

As the Waupaca Area Community Foundation continues to grow, it is heartwarming to realize the impact your generous support has had on a great many individuals in the area. Although the grants distributed go to nonprofit organizations, individuals and families ultimately receive the benefits from your donations.

That impact doesn't end with the recipient. When a life is changed because one person is affected, it can influence the family, the workplace, social networks and more. Whether Waupaca Area Community Foundation funds are directed to community projects, arts programs, rehabilitation or other beneficiaries, the ultimate impact in the community is far reaching.

Looking ahead, we are especially excited about our selection of Rock the Block, a Habitat for Humanity program, as one of our recipients for the upcoming year. Friends, family and community members will circle a neighborhood, coming together and lifting it up through park clean ups, exterior home repairs, landscaping, painting and more. This provides an opportunity for people to volunteer and make an impact, right here in our local community. We encourage you to consider volunteering. Participation is a great reminder that service to humanity is the best work of life.



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Grants Awarded:

(Total grants since the WACF's

founding in 2003: \$3,745,386)

Contributions Received:

\$2,185,657

Assets:

\$7,136,915

Note: These are unaudited numbers.

The Waupaca Area Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. cffoxvalley.org/Waupaca

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.



STRENGTHEN

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



ENGAGE

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

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



Himebaugh Legacy Circle Members

No matter if a city in Waupaca County is your hometown or the place you now call home, you have a lot invested here. You can help ensure the vitality of the Waupaca area for future generations by counting your community among your heirs. Become a member of the Himebaugh Legacy Circle by naming the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region/Waupaca Affiliate as the beneficiary of any estate planning tool, including your:

- Will or trust
- Insurance policy
- Retirement Account

We thank these legacy circle members with a connection to the Waupaca area:

- Christine and Robert Faulks Tom and Eloise Godfrey
- Tim and Joy Neuville
- Jack and Glenda Rhodes
- Joan and Gene Wasserberg
- Barbara and Graham Werner

Two members wish to remain anonymous.

Learn how to shape tomorrow today by contacting our Community Foundation partner in Appleton at 920-830-1290 or info@cffoxvalley.org.



Why give through **YOUR** Community Foundation?

LOCAL EXPERTISE

- Know nonprofits and community needs
- Board members engaged in the community

PERSONAL SERVICE

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

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Invest in community
- Promote giving
- Strengthen nonprofits

Oxford House... **Changing Lives**

Success over addiction is being achieved by residents of the two Oxford Houses (one for males and one for females) in Waupaca. This opportunity was made possible with the help of a rental assistance loan plan established with a \$7,500 grant from the Waupaca Area Community Foundation. First rent and security deposit at both houses were paid with these funds prior to residents moving in.

Not all applicants are employed when they first move in. These residents are eligible to apply for a loan up to \$300 to pay their initial rent. They agree to an affordable payback plan. When asked what the loan means to her, Cierra replied, "It means everything to me. I have been sober 97 days. I feel so good. I couldn't have done that without being here (in Oxford House). And, I couldn't have been in Oxford House without the loan. Thank you."

Cierra and all other residents are currently employed and paying back the loan so money is available for future residents.

The initial grant of \$50,000 for the Oxford House came from the Tim and Joy Neuville Family Fund.



Charitable Funds

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

- James and Connie Abert Future Fund
- Donald G. Brunner Education Fund
- Waupaca Breakfast Rotary Club Endowment Fund
- Waupaca Breakfast Rotary Club Charitable Fund
- Edmund J. and Mary Lee Christensen Scholarship Fund
- Dale T. Ehnert Scholarship Fund
- Eskritt Fund for Parfreyville United Methodist ChurchNyles & Genevieve Eskritt Family Fund
- Robert and Christine Faulks Charitable Fund
- Randall and Susan Faulks Family Fund
- FVTC Scholarship Fund
- Tom & Eloise Godfrey Family Fund
- Goodwill NCW Waupaca Endowment Fund
- Al and Gloria Gruer Family Charitable Fund
- Waupaca Historical Society Endowment Fund
- Holly Family Foundation FundJane M. Hutchinson Memorial Fund
- Iola Community Foundation Endowment Fund
- Richard G. Johnson Family Fund
- Henry, Naomi and Robert Kemper Fund
- Selma and Gerald Knoepfel Memorial Fund
- Carl G. Koch Fund

- James and Diane Larson Family Fund
- Mathematics Education Fund
- Tim and Joy Neuville Family Fund
- Donald and Anne O'Dell Fund
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 American Red Cross Greater Waupaca Fund
- ThedaCare Medical Center-Waupaca Medical Staff Charitable Fund
- Isabelle Rowe Nursing Scholarship Fund
- River Ridge Trail Maintenance and Development Endowment Fund
- Waupaca High School Scholarship Foundation Fund
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church Endowment Fund
- Bob and Kim Spoerl Charitable Fund
- ToTo Endowment Fund
- Waupaca Temporary Restricted Fund
- Waupaca Area Triathlon Scholarship Fund
- Wachowiak Memorial Special Education Fund
- Winchester Academy Endowment Fund
- Winchester Academy Fund
- Waupaca Public Library Foundation Fund

Are you interested in starting a fund to benefit your favorite nonprofit organizations for generations to come? Contact us at 715-602-3833.

Waupaca Area Community Foundation Fund Grant Recipients

Grants totaling \$121,487 were awarded from the Waupaca Area Community Fund to 20 charitable organizations serving the people of Waupaca County. The fund is an endowment that accepts donations in any amount. The grant dollars come from the endowment fund and proceeds from the Foundation's annual gala. Learn how to apply for a grant at www.cffoxvalley.org/waupaca.

- Bethany Home, Inc. \$5,000 to upgrade the
 existing switchback descent trail to provide all-weather
 access to all individuals, especially those with physical
 challenges, and correct the trail drainage to reduce
 erosion.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fox Valley Region – \$5,000 to continue the Waupaca communitybased mentoring program, providing life-changing friendships for active matches, while recruiting "Bigs" for the "Littles" currently on the waiting list.
- CAP Services, Inc. \$7,500 to support training expenses for participants in the Skills Enhancement Program which assists working poor individuals in becoming economically and emotionally self-sufficient by providing access to short-term post-secondary education.
 - \$5,000 to provide support for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program which assists low-to moderate-income taxpayers with completion of their annual tax forms at no cost.
- Catalpa Health, Inc. \$7,500 to add a part-time front desk clerk during peak hours for the Waupaca clinic who will greet guests, assist with administrative tasks, and provide additional assistance for families with complex needs.
- Center for Suicide Awareness \$25,000 to bring enhanced suicide education and prevention services to Waupaca County residents by hiring a part-time staff member dedicated to the county who would provide educational workshops and trainings as well as support and referral.
- Fox Valley Literacy Council, Inc. \$5,000 to support costs associated with providing adult literacy services in the Waupaca area in 2018 and 2019.
- Friends of Wisconsin Public Television, Inc. \$3,000 to host engagement events around the release of a new documentary about Trauma-Informed Care to raise awareness and provide education with a specific focus on young learners, parents, caregivers and teachers, made possible in part by memorial gifts in honor of Robert Bruce Olson.
- Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Inc. – \$3,000 to bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) to at-risk girls in grades K-12 in the Waupaca area who may not otherwise be able to participate in traditional Girl Scout troops with the goal to empower them, and promote kindness and healthy relationships.
- Living the Waupaca Way \$2,800 to fund a parttime AmeriCorps Nutrition Educator position who will develop and implement programs and in-school lessons to educate children and families about the benefits of eating local, healthy food.

- Mission of Hope House of Wisconsin \$2,000 to contract with counseling agencies to provide on-site counseling to shelter residents experiencing AODA or mental health issues.
- NAMI Fox Valley, Inc. \$7,500 to help fund a new, part-time Waupaca Program Coordinator position, doubling the organization's Waupaca staffing capacity as it works to recruit volunteers, sustain existing mental health programs, and establish new ones.
- Opera for the Young, Inc. \$1,500 to support two
 interactive performances in Waupaca-area elementary
 schools of the original opera "Super Storm", which
 showcases opera's musical storytelling in a way that is
 accessible and appealing to young audience members.
- Oxford Houses in Waupaca \$7,500 to start a rental assistance loan fund for residents of two Oxford House peer-recovery homes which will provide a safe and sustainable place for community members who are addicted to drugs/alcohol to achieve a successful recovery while learning to be responsible for their actions.
- Rawhide, Inc. \$5,000 to provide on-going support for the About Face Community outreach program which utilizes community service work to educate, encourage and rehabilitate at-risk young men teaching them valuable skills while making a difference in their community.
- School District of Waupaca \$1,000 to bring motivational speaker Rob Miller to present to students, staff, coaches and parents.
- Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church –
 \$7,500 to purchase nutritious food and supplies for
 Project Backpack, which sends home a backpack filled
 with food each weekend to sustain children in need.
- Tomorrow's Children \$4,187 to provide children with emotional and behavioral challenges access to upto-date online educational material and assessments by replacing three SMART board projectors and purchasing ten chrome books.
- Waupaca Community Garden \$7,500 to support the move of the Waupaca Community/School Garden from its present location on King Road to the Chain Exploration Center for the 2019 growing season.
- Waupaca County Suicide Prevention Coalition \$5,000 to provide program support as this all-volunteer run coalition transitions to become its own 501(c)3 to better serve their mission to work toward zero suicides in Waupaca.
- Waupaca Historical Society \$5,000 to repaint the Hutchinson House Museum's exterior, porch and its current shutters, and to attach gutters to the historic building to preserve the paint work.



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Grant Recipients **4** The WACF's charitable funds generate grants that are awarded to nonprofit organizations that are either recommended by the donor(s) who created the fund, or that are selected through an application process. During fiscal year 2019, grants awarded from the Foundation's charitable funds totaled \$428,832. The following nonprofit organizations located in Waupaca County and

- beyond received grants.
- Almond-Bancroft School District
- Alverno College
- American Red Cross in Northeast WI
- ApricityBellin College, Inc.
- Ben's Wish Foundation
- Bethany Home, Inc. Bethany Shadow Woods, Inc.
- Blake Memorial Library Association City of Waupaca
- Common Ground Meditation Center
- First Presbyterian Church
- Fox Valley Technical College Foundation, Inc.Friends of Long Lake
- Friends of Way Park
 Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity
 Humane Society of Waupaca County
- Iola Living Assistance, Inc.
- Iola Old Car Show, Inc.
- Iola-Scandinavia School District Kentucky Natural Lands Trust

- Marian University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology Michigan Technological University
- Midwest Renewable Energy Association, Inc.
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Moraine Park Technical College MSD-School District of Manawa
- Northfield Buddhist Meditation Center • Nova Counseling Services, Inc.
- Overture Center Foundation, Inc.
- Parfreyville United Methodist Church Rural Historical Society, Inc.
- Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
- The Ethel Streit School ThedaCare Family of Foundations, Inc.
- ToTo Foundation • Trinity Lutheran Church
- University of Iowa Student Financial Aid

- University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
- University of Wisconsin-La Crosse University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- University of Wisconsin-Superior
- University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire University of Wisconsin-Madison
- University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Valley Insight Meditation Society
- Waupaca Community Arts Board Waupaca High School Scholarship
- Foundation
- Waupaca Historical Society Waupaca Public Library Foundation, Inc.
- Weyauwega Arts Organization
- Winchester Academy Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts Wounded Warrior Project

Wey-Mont Food Pantry

Waupaca School District

Girl Scouts' Reaching Out

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes'
Reaching Out programming brings the Girl Scout
Leadership Experience to at-risk girls in grades
K-12 who may not otherwise be able to participate
in traditional Girl Scout troops. The girls they serve
often face extraordinary challenges, including
illiteracy, bullying, drug abuse, poverty, neglect,
eating disorders and broken families.



A \$3,000 grant from Waupaca Area Community Foundation assisted the Girl Scouts in serving a record 191 girls at Weyauwega Elementary School, in 8-12 week sessions, who were unable to join a traditional Girl Scout troop due to financial need, special needs, or lack of transportation.

In the words of one participant: "This group has made such an impact on my life. Girls group was one of the only reasons I wanted to come to school. I was able to be myself and talk about anything going on in my life, which was really nice because I wasn't able to do that before this group. This group made my day and life so much better!"

From the Farm to Schools

The Waupaca County Farm-to-School program has supported the local farming economy and school wellness for over 10 years. Through an integrated effort with UW-Extension Waupaca County Nutrition Education, FoodWlse, and Living the Waupaca Way, Farm-to-School nutrition educators provide lessons, local food tastings, and education to all public school third graders in the county.

Over 525 elementary-aged children received at least four, 30-minute nutrition education lessons this school year. Thirty-four third grade classrooms were reached at 11 elementary schools in Waupaca County. During the lessons, students were introduced to produce from local farmers such as apples, cheese, dried cranberries, and rainbow carrots.



A \$2,800 grant from the Waupaca Area Community Foundation supported the AmeriCorps Farm to School nutrition educator/community outreach position funding match with the Department of Public Instruction (who manages the Farm-to-School program in the state). AmeriCorps members receive a living stipend during their volunteer year and earn an education award after completion of their required hours.



The Power of Nature

Accessibility to everyday green spaces encourages individuals to simply get out the door. This in turn motivates them to be active physically, spiritually and mentally, which can offset chronic illness, disability and isolation.

Due to the limited mobility issues that many people face as they age, it becomes harder and harder for actively aging adults to get out and enjoy nature's beauty. Thanks in part to a \$5,000 grant from the Waupaca Area Community Foundation, Bethany Home provided a safe trail along the Crystal River that is accessible to everyone who lives on the Bethany Campus and in the community.



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