

Report to Financial Donors – 2008



We have been fortunate this past year through the generosity and consideration of our donors. Thank you to all of those that chose to donate financially to the Western Development Museum during the 2008 calendar year. With the assistance of Josh Hourie the Annual Campaign ran smoother and our Donor Recognition Walls were updated to include new Donors who have reached an accumulated total of \$1,000 plus. This category is known as Friends of the Museum. There will be additional names to be added in January of 2009 with an increase of 28 names from 2008. Your support is invaluable and your dedication to the heritage of the province of Saskatchewan is an inspiration to us all.

Personal donations continue to be one of our main sources of financial assistance for the day to day activities that keep us recognized as one of the top tourist attractions. Your contributions through our Annual Campaign or as an addition to your membership fee, is greatly appreciated. The Annual Campaign was well received by our members and we experienced another increase in donations. Thank you to each and every one of our individual donors.

We also wish to acknowledge a special gift we were informed of this year and that is two separate gifts one from an individual donor in North Battleford to establish an Endowment Fund and one from a Saskatoon donor to assist the programming at the Saskatoon branch.

Completion of the new exhibits at all four WDM's is scheduled for September of 2009 and we are all looking forward to these new additions. With these additions complete we will also have the inclusion of Donor Recognition within the WTPG Exhibit space, specifically thanking our donors that specified assistance to our new exhibits.

Grants from the Provincial and Federal Government were received by the Curatorial Centre, Yorkton, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw and North Battleford branches allowing us to hire summer students and additional personnel.

Special acknowledgement to the Government of Saskatchewan, Home Depot, the Women's Auxiliary of the WDM, SIGA, Boomtown Volunteers, Pioneer Threshermen's Club, Our Lady of the Prairies Foundation, the Saskatoon Tribal Council, the City of North Battleford and two of the Eaton's Foundations that have made financial contributions to the Museum this past year. The Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation, the Painted Hand Community Development Corporation and the BATC Community Development Corporation each contributed to the construction of the Winning the Prairie Gamble exhibits in North Battleford, Saskatoon and Yorkton, thank you for your support towards the addition of First Nations & Métis history in the new Exhibits in the WDM.

We would like to wish each of you a fantastic year ahead and thank you in advance for your continued support. We also look forward to the new contacts that we know will be made in the year ahead!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!