



December 18, 2005

As the year comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support and contributions to the Litchfield Area Community Foundation (LACF). This has been a landmark year for us and we thank you for being a part of it! We have received enough contributions to our Endowment Fund to qualify for the full \$25,000 matching grant from the Southwest Minnesota Foundation (SWMF). As of December 14th, the Endowment Fund totals over \$57,000. We are very pleased with the support of the community and are looking forward to 2006. After August 1, 2006, the LACF should be able to make its initial grants to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Collectively, over the past three years, we have received almost \$12,000 in donations to the Pleasant View Park Project and about \$17,500 for the Highway 12 Beautification Project. Over \$32,000 has been donated to the LACF Endowment Fund and another \$2,500 has been given to our operating fund. Total donations are \$63,852, plus \$25,000 in matching funds. The legacy to our community is a beautiful modern park in Litchfield, an appealing gateway to the community, and an endowment fund which will continue to grow and give back to our area.

This year we have introduced the LACF to the community through a series of meetings, and we celebrated National Community Foundation Week in November. Next year we will work to increase the endowment fund, and will continue to see additional donations for the Highway 12 project. In addition, we are excited to announce a new partnership with the Litchfield Public School Foundation, which is partnering with the LACF to create an endowment fund for the benefit of the school. Through the partnership, LACF and the Litchfield Public School Foundation will work synergistically on issues involving education, and all gifts are fully tax-deductible.

We are recognizing all donors to the LACF Endowment Fund or the Operating Fund in 2005 as Founding Contributors. The list of names can be found on our web site at http://www.litch.com/lacf/endowment_contributors.htm.

During this season of giving, as Christmas approaches, we think about what your contributions have done and will continue to do for friends and neighbors in our community. If you are looking for a way to contribute to your community again, either this year or next, I hope that you will consider the LACF as one of those ways. A donation form is enclosed for your convenience.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wes Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wes Edwards and the Board of Directors, LACF