

HFGR NEWS:

The Heritage Foundation for Germans from Russia (HFGR) is proud to announce the founding of the Gwen Pritzkau Scholarship Endowment.

Steve and Debbie Eberle, GRHS members from Gillette, Wyoming established this fund as a way to thank Gwen for her invaluable assistance in their own family research. The Eberle's also hope to help ensure that interest in German-Russian history and heritage are passed along to succeeding generations. The fund is an "endowment," which means that only the interest on the monies held in this fund may be spent. The interest from the fund will be used to help the GRHS Youth Committee pay for the scholarships it awards each year as part of its Pride in Your Heritage Youth Essay Contest. This year, two scholarships totaling \$750.00 were awarded to essay contestants.

The Eberle's generosity and vision for the future inspired many other GRHS members to make contributions to the fund at this year's convention in Pierre, South Dakota. Steve and Debbie were happy to see other members supporting this worthy endeavor, and hope to see the fund continue to grow. Tove Bormes, HFGR Board Member, stated, "We are honored that the Eberles chose HFGR to oversee their endowment. HFGR looks forward to working with other German Russians interested in supporting the preservation of German Russian history and culture."

If you or someone you know is interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the Pritzkau Endowment, or has questions about how to set up your own endowment in support of preservation and promotion of German Russian history and culture, please contact Ted Becker at (701)572-5715 or email him at tbecker@nemontel.net .