

April 2024



Active time of year for many funds

We have three months under our belt and the funds have been busy! We started the year off with a record 15 grant applications for the first grant cycle. Thank you to fund holders who covered some of the grants which allowed our grants committee more grant money available for other grants. Our board has approved up to \$30,000 from our Forever Fund to be utilized for community grants this year. This, with eight other funds used for grants, will allow us to grant nearly \$90,000 in grants. As well, scholarship recipients have been selected and close to \$170,000 will be awarded in scholarships.



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New This Quarter:



Central Chamber Chorale Fund

Central Chamber Chorale Endowment Fund was started in 2003 by the Central Chamber Chorale. This endowed fund is growing because of annual donations. "Not only has the Foundation's grants been invaluable for our special events with orchestra, our endowed fund was invaluable to keep us solvent during the dry periods of the pandemic without live, in-person audiences"

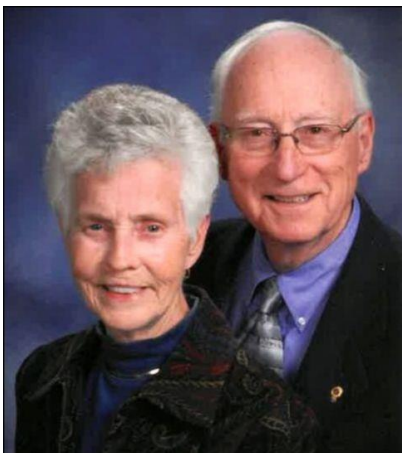
- Ann Stevning-Rowe

Designated Funds

Another busy group of funds were our designated funds. This year, nearly \$90,000 was given to area non-profit organizations which were designated to receive an annual grant through an endowed fund. These organizations can look forward to knowing they will receive a donation each March because someone made a long-term commitment to them.

Some other Designated Funds include:

- Biology Dept. of Columbus H.S. Endowment Fund
- Hardacre Park Refresh & Renew Fund
- John Harrington Fund for Marshfield Area Friends of the Trail
- YMCA Endowment Fund for Seniors



Ken & Norma Zittleman Scholarship

Once in a while you meet someone who puts a smile on your face every time you see them. Ken is that person to us. We haven't had the pleasure of meeting Norma yet but Ken started visiting us a few months back and he always has a great story to tell us about his time as an educator in Marshfield. Because of their love of education, Ken & Norma have started a new type of scholarship. This scholarship will benefit a current teacher within the Marshfield School District who would like to continue their education. We look forward to implementing this scholarship and more visits with Ken to get more stories from his years of teaching.

Community Updates & Collaborations

2024 Good Heart Recipient

This award honors a high school senior who spreads unconditional, unwavering, & self-less kindness in our community. This person exemplifies traits of generosity, teamwork, compassion, & ethics. This year's recipient is Lilly VerBerkmoes and she was nominated by community members who gave examples of Lilly's generous heart and care for others. "She knows the importance of showing people that they are valued for exactly who they are" - Nicole Johnson, nominator.

Thank you to Hub City Times, Event's Etc, & Scotty's Pizza who collaborated with the Community Foundation to continue this award.



Additional Collaborations through Grants

We look forward to giving you updates on the following projects/programs funded through our grants program. They include:

- Right 2 Play 4 All - A United Way program which provides scholarships for kids to participate in community sports
- Marshfield Child Advocacy Center - to help them promote Child Abuse Awareness month in April
- W-O-W kids meals in Owen-Withee
- Owen-Withee Food Pantry
- Auburndale Memorial Park Playground
- HART Equine Therapeutic Center for horse gel pads and game equipment
- Companion Day Services to help them update their space
- Hannah Center for a bathroom project
- Three Bridges Recovery for their "Falling into Recovery" mental health awareness event
- We also continue to support the Neillsville Improvement Corp. Rails to Trails project

Leadership Marshfield Projects

We are pleased to continue our collaboration with Leadership Marshfield to assist them with their small group projects. This year we awarded grants to the Volunteer Marshfield project which will update the volunteer site with United Way, the Sunflower Project which is installing trail signs promoting mental health awareness, and the Fresh Start for Kids hygiene drive.