

# Alan and Donna Morken “Emergency Services” Fund



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Alan grew up on the family farm near Grande Prairie, Alberta and from a very young age knew he wanted to be an RCMP officer. He enjoyed participating in sports, especially curling. Besides police work, his passion is muscle cars and vintage automobiles. Throughout his 26 years of police service in Saskatchewan serving on plain clothes and uniform sections, he met many car enthusiasts.

Donna grew up in Rivers but spent part of her time at Helen and Bill Sibbalds' farm during her younger years. She played sports as most young people in her time did but took to recreational curling after leaving home. After obtaining her Teaching Degree at Brandon University, she went to northern Manitoba where she taught elementary school and from there applied to the RCMP. It was during her 25 years of police service in Saskatchewan, that she met Alan and the two were married. She also spent time designing, developing and facilitating courses at the RCMP Training Academy in Regina.

After retiring from their police careers they chose to retire in Rivers. Al served as Mayor for the Town of Rivers for a 4 year term and Donna served as a councillor during that same time period. They continue to serve their community on different groups and committees. They realized the importance of philanthropy (giving back) through their careers and are two of the original founders of the Rivers and Area Community Foundation.

It was important to them to provide support to the three occupations they worked most with, during their police service careers. That would be police officers, firefighters and ambulance personnel. These particular occupations require people who are willing to face adversity and dangerous situations all for the betterment of their community. Therefore, it was important for Alan and Donna to support these occupations by starting a donor advised fund to assist in the purchasing of equipment and funding for training for these three Rivers Emergency Services.