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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of CHIPPEWA COUNTY

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR & DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Community Foundation,

We are very pleased to present the Annual Report of the Community Foundation of Chippewa County. This report details the fiscal year of activity from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. You are invited to look at the stories of impact as well as the stories about giving.

As you know, greater giving strengthens communities and transforms lives. Your Community Foundation of Chippewa County was created in 2001 by and for the people of Chippewa County to make our communities better for everyone. We continue to do just that today by combining the passion, resources, time, talent, and hard work of hundreds of individuals – including generous people like you. We are fortunate that Chippewa County has embraced the values of taking care of each other in times of need and supporting each other in times of celebration.

The generosity of donors is vital to the success of your Community Foundation. As you review this report, take note of the individuals, families, businesses, and organizations that we are honored to call our partners. Together, community nonprofits and donors are strengthening your community and your Foundation.

As we look to the future, we realize that local needs are increasing and continued growth of your Foundation is necessary to meet this challenge, therefore making permanently endowed contributions more important than ever. We invite you to invest in that which matters to you most, your community, its’ beautiful people, places, and partnerships. Ask any one of our Board Members how you can create a new fund or give to an existing one and support the current and future needs of this precious place we call home.

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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.

Creating, building, and managing endowed funds to benefit the people 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.
CURRENT FUNDS

July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019
Funds have been established by individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to benefit the people of Chippewa County.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND
Gifts to this fund support the operations of the Community Foundation, ensuring the continuation of our work throughout Chippewa County.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Unrestricted Fund; accepts gifts for endowment, including otherwise undesignated memorial and tribute gifts and bequests; supports our Community Needs Grants that are made at the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD GRANT FUND
Unrestricted Fund; supports our Community Needs Grants; grants are made at the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

ENDOWED FUNDS - PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED

An Endowment Fund is managed, invested and kept in perpetuity to provide earnings for the benefit of a charitable cause on behalf of an individual, family, organization, or business.

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted funds enable our foundation to address our region’s changing needs by increasing Community Needs grant awards and undertaking new community initiatives. These funds are vital for the support of many local nonprofit organizations that enhance our quality of life.

CUSTER FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
DARLEY FAMILY FOUNDATION FUND
FISH FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
J. MURRAY AND CRYSTAL GORDON ENDOWMENT FUND
BOB AND DONNA HOGSETH SUNSHINE ENDOWMENT FUND
JOSEPH W. JOAS UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUND
GERALD AND ELAINE MANN ENDOWMENT FUND
MILDRED “PENNY” C. MARS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND
CARMEN AND GENE MOWER FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
MARCUS MYRMAN AND MARCENE O’BRIEN-MYRMAN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
WILLIAM AND NANCY PICKERIGN FAMILY FUND *
PUGH FAMILY COUNTRY TREASURES ENDOWMENT FUND
SHEILA AND BILL VOLKER UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUND
BETTY AND DEAN WHITE FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

* Indicates a new fund was established during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

This family of unrestricted funds support areas of interest that may include: arts and culture, community development, education, environment and animal welfare, and health and human services. The Community Foundation of Chippewa County Board awards Community Needs Grants to organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area the fund holder wishes.

LUKE BATHKE SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support students in special education programs.

JIM AND JACKIE BERNIER ENDOWMENT FUND *
Grants support Chippewa County Veterans Services.

ROBERT AND FRANCES BOWE AND FRED R. BOWE MEMORIAL FUND
Grants support sustainable and nature-related endeavors in Chippewa County.

DR. BERTHA M. BRESINA ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants benefit Chippewa County students wanting to obtain a Catholic (K-12) education.

DENNIS AND BONNIE FERSTENOU FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support operational and capital expenditures to food pantries, community tables, and nonprofit organizations that provide food security in Chippewa County.

HEYDE HEALTH SYSTEM FUND
Grants support nonprofit organizations providing spiritual, musical, or cultural arts programs for nursing home residents in Chippewa County.

EDWIN AND EVELYN NYHUS CENTENNIAL FUND
Grants support agencies and institutions primarily serving the City of Chippewa Falls, with projects, programs and services related to public libraries, public parks and recreation, youth, senior citizen welfare, animal welfare, and community health.

PATRICIA QUIGLEY-ANDERSON ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support dental health care and education.

ROLAND AND HELEN IRWIN ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support endeavors that help clean Chippewa County waterways.

GERALD H. AND ANN C. JACOBSON FUND
Grants support wildlife, its habitat, or parks in Chippewa County.

MARY AND JERRY JACOBSON FAMILY FUND
Grants support youth in Chippewa County.

RUSS AND GLORIA KAZDA ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants generated by this fund, created in memory of Russ and Gloria’s son Chad Kazda, are directed to nonprofit organizations that provide programs addressing issues associated with mental illness, particularly depression.

CAREY B. KELL ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support beautification in Chippewa Falls.

CHET AND IRENE LINDSEY ENDOWMENT FUND
Established for their parents by Ann and Dave Gordon; grants support humanitarian, cultural, aesthetic, recreational, environmental, civic, and educational needs in Chippewa Falls and the Lake Wissota area.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SERVICE ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support youth community service activities and programs of Chippewa County nonprofit organizations.

CHARLES J. AND SALLY E. SMITH CORNELL COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support the betterment of the Cornell community.

DR. MAHMOUD TAMAN ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support mental health, urgent medical and social needs.

THE WANE FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support fire prevention, safety, smoke detector, or fire victims assistance programs.

WARREN AND VIRGINIA WERMUND ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support youth in Chippewa County.

THE YOUTH OF LAKE HOLCOMBE ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support programs involving Lake Holcombe youth, both inside the school and community programs outside of school.

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Jim, a Vietnam veteran, and Jackie, a founding board member of the Community Foundation of Chippewa County (CFCC), know firsthand what other veterans go through, their experiences and the sacrifices they make. Wanting to do something to provide assistance to other veterans, they were inspired by Jake Leinenkugel at the fair. “I saw Jake buying a lot of cows,” says Jim Bernier. “And I learned that the meat would be donated to veterans which made us think more about what we could do as well.” They decided to start a fund serving Chippewa County Veterans. The Jim and Jackie Bernier Endowment Fund is a field of interest fund that will provide assistance to programs that support Chippewa County Veterans. Jackie Bernier’s involvement with the CFCC made it a natural fit for the fund. “You can put some money in a fund, leave that fund sitting there and every year a percentage gets distributed to other nonprofits,” notes Jackie. “We always thought we would do it, just a matter of when.”

Jim’s service in the Marine Corps created a strong personal connection to veterans in Chippewa County. Prior to his deployment as a Vietnamese linguist, Jim spent a year in school learning the language. Once in Vietnam, his job with the 1st Radio Battalion was listening and documenting enemy communications. After returning from Vietnam, Jim took advantage of the GI bill, graduating from Dunwoody College of Technology in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This education paired with encouragement from family would lead him to begin his own local business, Enterprise Tool and Die. After 40 years, the business was sold, which allowed Jim and Jackie to start their fund.

Jim shared, “So to honor the memory of his good friend Fred Bungartz who was killed in the TET offensive in 1968 and all who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, we want to help those who made it home.”

“My sisters and I began another fund in the name of my parents and brother at the beginning of the Foundation,” says Jackie. “But we thought it was time we do our own. This was a good fit. It feels good.”

This fund will ensure veterans like Jim are acknowledged and receive the help they need from the resources that are available. Jim and Jackie plan to help the fund grow whenever they are able.
BILL AND ALICE THORPE MEMORIAL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

Stanley natives Bill and Alice Thorpe spent many hours watching Stanley-Boyd High School, university, and professional sports teams. For Bill to view a televised game or match while simultaneously listening to one or two more sports events on the radio was not uncommon.

After Bill died in 1996, the Thorpe family established a scholarship in his name for deserving Stanley-Boyd High School athletes who planned to continue their sports in college, under the Stanley-Boyd Education Foundation. In 2015, when Alice passed away, the family added her name to the scholarship.

The couple, both 1949 graduates of Stanley High School, married in 1953. They passed along their love of sports to their children and grandchildren.

Alice attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota and Bethesda Hospital’s School of Nursing in St. Paul, Minnesota. She graduated in 1952 and practiced at the University of Minnesota Hospitals until her marriage. Bill attended both the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie and UW-Eau Claire, playing football for both of their teams. He also served in the U.S. Air Force.

Upon moving back to Stanley, Alice practiced at Victory Memorial Hospital and a physicians’ office. Bill sold insurance for the Business Men’s Assurance and Security Life insurance companies. They raised two children, Joy and Jay, who both graduated from Stanley-Boyd High School. Joy was a wrestling cheerleader and band member while Jay played football, wrestled and ran track.

After high school, Joy followed in her mother’s footsteps, graduating with a nursing degree from UW-Eau Claire. She later earned her Ph.D. in nursing and became a nurse educator, retiring in 2017. She and her husband, Dr. Peter Wachs, have two daughters: Alison, an industrial engineer, and Meredith, a secondary math teacher.

Jay played varsity football for UW-LaCrosse, where he earned a business degree. He returned to Stanley after college and is father to Kyle, Karla, and Lyndsey, who each played three varsity sports in high school. Kyle played varsity football at UW-Eau Claire. Karla played on the Wisconsin state championship volleyball team in high school and managed the varsity volleyball team at Marquette University in Milwaukee. Lyndsey was a Wisconsin state shot put champion and an All-American hammer thrower at the University of Minnesota.

Kyle is married to the former Holly Mertens who played three sports at Stanley-Boyd. Holly played on the state championship volleyball team, was the long jump state champion and was an All-American volleyball player at Marquette University. They have two children, August and Otto, who are the next generation of Thorpe athletes.

Bill and Alice Thorpe would be delighted that in 2019 the scholarship endowment moved to the Community Foundation of Chippewa County. Their legacy will encourage Stanley-Boyd High School graduates to pursue post-secondary education and athletic competition.
DESIGNATED FUNDS

Fund holders are able to permanently support the work of specific nonprofit organizations or charitable causes that are important to them. Grants from the following Designated Funds have been earmarked for one or more nonprofit organizations and programs serving Chippewa County.

DOLORES BARNIER EDUCATION FUND
Grants provide scholarships to graduating seniors of Chippewa Falls Senior High School.

BEJIN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support Holy Ghost Parish in Chippewa Falls.

BLOOMER SCHOOL DISTRICT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
Grants support scholarships for students from the Bloomer School District:
- RM Dewitt Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Alice M. Hanson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Archie and Ardella Pecha Family Scholarship Fund

SLOANE J. BREHMER ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

JOHN ANDREW CARLSON MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND**
Grants support the Student Emergency Fund at CVTC.

ROLF CHANCE MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support the care and maintenance of housing for the monkeys at Irvine Park.

CHIPPEWA MORaine ICE AGE RESERVE ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support the mission and activities of the Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Reserve.

PATTI AND JEFF DARLEY FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

SUE DECKER THEATRE ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support scholarships for McDonell Central Catholic High School students who’ve participated in school musicals, Chippewa Falls Senior High School’s Thespian Drama Club, and the Heyde Center for the Arts in Chippewa Falls, designated for local theater productions.

BOB AND LEA DIRKS COAST TO COAST HARDWARE STORE ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support First Presbyterian Church, Chippewa Falls Main Street Flower Fund, Heyde Center for the Arts Flag Fund, and Irvine Park Zoo.

EARLY RISER KIWANIS ENDOWMENT FOR HUNGER FUND
Grants provide support to Agnes’ Table, a community meal program for people of Chippewa County dealing with hunger issues.

GEORGE AND PEGGY FLEMING FAMILY FUND
Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

GEORGE AND JACQUIE GANNON FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support capital improvements at Gannon Field in Casper Park.

GIRL SCOUTS CAMP NAWAKWA ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support the Girl Scouts Camp Nawakwa in Chippewa County.

ALICE HAGEN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants benefit the Chippewa Area Mentor Program.

BARBARA F. HARPER ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and the Chippewa County Humane Association.

LES AND MARILYN HARRISON FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

DOLORES (SCHINDLER) HEBERT HISTORY & GENEALOGY FUND
Grants support the Chippewa County Genealogical Society and the Chippewa County Historical Society.

RAY AND LILENE HELGERSON EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND
Grants provide additional funding for educational programs, activities, musical instruments, materials, equipment, opportunities and/or experiences for students in K-12 in Chippewa County public schools; particularly for students from families in financial need.

** Indicates a fund became endowed during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
N. JOIE HERTZFELD ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants will be used to award scholarships through the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Foundation for students wishing to pursue an education in art and design.

JAMES AND AMELIA HOPKINS – MASONIC LODGE F. & A.M. NO. 176 EDUCATIONAL FUND
 Grants provide scholarships for worthy children who are residents of Chippewa County.

IRON WILL ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support Marshfield Clinic Health System Foundation for transportation assistance to families with medically fragile children facing urgent and time-critical situations.

IRVINE PARK ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support improvements to Irvine Park.

WILLIAM IRVINE ENDOWMENT FUND *
 Grants support maintenance to Irvine Park.

JOSEPH W. JOAS DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

THOMAS J. JOAS AND JULIE A. JOAS ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

TOM AND PAM KELL FAMILY FUND
 Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

JAMES & MARGARET KERN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support scholarships for McDonell Central Catholic High School graduates, selected by teachers, with an emphasis on first-generation university-bound seniors.

KIWANIS CLUB OF CHIPPEWA FALLS PEGGY RATHBUN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants provide scholarships for students pursuing a technical education.

LOOPY AND LORI KLEICH ENDOWMENT FUND
 The fund holder is working with the Community Foundation on the parameters of this fund.

LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support efforts to preserve Lake Wissota and protect its surroundings, enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and the aesthetic value of Lake Wissota as a public recreational facility.

ARLENE AND GENE A. LOPAS ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORICAL FUND
 Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

HAROLD D. “MAC” MCDONALD ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support the Chippewa County Historical Society’s annual “The Past Passed Here” event. The remaining amount available to grant is left to the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

IRMA M. AND VINCENT E. MILLER ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support projects and programs related to the historical preservation of the Cadott community through the Cadott Area Historical Society. Grants also support the habitat, wildlife, environmental, and nature-related endeavors at Otter Lake through the Otter Lake Booster Club.

BILL OLSON ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

HOWARD L. AND JOANNE M. OLSON FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support special events sponsored by Chippewa Partners.

JOHN R. AND ELLEN A. O’NEIL ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

OPERATION BACKPACK FOR ENDANGERED CHILDREN ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants will be used by Chippewa County authorities to purchase items to hand out to children who are taken from their homes during the emergency time of removal.

SENN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
 The family is working with the Community Foundation to establish the parameters of this fund.

PAUL WALTER SCHAUSS, M.D. ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support Agnes’ Table in Chippewa Falls.

SWANSON ENDOWMENT FUND FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT
 Grants support professional training opportunities for Foundation staff members.

MARVIN AND RITA TANZER FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
 Grants support organizations of donor’s choice.

* Indicates a new fund was established during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
AUTUMN COMMUNITY SUNSHINE FUND

Like a ray of sunshine, Autumn Helgeson filled lives with warmth and joy. Autumn Community Sunshine Fund has been established by us – Brad, Kim and Brooklyn Helgeson – in honor of our daughter and sister, Autumn Helgeson. This is a donor-advised fund supporting an array of interests, including youth, education, animals, and the arts.

We started the fund to honor Autumn and our family’s commitment to helping others. Our purpose is to use Autumn’s joy and what we call “sunshine and sparkle” to promote good works in our community now and in the future.

Autumn died while performing an act of service to her Chippewa Falls community. Our family wants to honor and carry forward her spirit of service, love, and giving. Her favorite community event was preparing and serving food at Agnes’ Table alongside our church friends. As a family, we believe in giving to our community. We believe we must instill a sense of commitment to our community and show our children that we can, and we must help others. Through the years we have been fortunate to help or be part of The Open Door Clinic, Agnes’ Table, youth activities and education through Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Spirit of Christmas, Hallie Girls Softball, Chippewa Bowhunters Club, YMCA, the Eau Claire Community Foundation Women’s Giving Circle Fund and the Girl Scouts.

We became aware of the concept of Community Foundation efforts when a friend started a fund in their daughter’s name, as well our involvement with the Women’s Giving Circle Fund with the Eau Claire Community Foundation. The idea of coming together with other individuals who wanted to promote the same investments in our communities was uplifting and exciting.

“We are honored to start our own fund from the outpouring of kindness and love from our family, friends, and community to honor Autumn.”
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor Advised funds allow fund holders to be actively involved in providing annual grant recommendations for consideration by the Foundation's Board of Directors. Grants from the following Donor Advised Funds provide support to area nonprofit organizations and programs recommended by the fund holders.

AUTUMN COMMUNITY SUNSHINE FUND *
DENNIS AND JEANNE BOISVERT FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
CALLAHAN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVANCEMENT FUND
GIENAPP FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
PAT AND GARY GRAY FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
GREENHALGH MEMORIAL MUSIC ENDOWMENT FUND
JOHN AND MARY HOFKES FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
DONNA & BOB HOGSETH FAMILY FALLS YOUTH ENDOWMENT FUND
PETER AND SUE HOLM FAMILY FUND
HULS ENDOWMENT FUND
DAN AND LINDA HUNT FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
HAROLD AND MARIAN HUNT FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
DAVID AND PATRICIA JANKOSKI FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
KIEFER FAMILY FUND
KIWANIS CLUB OF CHIPPEWA FALLS ENDOWMENT FUND
KOEHN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
BILL AND MARY LOU LEINKUGEL ENDOWMENT FUND
JACOB LEINKUGEL BREWING CO. EMPLOYEE ENDOWMENT FUND
JAKE AND PEGGY LEINKUGEL FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
LIVING LAND ENDOWMENT FUND
JOHN A. AND JANE E. MASON LUBS FAMILY FUND
JODIE MUELLER FAMILY FUND
RIDE ON RILEY FUND
FRANK SCHLICK MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND
STANLEY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND
SKIP AND JILL THALER FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
JAMES AND ARLENE WRIGHT FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
JASON S. ZUNKER MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND

* Indicates a new fund was established during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
AGENCY FUNDS

Nonprofit agencies and organizations may establish Endowment Funds with the Foundation to serve the purposes of their organization into perpetuity. Grants are used to support their organization.

ALS SUPPORT GROUP OF NW WISCONSIN FUND
BEYOND BOOMERS CLASS REUNION ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND
CARING FOR FOREST HILL CEMETERY FUND
CHIPPEWA AREA MENTOR PROGRAM ENDOWMENT FUND
CHIPPEWA AREA MENTOR PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND
CHIPPEWA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ENDOWMENT 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 VOYAGER 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
COOK RUTLEDGE MANSION ENDOWMENT FUND
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND
LAKE WISSOTA STATE PARK ENDOWMENT FUND
NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIR ENDOWMENT FUND
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GILMAN ENGLES FUND
STANLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ENDOWMENT FUND
UNITED WAY OF THE GREATER CHIPPEWA VALLEY ENDOWMENT FUND
JOHN WILSON MUSIC ENDOWMENT FUND
**SEEDLING FUNDS**

A Seedling Fund is a vehicle that allows donors (or charitable and other tax-exempt organizations) to build a named fund now, then bring it to the endowed level over time with either lifetime or estate gifts. Creating a Seedling Fund is a great alternative for donors who want to build their charitable assets over time while meeting their philanthropic goals.

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**DIETMAR R. BRAUNE SEEDLING FUND**
To be determined; the family is working with the Community Foundation to establish the parameters of this fund.

**BRUNET ISLAND STATE PARK SEEDLING FUND**
Designated Fund; established in memory of Melvin and Betty Gosse, grants will support the quality of the park’s programs and will provide the little extras to park visitors that make their experience unique and special.

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY ADULT AND FAMILY LITERACY SEEDLING FUND**
Designated Fund; grants will be used by Literacy Volunteers – Chippewa Valley to provide services and programs supporting Chippewa County adult and family literacy.

**CHIPPEWA FALLS MAIN STREET SEEDLING FUND**
Agency Fund; distributions will support operations and programs of Chippewa Falls Main Street.

**ALL SAINTS PARISH, HOLY FAMILY CHURCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SEEDLING FUND**
Designated Fund; grants will be used to support the All Saints Parish, Holy Family Church in Stanley.

**JACK AND DOROTHY CHRISTENSEN FAMILY EDUCATION SEEDLING FUND**
Field of Interest Fund; grants will support a wide variety of educational efforts and programs.

**EUGENE AND JACOLYN CODY SEEDLING FUND**
Designated Fund; grants will support organizations of donor’s choice.

**CORNELL COMMUNITY FAMILY SEEDLING FUND**
Donor Advised Fund; grants will support nonprofit organizations that serve the Cornell community.

**JIM AND KRIS DIMOCK SEEDLING FUND**
Field of Interest; grants will support the area of education.

**LLOYD AND ARNETTA ECKES FAMILY SEEDLING FUND**
Designated Fund; grants will be designated to support Irvine Park. Initiated in memory of all former employees of Chippewa Shoe Company (1903-1984).
JAN AND JIM ESLINGER SEEDLING FUND
Unrestricted Fund; funds will be used for grant-making at the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

ROBERT “RUSTY” GILLES YOUTH AGRICULTURAL SEEDLING FUND
Field of Interest Fund; grants will support scholarships or grant awards to allow young adults to attend or participate in agricultural-related conferences, seminars, or training opportunities.

GREAT NORTHERN CORPORATION SEEDLING FUND *
Unrestricted; funds will be used for grant-making at the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

RICK AND HEATHER HUNT FAMILY SEEDLING FUND
Field of Interest Fund; grants will support programs for victims of domestic violence, especially children; extracurricular and academic activities/programs for grades 6 through 12; and legal assistance for the poor.

BOB AND CATH LEA SEEDLING FUND
Donor Advised Fund; grants will support organizations recommended by fund advisors.

MATTHEW (MOGEY) AND JENNIFER MCDONOUGH FAMILY SEEDLING FUND *
Designated Fund; the family is working with the Community Foundation to establish the parameters of this fund.

MCDOWELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEEDLING FUND
Donor Advised Fund; grants will support organizations recommended by fund advisors.

DENNIS AND CAROLE MICKESH SEEDLING FUND
To be determined; the family is working with the Community Foundation to establish the parameters of this fund.

NEW AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP SEEDLING FUND *
Designated Fund; grants will support scholarships for graduates from the New Auburn School District.

DAVID AND AMANDA SCHAFER FAMILY SEEDLING FUND
Designated Fund; grants will support organizations of donor’s choice.

ROLAND SHAURETTE MEMORIAL SEEDLING FUND
Designated Fund; grants will support organizations of donor’s choice.

MARY BETH AND DAVE SPOONER SEEDLING FUND
Designated Fund; grants will support organizations of donor’s choice.

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Zach Schmidtknecht views Great Northern Corporation's new seedling fund as an opportunity for employees to continue giving to their community beyond their terms of employment.

"Giving back to the community is what we are. It's been instilled in us by past generations of leaders, and it's now our responsibility to carry it forward," said Schmidtknecht, general manager of GNC’s Chippewa Falls plant, 421 Palmer Street.

Sarah Rogers, customer service manager at the plant, presented the idea of the Great Northern Corporation Seedling Fund to its GNC Cares committee. A former employee of the Community Foundation of Chippewa County, Rogers said the organization is responsible with funds and understands the community’s needs.

“We believe it is a good fit for us,” she said.

GNC is one of the nation’s largest independent producers of packaging and in-store displays. The Chippewa Falls plant has 260 employees.

The business already actively supports community organizations such as United Way, Junior Achievement, and ball teams as well as local events such as a concert night at Riverfront Park and food, clothing, Christmas toys, and school supplies drives, Schmidtknecht and Rogers said.

“We have determined that we would like it to serve the community as needed,” Rogers said, adding the fund is open to anyone who wants to make a donation.

Many of the plant’s employees live in Chippewa County, and the fund reaches out beyond Chippewa Falls to meet needs, she noted.

“I’m just excited to see it grow and (for) Great Northern to be part of this avenue of giving back to the community,” Rogers said.

GNC has committed $2,000 a year for the next five years to the unrestricted fund, which will be used for grant-making at the discretion of the Foundation’s board of directors.
PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

Pass-through funds are non-endowed funds that are established, usually for a short term, to receive gifts to be used for a specific purpose.

BLOOMER ATHLETIC COMPLEX DEVELOPMENT PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established for the construction, maintenance, continuation, and improvement of the complex.

CHIPPEWA AREA HISTORY CENTER PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to build a newly located Chippewa Area History Center in Chippewa Falls, WI.

CHIPPEWA FALLS AREA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BASEBALL FIELD PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to support improvements to the baseball field project.

CHIPPEWA FALLS YOUTH FOOTBALL PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to support expenses related to the youth football program.

CHIPPEWA STRIKERS YOUTH SOCCER COMPLEX PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established for constructing soccer fields at Hallie Park.

CHIPPEWA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ICE DREAMS PROJECT PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established for an addition onto the Ice Arena and other renovations benefiting the entire community and ice hockey/figure skating programs.

CONFLUENCE ARTS CENTER FUND
Established to support the construction of the Confluence Arts Center in Eau Claire.

CORNELL STACKER PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established for the painting and refurbishing of the pulp wood stacker in Mill Yard Park.

ERICKSON PARK PROJECT ON GLEN LOCH PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to build a special park to accommodate community members, of all abilities, who wish to fish from the shore.

F. & E. SIVERLING MEMORIAL TUTOR PROGRAM FUND
Established for the tutoring of students from the School District of Bloomer, outside of the school day, in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics.

IRVINE PARK PASS-THROUGH FUND (CAPITAL CAMPAIGN)
Established to support the Irvine Park Capital Campaign.

LAKE HOLCOMBE AREA PRIDE COMMITTEE PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established for the needs of the Lake Holcombe School District community.

LAKE WISSOTA STEWARDSHIP PROJECT PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to improve the water quality of Little Lake Wissota and Moon Bay of the Yellow River.

NORTHWESTERN BANK SCHOOL MINI-GRANT FUND
Established to provide mini grants to Chippewa County 3rd - 8th grade educators to fund innovative teaching, educational learning, and motivational projects or activities.

D.R. MOON MEMORIAL LIBRARY PASS-THROUGH FUND
Established to support renovation and expansion of the existing public library in Stanley.
NEW AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP SEEDLING FUND

With high school graduates facing the ever-increasing costs of post-secondary education, offering opportunity and financial assistance to students is an ideal many have but one that New Auburn School District is making a reality.

“We want to help students look to the future and let them know we can help meet the cost of their academic needs, a cost that is continually growing,” notes Brenda Scheil, AgriScience Instructor and FFA Advisor at New Auburn School District.

The New Auburn School District Scholarship Seedling Fund is a designated fund that will help graduates of the New Auburn School District who are pursuing post-secondary education. Recognizing that opportunities are not as prevalent in a small community, the fund, once endowed, has a goal of offering a scholarship to every student who plans to continue their education, especially students who may not be eligible for other scholarships. “New Auburn is a small community that only has so many dollars offered as grants. There are just not as many opportunities in such a small community,” says Scheil.

The Seedling Fund is beginning to flourish after being set up at the Community Foundation of Chippewa County. To encourage the community participation and honor those who contribute, donors are recognized with their name shown on The Legacy Tree display at the school. When asked about the display of donors, Scheil reflects “To look back and see the recognition tree, it reminds us that when we plant that seed, it grows into financial strength and shows the students we believe in them.” The tree also sparks interest and enthusiasm from alumni and local individuals, inspiring them to also donate and help the youth of the New Auburn community. “We’re creating a model that can educate students on the importance of paying it forward with the alumni setting an example for graduates to follow,” says Scheil.

Beyond offering scholarships, the fund is teaching all New Auburn students about the power of belief and building a community. “Projects like this increase the strength of community and working with The Foundation has shown that when a community comes together, we can do anything,” says Jerrett Kowalski, New Auburn School District School Counselor. The District has observed a positive spirit among students as they consider education beyond high school with excitement rather than hesitation.

Current students are viewing the pathways of former students and see them come back to donate. This is a lasting impression that will strengthen the New Auburn community and help grow the fund for generations.
SCHOLARSHIP PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

A Pass-through scholarship fund is for the benefit of donors who do not desire to establish a permanent scholarship fund but would like to give a one-time gift to be used for a scholarship award(s).

BLOOMER SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PASS-THROUGH FUNDS
Grants support scholarships for students from the Bloomer School District.

BLOOMER CHIROPRACTIC EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC AWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND
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CADOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PASS-THROUGH FUNDS
Grants support scholarships for students from the Cadott School District.

NEW AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PASS-THROUGH FUNDS
Grants support scholarships for students from the New Auburn School District.

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STANLEY-BOYD AREA DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PASS-THROUGH FUNDS
Grants support scholarships for students from the Stanley-Boyd Area School District.
With a strong sense of community and a vision for the future, it was natural for the Pickerign family to fulfill the community needs of generations to come by starting an unrestricted fund at the Community Foundation of Chippewa County (CFCC).

Bill and Nancy Pickerign were married for 59 years with the majority of those years spent in Chippewa Falls. They raised their five kids to have a strong sense of community. “Community was important, so important that Dad wouldn’t let us shop anywhere besides Chippewa Falls,” recalls Cindy Lee, Bill and Nancy’s daughter. “He always said, ‘If they don’t have it in Chippewa Falls, then we don’t need it.’”

Bill began his career as an agricultural teacher after graduating from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Eventually, his career pathway brought him into banking where he became the president of Northwestern Bank and served on the Federal Reserve Board. The values of community from Northwestern Bank paired perfectly with Bill and Nancy’s beliefs, leading to their first introduction of the CFCC.

“We have a field of interest fund that was started in 2007,” notes Kent Pickerign, son of Bill and Nancy. “Our family faced a tragedy that prompted many donations from surrounding communities. Northwestern Bank made us aware of CFCC just in its early stages, and we decided to start our first fund, The WANE Fire Safety and Prevention Endowment Fund, in memory of our brother’s wife and children.” Seeing their first fund grow to impact every school across Chippewa County proved how much can be accomplished for future generations.

“It’s all about the importance of community and supporting our community’s needs, both current needs and ones we don’t know are coming years from now,” says Nancy Pickerign. “CFCC has such a wide variety of uses for the funds and we thought it would be good for the Board to decide what gifts are granted, now and in the future.”

By leaving their legacy in this fund, future generations will be helped by Bill and Nancy’s community roots and vision for the future.
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Mark and Ursula Whelan
Dean and Betty White
Robert and Billie White
A wedding, retirement, anniversary, birthday, a special memory of an event or occasion or a person who touched your life are times when people can be honored with a gift to the Foundation. The following people were honored with a gift to the Foundation during our fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019.

Annabelle Abbe
Ruth Adix
Judi Akey
Jim Barnier
Jackie Bernier
Dean White’s Birthday
Jeff Buckli
Randall Buckli
Chippewa Falls Girl Scout Sisters
Patti Darley
Patti Darley’s Birthday
Marilyn Devine Family
Dr. Heidi Eliopoulos
Faith Ford
Joshua Gienapp receiving his Eagle Scout
Chad and Amanda Hable’s Wedding Anniversary
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Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Hebert
Eugene Hdrington
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Joanne Leonard
C.W. and Mary Ann King’s Anniversary
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Chuck Norseng
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Jane Schill
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Janelle Schlick
Desiree Sorenson
Mike Tzanakis
Sammy Vallejos Duque
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Susan Westbrook’s Birthday
Susan Westbrook
Steve and Barbara Wolenec

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BMO Harris Bank N.A. - Paul Salm
ITW Deltar Fasteners - Alan King
Mason Companies, Inc. - Dan and Linda Hunt
Mason Companies, Inc. - John Lubs
UnitedHealth Group - Erin Dewitz
W. K. Kellogg Foundation - Dan and Linda Seng

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Chi-Hi String Quartet
Duncan Creek Mfg., Inc.
Edward & Hannah M. Rutledge Charities
Mason Companies, Inc.
Seyforth’s Studio & Camera Shop
Wiley Law, SC
Wipfli, LLP
MEMORIALS

During times of great sorrow and times of great joy we look to honor those who will be forever dear to us. A gift in memory of a loved one contributes to a bright future while remembering our past. The following people were remembered with a Memorial Gift to the Foundation during our fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019.

Pat Ahneman
Julie Anderl
Wayne Anderson
Audree Ayres
Ila Mae Baker
Bob Bergquest
Mavis Berry
Delores Bichner
Oscar and Karine Bjork
The children of Oscar and Karine Bjork
Fred R. Bowe
Frances Bowe Scheidler
Robert H. Bowe
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Marc Brown
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Dolores Hebert
Eugene Hedrington
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Ron Henning
Harry Herr
Joie Hertzfeld
Haylee Hickle
Donna Hogseth
Harold H. Hunt
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John Johnston
Jayna Kelley
Lori Kleich
Jerry Kostick
Conrad Landsem
William J. (Bill) Larsen
Roland LeDuc
Florence Lindoo
Juanita Lueck
Patrick S. MacLean
Linda Maniquiz
Gerald Mann
Frank and Rose Manny
Francis G. Martell
Riley McCanna
Robert McKinley
Joanne McRoberts
John Ralph McQuillan
Hazel “Hess” Morrison
Jodie Mueller
Claire Ann Nelson
Bernita Newman
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Winefred J. Nicolai
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Patricia Quigley-Anderson
Carol J. Rauscher-Lien
Bennie Reich
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Meiko Rineck
Earl Schick
Sara Schick
Nancy Schuh
Joe See
Kathy Seilheimer
Charles and Sally Smith
Eileen Spice
Ted Sr. and Louise Strzok
Scott Swartz
Marvin Tanzer
June Vagt
Herb Vahlenkamp
Patricia Vatton
Virginia Wermund
Dick Wilhelm
Larry Willkom
Larry Wojtyna
June Young
Ronnie & Kathleen Zwiefelhofer
SOCIETIES

Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations dedicated to the long-term viability of our area have made a substantial commitment to the Community Foundation and the causes they care about. Their generosity exemplifies a philanthropic spirit of giving that will help ensure a solid future for our local communities and the Foundation.

FOUNDERS SOCIETY

Individuals who generously donated or pledged to secure the Foundation’s original operating funds.

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**HERITAGE SOCIETY**

Individuals who have created a permanent, named fund during their lifetime or have notified us that they have made provisions for the Community Foundation of Chippewa County in their will or estate plan. Bold indicates those welcomed in 2018-19.

Anonymous (3)
Judi and Wayne Akey
William and Helen Barnes
The family of Delores Barnier
Charles and Vonnie Bathke
Charles and Magdalen Bejin

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Dave and Ann Gordon
Sheldon and Ruth Gough
Gary and Pat Gray

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Dick and Karen Hebert
Jean and Tom Hebert
Nancy Hebert
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Jim and Melinda (Haun) Hohncke
Robert and Donna Hogseth
Peter and Sue Holm
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Bryan Huls
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Carey B. Kell
Tom and Pam Kell
Cheryl Kern-Simirenko
David and Ellen Kiefer
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Kevin and Lynda Koehn
Jane Lardahl
Dr. Robert and Cath Lea
Jake and Peg Leinenkugel
Estate of John William "Bill" Leinenkugel
William and Mary Lou Leinenkugel
Gary and Joanne Leonard
John A. Lubs
Kristi Lund
Tim and Meg MacLaughlin-Barck
Elaine Mann
Dan Masterpole and Kathy Lembezeder
Arlene and Gene Lopas
Dr. Terry and Kari McCanna

**Matthew (Mogey) and Jennifer McDonough**
Kathleen McLaughlin and Daryl Skobba
Dennis and Carole Mickesh
Gene and Carmen Mower
The family of Jodie Mueller
Mark and Marci Myrman
Ellen O’Neil and John O’Neil
Howard and Joanne Olson
William P. “Bill” Olson

Ardella Pecha

**Nancy and William Pickering Family**
Joyce Pugh (Pugh Family)
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Tom and Jaci Quigley
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Gerald Szama
David and Amanda Schafer

Dr. Paul Schaus
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The family of Frank “Frankie” Schlick
Georgiann Scritsmier
Darrin and Kim Senn
Greg Senn
Cindy Sesolak
Ingrid Shaurette
Carol Shepard
The family of the late Charles J. and Sally E. Smith
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Mary Beth and Dave Spooner
Rev Scott and Theresa Stai
Rich and Jan Stevens
Bert Swanson
Dr. Mahmoud Taman
Rita Tanzer
Skip and Jill Thaler
Shawn and Rebecca Thompson

**The Thorpe Family**
Bill and Sheila Volker
Dean and Betty White
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WIPFLI, LLP

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GRANTS
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019

Each year, Community Needs Grants are supported by a growing collection of Unrestricted and Field of Interest Funds in which donors have entrusted the Community Foundation with the decision-making in determining grant recipients based on the donors’ interests.

COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTS

Community Needs Grants are awarded to organizations serving Chippewa County. Grant funding supports: arts and culture, community development, education, environment and animal welfare, and health and human services. Below is a list of the nonprofits supported and the project that was funded:

BLOOMER NEW AUBURN FOOD PANTRY - WEEKEND KIDS MEALS
CARDINAL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER - OUTDOOR ED-VENTURE
CARDINAL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER - PARENT UNIVERSITY SERIES
CHIPPEWA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION - LAKE WISSOTA STEWARDSHIP PROJECT
CHIPPEWA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - LIBRARY COMPUTER PROJECT
CHIPPEWA COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION - MOTIK MICROSCOPE
CHIPPEWA COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL - STOP AND THINK EVIDENCE BASED PROGRAMS
CHIPPEWA FALLS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB - ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM ENRICHMENT PROJECT
CHIPPEWA FALLS MAIN STREET - FLOWER BEAUTIFICATION
CHIPPEWA FALLS MISSION COALITION - LIGHTEN THE LOAD LAUNDRY ASSISTANCE PROJECT
CHIPPEWA HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP - INFANT MENTAL HEALTH
CHIPPEWA VALLEY CULTURAL ASSOCIATION - EXPANDED SENIOR FRIENDLY PROGRAMMING
CHIPPEWA VALLEY FAMILY YMCA - TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO SWIM
CHIPPEWA VALLEY FREE CLINIC – EXPANDING CHIPPEWA VALLEY FREE CLINIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
CHIPPEWA VALLEY VINEYARD CHURCH - FOOD PANTRY IMPROVEMENTS
CHIPPEWA FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT - THIRD GRADE FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY PROGRAM
COMMUNITIES UNITED IN EDUCATION, INC - GENERATIONS JOINED
D.R. MOON LIBRARY - LITTLE TYKES STORYTIME AND ADULT CREATE IT PROGRAM
RIVER SOURCE FAMILY CENTER-CHIPPEWA FALLS GROUP CONNECTIONS
FEED MY PEOPLE FOOD BANK - SMILES FOR SENIORS – EMERGENCY FOOD BOXES
GIRLS ON THE RUN OF CHIPPEWA VALLEY - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Founded in 1976 with a mission to spread the love of gardening while promoting horticultural and environmental practices that encourage conservation, the Lake Wissota Garden Club (LWGC) seemed like the perfect choice to plant a few flowers in Irvine Park. It was in 2009 when LWGC was given $250 from the Native Tree Project volunteers and tasked with this project. Club members laid out paths that were naturally there from foot traffic, dug plants from their yards and bought flats to add to the open space. Since then, seven flower beds have been identified in the half-acre space that has come to be known as the Irvine Park Wildflower Sanctuary.

Realizing seven beds is too much at one time, the LWGC formed a long-range plan for the sanctuary in 2015-2016. This plan identified beds with the most potential and members began to focus on three main beds. “The recent additions started in the Spring of 2017 when we identified the flowers we wanted to keep and removed what we didn’t. We laid newspaper and mulched the bare spaces,” say Ginger Wierman, member of the LWGC. “We were really energetic but only got half of one bed done. It just took so much more time than we thought.”

In 2018, the LWGC completed the second half of the bed and covered 760 square feet of another bed with plastic in preparation for 2019. They also applied for a grant from the Community Foundation of Chippewa County to help with the project. In May of 2019, they uncovered the prepped bed, put in eight layers of newspaper, 127 bags of mulch and 274 native plants. The grant has helped The Club add to the flower count of the project, bringing the total to 120 varieties that bloom until the frost comes, with one flower that will bloom through the snow.

“We want to demonstrate to visitors that you can grow native Wisconsin flowers in shade and part shade,” says Wierman. “Whether you prefer a random layout like how you would find it in the woods, how Mother Nature would allow plants to spread, or if you prefer to design a home garden with paths and pockets of flowers around your landscape, each of these beds inspire people to incorporate native plants into their gardens.”

Before each work session, Club members take a walk of the garden to view the blooming flowers as a reward for their hard work. Beds that were cleaned in 2017 have plants that are just spreading now. The Club hopes to finish the three beds by the end of 2021. “Gardening keeps you going. It keeps you young,” claims Wierman.

"Like an oak tree, we are planting for the future."
LAKE HOLCOMBE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY THEATER - SOUND SYSTEM
LAKE HOLCOMBE SCHOOL DISTRICT - MINNESOTA SCIENCE MUSEUM FIELD TRIP
LAKE WISSOTA GARDEN CLUB - IRVINE PARK NATIVE WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY
LEGACY COMMUNITY CENTER - MEET ME AT AGNES’ TABLE
LEGACY COMMUNITY CENTER - STOCK THE CLOSET
LITERACY CHIPPEWA VALLEY - CORRECTIONS EDUCATION FUNDING
MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - C-PEN EXAM READER
MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR A FAMILY IN NEED
OPEN DOOR CLINIC - CPR CERTIFICATION
OPEN DOOR CLINIC - PATIENT EDUCATION
PARKS, RECREATION, FORESTRY DEPARTMENT - FLOWERS AT CHIPPEWA RIVERFRONT PARK
ST. FRANCESCA RESOURCE CENTER - HEALTHY FAMILIES NUTRITION INITIATIVE
STANLEY AREA FOOD PANTRY - WEEKEND KIDS MEAL PROGRAM
THRESHOLD SINGERS OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY - TABLETS FOR BEDSIDE SINGERS
WORKFORCE RESOURCE - DISH IT UP-CULINARY ACADEMY

NORTHERN BANK SCHOOL MINI-GRANT FUND

Because of Northwestern Bank’s generosity, Mini-Grants are available to Chippewa County 3rd - 8th grade educators to fund innovative teaching, educational learning, and motivational projects or activities. The following schools benefited from the Northwestern Bank School Mini-Grant Fund:

CADOTT ELEMENTARY - ARTIST & ART HISTORY BOOK COLLECTION
CHIPPEWA FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL - TUNING FOR ALL
CHIPPEWA FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL – PROJECT BASED LEARNING - ROBOTICS
CHIPPEWA FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL VOYAGERS - COMFORTING OUR COMMUNITY – FIDGET BLANKETS
CORNELL ELEMENTARY - CLASSROOM ECONOMY SYSTEM
HALMSTAD ELEMENTARY - FLEXIBLE SEATING FOR THE ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM
HALMSTAD ELEMENTARY - STUDENT AMBASSADORS
HOLY GHOST ELEMENTARY - PLANT EXPLORATION
JIM FALLS ELEMENTARY - UKULELE PROJECT
LAKE HOLCOMBE SCHOOL - MIGHTIER KIDS
NOTRE DAME MIDDLE SCHOOL - CARE & SHARE
PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY - PRACTICING MINDFULNESS IN SCHOOL
ST. PETER SCHOOL TILDEN - REPLENISHING THE CLASSROOM LIBRARY
STANLEY BOYD ELEMENTARY - MAKING AUTHORS
Open Door Clinic provides basic healthcare services and information about community resources for those who lack insurance or adequate healthcare coverage. The clinic feels strongly about people knowing what to do in an emergency. The clinic coordinator Jill Cooper says, “You never know when you’ll use it.”

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Chippewa County Humane Association

Eager to explore, a black kitten mews and crawls up the walls of a cage in Jess Crosby’s office. It lives with 149 cats, 23 dogs, and two rabbits at the shelter in rural Chippewa Falls. Manager Jess Crosby explained, “The goal is to send animals to good homes in good health.”

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“Last year the shelter made 700 adoptions. Having the microscope ensures that every animal leaves with the best care,” Crosby estimated the equipment has saved the shelter $1,000 in nearly six months of use. “The money saving is huge because we strictly run on donations,” Crosby said, noting the shelter receives no state or county funding.

“The grants provided an amazing opportunity to meet specific needs.”

“Every penny in the 2019 budget of $263,000 is pretty much accounted for to keep the shelter up and running,” she said. The organization conducts fundraisers for unexpected expenses such as a C-section for a dog and amputations for cats injured by cars. The Community Foundation has previously awarded the shelter grants for washing machines, security cameras, and mold removal.
GIRLS ON THE RUN OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY

An after school activity that empowers girls to be healthy, joyful and confident while creatively integrating running is what Girls on the Run of the Chippewa Valley (GOTR-CV) offers hundreds of girls at more than 20 schools throughout the Chippewa Valley.

Along with empowering girls through running, the GOTR organization is committed to being accessible and inclusive to all girls, no matter their background, physical capability or any other potential barrier, which is why financial assistance is offered to every single girl in need who wants to participate. “We applied for the grant with the Community Foundation of Chippewa County (CFCC) in order to fund our Financial Assistance Program, especially as we expand into rural communities with greater financial needs,” says Ellie Siedow, Executive Director of GOTR-CV. “The granted funding will help offer all girls from Chippewa County, regardless of their financial situation, the opportunity to participate in our life-changing youth development program.” The program uses trained coaches to teach intentional curriculum that places an emphasis on developing competence, confidence, connection, character, caring and contribution in young girls through lessons that incorporate physical activities, such as running.

GOTR-CV has served hundreds of girls over its 12 years in the community with a recent and ongoing Program Expansion Initiative that has started successful teams in surrounding rural communities. Scholarships are not merit-based and families who face financial struggles are not asked to jump through extra administrative hoops to receive assistance. “By providing funding to support our Financial Assistance Program, this grant has enhanced our ability to fulfill our mission of empowering every girl to reach her limitless potential and boldly pursue her dreams,” says Siedow.

The Financial Assistance Program and the grant for the 2019 season ensured all girls in grades 3-8 throughout the Chippewa Valley had the opportunity to participate in this activity-based positive youth development program, even those who would not otherwise have had the chance. “Smaller nonprofits like ours rely on the support of our local foundations as we work to empower girls to be healthy, joyful and confident,” states Siedow.
LAKE HOLCOMBE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY THEATER

Building friendships and connecting young people with community members is the heart of the Lake Holcombe Community Theater (LHCT). This connection reaches beyond Lake Holcombe, connecting neighboring communities as cast members travel from Bruce, Ladysmith, Jump River, Bloomer, Cadott, and Cornell to participate. “In small communities, the school is the hub, so basing the theater there and inviting the community in, we reinforce the fact that the school is part of the community,” says Melissa Wojcik, Assistant Director of LHCT. “We want the community to come in and be a part of the school to unify all the communities people come from.”

LHCT has been connecting communities and producing annual shows since 1974 with participants ranging from 9-years-old to 80-years-old. Over the years, the theater grew and shows became larger but they never had enough microphones for the entire cast. The grant from the Community Foundation helped fund additional microphones, doubling their current lot. This helped complete the technical work early on and allowed the cast to practice with the microphones. “It’s hard when a cast puts in so much time and effort, there is so much talent, and they put it out there and the audience can’t hear it,” notes Wojcik. “For a musical, sound is critical and it was seamless this year. The mics helped make it one of the best, if not the best show we have ever done.”

Planning for a production begins in January with auditions in March and rehearsals starting in April. “We are very fortunate to have a lot of talented people who are willing to work hard and be here long hours, and parents willing to bring their kids,” notes Wojcik. “On opening night when the curtain opens, they are singing and acting, the pit is playing, and there is a full gym of people in the audience -- all of that hard work comes together.”

The ability to test and practice with the sound equipment earlier was key in the quality of the musical. This aided in less microphone changes and confusion among the more than 50 cast members. “We are grateful for anyone willing to help make our jobs easier,” says Beth Meddaugh, Director of LHCT. “We really are doing this for the kids and the community. Anything that can help make that better, there is no way to say thank you enough times. This is not an easy task, it is exhausting, long, and emotional. We are so appreciative of any help we get.”
WAYS TO GIVE

We invite you to make a lasting investment in our community.

The Community Foundation of Chippewa County provides a simple, effective, and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of tools to help you achieve your charitable goals. You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets to the Foundation. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law.

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You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets to the Community Foundation of Chippewa County. Your charitable gift qualifies for tax advantage under federal law. Gifts can be made to any of our existing funds in memory or honor of loved ones.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST
You can place cash, securities or property into a trust that pays a fixed amount to the Community Foundation for the number of years you select. Once this period ends, the assets held by the trust are transferred to the beneficiaries you name. In some cases, you receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.

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You can make the Community Foundation a full or partial beneficiary of your life insurance policy or retirement account. This is an easy way to make a legacy gift without modifying your will. Upon your death, your gift is placed into a charitable fund of your choosing.

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You can place cash, securities or property in a trust that pays annual income to you (or another named beneficiary) for life. After your death, the remainder of the trust transfers to the Community Foundation and is placed into a charitable fund you have selected. You receive income tax benefits the year you establish your trust.

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You can designate a gift or portion of your estate to the Community Foundation and, in some cases, receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.

CREATE A FUND
We will work with you to create a fund that is tailored to your interests and that will accomplish your goals. Our options are flexible. Your fund can broadly benefit the community or focus on specific issues or organizations. You can establish and build your fund in the ways that work best for your financial and estate plans.
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSTITION  (JUNE 30, 2019 & 2018)

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES*  (YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**)

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***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.