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## LEAF Receives \$400,000 Torrey Estate Gift

St. Cloud, MN— The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation announces that it has received a \$400,000 gift from the *George & Shirley Torrey* estate in support of the LEAF Student Activities Fund.

George and Shirley Torrey were long-time supporters of LEAF and in particular, opportunities for students to be involved in the student activities programs in District 742.

In 2012 George signed a “Letter of Intent for a Future (Estate) Gift to LEAF”. Shirley passed away in 2018 and George passed away in June of 2020. Although their Letter of Intent was not a legal document, just an indication of intent, LEAF received a \$400,000 gift as part of the Torreys’ Estate Plan.

This gift has been deposited into the LEAF Activities Endowment with the Central Minnesota Community Foundation and will mean that we will be able to grant an additional \$20,000 each year to activities programs in District 742. Because of the generosity of individuals like the Torreys, LEAF’s endowed fund and our total impact on education in District 742 continues to rapidly grow.

The Torreys have also financially supported other nonprofits in the St. Cloud area. Through their generosity to LEAF, many students will receive opportunities that they otherwise would not have had. Contact our executive director (320-253-5780) or [bhentges@gmail.com](mailto:bhentges@gmail.com) if you are interested in setting up a Legacy Fund, *of any size*, to support public education.

### About LEAF

The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation (LEAF) was founded in 1993 as a fully independent, non-profit organization for the purpose of promoting and enhancing school-based, extra-curricular activities and academic opportunities in District 742 Public Schools. LEAF’s endowment fund provides supplemental funding for academic, activities, arts and athletic programming in the district’s schools. Since 1996 LEAF has been able to contribute **over \$2.1 million**, to educational programs in District 742.

Check out the LEAF Story and Grant History at [www.leaf742.org](http://www.leaf742.org).



Growing a stronger community through academics, activities, arts and athletics.