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Lamberton Area Community Foundation Established

Lamberton, Minn.—The Lamberton Area Community Foundation is now operating as a charitable giving organization, in partnership with the Southwest Initiative Foundation. The community foundation’s mission is, *Enriching the Lamberton community to be a great place to live, give, and thrive through charitable giving and grant making.*

The inaugural advisory board members are Chair Debbie Vollmer, Vice Chair, Todd Lee, Treasurer, Britta KelseyBassett, Secretary, Char Graff, Leon Benedict, Sam Furth, Brian Pfarr, and Kari Redman.

The Lamberton Area Community Foundation/Fund is organized as an affiliate of the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF), a 501(c)(3) public charity, which allows gifts to the Lamberton Area Community Foundation/Fund to be tax deductible to the full extent of the law. A local advisory board responsible for establishing its purpose and priorities, as well as building relationships with donors and grant recipients, while SWIF provides administrative and technical assistance to ensure local success, in addition to coordinating compliance with all state and federal charitable giving regulations.

About Southwest Initiative Foundation

Southwest Initiative Foundation is a nonprofit community foundation connecting people, investing in ideas and building communities to create a southwest Minnesota where all people thrive. SWIF launched its local community foundation program in 1999 to give southwest Minnesotans a way to support the charities and the places that were important in their lives, and to retain wealth in this rural region. Today, the foundation’s 30 affiliate partners advise 108 funds (including endowment, operating, project and designated funds) with assets totaling \$9.2 million. In the last 20 years, these partners have awarded more than 2,400 local grants totaling \$6.6 million. Learn more at swifoundation.org.