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

Annual Report 2022

MINNESOTA VETERINARY MEDICAL FOUNDATION
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The MVMF adopted a Strategic Plan with four strategic areas of focus. Since then, the MVMF has made significant strides with each of the metrics, despite economic challenges. This Annual Report provides 2022 updates on progress in each of these areas.

### Mission and Impact

### Fundraising
- $200 Club Drawing
- Silent Auction
- 28th Golf Classic
- 13th Clay Shoot
- 2022 Annual Campaign
- Pet Memorial

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- Education at the Fair

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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, Wisconsin Indianhead 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!

Compassionate. Caring. Professional.™
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, including the $200 Club, Silent Auction, Golf Classic, Clay Shoot, and Annual Campaign raised nearly $230,000 for student scholarships in 2022!

$200 Club Drawing and Silent Auction

The Annual Meeting is an important fundraising opportunity for MVMF. For the second year in a row, the MVMA Annual Meeting was held virtually. Despite challenges, we found new ways to fundraise through the virtual meeting. In 2022 we moved our silent auction completely online and raised nearly $3,000 from virtual bidders.

The $200 Club drawing continued to be a huge fundraising tool for the foundation. In 2022 we raised $15,600 with 78 members!
It was a warm and sunny day in July at the Refuge Golf Club as our golfers came out for the 28th MVMF Golf Classic. Our supporters have helped make our event worth OVER $1.2 Million in net revenue over the last 28 years!

1ST PLACE FOURSOME Dr. Brent Born, Karl Omdahl, Dr. Matt Kruse, Dr. Chris Anderson

2ND PLACE FOURSOME David Parker, Dr. James Parker, Alex Nelson, Nick Greene

10TH PLACE FOURSOME Dr. Andrew Jackson, Ross Posegate, Kate Posegate, Dr. Alexandra Kalamara

1ST PLACE WOMEN Kelly Andrews, Nona Nesseth, Dr. Madison Nordaune, Dr. Marie Koppy

The Jim Libby Class Trophy went to the Class of 1985 for the 21st 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

Thank you to our Golf Committee:

- Andy Geyer
- Dr. Brittney Brock
- Dr. Christopher Anderson
- Dr. Connie Sillerud
- Dr. Gary Goldstein
- Dr. James Winsor
- Dr. John Baillie
- Dr. John Lillie
- Karl Omdahl
- Dr. Lukas Wallerich, Chair
- Dr. Matthew Kruse
- Dr. Paul Draheim
The 13th 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 2022 Clay Shoot Committee:

Ashley Russ
David Agre
David Brewer
Dick Reierson
Linda Spengler
Paula Funk
Nona Nesseth (Chair)
Bill Butler
Wade Clarke

Safety is #1
13 YEARS OF SAFE SHOOTING
We are proud to announce that we surpassed our 2022 Annual Campaign Goal of $50,000 and met our generous match on behalf of the MVMA. Because of the selfless generosity of our donors, the MVMF raised a historic total of $132,857!

The Annual Campaign is a key factor in MVMF’s giving potential for the following year. The success of our 2022 campaign will allow us to grow our giving capacity in 2023. To all our 2022 Annual Campaign Donors, THANK YOU for sharing our passion of supporting the future of veterinary medicine, one scholarship, one grant, one dream at a time.

What $130,000 could mean to veterinary medicine in Minnesota:

$130,000 = 21 Scholarships to Veterinary Medical Students!

$130,000 = Over 100 scholarships to Veterinary Technicians!

$130,000 = Numerous grants towards animal health and educational opportunities right here in Minnesota!

Thank you to our 2022 MVMF Annual Campaign Donors:

Dr. Ian Drummond
Dr. Paul Draheim
Nona and Tom Nesseth
Dr. Sara Patton
Dr. Bennett Porter
Thomas Kane
Dr. Michael Overend
Dr. Andrew Mills
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Dr. Gregg Sonstegard
Kenneth Bearman
Bill Butler
Dr. Jerald Sprau

Arrowhead Veterinary Medical Association
Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)
“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.

Thank You to our Participating Clinics:

- Cedar Pet Clinic
- VCA Cedar View Animal Hospital
- Mille Lacs Veterinary Clinic
- Cedar Pet Clinic Lake Elmo
- Kenwood Pet Clinic
- Crossroads Animal Hospital
- Homey Gnome Veterinary Clinic
- Kitty Klinic

Contact Erin Truax for more information or to join: erint@mvmfcares.org

Pet Memorial Card Program

Remembering the paw print on your heart

New Card Design!
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 $150,500 in DVM student scholarships in 2022. This included two NEW Scholarships, The MVMF Past President Scholarship and the Kern and Jean Schwartz Food Production scholarship.

Scholarship recipients were recognized during the MVMA Annual Meeting and during the MVMF and MVMA Award Reception at St. Paul Brewery in April of 2022.

Thank you to our 2022 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
2022 Scholarship Recipients

Maggie King  AERC  $5,000
Kayla Chase  AEVS Legacy  $6,000
Dr. Emily Strzok  MVM Foundation James O. Hanson  $6,000
Erin Lamont  MVM Foundation VHA Memorial  $5,000
Phoebe Streit  Academy Pomeroy DVM/Phd  $2,500
Michael Streit  Arrowhead Veterinary Medical Association  $6,000
Emily Rochnrud  Dr. Dick Reierson Veterinary Dental  $12,000
Patrick Campbell  Dr. Dick Reierson Veterinary Dental  $12,000
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Sarah Longino  Dr. Dick Reierson Veterinary Dental  $12,000
Gabriella Reinhart  Dr. Dick Reierson Veterinary Dental  $12,000
Alexa Spittossesert  MVM Foundation Companion Animal  $6,000
Nikole Mader  MVM Foundation Food Animal  $6,000
Andrew Backman  MVM Foundation Margaret Pomeroy  $6,000
Eliza Theis  MVM Foundation Public Health  $6,000
Sam Waddell  MVM Foundation Spannaus  $6,000
Spencer Wolter  MVMA Leadership Award  $6,000
Madison Baumgartner  MVMA VBMA Student  $6,000
Lijie Zhao  MVM Foundation Cares  $6,000
Tyler Dick  Dr. Kern and Jean Schwartz Food Production  $6,000
Peter Breimhurst  MVM Foundation Past President Scholarship  $6,000

MVMF also provides scholarships to veterinary technician students

Ridgewater College  3 scholarships at $1,250 each ($3,750)
Rochester Community and Technical College  3 scholarships at $1,250 each ($3,750)
Dakota County Technical College  3 scholarship at $1,250 ($3,750)
Minnesota North College  3 scholarships at $1,250 ($3,750)
Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College  3 scholarships at $1,250 ($3,70)

2022 Grant Recipients

Minnesota Veterinary Reserve Corps $1,800
Animal Care Foundation $5,000
FFA $3,500
MVMA CE Committee $3,000
MVMA Surgery Suite $5,000
MVMA Miracle of Birth Center $3,000
Minnesota 4-H $3,000
Vet Tech Licensing Task Force $5,000
SAVMA- Symposium $5,000
SIRVS $10,000
VeTouch $10,000
"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.

2022 Scholarship Recipients
Making that dream a reality...
The Great Minnesota Get-Together was back to full capacity this year, which meant, exhibits were back (or close to) their pre-pandemic state. This included live births at the Miracle of Birth Center!

The MVMA’s Surgery Suite and the Miracle of Birth exhibits continue to be among the most popular on the fairgrounds. It takes many MVMA members to staff these exhibits over the 12 days of the fair. This is an excellent educational tool to display the work and care that veterinarians do for animals. Both exhibits are well received by the public. Consequently, veterinarians play a significant role in this prominent Minnesota event each year.
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.

In 2022 the MVMF board consisted of 13 members and 2 student representatives from the University of Minnesota. 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 2022 MVMF Board of Directors

- Nona Nesseth, President
- Dr. John Baillie
- Dr. Heidi Mittlesteadt
- Dr. Jeremy Smith
- Linda Spengler
- Dr. David Brewer
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