



COMMUNITY CORNERSTONE

The Newsletter of the Community Foundation of Dunn County



2022: A Look Back

The Foundation is honored to connect people who care with causes that matter. In 2022, we distributed grants and scholarships that greatly impacted our community in many ways, which could not have been possible without our generous fund holders. Thank you for helping make Dunn County a better place to live, work and play!



We helped replace worn canoes for Bulldog Adventures, an outdoor summer group for Boyceville middle schoolers.



Pickleball fanatics rejoice! Courts are now available at Offutt Park in Rock Falls, WI. Our grant made this possible.

A grant provided enough funding for Colfax Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release to construct a new 50-foot flight enclosure for raptors.



In September, we awarded Steve Redmann our Distinguished Service Award, recognizing his commitment to the field of philanthropy.



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A new dish machine helps volunteers better serve guests at Thursday's Table!



Badger Boys State - a new grantee of the Foundation - received a grant to send 3 Dunn County students to a week-long youth leadership program.

Our August grant cycle assisted the Girl Scouts of the NW Great Lakes with Volunteer Training Opportunities!



Junior Achievement of Wisconsin received a grant to help with important programming for middle and high schoolers.



Scholarship Highlight: Transforming Futures



One of the Foundation's favorite things about our scholarships is hearing how they impact the students who receive them. With scholarship season upon us, we think this is the perfect opportunity to share some of those impacts, and perhaps INSPIRE community members to open a scholarship fund of their own right here at the Foundation!



BEST Academic Scholarship

"Thank you so much for providing me with a BEST Academic Scholarship. I am responsible for paying my college tuition...I am grateful that individuals and businesses in Boyceville make this opportunity possible. I hope to pay it forward someday. My first semester was very challenging, but I learned a lot about myself and what I need to do to be successful in my future endeavors." - HARPER OLSON



1LT Jeremy Wolfe Memorial Scholarship

"My academic goal is to get a doctorate in astronomy and a degree in aviation. That means I have a minimum of eight years in post-secondary education ahead of me. Without financial aid like the 1LT Jeremy Wolfe Memorial Scholarship, I wouldn't be able to achieve my dreams. I have chosen a very expensive academic path, a path which I couldn't even imagine was open to me if it weren't for generous people being willing to give students like me scholarships." -MATTHEW GLAUS



Garrett Buckley Memorial Scholarship Kathleen Platz Memorial Scholarship

"These scholarships have impacted me in allowing me to live my dream that my 5-year-old self has always dreamed of. I have been pretend teaching since I was 5 years old and had always dreamed of being a teacher and following in my hero also known as my mom's footsteps. Once I hit about 7th grade my next dream was to go to UW- River Falls. It has all become a reality while going for Elementary Education in River Falls. After already being able to have an opportunity to do a field placement, I am still loving my choice and still living my 5-year-old self's dream with the help of these scholarships. I really appreciate this!" - BRIANNA FORSTER

Nonprofit Feature: Menomonie Area Free Clinic

The Free Clinic of the Greater Menomonie Area provides access to primary health care and preventive health education for people in Western Wisconsin who have no health care alternative or are under-insured. The Clinic opened in 2005 and just completed its 17th year as a free clinic in Wisconsin. Over this time, the Clinic served over 4,000 unique patients with more than 12,565 visits. During the Covid-19 pandemic a new appointment model was implemented and the Clinic stayed open to serve the community.

Telephone care was also made available in addition to in person visits. Recently, the Clinic received a Foundation grant that has allowed expanded coverage for behavioral health counseling. The Clinic also recently established an endowment fund here at the Foundation, which will provide a steady stream of income to ensure continued future health services to those in need.



To donate to the Free Clinic of the Greater Menomonie Area Endowment Fund fund, scan the QR code or visit: cfdunncounty.fcsuite.com/erp/donate



NEWS & EVENTS

Scholarships Help Students Pursue Degrees in Education, Nursing

In 2022, three aspiring adult students were able to pursue degrees in education and medicine/nursing with the help of two of our special interest scholarships. The Barb Schmelzle Promise Award for Women was given to Mary McClain, who is pursuing an Associates degree in Nursing at CVTC. McClain also received The Dr. James and Gail Haemmerle Scholarship, along with Kristine Giammattei, who is obtaining a K-8 teaching certification, and Brittany Mateski who is completing a technical diploma as an LPN at CVTC.



Mary McClain with Tom Schmelzle

Jeans & Jewels 2022 Raises over \$100,000!

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, donors and attendees of our 2022 Jeans & Jewels Charity Gala where you all helped us exceed our goal of \$100,000! This was such an amazing turnout and we were so thrilled to see everyone face-to-face and enjoying the biggest and most attended Gala in Dunn County!

A very special thank you goes out to our top sponsors:

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New Companies Join the Home Sweet Menomonie Program

The Home Sweet Menomonie Program (HSM) was created in 2018 in partnership with the City of Menomonie to help employers retain employees by offering down payment assistance for a home within the City of Menomonie. We are pleased to announce two new businesses have joined HSM: Menomonie Transportation and Red Cedar Steel Erectors, Inc. Anyone employed by a participating business is eligible, whether they are a first time homebuyer or are just looking for a change!

The HSM loan program can provide up to \$10,000 for a down payment and at zero interest!

For more information about this program, visit:
<https://www.menomonie-wi.gov/hsm>



Annual Luncheon: April 20th

Flag Day: June 14th

Jeans & Jewels - November 4th



Creating art can allow trauma survivors to give a voice to their experience, share a narrative, engage in self-expression and fosters a practice of self care. We supported The Bridge to Hope with a grant in August 2022 to purchase art supplies for these survivors.

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Our Annual Luncheon celebrates our February grant awardees and recognizes our 2022 successes and community impact. Event to be held at the Off Broadway Banquet Center in Menomonie.