



**MINNESOTA  
STATE FAIR  
FOUNDATION**  
**2017 ANNUAL REPORT**



— *Minnesota State Fair* —  
**FOUNDATION**  
— *Annual Report* —







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,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patty Smith'.

Patty Smith  
Chair, Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Cashman'.

Cynthia Cashman  
Executive Director



**AGRICULTURE**

- Supreme Champion Livestock Awards
- Agricultural Facilities and Programs



**EDUCATION**

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



**ENVIRONMENT**

- Bench Seating
- Vines and Succulents
- Recycling on the Fairgrounds
- Warner Coliseum Arena Footing
- Fairgrounds Environment



**ARTS & CULTURE**

- 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

<b>Statements of Financial Position</b>	<b>10/31/17</b>	<b>10/31/16</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,659,561</b>	<b>\$ 2,464,778</b>
Liabilities	\$ 41,250	\$ 100,383
Net Assets: Undesignated	\$ 1,030,292	\$ 674,590
Net Assets: Board Designated – Fine Arts	\$ 47,039	\$ 72,473
Net Assets: Temporarily Restricted	\$ 933,818	\$ 1,288,072
Net Assets: Permanently Restricted	\$ 607,162	\$ 329,260
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,618,311	\$ 2,364,395
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,659,561</b>	<b>\$ 2,464,778</b>

<b>Statements of Activities</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Contributions	\$ 1,377,093	\$ 1,465,503
Support from the Minnesota State Agricultural Society (State Fair)	\$ 324,869	\$ 221,950
In-kind Contributions	\$ 62,003	\$ 72,829
Special Events, Net of Direct Benefits	\$ 77,855	\$ 85,793
Interest and Dividends	\$ 3,813	\$ 2,688
Unrealized Gains on Investments	\$ 75,701	\$ 17,220
Net Merchandise Sales	\$ 272,166	\$ 247,227
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 2,193,500</b>	<b>\$ 2,113,210</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
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
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,939,584</b>	<b>\$ 2,013,907</b>
<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 253,916</b>	<b>\$ 99,303</b>

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](http://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
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- 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](http://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."



# Brand New CAMBRIA KITCHEN

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.



Old kitchen in the Creative Activities Building and the plans for the new kitchen for the 2018 State Fair.



# 2017 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 \$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](http://www.msffoundation.org).*

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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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# Upcoming SWINE BARN Improvements

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](mailto:info@msffoundation.org)



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# Foundation VOLUNTEER Spotlight

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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## ***Celebrating Our Board Emeriti***

**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.

# Saluting KAY CADY

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](mailto:info@msffoundation.org).



Kay Cady with her full time staff members from over the years at her retirement party in October 2017.





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

J.V. Bailey, founder of Bailey Foundation, owned the house for an approximate of 100 years (1907-2006) and is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982-1984.

This residence was home to Duke Fay (1920-2006) and his family from the 1950s to 2006. It was also the site where Duke Fay and his family lived and worked for the Bailey Foundation.

The J.V. Bailey House was awarded community award given a Duke Fay award and site for the Bailey Foundation.

Preservation of this historical property was supported by the Bailey Foundation and the Greater and Margaret Bailey Foundation.











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