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## \$1.4M Granted & Community Foundation Week Celebrated

The Community Foundation of Chippewa County is the community's source for nationally accredited, nonprofit fundholding and grant-making. Within the last year, 11 new fundholders joined the effort and 62 existing fundholders celebrated their 10-year or more fundholding anniversary.

According to the Community Foundation's 2022-2023 annual report, they manage 286 charitable funds. From those funds, they granted nearly \$1.4 million in grants and distributions to 149 nonprofits and charities serving Chippewa County.

"The generous amount of grantmaking is only possible because of those who open endowed funds and those who donate to an existing fund," remarks Jill Herriges, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Chippewa County.

Grant-funded projects and new fundholders are celebrated each October at the Foundation's Seedlings to Shade Trees event. The Foundation's past Board Chair, Barb Stevens said, "This event is one way we show our donors and nonprofits the real difference they've made in Chippewa County by working through a community foundation."

Current Board Chair, Mary Randall, addressed the audience at the event saying, "When I think about giving through the Community Foundation it always starts with caring for each other, and that progresses toward connection, cooperation, and collaboration; then finally, to celebration."

Community foundations are one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy in the United States. In essence, they are nonprofits that manage charitable funds and award grants for the purpose of supplementing or assisting in the coordination of public programs and services.

Since 1989, November 12-18 has been marked Community Foundation Week by presidential proclamation. National Philanthropy Day occurs during the week, on November 15.



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According to the Community Foundation of Chippewa County, opening a fund is often prompted when retirement plans, estate plans, and wills are being addressed. Other times, funds are opened to manage an outpouring of community support such as in remembrance of a person’s life or to resolve a crucial community need.

“Many people want to reserve a portion of their surplus to serve a charitable need. We ensure that this charitable intention is sustained for generations to come.” Herriges said.

Those who open a fund contribute to the sustained support of Chippewa County’s people and resources. The Foundation manages funds for long-term growth and awards grants to verified nonprofits in good standing. “Donations to an existing fund are a simple way for anyone to support their community, continues Herriges.”

The 2022-2023 Annual Report includes stories about fundholders and nonprofits who received grants. Three grant recipients told their grant impact stories in professional videos available on the Foundation's website.

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GRANT TYPE	RECIPIENT	PROJECT TITLE
Community Needs Grant recipient	Cornell School District	Creating 2nd Grade Readers!
Community Needs Grant recipient	Grace Lutheran Communities	Adaptive Devices for Grace Adult Day Services in Chippewa Falls
Northwestern Bank Mini-Grant	St. Paul's Catholic School	STEM Project

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