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KOSTINDEN FAMILY DONATES \$20K TO VIKING PRIDE FOUNDATION

Former residents and alumni of Winthrop High School, Tom Kostinden (class of 1976) and his wife Cindy (Herman) Kostinden (class of 1980) recently bestowed a generous gift of 20 thousand dollars to the Viking Pride Foundation. The Kostindens learned about the Viking Pride Foundation after attending Winthrop's Great Reunion, this past summer.

“ We were impressed to learn about the work being done on behalf of Winthrop's students,” said Tom Kostinden. “We appreciated the academic and the co-curricular opportunities that we had while in school here, and wanted to make sure that we did what we could to ensure that these programs continue.”

The Viking Pride Foundation continues to fund many co-curricular programs in the Winthrop public schools and this year, granted nearly \$73,000 for co-curricular programs such as math, science, art and music clubs as well as intramural and organized sports programs. The VPF also distributes individual teacher grants and has approved nearly \$20k in teacher grants for 2006/07.

“We are delighted to be the recipient of Tom and Cindy's generous contribution,” said Al Petrilli, Chairman of the Viking Pride Foundation. “As products of our school system, they recognize the importance of a well-rounded education. We are so grateful to the Kostindens for investing their trust and resources in the Viking Pride Foundation to further the education of our youth.”

With this donation, the Kostindens now qualify as prominent members of The Viking Pride Foundation. As elite members, the Kostindens join the Jeveli and the Eruzione families and have their names emblazoned on The Viking Pride Foundation's Wall of Fame that hangs at Miller Field.

Tom Kostinden is the principal owner of TLT Construction Corporation; a Wakefield based Construction Company specializing in educational, commercial and athletic facilities. While at Winthrop high School, Tom was a star athlete and excelled in baseball. Tom and Cindy Kostinden live in Swampscott with their three daughters.

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