James & Linda Gibbens
Program Endowment

James and Linda Gibbens are both lifetime residents of Towner County, North Dakota. They were married in 1971 and are parents of six children.

James graduated from Cando High School in 1967 and attended Lake Region Junior College for two years. He then attended Minot State University and North Dakota State University. After the death of his brother, Jack, he returned to Cando to help his father on the family farm.

Linda graduated from Cando High School in 1970 and attended Trinity School of Nursing in Minot. After graduation, Linda returned to Cando and began her nursing career at Mercy Hospital in Devils Lake. After the birth of their first child she worked at Resthaven Manor nursing home for many years.

Along with farming and nursing, James and Linda have successfully started and operated several business ventures in the Cando area.

James was on the Cando City Council for twenty-four years. He was a councilman for sixteen years and the mayor for eight years. He is also on the Towner County Economic Development Board, currently serving as chairman.

Linda handles the accounting for their numerous businesses. Her hobbies include reading, flipping houses, and attending her grandchildren's activities.

James and Linda remain active in the Cando area with their children, grandchildren, and businesses. They are fortunate to be able to spend time in Arizona during the winter months.

In addition to their six children, they are proud grandparents of twelve.

James and Linda are happy to have LRSC so close to home allowing area students the opportunity to attend an affordable college. James, Linda, and several of their children and grandchildren have either attended or taken classes from LRSC. They are especially excited that LRSC offers the Precision Ag and Nursing programs.

"Having LRSC in your backyard allows local students to receive an education and earn a degree and keeps them in the area so they will return home and make a living in our local community." ●