

*Your Philanthropic Passions
Made Permanent*



For Good. Forever.

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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WELCOMING & RESULTS



Barbara Stevens
Board Chair

Dear Friends of the Community Foundation,

As I reflect on this past year, two words come to mind: gratitude and generosity.

I am honored to live in a community that is caring, giving, and generous. As Board Chair I have witnessed firsthand the commitment and compassion that you give to your neighbors. Even through the economic challenges of the past year, our Foundation feels the continued generosity from all of you.

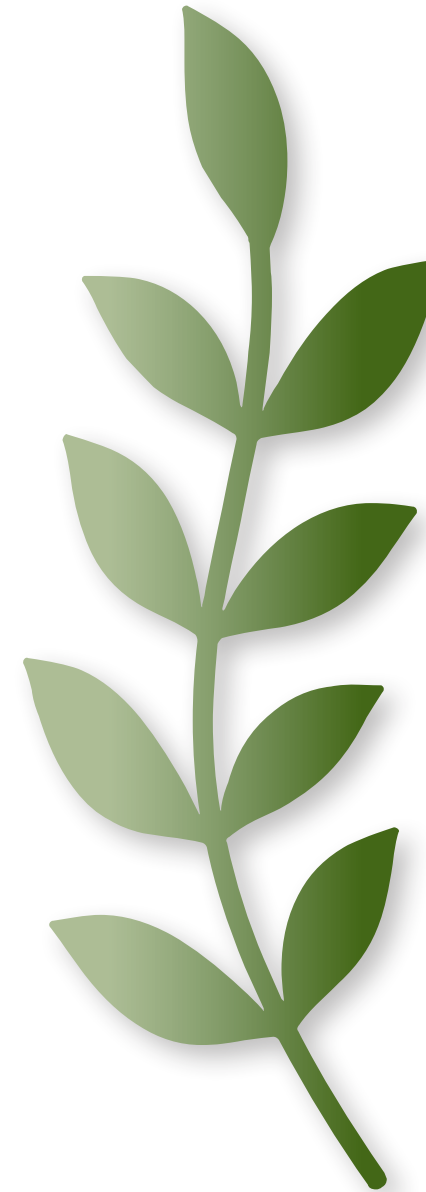
I am pleased to announce that in 2022-2023 we received \$2,252,239 in charitable gifts. We were able to grant out and distribute \$1,479,616 and open 11 new charitable funds. This is a testimony to your generous hearts. We thank you for your trust in us and your desire to make a collaborative difference in Chippewa County.

As another testimony to the Foundation's trust, we earned the national seal of approval through the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Accreditation Program. National accreditation demonstrates the highest mark of integrity for our nonprofit as well as the dedication of our staff and volunteers for whom I could not be more proud.

The sustained strength of the Community Foundation is demonstrated through our generous donors, nonprofits, and community members like you. With a total of 286 funds, 62 fundholders celebrated their 10-year or more fund anniversary. Your commitment is recognized and appreciated. Thank you for contributing your gifts, service, time, and donations to a legacy that will live on: For good, forever.

WELCOME TO ENDOWMENT

Endowment honors the impact of a person, or charity whose work is too vital to have end. Investment earnings on an endowed fund ensure that their intent will be met: "For Good, Forever."



NEW FUNDS OPENED THIS YEAR

Albarado/Klay Family Fund

Designated Fund by Anson and Donna Albarado

Bernie, Shirley & Barb Liedl Family Fund

Designated Fund by Linda Hebert

Bob and Donna Hogseth Family Chippewa History Fund

Designated Fund by Bob and Donna Hogseth Family

Chippewa Area History Center Endowment Fund

Designated Fund by Bob Hogseth and Anonymous Donor

Chippewa Falls Youth Football Endowment

Agency Fund by Chippewa Falls Youth Football, Inc.

Dan and Jacque Daniel Scholarship Fund

Designated Fund by Dan and Jacque Daniel

David and Sharon Raihle Fund

Field of Interest Fund by Sharon Raihle

Jason and Tessa Darley Family Seedling Fund

Donor Advised Seedling Fund by the Jason Darley Family

Jeff & Lori Irvine Family Fund

Donor Advised Fund by Jeff and Lori Irvine

Luarta & Mike Soden Family Scholarship Fund

Designated Fund by Luarta and Mike Soden

Patricia J. (Ehlers) Popple Sunny Day Legacy Fund

Designated Fund by Patricia (Pat) Popple

Robert "Rusty" Gilles Youth Agricultural Scholarship

Designated Fund *Seedling endowed this year

What Endowment Means for Chippewa County

"My endowment will help get more things done, more projects accomplished, and more people together." ~ Pat Popple

What Endowment Means to Fundholders

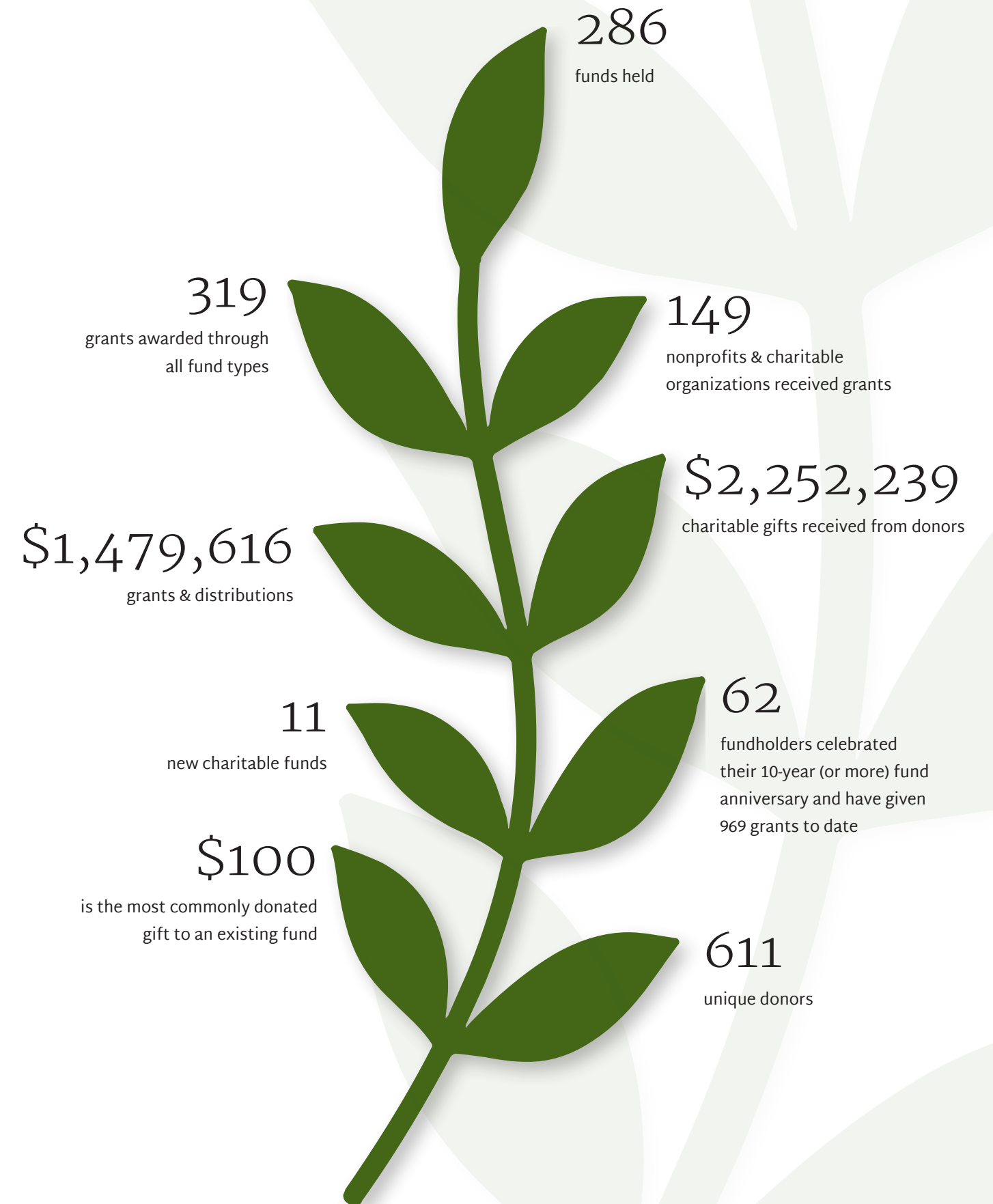
"This scholarship fund is our way to give back to the community for welcoming us, supporting our efforts, and creating a great community." ~ Anson Albarado

HERITAGE SOCIETY

These individuals, families, or organizations have created a permanent fund or have notified us that they have made provisions to do so in their will or estate plan.

Judi and Wayne Akey	Jane and Jim Ford	Russ and Gloria Kazda	Steve and Lauree Pregent
Anson and Donna Albarado	David and Evalyn Wiley Frasch	Carey B. Kell	Joyce Pugh (Pugh Family)
Fern Anderson and Verdell Arneson Trust	George and Jacquie Gannon	Tom and Pam Kell	John Quigley
Anonymous	Rosilyn and Richard Gates	Emmett A. and Anne E. Keller Family	Tom and Jaci Quigley
Estate of Edith B. Arnhold	Tom and Marge Geissler Family	Norman and Mary Ellen Keller	Dave and Rita Raihle
William and Helen Barnes	Paula Gerrish	Robin Kelley	David and Sharon Raihle
The Family of Dolores Barnier	Brian and Lisa Gienapp	Cheryl Kern-Simirenko	Sandy and Roger Robarge
Charles and Vonnie Bathke	Dr. Gary and Carol Gienapp	David and Ellen Kiefer	Robert and Madeline Ruscini Educational Trust
Charles and Magdalen Bejin	Theresa Gienapp	Peter and Joan Kirk	Gerald Sazama
The Family of Max Bergen	Judy Gilles and Mark Gilles	William "Loopy" Kleich	David and Amanda Schafer
Jackie and Jim Bernier	Dave and Ann Gordon	Kevin and Lynda Koehn	Dr. Paul Schaus
Patti J. Boeve	Sheldon and Ruth Gough	Jane Lardahl	David and Jane Schill
Dennis and Jeanne Boisvert	Gary and Pat Gray	Erik and Jenn Larson	Frank and Janelle Schlick
Del and Donna Bourget	Great Northern Corporation	Dr. Robert and Cath Lea	The Family of Frank "Frankie" Schlick
Jeff, Julie, and Emma Bowe	Barbara F. Harper	Estate of John William "Bill" Leinenkugel	Georgiann Scritsmier
Michael P. Boyle	Les and Marilyn Harrison	Jake and Peg Leinenkugel	Darrin and Kim Senn
The Family of Dietmar Braune	Karen Hayhoe	William and Mary Lou Leinenkugel	Greg Senn
Dr. Bertha M. Bresina	Dick and Karen Hebert	The Family of Tim Leis	Cindy Sesolak
Cathy and Marc Brown	Jean and Tom Hebert	Gary and Joanne Leonard	Carol Shepard
Cadott Community Theatre	Nancy Hebert	Ann and Clark Loeffel	Kris and Richard Simonson
Tim and Betty Callahan	Thad and Linda Hebert	Arlene and Gene Lopas	Marilyn "Jinx" Smith
David and Linda Carlson	Ray Helgeson	John A. Lubs	The Family of the Late Charles J. and Sally E. Smith
Claudia Cayo	Kim and Brad Helgeson	Tim and Meg MacLaughlin-Barck	Luarta and Mike Soden
Rolf N. Chance	The Earl and Hazel "Hess" Morrison Family	Elaine Mann	Mary Beth and David A. Spooner
Beverly Chartier	Dennis Heyde	Dan Masterpole and Kathy Lembezeder	Rev. Scott and Theresa Stai
Chippewa County Dental Foundation	John and Mary Hofkes	Dr. Terry McCanna	Bert Swanson
Jack and Dorothy Christensen Family	Robert and Donna Hogseth	Matthew (Mogey) and Jennifer McDonough	Dr. Mahmoud Taman
Eugene and Jacolyn Cody	Jim and Melinda (Haun) Hohncke	Betty McIntyre Family	Rita Tanzer
Ken and Debi Custer	Peter and Sue Holm	Kathleen McLaughlin and Daryl Skobba	Skip and Jill Thaler
Dan and Jacque Daniel	Estate of Gaylord Howard	Dennis and Carole Mickesh	Shawn and Rebecca Thompson
Jason and Tessa Darley	Bryan Huls	Estate of George A. Miller and Alice Miller	The Thorpe Family
Patti and Jeff Darley	Dan and Linda Hunt	Gene and Carmen Mower	Mai Vang
The Darley Family	Rick and Heather Hunt	The Family of Jodie Mueller	Bill and Sheila Volker
Dwight and Linda Davis	Jeff and Lori Irvine	Mark and Marci Myrman	Craig Webb
Sue Decker	William Irvine	Howard and Joanne Olson	Steve and Marcie Wermund
Kris Dimock	Gerald and Mary Jacobson	William P. "Bill" Olson	Susan and William Westbrook
Bob and Lea Dirks	David and Patricia Jankoski	Ellen O'Neil and John O'Neil	Dean and Betty White
Lloyd and Arnetta Eckes	Sherry and Patrick Jasper	Nancy and William Pickerign Family	Susan Lindoo and Michael Wolesky
Dennis and Bonnie Ferstenou	Carin and Scott Jelleberg	Patricia J. (Ehlers) Pople	Jim and Arlene Wright
Dianne and Dave Fish	Gerald E. and Susan J. Joas		
George and Peggy Fleming	Joseph W. Joas		
	Tom and Julie Joas		
	Tom (TJ), Beth and Chance Johnson		

FY 2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS



OUR FAMILY OF FUNDS

AGENCY FUNDS

Opened by a nonprofit or charitable organization solely to support its long-term, mission-driven goals.

28 Funds

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Fundholders open a fund and name a specific nonprofit or charitable purpose they will support with an endowment.

72 Funds

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

Fundholders choose each year, the specific nonprofit or charitable purpose to support with their fund's earnings.

36 Funds



UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

These endowed funds respond to the highest needs in Chippewa County through the annual competitive grant cycle. This high-impact fund type also includes:

- FUND FOR CHIPPEWA COUNTY
- COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RESPONSE-RECOVERY-REBUILD FUND
- COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANT FUND

26 Funds



286 Total Funds Managed

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND

Donations sustain the Foundation's basic needs for operating. Those who give \$5,000 or more to this fund are welcomed into the Guardian Society.

3 Funds

SEEDLING FUNDS

Fundholders start with a portion of the endowment level and build their Seedling Fund to full endowment.

16 Funds

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

Fundholders declare one of five charitable focus areas that their fund will support when granting out.

33 Funds

PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

Non-endowed funds that are usually established for short-term nonprofit campaigns, projects, or charitable giving. This fund type includes:

- SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS
- SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS
- GIVE CHIPPEWA COUNTY GIVING CIRCLE

72 Funds

FUNDS CONTRIBUTING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANT CYCLES

Each year, the Community Foundation awards these grants to nonprofit organizations serving Chippewa County. See the five charitable focus areas represented in this year's grant cycle on page 15.

Why these fundholders made *their philanthropic passions permanent*

ALBARADO/KLAY FAMILY FUND

Designated Fund by Anson and Donna Albarado

With generations of dedication to the students of the Cadott School District and its community, Anson and Donna created the Albarado/Klay Family Fund to provide scholarships to graduates of Cadott High School. Their goal is to encourage volunteering and help kids reach for higher education opportunities.

“Our scholarship leans heavily on volunteer hours because volunteering gives kids life experience. The kids maybe don’t realize that it’s their job to take care of others.” expresses Donna.

Supporting education began with Donna’s parents. John and Helen Klay grew up in West Central Wisconsin. Her father, John, served 32 years for the Cadott School District. Similarly, his son-in-law, Anson earned an Industrial Arts degree at the University of Wisconsin Stout and was the District’s Industrial Arts educator for 35 years.

Donna’s mother, Helen, worked as a cook and waitress in Cadott and retired as Head Cook for the school district. Donna manages several food assurance programs for St. John’s Lutheran Church including Come Now and Eat and the Backpack Buddies Program. She graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a bachelor’s and master’s degree.

Anson and Donna have included their children, Andy and Jill, in the review of scholarship grant applications in addition to the School District Committee review. Anson explains, “We included our kids because this community means a lot to them.”



“This scholarship fund is our way to give back to the community for welcoming us, supporting our efforts, and creating a great community,” reflects Anson.

The Albarado/Klay Family Fund will grant an annual scholarship administered by the Cadott School District in the Albarado/Klay name. Their grants will be awarded to graduates from Cadott High School for generations to come.



**School District of
Cadott Community**

BOB AND DONNA HOGSETH FAMILY CHIPPEWA HISTORY FUND

Designated Fund by Bob and Donna Hogseth Family

This Designated Endowment Fund will generate annual gifts to the Cook-Rutledge Mansion and the new Chippewa Area History Center, forever. Bob and Donna shared a love of Chippewa Falls and felt fortunate to be able to raise their children (Paul, Scott & Anne) in such a wonderful community. They also had a passion to improve the quality of life for all Chippewa Falls citizens.

Among their many interests were community and family history. Donna passed away unexpectedly in September 2013 at the “young” age of 57. The following words were among those spoken on September 14, 2014, by Larry Pearson at the Cook-Rutledge Mansion at a ceremony honoring Donna, a past Board Chair:

We find ourselves here today to remember and honor Donna Hogseth. In life, our paths cross the paths of many other people. If we’re fortunate, our paths cross the paths of others that have a profound impact on our lives. On a personal note, my path first crossed Donna’s path when I taught her children in Fifth Grade many years ago. Much like the braided rivers found in nature, our paths continued to cross as she became involved with her volunteer efforts here at the Cook-Rutledge Mansion. Donna joined the Mansion Board as a Board member and served as President of the Board for two years. She was, at times, Chief, cook, and bottle washer. She didn’t shy away from any challenge or project. Her gentle confidence and leadership helped the Cook-Rutledge Mansion set and achieve goals. I remember how she guided our fundraising efforts. Her vision and knowledge, especially her computer skills, captured our attention and led us forward with our fundraising. She didn’t just have ideas and vision. She taught us the necessary computer skills to get everyone involved with the project. She’d always say, “You can do this.”

Our paths have crossed here today not only to remember and honor Donna but to thank her for her volunteer efforts at the Cook-Rutledge Mansion. Donna always said, “I love the Cook-Rutledge Mansion.” I believe that she wasn’t speaking just of the bricks and mortar of the mansion. She loved the idea of keeping history alive. She loved the idea of sharing that history with others. Thank you, Donna, for your vision and your sharing.



While you are no longer in our physical presence, you’re in our hearts and minds. We’ve planted a tree in your honor on the Cook-Rutledge Mansion grounds. As it grows, your vision of sharing will continue to grow. Your tree will share its beauty and shade with all. (Larry Pearson, 2014)

Following Donna’s passing, Bob continued their history of helping improve the community. He accepted a leadership role in the 2017-2022 Capital Campaign and building of the Chippewa Area History Center. The Center’s “Hogseth Volunteers Lounge” was named in honor of Bob and Donna’s philanthropic activities and financial gifts. They were always strong supporters of the Community Foundation, ever since its inception in 2001. Bob served on the Community Foundation’s Board of Directors from 2006-2012, and was the 2011-2012 Board Chair. This fund is the third fund established by the Hogseths.



Thank you, Bob Hogseth, for providing your story.

CHIPPEWA FALLS YOUTH FOOTBALL ENDOWMENT

Agency Fund by Chippewa Falls Youth Football, Inc.

Chippewa Falls Youth Football is marking its 50th anniversary in 2023. Its primary goal is to grow its players and coaches into community leaders through the sport of football.

The nonprofit, volunteer-led club impacts the lives of numerous players and coaches. Coach Chad Burger unfolds a story about its passionate donors and how together they secured the future of youth football.

Chippewa Falls Youth Football (CFYF) “is the best it’s ever been,” according to Coach Chad Burger. Now in its 50th year, Coach Burger, CFYF president reflects, “To see this club where it once was, watch how it has changed, and realize where we are now; I’m astounded.”

The Club offers flag football to kids in 2nd through 6th grade, and tackle football for 5th through 6th grade kids. Games are held at their new field in Lake Hallie. As a testament to its desirability, several schools across Chippewa County and in Eau Claire host practices so that their students can have a chance to play.

While coach and player development has always been a win for the club, the last 50 years also felt financially unstable for the nonprofit. Coach Burger described the club’s history to point out the community’s undeniable dedication to its mission. Each time the club faced difficulty; community donors were there to support them.

In the early years, Arnie Pelhke, club volunteer and Jim Knapp kept the club afloat financially. Twenty years ago, they operated [with many thanks] from a donated storage space. When they outgrew their practice field, the Club faced the possible consequence of closing their doors. In that case, it was Donna Weber and her husband Gordy Schafer who gave the club a lifetime lease on family land. The club named it Weber Fields to honor this family.

It was clear that this club was making a difference, and the players, coaches, schools, and community wanted this Club to be permanent.

“Our community noticed the financial struggles we faced, and the Club needed more stability,” said Jason Darley, CFYF Capital Fund Chairperson.



In 2017 Jason led the Club in a 3-phased plan to reduce debt, improve equipment and facilities, and raise funds to support its future. They started with a list of basic needs and the community called each other to task. Coach Burger responded, “We were impressed. We finished the first 2 phases of our plan in 2 months!”

CFYF raised enough money to build operational headquarters at Weber Fields, buy a scoreboard, purchase equipment, and even open an endowment fund.

The endowment will be used for capital sustainability. “It will give us long-term support of the Club’s operations,” finished Jason.

From the coach’s perspective, Chad said, “[The endowment] allows us to shift our focus away from keeping our doors open and toward creating opportunities for our players. It’s really all about giving our players the best experience possible.”

When asked about the future of the club, Coach Burger said, “On our 100th anniversary, we want to see that we have made community leaders and that our endowment continues to provide the facilities and infrastructure to continue that, forever.”

MAKE YOUR PHILANTHROPIC PASSIONS PERMANENT

How it works

Starting with donors

who are fueled by
charitable passion,

we activate their gifts
and grow their fund
to benefit others:

For good. Forever.



*Greater Impact. Greater Giving.
For A Greater Chippewa County*



LUARTA & MIKE SODEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Designated Fund by Luarta and Mike Soden

What is the recipe for opening an endowment fund? For the Soden family, it was decades of home cooking, generations of 4-H leadership, and raising their own kids that proved the effort.

Mike and Luarta Soden said they opened an endowed scholarship fund with the Community Foundation because “The foundation has been here for so long, we have friends with funds, it was logical.” Mike added, “Jill explained the process very well, and made it very easy for us to do.”

“Seed money for our fund started with the sales of her cookbooks,” Mike smiled. “Aaron Rodger’s mom even has one,” he beamed. Luarta is known for her excellent cooking at home and at 4-H camp. She spent years in 4-H as a youth and as a leader during her own kids’ tenure. “And Mike got involved too, leading projects and stage setting for the show choir,” added Luarta.

Amazed by the leadership skills learned in 4-H, their scholarship will be available to Chippewa County students who have had 4-H experience.

“4-H prepares kids to succeed,” Luarta commented then recalled, “One of our 4-H’ers was really nervous about a high school speech she had to give. I told her that it’s no different from the demonstrations she had been giving in 4-H. You’ve done this before!” Luarta laughed saying, “She just dropped her shoulders and said, ‘Oh yeah. I have!’.”



Experiences like these, including the success their own kids had, entrusted them to tie their endowment fund to the scholarship requirements of the Wisconsin State 4-H Foundation. Their endowment grows here at the Community Foundation of Chippewa County and will be used to fund nearly any type of post-graduate education through the 4-H Foundation’s scholarship process.

According to Mike, “They have a rigorous scholarship application, that is really more like a resume.”

Mike, an Army Reserve retiree, and Luarta a semi-retired tax accountant have been a consistent figure of support in the community, especially through mentoring and teaching 4-H youth in Chippewa County. They hope to continue to encourage kids by funding their education through an endowed scholarship fund.



OUR MISSION

To enable donors to achieve their philanthropic goals, to meet changing community needs, thereby benefiting the communities, people, and other nonprofit organizations of Chippewa County.

SERVING CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Bloomer, Boyd, Cadott, Chippewa Falls, Cornell, Holcombe, Jim Falls, Lafayette, Lake Hallie, New Auburn, Stanley, Tilden.

PATRICIA J. (EHLERS) POPPLE SUNNY DAY LEGACY FUND

Designated Fund by Patricia (Pat) Popple

When a person experiences deep joy and adoration in their life, it often leads to significant outcomes. Pat Popple, a Chippewa Falls resident, finds as much joy in exploring genealogy as she does in caring for her treasured pets.

After retiring from 37 years of teaching and school administration in the Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire School Districts, Pat considered how she could leave a gift for her community. To ensure that her two greatest joys would be supported and cared for forever, she started a fund to help them. This year, Pat opened an endowed fund and designated it to support The Chippewa County Genealogical Society and The Chippewa County Humane Association.

“My endowment will help these organizations get more things done, more projects accomplished, and bring more people together.” reflects Pat.

Pat found her love for genealogy through her mother. She explains, “My mother was one of 13 in her family. She always remembered everyone’s special dates and knew how we are all connected through the generations. She really inspired me to find out who paved the way for me to be here today.”



With the intention of inspiring others to explore genealogy, half of Pat’s fund will support the genealogical society’s mission.

It was through her grandmother that Pat developed a love for cats. Her first cat, “Putsy,” was given to her and her family by her grandmother. She and family members cared for this independent, loving, and unpredictable, red cat. Since then, Pat has found joy in caring for many cats, and dogs too, who needed a loving home and teaching them exactly what that meant. Half of Pat’s fund will support this type of experience for others through the mission of the humane society.



Something Good is Happening Here. Give Your Support.

JEFF & LORI IRVINE FAMILY FUND

Donor Advised Fund by Jeff and Lori Irvine

Jeff and Lori feel very blessed to call the Chippewa Valley home since 1996 and couldn't think of a better place to raise a family.

After having met in college in Madison in 1985 on the theatrical set of Back to School, they lived in Virginia and Michigan before returning to Wisconsin. Jeff and Lori joined their family business, Design Homes, and quickly fell in love with Chippewa Falls, Lake Wissota, and the people they met.

"The philanthropic nature of this community is compelling. They are truly inspirational," remarks Jeff.

The Irvines are very proud of their two children, Angelina, age 25, and Sean, age 21. "Countless individuals and businesses have worked to make the Chippewa Valley a better place for our kids. This community has given us, and our kids, more than we could ever imagine," Jeff reflects.

The Irvines opened a Donor Advised Fund to support their community in the way it supported them.



The Irvines have seen firsthand and heard from friends who are fundholders the positive impact the Community Foundation has had on the Chippewa Valley. The timing was right for them to open a Donor Advised Fund this year. The fund will support the people and services in the place they call home.

CHARITABLE IMPACTS 

Applause - Worthy Highlights

\$1,479,616 total grants & distributions

319 grants awarded through all fund types

149 nonprofits, charities, and schools received grants

GRANTS BY CHARITABLE FOCUS AREA

ARTS & CULTURE

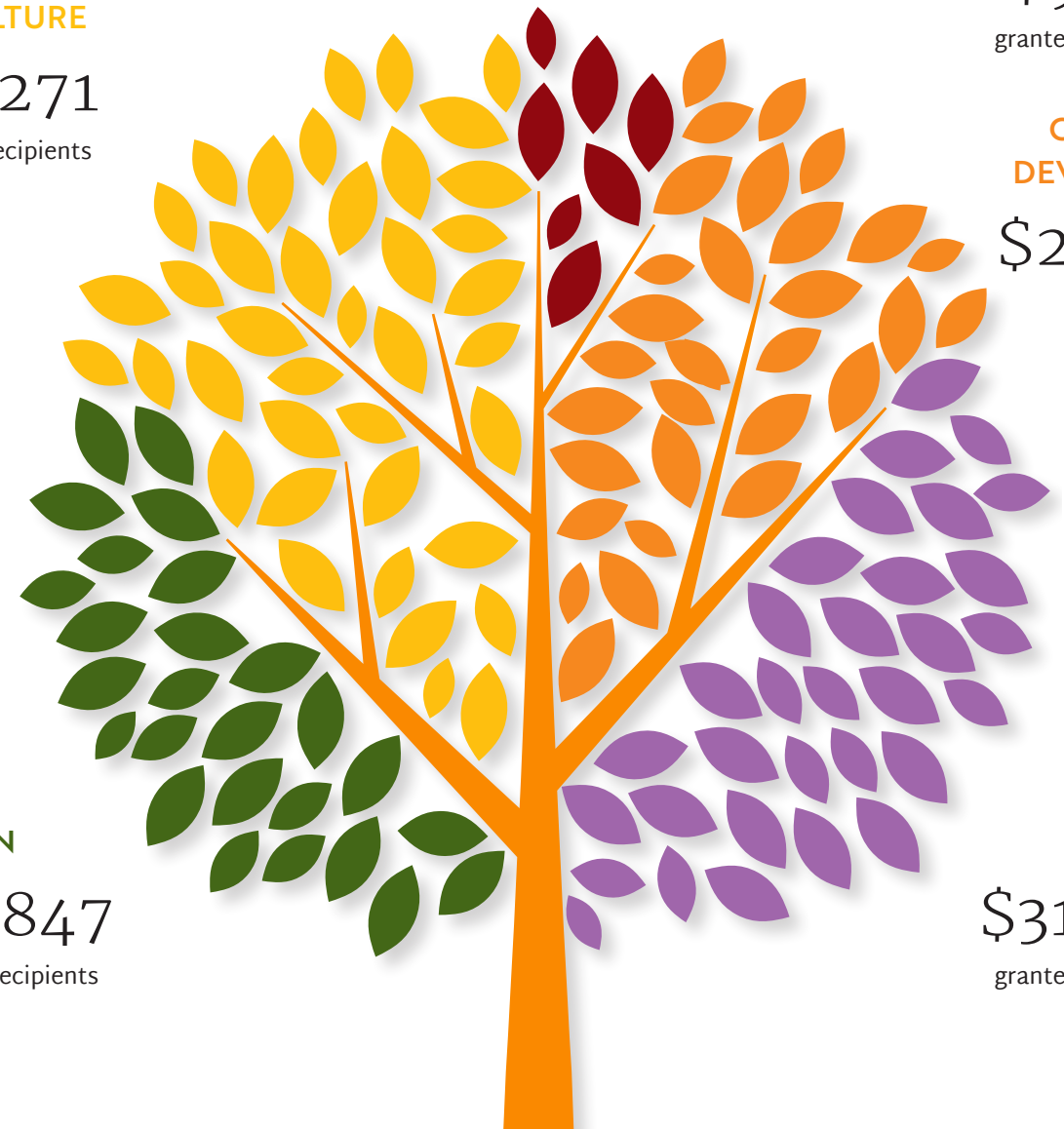
\$632,271
granted to 39 recipients

ENVIRONMENT & ANIMAL WELFARE

\$93,879
granted to 37 recipients

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

\$211,591
granted to 62 recipients



EDUCATION

\$224,847
granted to 129 recipients

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

\$317,027
granted to 85 recipients

JASON AND TESSA DARLEY FAMILY SEEDLING FUND

Donor Advised Seedling Fund by the Jason Darley Family

Jason and Tessa Darley opened a Seedling Fund in 2023 that will grow toward a forever endowment. When endowed, the fund will focus support on mental health resources, youth sports, and public recreation opportunities; each of which is important to the Darley family. Jason said they established the fund as a means for their family to give back to the community.

Jason and Tessa plan to involve their children in the charitable giving that this fund will accomplish. When the children get older, the family will discuss what they appreciate about their community and what needs they can support in their community.



COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTS

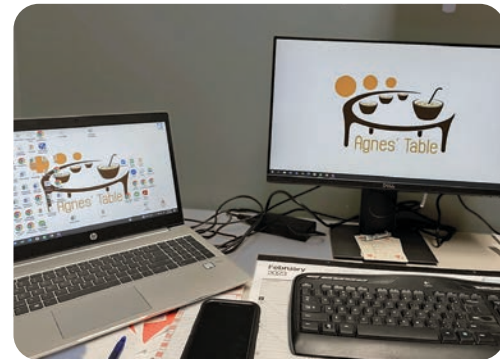
Community Needs Grants are awarded annually in a competitive grant cycle by the Board of Directors to charitable organizations. These grants were awarded for the 2022-2023 grant cycle.



Grace Lutheran Communities
Adaptive Devices for Grace Adult Day Services in Chippewa Falls
 Michele Curry: "Seeing our participants enjoy the bubble tube, pointing out their favorite fish or letting out a giggle has been exciting. It's wonderful to see them enjoying all the items that our grant provided."



Cornell School District
Creating 2nd Grade Readers!
 Student: "These are super good books and everyone in our entire class likes them!"
 Chris Pickerign: "This grant and these books did EXACTLY what was intended! Our struggling readers found success in reading and had the feeling of 'fitting in' with their peers who were already reading chapter books."



Legacy Community Center, Inc.
Agnes' Table - Purchase of 2 Laptops
 Faye Peterson: "The ability to work right in the center and access information has been a very positive experience. Our community has been very appreciative."



Feed My People Food Bank
Cadott Pop-Up Food Distribution
 Suzanne Becker: "Fresh produce continues to be the number one item desired. Guests were outwardly excited and grateful."



Chippewa Valley Cultural Association, Inc
Uganda's Dance of Hope
 Debra Johnson: "The biggest success was gaining a partnership with members of the East African community living in the Chippewa Valley."



Early Literacy Coalition of the Greater Chippewa Valley
Chippewa Valley Little Libraries
 Becce Woestman: "[This project] provides free books for families to take home...[from] places where low-income families may already be receiving support."



Friends of Brunet Island State Park
Jean Brunet Trail Foot Bridge
 Zach Thon: "Several park users went out of their way to thank us for replacing the bridge."



Northern Wisconsin State Fair Association, Inc.
Fairgrounds Beautification Project
 Joe Seckora: "I think every time you take down a tree, you should try to plant 10 more. Trees make a big difference for our visitors, our staff and our community."

\$79,802 awarded to 32 nonprofits/charities

American Red Cross of Northwest Wisconsin
 Services to the Armed Forces

Bloomer Fire Department
 Purchase of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for city residents

Boys and Girls Club of Chippewa Falls
 High Quality STEAM Programming

Chippewa County 4-H; Edson-Hilltop 4-H Club
 Honoring the Clover

Chippewa County Crime Stoppers
 Building a Safer Chippewa County

Chippewa County Criminal Justice Services
 Programming and Reentry

Chippewa Falls Cardinal Community Learning Center
 Student Connections Support Group Calming Room

Chippewa Falls Public Library
 Adult Study Area

Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership
 Farmers Market EBT Program

Chippewa Valley Community Chorus
 Help Everyone Sing

Chippewa Valley Cultural Association, Inc.
 Afternoon Performances for Homebound Seniors/Assisted Living

Chippewa Valley Cultural Association, Inc.
 Uganda's Dance of Hope

City of Chippewa Falls Police Department
 Night Vision and Thermal Optics Proposal

Cornell Area Fire Department, Inc.
 Purchase of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for city residents

Cornell School District
 Creating 2nd Grade Readers!

Early Literacy Coalition of the Greater Chippewa Valley
 Chippewa Valley Little Libraries

English Lutheran Church of Bateman
 Conscious Discipline 4-Week Parenting Workshops

Feed My People Food Bank
 Cadott Pop-Up Food Distribution

Fierce Freedom, Inc.
 Community Educational Events for Awareness & Prevention of Human Trafficking

First Presbyterian Community Food Pantry
 Distribution of Hygiene Products

Friends of Brunet Island State Park
 Jean Brunet Trail Foot Bridge

Grace Lutheran Communities
 Adaptive Devices for Grace Adult Day Services in Chippewa Falls

Hope Village - Tiny Housing Alternatives, Inc.
 Hope Village 2023 IT Project

L.E. Phillips CDC Outreach Office
 Transportation Assistance Chippewa County

Lake Wissota Garden Club
 Sanctuary Entry Restoration & Signage Improvement Project

Legacy Community Center
 Agnes' Table - Purchase of 2 laptops

Northern Wisconsin State Fair Association, Inc
 Fairgrounds Beautification Project

Parkview Elementary
 Snacks for Hungry Students

Professional Dental Hygiene Express Inc
 Bright Smiles

Sleep in Heavenly Peace
 No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!

St. Peter's School
 Tuition assistance

Valley Vineyard Family Services, LLC
 Food Pantry

NORTHWESTERN BANK SCHOOL MINI-GRANTS

Awarded annually by our Board of Directors to bolster education endeavors in 3rd-8th grade classrooms.



Cardinal Community Learning Center
Babysitter Safety Class
Ann Zenner: "15 students are now better prepared in the safety and responsibilities associated in caring for children."



Jim Falls Elementary School
Classroom Transformations! Oh My!
Nichole Braaten: "I cannot thank you enough for supporting my classroom. Students love the supplies! One student said, 'This is the best day ever!'"



St Paul's Catholic School
Record Racers STEM Project
Ashley Kneendorf: "These students developed their love for building thins and saw an extension of possible career opportunities."

\$3,859 awarded to 13 Educators from 6 Schools to fund 15 projects

Cardinal Community Learning Center
Babysitter Safety Class

Jim Falls Elementary
Classroom Transformations! Oh My!

St. Peter School
For the Love of Reading

Cornell Elementary
4th Grade Trip to the State Capital

Jim Falls Elementary
Motivational/Inspirational Quotes

St. Peter School
Teacher's Pay Teachers

Cornell Elementary
Curriculum Comes to Life!

Jim Falls Elementary
Playground Blacktop Paintings

St. Peter School
Towers of Knowledge

Cornell Elementary
Indoor Recess Fun

St. Paul's Catholic School
Record Racers - STEM Project

Stillson Elementary School
Our Classroom Comfort Kit

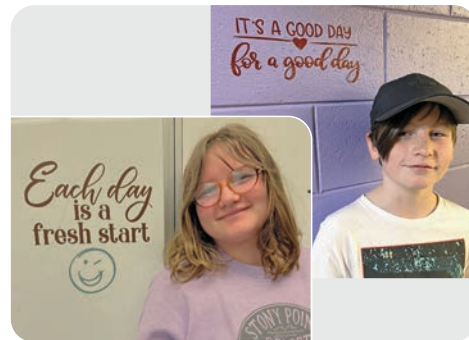
Cornell Elementary
Write Us A New

St. Peter School
Beefing Up the Classroom Library

Stillson Elementary School
Playground Obstacle Painting



Cornell Elementary School
Indoor Recess Fun
Ashley Rosentrater: "Usually there is no interaction among the kids. Now they grab the bins...and interact with each other."



Jim Falls Elementary School
Inspirational Quotes
Julie Lyberg: "I see students stopping to read the positive quotes. I also made staff t-shirts that we wear as a group to promote positivity in all."



Stillson Elementary School
Our Classroom Comfort Kit
Emily Seavecki's students:
Kindergarten boy: "I really like this box. The things inside it make my body feel good."
Fifth grade girl: "This seems kind of cool. It has stuff in it that makes your brain recharge."
First grade boy: "Do we get to have these in every class, every year? I really like it."

OTHER TYPES OF GRANTS

AGENCY FUNDS

Opened by a nonprofit organization to support its long-term, mission-driven goals.

\$234,331 in grants awarded from charitable organizations' funds

SCHOLARSHIP PASS-THROUGH AWARDS

Awarded by each school district named as a recipient of scholarship funds from 41 pass-through funds.

\$96,980 in scholarships awarded

DONOR-ADVISED FUND GRANTS

Fundholders choose the specific nonprofit/charity to support with their fund's earnings, annually.

\$68,225 awarded to 39 recipients

SPECIAL PROJECT PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

Organizations hold this type of short-term fund as a mechanism for managing charitable campaign gifts that are reserved for a special, charitable project.

\$819,897 of donations dispersed to charitable campaigns

DESIGNATED FUND GRANTS

Fundholders open a fund and name a specific nonprofit/charity they will support with an endowment.

\$177,065 in gifts given to 54 recipients

GIVE CHIPPEWA COUNTY, GIVING CIRCLE GRANTS

A membership-based giving circle pooling members' donations to offer annual grants while also building a field of interest endowment fund.

66 Household Members totaling
120 Individual Members

Awarded 3 grants totaling **\$4,473** to:

- Bloomer/New Auburn Area Food Pantry
- Cadott Community Library
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace



Get to know
Give Chippewa County



See a listing of all Grant recipients
in the fiscal year

GRANT STORY

BUILDING HOPE, REDUCING RECIDIVISM

Chippewa County Criminal Justice Services

“Essentially, fundholders of unrestricted funds and donors to the Community Need Grant Fund are helping create a safer Chippewa County.”

Because of the Community Needs Grant, Rose Baier, Criminal Justice Services Director for Chippewa County enhances the Pretrial and Reentry programs that are known to reduce repeated jail time and increase a person’s chance for successfully re-entering their community.

Providing Moral Reconation Therapy and Reentry supplies made possible through the grant helps offer “a fair and just approach to supporting a person’s basic needs so that they can reintegrate safely,” Rose explains.

Moral Reconation Therapy is a facilitated program teaching individuals who are involved in the criminal justice system to recognize and change their behavioral patterns that often lead to jail time.

The Reentry supplies add to the Department’s ability to facilitate a successful return to the community. With the help of the Community Needs Fund Grant, Rose started providing hygiene kits, backpacks, and other basic needs items such as travel vouchers for those individuals leaving jail.

Rose, along with a University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension educator, stocks supplies in a cabinet in the Department’s conference room. The reality is that when people reenter the community, they are released wearing whatever they had been wearing when arrested, and carrying only what they had in their pockets at the time.



“People are in need of things like shoes, transportation vouchers, or phone access just to ensure that they can make it home or to a safe place,” explains Rose. “The grant helps us do that.”

University Extension educator, Jeanne Walsh points out, “It seems so small and so simple, but the reality is that it gives hope.”

The Chippewa County Criminal Justice Services Department’s mission is to provide opportunities for individuals within the criminal justice system to improve their quality of life through facilitating recovery and community integration using evidence-based innovative programs.

Every Dollar Used for Good

➤ Committed to the well-being of every charitable cause and every person in Chippewa County.

➤ Accountable for every grant issued to our community.

➤ Responsive to our community’s needs and fundholders’ passions.

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- Accountable, beyond state and federal regulations.
- Commitment to every charitable cause and person in Chippewa County.
- We stand by every grant awarded.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (JUNE 30, 2023 & 2022)

	2023	2022
ASSETS:		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$340,364	\$321,445
INVESTMENTS	25,479,734	26,406,485
CASH SURRENDER VALUE OF LIFE INSURANCE	19,631	23,644
PREPAID EXPENSES	-	192
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT - NET	46	1,393
TOTAL ASSETS	\$25,839,775	\$26,753,159
LIABILITIES:		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2,608	2,902
ACCRUED PAYROLL	10,940	10,672
DEFERRED REVENUE	1,050	670
AGENCY ENDOWMENT AND PASS-THROUGH FUNDS	8,748,263	11,766,987
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$8,762,861	\$11,781,231
NET ASSETS:		
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	1,422,543	1,266,907
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	15,654,371	13,705,021
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$17,076,914	\$14,971,928
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$25,839,775	\$26,753,159

* Complete and audited financial statements are available upon request. Auditors for 2023: Bauman Associates, Ltd.
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	2023		
(YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023)	ALL FUNDS	FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	TOTALS EXCLUDING FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS**
CONTRIBUTIONS, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT:			
CONTRIBUTIONS OF CASH AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS	\$2,231,374	\$1,094,042	\$1,137,332
CONTRIBUTIONS OF NONFINANCIAL ASSETS	15,287	-	15,287
INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)	2,408,174	945,509	1,462,665
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FROM FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	110,114	-	110,114
SPECIAL EVENTS	9,273	-	9,273
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$4,774,222	\$2,039,551	\$2,734,671
GRANTS AND EXPENSES:			
GRANTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS	5,289,375	4,948,163	341,212
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	57,695	-	57,695
PROGRAM SERVICES	201,933	-	201,933
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS	110,114	110,114	-
FUND-RAISING	28,845	-	28,845
TOTAL GRANTS AND EXPENSES	\$5,687,962	\$5,058,277	\$629,685
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(913,740)	(3,018,726)	2,104,986
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	26,738,915	11,766,987	14,971,928
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$25,825,175	\$8,748,261	\$17,076,914

* This is a summarized financial statement presentation. Complete and audited financial statements are available upon request. Auditors: Bauman Associates, Ltd.
** The activity of agency and pass-through funds held for other not-for-profit organizations are eliminated from the total statement of activities in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.



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