



# FOUNDATION NEWS

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## 1ST ANNUAL CARDINAL CLASSIC

Our first annual Cardinal Classic Golf Tournament was held back in August and was a tremendous success, and we owe a great deal of gratitude to our amazing golfers. A special shout out goes to our best-dressed team, featured in the picture above.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible donors and sponsors, listed below. Your generous support was essential in making this event a reality.

A special thanks goes to Lewiston Auto for their generous sponsorship, Heartland Country Club for graciously hosting us, and Pete's Meats for their generous food donation. Thanks to the support and kindness of everyone involved, we raised a total of \$9,743 for the Cardinal Foundation.

We are excited to continue this tradition and look forward to making the Cardinal Classic Golf Tournament an annual event for many years to come!

Special thank-you to our hole sponsors and donors:



## NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

2024 has been a remarkable year for the Cardinal Foundation and I'm excited to share some of the highlights with you!

In August, we hosted our first golf tournament, and it was a success! The event was not only fun, but we also raised valuable funds, learned a great deal about the process, and are already looking forward to expanding next year's event. We also wrapped up our Farmer's Markets with a special Back to School celebration at the Crossing Center. Thanks to the generosity of four talented stylists, we were able to offer free kids' haircuts, helping families prepare for the school year.

The months of September and October were filled with excitement as we participated in parades and Halloween festivities in both Lewiston and Altura. It was a joy to see our community come together in celebration, and we loved being a part of the fun!

November marked a significant milestone for our district with the successful passage of the levy and bond. While this is a major step forward, we recognize that the work doesn't stop there. These funds will help address critical needs, but there is still much to be done. We are committed to continuing our efforts to enhance and expand the opportunities available to our students, ensuring that every child has the resources and experiences to thrive. Our mission is clear: to make Lewiston-Altura the best small school district in the area. In December, we introduced the Teacher Wish Trees, a new initiative where community members could choose an item from a teacher's wish list to purchase. The response was overwhelmingly positive, and it's clear that our community's generosity knows no bounds. We also had the opportunity to spend time with Santa and the children at Pooter's in Altura, making memories and spreading holiday cheer.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to exploring new ways to raise funds and provide services that support our schools and students. The outpouring of support we've received from this community continues to inspire and motivate us every day.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Cardinal Foundation. Together, we are Cardinal Strong!

# Free Haircuts!

At our Back to School event held at the Crossing Center, we partnered with four incredibly talented local stylists who worked their magic to provide 43 haircuts. Their efforts truly made a significant difference for many grateful kids, helping them start the school year with renewed confidence!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Jessica Lang of Jessica Lang's Salon, Amanda Bartleson of AB Beauty, Alejandra Kreidermacher of Aspasia Salon & Spa, and Brenda J. Valenzuela of Fantastic Sams.

Thanks to your selflessness and dedication, the children walked away feeling empowered and ready to take on the school year ahead. Your inspiring contributions to our community are genuinely appreciated. Thank you all so much for making this event a resounding success!

## 2024 Grants

Thanks to your generous support, the Cardinal Foundation has issued several amazing grants this year. From everyday supplies like large rolls of colored paper to more specialized tools like a new planer for the Woodshop class, these grants are making a real difference in our classrooms.

Here are just a few of the grants that have been awarded recently:

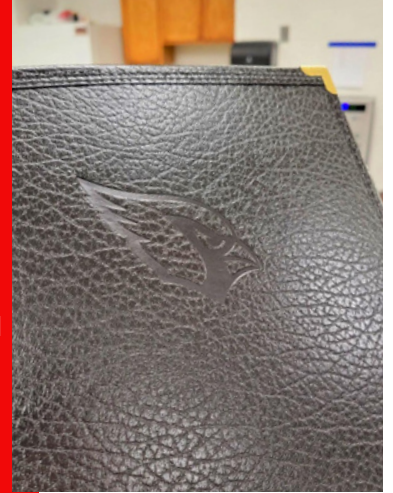
- **Low Maintenance Landscaping for School Grounds:** This project is more than just an aesthetic upgrade; it's about instilling a sense of pride within our community. The new landscaping will beautify our school and be designed for easy maintenance, ensuring a clean and welcoming environment for years to come.
- **Brain Pop Jr.:** This research-based online education tool is now utilized by 70% of elementary staff, providing engaging, interactive lessons for our young learners.
- **Updated Library Materials:** New books and digital resources are being added to our library for both elementary and high school students, ensuring access to fresh and relevant materials for all learners.



# 2024 Grants Continued

- Woodshop Planer Replacement: The outdated planer in our Industrial Technology and Woods classrooms has been replaced with a new, essential tool that will help students learn the basics of woodworking, tool maintenance, and safety procedures. This upgrade ensures our students continue to receive hands-on learning experiences with modern equipment.
- XL Colored Paper Rolls: Used for everything from homecoming floats and door decorations to class projects and bulletin board displays, these large paper rolls are vital for student and teacher activities. This grant eliminates the need for students and staff to purchase paper for these important projects, supporting creativity, collaboration, and school spirit.
- New High-Quality Choir Folders (Funded by the Neil E. Park Family Foundation): Our choir students will benefit from durable, long-lasting folders, replacing the outdated ones that have been in use for over a decade. This grant will reduce ongoing replacement costs and enhance the students' experience.
- Science Curriculum Lab Supplies: A grant to fund essential supplies for science labs will enhance hands-on learning for students in all grades.
- PLT4M Learning Platform: This platform supports our PE and weight room courses, providing students with a personalized learning experience to enhance their physical fitness.
- Mayo Clinic & SESC Mobile Science Trailer: Students will have access to high-level, hands-on biochemistry and molecular biology lab experiments through this exciting mobile science trailer.

These are just a few examples of how your support is transforming education in our community. To stay up-to-date on the latest grants and see how they are making an impact, visit the 24-'25 AWARDED GRANTS page on our website. Thank you for being a part of the Cardinal Foundation's mission to enrich student learning and help our school district thrive



# Q4 2024 Financial Statement



## FUND STATEMENT Cardinal Foundation

October 01, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Fund Activity	Quarter	Year to Date
Beginning Balance	51,968.27	0.00
<b>Receipts</b>		
Gifts & bequests	6,895.34	64,336.29
Interest & dividends	758.21	1,716.89
Miscellaneous revenue	1,291.91	8,731.91
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>8,945.46</b>	<b>74,785.09</b>
<b>Distributions</b>		
Administrative Fees	549.62	1,277.23
Grants Expense	5,260.72	18,195.37
Online Processing Fees	21.30	230.40
<b>Total Distributions</b>	<b>5,831.64</b>	<b>19,703.00</b>
Ending Balance	55,082.09	55,082.09

# Teacher Wish Trees

This year, we were fortunate to have some amazing local businesses host Teacher Wish Trees to support our dedicated teachers, who often spend their own money to provide for their students. MinnWest Bank, Pooter's Bar, Kalmes Implement, Lewiston Hardware, Pete's Meats, and Out in the Sticks all participated, and the response from our community was nothing short of overwhelming. The teachers were deeply touched by the outpouring of support, and we're so grateful for the generosity shown. What an incredible gift to our educators! Thank you for making this initiative such a success.

At the Cardinal Foundation, we are committed to maintaining full transparency with our financial information. We believe in accountability and openness, which is why all of our financial statements are readily available for review on our website.

<https://www.cardinalfoundation857.org/financial-report>

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**111 Riverfront - Suite 2E**  
**Winona, MN 55987**



We are deeply grateful to our incredible financial donors for your support in 2024. Your contributions are not only essential to the work of the Cardinal Foundation, but they also serve as a constant source of inspiration to us. Without your generosity, our mission would not be possible. As we look forward to 2025, we are excited to continue this journey with you and are thankful for the impact we can create together.

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Visionaries \$5,000+	Advocates \$1,000-\$4,999	Believers \$500-\$999	Friends \$100-\$499	Supporters \$1-\$99
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gwen Carman &amp; Craig Porter</li> <li>Timothy &amp; Ashley Gossen</li> <li>Riverside Integrated Solutions, Inc. **In honor of Steve Craney</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dan and Holly Burt &amp; Family</li> <li>Marty and Amber Reps &amp; Family</li> <li>Ben and Sara Daley</li> <li>Aaron &amp; Tisha Hooks</li> <li>Matt &amp; Barb Daley</li> <li>Bryon &amp; Heather Lande</li> <li>Michael &amp; Sandra Daley</li> <li>Land O' Lakes Foundation</li> <li>Shelly &amp; Dick Skaden</li> <li>LA Booster Club</li> <li>Mark Ernster</li> <li>Dennis &amp; Judy Hovelson: in memory of Bob and Ann Mars</li> <li>Peoples State Bank</li> <li>Neil E Park Family Foundation</li> <li>Lewiston Auto</li> <li>Lewiston Lions Club</li> <li>Merchants Bank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John &amp; Connie Meyer</li> <li>Jim and Kay Ziegler</li> <li>Kyle &amp; Kiley Puetz</li> <li>Class of 2030</li> <li>David Baer</li> <li>MinnWest Bank</li> <li>In memory of Owen Mundt</li> <li>JE Dunn Construction Company</li> <li>Dave &amp; Ann Riebel</li> <li>Bree Maki and Jeff Schwarze Family</li> <li>Minnwest Bank</li> <li>Dr. Cary Hanson</li> <li>Nancy West</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Reps</li> <li>Dan and Tara Kreidermacher</li> <li>Terri &amp; Brad Kaczorowski</li> <li>Rog &amp; Diane Rislrow</li> <li>Melissa &amp; George Meisch</li> <li>Jess and Scott Jonsgaard</li> <li>Jeff &amp; Melissa Nelson</li> <li>Eric &amp; Melissa Speltz</li> <li>Deb Olsen</li> <li>Altura Lions Club</li> <li>Matthew Wilmes</li> <li>Shelly Pringle</li> <li>Ed Midwest LLC-Jeff Olan</li> <li>Charlie &amp; Laurie Clobes</li> <li>Dashir Mgmt Services</li> <li>Cathleen Dandrea</li> <li>Harter's Trash &amp; Recycling</li> <li>Lewiston Hardware/Arches Liquor</li> <li>MiEnergy Coop</li> <li>Paperback &amp; Pieces</li> <li>Tom West</li> <li>Winona Heat &amp; Vent</li> <li>Saint Mary's University</li> <li>Jenn &amp; Tim Neu</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lynda Wooldridge</li> <li>Laura Nusbaum</li> <li>Nicole LaChapelle-Strumski</li> <li>In memory of Bev Luehmann</li> <li>In memory of Shirley (Dorn) Adank, Class of 1970</li> <li>In memory of David Kiese, Class of 68</li> <li>In memory of Tom Koetter</li> <li>In memory of Joan Moyer</li> <li>Liza Kennedy</li> <li>Bruce &amp; Marilyn Boynton</li> <li>Joye Hall</li> <li>Victoria Todd</li> </ul>