



COMMUNITY CORNERSTONE



The Newsletter of the Community Foundation of Dunn County

WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE'S YOUTH PHILANTHROPY INITIATIVE IN ACTION!



The entire 7th grade class at Menomonie Middle School awarded Camp to Belong with a \$500 grant as part of the Women's Giving Circle of Dunn County's brand new Youth Philanthropy Initiative. The Women's Giving Circle invited Stepping Stones of Dunn County, Camp to Belong and Fierce Freedom to the school to vie for this youth-led grant award. After hearing presentations from each non-profit, the 7th grade class voted and decided the grant would

go to Camp to Belong, an organization that helps foster children connect with their siblings at a week-long summer camp. A teenage girl in the foster system, who has benefited from this program, spoke to the class about her own experiences as a foster child and how Camp to Belong has helped her be able to spend time with her little brother, who is a student at MMS. The two siblings plan on attending camp together this summer.



This February, the Village of Ridgeland Fair Association was awarded \$2,500 through the Foundation's competitive grant process which was used towards upgrading their playground. The playground had been constructed in the 90's of wooden materials and with the help of this grant, was upgraded to a metal/vinyl system that will not require any maintenance.

The Ridgeland Fairgrounds is the site of numerous community events including little league tournaments, tractor pulls, demolition derbies, Ridgeland Pioneer Days, and more.

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS!

Tee off for a cause at Whitetail Golf Course!

3rd Annual Hands for Hospice Golf Outing

July 17th | 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Over 100 golfers are anticipated to enjoy a day of golf, great camaraderie and delicious food while raising money for a great cause. Proceeds will go towards hospice programs and services in Western Wisconsin with a focus in Dunn County. Through your generosity, we are able to continue meeting our mission of keeping hospice alive in our community and to support life and death with dignity.

To register to golf and/or to become a sponsor, visit:

<http://cfdunncounty.org/handsforhospice/>

Scholarship Spotlight:

Bryan "Bigs" Bignell Memorial Scholarship

This spring, two Menomonie High School graduating seniors became the first two recipients of the Bryan "Bigs" Bignell Memorial Scholarship.

Ally Neidermyer and Stephanie Doane, were both chosen for this scholarship in its first year. Ally will be attending UW-Eau Claire to major in Business and Marketing while Stephanie heads to CVTC then UW-Stout to major in Business Management and Supply Chain Management. Both were involved in DECA.

Bryan passed away unexpectedly in 2018 at 18 years old. Turning heartache into healing, Bryan's family established this scholarship in his loving memory to help like-minded Menomonie students achieve their dreams.

Bryan was a smiling face at MHS, where he was active in many school clubs and events including DECA and Forensics. Bryan had a true gift for public speaking. This scholarship will be awarded each year to a graduating senior who is going into a marketing-related field. Preference will be given to those who have participated in DECA or Forensics, and to those who exemplify Bryan's overall spirit, generosity, and goodhearted nature.

Anyone can donate to the fund in Bryan's memory by visiting cfdunncounty.org/bignellscholarship or by sending a check to the Foundation with "Bryan Bignell Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.



Bryan "Bigs" Bignell



Ally Neidermyer, left, and Stephanie Doane pose with Bryan's family (father Chris, mother Sue and sister Rebekah) on Graduation Day at Menomonie High School.

New Scholarship Funds Awarded in 2019

A total of 5 new scholarship funds were established this year and issued their first awards this past May. A total of \$64,000 was awarded to 74 graduating seniors across 10 area high schools in 2019.



Rita Ulesich embraces Elizabeth Williams during the 2019 Scholarship Awards ceremony.

Bryan Bignell Memorial Scholarship
\$500 to Ally Neidermyer of Menomonie
\$500 to Stephanie Doane of Menomonie

Ron Grutt Memorial Scholarship
\$850 to Tyler Peterson of Boyceville

Scot Miller Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000 to McKena Yingst of Colfax
\$1,000 to Ryan Zurbuchen of Elk Mound
\$1,000 to Jace Kressin of Menomonie
\$1,000 to Lindsey Johnson of Menomonie

Dr. Darrell Sharp Memorial Scholarship
\$250 to Morgan Kacures of Mondovi

Dr. James M. Ulesich Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000 to Elizabeth Williams of Menomonie



Ryan Zurbuchen of Elk Mound holds up his award certificate.

Congratulations to our 13 grant recipients who were recognized during our 2019 Annual Luncheon!

Boyceville Fire Department, Boyceville Police Department, Dunn County Health Department, Dementia Coalition, Elk Mound Wrestling Club, Feed My People Food Bank, Hmong Friendship Center, Literacy Chippewa Valley, Positive Alternatives, Reach Foundation, Village of Ridgeland Fair Assoc., Stepping Stones, and UW-Stout Fostering Success



Georgina Tegart, left and Clint Moses with Kelli Kamholz, Executive Director of Positive Alternatives.



Clint Moses, right, passes the position of Board Chair to Bruce Siebold during the 2019 Annual Luncheon.

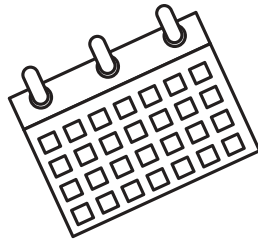
EVENTS

Competitive Grant Cycle Deadline Thursday, August 1 4:00 PM

The Community Foundation of Dunn County awards grants to non-profit organizations and community groups that support the arts, culture, heritage, the environment, recreation, education, health, humanitarian needs and other civic initiatives through two competitive grant cycles each year, with deadlines on February 1 and August 1. Typical award amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000 or more.

Grant application forms are available online. Visit cfdunncounty.org and click on 'receive'.

Requests may be sent to grants@cfdunncounty.org.



11th Annual Cammie Johnson Juvenile Diabetes Event Saturday, September 28 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM Tanglewood Greens

This annual event raises money to benefit the Cammie Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund, which assists young men and women affected by Type 1 Diabetes who are attending post high school education in the nursing field, sponsors young campers from regional American Diabetes Association camps and provides diabetic supplies for those with financial and health insurance challenges.

For tickets and sponsorship, visit www.cammiejohnson.org

Sponsorship commitment is required by July 31 to be included on the invitation, and by Sept. 4 to be included on event signage and promotional materials.

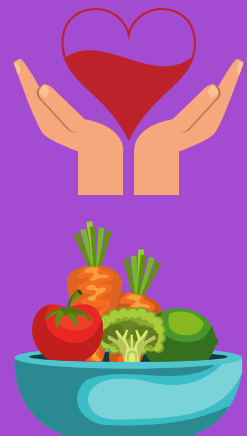
Foundation's Non-Profit Feature: Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones is a local non-profit organization that provides food, shelter and support to those in need in Dunn County. Stepping Stones seeks to foster a community that prevents hunger, homelessness and isolation through three primary programs: a food pantry, homeless shelters and the Community Caregivers Programs.

The food pantry provides food and personal care items to low income residents. Canned and packaged non-perishables are distributed as well as fresh or frozen food such as bread, dairy, produce and meat. The pantry averages over 1,400 visits per month and also supplies schools and Head Start with food for children and youth at risk of hunger on the weekends.

The Shelter Program currently has two shelter locations: 1920 S. Broadway and 1518 Stout Road. Combined, these two shelters have 5 furnished apartments for individuals or families. Residents work closely with shelter staff to secure affordable housing, to find or maintain employment and to access resources to become self-sufficient.

To donate, visit www.stepsstonesdc.org



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AND HOME OF THE DESSERT DASH:

A SWEET ENDING TO DUNN COUNTY'S PREMIER GALA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019

BENEFITING THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF DUNN COUNTY

MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER
MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN

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INVITATION TO FOLLOW

(it promises to be a gem of an evening)