

# CHISHOLM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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## Our Town

With the election over and the year drawing to a close, we thought we'd take some time to reflect on what's been accomplished in Chisholm this past year. It is staggering when one stops to think of all the events, programs and promotions this community hosts.

In February, we had Polar Bear Days, which was spread out over three weekends and entailed numerous events. This year our local curling club hosted the Women's Gopher State bonspiel, bringing many new faces to town. We also had a visit from the Stanley Cup at the Ironman site. March brought the Chamber Chilly Open Golf Outing on Long Year Lake. As spring approached, things geared up for the Miss Chisholm Pageant. A dedication was held for the new equipment installed at the Veteran's Memorial. In June, the United Way kicked off its "Ride the Range" event where many of the participants ended up at the Range Rock'n Blues Fest. The St. Louis County Fair came to town at the end of July. This year the fairgrounds also hosted the Minnesota Good Sam Campers. Chisholm held sidewalk sales and downtown entertainment to welcome approximately 1,000 people who came for this occasion. The Museum of Mining celebrated its 50th anniversary where over 500 people attended an open house. The annual Fire Days



celebration was held in September. Following the parade, many families and friends went up to the Museum of Mining for "Kids Day". In October, the Museum was also host to the "Field of Screams". Approximately 5,400 people from all over the state attended the haunted affair. December brings the "Holly Jolly Holiday" children's event. The Chamber Lighting Contest will be held and Ironworld will be hosting an ethnic lighting celebration.

The CCF is proud to say that we help make a number of these projects and programs possible through grants and board participation. Our community is very fortunate to have the number of groups and committed volunteers that it takes to make Chisholm such a vibrant community.

With that said, we thought it appropriate to print the following poem which was submitted by Ron Gornick. The title of the poem is "MY TOWN" and the author is unknown.

### "MY TOWN"

MY TOWN is the place where my house is found, where my business is located and where my vote is cast. It is where my children are educated, and where my neighbors dwell, and where my life is chiefly lived. It is the home spot for me.

MY TOWN has a right to my civic loyalty. It supports me and I should support it.

MY TOWN wants my citizenship, not my partisanship; my friendliness, not my dissension; my sympathy, not my criticism; my intelligence, not my indifference.

MY TOWN supplies me with protection, trade, friends, education, schools, churches and the right to free moral citizenship. It has some things better than others. The best things I should seek to make better, the worst things I should help to suppress.

"TAKE IT ALL-IN-ALL, IT IS MY TOWN AND IT IS ENTITLED TO THE BEST THERE IS IN ME."

### ADVISORY BOARD

Ron Gornick, Chair  
Term ends 2005

Paul Marturano, Vice Chair  
Term ends 2006

Alison Perry, Secretary  
Term ends 2007

Amy Rice, Treasurer  
Term ends 2006

Linda Danielson  
Term ends 2005

Margaret Gornick  
Term ends 2007

Tim Johnson  
Term ends 2007

Jaye Olson  
Term ends 2006

Veda Ponikvar  
Term ends 2005

Shelley Robinson  
Term ends 2007

Dave Simonson  
Term ends 2005

Tom Varichak  
Term ends 2005

Jim Vitali  
Term ends 2006

### CCF Mission Statement

The CCF's mission is to be a steward of funds for innovative & creative projects that are responsive to community & economic development in the areas of social service, education, arts & culture, conservation & historic & environmental preservation.

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## CCF Happenings

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Some interesting news from the CCF since our last newsletter:

- CCF Board members once again served refreshments at the Annual Minnesota Deer Hunters Banquet, which was held on October 13, 2004 at the Hibbing Memorial Building. The event is a major fundraiser for the Foundation and we raised approximately \$3,000 for our Operations Account. Once again, sincere thanks go out to Paul David Marturano, Dave Simonson and Tom Varichak for all their help in organizing the event.
- Ron Gornick, Shelley Robinson & Jim Vitali attended the Minnesota Community

Foundation's Annual Fall Conference on October 8, 2004. Some of the topics discussed at the conference were Volunteers on the Board of Directors & Other Key Roles, Appropriate Vehicles for Giving, Tools to Locate Prospects, Making the Ask, Communicating Your Message & A Blueprint for a Successful Endowment Campaign.

- Several of the CCF board members participated in this year's "Field of Screams". Whether they were tour guides, ticket takers, witches, picture takers or organizers of the event, everyone had a ghoulish good time!

Just to reiterate some of the new happenings at the CCF this year:

- Office hours are 8:30-12:30. Summer hours are 9:00-1:00.
- Our new street address is 104 S.W. 3rd Avenue. A drop box has been installed for your convenience.
- Our phone/fax number is (218) 254-1101. Toll free number is (877) 850-9451. E-mail address is [ccf@fnbcnet.com](mailto:ccf@fnbcnet.com).



**WATCH FOR ON-LINE GIVING (CREDIT CARD) ON THE MINNESOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE—**  
[www.minnesotacommunityfoundation.org](http://www.minnesotacommunityfoundation.org)

## CCF Granting Process

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Recently, the Advisory Board members surveyed people in the community about the Foundation.

After reviewing the surveys, we found that a number of questions/comments had to do with the grant process. So—we thought we'd include an article explaining how the CCF goes about granting money to organizations in our community.

Grant applications can be obtained by calling or stopping at the CCF office or on our website which is [www.chisholmcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.chisholmcommunityfoundation.org). There are two granting cycles: the deadlines for receiving grant applications each year are March 30th for the first cycle and September 30th for the second cycle.

When all the applications are in, the Grant Committee meets and reviews each grant application to

make sure the applicants meet the criteria of the Foundation. Required information for grant applications is as follows:

- A copy of 501c3 status form.
- Board of Directors list.
- Copy of organization's annual budget.
- Copy of most recent audit, if available.
- Signature of authority.
- Ten copies of the grant application and applicable information.
- Grant application must be completed in full.

Prime consideration is given to projects that receive matching funds.

Once the Grant Committee determines which organizations are eligible to receive grants, interviews are set up with each applicant.

After the interviews, the Grant Committee makes their recommendations to the CCF Advisory Board and the Board votes on those recommendations.

Grant recipients must use the funds awarded for the specific purpose for what they were originally intended.

The CCF requires that a detailed accounting of all funds along with a follow-up report be submitted. The follow-up progress report is due six months from the date of the award. A final progress report is also required and that is due one year from the date of the grant.

## 130 Golfers Contribute to Success of CCF's 9th Annual Golf Outing

The Chisholm Community Foundation held another successful golf outing on Monday, August 2, 2004 at the Mesaba Country Club in Hibbing.

One hundred and thirty golfers enjoyed the scramble under sunny skies.

This event is a major fundraiser each year to help cover the operating expenses of the Foundation. The golf outing raised approximately \$17,000 this year.

Following a fun-filled day of golf was a dinner at Valentini's where 150 people enjoyed the program, prize drawings and camaraderie.

The Spartan Transportation team from Nashauk captured the title with 14 under par. Mark He-  
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*L to R are Chuck Gremes, John Leschak, Dave Simonson, Bruce Anderson, Bruce Matack & Bubba (Jim Forward) enjoying a cold refreshment at the Watering Hole.*

Minneapolis was the winner of the stainless steel barbeque grill.

Jim Vitali once again did an outstanding job as MC of the program. Those in attendance heard about the many grants that the CCF has been able to give to



*Taking a break from their volunteer duties are (L to R) Paul Marturano, Phyllis Antognozzi, Di Valentini, Florence Marturano, Carole Gornick, Jaye Olson & Shelley Robinson.*

local organizations. Grants to-date total approximately \$280,000.

The CCF Advisory Board would like to extend their sincere thanks to all the corporate partners, golfers, hole sponsors, and volunteers as well as the businesses and individuals who donated gifts to make this year's outing a success.

Next year's tournament will be held on Monday, August 1, 2005. Mark your calendars!

## "Festival of Lights" & "Ethnic Christmas" to be Held at Ironworld

It was the famous English bard, Charles Dickens, who wrote, "I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."

Thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers from across the Iron Range, the public is invited to a special Hanukah "Festival of Lights" and "Ethnic Christmas Around the World" on December 11th and 12th at Ironworld in Chisholm.

The citizenry will be treated to a festival of customs, traditions and heritage of the Yuletide from around the world with a presentation by the various ethnic groups whose ancestors

opened the wilderness of Northeastern Minnesota. On display will be the Hanukah tradition of lighting the Menorah in observance of the Jewish Festival of Lights. There will be Christmas trees decorated in all of the ethnic traditions. Holiday delicacies of the different ethnic groups will also be featured.

And what would the holiday season be like without the glorious voices of choirs? Come and enjoy the melodies of the nostalgic I Contadori choir, the Singing Slovenes, and accordionists George Rasandich and Hank Thunander.

Families are especially invited to attend and listen to the inimitable Mrs. Claus who will recite "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and a treasured choice of children's poetry. Of course, Santa Claus, in all of his North Pole finery, will arrive to warm the hearts of children big and small.

Yes indeed, this festival is being held at Ironworld. You see, it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas when its mighty Founder was a child Himself.

We hope to see all of you at Ironworld on December 11th and 12th.

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*"...together we  
can do so  
much."*



## Yes, I want to invest in the future of Chisholm!

I hereby pledge the amount of:

Payment:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Bill me as follows \_\_\_\_\_

As an investment \_\_\_\_\_ As a memorial for \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
(please include maiden name) (if applicable)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Chisholm Community Foundation, 104 S.W. 3rd Ave., Chisholm, MN 55719

### LEVELS OF GIVING

Arrow	Up to \$500
Bluestreak	\$501-\$750
Ranger	\$751-\$1,000
Field of Dreams	\$1,001-\$2,500
Iron Miner	\$2,501-\$15,000
Silver Miner	\$15,001-\$30,000
Gold Miner	\$30,001-\$50,000
Special Recognition	Over \$50,000

**PLEASE INFORM US OF  
ANY ADDRESS CHANGES!**

Carol Tiburzi-Mcdonald



*The Chisholm Community Foundation would like to extend our sincere thanks to our Corporate Partners.*

*Your generosity and commitment of \$1,000 per year emphasizes your feelings toward the CCF and Chisholm.*

*We truly appreciate your support!*

