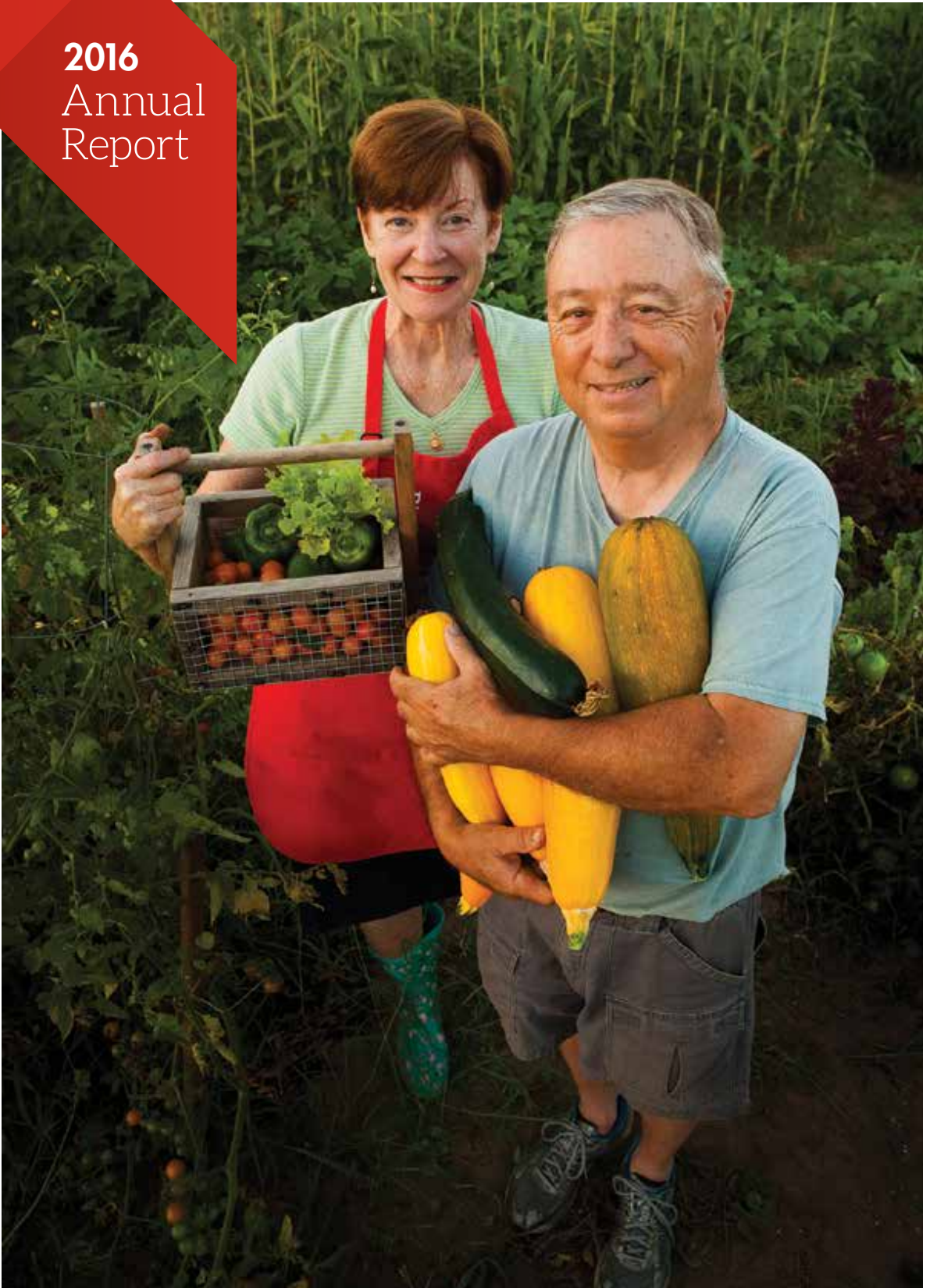




SHAWANO AREA
Community Foundation

2016
Annual
Report



Chairman's Message ◀

I've always admired the people who have decided to step up to help make Shawano a better place. Some grew up here and others relocated here, but what they have in common is a love for this area. That love draws them to donate their time, talent and/or treasure to improving the quality of life here. During my time chairing the Shawano Area Community Foundation, I have seen some of these people give their time and talents to establish some of the most wonderful nonprofit organizations in our area. Those who choose to give of their treasure, help bring these non-profit organizations to life. Over the years, I heard rumblings of new initiatives and wondered how they would ever get off the ground. For example, the Shawano Food Center and SAM25. Thanks to our many community-minded residents, they just happen. I feel personally blessed to have had the opportunity to be involved with the Shawano Area Community Foundation over the course of the past 10 years, and I look forward to seeing the dream of our founders continue to flourish in the future.

Todd Raether
Chairman



2016 Year at a Glance

Year ending Dec. 31, 2016

Grants Awarded:

➤ **\$210,275**

Contributions Received:

➤ **\$1.9 million**

Charitable Funds
Under Administration:

➤ **77**

Assets:

➤ **\$7.5 million**

The Shawano Area Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region.
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Note: These are unaudited numbers

Giving through the Community Foundation **STARTS WITH YOU.**

GIVE

An individual, family, business or organization makes a tax-deductible gift of cash, securities, real estate or other property.



CHOOSE

Your gift creates or adds to a charitable fund to benefit causes important to you, now or for the long term.



INVEST

Funds are invested prudently for long-term growth, overseen by a professional investment advisory firm and an investment committee of local professionals.



ENGAGE

Nonprofit organizations receive grants following your recommendations as the fund grows through investment and additional gifts.



STRENGTHEN

The nonprofit projects and organizations your fund supports strengthen community while creating your lasting legacy of giving.



Why give through **YOUR** Community Foundation? 

LOCAL EXPERTISE

- Know nonprofits and community needs
- Board members engaged in the community
- Helpful professional staff

PERSONAL SERVICE

- Plan effective giving
- Manage investments prudently
- Grantmaking simplified
- Connect with nonprofit needs

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Invest in the community
- Promote giving
- Strengthen nonprofits

Shawano Area Community Foundation Grant to Bridge the Gap

The all-volunteer group Bridge the Gap was awarded a \$2,500 grant by the Shawano Area Community Foundation to purchase equipment that will help parents and therapists communicate better with autistic children. The Shawano-based nonprofit helps families who are awaiting state support or are in immediate crisis related to a family member who has an autism spectrum disorder. The grant will help equip a "sensory room" to create experiences for children who are hypersensitive or less reactive to outside stimuli. The equipment includes special swings, a ball pit, an enclosed mini trampoline, sensory brushes, bean bags and iPads to improve communications.



Navarino Nature Center to Realize New Outdoor Education Resource Facility

Navarino Nature Center's planned 70-by-125-foot Outdoor Education Resource Facility got a funding boost from a \$2,500 grant awarded by the Shawano Area Community Foundation. The standalone building will be the base for hands-on programs that require more space – such as rain barrel building – and the pick-up spot for a new tour program for older residents of Shawano County, using open trollies pulled by tractors. Working with the county's Department on Aging, the nature center will take visitors on tours through the woods for the spring and fall migrations, fall gathering of sandhill cranes, spring prairie flowers and fall colors. The \$307,000 project is to start in August 2017 and be completed in 2018.

Donors

Thank you to those who made generous contributions to Shawano Area Community Foundation funds totaling \$1.9 million in 2016.

- Bay-Lakes Council Boy Scouts of America
- Randall and Beth Bergsbaken
- June Bethke
- Bleser Family Foundation
- School District of Bonduel
- Todd and Julie Bonnin
- Ray Bosveld
- Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Trust
- Lee and Merrie Crawford
- Patrick & Ruth Crawford Family Foundation
- Wendy Crawford
- Kevin and Maureen Culhane
- Dan and Joy Fritz
- Peg Gallagher
- George and Beth Gillis
- Scott Grosskopf
- Michael Groth
- Joseph Guenther and Yu-Chin Fang
- Ronald and Barbara Harms
- Linda Hegner
- Gordon and Marilyn Holten
- Heidi Klasna
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- Jay F. Krueger
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- Gwen Miller
- Betty Piantek
- Tony Piantek
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- Anita Principi
- Dean Proper
- Rose Mary Putnam
- Rodney and Kathryn Reinke
- Jeffrey and Rita Simon
- Timothy and April Tainter
- Thomas and Donna Thomas
- Suzanne Weber
- Robert and Nancy Wendt
- Bill and Lori Westphal
- Michael and Jodi Williams
- Doug Wilson
- Mary A. Yuenger

Charitable Funds

These funds, created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations, generate grants to nonprofit organizations that are making a difference in people's lives.

- Gail and Jan Bartz Family Fund
- Baumann Memorial Automotive Scholarship
- Jacob Bergsbaken Humanitarian Scholarship
- Bonduel Area Community Fund
- Bonduel Community and Alumni Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Frederick A. and Margaret A. Brei Shawano Fund
- Cal and June Brockman Family Fund
- Robert A. Brunner Hospice Fund
- Pat and Ruth Crawford Family Fund
- Sam and Wendy Crawford Fund
- The Katie Culhane Memorial Fund
- Kenneth C. Dittman and Loraine M. Dittman Scholarship Fund
- Albert and Alyce Druckrey Memorial Fund
- Dale Druckrey Fund
- Marie Piehl Dussling and B. P. Dussling Scholarship Fund
- Feivor Family Fund
- Friends of Hospice Fund
- David W. Gage Family Fund
- Shana Jane Gage Fund
- John and Peg Gallagher Fund
- Dr. Robert W. Gansen Fund
- Joseph Gellings Charitable Fund
- Goodwill NCW Shawano Endowment Fund
- Gresham Scholarship Fund
- Dr. William W. Grover Bonduel Emergency Medical Services Fund
- Grover-Stuff Bonduel Scholarship Fund
- Curtis Grunewald Rotary Scholarship Fund
- Doris and Irving Hanson Memorial Fund For Wittenberg
- Anita Hartman and Lois Kruse Fund
- Anita M. Hartman Charitable Fund
- The Dan and Diane Hartwig Future Fund
- Drew A. Hegner Memorial Staff Scholarship Fund
- Elizabeth and Walter Hein Scholarship Fund
- Gordon and Marilyn Holten Fund
- Lou and Joanne Horn Family Fund
- Donald A. Jeffries, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Curt and Martha Knoke Immediate Needs Fund
- Curt and Martha Knoke Shawano Fund
- Matty's Fund
- M.J. and Marilyn McBride Fund
- McCormick-Murphy Domestic Abuse Fund
- Donald L. Moede Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Navarino Nature Center Endowment Fund
- Donald and Marion Nemetz Fund
- Richard Newcomb and Janice Schreiber-Newcomb Charitable Fund
- Richard Newcomb and Janice Schreiber-Newcomb Education Fund
- Northbranch Methodist Scholarship Fund
- Carmen Maria Owens Fund
- Tony and Betty Piantek Family Fund
- Dean D. Proper Scholarship Fund
- Todd and Mary Raether Fund
- John H. Rose Memorial Fund For Literacy
- Herb Rycroft Volunteer Award Fund
- Safe Haven Endowment Fund
- Linda M. Savides Memorial Fund
- Robert and Barbara Schmidt Family Fund
- Ruben and Clara Schmidt Memorial Fund
- Ralph and Helene Schroeder Scholarship Fund
- Ralph and Helene Schroeder Tigerton Community Fund
- Shawano Area Fund
- Shawano County Historical Society Fund
- Shawano Homeless Shelter Fund
- Shawano School District Grants For Excellence Fund
- Megan Short Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Sikora Family Memorial Fund
- Pearl Smith Future Teachers Scholarship Fund
- Pearl Smith St. Martin Catholic Church Fund
- Strayer Family Fund
- Strayer Family Scholarship Fund
- Lon and Ellen Swedberg Family Fund
- Thomas W. Thatcher Fund
- Robert and Mary Thimke Humane Society Fund
- Allan Waelchli Scholarship Fund
- Weber-Tingley-Klein Scholarship Fund
- Bobbie Wendt-Machek Memorial Scholarship Fund
- WOW Fund
- Zachow Historic Fund
- Zernicke-Wegner Post 217 American Legion Scholarship Fund

Are you interested in starting a fund to benefit your favorite nonprofit organizations or charitable cause for generations to come? Contact our partner, the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region at 715-280-1110 or info@shawanofoundation.org.

Shawano Area Fund Grant Recipients ◀

Grants totaling \$23,307 were awarded from the Shawano Area Fund to eight charitable organizations serving people in Shawano County. The Shawano Area Fund is an endowment fund that accepts donations of any amount to be used to provide annual grants. The Shawano Area Community Foundation's volunteer grants committee selects grant recipients through a competitive application process each fall. To learn more, visit shawanofoundation.org.

Bonduel Area Emergency Medical Services, Inc. – To fund the purchase of portable radios for emergency communication. \$5,000

Bridge the Gap, Inc. – To fund sensory equipment that will improve the success of services for their clients on the autism spectrum who have unique sensory needs. \$2,500

Navarino Nature Center – To support the construction of an Outdoor Education Resource facility that will allow for expanded programming and will accommodate individuals with physical challenges, to assist them in experiencing the same activities as their counterparts. \$2,500.

Pella First Responders – To fund the replacement of two mobile radios and three pagers for emergency communication. \$4,500.

Safe Haven Domestic Abuse Support Center – To purchase curriculum and materials for use during the facilitation of advocacy appointments and support groups for victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. \$1,397.

Unity Hospice – To fund testing machines that can provide in-home, immediate results for critically ill patients and decrease risk for medical errors. \$3,660.

Walls of Wittenberg, Inc. – To fund the construction of a permanent stage in the Art Park for free public concerts and educational opportunities. \$1,250.

Wolf River Habitat for Humanity – To fund the purchase of a truck for the Resale Store operations. \$2,500.

Grant Recipients ◀

In 2016, grants awarded from the Shawano Area Community Foundation's charitable funds totaled \$210,275. The following nonprofit organizations located locally and beyond received grants.

- American Cancer Society
- America's Dentists Care Foundation
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern Wisconsin
- Bonduel Area Emergency Medical Services
- Bonduel Bat & Ball Club
- Bonduel Community Archives
- Bonduel Emergency Medical Services
- Bridge the Gap
- CHAPS Academy
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Foundation
- Christian Alliance for Indian Child Welfare
- Citizens Equal Rights Foundation
- City of Shawano Police Department
- Covenant Life Church
- Fox Cities Performing Arts Center
- Fox Valley Swim Team
- Fox Valley Technical College Foundation
- Friends of Hospice
- Friends of Shawano County Libraries
- Gold in September
- International Youth Sailing of Oshkosh
- Leadership Shawano County
- Navarino Nature Center
- New Tribes Mission
- Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust
- Pella First Responders
- Reaching Out About Depression and Suicide
- Red River Riders Therapeutic Horseback Riding for Disabled
- Rochester Institute of Technology-Office of Development
- S.O.S. K9
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- Safe Haven Domestic Abuse Support Center
- Shawano Chamber Foundation
- Shawano City-County Library
- Shawano Community High School
- Shawano County Arts Council
- Shawano County Historical Society
- Shawano County Humane Society
- Shawano Masons
- Shawano Medical Center
- Shawano Pathways Organization for Kids, Environment & Safety
- Shawano School District
- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
- Solbon International
- St. James Lutheran Church of Shawano
- St. Martin of Tours Parish
- ThedaCare Family of Foundations
- Tigerton Main Street
- Tigerton School District
- Unity Hospice
- Village of Tigerton
- Walls of Wittenberg
- Wolf River Habitat for Humanity
- Youth With A Mission
- Zion Lutheran Church

Safe Haven Acquires New Resources to Support Shelter Residents

The mission of Safe Haven Domestic Abuse Support Center is to encourage a safe community – free of physical and sexual violence and emotional abuse – through shelter, caring, advocacy and education. One-on-one appointments and support groups are core services that provide advocacy and education. A \$1,397 grant from the Shawano Area Community Foundation was used to purchase curriculum and materials to use in support groups and one-on-one. Several copies of two books: “The Language of Letting Go” and “Disentangled: When You’ve Lost Yourself in Someone Else” were purchased. The plan is to create a book club for clients and use these two books as part of that process. Grant funding was also used to purchase curriculum for staff to use for support group facilitation and to develop new programming surrounding women with substance abuse concerns. Utilizing new curriculum and materials is vital to maintaining positive and consistent attendance and support.



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Habitat for Humanity Truck Will Improve Volunteer Operations

The Wolf River Habitat for Humanity Resale Store is a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials, and appliances to the public at a fraction of the retail price. They will use a \$2,500 grant from the Shawano Area Community Foundation to partially fund a light duty box truck. The truck will allow for more efficient collection and delivery of oversized and heavy donations. It will also help prevent injury to volunteers who are the lifeblood of their organization. They receive donated items from individuals and businesses. Proceeds from the Resale Store sales are used to build homes for families in need of decent, affordable housing. This recycling of used items also helps our environment. The Habitat Store reused and recycled an estimated 96 tons of donations last year that otherwise would have ended up in the landfill.





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