carolyn Tobiassen
- Georgia Todd
- Guy Tolle
- Christine Torgerson
- Rebecca Torines
- Katie Tschida
- Martha Turner
- Jeffrey Tutewohl
- Alysia Ulfers
- Vicki Underland-Rosow
- Betsy VanHecke
- Paul and Deborah Veit
- Margaret Vogel-Otto
- Brent and Heather Voight
- Kyle Volkers
- James Volz
- Bradley Vossberg
- Susan and Richard Votel
- Jim and Jill Wagner
- Kenneth and Kathryn Wagner
- Vernon and Sandra Waldner
- Tom Walsh and Holly Knight
- Mary Ward
- Daniel and Gillian Ward
- Kelly and Bret Wargin
- Jerry Wartgow
- Jean and Jim Way
- Kyle Weaver
- Joelle Webb
- Carl Weiberg
- Vern and Judy Weiss
- Allen Weisz
- Megan Willner
- Cynthia and Joe Welter
- Lori and Rick Weyrauch
- Kendra Whinnery
- Kari Willey and Rachel Flaherty
- Dan and Sharon Williams
- Jim and Lori Winter
- Roger Wippler
- Deb Womack
- Carla Wood
- Jenell Wood
- Mark Zachau
- Jack Zdrazi
- Burt Zorn
- Nancy Zugschwert
- Bryan Aaker and Judith Napier
- Don Aamodt
- Mark Aasenson
- Richard Abbott
- Duane Abraham
- James Abrahamson
- Curt and Berde Ackerman
- Ronald Adams
- Holly and Jeff Adler
- Jana Agrey
- Mona Ahlf
- Barbara Ahlstrom
- Jill Aitchison
- Dorothy Akin
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2010

Grants of $353,000
Donors funded Alphabet Forest literacy project & started vine planting on State Fair fence line.

2011

Grants of $561,000
Established the first State Fair Endowment with Foundation Board contributions and helped fund Giant Sign Along public art project.
MILESTONES

Foundation

2001 - 2016

2008

Grants of $412,000

2009

Moo Booth educational books, and donors supported

2010

Grants of $353,000

2011

Endowment with Foundation

2012

Grants of $1,022,000

Helped fund AgStar Arena & other projects in agriculture, art, education, environment and history & heritage.

2013

Grants of $535,000

Introduced Arts A'Fair featuring performing artists from across Minnesota, and launched the History & Heritage Campaign.

2014

Grants of $2,350,000

Records set for grants to the fair, recognition benches, and Taste of the Fair. Construction of Schilling Amphitheater, galleries in the History & Heritage Center and KSTP Heritage Plaza.

2015

Grants of $1,460,000

Completed $4 million History & Heritage Campaign and supported educational programs including the launch of Math On-A-Stick. Started Grand Champion recognition with a Challenge grant.

2016

Grants of $1,073,000

Helped fund public art such as the kaleidoscopes, strolling musicians, and awards for art and agriculture.
Friends of the Fair
GRAND CHAMPION
Recognition

In 2015, the Foundation received its first challenge grant from two generous St. Paul Friends of the Fair. The Grand Champion Challenge has served to develop annual leadership gifts of $1,000 or more. This helped the Foundation inspire like-minded contributors to give at a higher level.

The Grand Champion Challenge continues in 2017. New $1,000 gifts and other contributions will continue to help the Foundation qualify for this second year of the Challenge. We invite you to renew and continue leadership support of the Foundation mission to preserve and improve the State Fair.

Grand Champion giving allows the Foundation to generously grant funds for State Fair projects that improve buildings, the fairgrounds and educational programs. The increased contributions from Grand Champions helps the State Fair go above and beyond what it can do on its own. Grand Champion donors are prominently recognized at the J.V. Bailey House and qualify for Friends of the Fair benefits. Throughout the year Grand Champions are invited to events to learn more about the State Fair.

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Canterbury Park  
Chanassen Dinner Theatres  
The Cheesecake Factory  
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Dino’s The Greek Place  
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Finnegans  
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Grandmas’ Restaurant Company  
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Jungle Theater  
Keys Cafe & Bakery  
Kowalski’s Market  
Lake Superior Zoological Society  
Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast  
Love From Minnesota  
LuLu’s Public House  
Mall of America  
The Malt Shop Restaurant  
Mancini’s  
Marriott Minneapolis City Center  
Martin Patrick 3  
Mill City Museum  
Minneapolis Institute of Art  
Minnesota Historical Society  
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum  
Minnesota Orchestra  
Minnesota State Fair  
Minnesota Twins  
Minnesota Zoo  
Mixed Blood Theatre  
Nightngale  
Northern Tool and Equipment  
O’Gara’s Bar and Grill  
Ordway Center for the Performing Arts  
O’Sullivan Auctioneers  
Outdoor News Inc.  
Park Square Theatre  
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Running Aces Casino & Racetrack  
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The Saint Paul Hotel  
Sara’s Tipsy Pies  
Sausage by Cynthia  
Science Museum of Minnesota  
Select Comfort  
Seven Steakhouse & Sushi  
Space Center Inc.  
Spalon Montage  
St. Paul Bagelry  
St. Paul Saints  
SteppingStone Theatre  
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Valleymfair  
Vertical Endeavors  
Walker Art Center  
West Indies Soul Food  
Wheel Fun Rentals  
The Wilderness at Fortune Bay  
Zenon Dance Company and School

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Wren Watland  
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Wendy Anderson  
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This year marked success again with using the fairgrounds and the State Fair environment for education. A featured project was the Living Green Wall displayed at the Eco Experience.

It was created by the University of Wisconsin–River Falls with major funding from Kathy DeLonais through the DeLonais Foundation. The Living Green Wall highlights study findings that show foliage can positively impact college students’ well-being and academic performance. The exhibit was staffed all 12 days by students and faculty from UWRF.

Education is core to the State Fair experience and for the Foundation, education is the lens through which we review projects to be funded. Over the years, Foundation funds have supported Alphabet Forest, Math On-A-Stick, agricultural education such as the CHS Miracle of Birth and the history walking tour.

Best efforts are made to include your name(s) correctly. We apologize for any errors and ask that you let us know of changes by calling (651) 288-4322. To see our full list of donors, visit our website at www.msffoundation.org.
New Foundation Board Members Elected

**LIZ KRAMER** – Liz grew up in the St. Anthony neighborhood and worked at the Italian Junction at the fair in her early days. Her grandfather, Paul S. Kramer, was the Fine Arts superintendent for a number of years. Liz is a graduate of Yale Law School and is a partner with the Minneapolis law firm Stinson Leonard Street where she litigates complex business and construction disputes.

**FRANK PARISI** – Frank is the first former Foundation Board member to be re-elected. During his first tenure on the Board, he served as Chair for three years. He has continued his involvement since leaving the Board, providing hospitality for donors at the J.V. Bailey House during the fair. He is recently retired from the City of Minneapolis and also worked for TWA, StarTribune Foundation, Cray Research, and Fleishman-Hillard International. He is a graduate of the Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University.

**DAN SHOGREN** – Dan is an avid State Fair fan and a Foundation volunteer. He graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth and served on the board for the Tweed Museum of Art. Dan is self-employed as a manufacturers’ representative for the Upper Midwest.

Saluting Outgoing Board Members

**TERRY GILBERSTADT**, Horton Holding Inc., led the Development Committee, brought major funds and naming projects to the State Fair with Horton Pavilions and the Schilling Amphitheater, and made an initial investment in upgrading the State Fair Archives. At the front of the J.V. Bailey House during the State Fair, Terry graciously greeted hundreds of our donors and friends.

**STEVE POPPEN**, Minnesota Vikings, led the Foundation’s Audit Committee for nine years with the Foundation receiving an unqualified (now called unmodified) opinion each of those years. We proudly added him to our Board on recommendation from Mike Miles, former Board Chair who is now deceased.

**BRAD RIBAR**, Ribco Enterprises (Corn Roast) has been an amazing champion for the Foundation in so many ways with bringing that sense of family history and generations for the enrichment of our mission, teaching all of us about the State Fair, outstanding leadership of Taste of the Fair including our transition to being a true Taste of the Fair by featuring our great concessionaires.
With a history that is older than Minnesota, today’s Minnesota State Fair is internationally acclaimed and successfully lives up to being the Great Minnesota Get-Together. This is where generations of families have come together to create treasured memories.

Annually, close to 3 million people visit the fairgrounds with 2 million of those attending the State Fair and representing a broad audience that blends rural and urban, young and old, and all income levels. The State Fair operates much like a small city with responsibility for 122 permanent structures, hosting 150 seasonal events and directing the 12-day fair with a diverse menu of educational programs, concessions, entertainment, exhibits and competitions.

The State Fair receives no government appropriations, has limited funds for capital improvements, strives for industry excellence and invests in keeping its programming relevant. This is why the State Fair created the Minnesota State Fair Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to develop funds for capital and program improvements in agriculture, art, environment, history and education through this mission: to preserve and improve State Fair buildings, the fairgrounds and educational programs.

Led by a 23-member Board of Directors, the Foundation has successfully helped the State Fair grow in its relevancy as a leading cultural and educational organization. More than 220 individuals volunteer for the Foundation, providing support for sales and hospitality.

Looking ahead, the Foundation will help the State Fair with these priorities:

- Keeping educational programs at the forefront.
- Preserving historic buildings, programs and traditions.
- Enhancing agricultural programs and facilities.
- Expanding arts and culture venues and programs in public, performing and visual arts.
- Improving the fairgrounds to be universally accessible, green and welcoming.

To help make the Minnesota State Fair even better for today’s generations and to prepare for future generations, contact the Foundation at 651-288-4323.
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