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News Release

A MILLION REASONS TO BELIEVE

The Carman Area Foundation Launches a Campaign to Celebrate Approaching One Million Dollars in Capital

About ten years ago several forward thinking community leaders responded to a matching dollar challenge set out by the Thomas Sill Foundation to create a local area foundation. From total assets of \$115,000 in 1999, the Carman Area Foundation has grown to over \$940,000 with specific community funds for Roland, Sperling and the R.M. of Grey included in the Area Foundation.

Cliff Holliston, one of the people involved in establishing the Foundation recalls, "We knew we were working on something that eventually could be very positive for our community. It is exciting to see how fast this has grown and to see another group of community leaders carry this further. It says a lot about the depth of our community".

"As the Foundation grows, so to do the responsibilities of managing the organization" says current chair John Carley, "The board has worked very hard in the past few years to continue to build procedures and protocols to ensure prudent management of this growing fund". "As people's understanding and confidence in the long term impact of the Carman Area Foundation grows, the possibilities are truly amazing."

Carman Area Foundation Director and Million Dollar Campaign chairman Brent VanKoughnet comments. "A million dollars is a big number worth celebrating, yet what's most exciting is what that means - that a minimum of \$35,000 can be granted to worthy community projects, every year, forever. Every dollar invested in the Foundation is another reason to believe in the future of our communities, and that is a great story to celebrate together".

Watch for signs, posters, advertisements and buttons and help us celebrate this achievement together.

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