

Annual Report

*Ensuring the future of veterinary medicine
one scholarship and grant at a time*

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Mission and Impact

The mission of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Foundation is to provide scholarships and educational grants to benefit animal health and ensure the future of veterinary medicine.

Population Served

The MVMF seeks to bolster the future of the veterinary community across Minnesota through scholarships and grants. Scholarships are awarded to DVM and post-graduate students at the University of Minnesota, and veterinary technicians at Ridgewater College, Rochester Community and Technical College, Minnesota North College, Northwood Technical College, and Dakota County Technical College. For some scholarships, priority is given to those living in a certain region in Minnesota or who graduated from a Minnesota high school.

Grants are awarded to a variety of nonprofit organizations and foundations, student groups, professional organizations, and individuals, that have programs or resources that benefit the veterinary community and/or animal health in Minnesota.

The MVMF is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization created to serve as the philanthropic partner of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association.



Thank you for your support!

Fundraising

Raising funds through planned giving, events, and contributions is an essential component that powers the MVMF mission.

Our event committees, volunteers, and board of directors have continued to adapt to changing circumstances to ensure that we continue to raise the critical funds needed to support the future of veterinary medicine. Once again, our profession has proved to be generous and supportive. **Our fundraising efforts in 2023, including the \$200 Club, Silent Auction, Golf Classic, Clay Shoot, and Annual Campaign raised nearly \$240,000 NET for the future of veterinary medicine 2023!**

\$200 Club Drawing and Silent Auction

The Annual Meeting serves as a crucial fundraising occasion for MVMF, and 2023 marked a significant return to in-person events after two years of a virtual meeting. The in-person silent auction and wine pull were well-received, contributing to a successful week by generating over \$9,000.

Additionally, the \$200 Club drawing remained a powerful fundraising tool, with 81 members contributing to a total of \$16,200 raised in 2023.



Golf Classic

July, 2023

It was a warm and sunny day in July at Oak Glen Golf Course and Event Center as our golfers came out for the 29th MVMF Golf Classic. Our supporters have helped make our event worth OVER \$1.2 Million in net revenue over the last 29 years!

1ST PLACE FOURSOME Dr. Kirk Smith, Dr. Jim Winsor, Dr. George Thiesen, and Dr. Tim Krienke

2ND PLACE FOURSOME Dr. Chris Anderson, Dr. Brent Born, Karl Omdahl, and Dr. Matt Kruse

10TH PLACE FOURSOME Michael Schmeling, Dr. Paul Fitzgerald, Dave Ranzinger, and Joshua Vigdal

1ST PLACE WOMEN Kelly Andrews, McKenna Andrews, Dr. Nancy Peterson, and Dr. Ann Brownlee

The Jim Libby Class Trophy went to the Class of 1985 for the 22nd year in a row! Dr. Kirk Smith, Dr. Jim Winsor, Dr. George Theisen, and Dr. Tim Krienke will again have their names added to this trophy honoring the first MVMF Golf Classic Committee chairperson, Jim Libby. The team also secured the Brandjord Memorial Trophy, in memory of Dr. Steve Brandjord, the MVMF Golf Committee Chair 1999-2003. The Class of 1985 also won the award for **1st Place Senior**, earning them their *triple crown*. Congratulations!!

Thank you to our Golf Committee:

- Angela Woodward
- Andy Geyer
- Brittney Brock
- Christopher Anderson, *Chair*
- Connie Sillerud
- Gary Goldstein
- Heidi Mittelsteadt
- James Winsor
- John Baillie
- John Lillie
- Karl Omdahl
- Matthew Kruse
- Paul Draheim
- Sven Kohlmeyer



Best Dressed: Dr. Chris Anderson, Dr. Brent Born, Karl Omdahl, and Dr. Matt Kruse



Best Cart: Dr. Jason Nordaune, Dr. Madison Nordaune, Dr. Erin Burton, and Ross Nelson

Clay Shoot

September, 2023

The 14th Annual Shoot for the Future Clay Shoot was held at Wild Marsh Sporting Clays in Clear Lake, MN. It was a beautiful and warm September day. There was a great turnout of shooters, sponsors, and volunteers. Top Gun went to Jeff Bertleson (Zoetis) with a score of 71 and Leading Lady went to Sarah Sieben (VHA) with a score of 54. Excellent shooting!

Top Team (313) was The Brew Crew with Dr. Dave Brewer, Russ, Siakel, Staff King, John Flakne, and Mark Flakne. Second place went to Team #3 (307), with Michael Williams, Stan Fagerness, Jeffrey Wiemann, Daniel Lebeda, and Matt Olm.

Thank you to our 2023 Clay Shoot Committee:

Ashley Russ
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Dick Reiersen
Linda Spengler
Paula Funk
Nona Nesseth (Chair)
Bill Butler
Wade Clarke

Safety is #1

14 YEARS OF SAFE SHOOTING



2023 Annual Campaign

November 1- December 31

The MVMF Annual Campaign stands as a cornerstone in the foundation's crucial fundraising efforts. The 2023 Annual Campaign, which ran from November 1 to December 31, raised over \$85,000, including a generous \$40,000 match from the MVMA Board of Directors. These funds constitute a pivotal contribution to the Foundation's capacity for giving in the upcoming year.

A heartfelt appreciation goes out to all the donors who participated in the 2023 Annual Campaign, and for their shared commitment to advancing the future of veterinary medicine, one scholarship, one grant, and one dream at a time.

Thank you to our 2023 MVMF Annual Campaign Donors

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Pet Memorial Card Program

“I loved you your whole life, I’ll miss you the rest of mine.” This quote strikes home the harsh truth that our beloved pets do not live as long as we do. When a pet dies, it’s not abnormal to feel overwhelmed by the intensity of sorrow. As a veterinarian, you are tasked with not only the end-of-life care for this pet but the support (and often sadness) that comes from longtime clients and attachments to the animals you care for.

Remembering a client through the grieving process is vital to your continued relationship with that client. The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Foundation offers a Pet Memorial Card Program that allows you to honor your clients in their time of grief and contribute in their name to the MVMF.

The program helps fund all the MVMF’s efforts, including student scholarships, and animal health grants, and to secure the future of veterinary medicine. Through such efforts, the MVMF works to educate the public about animal owner responsibility and promote regular examinations and preventive medicine, increasing client interest in animal healthcare.



**REMEMBERING THE PAW PRINT ON
YOUR HEART**

Thank You to our Participating Clinics:

Mille Lacs Veterinary Group
Gehrman Animal Hospital
New Ulm Regional Veterinary
Center
Homey Gnome Veterinary Clinic
Halo Pet Care
Cedar Pet Clinic Lake Elmo
Kitty Klinik

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Giving

MVMF strives to increase the number and value of scholarships, and to review the grant award process. For more information about becoming a Legacy Society supporter or starting a named scholarship, please reach out to Erin Truax at erint@MVMFcares.org.

Scholarships

The MVMF awarded a total of \$163,500 in DVM student scholarships in 2023. This included two MVMF Discretionary Awards of Excellence.

Scholarship recipients were recognized during the MVMA Annual Meeting and during the MVMF and MVMA Award Reception at St. Paul Brewery in April of 2023.

Thank you to our 2023 Scholarship Committee:

- Dr. Brittney Brock (Chair)
- Dr. Jennifer Blair
- Dr. Raye Taylor
- Nona Nesseth
- Dr. Carla Kilty
- Dr. Nikko Grossapoulos
- Dr. Erin Burton
- Dr. Paul Draheim
- Dr. Lukas Wallerich

WHAT DOES WINNING AN
MVMF SCHOLARSHIP
MEAN TO YOU?

Winning the MVMF Scholarship shows me that the time and work I've put in is seen and appreciated. I am truly grateful to be awarded this scholarship and I will continue to devote myself to provide care for underserved communities.

LIJIE ZHAO,
MVMF CARES
SCHOLARSHIP



Scholarships and Grants

2023 DVM Student Scholarship Recipients

Nicholas Pitlick	<i>AERC</i>	\$5,000
Nathan Debner	<i>AEVS Legacy</i>	\$6,000
Dr. Catharina (Cally) Berg	<i>MVM Foundation James O. Hanson</i>	\$6,000
Nicole Potts	<i>MVM Foundation VHA Memorial</i>	\$5,000
Haeree Lang	<i>Academy Pomeroy DVM/Phd</i>	\$2,500
Kaylan Risacher Dahlke	<i>Arrowhead Veterinary Medical Association</i>	\$6,000
Patrick Campbell	<i>Dr. Dick Reiersen Veterinary Dental</i>	\$12,000
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Shannon Rudin	<i>Dr. Dick Reiersen Veterinary Dental</i>	\$12,000
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Lindsay Miller	<i>MVM Foundation Food Animal</i>	\$6,000
Zoe Becker	<i>MVM Foundation Margaret Pomeroy</i>	\$6,000
Kim-Anh Nguyen	<i>MVM Foundation Public Health</i>	\$6,000
Ramsey Piotter	<i>MVM Foundation Spannaus</i>	\$6,000
Kayla Chase	<i>MVMA Leadership Award</i>	\$6,000
Emma Beans	<i>MVMA VBMA Student</i>	\$6,000
Briana Hotzler	<i>MVM Foundation Cares</i>	\$6,000
Tanzania Menn	<i>Dr. Kern and Jean Schwartz Food Production</i>	\$6,000
Samantha Waddell	<i>MVM Foundation Past President Scholarship</i>	\$6,000
Breanna Nelson	<i>MVM Foundation Discretionary Award of Excellence</i>	\$2,500
Cheryl Yuen Yan Ng	<i>MVM Foundation Discretionary Award of Excellence</i>	\$2500
Paige Weiss	<i>MVM Foundation Discretionary Award of Excellence</i>	\$1,000

2023 MVMF Veterinary Technician Scholarships

Ridgewater College	5 scholarships at \$1,500 each (\$7,500)
Rochester Community and Technical College	3 scholarships at \$1,500 each (\$4,500)
Dakota County Technical College	3 scholarships at \$1,500 each (\$4,500)
Minnesota North College	3 scholarships at \$1,500 each (\$4,500)
Northwood Technical College	3 scholarships at \$1,500 each (\$4,500)

2023 Grant Recipients

MVMA DEI Action Team	\$6,500
Minnesota 4-H	\$2,500
Miracle of Birth Center	\$3,000
MVMA CE Committee	\$4,000
Minnesota FFA	\$3,500
Minnesota Veterinary Reserve Corps	\$3,000
Wildlife Refuge Center Minnesota)	\$7,200
Surgery Suite	\$5,000
VetCamp	\$5,000
SIRVS	\$10,000
VeTouch	\$10,000

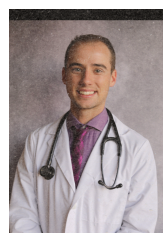
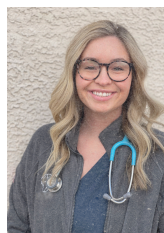
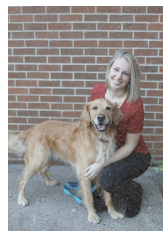
Scholarships and Grants



"I want to be a veterinarian
when I grow up"

For many kids, becoming a
veterinarian is their dream. In
fact, it is the top choice
among kids in the midwest.

2023 Scholarship Recipients Making that dream a reality...





Public and Professional Awareness



This year, The Great Minnesota Get-Together drew a crowd of over 1.8 million attendees. Fair enthusiasts indulged in rides, delicious food, and music while also experiencing the awe-inspiring live births at the Miracle of Birth Center, a standout attraction at the fair. Among this year's miraculous moments were the births of 10 calves, 122 piglets, and 24 lambs.

The MVMA's Surgery Suite and the Miracle of Birth exhibits retained their status as key highlights on the fairgrounds. Throughout the 12-day's of the fair, numerous MVMA members dedicated their time to staff these exhibits. These educational showcases effectively demonstrate the dedicated work and compassionate care provided by veterinarians to animals. Both exhibits have received widespread acclaim from the public, underscoring the significant role that veterinarians play in shaping the success of this prominent annual Minnesota event



Governance

The MVMF seeks to develop high performing leaders is an effective way to continue to advance MVMF's mission. These allies champion the MVMF's mission, promote the Foundation at events, and ensure the strategic plan is prioritized.

- Dr. Heidi Mittelsteadt, President
- Dr. John Baillie
- Dr. Jason Nordaune
- Dr. Jeremy Smith
- Linda Spengler
- Dr. David Brewer
- Dr. Nancy Peterson
- James Ostlund, Treasurer
- Dr. Jerald Sprau
- Dr. Paul Draheim, Vice President
- Dr. Nikko Grossapoulos
- Dr. Tom Wetzell
- Dr. Erin Burton

In 2023 the MVMF board consisted of 13 members and 3 student representatives from the University of Minnesota and South Dakota State University. The Board consists of no less than 50% veterinarian majority. Directors serve a maximum of two consecutive three year terms. The Board has its annual meeting in conjunction with MVMA's Annual Meeting in February each year, and additionally meets quarterly.

Thank you to the 2023 MVMF Board of Directors



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MAY 3, 2024

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