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### **News Release**

## **Carman Area Foundation Keeps on Building**

CARMAN – April 16, 2011 – The Carman Area Foundation hosted their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration of Community, Philanthropy and Comedy. The annual fundraising and granting event took place on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Active Living Center. “The event was a great success by any measure. We granted over \$39,000 to 21 different community building projects, the most we have ever been able to grant. As a fundraising event, early indications are that the event will have raised nearly \$40,000 after expenses to continue to build our endowment funds, a new record. And as a celebration of community and philanthropy, we had a tremendous amount of fun doing it.” says foundation Executive Director Brian Morrison.

“We had a completely full house with 208 people in the Active Living Center, and everyone was bursting at the seams during the terrific comedy routine by Big Daddy Tazz”, commented event chairman Craig Johnston. “Our thanks to Paul and Wendy Clark of Stevens Drugs/Carman Pharmacy for sponsoring the entertainment.”

The Foundation also took the opportunity to formally and humorously acknowledge the special contribution Linda MacNair has made as the Executive Director of the Foundation over the past four and half years.

Foundation chairman Brent VanKoughnet remarked, “Every year more people get to see what the Foundation is doing and the potential of what it can do for our communities as we continue to build it. We are seeing support from a strong base of loyal contributors plus quite a number of new people every year. Meeting the million dollar mark a year ago has just been a spring board to keep building on. Based on the continued success of the Celebration event and other projects, we are encouraged that we are on the right track. We have just begun.”

Each year the Carman Area Foundation receives grant applications and awards grants to worthy organizations that are providing exceptional service to the communities of Sperling, Roland, Elm Creek, Graysville, Roseisle and Carman. Grants this year supported a wide range of community projects, including a defibrillator program in partnership with the Town and RM, improvements

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to the emergency waiting area at the Carman Hospital, support in building a zamboni storage shed for the Roseisle Rink Committee and baseball diamond upgrades in Sperling. Projects were also funded in the Elm Creek and Roland Communities.

Grants are made from the interest earned on the endowment funds. As the endowment funds grow the foundation increases its capacity to grant to important community projects ... not just for one year, but forever.

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