

BRCF nets single largest one-time donation

The Brokenhead River Community Foundation (BRCF) is pleased to announce it has received its single largest one-time donation ever to establish a new endowment fund.

Local residents Clinton Orr and Jodi Ruta gifted securities to the Foundation that were redeemed in the amount of \$202,054.59 to create the Clinton Orr and Jodi Ruta Community Builder Fund. This fund will provide post-secondary funding to eligible graduating students within the École Edward Schreyer School catchment Area.

“Our goal is to encourage kids to get involved in their local organizations, to give back, and to connect

with their community,” Orr said of the goal of this fund. “We believe when kids engage in community service, they can cultivate empathy, strengthen social bonds, and develop valuable skills, all while having a positive impact on their neighbourhood.”

Ruta also shared insight as to why they made this huge donation.

“My family has always been big into supporting our community. I have seen the positive impacts that it makes, not only to the community, but also to those who are volunteering,” Ruta said. “We are making this donation to hopefully promote more young people to get involved in the community.”

The BRCF is pleased to be able to offer individuals the opportunity to create funds like Orr and Ruta’s. Right from the beginning, this partnership was open and the desire to work together was evident.

“The Brokenhead River Community Foundation was the perfect partner,” Orr said. “They have a long history of working with our community and have provided us with guidance throughout the process. Their people and infrastructure will ensure the fund is properly administered, rewarding civic minded students for years to come.”

“On behalf of the foundation board, and more importantly, our community, it is an absolute pleasure to announce this new fund,” said BRCF president Reg Black. “The impact it will have for local students, forever, will be life changing. Sincere appreciation to Clinton and Jodi for entrusting the Foundation with their goals of giving back.”

For more info on the Brokenhead River Community Foundation, information on creating a fund or the various ways that donations can be made, please visit its website at www.brcfoundation.ca




Jodi Ruta (left) and Clinton Orr donated more than \$200,000 to the Brokenhead River Community Foundation.

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