



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
of CHIPPEWA COUNTY

For Good. Forever.

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



Mary Radall

2023-2024 Board Chair

Dear Friends and Fundholders of the Community Foundation,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Board Chair of the Community Foundation of Chippewa County for 2023-2024. Over the past few years, I frequently found myself outside the Foundation Office in the beautiful Rutledge Charities Building, gazing upon the photographs of the many people and faces that make up this amazing organization. It has been awe-inspiring to witness the growth of your charitable legacy gifts which are filled with generous compassion for members of Chippewa County.

The Foundation works with great care to carry out the personal philanthropic goals of our fundholders. This year, the Board proudly announces that in 2023-2024 we welcomed \$1,307,333 in new charitable gifts. We were able to grant out and distribute \$1,089,244 throughout Chippewa County. Eleven new charitable funds were established, bringing our total assets to \$28,244,242. These thoughtful and generous gifts will live as your legacy to others.

We have been further inspired to be of service, working with area hospitals through difficult closures to establish a future safe haven for their charitable funds. We commit to being good stewards of those future funds in the same manner as we honor your own generous contributions. Our staff has worked diligently to master new accounting software, improve the ease and use of webpages, and maintain the highest levels on integrity in communication as is expected by the Foundation Board and national Council of Foundations.

We appreciate your trust in the Community Foundation, the staff, and our board as we continue to support your legacies to people and organizations in Chippewa County. We are honored and inspired by you and your legacies for good. We thank you for your continued generous support as we help the Chippewa Valley thrive.

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CHARITABLE IMPACT OF GIVING

\$1,307,333 charitable gifts received from donors

560 unique donors

295 funds held

210 first-time donors

\$100 most commonly donated gift amount to an existing fund

11 new charitable funds

3 seedling funds became endowed



CHARITABLE IMPACT OF GRANTS

\$1,089,244

grants and distributions

366

grants awarded through all fund types

148

nonprofits and charitable organizations received grants

FUNDHOLDERS

NEW FUNDS WELCOMED

**Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership
Pass-through Fund**
Pass-through

Jim and Sheryl Jones Family Fund
Donor Advised, Seedling

Holtz Family Fund
Field of Interest, Seedling Endowed

**Joan and Peter Kirk Lake Wissota
Improvement Fund**
Designated, Endowed

Tom and Louise Lea Fund
Field of Interest, Endowed

Dianne and Larry Marquardt Family Fund
Donor Advised, Endowed

William and Deborah McDougall Endowment Fund
Field of Interest, Endowed

Welcome

Trey Raihle Memorial Fund
Donor Advised, Endowed

Dietmar Braune and Rita Schrantz Endowment Fund
Seeding, Endowed

Holcombe Area Veterans Memorial Pass-through Fund
Special Campaign Pass-through

**Our Nawakwa Connecting Youth to Nature Campaign
Pass-through Fund**
Special Campaign Pass-through

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.

SERVING CHIPPEWA COUNTY >

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





HOLTZ FAMILY FUND

Making something great from a simple start is a prominent theme in the lifetimes of Carol and Fred Holtz. They worked as a team and brought their two daughters, Heidi and Holly, along in their quest to always put family, and the Chippewa Falls community, first.

Heidi Holtz-Ottevaere and Holly Holtz-Chilson unpack the dynamic story of their parents while sitting on the sun porch in the house they grew up in. Their father, Fred, sitting nearby, chimed in to emphasize the important details. This 1800s home sits in what is now known as the Colonial Estates neighborhood near beautiful Lake Wissota. Carol was drawn to the home's history and architecture and Fred could see the full potential of the neighboring land. Colonial Estates was just one of many developments in Fred's lifetime that he spearheaded through Holtz Lumber and Construction.

"He had a very creative mind and was an excellent carpenter. He prided himself in the character and quality of his homes and drew all his own designs...the old pencil-and-paper way, and never built a cookie-cutter house," explained Holly. "He maximized the contour of the landscape and customized every design, making it look like it belonged," she added. Through a half-hidden smile, Fred admits, "The carpenters would bark at me, 'Why can't you just design a 4-square house, Fred?'"

Carol was strong, dedicated to family, and extremely creative. She taught school in Jim Falls and Hillcrest while her daughters, Heidi and Holly, were young. Carol's strength was the foundational support for Fred's endeavors. She used Fred's construction drawings to design the interior of the homes and the businesses he built. "Dad is colorblind, and mom had an eye for design, so he needed her!" Heidi said.

Heidi and Holly were always involved in Fred's big ideas, too. They recall selling many raffle tickets for fundraisers, such as the 9-hole expansion of the Lake Wissota golf course. "I'm very proud of my girls for helping, and I'm very glad they got to stay in Chippewa." Fred reflects. Holly reached for him, and with a pat on his knee said, "And he thanks us all the time!"

It is well known that if you have a Fred & Carol Holtz home, you have an unmatched treasure. Signs of their work include countless homes and many commercial buildings throughout the area including the North Ridge Development in Chippewa Falls.

There is history of mom and dad wherever we go," said Holly.

The Holtz Family Fund supports Community Development endeavors in the greater Chippewa Falls area.



JIM AND SHERYL JONES FAMILY SEEDLING FUND

It was easy for Jim and Sheryl Jones, of Stanley, to commit to a seedling fund for the good of their community. The hard part was deciding where to direct its gifts.

“When you’re making a long-term commitment, you want it to be something significant and meaningful, both to you as the donor and to others,” said Jim.

Their idea kept coming back to something they’ve been doing a lot of in retirement: bicycling. Jim retired as the Stanley School District Superintendent with a background in agriculture, education, and school counselling. Sheryl’s career was in the information technology sector as a programmer and analyst.

It may have been too obvious or lacking the gravitas they thought an endowment deserved. That is, until they considered the joy they’ve experienced on the trails, the health benefits of bicycling, the wholesome activity for young families, and the adventures available to all ages on a bike. They believe that access to beautiful trails connected to parks, playgrounds, eateries, and small businesses leads to the kind of infrastructure and economic growth rural communities need more of.

“You can see so much more on a bike,” said Jim. “You go at the pace you like, go off the beaten path and take in small-town charm, support the local mom-and-pop shops. We have great experiences and we meet interesting people no matter where we go.”

They’ve put on hundreds of miles across Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, the Dakotas, Montana and Idaho, and beyond. Now the Joneses travel annually to Majorca, Spain, where the professional cyclists train. They cover about 500 miles of coastline, mountains, and beaches in two weeks, soaking up the views and culture of the island.

“You get to an age where you realize that you need to keep active and be in good health if you want to be able to do things and enjoy the time you have.” said Sheryl.

Two years ago, Jim began advocating for a six-mile-long bike trail in Stanley with the local Lions Club. As interest and significant donations grew, it was suggested to Jim that he apply for a state grant. In June, the Joneses were thrilled to learn that the project was granted \$682,000 for 5.4 miles of trail, including 300 feet of boardwalk over the wetland.

The Jones’ favorite pastime, vision, and funding are coming together to create a valuable amenity for the community. Their seedling fund will grow to become a donor-advised endowment and then annual grants will support their passion and ensure that this, and many other trails, will be accessible to people of all ages.



JOAN AND PETER KIRK LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT FUND

Joan and Peter Kirk described Lake Wissota as, “a wonderful natural resource with a variety of fish and flocks of migratory birds.”

To keep the lake in high standing as a peaceful retreat for generations to come, they opened their endowment fund to make sure that the lake remains as beautiful as ever.

They commend the efforts accomplished by volunteers of the Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association

and noted what a large undertaking it is. “We support the health of the lake, and so we support the Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association.”

The Joan and Peter Kirk Lake Wissota Improvement Fund will provide grants to the Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association. “This way,” they said, “we keep our charitable passions alive after we’re gone.”

TOM AND LOUISE LEA FUND

Tom and Louise Lea have focused a lifetime on improving their community, nation, and world. Tom has a passion for nature conservation and Louise’s passion is education for kids with complex social and emotional needs. Their Field of Interest Endowment will support education and the environment.

“We have been dedicated to service throughout our careers. We didn’t know about the Foundation until our estate attorney mentioned it,” stated Tom. “Hopefully, this is a way that we are remembered. It is that our legacy will go on and on.”

Louise summarizes their charitable intention saying, “You become aware that we are minuscule and minor. And when we all get together, we make a major.”





DIANNE AND LARRY MARQUARDT FAMILY FUND

Faith, family and friends ... one can build a long and happy life with these fundamental values. Larry and Dianne Marquardt have cultivated such a life while farming in Chippewa County, milking cows, growing crops, raising a family, and serving their community.

It began in 1937, when Larry's father, Walter, bought farmland south of Chippewa Falls. Walter and his wife, Florence, made a good living there while raising their family. That's how Larry became so passionate about raising crops and managing livestock as a way of life. He and Dianne later took over the farm and carried on this tradition.

It's always been important to the Marquardts to give back. When their children, Joseph, Benjamin and Leanne were small, the couple would hold community events at their farm, enjoying the opportunity to share their family's love of agriculture and to educate others about the value of farming. This included inviting fourth-grade elementary students to visit the farm and show them where their food comes from.

"The farm is a good place to raise a family and helps teach kids to be good people," added Dianne. "Your children learn about the value of the land and how it gives back to us."

The Marquardt's are evidence that character and work ethic are built on a farm. Dianne recently retired after working 29 years at the Chippewa Falls School District. For 20 years, Larry volunteered at the Chippewa Fire District and served as

board chairman for the Town of Hallie. He was a Chippewa County Board member for 14 years. And not surprisingly, he has been involved with the Northern Wisconsin State Fair and the Farm Technology Days Committee. He currently continues to cash crop the land and delivers Meals on Wheels. Larry recently restored his late father's 1958 John Deere 420 tractor (tricycle version). It stands as a tribute and a priceless memory of those sun-soaked days working the land and spending time with his dad.

The Marquardt established the Dianne and Larry Marquardt Endowed Family Fund knowing that the need for farming and sustainable practices will continue long after they are gone.

"The neat thing is, the world of agriculture and sustainability is coming back into view for our younger generations," Larry said. "They are gardening and eating locally. They're interested in conservation of resources. That's what farming is about. Sustaining families, providing for others, contributing to the local economy. To quality of life."

Their vision is for the fund to be a gift to the community to support agricultural education and other ventures that will preserve the tradition that continues to bring so much joy to their lives.



WILLIAM AND DEBORAH MCDUGALL ENDOWMENT FUND

They served their country, they served their community, and now their fund will serve forever.

Meeting later in life, Bill and Deb McDougall arrived in Chippewa Falls because “everything just fell into place.” They knew they had found their forever home when the people of Chippewa Falls included them like they were family. In return, Bill and Deb took opportunities to give back. Over time, out of an ever-increasing appreciation for the community that embraced them, they gave an everlasting “thank you” by opening an endowment fund through the Community Foundation.

“It’s such a good feeling to feel belonging,” said Deb who grew up in a military family. “Finally, I felt like I had a hometown.”

Bill is a Colonel, serving as a chief flight surgeon and squadron commander in the US Air Force Reserve. Deb served a total of over seven years in the Women’s Army Corps as a cartographer and in the US Army Reserves as an operating room nurse. Both served during Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

The couple arrived in Chippewa Falls in 2004 from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to pursue healthcare career opportunities. They both found jobs they loved, Bill a surgeon at St. Joseph’s Hospital and Marshfield, and Deb, an operating room nurse at St. Joseph’s Hospital. They said it was a time they loved most in their careers.

They were involved in their kids’ sports and education. They quickly became friends with a wide network of caring people whom they treasure. Bill remarked, “The community was so good to us. We wanted to give back.” The couple spoke about the city’s quality of life, receiving invitations for picnics, and including their kids to join activities.

“It’s like they just took us in. They accepted us, they took care of us and included our kids, too.” Deb recalled. Still in awe to this day, she said, “We had not lived in a small town where everyone knows each other. This felt like home, instantly.”

Upon meeting the Community Foundation, the McDougall’s were asked what they were passionate about supporting. They determined that the Community Foundation should select charities, on their behalf, who do meaningful work for health and human services, especially for first responders, and charities who have a mission to serve the Environment and animal welfare. The Community Foundation will use the fund’s growth to support grants in Chippewa County that meet the McDougall’s charitable intent.

“We’re taking advantage of our retirement by doing the things we love to do for as long as we possibly can,” said Bill. “We had a chance to do something good for the community and an endowment fund is what we decided.”



TREY RAIHLE MEMORIAL FUND

Trey Raihle, 22, was an old soul. He always wanted to be like his grandpa, who took him maple syruping. He liked flannel and cowboy boots, country music, trucks, and being out in nature. To his sister, Alexis, he was always “Little Man,” four years her junior but a good 4 feet taller as an adult.

“At one point, I remember thinking he was an adult trapped in an 8-year-old’s body,” said Alexis. “He loved his rescue dogs. He lived to tell a good story and embellish it a bit, even if it was about a trip to the grocery store.”

When his family was around him - he was in his happy place. Whether that was the family cabin, working on the Jeep with his dad, building his house with his mom and stepdad, Joe, or doing grunt work with his sister and his stepmom, Rita “Tweetie.”

Like too many of our community’s young men, Trey struggled silently with anxiety and depression. And like many adolescent boys on-the-grow without mature, emotional resources to deal with a mental health issue, he internalized and self-treated with alcohol.

In 2022, David Raihle, III, “Trey” took his life at age 22. Attendance at Trey’s funeral told the story of someone whose way of feeling good was being in relationship with others.

“Looking back, we could see there was something else, something deeper inside that he struggled with,” Alexis said. Despite his battle, Trey’s wit and sense of adventure drew people to him.

“People we didn’t know came to the funeral and told us stories about how he touched their lives. Those people are different because Trey lived. We can’t explain how much this continues to mean to us,” she said.

Now, the Raihle family is focused on supporting people and causes that were important to Trey. The family established a donor-advised fund to direct their support in preventing other tragic losses of beautiful people “gone too soon;” one positive experience at a time.

With resolve, Alexis, shares her final thought, “I believe we’ll be divinely inspired when it comes to what the causes should be. Trey will give us some sign of who needs help and how to best help them, much like he did when he was alive. In fact, I know that’s how this will go.”

HERITAGE SOCIETY

Those who have created a permanent, endowment fund or have notified us that they have made provisions to do so in their will or estate plan.

Judi and Wayne Akey
Anson and Donna Albarado
Fern Anderson and Verdell Arneson Trust
Anonymous
Estate of Edith B. Arnhold
William and Helen Barnes
The Family of Dolores Barnier
Charles and Vonnie Bathke
Charles and Magdalen Bejin
The Family of Max Bergen
Jackie and Jim Bernier
Patti J. Boeve
Dennis and Jeanne Boisvert
Del and Donna Bourget
Jeff, Julie, and Emma Bowe
Michael P. Boyle
Dietmar Braune and Rita Schrantz
Dr. Bertha M. Bresina
Cathy and Marc Brown
Cadott Community Theatre
Tim and Betty Callahan
David and Linda Carlson
Claudia Cayo
Rolf N. Chance
Beverly Chartier
Chippewa County Dental Foundation
Jack and Dorothy Christensen Family
Eugene and Jacolyn Cody
Ken and Debi Custer
Dan and Jacque Daniel
Jason and Tessa Darley
Patti and Jeff Darley
The Darley Family
Dwight and Linda Davis
Sue Decker
Kris Dimock
Bob and Lea Dirks
Lloyd and Arnetta Eckes
Dennis and Bonnie Ferstenou
Dianne and Dave Fish
George and Peggy Fleming
Jane and Jim Ford
David and Evalyn Wiley Frasch

George and Jacquie Gannon
Rosilyn and Richard Gates
Tom and Marge Geissler Family
Paula Gerrish
Brian and Lisa Gienapp
Dr. Gary and Carol Gienapp
Theresa Gienapp
Judy Gilles and Mark Gilles
Dave and Ann Gordon
Sheldon and Ruth Gough
Gary and Pat Gray
Great Northern Corporation
Barbara F. Harper
Les and Marilyn Harrison
Karen Hayhoe
Dick and Karen Hebert
Jean and Tom Hebert
Nancy Hebert
Thad and Linda Hebert
Ray Helgeson
Kim and Brad Helgeson
The Earl and Hazel "Hess" Morrison Family
Dennis Heyde
John and Mary Hofkes
Robert and Donna Hogseth
Jim and Melinda (Haun) Hohncke
Peter and Sue Holm
Fred and Carol Holtz
Estate of Gaylord Howard
Bryan Huls
Dan and Linda Hunt
Rick and Heather Hunt
Jeff and Lori Irvine
William Irvine
Gerald and Mary Jacobson
David and Patricia Jankoski
Sherry and Patrick Jasper
Carin and Scott Jelleberg
Gerald E. and Susan J. Joas
Joseph W. Joas
Tom and Julie Joas
Tom (TJ), Beth and Chance Johnson
James and Sheryl Jones
Russ and Gloria Kazda

Carey B. Kell
Tom and Pam Kell
Emmett A. and Anne E. Keller Family
Norman and Mary Ellen Keller
Robin Kelley
Cheryl Kern-Simirenko
David and Ellen Kiefer
Peter and Joan Kirk
William "Loopy" Kleich
Kevin and Lynda Koehn
Jane Lardahl
Erik and Jenn Larson
Dr. Robert and Cath Lea
Tom and Louise Lea
Estate of John William "Bill" Leinenkugel
Jake and Peg Leinenkugel
William and Mary Lou Leinenkugel
The Family of Tim Leis
Gary and Joanne Leonard
Ann and Clark Loeffel
Arlene and Gene Lopas
John A. Lubs
Tim and Meg MacLaughlin-Barck
Elaine Mann
Dianne and Larry Marquardt
Dan Masterpole and Kathy Lembezeder
Dr. Terry McCanna
Matthew (Mogey) and Jennifer McDonough
William and Deborah McDougall
Betty McIntyre Family
Kathleen McLaughlin and Daryl Skobba
Dennis and Carole Mickesh
Estate of George A. Miller and Alice Miller
Gene and Carmen Mower
The Family of Jodie Mueller
Mark and Marci Myrman
Howard and Joanne Olson
William P. "Bill" Olson
Ellen O'Neil and John O'Neil
Nancy and William Pickerign Family

Patricia J. (Ehlers) Poppo
Steve and Lauree Pregent
Joyce Pugh (Pugh Family)
John Quigley
Tom and Jaci Quigley
Dave and Rita Raihle
David and Sharon Raihle
Sandy and Roger Robarge
The Family of Trey Raihle
Robert and Madeline Ruscin Educational Trust
Gerald Sazama
David and Amanda Schafer
Dr. Paul Schaus
David and Jane Schill
Frank and Janelle Schlick
The Family of Frank "Frankie" Schlick
Georgiann Scritsmier
Darrin and Kim Senn
Greg Senn
Cindy Sesolak
Carol Shepard
Kris and Richard Simonson
Marilyn "Jinx" Smith
The Family of the Late Charles J. and Sally E. Smith
Luarta and Mike Soden
Mary Beth and David A. Spooner
Rev. Scott and Theresa Stai
Bert Swanson
Dr. Mahmoud Taman
Rita Tanzer
Skip and Jill Thaler
Shawn and Rebecca Thompson
The Thorpe Family
Mai Vang
Bill and Sheila Volker
Craig Webb
Steve and Marcie Wermund
Susan and William Westbrook
Dean and Betty White
Susan Lindoo and Michael Wolesky
Jim and Arlene Wright

GRANTS BY CHARITABLE FOCUS AREA

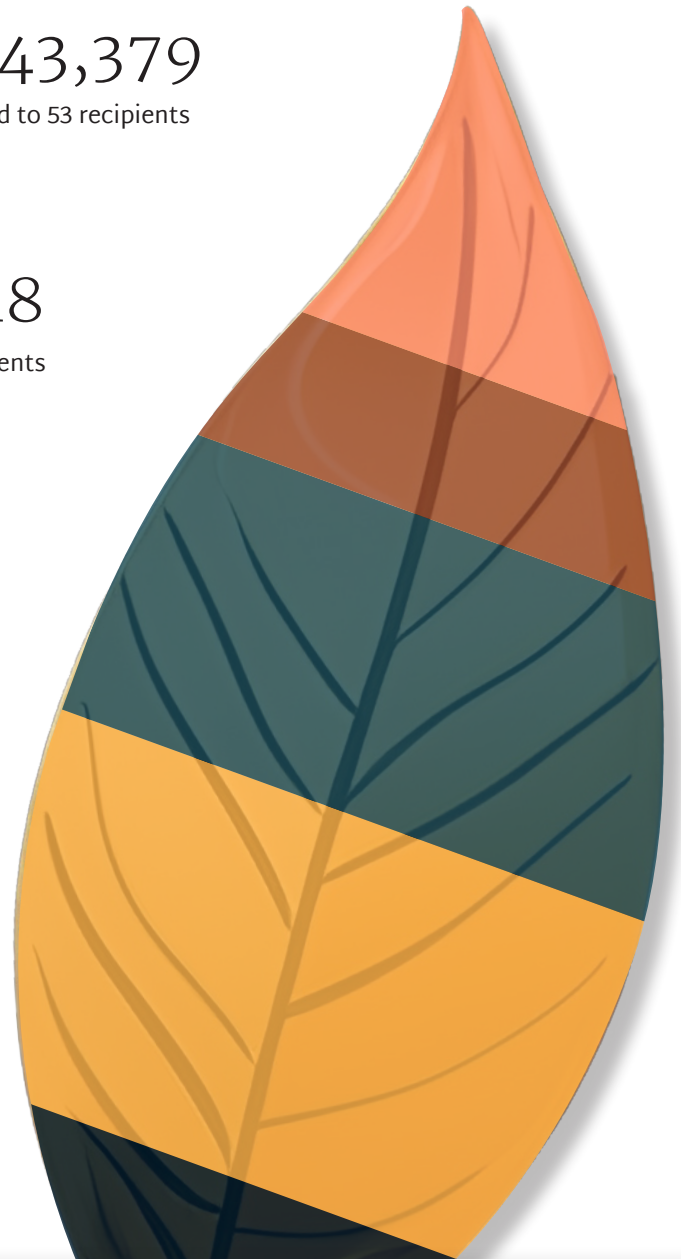
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | \$243,379
granted to 53 recipients

ENVIRONMENT & ANIMAL WELFARE | \$141,018
granted to 48 recipients

EDUCATION | \$249,182
granted to 145 recipients

ARTS & CULTURE | \$288,655
granted to 43 recipients

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | \$167,010
granted to 77 recipients



CHARITABLE IMPACT OF GRANTS

\$1,089,244

grants and distributions

366

grants awarded
through all fund types

148

nonprofits and charitable
organizations received grants

GRANTS BY FUND TYPE

COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTS

Grants generated from unrestricted and field of interest funds and awarded to charitable organizations through a competitive grant cycle.

\$102,865

awarded to 41 nonprofits/charities

NORTHWESTERN BANK SCHOOL MINI-GRANTS

Mini-grants support innovative learning and motivational activities or service-learning projects for 3rd through 8th-grade students.

\$5,504

awarded to 13 schools

AGENCY FUNDS

Opened by a nonprofit organization to support its long-term, mission-driven goals.

\$248,860

distributed

DONOR-ADVISED FUND GRANTS

Fundholders choose the specific nonprofit/charity to support with their fund's earnings, annually.

\$73,131

awarded to 44 nonprofits/charities

DESIGNATED FUND GRANTS

Fundholders open a fund and name a specific nonprofit/charity they will support with an endowment.

\$219,547

to 62 nonprofits/charities

DISTRIBUTIONS BY FUND TYPE

SCHOLARSHIP PASS-THROUGH AWARDS

Awarded by each school district named as a recipient of scholarship funds from 41 pass-through funds.

\$82,907

in scholarships awarded

SPECIAL PROJECT PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

Organizations hold this type of short-term fund as a mechanism for managing charitable campaign gifts that are reserved for a special, charitable project.

\$246,677

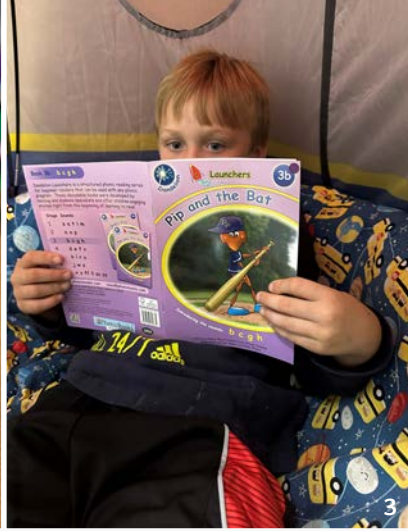
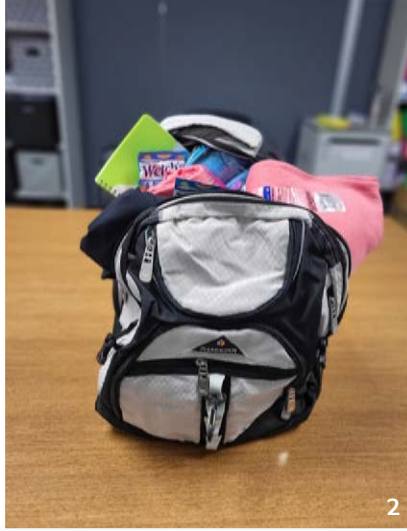
of donations dispersed to charitable campaigns

GIVE CHIPPEWA COUNTY / GIVING CIRCLE GRANTS

A membership-based giving circle pooling members' donations to offer annual grants while also building a field of interest endowment fund.

\$5,000

awarded to 3 nonprofits/charities



COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTS

Community Needs Grants are awarded annually by the Foundation to nonprofits and charitable organizations through a competitive grant cycle.

\$102,865

awarded to 41 nonprofits/charities

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF NORTHWESTERN WISCONSIN ¹
Community Based Mentoring Growth Initiative

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE GREATER CHIPPEWA VALLEY
Equipping Great Futures Through the Chippewa Falls Boys and Girls Club

CARDINAL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
Strengthening Families Program

CHIPPEWA COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS
Building a Safer Chippewa County

CHIPPEWA COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES ²
Programming and Reentry

CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Sensory-Friendly Waiting Room Remodel

CHIPPEWA COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION
Gas Conversion Needs

CHIPPEWA FALLS FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPT
Third Grade Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Program

CHIPPEWA FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION ⁴
Tee Ball

CHIPPEWA VALLEY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Keeping Our Community Singing

CHIPPEWA VALLEY COMPOSITE TEAM INC
Chippewa Valley Composite Trailer Build

CHIPPEWA VALLEY CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
Access to the Arts for Seniors

CHIPPEWA VALLEY FREE CLINIC
Health Services for Chippewa County

CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Evidence Based Phonological Cycle Cards

CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Life Cycle Coming to Life!

CORNELL SCHOOL DISTRICT ³
Building a Decodable Library

DOVE HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
Healthcare Workforce Training Institute

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF BATEMAN
Conscious Discipline 4-week Parenting Workshop

FEED MY PEOPLE FOOD BANK
Farm to Food Bank - Chippewa County

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
Distribution of Hygiene Products

FRIENDS OF BRUNET ISLAND STATE PARK ⁶
Kayak Launch

GIRLS SCOUTS OF THE NORTHWESTERN GREAT LAKES ^{7,8}
WILD Opportunities for Enhancing Chippewa County Girls Resiliency Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience

HOPE VILLAGE - TINY HOUSING ALTERNATIVES INC
We'll Get U There



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF WISCONSIN
JA Programming at Bloomer, Cadott and Stanley Schools

L.E. PHILLIPS CDC OUTREACH
Emergency Shelter

LAKE WISSOTA GARDEN CLUB
Deep Shade Fernery in Irvine Park Sanctuary

LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
Mermaid Bay Fish Stick Project

LEGACY COMMUNITY CENTER
Storage Unit Project

LITERACY CHIPPEWA VALLEY ⁹
Saturday Storytime at the Chippewa Falls Library

EARLY LITERACY COALITION ⁵
Chippewa Valley Little Libraries

MENTOR CHIPPEWA
Mentor New Auburn / Stanley-Boyd

ONCE UPON A PROM INC ¹⁰
Prom Necessities

OPEN DOOR CLINIC
Diabetic Patient Supplies and Clinic/Health Promotion Supplies

PROFESSIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE EXPRESS INC
Bright Smiles

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE
No Kid Sleeps on the Floor, WI-Chippewa Valley

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH/BACKPACK BUDDIES
Snacks and Oral Hygiene

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL - ALL SAINTS PARISH
Tuition Assistance

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Art Appreciation

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Tuition Assistance

STANLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY
Replacement of Two Freezers

STANLEY-BOYD SCHOOL DISTRICT ¹¹
Care Closet

TRINITY EQUESTRIAN CENTER KIDS KAMP INC
Community Connections Program

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF WEST CENTRAL WISCONSIN
Welcome Home

VALLEY VINEYARD FAMILY SERVICES INC
Storage and Shelving for Food Pantry



NORTHWESTERN BANK SCHOOL MINI-GRANTS

Awarded annually by our Board of Directors to bolster education endeavors in 3rd-8th grade classrooms.

\$5,504 awarded

13 schools

17 projects

- BLOOMER MIDDLE SCHOOL ¹**
Makerspace Lab Expansion
- CARDINAL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER**
CFMS Student Connection Support Groups
- CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL**
Technology in the Classroom
- CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ⁸**
Outdoor Sensory Path
- CORNELL JR./SR. SCHOOL**
Metal Shop Safety
- CORNELL SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Ping Pong Tables
- HOLY GHOST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
Visual Arts Supplies

- JIM FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
A Comfy Space for Everyone
- LAKE HOLCOMBE SCHOOL DISTRICT ³**
Trauma Sensitive Spaces for All
- NEW AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Building Communication Skills Through Typing
- NEW AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT**
STEM Focused Project Based Learning
- NOTRE DAME MIDDLE SCHOOL**
Classroom Library
- NOTRE DAME MIDDLE SCHOOL ⁵**
Middle School Science Supplies
- PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY ⁴**
Blankets for Kids

- ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ⁷**
Jumping Robots STEM Project
- ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ⁶**
Oh for the Love of Reading
- ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ²**
Squishy Circuits Part 2



GIVE CHIPPEWA COUNTY GIVING CIRCLE GRANTS



\$5,000

awarded to 3
nonprofits/charities

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GIVE CHIPPEWA COUNTY GRANTS

Boys & Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley
Outdoor Recreation equipment for the Chippewa Falls Club

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Cornell School District
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All mothers working on behalf of our community's kids	Lori Geissler's board service	Carin Jelleberg's birthday	Sharon Nenzel Stoll
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Accountable for every grant issued to our community.

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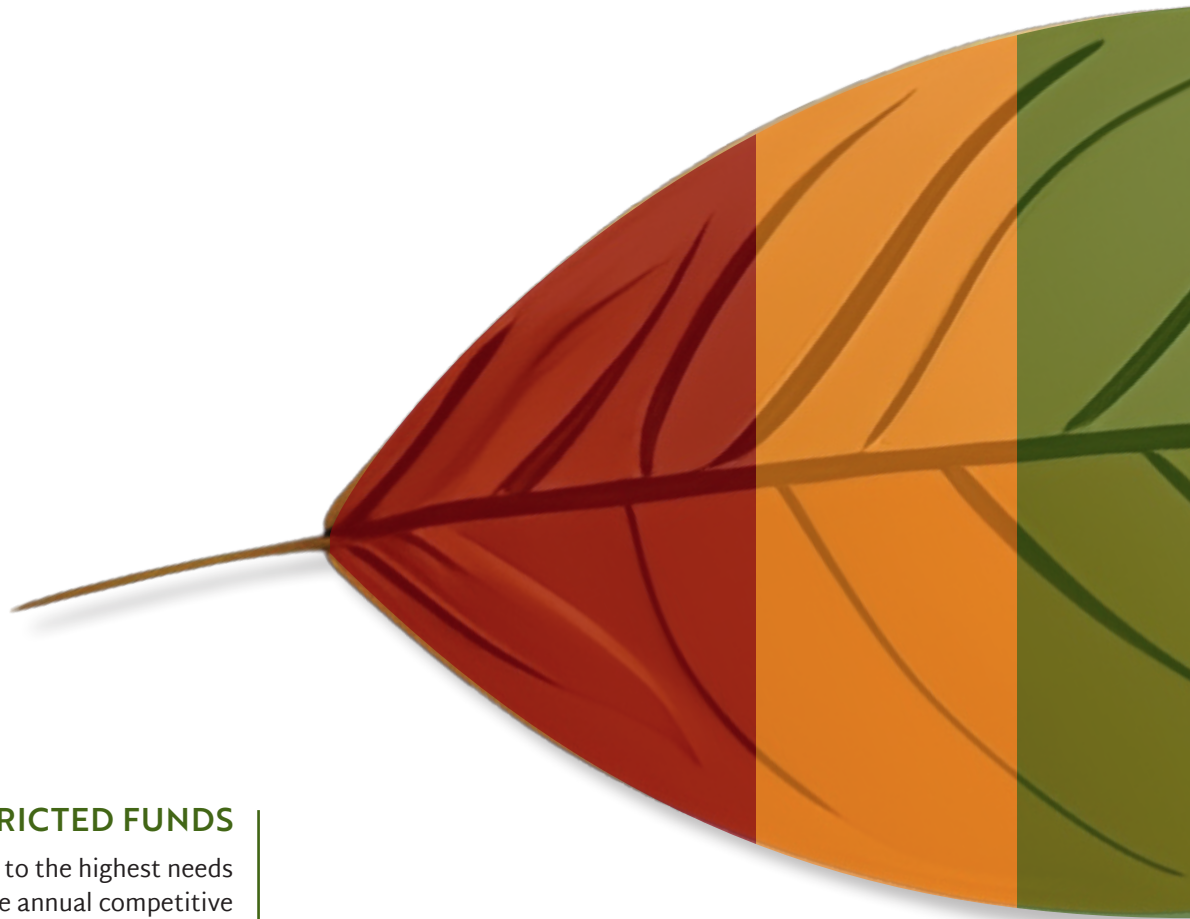
Fundholders open a fund and name a specific nonprofit or charitable purpose they will support with an endowment.

74 Funds

AGENCY FUNDS

Opened by a nonprofit or charitable organization solely to support its long-term, mission-driven goals.

28 Funds



UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

These endowed funds respond to the highest needs in Chippewa County through the annual competitive grant cycle. This high-impact fund type also includes:

- FUND FOR CHIPPEWA COUNTY
- COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
RESPONSE-RECOVERY-REBUILD FUND
- COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANT FUND

26 Funds

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

Fundholders choose each year, the specific nonprofit or charitable purpose to support with their fund's earnings.

38 Funds

295 Total Funds Managed

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND

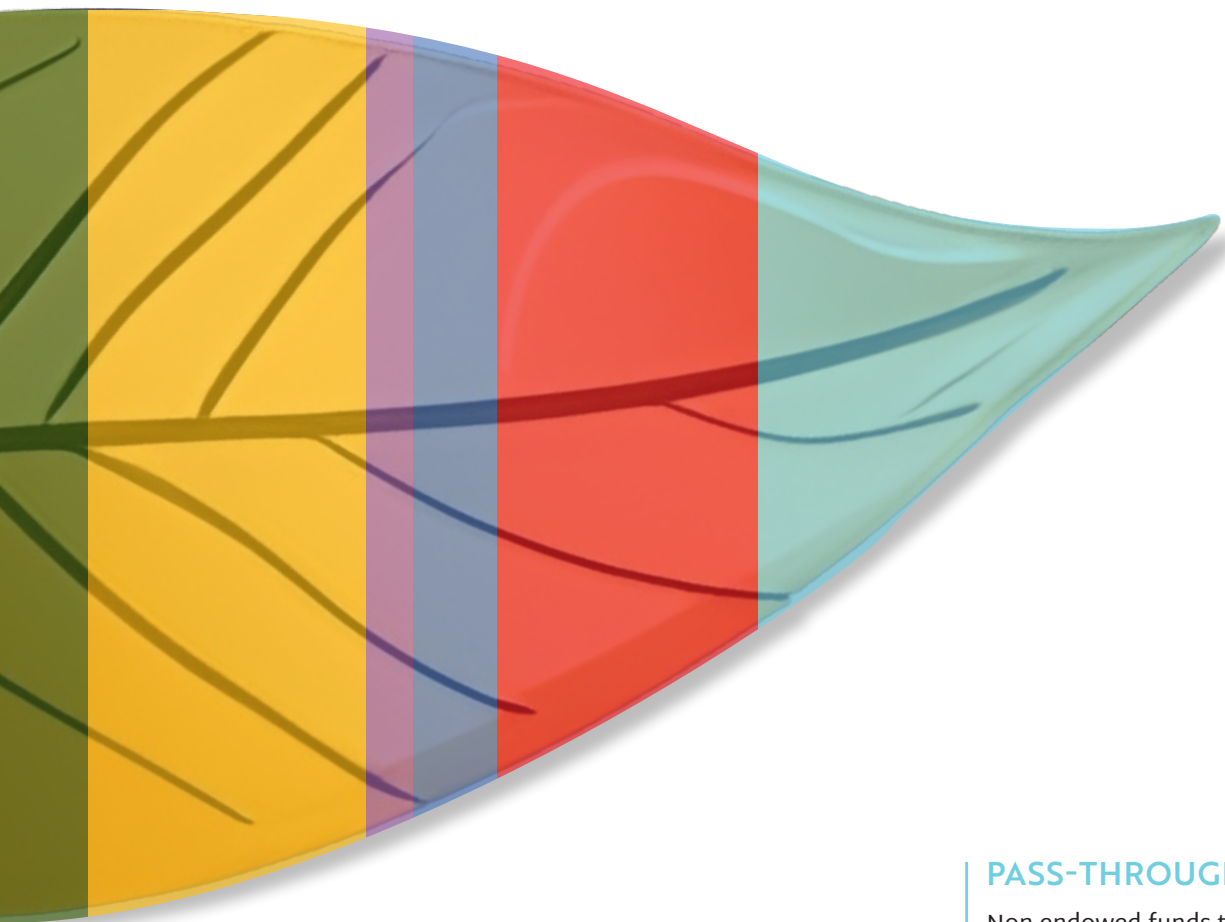
Donations sustain the Foundation's basic needs for operating. Those who give \$5,000 or more to this fund are welcomed into the Guardian Society.

4 Funds

SEEDLING FUNDS

Builds the fundholder's continual contributions toward full endowment over about a 5-year period.

14 Funds



FIELD OF INTEREST FUND



Fundholders declare one of five charitable focus areas that their fund will support when granting out.

38 Funds

PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

Non-endowed funds that are usually established for short-term nonprofit campaigns, projects, or charitable giving. This fund type includes:

- SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS
- SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS
- GIVE CHIPPEWA COUNTY GIVING CIRCLE

73 Funds

FUNDS CONTRIBUTING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANT CYCLES



Each year, the Community Foundation awards these grants to nonprofit organizations serving Chippewa County.

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The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Accreditation Program confirmed that our foundation meets 100% of all 26 national standards. This honor assures donors and legal and financial advisors of our accountability, beyond state and federal regulations. It demonstrates our commitment to the well-being of every cause and every person in Chippewa County. It shows that we stand by every grant awarded to nonprofits and charities.

- Accountable & Responsive
- High Integrity
- Equitable & Engaged

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (JUNE 30, 2024 & 2023)

	2024	2023
ASSETS:		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$939,341	\$340,364
INVESTMENTS	27,130,645	25,479,734
CASH SURRENDER VALUE OF LIFE INSURANCE	14,206	19,631
PLEDGES RECEIVABLE	159,667	-
PREPAID EXPENSES	383	-
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT - NET	-	46
TOTAL ASSETS	\$28,244,242	\$25,839,775
LIABILITIES:		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	4,139	2,608
ACCRUED PAYROLL	9,645	10,940
DEFERRED REVENUE	1,800	1,050
AGENCY ENDOWMENT AND PASS-THROUGH FUNDS	9,726,831	8,748,263
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$9,742,415	\$8,762,861
NET ASSETS:		
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	1,549,156	1,422,543
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	16,952,671	15,654,371
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$18,501,827	\$17,076,914
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 28,244,242	\$25,839,775

* Complete and audited financial statements are available upon request. Auditors for 2024 and 2023: Bauman Associates, Ltd.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES*

(YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024)

	2024		
	ALL FUNDS	FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	TOTALS EXCLUDING FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS**
CONTRIBUTIONS, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT:			
CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS	\$1,444,183	\$1,020,490	\$423,693
CONTRIBUTIONS OF NONFINANCIAL ASSETS	318		318
INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)	2,391,232	773,546	1,617,686
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FROM FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	85,108		85,108
SPECIAL EVENTS	9,445		9,445
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$3,930,286	\$1,794,036	\$2,136,250
GRANTS AND EXPENSES:			
GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS	1,145,906	730,357	415,549
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	59,158		59,158
PROGRAM SERVICES	207,051		207,051
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	85,108	85,108	-
FUND-RAISING	29,579		29,579
TOTAL GRANTS AND EXPENSES	\$1,526,802	\$815,465	\$711,337
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	2,403,484	978,571	1,424,913
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	25,825,177	8,748,263	17,076,914
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$28,228,661	\$9,726,834	\$18,501,827

* This is a summarized financial statement presentation. Complete and audited financial statements are available upon request. Auditors: Bauman Associates, Ltd.

** "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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