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National Award for Local Giving

CHIPPEWA FALLS – The Community Foundation of Chippewa County is a nonprofit organization that has managed philanthropic funds and community grants in Chippewa County for the last 22 years. Recently, the Community Foundation earned another national accreditation for philanthropic excellence.

Accreditation comes from the Community Foundations National Standards Board. It means that the Community Foundation of Chippewa County continues to meet the highest standards of excellence among all community foundations in the nation. Over 900 community foundations exist across the country, and 500 are accredited, according to the industry's membership association, [Council On Foundations](#).

The National Standards Accreditation Program expects an additional layer of accountability beyond state and federal regulations. The program is optional but the Community Foundation of Chippewa County, says it's essential.

“Because we manage endowments, we're responsible for each donor's wishes and they entrust us to manage their funds to make a positive difference in their community, forever. It's an honor that we take seriously,” conveys Jill HERRIGES executive director of the Community Foundation. “National accreditation backs our Foundation and assures us that we are well-built and highly functioning. It's an assurance that we are doing the right things now, for the success we will see generations from now.”

The Community Foundation has been accredited for nearly two decades. To receive the accreditation, a community foundation must pass a robust review of the foundation's policies, donor services, investments, grantmaking, and administration practices. Then, the finding must be that the foundation has met all [26 National Standards](#). These standards establish legal, ethical, and effective practices for community foundations.

After receiving the honor, Barbara Stevens, Community Foundation board chairperson responds, “To me, accreditation shows how this Foundation stands by every grant we award. There is a deep feeling of gratitude in knowing that we are both stewarding the philanthropic wishes of our donors and meeting community needs in Chippewa County.”



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According to the National Standards Program, those who earned the National Accreditation Seal are qualified as accountable, responsive, and engaged foundations who are responsive and equitable.

“In addition to quality assurance for donors, we receive a vote of confidence from our community’s legal and financial advisor sectors,” explains Herriges. “These professionals are key team members, especially when dealing with large or complex gifts. We strategize together and find the best advantages for each donor.”

The Community Foundation of Chippewa County responds to community needs to benefit people, nonprofits, and charitable organizations in Chippewa County with donations and with sustaining endowments. Through the Foundation, donors achieve their philanthropic goals. Grant applications open for the 2023-2024 Grant Cycle on August 28 on the Foundation’s website. Learn about nonprofit grant applications or become a donor who funds those grants by calling (715) 723-8125, visiting www.yourlegacyforever.org, or following social media pages.

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