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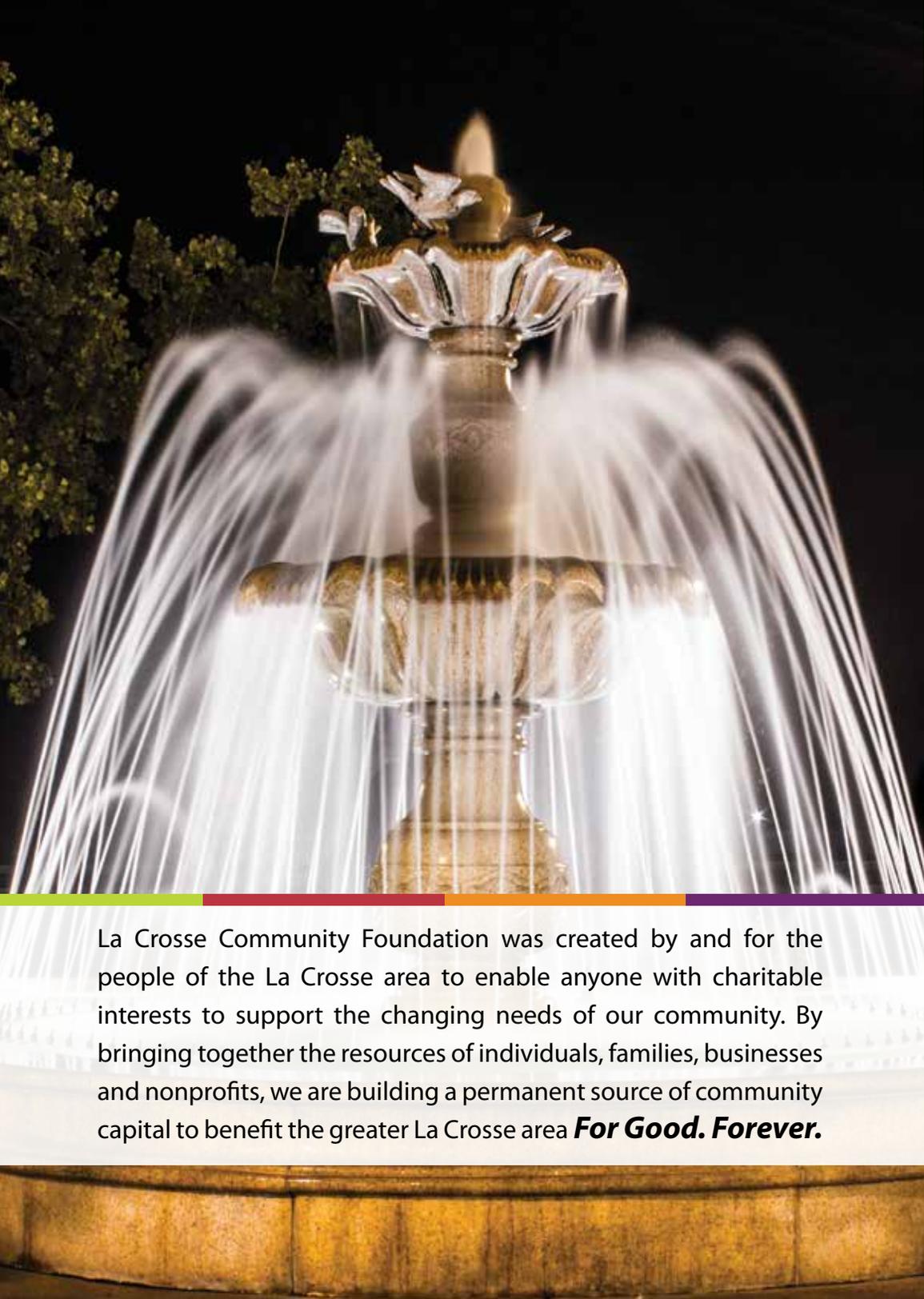


LA CROSSE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

For Good. Forever.

2017
Year in Review

Learn how the La Crosse Community Foundation and our donors are making a difference in the greater La Crosse area.



La Crosse Community Foundation was created by and for the people of the La Crosse area to enable anyone with charitable interests to support the changing needs of our community. By bringing together the resources of individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits, we are building a permanent source of community capital to benefit the greater La Crosse area **For Good. Forever.**

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Letter from the Executive Director



Petra Roter, PhD

Dear Friends,

Thomas Wolfe said you can't go home again. This past year, I learned that this statement is not true when I returned to La Crosse to serve as the Foundation's new Executive Director. Though things have changed with new buildings, landmarks, businesses, programs and faces, there were still some fundamental constants that made it clear I was home again.

We know that home is not just a place, but feelings – feelings of love, connection, safety and security. I came back to a community whose fundamental values have remained steadfast and has moved us forward. The values of collaboration, commitment and concern for one's neighbors are what make La Crosse a truly giving, caring and compassionate community, and a place I can once again proudly call

home. This annual report will provide a glimpse into this remarkable community we all call home, and these fundamental values we share.

La Crosse Community Foundation exists because almost 90 years ago area residents wanted to provide for the future and advance these values. Since then, the Foundation has been a leader, a catalyst and connector to create a more vibrant community. We have built a trusted and accessible philanthropic and charitable platform, offering efficiency and administrative expertise, with a personal touch. A place where all gifts – small or big – make a difference. In fact, over 99 percent of all gifts to the Foundation receives are invested in endowments for future support or go directly back out through our grantmaking.

Our donors see the opportunity and benefit of investing collectively in the community while still supporting their individual causes or passion areas. Thanks to our donors, the Foundation awarded nearly 2.4 million dollars in grants and scholarships in 2017. Grants were made to advance and support the Arts; address hunger and food security; improve community safety; support and promote mental health and AODA initiatives and services; and preserve the environment and natural resources that make the Coulee Region so very special.

Let us help you realize your philanthropic and charitable giving goals and assist you in giving back in powerful ways to this wonderful community. Consider donating to the La Crosse Community Foundation and/or establishing a fund that aligns with your values and passions. You can also include the Foundation in your estate planning or in a bequest. Know that all gifts made to the La Crosse Community Foundation are **For Good. Forever.**

With thanks and appreciation,

Petra Roter, PhD
Executive Director

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— Petra Roter

LCF at a Glance



How we bring people, ideas and resources together to help create a thriving, vibrant community.

Leadership

We have a deep understanding of our community and its challenges, as well as objective evaluation of the local charitable organizations aiming to address these. We often serve as a convener and catalyst in identifying issues and shaping effective responses.

Donor Services

We offer a variety of charitable giving options that provide a powerful and highly personal approach to giving. We work one on one with each donor to make sure they are achieving their individualized charitable giving goals today, and after their lifetime.

Assets

Donors' gifts are the building blocks of permanent endowment funds which we prudently invest and monitor to gain earnings for grantmaking. Our unique model allows us to pool resources together to make even more impact than any one fund could do alone.

Grantmaking

We use the annual earnings from our funds to provide grants to qualified organizations meeting identified community needs. Grants can be recommended by fund advisors and awarded through a competitive application process.

Year at a Glance *(year ending December 31, 2017)*

2017

Assets
\$66.3 million

Charitable Funds
227

Net Investment Income
\$7.3 million

Grants & Scholarships
\$2.4 million

Total Grantmaking Exceeds \$37,000,000 Since 1930



Donor Benefits at LCF

Discover the benefits of becoming a donor to La Crosse Community Foundation, where giving is an investment in your community's future.

Simplicity

We're a "one-stop-shop" to help you realize all your charitable giving goals.

Flexibility

Funds can be multipurpose or tailored to your specific areas of interest

Perpetuity

We encourage endowed funds so grants can be made both now and later to carry on your charitable legacy forever.

HERE'S HOW TO GIVE:



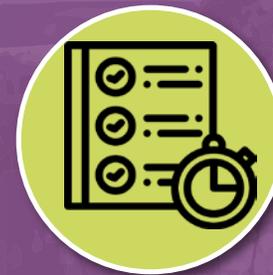
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GIFT OF CASH,
CHECK OR BY
CREDIT CARD**



**GIFTS OF
APPRECIATED
STOCK OR REAL
PROPERTY**



**GIVING FROM
YOUR IRA
OR OTHER
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ASSETS**



**TRUSTS AND
OTHER VEHICLES
THAT CAN
PROVIDE LIFE
INCOME**



**DEFERRED
GIFT THROUGH
YOUR WILL OR
BEQUEST**

Help strengthen your community — For Good. Forever.

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Community Impact through Grantmaking

2017 Grantmaking Totals \$2,428,063

One of our community's strongest assets are the thriving charitable entities that strengthen and enrich the lives of those who live in the greater La Crosse area through the programs and services they provide. We are privileged to award grants from our various funds each year within our seven program areas to support the work of these partners.

Here are just a few grant spotlight stories that demonstrate the community impact being made by our 2017 grantees.



Community Improvement

Transforming a Better La Crosse

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Collaboration Project

Funded by the Special Initiatives Fund

The need to provide affordable, quality, owner-occupied homes to replace the current housing stock is greater than ever in La Crosse. Housing makes up more than half of the City's tax base, but nearly two-thirds of La Crosse properties are valued at less than \$100,000. Over 90% of the housing stock in La Crosse was built prior to 1950, creating a base of aging and dilapidated structures that force a higher tax rate within the City. For these reasons and others, La Crosse has experienced a classic example of "urban sprawl" driving people into surrounding communities. This strains resources as the local government struggles to fund new roads, schools, and other basic public services with less tax dollars.

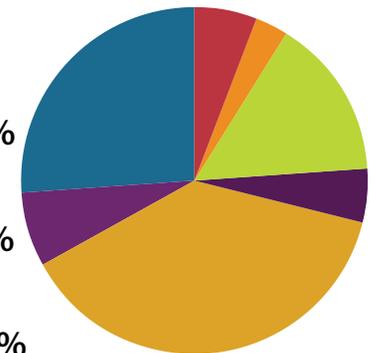
The Homeownership Collaboration Project is one of the first public-private housing endeavors in the City, bringing together three core partners: The Habitat for Humanity – La Crosse Area, Couleecap, Inc. and La Crosse Neighborhood Development Corporation. The project's purpose is to redevelop a challenged corner in the Washburn Neighborhood and convert it into a well-designed, mixed-income development. The overall project replaces three blighted rental properties that have a combined tax base of \$150,000 with eight new, high-quality owner-occupied homes with a tax base of more than \$1.3 million. The Special Initiatives Fund grant provided support for Habitat to build three of the eight new homes.

The first of the three Habitat homes was finished earlier this year, bringing the total number of local Habitat homes built for La Crosse area families to 43. Habitat for Humanity homes help families that may not have otherwise qualified realize the dream of safe and sustainable homeownership, which brings many improved outcomes for families, including ending the cycle of poverty often passed from generation to generation.



Giving by Program Areas

- Arts & Humanities — 6%
- Culture & Diversity — 3%
- Education & Scholarships — 15%
- Environment — 5%
- Health & Human Services — 38%
- Recreation & Wellness — 7%
- Community Improvement — 26%





Environment

Appreciating Natural Resources

Pollinator Garden Partnership at Myrick Park

Funded by the General Fund

Populations of pollinators, including native bees, are in significant decline. This is putting the local and global food system at risk, as much of the food that we eat requires animal pollination.



It is estimated that 75% of crop species nationally and 35% of crop value globally is dependent upon pollination. The decline of pollinators is mostly due to intensified agricultural practices and loss of native habitats.

With an aim to increase the number of native flowers and plants available to pollinators in our region, WisCorps, Inc. was awarded a General Fund grant to work with Bluff Country Master Gardeners Association and the City of La Crosse on several projects at Myrick Park. Projects included planting a large bio-retention basin, replacing existing non-native landscaping with native species, and enlarging existing pollinator gardens around the Myrick Park Center.

These projects all work together to not only provide increased habitat to pollinators but serve as an educational venue to teach families about the value of native plants to our local pollinator species. Through educational signage and WisCorps, Inc. nature education programs, families can learn how they can turn their own yards into pollinator friendly habitats thereby building our region's potential to exponentially increase the amount of habitat available to pollinators.



Recreation & Wellness

Inspiring Healthy Living

Boys & Girls Club Baseball Program Sponsorships

Funded by the Corinne Zielke Fund

Baseball has long been a favorite American past-time, especially for La Crosse resident Corinne Zielke whose estate established the Corinne Zielke Fund in 2000 to offer annual grants for



baseball programming across the community. On average, \$20,000 is granted each year to many different organizations who provide baseball programming for children and teens.

One such organization is the Boys & Girls Club of Greater La Crosse; whose summer baseball program serves over 300 youth each year. A grant from the Zielke Fund was awarded in 2017 to provide 100 baseball program scholarships for Club youth who want to participate but cannot afford to pay the regular activity fee. The Zielke Fund grant means no youth is ever turned away due to an inability to pay.

The Club provides youth developmental t-ball, coach pitch and kid pitch baseball for kids ages four to eight years old. Travel baseball teams are offered for ages nine to fourteen. These teams help teach developmentally appropriate baseball skills at each level as well as provide a positive relationship with an adult mentor. The coaches are taught the importance of teaching kids about teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership skills. Boys & Girls Club baseball is about more than just the game; it is about life lessons for the kids.



“The results of philanthropy are always beyond calculation.”

— Mary Ritter Beard



Culture & Diversity

Celebrating Our Differences

See Me, Read Me Community Book Drive

Funded by the Global Awareness and Richard T. Record Fund

Most children's books do not represent people of color, particularly African Americans. This is troublesome for children of color because children benefit greatly from identifying with the characters of the books they read. Stories help us make sense of our world, and who we are. When we fail to provide stories depicting people who look like us, we can experience academic setbacks and psychological consequences.



To make quality children's books featuring people of color more accessible to our community's children, volunteers of the La Crosse Area Showing Up for Racial Justice Equity Team (SURJ) and Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge (BLACK) joined forces for the "See Me, Read Me" Community Book Drive. With two grants from La Crosse Community Foundation

funds and other donations, the group purchased books from a thoughtfully selected list of 150 books for readers from Pre-K to 12th grade that feature racially diverse main characters serving as positive role models. The books were distributed to area children at a back to school event hosted by the Boys & Girls Club of Greater La Crosse and offered to teachers for their classroom libraries.



Education & Scholarships

Forming Great Futures

Sensory Integration Activities for Children with Disabilities

Funded by the Mary Grace Sieber Fund

There are many children with disabilities in the area's total student population. To best meet their individual needs, many of these students participate in the Day School Program through Disability Program Services offered at Catholic Charities. The Day School is an alternative to public school for students whose needs are difficult to meet

in traditional classrooms, even with supports and modifications. Students who enroll in Catholic Charities' Day School may display challenging behaviors due to mental health needs, trauma, or other developmental disability diagnoses, most commonly an Autism Spectrum Disorder.



Arts & Humanities

Curating History and Creativity

La Crosse Symphony Orchestra Concert Guest Pianist

Funded by the Margaret Forseth Burgess Music Fund

Established in 2013 in honor of Margaret Forseth Burgess by her family, the Margaret Forseth Burgess Music Fund is designated for sponsorship of a bi-annual guest artist performance at a La Crosse Symphony Orchestra concert. Margaret had a deep love for music and was a talented pianist.



The Fund's 2017 grant award was used to bring Venezuelan pianist Gabriela Martinez to the La Crosse stage at the Symphony's Sketches of Spain themed November concert. A virtual, daring and insightful young pianist, Gabriela has a reputation on both national and international stages for her compelling interpretations and elegant stage presence. While in La Crosse she performed "Nights in the Gardens of Spain" by Manuel del Falla, adding a unique Spanish-flair to the music for the enjoyment of concert attendees.

La Crosse Symphony Orchestra has been serving the cultural needs of the region with excellent symphonic music continuously since 1941. The 2017-18 season marks its 120th year. Several other funds at the Foundation also support Symphony programs, including the Symphony for Youth Concert Day offered annually to area third graders free of charge with support from the Ambrosius Fund.

Many students with an autism spectrum disorder also have a sensory processing disorder which often results in challenging behaviors and communication interferences. These needs can be met with a sensory diet that includes visual, auditory, tactile, olfactory, gustatory (taste), vestibular (movement) and proprioception (sensations from muscles and joints) activities. To assist students with stress reduction and management, attention management and sensory inputs, Catholic Charities used their grant award from the Mary Grace Sieber Fund to purchase special



tools and materials designed to help kids with a sensory disorder. Having these tools on hand allows staff at the Day School to meet kids' needs as quickly as possible to decrease interruptions in school work.



Health & Human Services

Supporting Our Neighbors

WAFER, Inc. Mobile Food Pantry

Funded with grants from the William and Cynthia Berg Family, Norman L. Gillette Sr. Family, Bob and Jean Marck Family and Kurt and Julie Schroeder Family Funds



Poverty in our region is increasing, and with that comes more food insecurity. One in five children and one in six adults are food insecure locally. Other factors contributing to food insecurity are the lack of public or personal transportation (particularly for people in rural locations), the prohibitive cost of public transportation, and physical limitations. In addition to hunger, irregular access to food, limited access to fresh foods, the high cost of fresh foods and the low cost of high volume low nutrient foods all contribute to poor educational and health outcomes for those in poverty.

Several grants from the Foundation combined with other gifts made to WAFER, Inc. enabled the purchase and outfitting of a Mobile Food Pantry vehicle to get food to the people who need it most and in an accessible location. The customized vehicle allows

people to board and “shop” for their own food, mirroring the experience of shopping in a traditional grocery store. The mobile model makes it easier to stock and provide fresh, healthy food (like produce) and less canned and low nutrient goods, as fresh food donated can be taken directly to those who need it, cutting down on the volume of spoiled food waste.

The mobile food pantry is not just about feeding people. It provides an opportunity for success, self-dependence and decreased health issues. At a time when obesity rates are soaring, and diabetes and heart disease statistics are just as startling, it's increasingly important to make sure healthy food choices are accessible to everyone regardless of income.



Jamie Schloegel, CFRE

Program Director

Working with local organizations to help turn ideas into action

I am amazed at the incredible things that happen in our community everyday through connecting those with compassion and resources to organizations with vision and tenacity to get things done.

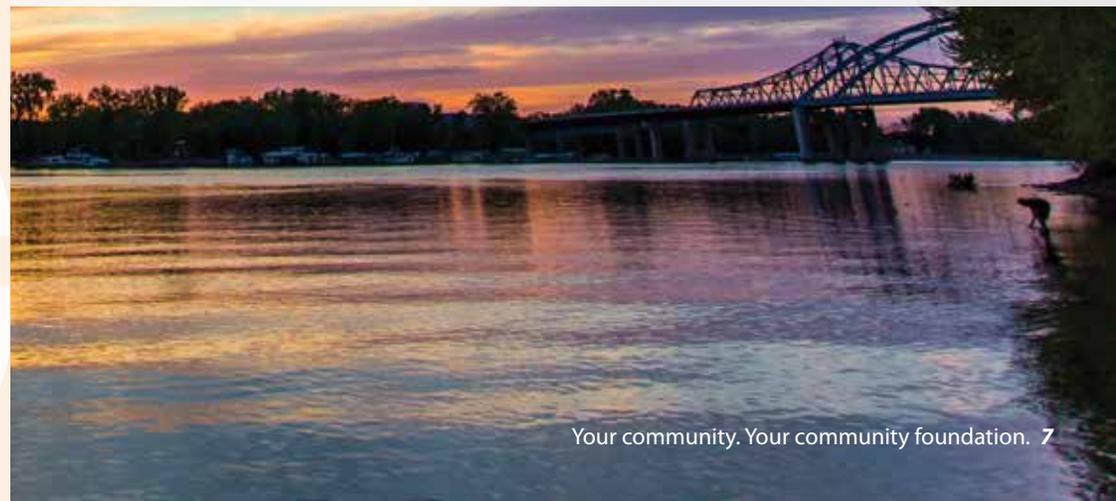
La Crosse Community Foundation awarded more than \$2.4 million in grants and scholarships in 2017 to meet proven needs within our seven core program areas. I invite you to read a few of our 2017 grant spotlights here, but understand these stories represent just a tiny snippet of the work happening in the greater La Crosse area through grants and scholarships made possible because of the generosity of our donors and fund holders.

As we start to move the Foundation's granting model from “checkbook charity” to “results based philanthropy,” one grant that particularly stands out to me in 2017 is our grant for the La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness. This project is the perfect example of what can be done through true collective impact; when all partners invested and involved in addressing a need come together for the common purpose of not just treating the symptoms of the problem, but solving it. I believe La Crosse will see the end of homelessness sometime during my tenure at the Foundation because of the work of this group.

Trust me when I say La Crosse area nonprofits prove time and again to be committed, passionate and innovative in their approach to addressing community needs to enrich the quality of life for everyone who calls our region home... including you.

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2017 Grants & Scholarships List

The following organizations received a grant distribution from each listed fund in 2017.

7 RIVERS LGBTQ CENTER

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund
Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund

A PLACE OF GRACE LTD.

Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund

ADMINISTRATIVE ENDOWMENT FUND OF LCF

Maureen L. Kinney Fund

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUTUAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
General Fund-LCF

AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

George and Virginia Schneider Family Fund

ALLEY CAT ALLIES INC

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WISCONSIN

George and Virginia Schneider Family Fund

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Carol A. Dobrunz Memorial Scholarship
Fowler and Hammer Fund

AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION FUND

M. Elizabeth Cason Fund
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Corinne Zielke Fund

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Bradley and Lynn Sturm Family Fund

AMERICAN RED CROSS SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

M. Elizabeth Cason Fund
Chester and Veronica Ware Fund

ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION, INC.

Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund

David R. Morrison Family Fund
Harry L. and Charlotte L. Woods Family Fund

AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INC.

Maureen and Robert Freedland Community Fund for Studies of the Shoah (Holocaust)

ARTS AT LARGE INC.

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

BADGER BOYS STATE INC.

Anonymous Fund

BANGOR AND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bramschreiber Family Fund in Memory of Karl Bramschreiber

BETHANY LUTHERAN HOMES, INC.

Bethany Lutheran Homes, Inc. Endowment
Connie Repnik Memorial Fund

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE 7 RIVERS REGION

Roland Beranek Fund
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
General Fund-LCF
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

BIRTHRIGHT OF LA CROSSE

George and Virginia Schneider Family Fund

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund
Chester and Veronica Ware Fund

BLUE STARS, PERFORMING ARTS FOR YOUTH, INC.

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER LA CROSSE

Boys & Girls Clubs of La Crosse Fund
Dr. Archie and Rosemary Britt Family Fund
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
General Fund-LCF
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund
Kerbaugh Family Fund
Lommen Boys & Girls Club Scholarship

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund
Amie L. Mathy Center for Recreation and Education Endowment

Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund
Will and Charlie Nordeen "May the Force Be With You"
Schilling Family Fund
Corinne Zielke Fund

CAPABLE CANINES OF WISCONSIN

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

CARLETON COLLEGE

Schilling Family Fund

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKMAN

Davy Family Fund
La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
General Fund-LCF
Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund
Dr. David L. & Sacia B. Morris Family Foundation*
Mary Grace Sieber Fund

CENTRAL CROSS COUNTRY SKIING INC

National Youth Sports Program Fund

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF LA CROSSE, INC.

Children's Museum of La Crosse Endowment
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
General Fund-LCF
Todd and Deb Mahr Family Fund
Mary Grace Sieber Fund

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Episcopal Church Historic Preservation Endowment
Wayne J. Hood Fund
Father Christopher Pratt Memorial Fund

CITY OF LA CROSSE

Pettibone Park Commission Endowment

CITY OF ONALASKA

Harold E. Lemke Fund

CIVIL AIR PATROL-WISCONSIN WING

Barbara and Dave Erickson Fund

COULEE COUNCIL ON ADDICTIONS

Anonymous Fund
Russell G. and Gail K. Cleary Fund
Fowler and Hammer Fund
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
Dr. Frank Furlano Family Fund
General Fund-LCF
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund
Roy E. and Lillian Hope Kumm Fund
Jacob Christian Lillejord Memorial Fund aka "Jacob's Ladder"
Schilling Family Fund
Jack and Marti Schwem Fund
Roland and Janeane Solberg Family Fund

COULEE PARTNERS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Guentner-Froegel Family Fund

COULEE REGION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Corinne Zielke Fund

COULEE REGION HUMANE SOCIETY

M. Elizabeth Cason Fund
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
James D. and Janice M. Hanesworth Fund
Kerbaugh Family Fund
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund
PMJ Fund
Duane and Carol Taebel Fund

COULEECAP, INC.

MLB MKB Bottcher Family Fund
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund

COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS

General Fund-LCF

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE

Father Christopher Pratt Memorial Fund

DR. DAVID L. AND SACIA B. MORRIS FUND OF LCF

Dr. David L. & Sacia B. Morris Family Foundation*

EMERGENCY FOOD BASKET, INC.

M. Elizabeth Cason Fund

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tom and Ann Monson Family Fund

Duane and Carol Taebel Fund

ESSENTIAL HEALTH CLINIC

Anonymous Fund

Barbara and Donald Frank Family Fund

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Archie and Rosemary Britt Family Fund

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S CENTER

American Association of University

Women-La Crosse Branch

Dr. Archie and Rosemary Britt Family Fund

La Crosse Family and Children's Center Endowment

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

General Fund-LCF

Johns Flaherty Collins-Michael Stoker Memorial

Kerbaugh Family Fund

Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund

Dr. David L. & Sacia B. Morris Family Foundation*

Bernadette Teff Family Fund

FELINE RESCUE INC.

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

FINE ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

William C. Jr. and Scott Pickett Memorial Fund

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Harold "Pete" Isenman Fund

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH-CLOTHES CLOSET

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Harry L. and Charlotte L. Woods Family Fund

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

FREEDOM HONOR FLIGHT INC.

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

FRIENDS OF ANIMAL ADOPTIONS, INC.

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

FRIENDS OF COULEE REGION RSVF

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

FRIENDS OF THE LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

FRIENDS OF THE LA CROSSE RIVER MARSH, INC.

Guentner-Froegel Family Fund

General Fund-LCF

Nancy Fulkerson Hill and Edwin L. Hill Fund

FRIENDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

FRIENDS OF WEST SALEM BASEBALL

Corinne Zielke Fund

GARRITY-GOKEY FUND OF LCF

Todd and Deb Mahr Family Fund

LCF Board of Directors

GATEWAY AREA BOY SCOUTS

The Covenant Fund

Davy Family Fund

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

General Fund-LCF

Wayne J. Hood Fund

Mary Grace Sieber Fund

GENERAL FUND-LA CROSSE**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin Gundersen Memorial Fund

Dr. David L. and Sacia B. Morris Fund

Schilling Family Fund

GIRL SCOUTS OF WISCONSIN-BADGERLAND COUNCIL

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

Schilling Family Fund

GOOD FIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER INC.

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

GREAT RIVER SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

GREAT RIVERS UNITED WAY

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

James and Ellen Heinecke Fund

JARD Fund

Dr. David L. and Sacia B. Morris Fund

Schilling Family Fund

GROW LA CROSSE INC.

Eric and Sandy Brekke Family Fund

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

General Fund-LCF

GUNDERSEN MEDICAL FOUNDATION

The Covenant Fund

Davy Family Fund

Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund

Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin

Gundersen Memorial Fund

Dr. David L. & Sacia B. Morris Family Foundation*

Connie Repnik Memorial Fund

Schilling Family Fund

Duane and Carol Taebel Fund

Chester and Veronica Ware Fund

Harry L. and Charlotte L. Woods Family Fund

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-LA CROSSE AREA

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

Special Initiative-LCF Fund

HEART2HEART PET LIFELINE

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

HILLVIEW URBAN AGRICULTURE CENTER

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

General Fund-LCF

HMOOB CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY AGENCY (HCCA)

Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund

PMJ Fund

HORSES FOR JOY, INC.

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

HORSESENSE FOR SPECIAL RIDERS, INC.

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

HUNGER TASK FORCE OF LA CROSSE, INC.

Barbara and Dave Erickson Fund

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

General Fund-LCF

Kerbaugh Family Fund

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

Bradley and Lynn Sturm Family Fund

IM EDUCATION, INC.

General Fund-LCF

Sundet Family Fund

INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCES

General Fund-LCF

Morris A. and Roberta Anne Severson Fund

JIM'S GROCERY BAG FUND OF LCF

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

JOE WAS JUST JOE FOUNDATION INC.

Schilling Family Fund

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF WISCONSIN

Schilling Family Fund

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

KIDS AND MENTORS OUTDOORS (KAMO)

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund

KIVA MICROFUNDS

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

LA CROSSE AREA FAMILY YMCA

Howard Dahl Fund

Davy Family Fund

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

General Fund-LCF

Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund

Wayne J. Hood Fund

Harold "Pete" Isenman Fund

YMCA Fund

Corinne Zielke Fund

LA CROSSE AREA SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE, INC.

Erickson Sisters' Fund

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

General Fund-LCF

Todd and Deb Mahr Family Fund

LA CROSSE AREA SYNOD ELCA

June Kjome Justice and Peace Fund

LA CROSSE CHAMBER CHORALE, INC.

La Crosse Chamber Chorale Fund

Dr. David L. & Sacia B. Morris Family Foundation*

LA CROSSE CO. ASSOC. - HOME & COMMUNITY ED.

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

LA CROSSE COMMUNITY THEATRE

Gretchen Guernsey Leigh Fund

LA CROSSE CONCERT BAND

Ella F. Ambrosius Fund

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

LA CROSSE COUNTY 4-H

La Crosse County 4-H Fund

LA CROSSE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ardus and John Cleveland Family Fund

Anita and Robert Funke Historical Society Fund
General Fund-LCF
La Crosse County Historical Society Endowment
Gretchen Guernsey Leigh Fund
Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund

LA CROSSE JAIL MINISTRY

Anonymous Fund
General Fund-LCF
Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund

LA CROSSE LIONS CHARITIES, INC.

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

LA CROSSE PROMISE INC.

Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund
David R. Morrison Family Fund
Special Initiative-LCF Fund

LA CROSSE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

Francie Ball & Mary O'Sullivan Fund
The Bonney Family Fund
Fowler and Hammer Fund
Maureen and Robert Freedland-LPEF
Fund for Studies of the Shoah
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
Global Awareness Fund
Sally A. Grimslid Memorial Fund
for Northside Elementary
Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin
Gundersen Memorial Fund
Kids for Kids Fund-LPEF
La Crosse Public Education Foundation Endowment
La Crosse Public Education - Swantz Fund
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund
Richard T. Record Fund
Schilling Family Fund
Mary Grace Sieber Fund
Duane and Carol Taebel Fund
Carol and Duane Taebel Family Fund

LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

General Fund-LCF
Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin
Gundersen Memorial Fund

LA CROSSE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Ella F. Ambrosius Fund
Margaret Forseth Burgess Music Fund
Ruth M. Dalton, M.D. Fund
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
General Fund-LCF
Harold E. Lemke Fund

LA CROSSE YOUTH SOCCER PARENTS ASSOC INC.

General Fund-LCF
Harold "Pete" Isenman Fund

LA CROSSE YOUTH SYMPHONY SOCIETY

Richard W. Brown Family Fund

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INC.

The Bonney Family Fund

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Davy Family Fund

MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund

**MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYS.-
FRANCISCAN HEALTHCARE FOUND.**

Ruth M. Dalton, M.D. Fund
Davy Family Fund
Schilling Family Fund

MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

Schilling Family Fund

MINNEAPOLIS FOUNDATION

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVANCY

Fowler and Hammer Fund
Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund
Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund
Myrick Hixon EcoPark Funds
PMJ Fund

MOBILE MEALS OF LA CROSSE

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

MONROE COUNTY SHELTER CARE INC

American Association of University
Women-La Crosse Branch

NAMI LA CROSSE COUNTY INC

General Fund-LCF
William C. Jr. and Scott Pickett Memorial Fund

**NATIONAL AMBUCS INC-WESTERN
WISCONSIN WHEELS CHAPTER**

Chad Erickson Memorial Fund
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

NEW HORIZONS SHELTER & OUTREACH CTRS.

American Association of University
Women-La Crosse Branch
Blahnik-Naugler Help Fund - WF
M. Elizabeth Cason Fund
Barbara and Donald Frank Family Fund
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

General Fund-LCF
Rev. Ronald and Merle Gustafson Fund
James and Ellen Heinecke Fund
Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund
George and Virginia Schneider Family Fund
Chester and Veronica Ware Fund

NO KILL LAW & ADVOCACY CENTER

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**ONALASKA FOUNDATION FOR
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, INC.**

Onalaska Foundation for Educational
Excellence, Inc. Fund

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Kathryn, Olaus, and Dena Cappelen Fund
The Covenant Fund
Connie Repnik Memorial Fund

PAWS 4 INDEPENDENCE INC.

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

**PHYSICIANS COMMITTEE FOR
RESPONSIBLE MEDICINE**

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD MINNESOTA,
NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA**

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WISCONSIN, INC.

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

RIDGE HISTORY PARK, INC.

Fowler and Hammer Fund

RIVERFRONT FOUNDATION

Ruth M. Dalton, M.D. Fund
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*
Brian and Karen Rude Family Fund
Duane and Carol Taebel Fund

**RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL
FRIENDSHIP GARDENS**

Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF
W WISCONSIN & SE MN INC.**

Schilling Family Fund

RONCALLI NEWMAN PARISH

La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund

ROTARY LIGHTS, INC.

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

**SACRED HEART HOSPITAL OF HOSPITAL
SISTERS OF 3RD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS**

Schilling Family Fund

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BANGOR

General Fund-LCF
Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HOLMEN

General Fund-LCF
Global Awareness Fund
Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE

Julianna and Steven Blanchar Kindergarten Trip Fund
Richard W. Brown Family Fund
General Fund-LCF
Global Awareness Fund
James Gokey Endowment Fund aka
Jim's Grocery Bag Fund
Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund
La Crosse Public Elementary School Field Trip Fund
George and Virginia Schneider Family Fund
Corinne Zielke Fund

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ONALASKA

General Fund-LCF
Global Awareness Fund
Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund
Tom & Trudy Kennedy Endowment Fund
aka Tom's Grocery Bag Fund
Corinne Zielke Fund

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST SALEM

General Fund-LCF
Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund
Corinne Zielke Fund

SEATTLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Bradley and Lynn Sturm Family Fund

SEVEN RIVERS ROBOTICS COALITION INC.

Louis I. Rehffuss Fund

SHE ROCK SHE ROCK

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

Connie Repnik Memorial Fund

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER, INC.

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

ST. CLARE HEALTH MISSION

M. Elizabeth Cason Fund
Barbara and Donald Frank Family Fund
Gretchen Guernsey Leigh Fund
Schilling Family Fund

ST. JAMES THE LESS CATHOLIC CHURCH

La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund

ST. OLAF COLLEGE

Schilling Family Fund

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of
Onalaska Fund

STOUT UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION INC.

Schilling Family Fund

TABBY TOWN USA INC.

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

THE ANIMAL SANCTUARY OF ST CROIX VALLEY

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

THE ELEPHANT SANCTUARY IN TENNESSEE

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

THE PARENTING PLACE

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

**THE PUMP HOUSE REGIONAL
ARTS CENTER, INC.**

General Fund-LCF

THE SALVATION ARMY

M. Elizabeth Cason Fund

Davy Family Fund

Fowler and Hammer Fund

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

Kerbaugh Family Fund

Joseph W. Kotnour Family Fund

George and Virginia Schneider Family Fund

Steven P. and Suzanne R. Tanke Family Fund

Chester and Veronica Ware Fund

TOWN OF SHELBY

Corinne Zielke Fund

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Durtsche Family Fund

Barbara and Dave Erickson Fund

Chad Erickson Memorial Fund

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

UNITED FUND FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Ardus and John Cleveland Family Fund

Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund

Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund

Dr. David L. and Sacia B. Morris Fund

Schilling Family Fund

Guentner-Froegel Family Fund

United Fund for the Arts and Humanities Endowment

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN FOUNDATION

Davy Family Fund

**US FRIENDS OF DAVID SHELDRIK
WILDLIFE TRUST INC.**

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

UW-LA CROSSE

Erickson Sisters' Fund

Global Awareness Fund

UW-LA CROSSE FOUNDATION

American Association of University

Women-La Crosse Branch

William S. Case Scholarship

Davy Family Fund

General Fund-LCF

Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund

Gertrude Salzer Gordon Concert in the Park Fund

Gertrude and Donald "Sandy"

Gordon Jazz Scholarship

Lillian Kaplan Fund

Betty and Dale Kendrick Art Scholarship

Jason David Koppelman Scholarship

Logan High School Math and

Computer Science Scholarship

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

Mitchell-Kruck Scholarship

VERNON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

VITERBO UNIVERSITY

Ella F. Ambrosius Fund

William S. Case Scholarship

Ruth M. Dalton, M.D. Fund

General Fund-LCF

Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund

Glendenning Family Fund

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

Amie L. Mathy Center for Recreation

and Education Endowment

WAFER

William & Cynthia Berg Family Fund

M. Elizabeth Cason Fund

Durtsche Family Fund

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

General Fund-LCF

Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund

Kerbaugh Family Fund

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

George and Virginia Schneider Family Fund

Rudy and Jean Schnurrer Fund

Kurt and Julie Schroeder Family Fund

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

Schilling Family Fund

WAREHOUSE ALLIANCE INC.

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

WEIGH OF LIFE

Schilling Family Fund

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION

American Association of University

Women-La Crosse Branch

Scott and Heidi Blanke Family Fund

The Covenant Fund

General Fund-LCF

Ernest and Olive Gershon Scholarship

Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund

Glendenning Family Fund

Todd and Deb Mahr Family Fund

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

Don Olson Hospitality Scholarship

WISCONSIN CHALLENGE ACADEMY

The Covenant Fund

WISCORPS, INC.

Coulee Region White Cane Club Fund

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

General Fund-LCF

Alice O. Gordon & Viola M. Forshler Fund

Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund

WOMEN'S FUND OF GREATER LA CROSSE, INC.

CMG Women's Fund

Jean L. Foss-Norene A. Smith Fund-WF

Barbara and Donald Frank Family Fund

Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund

Lillian Kaplan Fund

Betty Levinstein Fund-WF

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

Joan and Paul Schoenfeld Fund-WF

Pamela and Richard Strauss Fund-WF

Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse

Women's Fund of the La Crosse

Community Foundation

Roberta Zurn Fund

WORKFORCE CONNECTIONS, INC

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

WORLD SERVICES OF LA CROSSE, INC.

Sandra and Richard McCormick

Citizen Diplomacy Fund

YWCA LA CROSSE

Anonymous Fund

American Association of University

Women-La Crosse Branch

Ardus and John Cleveland Family Fund

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund*

June Kjome Justice and Peace Fund

**SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS GRADUATING
FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS (155 PAID IN 2017)**

American Association of University Women-

La Crosse Branch-Scholarship Fund

Alfred W. Rice Scholarship Fund

Mary Louisa Whitbeck and Frederick

T. Whitbeck Scholarship

Borton Construction Scholarship-Holmen High School

Borton Construction Scholarship-Logan High School

Borton Construction Scholarship-

Onalaska Luther High School

Valerie Burman Art Plus Scholarship Fund

James R. Conway Class of '55 Logan

High School Scholarship

Coulee Region Engineering Scholarship

Peter DeCicco Scholarship

Carol A. Dobrunz Memorial Scholarship

Family Playhouse Scholarship

D. E. Field Scholarship

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation Fund

General Fund-LCF

Glendenning Family Fund

Kent Grimsli Memorial Music Scholarship

Ann Henke Scholarship Fund

Neil P. Hengst Extra Effort Scholarship

Josephine Hintgen Scholarship

Jay F. Leinfelder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Harold E. Lemke Fund

Logan Opportunity Scholarship

Kaitlin Elizabeth Mahr Memorial Scholarship

Nicholas Byrne Padesky Scholarship Fund

Norma J. Valley Panka & William J. Panka

Scholarship Fund

John and Adeline Rice Scholarship

Rockin Robyn Scholarship

James G. Sauer Scholarship

Ralph Schultz Scholarship

John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship

Randy Smith Leadership Fund

William E. Storandt Scholarship

William P. and Lorna C. Vafeas Art Scholarship

Nina Vanderzee Memorial Scholarship

Clayton and Vivian Veum Scholarship

David and Sandra Whiteley Scholarship

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Crosse Community Foundation

New Funds Established in 2017



Garrity-Gokey Fund

A donor advised fund established by the Foundation's Board of Directors in recognition of Sheila Garrity's service to La Crosse Community Foundation as Executive Director from 1992-2017. The fund is named for Sheila and her late husband Jim Gokey. As the fund's donor advisor, Sheila looks forward to recommending grants in her interest areas to support the community where she lived, worked, raised a family and is now enjoying retirement. Sheila and Jim's children (Nolan, Caitlin and Sean) will succeed her as the fund's second-generation advisors.



Inez and Nick Konas Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship established by Dr. Gary Konas, a retired UW-La Crosse English professor, and his sister Stephanie West, in memory of their parents Inez and Nick Konas. Inez was a custom framer and artist and Nick diligently worked in the aerospace industry. Both Inez and Nick were known for their wonderful sense of humor and are remembered for being funny. This scholarship is awarded to a continuing UW-La Crosse student in good standing, majoring in English with a literature concentration or an English Education major.



Robert and Ruth Pribek Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Thomas Pribek, a retired English Professor from UW-La Crosse, established this scholarship in memory of his parents Robert and Ruth Pribek. Robert was a staff physician at the La Crosse Clinic, St. Francis Hospital, and the UW-La Crosse Health Center, and Ruth was an educator and volunteer at the YWCA. An annual scholarship from the fund will be awarded to a continuing UW-La Crosse English major in good standing who has demonstrated a commitment to service and giving back to the community.

Starting a fund at LCF is easy! You determine your charitable interests, select the fund type that works best for you, and sign a simple fund agreement to document your wishes. Once a fund is established, anyone can make contributions. Donors can be involved in grant recommendations, rely on the expert staff, or request a competitive process to award grants from the fund.



Shelterbelt Fund

A shelterbelt is a line of trees and/or shrubbery that is planted to protect against strong winds and erosion and advances sustainability. Dr. Gabe and Annie Bernedes created this donor advised fund to provide grants and support for the community and make positive social change. The Bernedes intend to involve their young children in the grant making process of this fund and thus, developing and planting the next generation of philanthropists.



Strong Girls Strong Women Fund

A donor advised fund established by Layna Padesky with gifts made by her parents Tim Padesky and Tara Johnson, and others, in recognition of her high school graduation. Tara and Tim also helped their son Nicholas start a fund when he graduated high school in 2015 and were excited to continue the tradition with Layna. Layna looks forward to supporting organizations and programs empowering young girls and women through her grant recommendations.



Donald P. Weber Veteran Scholarship Fund

Since 2008, LHI and the Weber family provided scholarships for area Veterans with the proceeds of the ever-popular Freedom Fest event held each summer in La Crosse. When Freedom Fest concluded this past year, the Weber family established this scholarship fund so that the mission and spirit of Freedom Fest will live on. Named in honor of Donald P. Weber, an Amry Veteran and POW of World War II, a total of three scholarships will be awarded to Veterans or National Guard members planning to enroll at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Western Technical College and Viterbo University.

Funds of La Crosse Community Foundation

La Crosse Community Foundation has helped generous people be catalysts for good for over five generations. We are proud to partner with hundreds of committed individuals and families to design giving plans that support the causes, agencies or issues they care about now and into the future.

We owe a debt of gratitude to all our donors whose thoughtful philanthropic planning has resulted in the establishment of the following funds.

Donor Advised Funds The most flexible and personal fund type for donors who desire the privilege to recommend annual grants from the fund's earnings to organizations that best fit their interests.

AAUW (American Association of University Women) La Crosse Branch Fund (2010)

James and Ellyn Ash Family Fund (2003)

Francie Ball & Mary O'Sullivan Fund (2016)

Walter F. Baltz Family Fund (1987)

Jean Gitz Bassett Fund (2006)

William & Cynthia Berg Family Fund (2013)

Blahnik-Naugler Help Fund of the Women's Fund (2003)

MLB-MKB Bottcher Family Fund (2004)

Bramschreiber Family Fund in Memory of Karl Bramschreiber (2016)

Eric and Sandy Brekke Family Fund (2013)

Richard W. Brown Family Fund (2007)

Chad's Champs Fund for the Miracle Field (2009)

Christ Episcopal Church Historic Preservation Fund (2006)

Russell G. and Gail K. Cleary Fund (1986)

Ardus and John Cleveland Family Fund (2012)

The Covenant Fund (2016)

Davy Family Fund (1993)

Durtsche Family Fund (2004)

Barbara and Dave Erickson Fund (2004)

Chad Erickson Memorial Fund (2003)

Chad Erickson Memorial Park Fund (2011)

The Erickson Sisters' Fund (2004)

Fowler and Hammer Fund (2005)

Barbara and Donald Frank Family Fund (1995)

Maureen and Robert Freedland Community Fund for Studies of the Shoah (Holocaust) (2014)

Maureen Freedland Social and Environmental Justice Fund (2016)

Ellen and Henry Funk Family Fund (2006)

Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund (2006)

Garrity-Gokey Fund (2017)

The Guentner-Froegel Family Fund (2003)

James D. and Janice M.

Hanesworth Fund (2007)

Harrington Fund (1998)

James and Ellen Heinecke Fund (2003)

Neil, Andy and Geri Hengst Family Fund (2007)

Nancy Fulkerson Hill and Edwin L. Hill Fund (2016)

Hutson Family Fund (2002)

JARD Fund (1993)

Lillian Kaplan Fund (2004)

Kerbaugh Family Fund (2016)

Joseph W. Kotnour, Sr. Family Fund (2001)

Roy E. and L. Hope Kumm Fund (1986)

Sondra and Roger LeGrand Family Fund (2008)

Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund (2008)

The Magerus McKinney Fund (2002)

Todd and Deb Mahr Family Fund (2004)

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund (2004)

Amie L. Mathy Fund (1987)

Charles F. Mathy Family Fund (2010)

Charles F. Mathy Fund (2006)

Sandra and Richard McCormick Citizen Diplomacy Fund (2012)

Donald and Audrey Medinger Family Fund (1998)

Tom and Ann Monson Family Fund (2005)

David R. Morrison Family Fund (2013)

Will and Charlie Nordeen "May the Force Be With You" Fund (2015)

Paqué Family Fund (2007)

Ron and Jane Rada Fund (2015)

Richard T. Record Fund (2011)

Brian and Karen Rude Family Fund (2000)

Schilling Family Fund (2009)

George and Virginia Schneider Family Fund (1994)

Kurt and Julie Schroeder Family Fund (2015)

Jack and Marti Schwem Fund (1999)

Morris A. & Roberta Anne Severson Fund (2014)

Shelterbelt Fund (2017)

Roland & Janeane Solberg

Family Fund (2012)

Stansfield Family Fund (2013)

Strong Girls Strong Women Fund (2017)

Bradley and Lynn Sturm Family Fund (2008)

Sullivan Fund (2002)

Sundet Family Fund (2006)

Carol and Duane Taebel Family Fund (2006)

Steve and Suzanne Tanke Family Fund (2007)

Cheryl Rae Vieth Fund (2009)

Fred and Deb Wakeen Fund (2013)

Stephen and Katherine Webster Fund (2016)



\$326,933
Donor Advised
Grants Dispersed

Designated Funds A fund where the donor selects one or more nonprofits as the perpetual recipient of the fund's annual distributions. Designated funds are commonly established through estate planning to continue annual support to favorite charities beyond the donor's lifetime.

Ella F. Ambrosius Fund (1975)
 Steven and Julianna Blanchar Kindergarten Trip Fund (2002)
 Heidi and Scott Blanke Scholarship (2010)
 Dr. Archie and Rosemary Britt Family Fund (2013)
 Margaret Forseth Burgess Music Fund (2013)
 Kathryn, Olaus and Dena Cappelen Fund (2007)
 William S. Case Scholarship (1969)
 Elizabeth Cason Fund (2011)
 CMG Women's Fund (1992)
 Dr. Ruth Dalton Fund (2007)
 Jean L. Foss-Norene A Smith Fund-WF (2011)
 Maureen and Robert Freedland-LPEF Fund for Studies of the Shoah (2007)
 Ernest and Olive Gershon Fund (1991)
 Jack and Rosie Glendenning Family Fund (1995)
 James Gokey Endowment Fund a.k.a Jim's Grocery Bag (1998)
 Gertrude Salzer Gordon Jazz in the Park Fund (1997)
 Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin Gundersen Fund (2007)
 Reverend Ronald and Merle Gustafson Fund (2003)
 Scott Henke Memorial Fund for the Care and Shelter of Animals (2016)
 Nancy Fulkerson Hill and Edwin L. Hill Designated Fund (2016)

Wayne J. Hood Fund (1982)
 Harold L. Isenman Fund (1981)
 Jim's Grocery Bag – Schroeder Memorial Fund (2014)
 Roch D. Kendrick Memorial Fund (2009)
 Betty and Dale Kendrick Scholarship for Studio Art in Painting (2003)
 Tom and Trudy Kennedy Endowment a.k.a Tom's Grocery Bag (2013)
 Kids for Kids Fund – LPEF (2008)
 Maureen L. Kinney Fund (2016)
 Mitchell-Kruck Scholarship (2007)
 Carl Koch and Joyce Heil Fund (2012)
 Jason David Koppelman Scholarship Fund (1990)
 Gretchen Guernsey Leigh Fund (2007)
 La Crosse Public Elementary School Field Trip Fund (2013)
 Betty Levinstein Fund-WF (2008)
 The Jacob Christian Lillejord Memorial Fund (2008)
 Logan Math and Computer Science Scholarship Fund (2002)
 Marie Louise Lokken Fund (2007)
 Lommen Boys and Girls Club Scholarship (2000)
 Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund (2006)
 Don Olson Hospitality Scholarship (2004)



\$12,694,672
Total Assets of Designated Funds

William C. Jr. & Scott Pickett Memorial Fund (2012)
 Father Christopher Pratt Fund (1987)
 Connie Repnik Memorial Fund (2006)
 Dr. David L. and Sacia B. Morris Family Fund (2008)
 St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Onalaska Endowment Fund (2002)
 Joan and Paul Schoenfeld Fund – WF (2008)
 Tom and Judy Sleik Family Fund (2013)
 Pamela and Richard Strauss Fund – WF (2008)
 Duane and Carol Taebel Fund (2007)
 Bernadette Teff Family Fund (2007)
 Veronica and Chester Ware Fund (1995)
 Harry and Charlotte Woods Family Fund (1990)



“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

— Coretta Scott King

Field of Interest Funds These funds enable people to pool charitable gifts into one fund that addresses a specific purpose or area of interest. The Foundation's board awards grants to qualified organizations making a difference in that interest area through a competitive grantmaking process.

Roland Beranek Fund (2013)
 Coulee Region White Cane Club (2011)
 Howard Dahl Fund (1989)
 The Elizabeth Fund for Literacy and Well-Being (2016)
 Dr. Frank Furlano Family Fund (2002)
 Norman L. Gillette, Sr., Family Fund (1992)
 Global Awareness Fund (2006)
 Alice O. Gordon and Viola Forshler Fund (1940)

Johns Flaherty & Collins-Michael Stoker Memorial Fund (2007/2011)
 June Kjome Justice and Peace Fund (2013)
 La Crosse Bridge Builders Fund (1999)
 La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund (2012)
 Myrick Hixon EcoPark Fund (2014)
 National Youth Sports Program Fund (1998)
 Louis I. Rehfuss Fund (1981)



\$166,554

Field of Interest Grants Dispersed

Rudy and Jean Schnurrer Fund (2009)
 Mary Grace Sieber Fund (2006)
 Margery J. Stansfield Fund (2013)
 Corinne Zielke Fund (2000)
 Roberta Zurn Fund (2005)

Scholarship Funds A fund designed to provide financial support to deserving students. Donors establish the scholarship criteria, and the Foundation's staff ensures awards are made in accordance with set guidelines.

AAUW (American Association of University Women) La Crosse Branch Scholarship Fund (2013)
 Mary Jane Bice Fund (1985)
 Borton Construction Scholarship at Holmen (2008)
 Borton Construction Scholarship at Logan (2008)
 Borton Construction Scholarship at Luther (2008)
 Valerie Burman Art Plus Scholarship Fund (2016)
 James R. Conway Class of 1955 Logan High Scholarship (2009)
 Coulee Region Engineering Scholarship Fund (1993)
 Peter DeCicco Scholarship (1992)
 Carol Dobrunz Memorial Scholarship (2014)
 Family Playhouse Theater Scholarship (2003)
 D. E. Field Scholarship (2007)
 Gertrude and Donald "Sandy" Gordon, Jr., Jazz Scholarship (1998)
 Kent Grimslid Memorial Music Scholarship for Onalaska High School (2014)

Neil P. Hengst Extra Effort Scholarship (2007)
 Ann Henke Scholarship Fund (2012)
 Josephine Hintgen Fund (1982)
 Hood-Weese-Miller Scholarship (2010)
 Inez and Nick Konas Memorial Scholarship (2017)
 Jay F. Leinfelder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship (2015)
 Harold E. Lemke Fund (1991)
 Logan Opportunity Scholarship Fund (1992)
 Kaitlin Elizabeth Mahr Memorial Scholarship (2007)
 Nicholas Byrne Padesky Scholarship (2015)
 Norma J. Valley Panka & William J. Panka Scholarship Fund (2012)
 Mark David Peacock Memorial Scholarship (2013)
 Robert and Ruth Pribek Memorial Scholarship (2017)
 John and Adeline Rice Scholarship Fund (2002)
 Rockin Robyn Scholarship (2016)



\$1,430

Average Scholarship Award

James G. Sauer Scholarship (2011)
 Ralph E. Schultz Scholarship Fund (1996)
 John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund (2008)
 Burton C. Smith Scholarship Fund (1983)
 Randy Smith Leadership Fund (2001)
 William E. Storandt Scholarship (2005)
 William and Lorna Vafeas Art Scholarship (1995)
 Nina Vanderzee Memorial Scholarship (2016)
 Vivian and Clayton Veum Scholarship (1995)
 Donald P. Weber Veteran Scholarship Fund (2017)
 David and Sandra Whiteley Scholarship (2007)

Agency Endowment Funds

A type of designated fund established by a nonprofit organization for its own benefit. Each year the nonprofit can choose to take the set distribution amount or continue to grow the fund with its annual earnings to eventually become a sustainable revenue stream.



\$129,883

Dispersed from Agency Funds

Bethany Lutheran Homes, Inc., Fund (1991)
 Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse Fund (1985)
 Children's Museum of La Crosse Endowment Fund (1998)

Coulee Council on Addictions Endowment Fund (2005)

Family & Children's Center Endowment Fund (1990)

Anita and Robert Funke Historical Society Fund (2004)

Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin Fund (1997)

Sally A. Grimslid Memorial Fund for Northside Elementary-LPEF (2005)

La Crosse Area Family YMCA Fund (2001)

La Crosse Chamber Chorale Fund (2002)

La Crosse Concert Band Fund (2004)

La Crosse County 4-H Endowment Fund (2010)

La Crosse County Historical Society Endowment Fund (1990)

La Crosse Public Education Foundation Endowment Fund (1991)

Amie L. Mathy Center for Recreation and Education Endowment Fund (2005)

Mental Health Coalition Endowment Fund (2006)

Onalaska Foundation for Educational Excellence Endowment Fund (1998)

Pettibone Park Fund (1992)

Salvation Army Endowment Fund (1992)

Stars of Tomorrow Endowment Fund (2006)

Swantz Fund-LPEF (2000)

United Fund for the Arts and Humanities Endowment Fund (1992)

Wishland Pony Express Fund (1995)

Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse (2016)

Supporting Organizations

An excellent alternative to a private foundation, supporting organizations do not pay excise taxes or tax preparation fees, and no minimum distributions are required. Donors maintain personal involvement in grant making, while receiving the favorable tax treatment of a public charity. The Foundation handles grant administration and all reporting requirements.

Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Foundation (2011)



\$1,073,302

Granted from the Franke Foundation

Other Funds Unrestricted gifts to the Foundation are put in our General Fund. The Foundation's board awards grants to qualified organizations from this fund's annual earnings through a competitive grantmaking process facilitated by the program director.

Administrative Fund – General Operating

General Fund – Unrestricted

PMJ Fund (2002) – Unrestricted



\$1,036,846

General Fund's net investment earnings (15%)



Portrait of change in our community

Jack and Marti Schwem

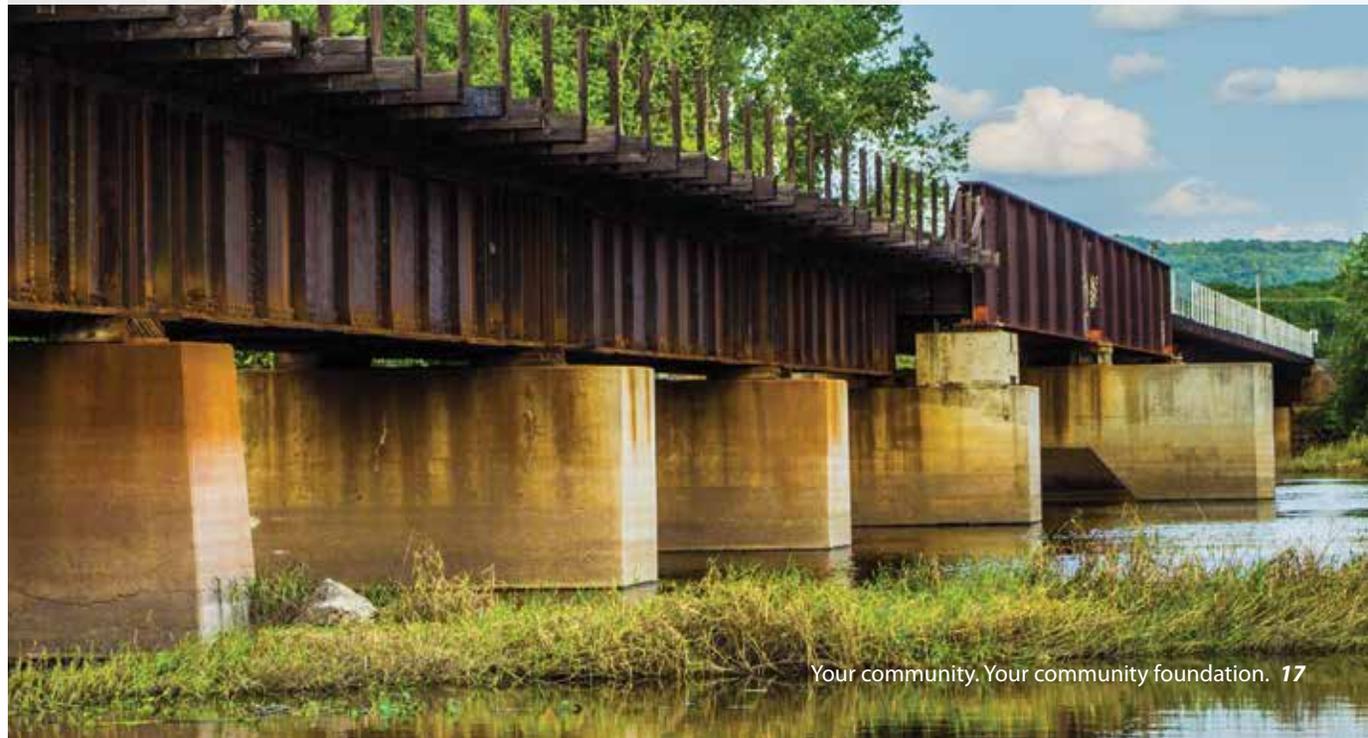
Jack and Marti Schwem established their donor advised fund – The Jack & Marti Schwem Fund – in 1999 to provide financial support for area arts, family, and healthcare-focused organizations. Marti, an artist, and Jack, former CEO of Lutheran Hospital and Lutheran Health System, both shared a love of the arts and healthcare.

The St. Clare Health Mission, a volunteer-run, non-profit organization formed to bring free healthcare to low income individuals and families, is one of several organizations that has directly benefited from the fund. Other organizations they've supported include the Family & Children's Center, Salvation Army, and Coulee Council on Addictions, all of which epitomize the fund's goals of strengthening families and promoting overall well-being.

Marti recalls, "My husband really believed in collaborative efforts... working together on mutual projects and supporting organizations that promote ethics and justice." The Jack & Marti Schwem Fund aims to help those most in need while advancing positive and shared community values.

Jack passed in 2008, but Marti continues to advise grants from their fund that align with their shared passions. She is looking forward to working with Foundation staff to assist her in identifying new and innovative programs and projects that help struggling children and families in our community and advance the arts and humanities that make our area so unique.

Marti has also named the fund in her estate plans, meaning gifts from the fund will continue in the Schwem's legacy forever.



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The complete audited financial statements
and IRS Form 990 are available by request.**



LA CROSSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

| | YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
| SUPPORT AND REVENUE | | |
| Public support - contributions and bequests | \$694,983 | \$1,872,085 |
| Interest and dividend income | 2,164,764 | 1,544,040 |
| Net gain on investments | 5,410,158 | 1,876,660 |
| Other income | 42,943 | 37,531 |
| Change in perpetual trust | 472,141 | 10,541 |
| TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE | 8,784,989 | 5,340,857 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Grants and scholarships | 2,428,063 | 3,278,213 |
| Program-related expenses | 3,509 | 6,159 |
| Support services: | | |
| Management and general | 551,775 | 506,500 |
| Fundraising | 32,067 | 28,188 |
| Investment and trustee fees | 270,191 | 261,397 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 3,285,605 | 4,080,457 |
| | | |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 5,499,384 | 1,260,400 |
| | | |
| NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 56,444,148 | 55,183,748 |
| | | |
| NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR | \$61,943,532 | \$56,444,148 |

Auditors: Johnson Block CPAs; Trustee: Trust Point

LA CROSSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31,

| <u>ASSETS</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$182,124 | \$208,882 |
| Investments | 61,678,140 | 56,646,151 |
| Leasehold Improvements, fixtures and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$23,153 in 2017 and \$18,185 in 2016 | 19,472 | 22,742 |
| Other assets | 53,294 | 53,136 |
| Beneficial interest in perpetual trusts | 4,395,957 | 3,923,816 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$66,328,987</u> | <u>\$60,854,727</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u> | | |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Payroll taxes payable | \$994 | \$922 |
| Grants payable | 145,781 | 605,577 |
| Agency endowment funds | 4,238,680 | 3,804,080 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>4,385,455</u> | <u>4,410,579</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Unrestricted net assets | | |
| Undesignated funds | 8,525,749 | 7,349,327 |
| Special Initiative fund | 145,161 | 120,847 |
| Field of interest funds | 3,446,375 | 1,940,419 |
| Donor designated funds | 12,694,672 | 11,192,127 |
| Donor advised funds | 10,201,876 | 10,238,253 |
| Supporting organizations | 7,511,247 | 7,304,844 |
| Total unrestricted net assets | 42,525,080 | 38,145,817 |
| Temporarily restricted net assets | 15,022,495 | 14,374,515 |
| Permanently restricted net assets | 4,395,957 | 3,923,816 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | <u>61,943,532</u> | <u>56,444,148</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | <u>\$66,328,987</u> | <u>\$60,854,727</u> |

Being good stewards of our donors' charitable giving is our top priority.

We strive to maximize investment income while following formal, yet flexible investment guidelines that incorporate prudent risk parameters, appropriate asset guidelines, and realistic return goals.

The Board of Directors bears the overall fiduciary responsibility for the Foundation. The Board appoints and empowers a Finance and Investment Committee comprised of individuals with extensive business and investment backgrounds for ongoing investment guidance, monitoring, and oversight. This committee meets quarterly and reports to the full board after each meeting.

Our investment portfolio is managed by Trust Point. The Foundation's investment objectives are detailed in our Statement of Investment Objectives and Policies document which is reviewed annually by the Finance and Investment Committee to ensure the relevance of its contents to current capital market conditions and the needs of the Foundation. Trust Point representatives attend every Finance and Investment Committee meeting to report on our portfolio's performance. Information regarding our investment performance is available upon request.



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Appointed by the Foundation
Board of Directors
2nd term expires 12-31-21
Executive; Grants/Scholarship Committees

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Treasurer (through 6/31/18)

Appointed by the Senior Circuit Judge
1st term expires 12-31-2022
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Grants/Scholarships Committees

Jamie Dahl

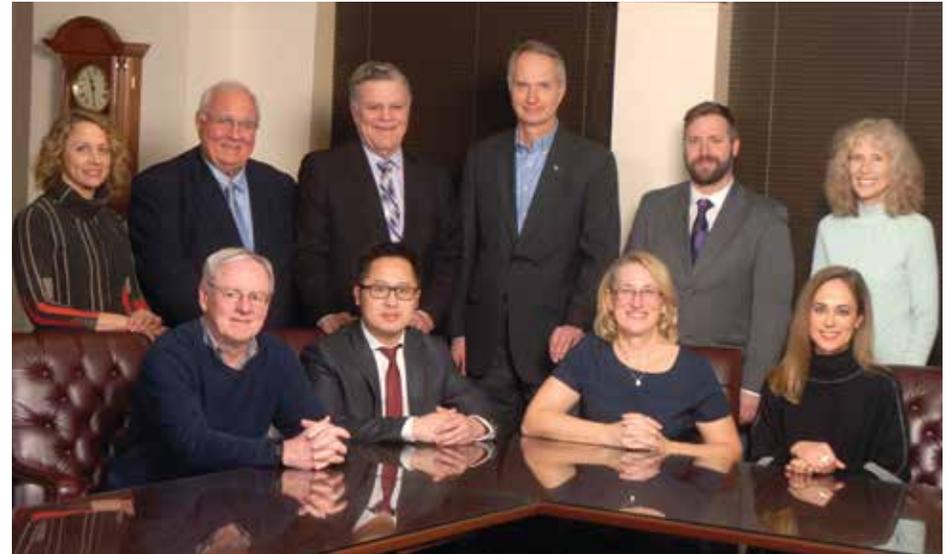
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Joe Moua

Appointed by the Foundation
Board of Directors
Completing unexpired term 12-31-18
Finance Committee



Pictured left to right; Front Row: Tom Kennedy, Joe Moua, Barb Erickson, Jamie Dahl,
Back Row: Sandy Brekke, Tom Sleik, Brent Smith, Rick Kyte, Taggart J. Brooks, Sue Christopherson
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Julie Nordeen, J.D.

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Finance; Grants/Scholarships Committees

Tom Sleik, J.D.

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Board of Directors
2nd term expires 12-31-18
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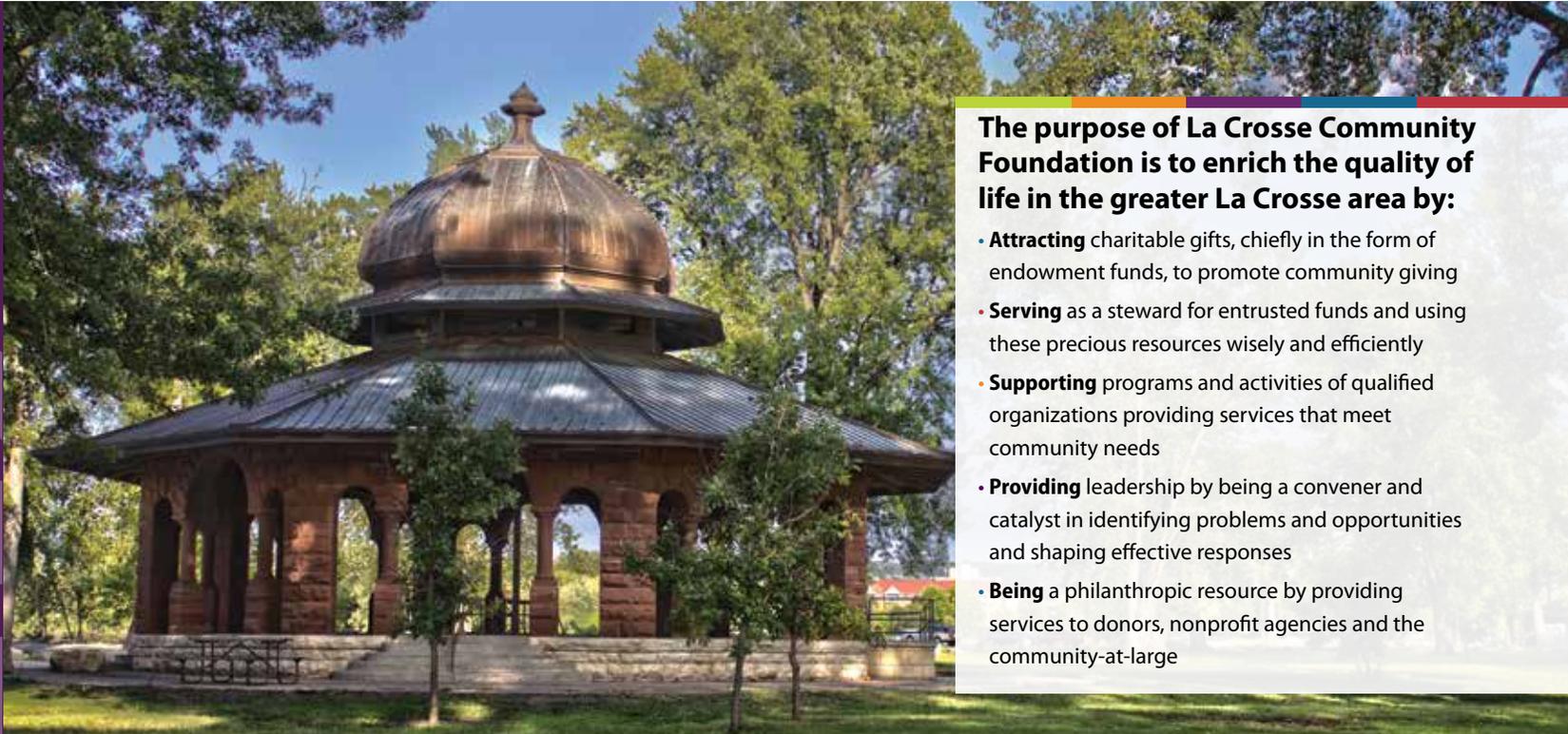
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- **Serving** as a steward for entrusted funds and using these precious resources wisely and efficiently
- **Supporting** programs and activities of qualified organizations providing services that meet community needs
- **Providing** leadership by being a convener and catalyst in identifying problems and opportunities and shaping effective responses
- **Being** a philanthropic resource by providing services to donors, nonprofit agencies and the community-at-large