



# **SOUTH DAKOTA PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**

**2012 - 2016 REPORT**







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## DEAR SUPPORTERS:

It is said that national parks are “America’s best idea.” We suggest that state parks, refuges, and other state lands and facilities are also great ideas – and great places. It is a joy to serve as a steward of those places and of the gifts generous donors give to purchase, maintain and add facilities for those places.

The South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) supporting organization for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP). Its work is to attract and manage charitable gifts that support GFP’s mission of conserving the state’s natural resources, especially wildlife and parks. Past donations have included land, conservation easements, and cash for over four dozen projects. The value of those gifts, most of which have been granted to GFP, exceeds 21 million dollars. The Foundation has also attracted and facilitated a number of gifts made directly to GFP.

This report covers the most recent four years of the Foundation’s 31 year history. During that time, the Foundation was more active than ever, gathering 28 percent of all the 5,000 gifts given during its history with a value of \$9,800,000.

In the last four years, the Foundation has focused on two major state park projects – financing for the Custer State Park Visitor Center and purchasing lands and building facilities at Good Earth State Park at Blood Run. Both projects were declared Outdoor Heritage priorities by Governor Dennis Daugaard in 2012 and both are located near the state’s major population centers. The Custer State Park Visitor Center opened in the spring of 2016 and the Visitor Center at Good Earth will open in the spring of 2017. Recent land purchases at Good Earth have significantly enlarged the park; making trail expansion and other enhancements possible in the future.

At the same time, visionary donors continued to support the Foundation’s work through the Friends of South Dakota Parks and Wildlife program. They also continued support for many other projects including Fort Sisseton State Park, the Outdoor Campuses, the Mickelson Trail, Tony Dean’s Acres Memorial and Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve.

We thank all those who have invested in these great places through the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Your contributions have often been matched by the State of South Dakota and Department of Game, Fish and Parks dollars. Other gifts are solely responsible for some program or project. Either way, your gifts have leveraged astounding results.

This report celebrates these contributions and their objectives. Enjoy!

Gratefully,

Larry Ness, President, South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation  
Spencer Hawley, Past President  
Jeff Scherschligt, Past President



LARRY NESS, PRESIDENT



# CURRENT PROJECTS

THESE PROJECTS ARE FOUNDATION PRIORITIES FOR THE FOUNDATION FOR THE NEXT YEAR. THE FOUNDATION HONORS DONORS' INTENTIONS AND OTHER PROJECTS WILL ALSO BE ADDRESSED BECAUSE OF THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS.

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## GOOD EARTH STATE PARK AT BLOOD RUN

The new Visitor Center is under construction and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2017. Additionally, the road system, hiking trail development, tree planting and native prairie restoration are all progressing nicely.

When the Visitor Center is completed, it will feature a world-class film and abundant interpretive exhibits. An additional \$340,000 in donations is needed to complete this phase of development at Good Earth State Park. These additional donations are needed to put the finishing touches on the Visitor Center and to acquire additional lands that will expand recreational opportunities at the park.



## DONOR PROFILE

### JEFF AND KATIE SCHERSCHLIGT AND THEIR GRANDDAUGHTERS

Jeff Scherschligt, a Sioux Falls businessman, and his wife Katie love the outdoors, nature and wildlife in South Dakota and passionately want to preserve and pass along these gifts to future generations.

They know that Good Earth State Park at Blood Run is a special place with an intriguing history and access to South Dakota's largest, rapidly expanding population base. But efforts to secure public ownership of this Blood Run National Landmark area languished until Jeff and others enthusiastically led both public and private stakeholders to combine their respective skills, advocacy and resources in a renewed effort to create a new public asset. The Scherschligts call this partnership and the park a "win-win for all!"

Scherschligt explains the role of the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation in facilitating a public/private partnership and creating the park:

*Involvement in the Foundation is an opportunity to leverage the power of public and private resources to advocate and provide assets for impactful projects. The Foundation also provides an efficient means to stretch philanthropic dollars.*

*The capability of GFP and the vision of Governor Daugaard combined with the passion and entrepreneurial drive of the Foundation has created the first new state park of our generation and a dynamic setting and story that will serve young and old alike for centuries.*

*We are proud to contribute both our time and treasure to the Foundation and to the cause of Good Earth State Park at Blood Run.*



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## PETER NORBECK OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

The Peter Norbeck Visitor Center had served as headquarters for Custer State Park visitors until the new Visitor Center was opened in 2016. The historic, stone building will be repurposed as an Outdoor Education Center. Educational programming will be expanded at this location and outdated natural history exhibits will be replaced. Interior and exterior improvements are also needed.

After the improvements are completed, this facility will better serve families, school groups and other visitors taking part in expanded educational programs and activities here. Repurposing the center will require \$500,000 in private donations to help fund the work. More information on the project budget and design are available from [brownassociates@goldenwest.net](mailto:brownassociates@goldenwest.net).





## RUSHMORE CONNECTOR TRAIL

Imagine the challenges and beauty of an approximately 15 mile trail extending from the George Mickelson Trail near Hill City to Mount Rushmore. Each year brings this dream closer to reality. Donations are being accepted but major fundraising has not yet begun for this project. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks is the initiating agency and the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service and National Park Service are also key players in moving the project forward.

An Environmental Impact Statement is currently being prepared and is expected to be completed in less than two years. Cost estimates and staging of the new trail will then be developed and major gifts will be solicited by both the Mt. Rushmore Society and the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

For current information about the status of the project or to sign up for the project mailing list visit the project website at [rushmoreconnectortrail.com](http://rushmoreconnectortrail.com).

## MICKELSON TRAIL BRIDGE REPAIR

Well over 100 bridges ease the way for hikers, bikers, and horses that use the Trail. Half of these bridges are over 20 years old and they are showing their age. Over 50 bridges are in need of substantial rehabilitation or replacement. The cost of an average bridge repair is about \$350 per lineal foot, and the cost to repair all of the bridges currently needing repair exceeds two million dollars. The Foundation's goal is to raise enough money to repair two or three bridges each summer.

To sponsor repair of a bridge or to donate any amount to smooth the ride on the Trail, contact [brownassociates@goldenwest.net](mailto:brownassociates@goldenwest.net).

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## DONOR PROFILE

### JIM HERSRUD

Jim is an avid cyclist and the Mickelson Trail is the focus of his exercise and much of his social life. Fellow “Trekkers” are like family to Jim. Not only has Jim signed on for the annual 109 mile Mickelson Trail Trek for over a dozen years, but he invites friends from all over the world to join him. Many of his excursions become parties – like the “June birthdays” or “raspberries at Mystic Trailhead” – on Sundays with friends. Jim often expands his circle of friends with people he meets on his treks.

The love of the trail also reflects Jim’s love of the outdoors and especially the Hills. He has a degree in zoology and notes that the trail winds through nearly all of the Hills’ ecosystems.

So it is easy to understand why Jim makes frequent gifts to both the trail and to the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation through its Friends of Parks and Wildlife program. Jim has also recognized the Mickelson Trail in his will because it is one of the great places that has had a significant impact on his life.



# CUMULATIVE GIVING OF \$5,000 OR MORE TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION THROUGH JUNE 2016

The South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation appreciates the major and recurring giving of many South Dakotans and others across our nation. On the next few pages the Foundation lists those individuals, businesses and organizations that have, since 1985, given or irrevocably pledged \$5,000 or more in gifts to preserve South Dakota's outdoor heritage.

\*Gifts that are primarily non-cash

\*\*Gifts facilitated by the Foundation but paid directly to GFP

## BISON CLUB GIFTS OF \$1,000,000+

James and Eloise Elmen Foundation	Sioux Falls
Robert and Rita Elmen Foundation	Sioux Falls
The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust	New York, NY
Jeff and Katie Scherschligt Family	Sioux Falls
Lloyd and Beverly (Gerhardson) Paulson Family Fund in the Black Hills Area Community Foundation	Moorhead, MN

## BIG HORN SHEEP CLUB GIFTS OF \$250,000 - \$999,999

Maude and Mary Adams*	North Sioux City
NWE Management Co/Stam Adelstein*	Rapid City
Ralph and Reinhold Knodel*	Freeman
Oasis Motel Ventures*	Sioux Falls
Miles, Lisa, Ally, Erin and Ashlee Beacom in the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation	Sioux Falls
John T. Vucurevich Foundation**	Rapid City

## ELK CLUB GIFTS OF \$100,000 - \$249,999

BB Gunz, LLC	Bloomington MN
Archie and Betty Blount*	Burbank
City of Brandon	Brandon
Josephine Buchholz*	Avon
Henry Carlson Company	Sioux Falls
Greg and Sheri Carmon Family	Brandon
Lois J. Clark Trust*	Avondale, AZ
Dana and LaDawn Dykhouse Family	Sioux Falls
First Premier Bank	Sioux Falls
Forward Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls
The Gilchrist Foundation	Sioux City, IA
Burton and Gladys Horsted	Sioux Falls
Izaak Walton League	North Sioux City
	Rapid City
	Huron
	Arlington
	Sioux Falls
	Vermillion
	Canton
	Hulett, WY
	Sioux Falls
Lewis and Clark Spirit Mound Trust	
Lincoln County SD Commission	
Neiman Enterprises, Inc.	
Ramkota Companies	
John Roth*	
Richard Salzmann*	Iona
Denny Sanford	Sioux Falls
Duane and Diane Sather	Sioux Falls
Arnold, Donald and Vesta Sattler*	Avon
Scheels All-Sports/Scheels Foundation	Rapid City
	Sioux Falls
	Fargo, ND
	Sioux Falls
George E. Sercl Family	Sioux Falls
City of Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation	Sioux Falls
Sioux Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau	Sioux Falls
Harold Slinden*	Aberdeen
South Dakota Department of Health	Pierre
South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks	Pierre
Wells Fargo Banks Foundation, Norwest and Marquette Watertown	Sioux Falls
	Pierre
	Rapid City
	Minneapolis, MN
	Watertown
	Lead
Wharf Resources/Golden Reward*	

## MOUNTAIN LION CLUB GIFTS OF \$50,000 - \$99,999

Adams Nature Preserve Fund in the South Dakota Community Foundation	Pierre
Dr. Loren and Mavis Amundson Family**	Sioux Falls
Avera Health/Avera McKennan	Sioux Falls
Clell and Della Mae Banks*	Fedora
Black Hills Energy	Rapid City





Black Hills Surgical Hospital	Rapid City
Alan Bowden	Sioux Falls
Doug and Mary Bowden Fund in the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation	Sioux Falls
Robert and Miriam Broin Family	Sioux Falls
Robert and Lynne Cunningham	St. James, MN
Crazy Horse Memorial	Custer
City of Deadwood	Deadwood
Helen Epplen	Aurora, CO
First Dakota National Bank	Yankton
Richard Helgeson*	
Mike, Cindy and Kylie Huether Fund in the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation	Sioux Falls
Izaak Walton League of America Sioux Falls Chapter	Sioux Falls
Kind World Foundation	Omaha, NE
Dan and Arlene Kirby Fund in the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation	Sioux Falls
Barbara Landguth <i>In Memory Of Dan Landguth</i>	Rapid City
Rex and Ruby Leubecher Family	Sioux Falls
Ed Maciejewski	Timber Lake
Larry and Diane Ness	Yankton
City of North Sioux City	North Sioux City
Nyberg's Ace Hardware	Sioux Falls
Raven Industries	Sioux Falls
Regency Ventures CSP	Custer
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Missoula, MT
Dave and Tammy Rozenboom	Sioux Falls
Sanford Health	Sioux Falls
Schlecht Ranch/Vern and Mickey Schlecht*	Hermosa
J Scull Construction Services, Inc.	Rapid City
Sertoma Club	Sioux Falls
Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce	Sioux Falls
Sioux Falls Development Foundation	Sioux Falls
Scott and Ronna Sletten Family	Sioux Falls
Dave Snyder	Lead
Thrivent	Minneapolis, MN

## PHEASANT CLUB GIFTS OF \$25,000 - \$49,999

Anonymous	
Bank West	Pierre
	Rapid City
	Rapid City
	Custer
Black Hills Fly Fishers	
Dick and Sue Brown	
Christiansen Family Foundation and Marilyn Christiansen	Dakota Dunes
Citibank/Citigroup Foundation	Sioux Falls
Coors Brewing Company	Golden, CO
Ducks Unlimited	Bismarck, ND
	Memphis, TN
L.G. Everist, Inc.*	Sioux Falls
First National Bank in Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls
Gateway 2000	
Girl Scouts of NYODA Council	Huron
Martin Ganschow*	Sunnyvale, CA
Daniel and Candace Garry	Mendota Hts. MN
Great Plains Education Fund Agency	Aberdeen
Hattersheidt Foundation	Aberdeen
Homestake Mining Company	Rapid City
Ev and Roberta Hoyt	Rapid City
Kevin and Peggy Kirby Fund in the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation	Sioux Falls
Gladys Light*	Aberdeen



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Tom and Cynthia Lilbridge	Bonesteel
Esther Losee*	
Jim Mach*	Avon
Marquette Bank	Minneapolis, MN
Norm and Eunabel McKie	Rapid City
Linda Mickelson-Graham and Family	Sioux Falls
Jerome Morgan Estate	Madison
Mt. Rushmore National Memorial Society of the Black Hills	Rapid City
Oahe Farms, Inc.	Pierre
Bob and Ginny Peterson Foundation	Dakota Dunes
Pheasants Forever	Scotland
Roy Rollings*	Hudson
Safari Club International, Greater Dakotah Chapter	Rapid City
Sanford Health	Sioux Falls
Showplace Wood Products	Harrisburg
South Dakota Community Foundation	Pierre
South Dakota Mining Association	Sioux Falls
Terra International	Sioux City, NE
Turkey Ridge Watershed District	Parker
Andrea and Norman Waitt Foundation	Dakota Dunes
West Dakota Water Development District	Rapid City

## EAGLE CLUB GIFTS OF \$10,000 - \$24,999

Edward and Isabelle Aasved*	Pierpont
Helen Anderson*	Eureka, CA
Anonymous	
ARC International	Rapid City
Russ and Betty Backus	Rapid City
Black Hills Ammunition	Rapid City
Black Hills Community Bank	Rapid City
Black Hills Federal Credit Union	Rapid City
Black Hills Sportsmen	Rapid City
Black Hills Volkssport	Rapid City
Blue Cross Blue Shield of SD	Sioux Falls
Brohm Mining Co.	Deadwood
Bill and Lynne Byrne Fund in the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation	Sioux Falls
Blake and Candace Carlson	Minnetrissa, MN
Century Link (US West, Qwest)	United States
CorTrust Bank	Sioux Falls
Custer Area Chamber of Commerce	Custer
D and D Farms	Pierre
Dakota Beverage	Sioux Falls
Family Dental Care/Jeff and Lanette Olson	Rapid City
Doug and Shirley Donnelly	Sioux Falls
First Interstate Bank and First Interstate Bancsystem Foundation	Billings, MT
Dennis Gonyea*	Minneapolis, MN





Halverson Hunts, LLP	Kennebec
Highmark Federal Credit Union	Rapid City
LeRon and Cathie Hohn*	Plymouth, WI
Independent Insurance Agents	Rapid City
James River Water Development Dist.	Huron
Ralph Kaufman and Gary Blue*	Freeman
Kitty Kinsman and Steve Zellmer	Rapid City
Ruth Klatt	Watertown
Lewis Drug	Sioux Falls
FT and Fay Lockwood	Rapid City
Mary Chilton DAR Foundation	Sioux Falls
Morgridge Family Foundation	Portola Valley, CA
Moyle Petroleum Company/Gil and Kim Moyle	Rapid City
Arthur Ninke Estate*	Webster
NT2 Productions	Burbank, CA
Palace City Peddlers	Mitchell
Pioneer Bank and Trust/F.L. Clarkson Foundation	Rapid City
Morris and Marcene Radack	Yankton
Ramkota Companies, Inc.	Sioux Falls
Sheldon Reese Foundation	Sioux Falls
Richmond Lake Association	Aberdeen
Roduner Family*	Ft. Smith, AK
Safari Clubs International	Tucson, AZ
Greg and Pam Sands Foundation/Sands Drywall	Summerset
David and Laurie Schaefer	Mahtomedi, MN
Sioux Valley Hoo Hoo # 118	Sioux Falls
South Dakota State Historical Society	Pierre
The House of Seagram	Des Plaines, IL
Earl Sprague*	
Fred and Mary Stahmann Fund in the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation	Sioux Falls
Dulcie Thompson*	Yankton
The Turner Foundation	Atlanta, GA
Union County Commission	Elk Point
U.S. District Court of South Dakota	Sioux Falls
US Bancorp	Rapid City
Philip (Skip) Weger	Rapid City
West Plains Engineering*	Rapid City
Virginia Williamson*	Lake Andes
Xcel Energy (NSP)	Sioux Falls
Young Broadcasting*	Sioux Falls

## ANTELOPE CLUB GIFTS OF \$5,000 - \$9,999

29-90 Sportsman's Club	Sioux Falls
Roy and Connie Auer*	Spearfish
Albertson Engineering, Inc.*	Rapid City
American State Bank	Rapid City
Anderson Family Foundation	Golden Valley, MN
Tom Batcheller/Zip Feed Mills	Sioux Falls
Bison Bison, Inc.	Hayes
Black Hills Forest Resource Assn.	Rapid City
Black Hills Parks and Forests Assn.	Hot Springs
Boen and Associates, Inc.	Sioux Falls
Brookings Rifle and Pistol Club	Brookings
Buntrock Foundation	Oak Brook, IL
Cabela's	Rapid City
Cabela's Sportsman's Quest	Sidney, NE
Chesterman Family Foundation	Sioux City, IA
Consulting Engineers Council of SD	Rapid City
John and Vera Cooper	Pierre
Jon and Gail Crane	Hill City
Custer Regional Hospital	Custer
Custer State Park Resort Company	Custer
Dacotah Bank	Aberdeen
Dacotah Bank of Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls
Dacotah Cement	Rapid City
Dakota Dunes	Dakota Dunes
Day County	Webster
James Dunn*	West Des Moines, IA
Guy Edwards	Sturgis
Egger Steel	Sioux Falls
Elmen Family Foundation	Sioux Falls
<i>In Memory of James Elmen</i>	
FIMCO	Dakota Dunes
First Bank	Sioux Falls
First National Bank	Rapid City
First Premier Bank	Sioux Falls
Fishback Financial Corporation	Sioux Falls
Bill Gikling Family	Rapid City
Grieve Family Fund in the St. Paul Community Foundation	St. Paul, MN
Jane Hallas	Minneapolis, MN
Sharon Hanson	Brookings
James and Nancy Hawke	Rapid City
HDR, Inc.	Sioux Falls
David and Carla Hillard	Rapid City
Frances K. Himrich Living Trust	Custer
Charles and Arvilla Ingerson	Aberdeen
Sue Johannsen	Brandon
John Morrell and Co.	Sioux Falls
Jo Kallemeyn	Spearfish
Kessler's, Inc.	Aberdeen
Ketel Thorstenson	Rapid City
Richard and Jeane Kirsch	Rapid City
Tom and Mollie O. Krafka	Rapid City
Dave and Deanna Knudson	Sioux Falls
Lake County Pro Pheasants	Madison
Sarah and Jeff Larson	Sioux Falls
Byron and Yldiz Lee	Houston, TX
Harvey and Loretta Malon	Rapid City
Jim and Reyna Martin	Brookings
Dennis and Anne McFarland	Sioux Falls
Morning Optimists	Sioux Falls
	Rapid City
Teresa Morrison	Ainsworth, NE



National Assembly of State Art Agencies  
National Wild Turkey Federation

Greg Nepstad and Virginia Clark  
Terry and Linda Nelson  
Joe and Nancy Olsen  
The Outdoor Foundation  
Jeff and Carol Parker  
Pepsi Cola Bottlers of SD  
Cathy and Steve Peterson  
Pheasant Country  
Pheasant Country Limited  
Pheasants Forever – Brookings County  
POET  
Regency Hotel Management Group  
Rivett Family Trust  
Mrs. John Roost  
Rushmore State Bank  
Schuller Farms  
SDN Communications  
Bonnie Sivage and Charlotte Fischer  
Effie Skaarud Animal Appreciation Fund in  
the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation  
South Dakota Cabin Owners Assn.

Washington, DC  
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Sioux Falls  
Lead  
Blackhawk  
Harrisburg  
Boulder, CO  
Sioux Falls  
Sioux Falls  
Salem  
Huron  
Mitchell  
Brookings  
Sioux Falls  
Sioux Falls  
Aberdeen  
McCook Lake  
Rapid City  
Claremont  
Sioux Falls  
Midland  
  
Sioux Falls  
Keystone

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G.P. and M.P. Sweetman Charitable Fund in the  
Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation  
Sweetman Construction Company  
Taylor Oil Company  
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World Wildlife Fund  
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Hills Area Community Foundation

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Ft. Pierre  
  
Sioux Falls  
Sioux Falls  
Sioux Falls  
Minneapolis, MN  
Rapid City  
Custer  
Rapid City  
Valentine, NE  
Sioux Falls  
Rapid City  
Bryant  
Martin  
Vermillion  
Columbus, GA  
Bentonville, AR  
Aberdeen  
Washington, DC  
  
Rapid City

## HISTORICAL RESULTS

Over the 31 year history of the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation, we have attracted contributions of land and cash toward South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks objectives totaling over 21 million dollars.



# PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS JULY 2012 THROUGH JUNE 2016

Thank you to the hundreds of businesses, organizations, individuals and families from South Dakota and across our nation who contributed over the past several years to conserve South Dakota's lands, waters, and wildlife. Whether you gave to a park, the Friends program, a memorial fund, an outdoor education exhibit or other program or facility, we are grateful for your help. Your gifts provide results and accomplish something wonderful.

## ADAMS HOMESTEAD AND NATURE PRESERVE

*Most gifts have been designated for specific projects. Others are used for general support of the homestead and nature preserve.*

### GIFTS OF \$25,000 OR MORE

Jack and Marcella Adams Endowment  
in the South Dakota Community Foundation      Pierre

### DONORS

Anonymous	
For Homesteader Celebration	
Briar Cliff University	Sioux City, IA
Chesterman Family Foundation	Sioux City, IA
Daughters of the American Revolution	
Daniel Newcomb Chapter	Yankton
Dunes Dental 4 Kids	Dakota Dunes
Bobbi Fegley	Akron, IA
MidAmerica Energy Foundation	Des Moines, IA
Gary and Ellen Nichols	Dakota Dunes
Gary Riibe, Jr.	Dakota Dunes
Rebecca Williams	Columbia Falls, MT

### PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROJECT

John and Janis Goeden	McCook Lake
Tom and Deanna Jacobs	McCook Lake
Bradley and Jean Mollett	Jefferson
Jeffrey Verzal	Westfield, IA

### SONNY'S ACRES

Anonymous	Jefferson
Connie Bosse	McCook Lake
Vicky Christensen	S. Sioux City, NE
Chris DeRoin	Westfield, IA
Dan and Victoria Devos	Sioux City, IA
Engleson Abstract Co., Inc.	Sergeant Bluff, IA
Dwight and Sara Freiberg	Sioux City, IA
Sara Friedrichsen	N. Sioux City
Timothy and Julia Heaton	Sioux City, IA
Maddie McCarthy	Dakota Dunes
Gerald and Kimberly Messersmith	N. Sioux City
City of North Sioux City	Sioux City, IA
Heather Ruble	Elk Point
Emmanuel and Amy Scarmon	Sioux City
Trok Skokan	

Tanworld of Vermillion  
Dan and Robyn Van Eldik  
Jeffrey Verzal  
Darla Vonhaden  
Josh Wismer

Vermillion  
Westfield, IA  
Westfield, IA  
Sioux City, IA  
Dakota Dunes

### DONKEY DASH

Jason and Jill Anonson	W. Des Moines, IA
Anonymous	
Connie Bosse	Jefferson
Abbi Boutwell	Sioux City, IA
Vicky Christensen	McCook Lake
Anthony Emerson and Jessica Prewitt-Emerson	Spencer, IA
Curt Friedrichsen	Sioux City, IA
Timothy and Julia Heaton	North Sioux City
Michelle Lewon	McCook Lake
Dirk Richou	Jefferson
Danny and Terry Rusher	Roland, IA
Jay and Lisa Schenzel	N. Sioux City
Ronald and Stacy Schrunk	McCook Lake
Chad and Carina Snyder	Sioux City, IA
Ryan and Marni Strusse	Hinton, IA
The Old Brass Rail	Sioux City, IA
Anthony and Kristine Vondrak	Merrill, IA
Gregory and Deborah Wolfe	Salix, IA

## BEAR BUTTE STATE PARK

*Donations have been used for general support.*

### DONORS

Anonymous

## CUSTER STATE PARK

*Gifts are used for general park improvements including support of interpretive programs and resource management.*

### GIFTS OF \$1,000+

Anonymous	
Jackson and Mary Ann McBroom	Williamsburg, VA
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Missoula, MT

### DONORS

Julie Campanelli	Eden Prairie, MN
<i>In Memory of Marty Reader</i>	
Element Productions	Boston, MA
Debbie Gilliland	Rapid City
Heidelberg Youth Camp	Watertown
Verne and Mary Jo Jennings	Falls Church, VA
Kathy Killian	Madison, WI
Mitchell Area Development Corp.	Mitchell
Kimberly and Anthony Perry	Riverside, IL
James Pfeister	Sioux City, IA





Risk Administration Services  
*In Memory of James Manning*  
 Route 7 Productions

Sioux Falls  
 Miami Beach, FL

South Dakota Cabin Owners  
 South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks  
 Jeffrey and Shelley Stingley  
 WR Restaurant Management

Pierre  
 Sioux Falls  
 Sioux Falls

## CUSTER STATE PARK VISITORS CENTER AND THEATRE

*The new Visitor Center, which opened in the spring of 2016, was one of the Outdoor Heritage projects proposed by Governor Dennis Daugaard in 2012. The State Legislature and Department of Game, Fish and Parks joined the Foundation in providing funding.*

*Since its opening, the Visitor Center has hosted thousands of people who enjoy the bison and other exhibits and remarkable movie about Custer State Park. The Center is receiving rave reviews!*

### TATANKA GIFTS OF \$1,000,000

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust New York, NY  
 The James and Eloise Elmen Foundation Sioux Falls  
*In memory of James W. Elmen*  
 Lloyd and Beverly (Gerhardson) Paulson Family Fund  
 in the Black Hills Area Community Foundation Moorhead, MN

### COUGAR GIFTS OF \$100,000+

Neiman Enterprises, Inc. Hulett, WY  
 Ramkota Companies Sioux Falls  
 South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation Pierre

### BIGHORN GIFTS OF \$50,000+

Crazy Horse Memorial Custer  
 Black Hills Energy Rapid City

### PRONGHORN GIFTS OF \$25,000+

Scull Construction Services, Inc. Rapid City  
 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Missoula, MT  
 Daniel and Candace (Cotton) Garry Mendota Hts. MN  
 Dick and Sue Brown Family Custer  
 Dr. Karl H. and Margaret Cash Wegner Sioux Falls

### GIFTS OF \$10,000+

Regency CSP Ventures Sioux Falls

### GIFTS OF \$1,000+

Money from donation boxes Custer State Park  
 Black Hills Parks and Forests Association Hot Springs  
 James Olson and Karen Gundersen Olson Rapid City

### DONORS

Craig and Pamela Andersen Fayetteville, AR  
*In Memory of Richard V. Johnson and Matthew Lloyd Anderson*  
 Al Bahe Pierre  
*In Memory of Al's Father*  
 Jeffrey and Beverly Baus Oringa, CA  
 EDL Consulting  
*In Memory of Dennis Finch*  
 John Forseth Aberdeen  
 Greg and Joyceann Kroger Mitchell  
 Terra and David Reynolds Valparaiso, IN  
 Christine Willett Aurora, IL

**GOOD EARTH STATE PARK IS A PLACE WHERE  
 PEOPLE CAN GET OUT OF THE CITY TO RECONNECT  
 WITH NATURE AND LEARN ABOUT THE UNIQUE  
 CULTURAL HISTORY OF THIS AREA.**

**- JAMES HENNING  
 PARK MANAGER, GOOD EARTH  
 STATE PARK AT BLOOD RUN**

## GOOD EARTH STATE PARK AT BLOOD RUN

*This Park southeast of Sioux Falls is an important cultural and historical site as well as a unique nature retreat.*

*Contributions support land purchases and park improvements. The single most significant improvement is a visitor center scheduled to open in the spring of 2017. Preservation Pioneers are early donors who funded a key land purchase. Homesteaders and Preservation Partners contributed to the Visitor Center.*

### PRESERVATION PIONEERS GIFTS OF \$100,000+

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*Bill Janklow was a Governor, Congressman, Attorney General and great supporter of all things South Dakota. One of his passions was the history and pageantry of Fort Sisseton. Most of the gifts to his memorial were listed in a previous annual report.*

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*Delores, of Britton, was a long-time supporter of Fort Sisseton and served on the Governor's Commission on Fort Sisseton for many years. Upon her death in 2013, friends and family asked that donations be made to one of her favorite charities, Fort Sisseton.*

*Many of these gifts were also designated in memory of Joe Martin, who like Delores, was a long time booster of the fort and its activities and also served many years on the Governor's Commission on Fort Sisseton.*

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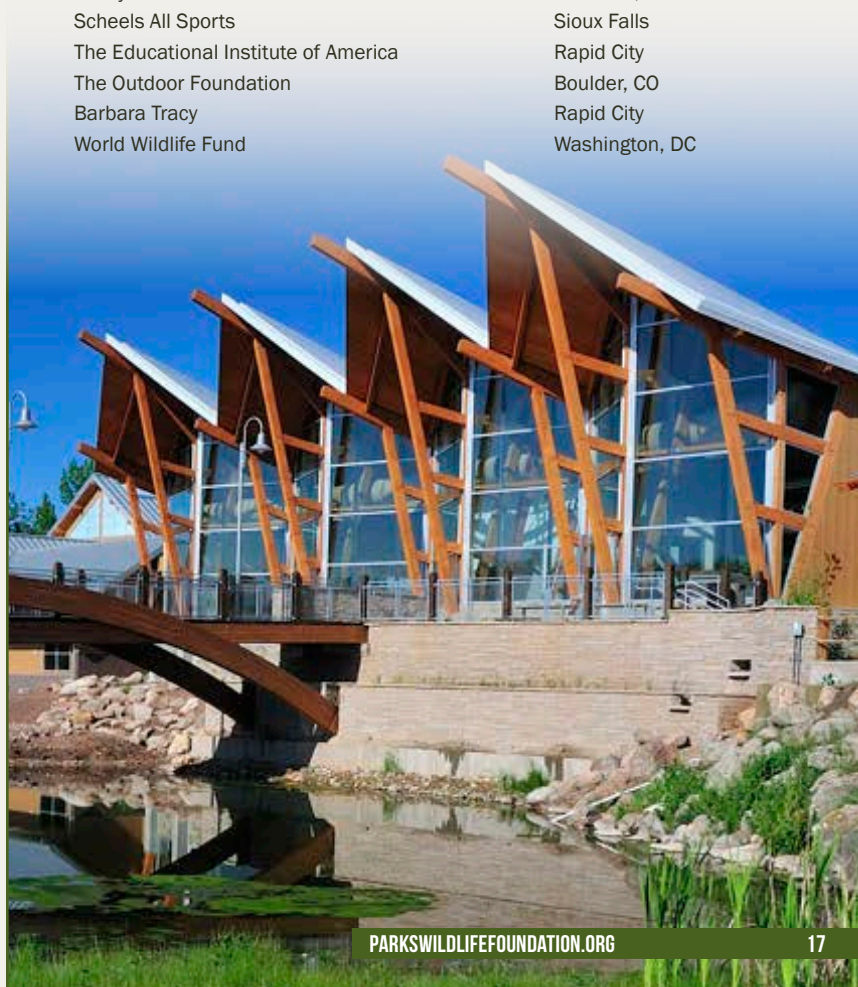
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*Legendary broadcaster and outdoorsman Tony Dean's legacy includes hundreds of acres of hunting access lands and a youth conservation education grant program thanks to hundreds of donations to the Foundation. Tony died in 2008. Many other gifts were recorded in previous annual reports.*

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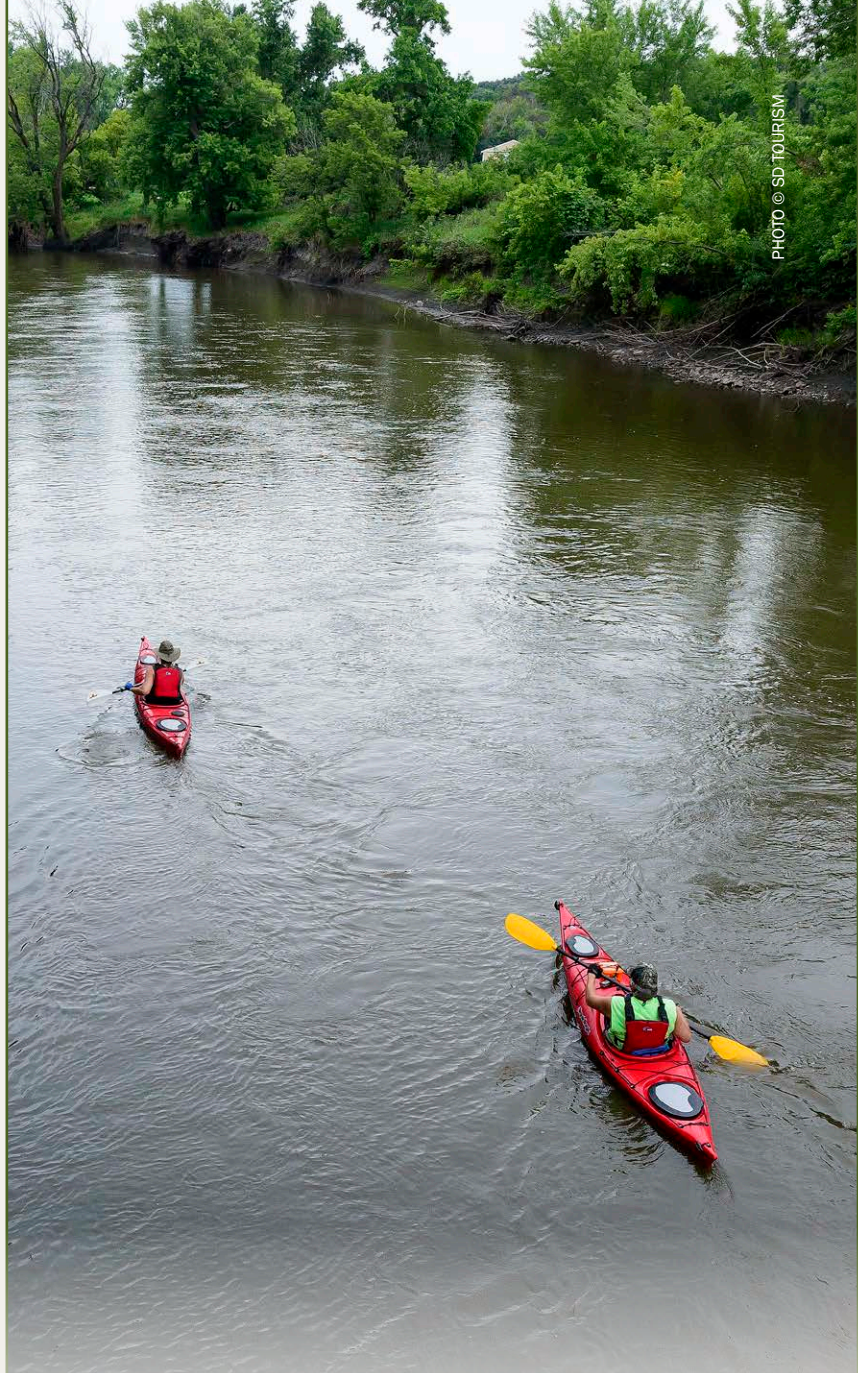


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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUE	FY2016	FY2015
Contributions	\$ 1,244,518	\$ 1,166,317
Grants	\$ 124,692	\$ 352,545
Memberships	\$ 14,680	\$ 16,730
Investment Income (loss)	\$ (63,692)	\$ 6,715
Events	\$ 149,001	\$ 112,944
Other Income	\$ 332,033	\$ 213,978
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 1,801,233</b>	<b>\$ 1,869,228</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Program Services in Support of GFP Mission	\$ 2,289,201	\$ 480,262
Management and General	\$ 199,285	\$ 126,651
Fundraising	\$ 108,314	\$ 135,939
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 2,596,801</b>	<b>\$ 742,852</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ (795,568)</b>	<b>\$ 1,126,376</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	FY2016	FY2015
Cash	\$ 2,289,545	\$ 2,353,866
Investments	\$ 2,054,206	\$ 2,077,405
Receivables	\$ 3,069,641	\$ 3,619,459
Land and Equipment	\$ 4,714,524	\$ 5,017,332
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 12,127,916</b>	<b>\$ 13,068,062</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$ 249,450	\$ 293,562
Long Term Liabilities	\$ 1,404,552	\$ 1,505,018
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,002</b>	<b>\$ 1,798,580</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 10,473,914</b>	<b>\$ 11,269,482</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 12,127,916</b>	<b>\$ 13,068,062</b>

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# GRANT INCOME AND EXPENSE

## GRANT INCOME

**\$175,692**

## GRANT EXPENSE

### DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Tony Dean Outdoor Education Grants	\$	6,225
Becoming an Outdoor Woman Scholarships	\$	840
Outdoor Campus East	\$	1,513
Outdoor Campus West	\$	17,285
Miscellaneous Grants to Wildlife Division	\$	200

### WILDLIFE TOTAL

**\$ 46,335**

### DIVISION OF PARKS

Custer State Park Visitor Center	\$	1,748,373
Miscellaneous Grants to Parks Division	\$	4,592
George S. Mickelson Trail	\$	31,551
Good Earth State Park-Lands	\$	305,723
Health Dept Grant	\$	7,961

### PARKS TOTAL

**\$ 2,098,201**

### Total

**\$ 2,124,265**

GRANT INCOME AND EXPENSES - JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

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