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Remembering Nicole

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We believe that we make a living by

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The coronavirus pandemic, which started in early 2020, brought significant challenges and uncertainty to our region. Just as it did for the individual, small businesses and organizations were facing major financial uncertainty and loss of revenue during a critical time of year, usually when they would be bringing in their annual giving.

As the pandemic raged on, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund (CRCF) was activated in early March 2020. Established just a few years before, this fund is a collaboration of local donors and regional funding partners. The fund supports organizations that provide emergency services to families and individuals in our region.

The fund was deployed immediately to provide community members with the help they needed. Within the first few weeks of the pandemic, the fund had awarded grants totaling more than $1 million, and community leaders forecasted that it would be needed for another 3-4 months to meet the needs of the community.

In recognition of the success of the fund, the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley region chose to support the fund in perpetuity. This year, we are celebrating the fund’s one-year anniversary and the vital relief during this pandemic.

The COVID-19 Community Response Fund

2020 was an unprecedented year for the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, grantmaking increased by 26% in the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2020 from fiscal year 2019.

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In 2020, 359 generous individuals, families and organizations donated more than $1.2 million to help support our partners in the year ahead. The work behind the scenes won't stop and the need is constant.

Community Improvement

Rock the Waupaca

Even though the 2020 Rock the Waupaca music event was postponed due to COVID-19, the event did not disappoint. With the help of performers, local leaders and community members, the event was held virtually.

The event featured a variety of artists, including local musicians and bands, who performed a virtual concert to benefit the Waupaca Area Community Foundation, which supports local organizations in need.

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Health

Us 2 Behavioral Health

Kou Yang and Sheng-Lee Yang believe every person deserves access to quality mental health services without prejudice to one's culture, socioeconomic status or financial position. In 2019, the couple launched Us 2 Behavioral Health Care clinic in Appleton, a nonprofit that offers treatment to all people.

The clinic offers a range of services, including therapy, medication management, and counseling. The goal is to help people overcome mental health challenges and improve their quality of life.
Flourishing in Crisis

Every year, the coronavirus pandemic reminds us how interdependent we all are. The crisis has claimed millions of lives worldwide, with communities and organizations working tirelessly to support those in need. Today, we celebrate the resilience and dedication of those working to help others.

COVID-19 Community Response Fund

In response to COVID-19, United Way Fox Valley and the Community Foundation of Outagamie and Washington Counties established the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. This fund provided immediate financial support to nonprofit organizations working to meet the needs of local communities during the pandemic.

Within days, we established the COVID-19 Community Response Fund, which was designed to support nonprofit organizations across the Fox Valley that were already working to help the most vulnerable populations throughout the pandemic.

In total, the fund awarded more than $1 million to 82 nonprofits, including organizations that support early childhood programming, food pantries, and other critical services.

Community Improvement

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T one way, the coronavirus pandemic exposed hidden vulnerabilities and brought to light issues that had been building for a decade or more. It brought to light the need for system changes that will improve the health and well-being of all. It exposed an issue that all of us will address in our communities in the years to come. It was a pandemic that highlighted the need to address the needs of vulnerable populations and those who have faced discrimination in the past.

Vital relief during this crisis was provided through a Community Response Fund, which the Community Foundation chose to support the project. “This year, we have seen the power of community memorial communities and the strength of those who have supported us,” said Rebecca Johnson, President and CEO of the Community Foundation.

Nonprofit organizations have been working on the front lines throughout the pandemic, ensuring we continue to mobilize resources, where and when they are needed. The Community Foundation partners plus our national community foundation colleagues to ensure we continue to mobilize resources, where and when they are needed. The Community Foundation partners plus our national community foundation colleagues to continue to be significant during the public health crisis.

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Nicole Bangart Memorial Scholarship

Brady and Nicole’s mother Cindy created a scholarship fund and a donor advised fund in her name. Brady and Nicole’s family decided to make a gift to the Chilton Area Community Foundation.

When Nicole Bangart decided to commit her life to music and the performing arts, she knew she would face many challenges.

Nicole Bangart was a remarkable young woman. She was a talented pianist and had a natural sense for communication, which is why she was able to create a sense of community around her. She was an excellent communicator and was able to inspire others to follow her lead.

The life of a young woman was cut short when she was killed in a car accident in 2010. Her parents, Brady and Cindy Kees, decided to honor her memory by establishing the Nicole Bangart Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to Chilton High School graduates who are pursuing a career in music or theater. It is available to any student who meets the eligibility requirements.

The scholarship is funded through donations from friends and family, and is administered by the Chilton Area Community Foundation.

Nicole Bangart was a valuable asset to the Chilton Area Community Foundation. She was a passionate volunteer and was always eager to help others.

The Chilton Area Community Foundation is committed to making sure that Nicole’s legacy lives on for many years to come. We are grateful to all of the donors who have helped to make this scholarship possible.

The Chilton Area Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Annual Report 2020

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Despite the challenges, we were able to continue our mission of helping people in need and supporting the community. We are proud of the work we did in 2020 and look forward to continuing our efforts in 2021.

We worked with our clients to provide the necessary resources to meet their needs. We provided financial assistance to families, individuals, and local organizations.

We also provided support to the community by providing information and resources to help people navigate the pandemic.

We are grateful to all of our clients, donors, and volunteers for their support and dedication.

We look forward to continuing our work in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you for your support.

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