

Property Turns Into Income

Miranda Jackson lived in the family home where she and her husband had raised their three children. After her husband passed away, Miranda found it more and more difficult to care for her property. Miranda learned that she could make a gift of her home to a charitable foundation and receive income for life.

She called the gift planner and asked how this charitable remainder trust works. "I was told that when the time came to move out of my home, I could give it to a foundation and set up a special kind of trust. This trust would provide me with income for the rest of my life and I would receive a tax deduction for my gift."

Miranda thought she might want to move to a condominium with less upkeep. Her financial advisor reviewed the plan and said that the income Miranda received from the charitable remainder trust would be enough to cover her living expenses.

After she found a condominium that was perfect for her, she called the gift planner and said she was ready to move out of her home and set up the special trust.

Miranda was thrilled that she was able to turn her property into income to meet her future needs and receive a charitable deduction for her gift.

Science Display Intrigues Children

Melanie Thompson, 6th grade teacher

Elementary students recently spent a week enjoying the *Animals as Architects* exhibit when it visited our school. This hands-on exhibit has students creating spider webs, building birds' nests, peering into a termite mound, and much more. The exhibit lined the elementary hallway which was buzzing with the excited voices of the students as they marveled over spittle bugs which make bubbles to hide in and viewed slides of feathers, scales, etc. under a microscope.

We were able to get the exhibit through Bridgette Flanders-Warner of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Huron. She wrote and submitted a grant proposal to the Huron Community Foundation which, along with letters of support from our school and others, helped secure the funding for the exhibit to travel to our community. The exhibit has been displayed in several schools in Huron since classes started in August.



Top: Lauren Rink & Miranda Blom build a giant bird nest. **Left:** Caleb Hofer, Kedric Brantner, & Anthony Hofer look through the microscope at a wide variety of nature slides.

Bottom: Inspired by the exhibit, Dawson Helmling & Trey Litwiller create their own building project with Kapla blocks.



Heritage Builders Dinner Scheduled for November 12

Every three years James Valley Christian School hosts a Heritage Builder's Dinner to thank those who support the school through planned giving and to encourage others to think about giving to the school through estate planning.

This year's dinner will be held on Thursday, November 12 with guest speaker Jon Wiebe, President and CEO of the MB Foundation in Hillsboro, KS. "Heritage Builders: Tools of the Trade" is the presentation that Mr. Wiebe will share.

If you are interested in learning more about planned giving, please join us for this special evening. This event is free but registration is required so that we can prepare accordingly. Please call the school to let us know if you plan to attend.

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