A Season of Thanks
Community Foundation of Chippewa County

Tuesday, November 15, marks National Philanthropy Day during Community Foundation Week November 12-18. The Community Foundation of Chippewa County (CFCC), a nonprofit organization, is fully embracing this time of year.

“This time of year is our opportunity to thank our donors, share our progress, and advocate for our availability to help meet the needs of Chippewa County communities, offers Jill Herriges, CFCC Executive Director.

The CFCC released its 2021-2022 Annual Report on its official website and held its annual social on October 25th, 2022 at the Heyde Center for the Arts in Chippewa Falls. An Outstanding Service Award to a Foundation Board Member was also revealed during the annual event.

“It’s a highly productive time of year for us, and very heartwarming. There is a lot of good that happens in Chippewa County.” reflects Herriges.

According to their Annual Report, the CFCC granted over 2 million dollars to local charities and nonprofits in the past year. The grants supported student scholarships, community projects and community resource support, and natural disaster response.

Its annual event, Seedlings to Shade Trees, recognized the donors and fundholders who make those grants possible. Event emcee, Terrence McCanna, gave a warm welcome to the individuals and families who established an endowed fund or seedling fund in the past year. McCanna shared each new fundholder’s inspiring story, as the crowd of over 150 people applauded all 12 new funds.

“These stories are truly meaningful, responds Jill Herriges, CFCC Director. “Funds are often dedicated in remembrance of a loved one who dedicated service to this community.”

Several impact stories are available for the public in the Community Foundation of Chippewa County Annual Report, YouTube channel, and Facebook page.
A warm and well-deserved standing ovation was given to Chuck Frenette, who received the 2021-2022 Outstanding Service Award for his significant commitment to the Foundation's work.

President of the Board, David Adler, had the honor of revealing the award saying, “Chuck has shown incredible dedication to his community and has exceeded the Foundation’s expectations with the heart and experience he brings to his work as Treasurer of the Board.”

“I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone for the award,” said Mr. Frenette. “Even though the award is presented to an individual it is a culmination of the efforts of many that provide for the successes of various organizations in the Chippewa Valley. None of us do this for recognition but to provide “For Good. Forever”.

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 Foundation, donors achieve their philanthropic goals. Learn more about ways to give and be involved with philanthropy by calling (715) 723-8125, visiting www.yourlegacyforever.org, or following social media pages.