



Gladys Brang's generous philosophy to support her home town of Starbuck and the immediate area has benefited hundreds of organizations throughout the years since its founding in 1995. Thousands of dollars have been awarded to high school seniors under the Dollars for Scholars program and for other educational purposes.

One only has to take a tour of the city of Starbuck to see some of the other projects her foundation has funded.



Starbuck Community Center



The Railroad Depot

One of Gladys Brang's favored projects was the renovation of the old depot in the center of town. She enthusiastically became a member of the Starbuck Depot Society, a group whose mission was to better the community and preserve its history at the Northern Pacific / Burlington Railroad depot built in 1882. The group which began its work in June of 1986, upgraded the depot building, improved its grounds and transformed the area into town square gathering place.



Gladys Ness/Brang Foundation

A Generous Gift
to the Starbuck Community



**P.O. Box 182
Starbuck Minnesota 56381**



**Gladys Ness Brang,
Founder, 1908 - 1998**

Gladys Ness Brang was born and raised in Starbuck, Minnesota. She received her education there and moved on to seek her future. After 60 years she moved back to the area to support and contribute to her hometown as an expression of her gratitude.

History of the foundation

In 1995, she formed a foundation to ensure that the important small town culture and economy could continue. She left \$3 million from her estate to be used in the Starbuck area to benefit the community she loved.

Original Trustees

Arnold Pederson	Walter Larson
Matthew Pederson	Virgil Amundson
Dr. F.D. Bucher	Tom Beuckens
Ruth Brenden	David Ness
Shirley Anderson	

Philosophy behind the foundation

In her will, Gladys laid out her wishes for the foundation. She planned, in great detail the structure and the make-up of the board of trustees and provided a list of her priorities for the granting of funds.

In general, her priorities included:

- Assisting the elderly
- Assisting youth, especially in their activities and education
- Scholarships: 'Dollars for Industrious Scholars' was high on her list of priorities as was providing help to nurses and health-related professions
- Music in the churches and community, including piano and organ lessons
- Church programs for youth
- Women's organizations and promotional activities
- Testing of new programs and initiatives, providing 'seed money' with some evidence of local effort, matching funds, etc.
- Therapeutic equipment for hospitals and retirement homes
- Emergency needs for structures serving the public
- Fine arts and performing arts

Currently, the funds held within the foundation are managed through the St Paul and Minnesota Community Foundation (www.spmcf.org)

Distribution of funds

The Brang Foundation is a 501c(3) charitable organization. Groups and individuals that apply for grants from the foundation must be of that same IRS designation or hold an exempt qualification. Others may choose to be funded through a qualifying organization.

The trustees normally meet once a year in May or June to consider applicants for funds. All applicants must fill out a form and describe how their proposal will fit into the priorities of the foundation.

In-kind, matching funds, self-help funding and other support for the project or proposal are important as the trustees


select the recipients for funds each year.



For more information or an application for funding, e-mail brangfoundation@gmail.com

Current Trustees

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