

Health & Wellness

15 The Byron & Catherine Olson Fund helped clients at Marshfield Clinic's Menomonie Dental Center afford their out-of-pocket expenses in an effort to improve the oral health of underserved and vulnerable populations.

16 Bridge to Hope staff rely on their van to rescue women, take them to court hearings, to register their kids for school, and more. When their van broke down, our donor advised fund holders donated \$9,500 towards a new one.

17 The Dunn County Humane Society received a grant to their Safe Harbor Fund, established to provide free veterinary services to women staying at The Bridge.



18 & 19

Health Dunn Right's Mental Health Action Team used our grant to publish a Community Resource Guide featuring 450 programs, services and organizations. Online at dunn.myresourceguide.org, users can filter by categories such as food, aging and housing.

The Chronic Disease Action Team used part of their grant to launch a Story Book Walk in Lakeside Park. It's an innovative and delightful way for children — and adults! — to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time.

Community

20 The Women's Giving Circle held their most successful membership drive which allowed them to award \$21,000 in grants this year - the most ever! Their *Stories of Strength* virtual education series featured local examples of how nonprofits are making positive changes in the lives of women and children in our community with Women's Giving Circle funding.

20 Ways Dunn County Got Better Because of You



2021

Inside are 20 of our favorite grants and projects to show you how we fulfill our mission to connect people who care with causes that matter

Children & Youth

- 1 With our funding, Junior Achievement expanded their proven lessons in financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship to more classrooms in Menomonie, Boyceville and Elk Mound.
- 2 Being mindful and staying healthy are linked to academic success. Our teacher mini grant program helped the Colfax School District's walking club get moving!
- 3 Seventy-seven scholarships - over \$50,000 in awards - were given to 66 graduating seniors from 7 area high schools. Madeline Bailey of Menomonie, who wants to become a teacher, became the first recipient of the David Maves Memorial Scholarship.

The Menomonie Theater Guild understands that children's programming is not just entertainment. We supported their summer production of Honk, Jr., because theater is key to more creative, more communicative, healthier kids.



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- 5 Wakanda Waterpark helps bring our community together by offering families a fun, accessible space. We supported Parks & Recreation with a grant so kids could enjoy their summer under new "fun"brellas this year.
- 6 The Boys & Girls Club received a grant to offer their Ultimate Journey program. In partnership with the National Park Service, the program introduces young people to environmental stewardship.

Arts & Heritage

- 7 We 'gave green' to the Dunn County Historical Society's Solar Victory Garden initiative, a public exhibit about solar energy that has the added benefit of powering the museum facilities.
- 8 We assisted the Dunn County Eternal Flame Memorial Relocation fund because the flame represents our community's eternal remembrance of the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families.

The Mabel Tainter received a grant to support their free outdoor concert this summer. It was their way of saying "thank you" for all of the amazing community support that helped the theater through the pandemic.



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Forming Futures

- 10 With support from a donor advised fund, Elk Mound started an American Legion baseball option for players aged 16-19 last summer.
- 11 Support to Literacy Chippewa Valley's Job Readiness Re-entry program allowed them to offer ServSafe and OSHA training to Dunn County inmates preparing for release.
- 12 We helped 'extinguish roadblocks' for local parents to receive a foster care license by providing ten sets of the required home fire safety equipment to The Wisconsin Foster Closet.

Philanthropy

In September, we awarded Brent Skinner with the inaugural Distinguished Service Award, recognizing the significant contributions he has given to the field of philanthropy.

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Our inaugural Legacy Tea honored our Legacy members and provided awareness about the Foundation.

