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BBQ of Hope does Sean Nicol proud



Larry and Arlene Nicol, left, accept a really big cheque from Lesli Malegus at the BBQ of Hope held April 13 at Selkirk Legion.

By Donna Maxwell

Members of the Nicol family knew their first annual Shaw BBQ of Hope would be a success. After all, the event at the Legion April 13 in memory of Sean Nicol had been sold out for weeks.

But when the counting was complete family members and friends were blown away by the fact they'd raised more than \$9,000 for the Sean Nicol Legacy Fund.

"We planned for \$3,000," Duane Nicol, Sean's brother, said.

"This was our first event, because it's new we didn't know what to expect...we didn't expect the generosity of the event."

But they were thrilled.

Sean Nicol passed away suddenly six years ago on Jan. 29. Since that time family and friends have always gathered in his memory, on or near his birthday, April 14, to celebrate his life.

The gatherings led to the establishment of the Legacy Fund, administered through the Selkirk and District Community Foundation.

The fund will support things like affordable housing, food security, social inclusion and eco-

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conomic empowerment, all things that mattered very much to Sean.

Family and friends had donated to the fund but the BBQ of Hope represents the first public event they've held, Nicol said.

And that night they made their first donations - \$100 each to Community Living Selkirk, where Sean worked, and Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.

Nicol said both are great examples of the things his younger brother believed in.

He said they are all overwhelmed by the community support the event received, and glad for the sponsors who came on board as well.

Shaw was the title sponsor, and others included George Hacking, Century 21 - Jefferson and Associates (presenting sponsor), City of Selkirk (presenting sponsor), Centum Mortgage Choice

(presenting sponsor) and Call J Team, Matt Evans and Jamie Sasley - Re/Max (presenting sponsor).

Nicol said Centum's Chris Turcotte, who's from Selkirk, has agreed that every mortgage they do in the Selkirk area they'll donate \$100 to the Legacy Fund.

It's that kind of giving spirit that has touched Nicol, and his family and friends.

"After you tell people the story, what the fund is going to do, they were very generous," he said.

Nicol said the event was a huge success, with 160 people attending. And it gave some of Sean's friends a chance to speak about him, including Kyle Swystun, who told the crowd what the fund was geared towards, and Kris Pel-laers, who gave a toast to Sean, and reminded everyone why they were there.

They plan to hold the second annual BBQ of Hope next April, Nicol said, and are working on another event for the fall.

For more information visit www.seannicol.org and like them on facebook at www.facebook.com/SeanNicolLegacyFund.

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