

2017 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

Impacting the Community for 30 Years



One vision. Many paths.

**YOU MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
WE MAKE IT EASIER**

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I look back on 2017 I can't help but smile at all the Winona Community Foundation accomplished. We did make an impact in many different areas of Winona and that is what we are all about.

In 2017, we remained consistent in awarding unrestricted grants in amount is well over \$1 million dollars as done in the past. With nearly 97% going directly to programs that provide services to residents of Winona and surrounding communities, we can be proud.

In line with meeting the needs of the community, the board of directors, on occasion, are challenged and entrusted with very large decisions as they work diligently on meeting the request of funds that are set-up for future philanthropic passions. The Lyndon & Jennie Pierce Family Education fund is the perfect example on how the Foundation holds true to the requests made when a fund is established to meet the families original intentions. Washington-Kosciusko Elementary School and Ready Set School both benefited greatly from the Pierce family's foresight and desire to invest in the future of educational needs. From large to small funds, adhering to the directions of the fund advisors is always the goal at the Foundation.

We are happy to report that the community grants from the general fund also spent every dollar that was available in 2017. That accomplishment didn't stop with the funding provided in 2017, but the board took a hard look at the direction the community would like to see the Foundation poise themselves in the future. In the close of 2017 the board decided to triple the amount available for community grants in 2018. We are not just looking to increase grant dollars available for one year but envision the future of the Foundation to grow in many different directions. These exciting accomplishments and so many more would not have been made possible if not for the fantastic Board of Directors and many fund advisors that I am so fortunate to work with. Please take a moment to learn more about all the Winona Community Foundation can do for you!

Thank you for your support. We wouldn't be where we are without you.

Sincerely,
Jeni Arnold
Executive Director

BOARD MEMBERS

PAST & PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS *2017 Board Members in Bold & Pictured*

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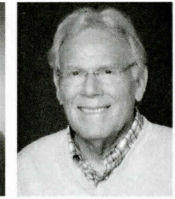
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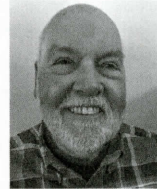
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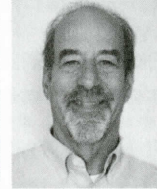
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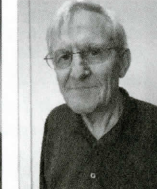
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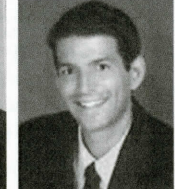
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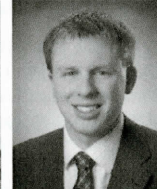
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Secretary



Tom Wynn

Washington-Kosciusko Elementary School Receives Grant for Readiness Gap Early Learning Program

The Winona Community Foundation (WCF) is always interested in capturing and sharing the stories of our donors and grant recipients. In 2017 the Winona Community Foundation entered into a multiple year commitment to be distributed from the Lyndon & Jennie Pierce Family Education Fund. This award was given to Washington-Kosciusko Elementary School for the development of an education readiness program.

“The goal of school readiness efforts is to support ALL children entering, in this case kindergarteners, with the skills, knowledge, health, and attitude to be successful life-long learners.” said Dawn Lueck, Washington-Kosciusko Principal.

“We are grateful to be the financial recipient of a family’s vision to support early learning education in Winona. Our development and implementation of this program will help fill the readiness gap and create pathways for success in early learning for every child.”

The Pierce family had a vision and WCF created a pathway to make sure their grant was awarded to address some of the community’s most pressing needs, including early learning education readiness.

At the core, WCF is an organization created with donations from generous people committed to local causes and work hard to match the vision and the need. The Board recognized a great match in helping grant Washington-Kosciusko Elementary School funds to hire personnel to create this needed early learning program.

The Lyndon & Jennie Pierce family established their giving program through the Winona Community Foundation. Their benevolent planning was part of their estate plan and through the direction of the Winona Community Board of Directors, the funds reached directly into the Winona education community.

While we tend to think there is no way I could do something like that, the truth is that, year after year, the vast majority of American charitable giving is actually the sum of individual, every day gifts from far-less-affluent individuals. According to **Giving USA**, individuals in the United States in 2016 accounted for about 72 % of the \$390 billion in overall charitable giving.

An important part of the Winona Community Foundation’s mission is realized through awarding grants to meet the ever-changing needs of the community.

VISION & MISSION

Inspired by the area’s rich tradition of generosity, the Winona Community Foundation strengthens our community through philanthropy.

VISION STATEMENT

The Winona Community Foundation will foster a healthy, dynamic community where all people have the opportunity to enhance the quality of their lives and the lives of others.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Winona Community Foundation improves the quality of life in the Winona area by:

- Educating the public about the practice of philanthropy and its benefits both to donors and to the community
- Connecting people with charitable intent and resources with organizations and causes that can advance the public good
- Gathering, preserving and stewarding philanthropic resources
- Collaborating with other charitable organizations
- Serving as a catalyst for selected community initiatives
- Making grants to projects and causes that address both the needs and the opportunities present in the community

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE WINONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION,

It has been my honor to serve the Winona Community Foundation as Chairperson of the board of directors this year. It was an exciting time for the Foundation because thanks to Lyndon and Jennie L. Pierce who left us a generous legacy gift, we were able to make the largest two grants in our history.

The board used a competitive process to follow the Pierce's wishes to fund education programs. The beneficiaries were Ready Set School for their efforts to equip schoolchildren for the classroom in 2018, and Winona Area Public Schools for a literacy intervention system designed to close the achievement gap and bring all kindergartners at Washington-Kosciusko school up to grade level literacy targets. This grant will be given over three years provided that the program reaches its objectives each year.

This year the Foundation also established a program to match new and increased investments to donor advised funds. This innovation will provide our donors old and new with greater philanthropic opportunities.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our outgoing board members: Vicki Decker, Joan Greshik, Ann Lavine and Ryan Ping and all of our board members for their wise input, active participation and dedicated service during this very eventful year. These are definitely individuals who believe in our mission to make grants that address both the needs and opportunities in Winona.

I am so pleased to welcome Beau Van Beek as the new Chairperson of the board. Beau has already proven his wisdom and dedication and the Foundation will flourish under his leadership.

Finally, on behalf of the board I extend heartfelt thanks to all of our donors and fund advisors who together with our nonprofit partners and staff Jeni Arnold and Steve Smith work together to make Winona a better place.

Most Sincerely,
Kelley Olson
2017 Winona Community Foundation Chairperson



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31:

ASSETS

	2017	2016
Cash and other current assets	342	8,381
Pledges receivable	-	-
Remainder trusts receivables	-	192,473
Investments	14,147,992	13,070,018
Other assets	2,273	3,123
Total assets	\$14,150,607	\$13,273,995

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	13,401	13,226
Grants Payable	26,486	360
Total liabilities	\$39,887	\$13,586

NET ASSETS

General	1,366,502	1,125,744
Restricted or designated	12,744,218	12,134,665
Total net assets	\$14,110,720	\$13,260,409
Total liabilities and net assets	\$14,150,607	\$13,273,995

Support, Revenue & Expenditures as of December 31:

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Contributions	1,334,241	1,427,424
Investment earnings (losses)	1,554,583	769,077
Other revenue	260,759	279,096
Total support and revenue	\$3,149,583	\$2,475,597

EXPENDITURES

Community General Fund grants	27,903	32,328
Advised grants	1,348,141	1,228,224
Total grants	\$1,376,044	\$1,260,552

Operations and investment expense	923,229	560,150
Total expenditures	\$2,299,273	\$1,820,702

Excess of revenue (expenditures)	\$850,310	\$654,895
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Net assets at beginning of year	\$13,260,410	\$12,605,515
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Net assets at end of year	\$14,110,720	\$13,260,410
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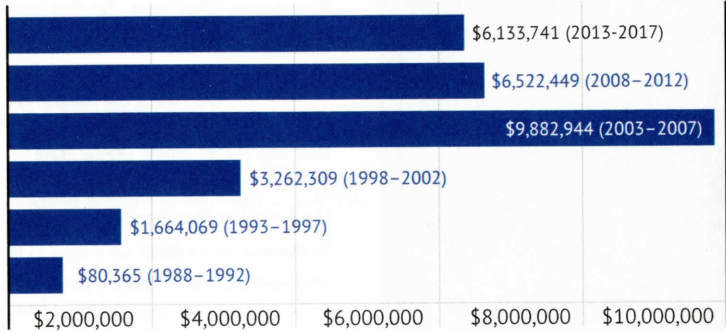
*The above limited financial information is un-audited.
Complete audited financial statements are available at the Foundation's office.

HISTORIC IMPACT & GROWTH CHART

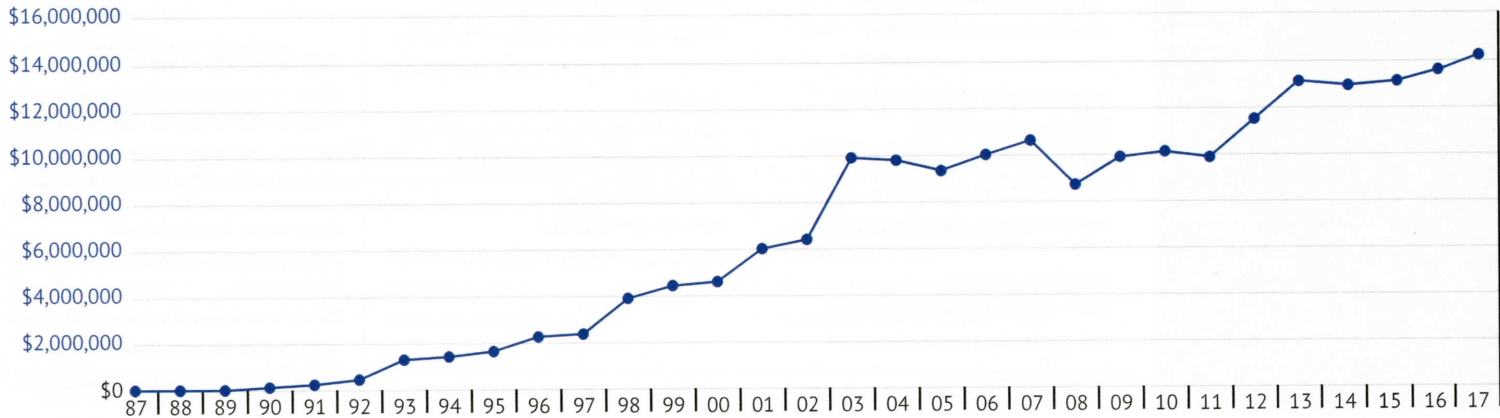
PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

As the Winona Community Foundation (WCF) looks to the future, it works to manage overall assets wisely and professionally, while still maintaining sufficient resources to support a variety of community organizations. Working with the advisors, WCF maps out the future to ensure the growth of assets, as well as donor education about the value of using WCF as a vehicle for long-term community charitable goals.

ADVISED GRANTS FROM 1988 - 2017: \$27,545,877



NET ASSETS FROM 1987 - 2017



TOOLS FOR CHARITABLE GIFT PLANNING

Charitable Bequest - Creates a legacy provision in your will

Gift of Retirement Plans - Avoids potential double taxation

Gift of Life Insurance - Ensures a convenient and flexible way to give

Donor-Advised Fund - Provides maximum tax benefits and grant making flexibility

Charitable Gift Annuity - Provides lifetime income

Gift of Securities - Offers triple tax benefits

Charitable Remainder Trust - Increases income and bypasses capital gains taxes



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FOUNDATION FUNDS

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

Donors make charitable gifts into a named fund at the Winona Community Foundation. Over time, funding recommendations are made to the Foundation's Board for grants to qualified non-profit organizations.

Anonymous (5) Funds

Daniel and Jennifer Arnold Family Fund *

Dave and Muriel Arnold Family Fund

Ted and Patti Biesanz Family Fund

Steve and Ann Blue Fund

Brosnahan Family Fund

Gerry Cichanowski Family Fund

Mike and Linda Cichanowski Family Fund

Dahl Automotive Fund

William and Judith Davis Fund

Mark Deter Memorial Fund

Chuck and Laura Eddy Family Fund ~

John and Susan Eddy Family Fund

Phil Feiten Family Fund

Robert and Erika Gilbertson Fund ~

Helen Leaf Haun Family Fund

Harland P and Pauline G Knight Family Fund

Jean Knutzen Fund

Dale E and Linda K Kukowski Fund

Bob and Debbie Leaf Family Fund *

Langenau Legacy Fund ~

Leonard Lopez Memorial Fund

Mia Martin Fund

Elmer and Louis Mattila Family Fund

Thomas E and Leone J Mauszycki Fund

Jeremy and Janel Miller Family Fund

Mr. Morris Extra Chance Fund

Papenfuss Family Fund

JC and Arlene Pfeiffer Fund

REACH Fund

Dan and Pat Rukavina Family Fund

Stephen and Barbara Slaggie Family Fund

Charles R and Marie S Smith Family Fund

Thern Fund

Dan and Shelley Trainor III Family Fund

John and Caer Vitek Family Fund

Winona Agency Fund

Joyce Woodworth Fund

Thomas and Barbara Wynn Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

These Funds are established to provide support an individual student's education beyond high school. From medicine to golf, scholarship donors may select their Fund's focus, all while supporting a student's dream of a better future. Grants are awarded based on an established set of criteria evaluated by independent committees.

Gomez Montessori Scholarship Fund

Bruce McNally Family Scholarship Fund

Morrie Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jack Radar Scholarship Fund

Rotary Ambassadorial Visitor Fund

Rottinghaus Company Scholarship Fund *

Brianna Grace Vitek Scholarship Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

When making a donation to a designated Fund the donor advises the Foundation to pay available grant dollars to a specific named organization or project.

Clara Barton Red Cross Fund

Friends and Deborah Miller Kanaber Library Fund

Rotary International Service Fund

Winona Area Hospice Endowment Fund

Winona Area Track & Field Project Fund

SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

These Funds support a separate charitable organization that attaches itself to the Community Foundation and enjoys the favorable public charity status of the Foundation.

BK5K Youth Fund	Nordic Ski Club of Winona Fund
Community Fund	Randy Schenkat Human Development Fund
Dive and Rescue of Winona Fund	Steamboat Days of Winona Fund
Early Childhood Initiative Fund	Winona Area Toys for Kids Fund
Engage Winona *	
Friends of the Drug Court of Winona County Fund *	Winona Park Development Fund
Frozen River Film Festival Fund	• Winona Park Development – Dog Park
High Wagon Bridge Restoration Fund	• Winona Park Development – Sobieski Park
Homer Civic Association Fund	• Winona Park Development – Every Child's Dream
Maggy Jacqumin Performing Arts Fund ~	Winona Sister Cities Fund
Pete Kuklinski Jr. Golf Fund	World Fair Fund
Landon We-Noh-Na Fountain Fund	
Live at the Levee Fund	
Masonic Temple Restoration Fund	

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

These Funds allow donors to target their gift to reflect a passion for a particular cause or area of interest. The Foundation makes grants from these Funds to support the most appropriate projects within that prescribed area of interest.

Connect People to Nature Fund	Flatlander Speed Society Fund
Dental Access Fund	Goodfellows Fund
Emergency Assistance Fund	Ready Set School Fund

AGENCY FUNDS

These Funds enable other non-profit organizations to establish their own long-term fund at the Foundation. The Foundation handles the investment and management of the assets, distributing the earnings back to these agencies for their general purposes.

Big Brother Big Sister Fund
Polish Cultural Institute & Museum Fund -
Rushes Wilderness Foundation Fund
Margaret Simpson Home Fund dba Family & Children's Center
St Charles Area Hospice Endowment
United Way of Greater Winona Endowment Fund ~
Winona Community Foundation
• Jack and Sue Cornwell Memorial Fund
• Donna Helble Fund *
• Founders Fund
• Thomas H Laken Admin Endowment Fund
• Wilmer L and Beverly A Larson Fund
• Lyndon and Jennie L Pierce Educational Fund *
Winona County Developmental Achievement Fund
Winona Senior Friendship Center Fund
Winona Volunteer Services Fund

The funds represented in this report reflect only those who have authorized the Foundation to publish the name of their fund and excludes the funds who have requested to remain anonymous

These funds may be endowed or pass-through.

- An ENDOWED FUND is one in which the principal is kept intact and only a certain amount of the earnings are available each year for granting purposes. Donors may require that the principal remain intact in perpetuity, for a defined period of time, or until sufficient assets have been accumulated to achieve a designated purpose.
- A PASS-THROUGH FUND is one in which the fund advisor may grant out of the principal

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* fund was opened in 2017

^ seed fund opened in 2017

~ fund was closed in 2017

2017 ADVISED GRANTS

2017 Advised Grants Total
\$1,376,043

The vast majority of funding made available through the Winona Community Foundation to local and other non-profits is initiated at the request of donors who have various funds with the Foundation.

35%.....	Human Service
22%.....	Education
15%.....	Athletics
9%.....	Religious
7%.....	Other
7%.....	Civic
5%.....	Arts
2%.....	Health



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ARTS

Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps	
Commonweal Theatre Company	
Frozen River Film Festival	
Great River Review	
Great River Shakespeare Festival	
Mid West Music Fest	
Minnesota Beethoven Festival	
Minnesota Marine Art Museum	
Parallel 45 Inc	
Polish Cultural Institute of Winona	
Theatre du Mississippi	
Wally Russell Foundation	
Winona Arts Center	
Winona Dakota Unity Alliance	
Winona Oratorio Chorus	
Arts Grants Total	\$69,669

ATHLETIC

American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation	
Central Cross Country Ski Association	
Challenged Athletes Foundation	
Morrie Miller Athletic Foundation	
Texas Oilman's Charity Invitational Fishing Tournament	
Winona Area Mountain Bikers	
Winona Family YMCA	
Winona State Warrior Club	
YMCA Camp Olson	
Athletic Grants Total	\$383,750

CIVIC

American Huey 369 Inc	
Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce	
CASA of the Fox Cities	
City of Winona	
Denver Rescue Mission	
Elder Network	
Goodview Activity Group	
North Liberty Community Pantry	
Oxfam America	
Pickwick Mill Inc	
Safe America Foundation	
Saint Mary's Cemetery of Winona	
Salvation Army	
UNICEF	
Winona County Historical Society	
Winona HIMS of Winona	
Winona Volunteer Services	
Civic Grants Total	\$61,237

EDUCATION

Barton Community College	
Berklee College of Music	
Bluffview Montessori School	
Catholic Schools Foundation of Winona	
Cotter Schools	
De La Salle Blackfeet School	
Dordt College	
Dowling Catholic High School	
Drake University	
Fort Hays State University	
Gustavus Adolphus College	
Highland Community College	
Hope Lutheran High School	

John XXIII Educational Center
 Johnson County Community College
 Junior Achievement - Upper Midwest
 Kansas State University
 Lewiston / Altura Public Schools
 Marquette University
 Minnesota Public Radio
 Minnesota State College - SE Tech Foundation
 Missouri Southern State University
 Missouri State University
 Missouri Western State University
 North Dakota State University
 Ridgeway Community Association
 Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
 Shirley M Wright Memorial Library
 Twin Cities Public Television
 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
 University of Missouri - Columbia
 University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
 University of Wisconsin - Stout
 Western Wisconsin Technical College
 Winona Area Catholic Schools
 Winona Area Catholic Schools Foundation
 Winona Area Public Schools
 Winona Area Public Schools - WECL Account
 Winona Area Public Schools Foundation
 Winona Public Library
 Winona Senior High School
 Winona State University
 Winona State University - Admissions
 Winona State University Foundation
 Yinghua Academy

Education Grants Total *\$271,647*

HEALTH

Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders
 Arthritis Foundation, North Central Chapter
 Asperger's / Autism Network Inc
 Hubbard House

Live Well Winona
 Manitou
 Ronald Mc Donald House
 Saint Anne Foundation
 St Jude Children's Research Hospital
 St. Charles Area Hospice
 Winona Area Hospice Services
 Winona Health Foundation

Donor Advised Health Grants Total *\$11,846*

HUMAN SERVICE

American Red Cross - Winona County Chapter
 Apple Tree Dental
 Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Greater Winona
 Birthright
 Bluff County Family Resources
 Catholic Charities USA
 Family and Children's Center
 Food for the Poor Inc
 Habitat For Humanity
 Home and Community Options
 Samaritan's Purse
 SE MN Resource Center
 SEMCAC
 St Elizabeths Hospital of Wabasha
 United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley
 Whole Kids Outreach
 Winona County DAC
 Winona ORC Industries Inc
 Winona Senior Friendship Center Activity Council
 Winona Volunteer Services
 Womens Resource Center of Winona

Human Service Grants Total *\$197,381*

RELIGIOUS

Adventures in Missions Inc
 Basilica of St Stanislaus Kostka Church
 Boston Minstrel Company

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
 Catholic Charities - Winona Diocese
 Catholic Foundation of Southern MN
 Central Lutheran Church
 Desiring God Disabilities Ministries
 Diocese of Winona
 Diocese of Winona Foundation
 Goodview Trinity Lutheran Church WELS
 Hope Community Church
 Hope Harbor Ministries
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
 Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
 Pleasant Valley Church
 Redeemer Lutheran Preschool
 Saint Patricks Cathedral
 School Sisters Notre Dame
 SON Ministries
 St Clare of Assisi Parish
 St Martin's School
 St Mary's Catholic Church
 Still Harbor

Religious Grants Total *\$148,749*

UNCLASSIFIABLE

Boy Scouts of America
 Boy Scouts of America - Northern Tier
 Boy Scouts of America Troop 13
 Grants to Other Funds
 Heifer International
 Minnesota Elks Youth Camp
 Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness
 Schwab Charitable
 Winona Area Humane Society
 Winona Park & Recreation
 Women's Foundation of Minnesota
 Yosemite Conservancy

Unclassifiable Grants Total *\$231,766*

2017 GENERAL FUND GRANTS

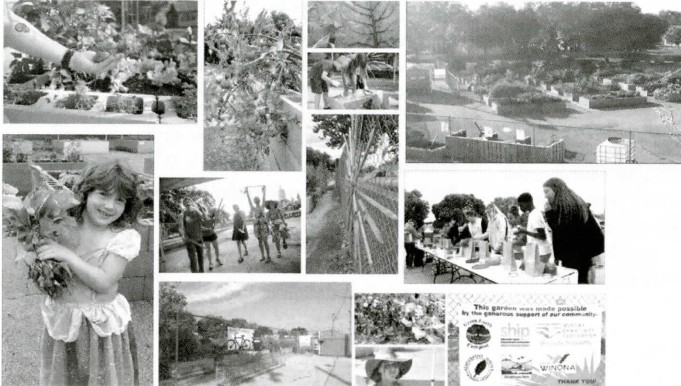
When you give to the Community Fund, your gifts are combined with the gifts of others and invested for the long-term, where the gifts continue to grow. The Community Fund is flexible and far reaching because it is not restricted to a certain cause or interest. All nonprofits of Winona can apply for these grant dollars.

Habitat for Humanity "A Brush with Kindness" will fund 30 homes that need critical repair. The families with limited incomes benefit with increased home durability, safety, and pride. It has been proven communities thrive through neighborhood revitalization.

Cotter Schools Theater Department recognized with the growth in participation and the amount of productions held at Cotter and other venues in the community, additional microphones were needed.

Winona Parks & Recreation created a successful 50 plot community garden built at the East End Recreation Center. This provided a space for people to grow and eat their own produce, make community connection, and support a healthy lifestyle.

Community Garden



Elder Network provided a variety of educational events on aging topics for the general public. The program also provides caregiver coaching and facilitated supports groups.

Mindfulness / Manitou provide mind – body health and wellness training and programming for Winona-area children and adults so they can better care for their own mental, emotional and physical wellbeing.



Mindfulness Class Grant

Catholic Charities support a community warming center that provides overnight shelter for homeless adults. This program is seven day a week facility staffed by community volunteers.

Great River Shakespeare Festival (GRSF) increased community connectedness and well-being of local populations who are traditional underrepresented in arts participation. GRSF worked with local social service organizations to provide tickets as needed.

Big Brothers Big Sisters implemented a new structured marketing and outreach program to attract more big brothers and big sisters in Winona. The goal is to have stronger relationships with workplaces, schools, community organizations, and general public to create more mentor matches in Winona.

Stay Active and Independent (SAIL) / CC of Winona purchased exercise equipment to support an increased demand in participation in the free exercise program. This volunteer-led exercise program is proven to enhance the health and social connectedness of older adults.



SAIL /CC of Winona

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Funds may be created to support philanthropic goals now, or to benefit the community in the future. The Legacy Society of the Winona Community Foundation recognizes people who have provided for future gifts to the community through bequests, charitable trusts, charitable gift annuities or life insurance.

Those individuals who have qualified in the past or currently have agreed to be listed as members of the Legacy Society include:

Erika & Robert Gilbertson

Nancy & Mark Kristensen

Dr. Thomas E. & Leone J. Mauszycki

Jennie L. & Lyndon Pierce

Judy & Charles Shepard, M.D.

FOUNDERS FUND

The Founders Fund was created to honor all of the individuals who planted the seed for the start of Winona Community Foundation in the 1980s. This endowed fund awards dollars to a local non-profit chosen in the name of an individual or organization who has clearly touched community life for all time. Past recipients of this award include:

Louis De Thomasis, Saint Mary's University, Past President

Dr. Darrell Krueger, Winona State University, Past President

Ms. Gloria Ames, Community Volunteer

Tim Burchill, Past Development Program Director at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

Sue Cornwell, Community Leader & First President of WCF

The Winona Hims

Patte Peterson, Past Board Member of Winona Community Foundation

PLANNED GIVING

Everyone should have an estate plan to ensure that their hard-earned assets reach loved ones and organizations held dear. Part of planning your estate intelligently may include maximizing the taxes you save by increasing the dollars you give. Proper estate planning could reduce or potentially eliminate estate taxes through planned giving.

If your estate is quite large and contains highly appreciated property, it may be possible to gift to charity while passing more to your heirs than otherwise would be possible without the charitable gift.

Giving strategies may span the range from simple to very complex. They may include giving during one's lifetime, by bequest, or both. This article will focus on giving after death.

Effective estate planning usually takes time, effort and a good attorney. Proper planning allows your family to avoid the delay, dissension and needless expense that often occurs when a loved one dies intestate. Also, I recommend that you talk with your family about what your intentions are and why you made the choices you have made, thereby potentially minimizing disputes and/or disappointment after you pass.

PLANNED GIVING - WHAT IS IT?

A "planned gift" is a gift that will be distributed at some point in the future. The easiest way to make a planned gift is by designating the charitable organization as a beneficiary in your Last Will and Testament or in your Trust. The charitable organization can also be named as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, annuity contract, or retirement account.

AVOID TAXES

Making a charity the beneficiary of your Traditional IRA, 401(k) or other qualified plan allows you to forego income and estate tax levied on these plans on the Federal and State levels. This means that, in most situations, your donation is worth more to the charity than to your heirs.

BE SMART

Typically it is smart to give the most-taxed asset in your estate to charity and leave the more favorably taxed property to your heirs. Making a planned gift ensures that when you are gone, your resources will keep giving to the future of that charity.

COMMUNITY GENERAL FUND DONORS

The Foundation's Community General Fund is the resource from which grants are allocated to organizations in the Winona area. Competitive grant applications are submitted and funding is based on a set of granting guidelines and criteria.

GENERAL DONORS

Hamid Akbari & Azar Khoumami

James & Barbra Allaire

Don & Gwen Anderson

Dan & Jeni Arnold

In Memory of Betty Datta

In Memory of Donna Helble

James & Jennifer Baertsch

Eric Bartleson

Mary & Lawrence Bergin

Scott & Jane Biesanz

Ted & Patti Biesanz

Andy & Jan Blomsness

Frank & Ruth Bures MD

Brian & Sandra Burke

Donna & Eric Christensen

David & Kathleen Christenson

Gayla Clemons

Dennis & Vicki Decker

Bob & Marjorie Deter

Jim & Mary Eddy

Phil & Barb Feiten

Fredrick Fletcher & Shelly Smith-Fletcher

Robert & Erika Gilbertson

Gayle Goetzman

Mike & Sue Hauser

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