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Hello and thanks for considering Windom Area Foundation.

The Foundation was created in 2020 as a one-stop charitable shop for community contributions. It is designed to help make things happen in Windom. Below, you'll learn how our tax-free status helps people support specific projects and Windom, as a whole.

Who we are: Windom Area Foundation has a tax-free 501c3 designation and is led by a nine-member local board with staggered terms. We strictly adhere to our mission statement: "Connecting donors with causes — making the Windom area a great place to live, work and play."

Endowment: Our fall fundraising campaign is designed to build an endowment which will act like a Windom savings account. The idea is for the principal to stay untouched and grow while proceeds from the fund help support local projects. Long-term, the endowment could set us up to be a catalyst for countless projects in a far more efficient and effective manner.

Project funds: In addition to the endowment fund, the Foundation has two project funds available per year. Groups come to us, seeking help in collecting funds for critical projects in the Windom, Bingham Lake and Fish Lake area. Tax deductible gifts for projects come directly to the Foundation, which oversees funds until each project is complete. On Oct. 28, we announced our largest project fund to date — the Veterans Memorial Project, which will be built in the green space on the east side of the Highway 60-71 curve in Windom. This will be a heavily publicized project.

Expertise, support: Because the Foundation has a supporting partner, Southwest Initiative Foundation, with 20 years of foundation experience, people can be assured gifts will go to projects backed by qualified nonprofit groups that strengthen the community. Among other SWIF partners in the 18-county region are cities like Jackson, Marshall, Mt. Lake, Worthington and Pipestone. SWIF coordinates compliance with state and federal charitable giving regulations while providing administrative and technical assistance to ensure success.

Our board: The local board meets regularly as it accepts project proposals, directs grants and assists incoming donations. The board includes: Chairman Ryan McNamara; Vice Chair Tony Scott; Treasurer, Justin Schmit; Secretary Rahn Larson; Dave Fischenich; Anne Foley; Mary Klosterbuer; Mike Nesseth and Peggy Pfeffer.

How you can help: In addition to cash donations, we will accept things like memorials, farmland and charitable gift annuities. To donate, send a check, "payable to **Windom Area Foundation,**" to: **Box 351, Windom, MN 56101.** Or, click on the link at our Facebook site, or www.windomareafoundation.com

Information: For more information, check out Windom Area Foundation on Facebook, go to www.windomareafoundation.com, or call our board chairman, Ryan McNamara at **507-822-1373.**

