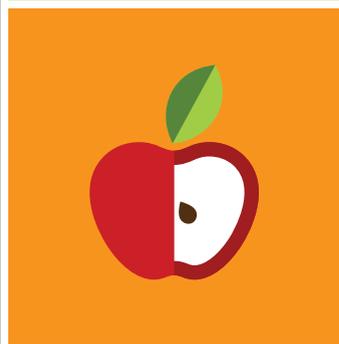


Helping Donors Share for 30 Years

30 Community Foundation

FOR THE FOX VALLEY REGION, INC.



2016 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

LIFE Study • **POINT Poverty Reduction Initiative** • **Nonprofit Leadership Initiative** • **Scholarships** • **Community Education in the Arts** • **Aging and Disability Resource Center** • **Fox Valley Memory Project** • **Home Foreclosure**
Building, Cloud Grants • **Basic Needs Giving Partnership** • **Youth PAC** • **Environmental grants** • **Prescription Drug Fund** • **Rock the Block** • **Dental Clinic** • **Voices of Men** • **Weight of the Fox Valley** • **Neighborhood Partners** • **Community Art and Music Programs** • **Heckrodt** • **Youth, Elderly, Family, Diversity Programs** • **Women's Fund** • **AIDS Fund** • **Parks and Trails** • **Feeding America** • **Catalpa** • **Fox River Locks** • **Fox Cities**

Giving Matters!

For 30 years

we have been helping donors share to strengthen our community for all, forever. Donors' financial contributions to charitable funds have enabled us to make grants that make a difference in the Fox Valley region. Here are 30 examples.

Reflection & vision

The year was 1986 when a forward-thinking group of community leaders came together to help Walter L. Rugland fulfill his dream of establishing a community foundation. Careful, thoughtful consideration was given to including “for the Fox Valley Region” in the name. The founders understood that the Foundation would only be successful if it viewed the region as a whole, with a purpose of helping people who care about it to give back in ways to benefit and strengthen it. They also understood that the region’s vision of its future included expansion, growth and progress.

Thirty years of history proves that our founders were right. Through service to an ever-growing group of generous people, businesses and organizations that have created charitable funds, the Foundation was able to award a record \$19 million in grants, which includes a record \$1 million in scholarships, during this fiscal year. We are grateful and proud of our home, and we work hard to leave it better than we found it. That’s an old-fashioned value, but it holds true in 2016 just like it did in 1986.



Curt Detjen
President/CEO

Al Zierler
2015-16 Board Chair

We are your Community Foundation. Expect to see us continue to help people learn about the most promising ideas that can make our region better, and ways to engage them in giving that strengthens our community, forever. Today, we are well-positioned to build upon the results of the past 30 years. Let’s honor the visionary leadership of our founders by doing more of what they’ve shown us how to do. That will be the ultimate compliment and thanks.

GIVING AT A GLANCE

Year ending
June 30, 2016

Contributions
\$29 million

Grants
a record \$19 million
to 1,034 nonprofits

Charitable Funds
1,430

Assets
\$297 million

Cumulative grants since 1986
\$240 million

CUMULATIVE GRANTS AWARDED

1986 (founded)	1995 \$3.5 million	2000 \$18.4 million	2005 \$77 million	2010 \$151 million	2016 \$240 million
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→ See our audited financial statements at cfoffvalley.org/CommunityReport

→ See our investment results at cfoffvalley.org/Investments



“They were there to listen.”

Health Care Grants \$2.2 million

Katrina Mazier seemed to have it all – parochial schools, beauty queen looks and popularity with the guys. But in her room one night, she tried to overdose. A friend found her in time. Now, as Miss Fond du Lac, Katrina speaks freely about teen suicide and credits Catalpa Health for her recovery. “I felt like they cared about me.” Fourteen Community Foundation funds provided \$201,000 in grants to Catalpa last year, helping it add 18 therapists over two years and facilities in Grand Chute and Oshkosh.

Other Health Care grant results:

- » Children on the autism spectrum had fun while receiving counseling at BEAMING’s first-ever equine-assisted autism camp.
- » Downtown customers in Appleton, Neenah and Menasha can rely on life-saving automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

Education Grants \$4 million

Neenah High School graduate David Lang was impressed to hear his \$500 Joyce Bytof Memorial Cancer Survivors Scholarship was among a record \$1.1 million the Community Foundation awarded in the spring to 298 students. David, who beat childhood leukemia, sees meaning beyond the dollars. “Knowing that another group believed in me enough to give me a scholarship is pretty powerful,” said the University of Wisconsin freshman. So is education.

Other Education grant results:

- » All of the English teachers at Seymour High School have tablet computers for all of their students.
- » 410 people attended a free performance of “micro-operas” on diversity awareness. A survey showed that for 27%, it was their first time at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center.



“That’s pretty great.”

A record year of grants: **\$19 million**

→ See our 1,034 grant recipients: cfoxvalley.org/CommunityReport → Learn about applying for grants: cfoxvalley.org/Apply

Get in  about what's happening in the Fox Valley area through the Community Foundation: cfoxvalley.org/loop

Arts & Culture Grants \$1.4 million

Todd Gorrell hung out near the Appleton bus station like the other people who were homeless. When asked to join the History Museum at the Castle's "(In)visible: Homelessness in Appleton" exhibit, he photographed nearby offices that help the homeless, to show how small the world becomes. Three Community Foundation funds awarded \$26,000 in grants to the exhibit. Todd now owns a mobile home and has a job.



Other Arts & Culture grant results:

- » About 1,200 people attending the 2016 Martin Luther King Day celebration heard civil rights activist Angela Davis speak on race relations.
- » Visitors enjoyed 14 museums that received grants to preserve history, display art and educate children.

This is where I'd start almost all of my days.



Saving heirlooms is so important.



Environmental Grants \$1.8 million

Old wooden library card catalog drawers have a new purpose after Appleton librarian Elizabeth Eisen and master gardener Kari Witthuhn-Henning filled them with packets of heirloom seeds. A \$1,500 *Environmental Stewardship Fund* grant helped create the Appleton Seed Library. People can check out flower and vegetable seed packets and later restock the drawers with seeds their plants produce.

Other Environmental grant results:

- » Students and the public can attend environmental and other presentations at an amphitheater at Waupaca's Eco Park, built by at-risk students in CAP Services' Fresh Start program.
- » 53 area students in grades 3-8 learned how to sample water, study flow and plant native species at UW-Oshkosh STEM Outreach Center's "Spring Safari on the Fox River."





It gives you a lot of self-worth.

Human Services Grants \$5.5 million

"I kind of lost myself and life happened," the mom said, describing how she ended up jobless and homeless after the death of her son. Mental illness, drug addiction and bad luck put others there. They say cleaning up downtown Appleton for Downtown CARE, a partnership of the city, Appleton Downtown Inc. and Riverview Gardens' ServiceWorks, helped them regain self-respect. "I get the feeling people appreciate what we do," the woman said. A \$272,142 grant from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership (supported by the U.S. Venture Fund for Basic Needs, the J. J. Keller Foundation and other partners) helped fund it.

Other Human Services grant results:

- » 442 middle and high school students were identified as suicide risks and connected with mental health services.
- » Up to 70 people per month will take part in a community meal managed by eight churches in Clintonville.

Community Improvement Grants \$4.2 million

Poverty. Youth health. Youth safety. Student performance. Those were the priority themes a cross-section of interested Fox Cities residents chose after examining the results of the 2016 Fox Cities Leading Indicators for Excellence (LIFE) Study. The Community Foundation has co-sponsored the study (FoxCitiesLIFEStudy.org) since it started in 2001. Key data points:

- » **POVERTY** The poverty rate for single mothers was about eight times higher than the rate for married couples with kids across the Fox Cities from 2010 to 2014.
- » **YOUTH HEALTH** Fox Cities teens attempted suicide at twice the state average (12% vs. 6%).
- » **YOUTH SAFETY** 27% of area high schoolers report being bullied and 18% say they experienced cyber-bullying, above both state and national averages.
- » **STUDENT PERFORMANCE** Even though results exceeded the state average, less than 40% of Fox Cities students showed proficiency in reading and just over 50% in math in state tests.



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Other Community Improvement grant results:

- » Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block did repairs on 65 homes in Appleton and Neenah through its Rock the Block neighborhood revitalization initiative.
- » Plans advanced for a recreation trail that will "Loop the Lake" in Neenah and Menasha.



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Why give through YOUR Community Foundation?

<p>LOCAL EXPERTISE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of nonprofits and community needs • Board members engaged in the community • Helpful professional staff 	<p>PERSONAL SERVICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective giving • Prudent investment management • Grant-making made simple • Awareness of needs of nonprofits 	<p>COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community investment • Increased giving promoted • Nonprofits made stronger
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“The Community Foundation was that spark we needed to get things off the ground.”

— John Weyenberg, Executive Director, for Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity, on support for Rock the Block



“The Community Foundation is just an outstanding way to enable people to give back to the community.”

— Kim Rietbrock of the law firm Twohig, Rietbrock and Schneider in Chilton



“We have a lot of faith in the Community Foundation. There’s no better place to put your charitable legacy.”

— Elaine Ven Rooy, Himebaugh Legacy Circle member



“I think we are fortunate to be a part of a community that offers these types of opportunities for people.”

— Liesl Bergstrom, successor advisor with family fund

