



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
of CHIPPEWA COUNTY

For Good. Forever.

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends of the Community Foundation,

As we close out our 21st year, I have nothing but gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the Board Chair for the Community Foundation of Chippewa County. Our staff, board, committee members and the people of Chippewa County are some of the most generous, committed people I have had the pleasure of working with. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Chippewa County.

2021-2022 has been yet another outstanding year with the Foundation processing gifts totaling \$4,362,393. Donors established a record 14 new funds, and 7 Seedling Funds reached their endowed level. The Foundation awarded \$2,060,655 in community grants, which includes \$37,600 from our Response-Recovery-Rebuild Fund. Additionally, because of the Foundation’s continued growth, we added a Communications and Donor Services Manager who will enhance our ability to achieve our mission and support your philanthropic goals.

We extend our deepest appreciation for the continued trust you place in the Foundation, the staff, and our board to achieve your charitable objectives. Your legacy to the Chippewa County will live on forever and we are honored to be your partner.

Thank you for being part of the Community Foundation.
For Good. Forever.



David Adler
Board Chair

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YOUR LEGACY FOREVER

Community Foundation of Chippewa County



FY 2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS

397

Individual grants made through a variety of funds and grant programs.

\$2,060,655

Grants & distributions awarded to enhance the quality of life in our communities.

149

Total nonprofits/ organizations impacted through grantmaking.

\$4,362,393

Gifts from generous donors to the Community Foundation of Chippewa County.

14

New charitable funds opened in the name of individuals, families and organizations.

7

Seedling funds endowed.

WE CREATE, BUILD, AND MANAGE FUNDS THAT BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF CHIPPEWA COUNTY.

WE HELP PEOPLE, DRIVEN BY COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY, TO DEFINE AND ACHIEVE THEIR PHILANTHROPIC GOALS.

WE LISTEN AND STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR DONORS.

AS A COLLABORATIVE PARTNER, WE STRENGTHEN CHIPPEWA COUNTY NOW AND WELL INTO THE FUTURE.

WE HAVE A FLEXIBLE APPROACH AND PROVIDE CREDITABLE DONOR SERVICES.

Our Mission

To enable donors to achieve their philanthropic goals, to meet changing community needs, thereby benefiting the communities, people, and other nonprofit organizations of Chippewa County.

Our Vision

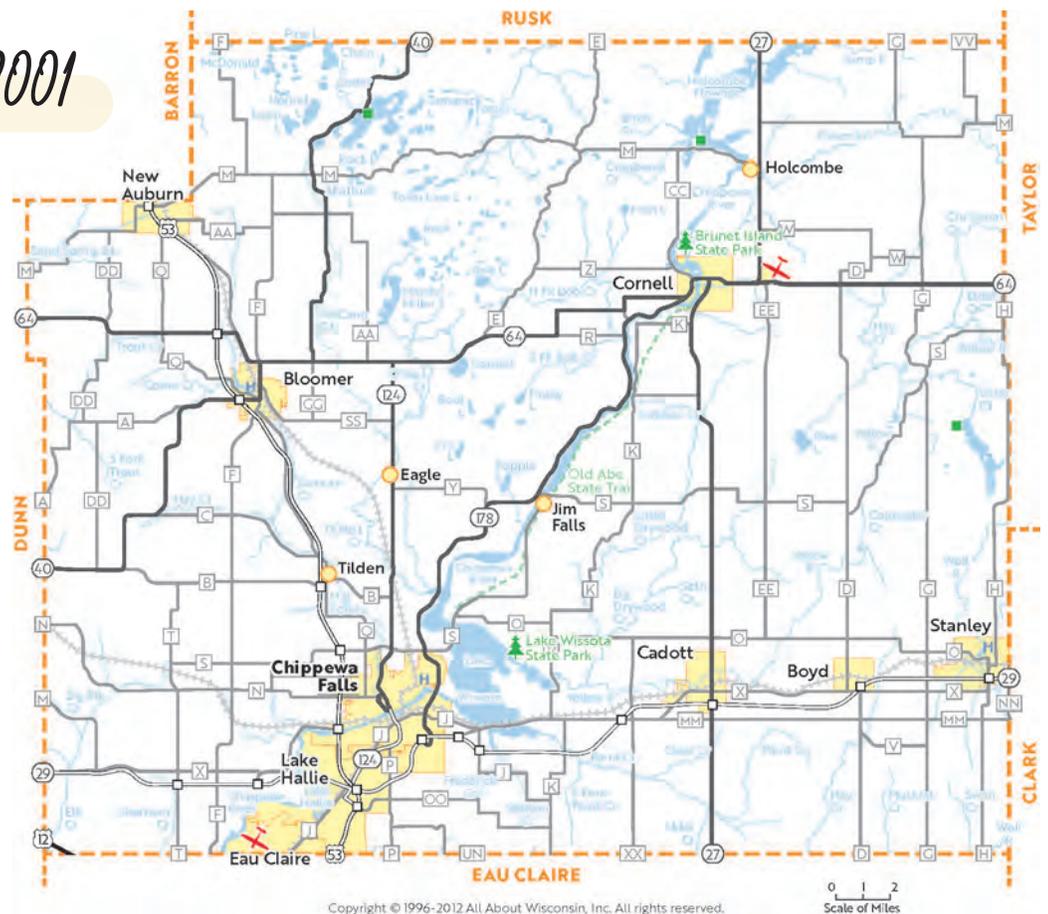
The Community Foundation of Chippewa County will be recognized as a trusted leader by encouraging philanthropy, delivering the highest quality donor services and being a collaborative partner and leader in addressing important issues that will strengthen Chippewa County now and well into the future.

We will accomplish this by listening and staying connected to donors, maintaining trust and credibility, and remaining flexible in our approach.

Established in 2001

Our Service Area

- Bloomer
- Boyd
- Cadott
- Chippewa Falls
- Cornell
- Holcombe
- Jim Falls
- Lafayette
- Lake Hallie
- New Auburn
- Stanley
- Tilden



501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Gifts are a tax deductible donation.

ENDOWMENT

For Good. Forever.

Endowment honors the impact of a person, or charity whose work is too vital to have end. Endowments are often established in remembrance or honor of a special person, family, or nonprofit mission. Investment earnings on an endowed fund ensure that their good work will continue for good, forever.

NEW FUNDS OPENED THIS YEAR

3 R's Fitness Fund Forever - Field of Interest
Dave Landgraf Hickory Ridge Trail Memorial Seedling Fund - Seedling - Designated
David E. Wermund Memorial Fund - Donor Advised
Douglas and Marilyn "Jinx" Smith Family Fund - Unrestricted
Emmett A. and Anne E. Keller Family Fund - Unrestricted
Erik and Jenn Larson Fund - Field of Interest
Gerald E. and Susan J. Joas Endowment Fund - Designated
Give Chippewa County Endowment Fund - Field of Interest
Give Chippewa County Giving Circle Fund - Pass-through
Kathryn A. Dircz Memorial Fund - Field of Interest
McIntyre Family Endowment Fund - Unrestricted
Steve & Lauree Pregent Family Fund - Donor Advised
Through Thick and Thin, the David Wermund Memorial Fund - Unrestricted
Tim Leis Family Youth Enrichment Endowment Fund - Field of Interest

SEEDLINGS ENDOWED THIS YEAR

Cath and Bob Lea Family Fund - Donor Advised
Dimock Family Fund - Field of Interest Education
Great Northern Corporation Fund - Unrestricted
Kathryn A. Dircz Memorial Fund - Field of Interest - Health & Human Services
Lori and Loopy Wellness Fund - Donor Advised
Mary Beth and David A. Spooner Fund - Designated
Sharing Love Fund - Field of Interest - Culture & Arts

*7 Seedlings Endowed
14 Funds Opened*



Give or create your own endowment fund to ensure that Chippewa County nonprofits and charitable organizations remain sustainable.

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UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

This Endowed family of funds provides for our community's highest needs through the crucial sustaining of nonprofit projects that enhance quality of life in Chippewa County. This family of funds grants out through the Community Needs Grant cycle. See Grants section on page 24.

19 Funds
1 Fund Endowed
4 Funds Opened

ENDOWED THIS YEAR

Great Northern Corporation Fund

OPENED THIS YEAR

Douglas and Marilyn "Jinx" Smith Family Fund
 Emmett A. and Anne E. Keller Family Fund
 McIntyre Family Endowment Fund
 Through Thick and Thin - The David Wermund Memorial Fund

Betty and Dean White Family Endowment Fund
 Bob and Donna Hogseth Sunshine Endowment Fund
 Carmen and Gene Mower Family Endowment Fund
 Custer Family Endowment Fund
 Darley Family Foundation Fund
 Earl and Hazel "Hess" Morrison Fund
 Fish Family Endowment Fund
 Gerald and Elaine Mann Endowment Fund
 J. Murray and Crystal Gordon Endowment Fund
 Jane M. Lardahl Endowment Fund
 Jeff and Julie Bowe Family Fund
 Joseph W. Joas Unrestricted Endowment Fund
 Marcus Myrman and Marcene O'Brien-Myrman Family Endowment Fund
 Mildred "Penny" C. Mars Memorial Endowment Fund
 Patti J. Boeve Fund
 Pugh Family Country Treasures Endowment Fund
 Sheila and Bill Volker Unrestricted Endowment Fund
 William and Nancy Pickerign Family Fund

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

This unrestricted, endowment fund was established in 2002. It grants out during the Community Needs Grant cycle. Give to this fund to inspire action where it is most needed in Chippewa County.



Marilyn "Jinx" Smith



Betty McIntyre

UNRESTRICTED FUND STORY

Emmett A. and Anne E. Keller Family Fund

It was quite an “adventure” in the “up north” city of Spooner when a mutual acquaintance introduced Emmett Keller and Anne Adams. Emmett was a teacher in Shell Lake and Anne was practice-teaching in Spooner. It was certainly a coincidence, since Anne grew up near Lake Michigan and Emmett was a youngster (always enjoying going fishing) next to the Mississippi River. They married the year after they met and lived in Madison for three years while Emmett was in graduate school and Anne was teaching French before moving to Chippewa Falls – certainly that would be a short stay, they both believed. However, living in Chippewa Falls proved to be a good and positive move.

Expecting to be in the area for about three years, it’s been about fifty years since there’s been any consideration of moving. Emmett and Anne Keller had two children – Paul and Sarah, both of whom were good students and had a lot of good friends. It was a sad day in 1984 when Paul died in a car accident, but his friends have continued to support each other and his family. Sarah and her family currently live in Switzerland but, with today’s technology, she and her family regularly communicate with friends and relatives.



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former students came forth to talk
about the influence he had on their lives.*

- Anne E. Keller

At the time of Emmett’s death in 2020, so many friends and relatives and former students came forth to talk about the influence he had on their lives. As a guidance counselor at Chi-Hi, Emmett helped a lot of students make good decisions about their future. Anne worked for fifteen years as the Central Lutheran Church secretary and then “went back to” teaching French in the Chippewa Falls School System; she chaperoned several trips to France so that students could experience what they could only talk about in the classroom. She was a founder of the Chippewa County Genealogical Society – she believes that tracing one’s family tree is what gives a person “roots” and a sense of belonging – which has certainly been a theme of living in Chippewa Falls.

The Community Foundation has encouraged many people to “give back” to the area; the Keller family has chosen to do the same because living here has “given” so much to it through the many years they’ve lived here. Establishing the Emmett A. and Anne E. Keller Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund reflects its commitment to the quality of life in this area of Wisconsin.

Thank you, Anne E. Keller, for providing your story.



FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Identify your field of interest and create an endowment that will fuel Community Needs Grants. Charities and nonprofits submit competitive grant cycle applications each year. Give to a fund that meets the pressing needs of our community every year. (See the Grants section on page 24).



EDUCATION

Dr. Bertha M. Bresina Endowment Fund
**Dimock Family Fund
Luke Bathke Special Education Endowment Fund



ARTS AND CULTURE

**Sharing Love Fund
Chet and Irene Lindsey Endowment Fund
Heyde Health System Fund
Peggy Lindoo Endowment Fund



ENVIRONMENT & ANIMAL WELFARE

Carey B. Kell Endowment Fund
Gerald H. and Ann C. Jacobson Fund
Robert and Frances Bowe and Fred R. Bowe Memorial Fund
Roland and Helen Irwin Endowment Fund



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

*3 R's Fitness Fund Forever
*Erik and Jenn Larson Fund
*Kathryn A. Dircz Memorial Fund
*Tim Leis Family Youth Enrichment Endowment Fund
Bergen Family Fund
Cody Family Fund
Dennis and Bonnie Ferstenou Family Endowment Fund
Dr. Mahmoud Taman Endowment Fund
Jim and Jackie Bernier Endowment Fund
Mary and Jerry Jacobson Family Fund
Norm and Mary Ellen Keller Fund
Patricia Quigley - Anderson Endowment Fund
Russ and Gloria Kazda Endowment Fund
The WANE Fire Safety and Prevention Endowment Fund
Warren and Virginia Wermund Endowment Fund
The Youth of Lake Holcombe Endowment Fund



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

*Give Chippewa County Endowment
Charles J. and Sally E. Smith Cornell Community Endowment Fund
Edwin and Evelyn Nyhus Centennial Fund
Sandra and Roger Robarge Family Endowment Fund
St. Vincent de Paul Service Endowment Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND STORY

3 R's Fitness Fund Forever

With a lifelong passion for connecting people and cultivating talents, Roz and Rick Gates formed an endowment that will continue their life's work in perpetuity.

Together, Roz and Rick created the 3 R's, Fitness Fund Forever. The fund supports nonprofit organization projects that renew, regenerate, and revitalize people through recreation and outdoor pursuits. Aspired communities include Birch Creek, Lake Holcombe, Ruby, Sampson, and Willard.

Throughout her 35-year physical education career, Roz created opportunities for human connection, shared learning, and self-improvement. Using a recreation platform, she created dynamic opportunities for people to learn life skills.

"Outdoor pursuits teach lifelong skills. In fact, many of my former students tell me how they are now teaching others the skills they learned in my class. That was eye-opening," said Roz.

Her husband, Rick Gates, enjoyed a 37-year career at Kell Container/Great Northern and retired as General Manager. In his tenure he created opportunities for professional and personal development and fostered a culture of caring for people at work.

Acknowledging that the 3R's fund encourages personal growth and community connection, Rick reflects, "Lifelong recreation renews a person. It's vital."

The fund seeks nonprofit project proposals that draw community into recreation activities and create a place where people can learn from each other, test their own limits, and set goals.

"The more innovative, the better," confirms Roz. "We envision funding projects that support innovative recreational activities to benefit the health of the Chippewa County community for generations."



Lifelong recreation renews a person.

It's vital. - Rick Gates



FIELD OF INTEREST FUND STORY

Tim Leis Family Youth Enrichment Endowment Fund

Tim Leis was an original. Much like the qualities of his favorite Leinenkugel's beer, he was a classic—enduring, pleasant, and well known in the community. If you didn't know Tim, you likely know someone who does. Chippewa Falls was his home, and his life was a love letter to it. He didn't talk in those terms. He just lived it out every day.

Tim's wife, Carrie, grew up in the Chicago area. "My family was blown away by this community from the start," Carrie said, noting that Tim always wanted people to participate in area activities and youth programs. "We both think so much of Chippewa Falls and all it has to offer families, and young people, especially."

Tim's profession and the Leis family's volunteerism reflect a lifetime of service to area youth. As a college student, Tim was a staff member at the YMCA. His first job after college was program director at the YMCA in Chippewa Falls. He went on to spend 25 years as a physical education teacher for students with special needs. In retirement, he became a job coach for Project SEARCH, helping those students go on to find jobs in the community. Tim coached thousands of young athletes in football, basketball, and track and field; he was an ardent supporter of fundraisers to make certain everyone could participate. Carrie recently retired from Southview Elementary School, and the two of them spent significant time together volunteering for a variety





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- Matthew Leis

of organizations including Agnes' Table and The Spirit of Christmas. They have been fixtures at community events through the years, pitching in where needed while enjoying the company of friends old and new.

"Tim and Carrie are two of the most giving, loving people I've ever met," said the couple's friend, Glen Zwiefelhofer, who befriended Tim while bartending at Leinie Lodge.

"Chippewa is a special place, and many of us fed off of Tim's enthusiasm for it," said Zwiefelhofer. "Carrie continues to volunteer, and I know she always will. And their children are following in his footsteps, too."

The Leis' children, Elizabeth and Matthew, learned early that their father was a man people sought out and that he didn't hesitate to help when he could. They grew up accustomed to sharing Tim with, well, everyone. This also instilled in them the importance of being a part of and giving back to a community.

"My dad was extremely supportive of everything we did, and he involved us in the things he was doing," Elizabeth said. "I would help him with basketball camps and watch how he inspired other young girls to care about their sport and to be better people. It's who he was."

Matthew helped his parents set up the Tim Leis Family Youth Enrichment Fund in April of 2022, just days before Tim succumbed to cancer at age 61. It was something they discussed many times over the years. The family agreed that their fund would support youth and that it would be endowed from the start so it could be utilized immediately.

"My father was extremely proud of this community, and it was important to him that we were able to start this as a family," Matthew said. "He was thinking about other people in his final moments, wanting the establishment of this fund to be a perpetually growing legacy for our family in this community he loved."

Zwiefelhofer sees the fund as "the epitome of their life together."

"There will never be another Tim and Carrie Leis. But there are a lot of people in this community like them—genuine, kind-hearted people who want Chippewa County to remain a wonderful place to raise a family," he said.

Tim Leis was the kind of person who never forgot you. According to Matthew, former students and coworkers were delighted when he would remember them years later and call them by name. The Tim Leis Family Youth Enrichment Fund, and Tim's countless acts of kindness in the community, ensure his name won't be forgotten either.



FIELD OF INTEREST FUND STORY

Kathryn A. Dircz Memorial Fund

Kathy grew up in the Town of Wheaton, Chippewa County, enjoying all this great community had to offer. Her fondest memories were playing outdoors, seeing wildlife and visiting Irvine Park Zoo.

Her “soul mate” and partner for more than 22 years, Michael Boyle remembers that when things got difficult along the road of life, Kathy always recalled those happy childhood memories which helped her focus on what was most important to her in life.



In her twenties, she underwent treatment for what became a life-long battle with breast cancer. Following treatment she was cancer-free for nearly 25 years before the cancer returned in 2011. She spent the next 12 months enduring multiple surgeries, more chemotherapy and radiation treatments—all while working full time. She once again received a cancer-free status in 2013. Sadly, in 2017 cancer returned and had metastasized. Kathy died August 9, 2019, at age 62.

In spite of her illness and the constant threat of its return, she never let it slow her down. Kathy had a smile that lit up the room and an unceasing work ethic. She had a successful career in the surety bond business, becoming Vice President, Surety, for Kraus-Anderson Insurance in Minneapolis, where she was employed for 29 years. Her experience and dedication earned her a reputation as one of the Midwest region’s surety bond industry experts.

It was important to Kathy that children have opportunities to create happy memories, especially if they involved being outdoors. To help fulfill Kathy’s dreams, Michael created this fund in her memory. Grants from the fund will support nature-related activities and programming in Chippewa Falls and the Village of Lake Hallie to engage youth in outdoor experiences.

Thank you, family of Kathryn Dircz, for providing your story.

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Kathy always recalled those happy childhood memories which helped her focus on what was most important to her in life.

- Michael Boyle

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND STORY

Erik and Jenn Larson Fund

Jenn was born and raised in Bloomer and her husband Erik has been a part of the community for over two decades. Their involvement as CFCC board and committee members revealed real needs that exist in the area, and showed them the impact that Community Foundation funds make.

As a result, they established the Erik and Jenn Larson Fund as a way to give back to their community.

“We wanted to make an impact each year, locally. We’re excited to focus our fund on the Bloomer area because we love the people and the community,” remarks the couple.

Thank you, Erik and Jen Larson, for providing your story.



DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Experience all the joy of giving, and none of the administration. Donors advise us which qualified charities will receive grants. Contributions offer the donor the maximum flexibility for granting with immediate tax benefits.

*32 Funds
2 Funds Endowed
2 Funds Opened*

ENDOWED THIS YEAR

Cath and Bob Lea Family Fund
Lori and Loopy Kleich Wellness Fund

OPENED THIS YEAR

David E. Wermund Memorial Fund
Steve and Lauree Pregent Family Fund

Autumn Community Sunshine Fund
Bill and Mary Lou Leinenkugel Endowment Fund
Callahan Family Endowment Fund
Chippewa County Agricultural Advancement Fund
Dan and Linda Hunt Family Endowment Fund
David and Patricia Jankoski Family Endowment Fund

Dennis and Jeanne Boisvert Family Endowment Fund
Donna and Bob Hogseth Family Falls Youth Endowment Fund
Frank Schlick Memorial Endowment Fund
Gienapp Family Endowment Fund
Greenhalgh Memorial Music Endowment Fund
Harold and Marian Hunt Family Endowment Fund
Huls Endowment Fund
Hunter's Hope
Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company Employee Endowment Fund
Jake and Peggy Leinenkugel Family Endowment Fund
James and Arlene Wright Family Endowment Fund
Jason S. Zunker Memorial Endowment Fund
Jodie Mueller Family Fund
John A. and Jane E. Mason Lubs Family Fund
John and Mary Hofkes Family Endowment Fund
Kiefer Family Fund
Kiwanis Club of Chippewa Falls Endowment Fund
Koehn Family Endowment Fund
Living Land Endowment Fund
Pat and Gary Gray Family Endowment Fund
Peter and Sue Holm Family Fund
Ride on Riley Fund
Senn Family Fund
Skip and Jill Thaler Family Endowment Fund
Stanley Community Endowment Fund

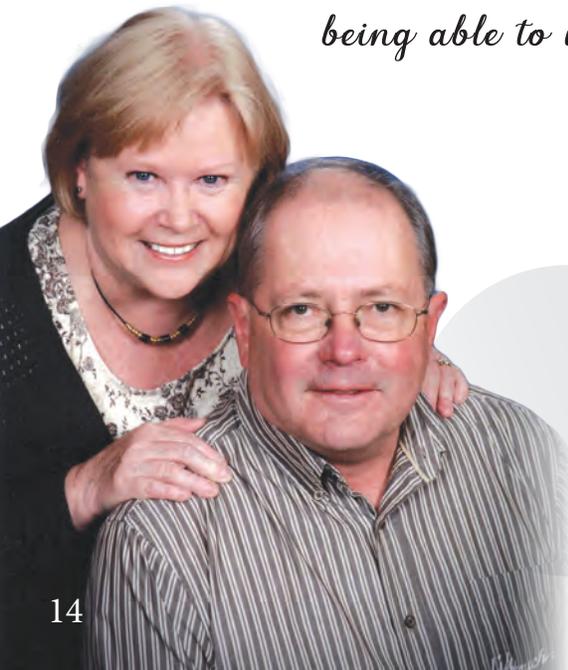
DONOR ADVISED FUND STORY

Steve & Lauree Pregent Family Fund



Serving on the Community Foundation Board for six years and now being able to watch the funds grow in number and size is great.

- Steve Pregent



Steve and Lauree Pregent

We are so grateful that our community has supported our various endeavors through the years, and now we are so glad to start a Donor Advised Fund for our community.

- Steve and Lauree Pregent

DONOR ADVISED FUND STORY

David E. Wermund Memorial Fund

Affectionately called “Wormy” by his friends, Dave exhibited many of the same character traits as his dad, Wormy #1: *a soft heart, a quiet demeanor, a sense of humor, and a love for his family and friends.* Shortly after graduating from McDonell Central High School in 1973, Dave joined the United States Air Force, where he proudly served his country until his honorable discharge in 1979.

Dave’s lifelong career path in consumer lending started in California. But in 1983, he felt a calling back to his hometown of Chippewa Falls. He had a strong desire to be closer to his family where he could follow and cheer for his home state Badgers, Packers, Brewers, and Bucks. Locally, he was a loyal fan of youth sports and coached Little League Baseball.

Dave took great pride in helping others achieve their dream of homeownership as he continued to work in the lending field for several different financial institutions in his home state: Beneficial Finance, Barron County Savings & Loan, Norwest Bank, Wells Fargo and Northwestern Bank until his retirement in 2017. Dave found enjoyment in spending time with friends and family fishing, golfing, and watching sports. He was a fan of all kinds of music, but his favorite was classic rock. He had an incredible memory for the times and places of many of the concerts he attended, dating back to the 1970’s.

Dave died peacefully after a brief illness with his family at his side 11 days before his 66th birthday on September 17, 2021.

With the extreme passion and love of his siblings, the David E. Wermund Memorial Fund was established to remember and honor their brother and to provide funds for programs and initiatives that support Chippewa County.

Thank you, family of David E. Wermund, for providing your story.



DESIGNATED FUNDS

Our largest fund family! Identify one or more qualified nonprofits as beneficiaries to support their needs in perpetuity, and we will handle all the asset management and disbursements.

62 Funds
1 Fund Endowed
1 Fund Opened

ENDOWED THIS YEAR

Mary Beth and David A. Spooner Fund

OPENED THIS YEAR

Gerald E. and Susan J. Joas Endowment Fund

Alice Hagen Education Endowment Fund
Alice M. Hanson Memorial Scholarship Fund
All Saints Parish, Holy Family Church Capital Improvement Fund
Archie and Ardella Pecha Family Scholarship Fund
Arlene and Gene A. Lopas Environmental and Historical Fund
Barbara F. Harper Endowment Fund
Bejin Family Endowment Fund
Bill and Alice Thorpe Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund
Bill Olson Endowment Fund
Bob and Lea Dirks Coast to Coast Hardware Store Endowment Fund
Chippewa County Dental Endowment
Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Reserve Endowment Fund
Dennis and Carole Mickesh Fund
Dolores (Schindler) Hebert History and Genealogy Fund
Dolores Barnier Education Fund
Doris Vennard Nursing Endowment Fund
Early Riser Kiwanis Endowment for Hunger Fund
Edith B. Arnhold Memorial Scholarship Fund
Erickson Park on Glen Loch Fund
Fern Anderson and Verdell Arneson Educational Fund
George A. Miller and Alice Miller Library Endowment Fund
George and Jacquie Gannon Family Endowment Fund

George and Peggy Fleming Family Fund
Girl Scouts Camp Nawakwa Endowment Fund
Harold D. "Mac" McDonald Endowment Fund
Howard L. and Joanne M. Olson Family Endowment Fund
Irma M. and Vincent E. Miller Endowment Fund
Iron Will Endowment Fund
Irvine Park Endowment Fund
James and Amelia Hopkins – Masonic Lodge F. & A.M. No. 176 Educational Fund
James and Margaret Kern Memorial Endowment Fund
John Andrew and Debi Carlson Memorial Fund
John R. and Ellen A. O'Neil Endowment Fund
Joseph W. Joas Designated Endowment Fund
Kiwanis Club of Chippewa Falls Peggy Rathbun Memorial Endowment Fund
Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Endowment Fund
Les and Marilyn Harrison Family Endowment Fund
Literacy Chippewa County Fund
Lloyd and Arnetta Eckes Family Endowment Fund
Marvin and Rita Tanzer Family Endowment Fund
Mentor Chippewa Scholarship Fund
N. Joie Hertzfeld Endowment Fund
Nancy B. Knitter- Music is My Life Fund
New Auburn School District Endowed Scholarship Fund
Operation Backpack For Endangered Children Endowment Fund
Patti and Jeff Darley Family Endowment Fund
Paul Walter Schaus, M.D. Endowment Fund
Ray and Lilene Helgerson Educational Endowment Fund
RM Dewitt Memorial Scholarship Fund
Robert and Madeline Ruscin Educational Fund
Rolf Chance Memorial Endowment Fund
Sheila and Bill Volker City of Chippewa Falls Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Endowment Fund
Sheila and Bill Volker Irvine Park Endowment Fund
Sloane J. Brehmer Endowment Fund
Sue Decker Theatre Endowment Fund
Swanson Endowment Fund for Staff Development
Thomas J. Joas and Julie A. Joas Endowment Fund
Tom and Pam Kell Family Fund
Troop #3055 Memorial Fund
Welcome to Chippewa Falls U.S. Flag Endowment Fund
William Irvine Endowment Fund
Wisconsin Tree Identification Fund

DESIGNATED FUND STORY

Gerald E. and Susan J. Joas Endowment Fund

Providing scholarship for graduates of McDonnell Central High School and Chippewa Falls Senior High School for post-secondary education.



The entire Chippewa community thanks you for this generous educational Endowment Fund.

- Children of Susan and Gerald

Giving to charity makes you feel good. Giving to charity strengthens personal values. Giving to charity introduces your children to the importance of generosity and instills a sense of morality and ethics. With this in mind, the Joas' had a strong determination to leave a positive legacy.

Both Susan and Gerald Joas have deep ties to the Chippewa Falls community as did their parents. Both born, raised, and lifetime residents of Chippewa, Sue and Gerry appreciated and respected the cultural, social, and economic opportunities that were accessible to them throughout their lives. They wanted to see these same opportunities available for current and future generations through their educational Endowment Fund.

Susan attended Holy Ghost Grade School and was a graduate of Chippewa Falls High School. Gerry attended St. Charles Grade School and was a graduate of McDonnell High School. After their service in WWII, Gerry in the United States Air Force, 2nd Lieutenant (AAF) and Air Craft Engineer Officer and Susan as Staff Sargent in the US Marine Corps, they married on June 19, 1948, at Holy Ghost Church in Chippewa Falls. After their marriage, St. Charles became their permanent house of worship. Their marital union would last a strong 68 years.

They each had a deep love for this community they shared with family and friends and were known to enjoy a few rounds of golf together. Susan enjoyed the Lady Elks, her Bridge Club, painting, various art projects, and figure skating (in her youth). In addition, she volunteered for Meals on Wheels and at the Rutledge Home.

Gerry co-owned the Chippewa County Abstract and Title Company. This gave him first-hand knowledge of events and developments taking place in Chippewa County. His passions included the American Legion Post 77, Chippewa Falls Elks Lodge 1326, Kiwanis Club, The Knights of Columbus, and the Old Goats Coffee group. He also served on the Board of Directors at Spectrum Industries.

The entire Chippewa community thanks you (Susan and Gerald) for this generous educational Endowment Fund. The satisfaction you received from giving, your commitment to charity, and your determination to leave a positive legacy will benefit many for years to come.

Thank you, Mother & Father. We are so proud of you!

Thank you, Connie, Jacque, Richard and Patrick (Children of Susan and Gerald), for providing your story.

AGENCY FUNDS

Nonprofit organizations can establish an endowed fund. Their fund is permanently restricted to solely support their mission-driven endeavors, in perpetuity.

27 Funds / \$327,943.00 in Grants Awarded

Beyond Boomers Class Reunion Association Endowment Fund
Caring for Forest Hill Cemetery Fund
Chippewa County Genealogical Society Fund
Chippewa County Historical Society Endowment Fund
Chippewa County Humane Association Endowment Fund
Chippewa Falls Area Senior Center Memorial Endowment Fund
Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Cardinal Community Learning Center Endowment Fund
Chippewa Falls High School Athletic Booster Club Endowment Fund
Chippewa Falls High School Athletics and Activities Endowment Fund
Chippewa Falls High School Cardinal Endowment Fund
Chippewa Falls Museum of Industry and Technology Collections Fund
Chippewa Falls Museum of Industry and Technology Endowment Fund
Chippewa Falls Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Endowment Fund

Chippewa Falls Public Library Endowment Fund
Chippewa River Industries Empowerment Fund
Chippewa Valley Cultural Association Endowment Fund
Chippewa Youth Hockey Association Kids on Ice Endowment Fund
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D.R. Moon Memorial Library Fund
Family Support Center Endowment Fund
Lake Wissota State Park Endowment Fund
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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND

Those giving \$5,000 or more to this fund become a part of the Guardians Society. This fund supports the Foundation operations ensuring the continuation of our work in Chippewa County. See who is in the Guardian Society on page 36.

SEEDLING FUNDS

Build a fund now, then bring it to the endowed level over time with either lifetime or estate gifts. Build charitable assets while meeting your philanthropic goals.

13 Funds / 7 Funds Endowed / 1 Fund Opened

OPENED THIS YEAR

Dave Landgraf Hickory Ridge Trail Memorial Seedling Fund

Brunet Island State Park Seedling Fund
Chippewa Falls Main Street Seedling Fund
Cornell Community Seedling Fund
David and Amanda Schafer Family Seedling Fund
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SEEDLING FUND - DESIGNATED STORY

Dave Landgraf Hickory Ridge Trail Memorial Seedling Fund

Over 30 years ago, Dave Landgraf and friends trekked across a series of old logging roads in search of the perfect cross country ski excursion. There, in central Chippewa County, they found the perfect trail site. It's expansive views, varied with tucked-away forest areas, and several kettle lakes offered an ideal location to forge the Hickory Ridge Trail.

Dave and a group of devoted cross-country skiers formed the nonprofit organization, Friends of Hickory Ridge Trail (FOHRT). They developed the terrain in concert with Chippewa County Forestry Department beginning in 1989. The FOHRT have been responsible for maintenance and operations ever since.

The trail quickly became a Midwest destination for year-round biking, hiking, skiing and snowshoeing enthusiasts. To keep up with demand, volunteer efforts reached nearly 450 hours in 2021 and grant applications for trail upkeep are continual. The FOHRT organization recently opened a seedling fund intended to keep youth engaged in skiing and biking programs.

Fondly named after its pioneer who died in 2011, *The Dave Landgraf Hickory Ridge Trail Seedling Fund* opened in May, 2022.

"Dave Landgraf was my coach, mentor, and most importantly, my friend." reflects Randy Stearns, FOHRT member. "He gave opportunities for his students to learn lifelong outdoor skills by visiting Hickory Ridge. His former students still come back to Hickory Ridge." adds Randy.

"This is a special and unique trail. We wanted to ensure that users can count on it, in perpetuity," relays Craig Webb, FOHRT Board Member. The seedling fund, once endowed, will do that." includes Craig.

Randy reflects, "This is a place he loved and was devoted to."



Dave Landgraf was my coach, mentor, and most importantly, my friend. - Randy Stearns



PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

Non-endowed funds, usually short term, often used for capital improvement projects and scholarships. Our Board of Directors is responsible for the distribution of grants according to each fund's unique purpose. See grants on page 24.

*12 Funds
1 Fund Opened*

OPENED THIS YEAR

Give Chippewa County Giving Circle Fund

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RESPONSE-RECOVERY-REBUILD

Funds acutely available for nonprofits during widespread and unforeseen crises', leading to funding gaps that nonprofits rely upon to respond to a community's need. See the grants awarded this year on page 26.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANT FUND

Support area nonprofits without having to set up your own endowment fund. Funds are distributed annually in their entirety for Community Needs Grant projects. These unrestricted funds can also supplement gaps in funding from the Unrestricted Fund and Field of Interest Fund to assure the community's most pressing needs are met. See page 30 for Community Needs Grant Recipients.

SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS

Special Project Funds provide a mechanism for community gifts to be managed and local projects to be funded. Organizations request that we manage these non-endowed funds; usually used for short-term charitable projects.

Bloomer Athletic Complex Development Pass-through Fund
Chippewa Area History Center Pass-through Fund
Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Baseball Field Pass-through Fund
Chippewa Falls Youth Football Pass-through Fund
Chippewa Strikers Youth Soccer Complex Pass-through Fund
Cornell Stacker Pass-through Fund
D.R. Moon Memorial Library Pass-through Fund
Erickson Park Project on Glen Loch Pass-through Fund
F. & E. Siverling Memorial Tutor Program Fund
Lake Holcombe Area PRIDE Committee Pass-through Fund
Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Pass-through Fund
Northwestern Bank School Mini-Grant Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

When scholarship support comes in the form of one-time gifts, schools entrust us to manage the funds until they determine awards.

\$100,834 in scholarships awarded

OPENED THIS YEAR

All Dreams Are Possible/Oh, The Places You'll Go Scholarship, Cadott School District Scholarship Program - Pass-through Fund

Bloomer School District

18 Funds

Benedict Hartman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bloomer School Administrators Scholarship Fund
Catherine Burke Scholarship Fund
Chippewa Valley Model A Club Scholarship Fund
Derek J. Thompson Family Scholarship Fund
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Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund
Mayo Clinic Health System for Chippewa Valley: Foundation for Medical Education and Research Scholarship Fund
Melissa Schmidt Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mike Pecha Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mr. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Whitetails Unlimited Scholarship Fund
William and Eileen Scritsmier Scholarship Fund

Cadott School District

8 Funds

Albert Tannler Memorial Scholarship Fund
All Dreams Are Possible/Oh the Places You'll Go
Eugene and Margaret King Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jr. High Student Council Scholarship Fund
Rainbow Raiders Scholarship Fund
Robert Thorson Future Educator Scholarship Fund
Sr. High Student Council Scholarship Fund
Young Farmer's Scholarship Fund

Cornell School District

1 Fund

Edith B. Arnhold Memorial Scholarship Fund

New Auburn School District

13 Funds

Bloomer Masonic Scholarship Fund
Chetek Masonic Scholarship Fund
Class of 1966 Scholarship Fund
Doug North Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ehrhard Scholarship Fund
FFA Alumni Scholarship Fund
Mayo Foundation Scholarship Fund
NAHS Alumni Scholarship Program Fund
New Auburn Fire Department Scholarship Fund
Piranha Proppant Scholarship Fund
Superior Silica Sands Scholarship Fund
Synergy Scholarship Fund
Trowbridge Scholarship Fund

Stanley-Boyd Area School District

1 Fund

Miller Family Scholarship Fund

GIVING CIRCLE

A unique type of fund that pools multiple memberships and donations together for greater impact. Its' members provide near-term support through grants and long-term support by building a Field of Interest endowment fund. Members vote to determine where funds are directed and which charitable organizations are supported.

PASS-THROUGH FUND STORY

Give Chippewa County Giving Circle Fund



On a chilly day in February of 2022, a small group of warm-hearted people cheerfully delivered a total of \$5,000 to three area non profit organizations and they had great fun doing it. It was the inaugural effort of a new giving circle called Give Chippewa County. It was no coincidence this happened on Valentine's Day. The plan is to inspire love for the community on a great big scale.

These first grants, made possible by generous donors to jump-start the program, provided an immediate "lift"



We're helping people exercise their giving muscles, and hopefully inspiring them to make a difference in whatever way they can.

- Matthew White

Development Committee Chair,
Give Chippewa County

to people doing great things in their communities, and demonstrated what a giving circle is all about. It is about projects such as an agriscience teacher restoring a greenhouse in the Lake Holcombe School District, where students grow vegetables for the school lunch program and give plants to families to grow their own food; parishioners of a Cadott church filling backpacks with food for school children to take home on the weekends; or a group in Chippewa Falls creating housing for the homeless.

Give Chippewa County Development Committee hosts social events where people can network, learn about giving opportunities in the county, and what it means to be part of a giving circle.



Giving circle members commit to a modest annual fee that both supports local grants and builds an endowment with the Community Foundation of Chippewa County. Give Chippewa County members vote and then award local grants.

It's common to think of philanthropy as something people do later, at a certain age, or when a person reaches a certain amount of wealth.

"People observe that things are happening and assume the support for activities, programs and needs in the community will always be there," said Mary Jacobson, Development Committee Member. "We can't expect the next generation of givers to be there if we don't encourage them to participate now."

For this reason, the group is personally encouraging people to join the giving circle and experience firsthand how easy—and gratifying—it is to make an impact. "Sometimes you just need an invitation," Jacobson said.

Patti Darley, also a Development Committee member, takes part in inviting new people to the giving circle. She admits to being out of her comfort zone when she's in front of people.

"I was asked to work on a fund drive for the Chippewa Valley YMCA, and then for the new zoo at Irvine Park. It was a stretch for me," Darley said. "Eventually you realize that it's very heartwarming to do your part. I want other people to know they can do it, too."

Amy Forcier-Pabst, Development Committee member, said the giving circle is different from anything she's ever been involved in. "I have made some new friends for life. Joining this group has made me so proud to be a part of this community."

Grants from Give Chippewa County support arts, culture, community development, education, environment, animal welfare, and health and human services. The endowment fund will ensure that a portion of their philanthropy efforts now, will seed grant availability for generations to come.

"Many of us have lived here for a long time, but there's so much more to be learned and so much we can do," said Forcier-Pabst. "We'd love to have more people join us!"

Giving Circle Projects Include:

Hope Village –
Property Maintenance & Guest Services

Lake Holcombe School District –
Greenhouse Improvements

Come Now & Eat through St. John's
Lutheran Church, Cadott –
Backpack Buddies



GRANTS

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DESIGNATED FUND RECIPIENTS

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 All Saints Catholic Parish
 Bill and Alice Thorpe Memorial Athletic Scholarship
 Pass-through Fund
 Bloomer Historical Society
 Cadott Area Historical Society
 Cadott Community Library
 Central Lutheran Foundation
 Children’s Charities
 Chippewa County Department of Human Services
 Chippewa County Department of Public Health
 Chippewa County Genealogical Society
 Chippewa County Historical Society
 Chippewa County Humane Association
 Chippewa Falls Area Senior Center
 Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District
 Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Foundation
 Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency Services
 Chippewa Falls Kiwanis Club
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 Chippewa Falls Masonic Lodge No. 176
 Chippewa Falls Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department
 Chippewa Falls Police Department
 Chippewa Falls Youth Baseball and Softball
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 Chippewa Valley Free Clinic
 Chippewa Valley Technical College
 Chippewa Valley Technical College Foundation
 Chippewa Youth Hockey Association
 Chippewa Youth Hockey Association Kids On Ice Fund
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 Cornell School District
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 Edith B. Arnhold Memorial Scholarship Pass-through Fund
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 Fern Anderson and Verdell Arneson Education Pass-through Fund

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 Friends of Lake Wissota State Park
 Girl Scouts of The Northwestern Great Lakes
 Holy Ghost Parish
 HSHS St. Joseph’s Foundation
 HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital
 Irvine Park Endowment Fund
 Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association
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 Marshfield Clinic - Chippewa Center
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*\$249,581 awarded to
 72 Designated Grant Recipients*



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
of CHIPPEWA COUNTY



\$37,600 awarded to 12 nonprofits and charities

RESPONSE-RECOVERY-REBUILD RECIPIENTS

A devastating tornado hit Stanley, Wisconsin just before Christmas 2021. Local charities and nonprofits responded the best they could to address essential community needs in the aftermath. RRR Funds remained open this year to accept applications for grants that would offset a portion of financial and resource demands that these organizations encountered, and prepare for future crisis response. Additionally, this fund continued to address impacts experienced by community services due to the COVID-19 public health crisis.



Photo by Branden Nall



Photo by Branden Nall



"This donation has helped us in so many ways, we will be able to sit down at a meal with our children and grandchildren and not eat off paper plates/plastic silverware. Your donation has relieved a ton of stress of us not having to buy all of this myself. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

- Trisha Milas

Stanley Community Member

1. **American Red Cross of NW Wisconsin** - Stanley tornado response, partial reimbursement
2. **Cadott Community Library** - Occupational and mental health materials
3. **Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition** - Laundry debit cards for Lighten Your Load Project
4. **Cornell School District** - Purchase Amplify Reading curriculum

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We serve a population of 3000 people, to which our Job Seeker Kits and coping with COVID materials are available.

We purchased 55 titles that we may not have otherwise been able to afford. Cadott was the only place in the (MORE Library) consortium to lend many of these titles.

- Samma Johnson
Cadott Community Library



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Thanks to the Community Foundation...we covered the costs of the clinic that our annual Meet to Eat fundraiser would've paid for. We were able to continue to provide the same high-quality healthcare to our patients...and cover operational expenses.

- Kim Renaud
The Open Door Clinic, Inc.

- 5. **Feed My People** - Food pantry credit for those impacted by the Stanley tornado
- 6. **Fruit of the Vine Food Pantry** - Purchase of hygiene products for distribution to those impacted by the Stanley tornado.

- 7. **Legacy Community Center** - Offsetting expenses for "To-Go Containers" for food distribution
- 8. **Open Door Clinic** - "Meet to Eat" fundraiser profit loss

RESPONSE-RECOVERY-REBUILD RECIPIENTS continued



"With the grant money, we have already purchased items for the five families that lost the most household items. So far only one felt comfortable having their picture taken for your publications, but they are all extremely thankful to you all for what you do."

- Kristi Weiland
Stanley Community
Association President



"The December 15th tornado has devastated our home, and our neighborhood. My kitchen and everything in it was destroyed. Anyone that knows me, knows I LOVE my kitchen and cooking. With the appliances that I have received, I can finally get back to what I love to do! I am truly grateful for the new dishes and I can't wait to put them to use, with all of my family and friends!"

- Lisa Klukas
Stanley Community Member



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- 9. Stanley Area Food Pantry - Food for distribution
- 10. Stanley City Police Department - Radio tower, antenna, and repeater for future crisis preparedness

- 11. Stanley Community Association - Household items for families impacted by the tornado
- 12. Stanley Fire Department - Six handheld radios for future crisis preparedness



RESPONSE-RECOVERY-REBUILD FUND

Caring Through Crisis

During the unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation created the Response-Recovery-Rebuild (RRR) Fund as a way to respond to the wide-spread public health crisis we were witnessing. Unknowingly, this fund would come to the rescue of the Stanley community a year later. And because the RRR Fund is a long-term fund, it could be used to respond to future crises.

The Foundation has supported nonprofit organizations crucial to the well-being of Chippewa County for over 20 years and cares deeply about our communities. So, during the unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic, the RRR Fund was created to address the impact of the public health crisis.

The RRR Fund was opened in April of 2020 to provide nonprofit organizations with flexible resources to support immediate, mid-term and long-term response, recovery and rebuilding efforts in times of crisis. The goal is to identify local needs and gaps in funding and then assemble and apply grant funds where they are most critically needed.

After the Foundation provided the funds needed to establish the RRR Fund then organizations, businesses, and individuals sent generous donations. Those donations increased the grant dollars available during the COVID-19 crisis and most recently for the December 15, 2021 tornado in Stanley.

While donations can be given at any time and in any amount, the fund will only open for distributions in a time of great community need. The RRR Fund takes a collaborative and strategic approach for addressing community needs through times of crisis.

“We have taken this action because we know that many local nonprofit organizations will face an increasing demand for services and supplies during times of crisis,” says Jill Herriges, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Chippewa County. “As a permanent public charitable grant maker, CFCC is here for the longterm and will go the distance to support our communities.”

COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTING

Nonprofits and charitable organizations apply for grants during our competitive grant cycle every year. These grants are by the people and for the people of Chippewa County.

COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANT RECIPIENTS

\$98,843 awarded to 36 recipients



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1. **Boys and Girls Club of The Greater Chippewa Valley** - Positive and safe club environment
2. **Children's Charities** - Decodable readers
3. **Chippewa County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council** - Evidence based jail programming and reentry
4. **Chippewa County Genealogical Society** - Office desk and printer
5. **Chippewa Falls Area Senior Center** - Fitness equipment kiosks for wellness room
6. **Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency Services** - 3rd grade fire prevention and safety programs
7. **Chippewa Falls Main Street** - 2022 downtown beautification
8. **Chippewa Falls Police Department** - Drone purchase
9. **Chippewa Valley Community Chorus** - 45th annual music concert
10. **Chippewa Valley Cultural Association** - Disney's 101 Dalmatians kids

COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANT RECIPIENTS continued



21. L.E. Phillips Career Development Center - Outreach Center - Transportation assistance for Chippewa County

22. Lake Holcombe School District - Greenhouse improvements

23. Lake Wissota Garden Club - Spring Brook Waterfall project in Irvine Park Native Plant Sanctuary

24. Legacy Community Center - Agnes' Table shelving units

25. Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin & Upper Michigan - Veterans housing and recovery program

26. Make-A-Wish Wisconsin - Wishes Come True program

27. McDonell Area Catholic Schools - The Human Body

28. McDonell Area Catholic Schools - Tuition assistance

29. Professional Dental Hygiene Express - Bright Smiles



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30. Sleep In Heavenly Peace - No Kid Sleeps On The Floor

31. Stanley Area Food Pantry -
Communication and Connectivity

32. Stanley-Boyd Area School District -
Camp Read S'more Bookmobile

33. The Open Door Clinic - Americorps VISTA for the clinic

34. Valley Vineyard Family Services - Community center

35. Workforce Resource -
Reducing the labor shortage in Chippewa County

36. YMCA of The Chippewa Valley - Y On The Fly equipment

NORTHWESTERN BANK SCHOOL MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

These mini-grants fund innovative learning and motivational activities or service-learning projects for 3rd - 8th grade educators.

9 schools received a total amount of \$4,994 to fund 20 projects



1. Cardinal Community Learning Center/CFAUSD - I'm Hungry! What Can I Make?
2. Chippewa Falls Middle School - Outdoor recreation unit
3. Chippewa Falls Middle School - Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS)
4. Christ Lutheran School - Middle School Research Center
5. Cornell Elementary School - Building understanding in upper elementary students
6. Cornell Elementary School - Flexible classroom seating
7. Cornell Elementary School - Summer reading & reading night project
8. Cornell Middle School - Locker edit
9. Parkview Elementary School - Motivational/inspirational quotes
10. Parkview Elementary School - Tools for the Classroom



11. Southview Elementary School - Colors for All

12. St. Paul's Catholic School - Calculators and Code

13. St. Paul's Catholic School - Musical Medleys

14. St. Paul's Catholic School - Squishy Circuits

15. St. Paul's Catholic School - STEM robot crawler

16. St. Paul's Catholic School - That Masterpiece is Me

17. St. Peter's Catholic School -
Comforting Our Community

18. St. Peter's Catholic School -
Science experiment supplies

19. St. Peter's Catholic School -
Supplementing teacher materials

20. St. Peter's Catholic School - Teachers Pay Teachers

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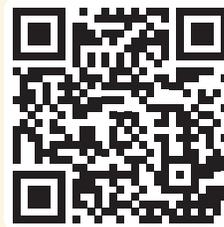
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Make a charitable gift to an existing fund that aligns with your philanthropic interests or make a gift in honor or memory of someone.
- GIVE TOWARD YOUR GOAL**
A partnership of comfortable and customized planned giving with maximized tax relief. Ensure that your charitable intent is preserved.

**CONTRIBUTE,
START A FUND, OR
ADD US TO YOUR FINANCIAL TEAM.**

Many Ways To Give



10 REASONS WHY PEOPLE CHOOSE TO GIVE THROUGH THIS FOUNDATION

1

Trusted community partner with deep roots in our community.

2

Professional staff connected with our community's needs.

3

Highly personalized service tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.

4

Offer funds that support the causes you care about.

5

Facilitate complex forms of giving and accept a variety of assets.

6

Partner with professional advisors to create effective giving approaches.

7

Offer maximum tax advantage for most gifts under federal law.

8

Multiply your donation's impact by pooling it with other gifts and grants.

9

Build endowments and create personal legacies that benefit our community forever.

10

Serve organizations improving the quality of life in Chippewa County.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (JUNE 30, 2022 & 2021)

	2022	2021
ASSETS:		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 321,445	\$ 461,276
INVESTMENTS	26,406,485	27,332,424
CASH SURRENDER VALUE OF LIFE INSURANCE	23,644	26,105
PREPAID EXPENSES	192	383
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT - NET	1,393	3,430
TOTAL ASSETS	\$26,753,159	\$27,823,618
LIABILITIES:		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2,902	2,055
ACCRUED PAYROLL	10,672	7,931
DEFERRED REVENUE	670	1,000
AGENCY ENDOWMENT AND PASS-THROUGH FUNDS	11,766,987	13,096,998
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$11,781,231	\$13,107,984
NET ASSETS:		
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	1,266,907	1,309,168
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	13,705,021	13,406,466
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$14,971,928	\$14,715,634
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$26,753,159	\$27,823,618

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES*

(YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022)

	2022		
	ALL FUNDS	FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	TOTALS EXCLUDING FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS**
CONTRIBUTIONS, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT:			
CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS	\$ 5,065,918	\$ 2,113,763	\$ 2,952,155
CONTRIBUTIONS OF NONFINANCIAL ASSETS	15,933	-	15,933
INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)	(3,765,665)	(1,609,835)	(2,155,830)
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FROM FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	128,267	-	128,267
SPECIAL EVENTS	7,840	-	7,840
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$1,452,293	\$503,928	\$948,365
GRANTS AND EXPENSES:			
GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS	2,156,296	1,705,672	450,624
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	48,289	-	48,289
PROGRAM SERVICES	169,012	-	169,012
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	128,267	128,267	-
FUND-RAISING	24,146	-	24,146
TOTAL GRANTS AND EXPENSES	\$2,526,010	\$1,833,939	\$692,071
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(1,073,717)	(1,330,011)	256,294
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	27,812,632	13,096,998	14,715,634
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$26,738,915	\$11,766,987	\$14,971,928

* This is a summarized financial statement presentation. Complete and audited financial statements are available upon request. Auditors: Wipfli LLP

** The activity of agency and pass-through funds held for other not-for-profit organizations are eliminated from the total statement of activities in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.



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