Front porch during fair time at the J.V. Bailey House, offices of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation
Dear Friend,

Thank you for your generous support of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation and its mission to support the Minnesota State Fair’s cultural and educational programs along with improvements to the fairgrounds and its buildings.

In our new roles with the Minnesota State Fair Foundation (MSFF), we are excited to continue building on the groundwork established by those who came before us. Thirteen years ago, Kay Cady became the Foundation’s Executive Director. During her tenure, she built the Foundation from the ground up, raising more than $12 million to support the Foundation’s goals. We congratulate Kay on her well-deserved retirement. (Read more about Kay on page 21.)

The MSFF is governed by a board of directors who give generously of their time and talent. Since the Foundation’s inception we’ve had seven amazing chairpersons lead the board: Joe Fox, Dave Johnson, Malcolm McDonald, Mike Miles, Frank Parisi, Patrick Bailey and Mitch Davis. We are excited to follow in their footsteps and usher in a new era with the Foundation’s first female board chairperson.

When we first became involved with the MSFF, we were surprised to learn the State Fair does not receive any government funding and is completely self-supporting. That’s why the MSFF and wonderful donors like you are so important to the future of the fair.

Make no mistake. Without you, these accomplishments of the Foundation would have been delayed by years or may not have happened at all. We know the work done by Kay Cady and our past board chairs is just the beginning. We look forward to your ongoing partnership and support as we continue to improve the Minnesota State Fair for today’s visitors and future generations.

Sincerely,

Patty Smith
Chair, Board of Directors

Cynthia Cashman
Executive Director
### MINNESOTA STATE FAIR FOUNDATION

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Fiscal Year November 1, 2016 – October 31, 2017**

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| **EXPENSES**                     |            |            |
| Grants to the Minnesota State Agricultural Society (State Fair) | $ 998,487  | $ 1,072,563|
| Payroll                          | $ 648,503  | $ 666,188  |
| Professional Services            | $ 41,815   | $ 43,251   |
| Office and Production            | $ 170,620  | $ 144,126  |
| Occupancy                        | $ 24,526   | $ 27,750   |
| Business Expenses                | $ 42,966   | $ 51,019   |
| Other                            | $ 12,667   | $ 9,010    |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES**               | $ 1,939,584| $ 2,013,907|

| **CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**        |            |            |
| Net Assets, Beginning            | $ 2,364,395| $ 2,265,092|
| Net Assets, Ending               | $ 2,618,311| $ 2,364,395|
FRIENDS OF THE FAIR

We celebrate our Friends of the Fair who generously support our nonprofit mission with contributions at every level. In 2017, we reached an all-time high of 3,200 annual contributors. State Fair projects supported by Friends of the Fair were for every program area.

Friends of the Fair are also able to leave a lasting memory on the fairgrounds with recognition bricks and benches. Every brick and bench has a special story that can be celebrated by family and friends throughout the 12 days of the fair.

Thank you for being loyal State Fair fans. To learn more about being a Friend of the Fair, or to honor someone with a brick or a bench, visit www.msffoundation.org.
Leave a

LEGACY

At the Fair

Establishing an endowment or making a planned gift are two of the most meaningful ways you can begin your Minnesota State Fair legacy. It’s a way to show your support for the Minnesota State Fair while accommodating your own personal, financial, estate-planning, and philanthropic goals.

Endowments

A strong endowment ensures that there is an enduring source of funding for immediate and future needs. Endowments grow over time as they extend the impact of the donor’s generosity beyond a lifetime. Endowments can be created with gifts of cash, securities, and other assets. They can be established through one-time gifts, estate gifts, and multiyear pledges. What MSFF donors like best about endowments is they are permanent. That means five, ten or 20+ years from now your endowed fund will still be benefiting the MSF. When you establish an endowment, you can name the fund for a loved one, organization or even yourself. You can designate your endowment to support specific programs and projects at the Fair.

We gratefully acknowledge contributors who have created the following endowments:

- Jerry and Jan Albrecht Fund for Minnesota State Fair Dairy Shows
- Brian and Carol Boeke Fund for Agriculture/Horticulture and Fairgrounds Environment
- Kay Cady Endowment Fund for the Fairgrounds
- Alan Calavano Fund for History & Heritage
- Marie Cavallaro Fund for Fairgrounds Environment
- Christensen Family Fund for Swine Barn Maintenance
- Christensen Family Fund for Youth Scholarships
- 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 Archive Fund
- Minnesota State Fair Foundation General Endowment
- Sorensen Family Fund to Preserve the History and Legacy of the State Fair and Minnesota
- Tree Preservation and Canopy Support Fund
- Helen Wagner Fund for Children’s Programming
Planned Giving

Planned Giving is the process of making a charitable gift during your life or at death that is part of your financial or estate plan. A planned gift is arranged in the present and allocated at a future date. You can choose to give a specific dollar amount, specific property, or percentage of your estate. When making a planned gift, it’s important to work with your financial advisor as everyone’s situation is different. Some of the most popular ways to make a planned gift include:

- Naming the Minnesota State Fair Foundation in your will or trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance
- IRA Charitable Rollover

You can learn about these and other types of planned gifts by visiting the Minnesota State Fair Foundation website at plannedgiving.msffoundation.org

If you would like to talk to one of our gift officers about how an endowment or planned gift can help you meet your charitable goals for the Fair, please contact the Minnesota State Fair Foundation at 651-288-4323.

Ray Diekrager

Long-time fair enthusiast Ray Diekrager of Maplewood, Minnesota, is one of the Foundation’s legacy benefactors. As a young boy growing up on a farm in Southeast Minnesota, Ray recalls being completely enthralled by the State Fair during his very first visit. Subsequent trips spent wandering Machinery Hill, attending auto races, and basking in the people-watching helped solidify his love of the fair.

Although Ray’s career as a computer engineer took him to Europe and then Los Angeles for many years, he returned to Minnesota during fair time whenever possible. When Ray eventually returned to Minnesota for good and retired, he stepped up his State Fair involvement by becoming a donor and volunteer for the Foundation.

In addition to being an annual donor, Ray has named the Foundation as beneficiary of his IRA. “I love the fair, and I know that any money given to the Foundation is important,” he said. He would love to see his endowment benefit history and heritage programs at the fair. “Naming the Foundation as a beneficiary was easy to do, and it gives me a good feeling to know I’ll be helping the fair, even when I’m no longer here.”
For years, a visit to the demonstration kitchen in the State Fair's Creative Activities Building felt like a trip back in time, and not necessarily in a good way. The kitchen in every way reflected the late ‘80s when it was built, and neither the design nor the equipment supported today's advanced cooking techniques. Cambria USA decided it was time for a modern kitchen to address the rapidly changing world of food preparation, as well as to better serve the State Fair’s growing audience. Cambria led a team of contributing partners including:

- Cambria (Surfaces, Project Manager)
- SKD Architecture (Kitchen Design)
- Modern Design Cabinetry (Millwork)
- Kohler (Plumbing)
- Roth Living (Appliances)
- Filament Lighting (Pendant Lighting)
- Millennium Media Systems (AV & Technology)

“The State Fair is such an important Minnesota tradition and we wanted to heighten the visitor experience by bringing together top local and regional brands in our industry to create a state-of-the-art, of-the-moment kitchen with the newest and best in terms of design and technology – everything today’s modern homeowner would want in their own kitchen,” said Summer Kath, EVP of Business Development for Cambria. “It has been such a fun project to spearhead and we hope visitors to the fair for years to come will enjoy the programming benefits of having such a beautiful and functional demo kitchen on the fairgrounds.”

According to Mark Goodrich, the fair’s Deputy General Manager, “The new Cambria Kitchen in our Creative Activities building is a tremendous undertaking, and we are excited to have a state-of-the-art facility for programming new and interesting demonstrations. Remodeling the kitchen has been a long-term goal of the Competition Department, and we are happy to have such a beautiful frame for demonstrators, cooks, and restaurants to promote local businesses and to cultivate interest in creating delicious and attractive food.”

The best news of all...The new kitchen will be open for this year's fair. Stop by to see the finest in cooking, baking and canning demonstrations at the new Cambria Kitchen in the Creative Activities Building.
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 $250 or more made between November 1, 2016 and October 31, 2017. We salute our Grand Champions who made gifts of $1,000 or more. Our complete list of 2017 contributors can be found at www.msffoundation.org.

**FOUNDATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**GRAND CHAMPIONS**

$10,000 and above

- Ames Construction Inc.
- Brerer Construction Inc.
- By The Yard Inc.
- Christensen Farms
- Dricoll Foundation
- Gale Family Foundation
- Hubbard Broadcasting Inc.
- John E. Desmond and Janet C. Desmond Foundation
- Manitou Fund
- Margaret H. and James E. Kelley Foundation Inc.
- Midwest Dairy Association
- Morris Area FFA Chapter
- The Saint Paul Foundation

**GRAND CHAMPIONS**

$1,000-$9,999

- Abbot Downing
- Allied Blacktop Company
- American Restaurant Consultants Inc.
- Anchor Bank
- Anderson Family Trust
- Autrey/Parisi Family Foundation
- Bailey Nurseries Foundation
- The Ball Park Cafe
- Berger Transfer & Storage Inc.
- Borgert Products Inc.
- The Boss Foundation
- Bridgeman's LLC
- Bud Rotter Family Foundation
- Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation
- The Chisin Family at Cafe’ Caribe
- CliftonLarsonAllen
- Collins Electrical
- Culligan Minnesota Co-op
- Cunningham Group Architecture P.A.
- The Dellwood Foundation
- Dino’s Gyros
- F.A.S.H. Inc. Spring Horse Show
- Fredrikson & Byron Foundation
- Freestyle Productions Inc.
- G&D Concessions LLC
- Gardner Builders
- Gophers State Expositions Inc.
- Gray Plant Mooty Foundation
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- HRK Foundation - Pugsley Fund of the HRK Foundation
- Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation
- The K Foundation
- Land O’Lakes Foundation
- Lieberman Companies
- Longview Foundation
- Lorenz Bus Service
- Maertens-Brenny Construction Co.
- Mancini’s
- McGough Construction
- Metropolitan Library Service Agency
- Mills Fleet Farm
- Minnesota Farm Bureau
- Minnesota Livestock Breeders’ Association
- Minnesota Purebred Swine Breeders’ Association
- Minnesota Rusco Inc.
- Minnesota State Fair Police Reserve Officers
- Morris Area School
- Ford & Catherine Nicholson Fund of the Nicholson Foundation
- Richard & Nancy Nicholson Fund of the Nicholson Foundation
- Patro Umbrellas - M&E Sales
- Peterson Brothers Roofing
- Pioneer Foundation FPA
- Pronto Pups
- Ramsey County Fair
- River Raft Ride Inc.
- Ronald and Carla Monson Charitable Fund
- Sampson Family Charitable Foundation
- The Scooby Foundation
- Securian Foundation
- Space Center Inc.
- Spectacle Shoppe Inc.
- Sprott
- St. Paul East Parks Lions Club
- Stinson Leonard Street Foundation
- Structural Restoration Inc.
- Sun Country Airlines
- Super Dog/Rusty Groscurth
- Sweet Martha’s Cookie Jar
- Thelgdon Foundation Inc.
- TKDA Engineers Architects Planners
- Tot Boss
- Twin City Jacuzzi LLC
- University of Wisconsin - River Falls
- Vescio’s
- The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Foundation

**$250-$999**

- Alamo Amusements Inc.
- Andy’s Grille
- Becker Concessions
- Bent Paddle Brewing Company
- Bongards’ Creameries
- Brede Exposition Services
- Butter Boys - F&W Concessions
- Cassata Concessions
- CHS Foundation
- Custom Remodelers Inc.
- Dandy Souvenirs
- Daryl’s Dog House
- The First Impression Group
- Fouta Spa
- Grandstand Donuts
- Groth Family Farms
- Haferman Water Conditioning Inc.
- Harrington Enterprises
- J D Fair Dealers LLC
- Juanita’s Fajitas
- Lakeside Products
- Lemonade - Wiles Enterprises
- LuLu’s Public House
- Midway Men’s Club
- Minnesota Snowi Shave Ice
- Minnesota Farmers Union
- Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association
- Minnesota Veterinary Medical Foundation
- Muskart Inc.
- Neuenfeldt & Co.
- Palisade Assett Management, LLC
- Quaker Hill Foundation
- Reigstad & Associates
- Sausage by Cynthia
- St. Paul Plumbers & Gasfitters
- Local 34
- Syndicate Sales Corp.
- Two Rivers Kettle Korn
- Udell Tech Inc.
- United Way
- Vagabond Imports of South America
- Wee Dazzle
- Western Bank
- Zeller Realty Group

**$100 - $249**

- Accelerated Genetics
- African Violet Society of Minnesota
- Allegra Print & Imaging
- Apple Dumplings - Rutana Concessions
- Apron Elegance
- Cabinet Kitchens of Minneapolis
- Carver County Fair
- Cotton Candy - Immerman
- Cross Lea Guernseys
- Donna’s Bar-B-Q Rib Sandwich
- French Meadow Bakery
- Gifts Made By Hand
- Hopkins Food Service Inc.
- Joyrides Inc.
- Mexican Hat
- Mickey’s Grill & Kabobs - Ornic Concessions
- Minnesota Apple Inc.
- Minnesota Federation of County Fairs
- Oasis Aqua Massage
- Roberta’s Inc.
- Rockler Co. Inc.
- Strawberry Patch
- Swine Services Unlimited Inc.
- Twin City Home and Community

**$1-$99**

- 3B Concessions Inc.
- Benson’s Concessions Inc.
- Block Concessions
- BlueCross BlueShield of Minnesota
- Borman Law Firm
- Campbells Corn Dogs
- Claycraft Inc.
- Cotton Candy - Yah
- DuBois Designs - ABC Seamless
- Exotic Everest Imports
- Fantastic Voyage
- Friedman and Associates
- Gem Mountain Studio
- How Cute
- Hultersrrom Brothers Inc.
- I Like You LLC
- MakeShift Accessories
- Marshall County Fair
- Oofda Tacos
- Peaceful Village Imports
- Pickle Dog
- PowerFX
- Prairie Village Pet Hospital
- Silver Strands
- Soaps - Skyline Sales
- Top Notch Stock Farm
- Venture Photography
- Waseca County Fair
- Wells Concessions
INDIVIDUALS

GRAND CHAMPIONS
$25,000 and above
Anonymous
Steve and Cynthia Eilertson
Ruth and John Huss
Peg and Dick Lidstad

GRAND CHAMPIONS
$10,000 - $24,999
Anonymous
Dave Cavallaro/"Mouth Trap" Cheese Curds
Sandy and Don Craighead
Mitch and Laurie Davis
Anne and Litton Field Jr.
Terry and David Gilberstadt
Brad and Lori Ribar
The Frontier/Richard Werner
Wozniak Family/Fresh French Fries

GRAND CHAMPIONS
$5,000 - $9,999
Mark and Mary Davis
Charlton Dietz
Carmel Dyer and Fred Pittroff
Australian Battered Potatoes and Giant Slide
John and Anne Fabie
Rosella Fefercorn
Lori Godin
Lawrence and Mary Haeg
The Hanten Family/Shanghaied
Henri's
Anne and Bob Horn
Laurie Houle
Donna Davis Morgan
Michel and Barbara Nelson
Jack and Leila Nessen
Postiglione Family
Susan and Alan Schuweiler
David and Kathryn Sorensen
Jim and Linda Wetzel
Elizabeth and Emma Wexler

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$2,500 - $4,999
Susan Amidon
Dale and Ruth Bachman
Janet Bankey
Jacqueline Beaupre
Joan L. Bertie
Thomas Bettenburg/Tom Thumb Donuts
Cindy and Fazil Bhimani
Garry Borden
Curtis Braatz
Lisa Brumm
Ed Caffrey
Diane and Todd Carlson
Neil Carlson
Jennifer Chalupsy, Michael Chalupsy and Dave LaForte
Michael Charnock
Jerome Choromanski
Ann and Matt Coumbe
Julie and Doug Craven
David Cray
Herb Dillon
Jeremy Fick
The Forstad/Steele Families
Sarah Frakes
Norma and Bernie Gafron
Spencer and Katie Gansluckner
Todd Grant and Debra Nelson-Grant
Marjean Graupman
Ruth Gromek, Rachel Gromek, Joe Gromek and Kim Gromek
Roger Gullickson
Jerry Hauble and Connie Stohler
Jeff and Diane Hawkins
Tom and Jackie Hekele
Dana Helstrom O'Brien
Kathleen Higgins
Christina Hindman
Gerald and Judy Hoffman
Hopp Family
Robert and Sue Horning
Laura Isack
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Bonnie Keeling
Carol and Don Kelsey
Kelsey Family
John William King
Robert and Diana Kirschner
Richard and Stacey Kohner
Larry and Amanda Konsterlie
Kathy Kurts
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Lorraine Lakeberg
Ramond Larson
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Barb Lechner
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Sue Majerus and Steve Majerus
Carol and Bob Mayeron
Jacob Andrew McBride
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McCormick Family
Yenilett Metcalf
Helen Meyer
Ron, Kara, Nick and Cory Moen
Jeanne Myrkle
Joanna Nachtigall
Sherry Oleson
Mary and Don Olson
Leah O'Neil
Tedd and Lois Ostrem
Julie Ann Parker
Kristin Patterson
Brenda Peick
Dave and Dolores Pemble
Courtney Perry
Dan and Chevis Peso
Robert and Janelle Peterson
Gayle Petrie
Larry Pinska
Linda Poissant Family and Friends
Terrance Post
Ramona and Allen Potter
Gerald and Renea Quade
Jack and Helen Regenold
Dick and Francy Reitz
Steve and Traci Ribar
Korina Rongitsch
Donald L. Roscoe and Judith S. Vosbeck
Dawn Rosenberg
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Doc and Martie Rutter
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Steve Schuster
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Friends of Jacob Strobel
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Judith Stuthman
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The Family of Ken Urke
Becky Van Cleve
Helen Wagner
Christine Wein
Tonya West-Gray
Cathy Wick
Dawn Wigness
Carrie Wilmot, Bill & Emma Brown
Bob Wilson

GRAND CHAMPIONS
$1,000 - $2,499
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Joan and Rohn Anderson
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Pat Bailey
Anne and Tim Bechtold
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William Naegele
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Donna Swedin and Phil Whipple
Christina M. Szitta
Bob and Jackie Tropp
Molly and Leo Varley
Eric and Sara Werzel
Sharon Wessel and Michael Rouillard
Wally and Jean Wichmann
Frederick and Eleanor Winston

$500 - $999
Christine Allen
Jeff Ammann
Joe and Cindy Andrus
Marilyn Bagne
Mark and Michelle Bailey

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Honoring STATE FAIR Generations

During the 2017 Minnesota State Fair, members of the Libby and Ribar families were recognized during the Foundation's fair time board meeting for a near century of service to the fair, dating back to family patriarch Jim Libby's work on the grounds crew beginning in 1919. Jim worked for nearly 70 years at the fair, and served as fairgrounds superintendent from 1959 to 1985.

Jim's son John Libby began his fair career in 1952 and was appointed general manager of the fair in 1963. Jim's other son, Jim, a veterinarian, was instrumental in establishing the Pet Center and surgical suite and later helped establish the livestock birthing center. Jim's daughter Shirley and her husband Laudy Ribar, had four children, Kris, Scot, Brad and Steve, all of whom worked in State Fair sanitation.

Brad Ribar and his wife Lori Peters, of Peter's Hot Dogs, started the now-renowned Corn Roast in 1985. Their son Matt and daughters Sarah and Libby mark a fourth-generation connection to the fair, with a fifth generation of family members joining the tradition in 2017.
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Showcasing Minnesota’s pork production while creating educational opportunities are prime examples of the State Fair’s core mission to promote the very best in agriculture. Each year, the State Fair attracts nearly 2 million visitors, including hundreds of thousands who visit the Swine Barn. The historic facility is home to more than 1,800 swine exhibited in 4-H, FFA and open class contests, along with sheep and goats in FFA and 4-H programs.

Built in 1936, the highly-trafficked Swine Barn is showing its age and is in need of repairs and upgrades. To address these needs, the State Fair Foundation will launch a fundraising campaign for Swine Barn improvements. Christensen Farms has made a generous lead gift of $1 million to the project. The building will be renamed the Robert A. Christensen Pavilion to honor the late Bob Christensen - a true visionary in the swine industry who strived to improve and advance every facet of pork production.

The Christensen Farms contribution is a great way to start the campaign. When completed, the updated and improved facility will allow the State Fair to build on its tradition of showcasing excellence in agriculture for generations to come. To learn more about the campaign and how you can participate, please contact the Minnesota State Fair Foundation at 651-288-4323 or email info@msffoundation.org
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The first clue that Ed Pfeilsticker and Lauren Elizondo are more than casual State Fair visitors might be the Fairchild window clings on each of their cars. The second is that 2018 will be their 10th year volunteering for the MSFF. They donate their time selling Blue Ribbon Bargain Books, with the proceeds benefiting the Foundation.

The couple first discovered the Foundation during a visit to the fair in 2007, when they happened upon the J.V. Bailey House, home to the MSFF. When the couple learned about the Friends of the Fair program, they joined on the spot. Two years later, they learned about volunteer opportunities at the Foundation and signed up for that as well.

The pair remain annual contributors to the MSFF. “We believe in the mission of the Foundation,” said Ed. “I think people want to give back to something that holds a place in their heart. That’s why we support the Foundation.”
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Steve Eilertson – One of the founding members of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation, Steve served as Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair from 2002 to 2013. He was instrumental in establishing our financial policies and procedures and has continued actively supporting the Foundation since leaving the board.

Joe Fox – Another one of our founding board members, Joe continues to be involved with all of our projects through his devotion to the Foundation as well as his current service on the Minnesota State Agricultural Society Board of Managers (State Fair Board). He was the first chair of the Foundation board when it was formed in 2002. His passion and enthusiasm for our mission are inspirational.

Terry Gilberstadt – Terry served on the Foundation board from 2008 to 2017. She 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 Minnesota State Fair Archives.

David Johnson – Dave brought us his global passion for agriculture and feeding the world, and is one of the founding members of the Foundation. He willingly and successfully brought connections and partnerships that broadened public education at the fair on the importance of agriculture and technology in our society.

Malcom McDonald – Another founding board member, Malcolm urged us to look forward, embracing the idea that we are here to help ensure that the State Fair will be available and relevant for future generations. He brought innovation and inspiration to think about what’s next and helped with the founding of our organization.

Mike Miles – Mike was elected to the Foundation Board of Directors in 2005 and served until his death in September of 2010. He was instrumental in moving forward one of the largest single gifts in the history of the Foundation through the Lee and Rose Warner Foundation, which provided long-term funds for capital improvements at the Coliseum.

Clarice Schmidt – Clarice is a founding board member who served on the Foundation board from 2002 to 2011, overlapping her service for the Foundation with her role as President of the Agricultural Society Board of Managers. She has been an active and very personal proponent for the success of the Foundation, especially as a key Foundation greeter each year for thousands of visitors to the J.V. Bailey House during the fair.
From nearly its inception, Kay Cady served as executive director of the Minnesota State Fair Foundation, beginning in 2004 until her retirement in October 2017. Under Kay’s leadership, the Foundation grew from a start-up to a thriving non-profit fulfilling its purpose of supporting Minnesota State Fair educational programs and facility improvements.

When she came on board, “We were starting from scratch. We had no project results and were void of administrative policies,” said Kay. “Our mantra was to involve everyone in a variety of ways and show tangible results. It worked, and now the Foundation is ready for even more success.”

Kay is quick to credit an active and outstanding board of directors with providing the momentum which grew the Foundation into one that now bestows $1 million in annual grants to the State Fair. Annually these grants have supported dozens of projects from art to agriculture.

To honor Kay, Foundation board members and other donors established the Kay Cady Endowment Fund for the Fairgrounds. The fund will support beautification and improvement of the fairgrounds, a cause that is very dear to Kay. “Year round, nearly three million people come to the fairgrounds for horse shows, car shows, FFA and 4-H gatherings, and just to walk – all on top of the very successful 12-day annual State Fair,” said Kay. “For this success, we need to have a universally accessible fairgrounds environment that embraces new and old buildings, lots of greenery, shade and colorful flowers, and always a place to sit.”

To contribute to Kay’s endowment fund or create a new endowment, please contact the Foundation at 651-288-4323 or email info@msffoundation.org.
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