

# Making a difference through endowment funds

By Jennifer McFee

The Interlake Community Foundation is pleased to announce new endowment funds created in memory of a much-loved local woman.

Lloyd Jensen set up the funds in honour of his daughter Jenn, who became sick in 2009 with an incurable but controllable illness called vasculitis.

In 2011, she went on dialysis as a result of kidney failure due to her illness. Six years later, she passed away.

During the period of her illness, Jenn and her family were immersed in the medical world for dialysis three times per week, as well as surgeries, relapses, infections, chemotherapy, home dialysis and much more.

Her father, Lloyd, acknowledges that her medical expenses were covered by the medical system, which is paid for by fellow citizens.

He felt that he owed a debt of gratitude because the medical system allowed him to spend many extra years with his daughter. As a result, he felt an obligation to give back to the community through endowment funds.

Tracy Holod, executive director of

the Interlake Community Foundation, explains that the Jennifer Jensen Memorial Funds are divided into five different areas.

There is a fund for library support, which will be used to establish an annual grant for the South Interlake Regional Library.

Another fund will provide education support through an annual grant to the Interlake School Division for classroom or library support at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School or Ecole Stonewall Centennial School.

Another stream will go towards dialysis support, with an annual grant for the Interlake Eastern Health Foundation in support of the dialysis program at Selkirk Hospital.

The Jennifer Jensen and Kelsey Moeller Brown Scholarship will be an annual scholarship for a graduate of Stonewall Collegiate Institute who is entering nursing or any medical field as decided by the awards committee. Kelsey Moeller Brown was Jenn's best friend and school mate.

Lastly, the new Interlake Community Foundation Operating Fund will



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Lloyd Jensen with his daughter Jenn, who passed away in 2017.

provide an annual grant to the foundation to help with its operating ex-

penses.

Holod explains that endowment funds work in a way that's similar to putting money into a savings account and only spending the interest.

"We take the principal and it's permanently endowed," she said.

"We only spend the earned income for the fund."

She expressed gratitude to Jensen for making the new endowment funds a reality.

"Lloyd has been a true philanthropist in our community and we're thrilled that he's working with us and that he's now created these five new funds," Holod said. "We couldn't be more pleased and proud to be the steward of these funds."

Anyone can donate towards these funds, and the annual disbursements will go back into the community.

For more information or to donate, contact Holod at 204-467-5634 or [tracy@interlakefoundation.ca](mailto:tracy@interlakefoundation.ca) or visit the Interlake Community Foundation website at [www.interlakefoundation.ca](http://www.interlakefoundation.ca).

## Stonewalls' MityBilt perfects SaniTower prototype

By Sydney Lockhart

The office and education furniture manufacturer MityBilt has created a new product called the SaniTower to keep hands clean during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Andy Bradford, director of MityBilt, said that the SaniTower, a sanitizer dispensing station, took about five people and 10 different prototypes to perfect.

"The potential for them is to be everywhere because people need to keep their hands clean. It uses a foot pedal to dispense the fluid," said Bradford.

MityBilt has donated SaniTowers to businesses around Stonewall in hopes of keeping people safe.

Bradford described it as "a bit of goodwill for Stonewall and other causes across Canada."

The SaniTowers are sold in eight different colours and two different heights to accommodate adults

and children.

"A lot of our usual work is going into schools, so we're used to using a lot of colours to brighten things up," said Bradford.

The sanitizer bottles are refillable. They do not need to be MityBilt brand refills; however, they do sell sanitizer that fits the tower and refill bottles.

He said MityBilt has sold thousands of SaniTowers since releasing them and expects them to stay in their range of products in the future.

SaniTower is sold to stores across Canada and a few stores in the United States.

Locally, a SaniTower can be purchased at Home Hardware Stonewall for \$399.

MityBilt is located at 20 Limestone Bay in Stonewall. For more information about the SaniTower, call 204-467-5790



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Crystal Kirk uses the SaniTower donated to Home Hardware Stonewall during COVID-19 pandemic.

## Stonewall RCMP investigate street racing

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On Wednesday, June 3 at about 10 p.m., Stonewall RCMP members located two vehicles racing on Road 7 East in the RM of Rockwood.

Both vehicles were stopped by RCMP police vehicles. Investigation revealed only one person in each vehicle and both vehicles were travelling in excess of 150 km/h in a 100 km/h zone.

An 18-year-old female from Winnipeg, driving a 1998 black sedan, and an 18-year-old male from

Winnipeg, driving a 2010 grey sedan, were both charged with Highway Traffic Act offenses in regards to racing, speeding and driving while suspended.

Both suspect vehicles in this matter were towed and impounded. Ticket totals from both drivers total over \$3,500.

As Manitoba begins to open up, more and more vehicles will be on the road. Please drive safely. We all want to get home.