



2016 ANNUAL REPORT



— 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 (1912-1923) and as a leading member of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society Board of Managers (1924-1932). He was President of the board in 1933-1934.

This residence was home to State Fair greenhouse superintendents and groundskeepers from the 1920s to 2004. It was also the fair-time home for board members from the 1920s through 1969.

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 Gordon and Margaret 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



AGRICULTURE

- Supreme Champion Livestock Awards
- 4-H and FFA Presentation Area
- Agricultural Facilities and Programs



EDUCATION

- Alphabet Forest
- Math On-A-Stick
- Educational Programs



ENVIRONMENT

- Bench Seating
- Living Green Wall
- Vines and Succulents
- Recycling on the Fairgrounds
- Warner Coliseum Dirt
- Fairgrounds Environment



ARTS & CULTURE

- Garden Kaleidoscopes
- Roving Musicians
- Giant Sing Along
- Fine Arts Awards
- Studio: Here, Artist Stipends
- Arts & Culture Programs



HISTORY

- State Fair Archives
- West End Market
- History & Heritage Center
- History Walking Tour
- TPT Documentary

Statements of Financial Position	10/31/16	10/31/15
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,464,778	\$ 2,388,702
Liabilities	\$ 100,383	\$ 123,610
Net Assets: Undesignated	\$ 674,590	\$ 482,498
Net Assets: Board Designated – Fine Arts	\$ 72,473	\$ 59,587
Net Assets: Board Designated – Endowment	\$ 0	\$ 3,672
Net Assets: Temporarily Restricted	\$ 1,288,072	\$ 1,425,100
Net Assets: Permanently Restricted	\$ 329,260	\$ 294,235
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,364,395	\$ 2,265,092
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 2,464,778	\$ 2,388,702

Statements of Activities	2016	2015
REVENUES		
Contributions	\$ 1,465,503	\$ 1,932,226
Support from the Minnesota State Agricultural Society (State Fair)	\$ 221,950	\$ 227,188
In-kind Contributions	\$ 72,829	\$ 53,836
Special Events, Net of Direct Benefits	\$ 85,793	\$ 66,335
Interest and Dividends	\$ 2,688	\$ 1,588
Unrealized Gains on Investments	\$ 17,220	\$ 4,882
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net Merchandise Sales	\$ 247,227	\$ 254,924
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,113,210	\$ 2,540,979

EXPENSES		
Grants to the Minnesota State Agricultural Society (State Fair)	\$ 1,072,563	\$ 1,462,087
Payroll	\$ 666,188	\$ 576,775
Professional Services	\$ 43,251	\$ 44,927
Office and Production	\$ 144,126	\$ 136,440
Occupancy	\$ 27,750	\$ 25,427
Business Expenses	\$ 51,019	\$ 40,317
Other	\$ 9,010	\$ 7,494
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,013,907	\$ 2,293,467
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	\$ 99,303	\$ 247,512

Net Assets, Beginning	\$ 2,265,092	\$ 2,017,580
Net Assets, Ending	\$ 2,364,395	\$ 2,265,092

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.



2016 SUPREME CHAMPION Awards

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



2016 FOUNDATION Donors

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

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Gale Family Foundation
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McCarthy Bjorklund Foundation
The Dellwood Foundation
The Scrooby Foundation

\$1,000-\$9,999

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Fredrikson & Byron Foundation
HRK Foundation – Pugsley Fund of the HRK Foundation
Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation
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Securian Foundation
The Boss Foundation
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The Longview Foundation
Union Pacific Foundation
Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation

\$100-\$999

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MVM Foundation
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ORGANIZATIONS

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Minnesota Beverage Association
Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association
Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar
Terhuly Foundation Inc.
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CHS Inc.
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Minnesota Historical Society
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Patio Umbrellas – M&E Sales
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Pronto Pups
Space Center Inc.
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Structural Restoration Inc.
Sun Country Airlines
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Candy Factory – George's Fun Food
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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
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Minnesota Federation of County Fairs
Oasis Aqua Massage
Peaceful Village Imports
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Swine Services Unlimited Inc.
Three B's LLC
U.S. Bancorp Foundation
Matching Gift Program
Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign

INDIVIDUALS

\$25,000 and above

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Martin Chorzempa and Jane Miller
Mitch and Laurie Davis
Steve and Cynthia Eilertson
Ruth and John Huss
Peg and Dick Lidstad

\$10,000 - \$24,999

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Sandy and Don Craighead
Anne and Litton E.S. Field Jr.
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Joe Hognander
Ginny Hubbard
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Elizabeth and Emma Wexler
Wozniak Family/Fresh French Fries

\$5,000 - \$9,999

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Ball Park Café
Helen Wagner
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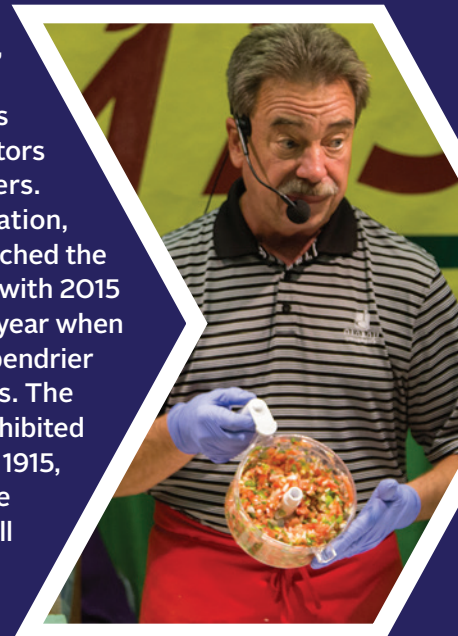
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Honoring STATE FAIR Generations

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.



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 Brad Gluth
 Lisa Goepfert
 Andrew Goldman-Gray and
 Christy Christensen
 Chuck and Sharleen Gooder
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2001

By-Laws and Articles of
 Incorporation written.

2002



First Board of Directors
 elected at the 2002 annual
 meeting & start-up funds
 from the State Fair & the
 "First 100."



2003

Grants of \$260,000

Introduced recognition paver
 program; currently over 3000
 pavers on the fairgrounds.

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 Richard and Stacey Kohner
 John and Linda Kolstad
 Zhanna Koltsova
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 Arthur Puff
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 Tom Rush
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 Katie Schellman
 Marlin Schenck
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 Karen Schneewind
 Mary and David Schultz
 Brenda Schwalbe
 Kevin Schwartz
 John Schwieger and Sue Bodum
 Penelope Scialla
 Casey and Susan Scott
 Joyce Selix
 Kay Shortridge
 Bessie Shusta
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 Jill Simon
 Dina Simon
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 Susan Skalman
 Joe Skifter
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 Nicole Smiley
 Duane Smith and Francine Cosgrove Anderson
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 Pete Sorenson
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 Sara Stafford
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 Kenneth Stavrum
 Don Steinke
 Alfred Steinke and Jeanne Zimmer
 Thomas Stevermer
 Michelle and Bill Stimpson
 Carin and Glenn Stolar
 Mary and Paul Stonestrom

2004



Grants of \$106,000

Started Friends of the Fair memberships, inaugural Taste of the Fair & volunteers began selling commemorative art.



2007

Grants of \$538,000

Introduced History Walking Tour, formed partnerships for State Fair merchandise and sold a new State Fair history book.



2005

Grants of \$84,000

Improved Ag-Hort & 4-H towers, donors supported fairgrounds reforestation & added recognition benches.



2006

Grants of \$1,511,000

Restored J.V. Bailey House, helped fund CHS Miracle of Birth Center, named Lee & Rose Warner Coliseum with funds for ongoing improvements.

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 Tim and Beth Sullivan
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 Nikola Thommes
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 Kristi and Mark Ties
 Lloyd and Carolyn Tobiassen
 Georgia Todd
 Guy Tolle
 Christine Torgerson
 Rebecca Tornes
 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
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 Megan Wellner
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 Don Aamodt
 Mark Aanenson
 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
 Sandy Albert
 Susan Albrecht-Desmond
 Judy Alexander
 Sandy Algra
 Jim and Diane Allen
 Michael Allen
 Tracy Allen
 Soulaire Allera
 Mark and Nina Alm

Carol Almquist
 Beth and Ron Alonzo
 Gabriella Alvarez
 Barry and Patricia Alverman
 Patricia and Paul Amidon
 Rebecca Amidon
 Amy Amundsen
 Michael Amundson
 Sandy Anderberg
 Irene Andersen
 Peter and Marianne Andersen
 Jim Anderson
 Joel and Teresa Anderson
 Lori and Warren Anderson
 Wendy Anderson
 Edgar and Constance Anderson
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 Sammy Arbuckle
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 Merrit Armitage
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 Howard B. Atkin MD
 John Atzmilller
 Michael Austin

Kathy Avise
 Kevin Avise
 Jodi Axel
 Nancy Ayinde
 Steve Bachleitner
 Bruce Backberg
 Vickie Backer
 Lucy Backman
 Timothy Bahr
 Diane Bailey-Andersen and
 Peter Andersen
 Dennis and Corinne Baker
 Jeff Baker
 Rick and Cathy Balzer
 Mary Ann Bannerman
 Ronald and Sarah Bardal
 Jeffrey and Diane Baron
 Yvonne Barrett
 Catherine and Steve Bartholet
 Evonne and Max Bartholomay
 Yuri Bates
 Richard Battig
 Kathleen Baumbach
 Elizabeth Baxter
 Corrie Ooms Beck
 Patricia Beckers
 Sarah, Andrew and
 Harper Bedell
 Bruce Behrends
 Mary Belden
 Brian and Jen Belmont
 Donald Belmont
 Vicki Belz
 Doreen Bengtson
 Scott and Kathryn Bennet
 Cheri Bennett
 James W. Bennetts
 Marvin Bentley
 John and Nancy Berg
 Deborah Berg
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 Karyn Bergen

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2008

Grants of \$412,000

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



2009

Grants of \$1,015,000

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

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.



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 Dee Ann Bischel
 Gordon Blackey
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 Dennis Block
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 Jill Charboneau
 Barbara Chase
 Debra Chatelle
 Michael Childs
 Paul Chrenka and Martha Ballard
 Patricia Christensen
 Kat Christopherson
 Mike Chrysler
 Cheryl Chute
 Nancy Cincotta
 Alison Clark
 Nancy Clemens
 Jeff Cloutier
 Heather Cmiel
 Mark Coffey
 Alyssa and Jason Collins
 David Colwell
 Ray Conroe and
 Maureen Shannon

Bill and Maureen Cosgriff
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 Reece Devlin
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2012

Grants of \$1,022,000

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



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

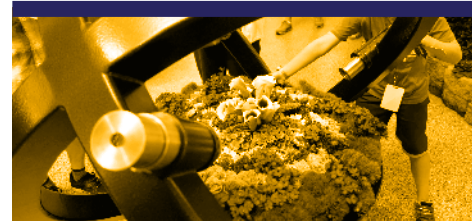
Records set for grants to the fair, recognition benches, and Taste of the Fair. Construction of Schilling Amphitheater, galleries in the History & Heritage Center and KSTP Heritage Plaza.



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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- Sherry and Chuck Dowd
- Richard Downer
- Katherine Drake
- Cathy Driver
- Steven Dropkin
- Debora Drower
- Cindy Duddleston
- Bob Duerr
- Amanda Duitsman
- Lori and Jerome Dullinger
- Jeff and Julie Duncan
- Patricia Dunford
- Judith Dupre
- Damon Durand
- Dean Dutcher and Cynthia Dutcher-Flack
- Bridgette Dutkowski
- Lori Dvorak
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Education

PROGRAMS

Environment

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.



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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.

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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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