

# MADE FOR THESE TIMES



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT | 2021



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FOUNDATION

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# MADE for THESE TIMES

Dear Donors, Partners, and Friends,

I am delighted to share La Crosse Community Foundation's 2021 Annual Impact Report to celebrate the generosity of our community's philanthropic caregivers and the great work of our region's nonprofit organizations that you helped make possible.

Last year's annual impact report showcased how our community came together to support each other through the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. This year's report is all about how our community is recovering and looking ahead. We believe the La Crosse area's best days are yet to come, and that a thriving community requires ongoing investments in our people, place, and culture to effect lasting change.

That's why La Crosse Community Foundation exists. For over nine decades, we've worked to bring people and resources together, channel ideas into action, and invest in solutions. And the work to protect and support our community is more important now than ever.

There are few moments in a lifetime where a community, country, and world can share a universal experience. The COVID-19 pandemic has been one of those moments. All our lives have been distinctly marked, in a range of ways, by the pandemic. Although our experiences may be different, our community came together—as neighbors helping neighbors—to support each other through this crisis.

Now our region faces an incredible opportunity, one that requires us to think beyond simply returning to the way things were before the pandemic. We know that our neighbors who faced inequities prior to the crisis were hit disproportionately hard. This moment in time calls for us to chart a new course for a more equitable and brighter future for our region. But it will take all of us working together to realize our shared vision for a vibrant, generous, and inclusive community.

The stories in this report highlight the importance of your support, and how it enables us to respond to all kinds of

situations, represent a cross-section of communities across the region, and channel the lived experiences of the people who need our help the most.

As I look back on 2021, I am humbled by the remarkable work we accomplished together under the direction of our guiding principles:

**TRUST:** The Foundation ended 2021 with nearly \$70 million in assets. The generosity and growth we experienced last year surpassed my greatest expectations with a record-breaking addition of 30 new funds.

**STEWARDSHIP:** We upgraded our technology and financial systems to improve the donor experience, including launching a new online portal for our fundholders to have 24/7 access to fund information.

**INTEGRITY:** We started a deep analysis of our competitive grantmaking process to help inform the accessibility and inclusivity of our grantmaking. Read Katie's message on page 9 to learn more about our commitment to equitable grantmaking practices.

**INCLUSION:** We welcomed several new individuals to our board of directors and committees. One of the national best practice standards for community foundations is an independent, volunteer board that reflects the community it serves. I'm proud to say our board—along with our community committee members—is now the most diverse and inclusive it's ever been. This is just another indicator of the foundation's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion over the last few years.

**EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE:** We grew our team. Taylor Corbett joined us as donor stewardship and communications manager to help us better serve our fund representatives.



*A letter from Chief Executive Officer  
Jamie Schloegel, CFRE*

COVID-19 won't be the last time we face a crisis. So thankfully our community has generous donors like you, a prosperous nonprofit sector, and an incredible platform like the La Crosse Community Foundation to help our community be **Made for These Times**... and beyond.

With appreciation and best regards,

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# ENDOWING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

## WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT FUND?

It's a fund where the original gift is invested to grow over time with only the set distribution allowance spent from the fund annually so the fund will exist to support the causes donors love forever.

## WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR

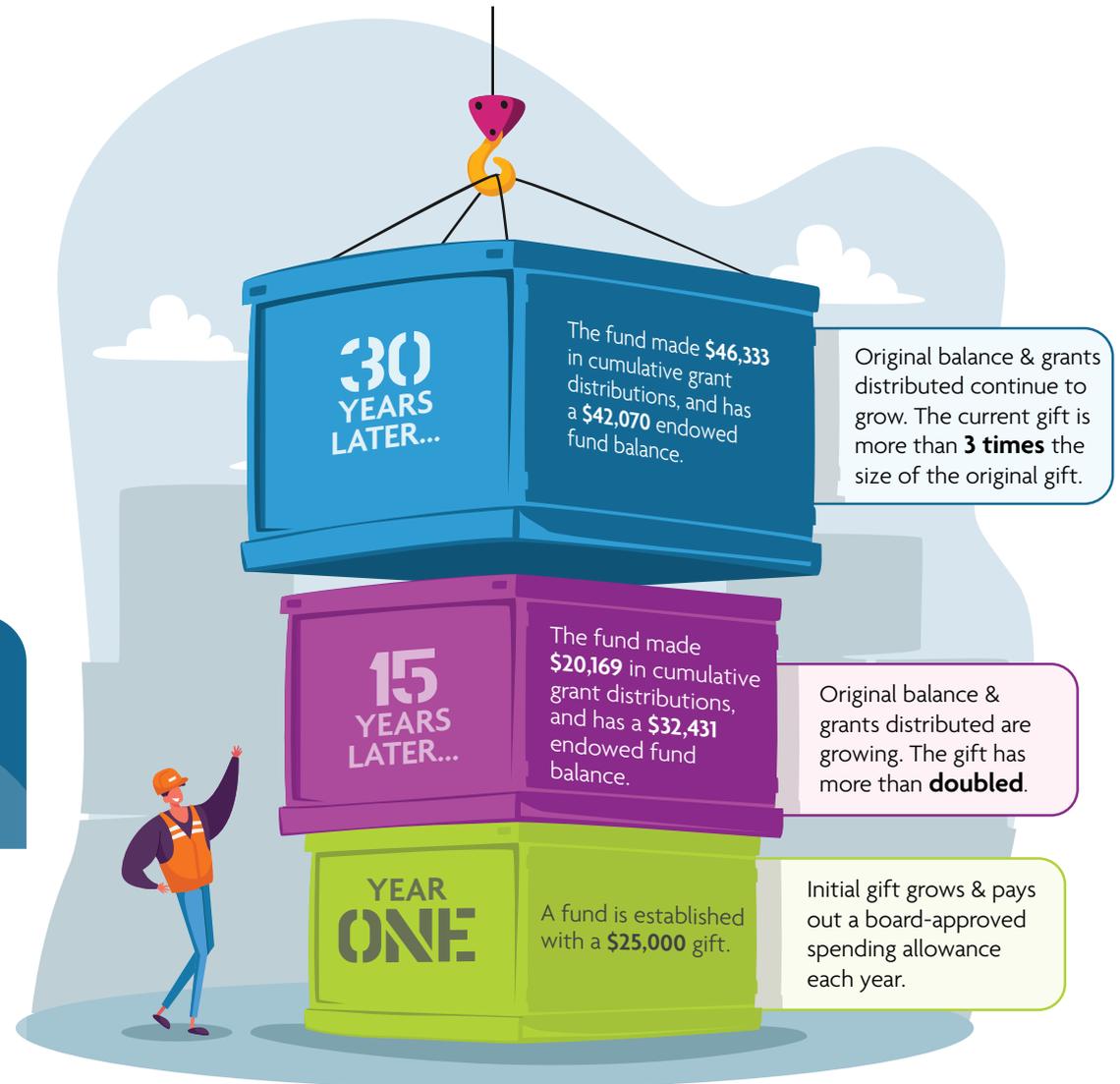
La Crosse Community Foundation is the only institution in La Crosse County dedicated to building a permanent source of philanthropic community capital. For over 90 years, local folks have donated tens of millions to the foundation with the trust that we would use it to meet local, community needs through grantmaking. That is, after all, at the heart of what we do. And because of the power of endowed funds, we have awarded more in grants than we have received in contributions, while preserving and growing the original gifts.

### MISSION:

Connecting people, passion, and giving in the La Crosse area forever

### VISION:

The catalyst for a vibrant, generous, and inclusive community



\*Based on an estimated annual growth rate of 7.5% and a 4.75% spending allowance for grants.

# TYPES OF FUNDS



**22%\***  
Donor Advised Funds



**17%\***  
Designated Funds



**11%\***  
Scholarship Funds



**19%\***  
Field of Interest Funds



**14%\***  
Community Giving Fund and Named Unrestricted Funds



**17%\***  
Other Funds

\* Percent of assets by fund type as of 12/31/2021

# THE IMPACT OF GIVING TO La Crosse Community Foundation



La Crosse Community Foundation is a charitable, nonprofit grantmaking organization that contributes time, leadership, and financial support to initiatives that benefit the La Crosse Area.



## WHY CONTRIBUTE TO LA CROSSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

### Community Knowledge:

We have a deep understanding of local needs and opportunities

### Expertise:

A credible steward of assets with grantmaking expertise

### Leadership:

Led by a volunteer board of directors comprised of knowledgeable community leaders

To start a fund, call us today 782-3223

# 2021 GRANT YEAR IN REVIEW

## \$4,467,063 AWARDED IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2021

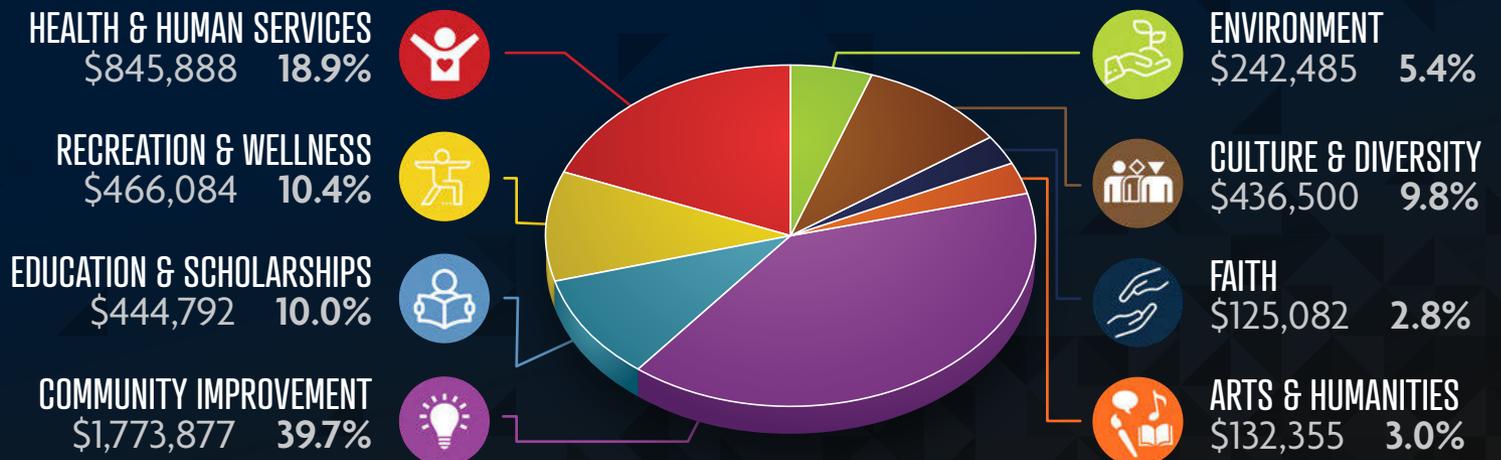
### 2021 GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY GRANT TYPE:

The total amount awarded in grants and scholarships each year includes grant distributions advised by our board through a quarterly competitive grant program, by our fundholders through donor advised and designated funds (non-competitive), and through scholarship programs.

Here's how they break down by grant type:



### 2021 GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING BY PROGRAM AREA



# FEATURED GRANT STORIES

La Crosse Community Foundation is comprised primarily of endowed funds; an intentional strategy that ensures we're around to respond to community needs forever. In 2021, the foundation awarded over \$4,000,000 in grants for the second year in a row. And because of the power of endowed funds, we distribute more in grants annually than we receive in donations, and our assets continue to grow. We were made for these times, and all times as our funds are built to support community needs regardless of market conditions.



## EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP

Forming Great Futures

**Western Technical College Foundation** is awarded \$8,000 annually to support the La Crosse Community Foundation Equity in Education Scholarship program. In 2021, eight students who either did not qualify for federal student loans or are non-traditional students received scholarships. One recipient wrote the following:

Dear La Crosse Community Foundation,

I am writing this note to thank you for endowing me with your \$1,000 scholarship for equity in education. I am humbled and honored to be the recipient of this award. To tell you a bit about myself, I am Puerto Rican, and my second language is English. I am also a disabled veteran who is driven to self-realization and a relentless pursuit of knowledge. Though my current full-time job is in healthcare, I have always had a special interest in construction. When the opportunity presented itself, I decided to pursue a technical diploma in Building Construction and Cabinetmaking at Western Technical College, and I plan to graduate in April 2022. Although I will continue to work in the healthcare field, my goal is to find a reputable construction or cabinetmaking company to assist on a part-time basis. I have found this pursuit personally rewarding, enjoyable, and almost therapeutic. This scholarship will be used to relieve a portion of my student loans, and I intend to return the good karma. Thank you again for recognizing me in this way.

Respectfully yours,

Ricky



**Islands of Brilliance** was awarded a \$2,000 grant to support their Mobile Sandbox program. Islands of Brilliance is a Milwaukee-based nonprofit dedicated to providing experiential learning and workforce development opportunities to autistic youth and young adults. The grant will support their expansion work into La Crosse County.



**West Salem School District** received a \$5,000 grant to support bringing in motivational speaker Joe Beckman to present to students and families about creating a culture for human connection. His presentation was part of a larger district initiative to improve mental health.

# FEATURED GRANT STORIES



## CULTURE & DIVERSITY

Celebrating our Differences



Brothers Battling Barriers group

**Hope Restores** received over \$96,000 from foundation funds in 2021, including from the Maureen Kinney Fund, Jean Gitz Bassett Fund, Black Empowerment Fund, and Community Giving Fund. Hope Restores works to uplift, empower, and restore the Black community through education, preservation, and advocacy.



Author Debby Irving

**The Privilege Institute** received a \$5,000 grant from the June Kjome Justice and Peace Fund in 2021 to sponsor the local White Privilege Symposium. Community members gathered for the two-day conference to hear speakers such as Debby Irving, author of *Waking Up White*; rapper and activist Jasiri X; economist, environmentalist, and writer Winona LaDuke; and more. Local youth were also engaged in a Youth Action Project as part of the symposium.



Youth Action Project participants



Women of Melanin group



## RECREATION & WELLNESS

Inspiring Healthy Living



Drone rescue training

**AVCAP Corporation and the La Crosse Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol** collaborated in 2021 to create the region's first dedicated drone search and rescue team. A \$3,000 grant was awarded from the Community Giving Fund to purchase laptops with graphic processing units that produce fast visual data from drones. Comprised of about a dozen youth, adult, and senior technicians and pilots, the team is available to help local fire departments, emergency management departments, and law enforcement agencies respond to a range of emergencies.

**La Crosse Area Family YMCA** was awarded a \$5,426 grant from the Mary Grace Sieber Fund to support their new No Boundaries Summer Camp, a community-based program that promotes inclusion and awareness of individuals with disabilities. The summer camp was held at the Y's Teen Center, and included a variety of activities like gymnastics, swimming, outdoor recreation, arts and crafts, music, and more. The Y also partnered with the North American Squirrel Association to provide pontoon rides, fishing, kayaking, and more to campers.





# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Helping Our Neighbors



**Safe Families for Children** was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Jean Gitz Bassett Fund, Rudy and Jean Schnurrer Fund, Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund, Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund, and David R. Morrison Family Fund. Safe Families started a La Crosse chapter in 2020 to surround families in crisis with a caring, compassionate community. They seek to prevent children from experiencing neglect or abuse by providing them with a safe, stable, temporary home while the crisis is resolved. Keeping families intact is their goal, and they recruit local families to open their homes and lives to children whose families need short-term support.



**La Crosse Lighthouse**, the area's first peer-run respite for folks experiencing substance use disorder, opened its doors in fall of 2021. A \$7,000 grant helped them purchase the final items needed in preparation for their grand opening, such as bed linens, towels, cleaning supplies, toiletries, and more. The Lighthouse is open to anyone 18 years and older who is looking to begin the process of recovery.

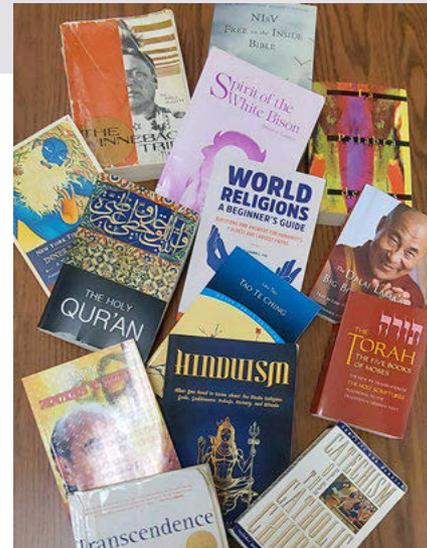


**Workforce Connections** was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund and Bob & Jean Mark Family Fund to support their transportation assistance program. This program assists individuals and families at or below the ALICE (asset limited, income constrained, employed) threshold with funds to offset hardships associated with transportation needs, such as: vehicle repairs, tires, oil changes, and maintenance.



# FAITH

Transcending Places of Worship



**La Crosse Jail Ministry** was awarded nearly \$9,000 in unrestricted funding in 2021. The Jail Ministry provides an opportunity and environment for inmates to awaken, renew, and stimulate their spiritual life, thereby promoting behavioral change, social reintegration, and personal well-being. The Jail Ministry's chaplain is skilled in providing spiritual support to followers of many world religions. Foundation funds that supported them include the William & Cynthia Berg Family Fund, Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund, Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund, Paque Family Fund, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of La Crosse Legacy Funds.

**Catholic Charities** launched Operation Allies Welcome in 2021 to support over 13,000 refugees from Afghanistan at Fort McCoy. They coordinated volunteers, purchased supplies, and helped people through their resettlement process. Four foundation donor advised funds provided nearly \$7,000 to support this work, including The Covenant Fund, Guentner-Froegel Family Fund, Richard H. Masrud Memorial Fund, and Kurt & Julie Schroeder Family Fund.



# FEATURED GRANT STORIES



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Transforming a Better La Crosse County



**Coulee Region Meow Mission** received a grant from the Carol and Duane Taebel Family Fund to support their work in humanely decreasing the number of free-roaming cats through a trap/neuter/vaccine/return program.



**For Independent Hmong Farmers** was awarded a \$6,000 grant from the La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund to offset pandemic-related financial losses for 15 Hmong farmer vendors.



**John Bosshard Memorial Library in Bangor** received a grant to support needed updates from the Bramschreiber Family Fund in Memory of Karl Bramschreiber, a donor advised fund.



## ARTS & HUMANITIES

Curating History and Creativity



Painting of La Crosse Concert Band by Sam Servais

**La Crosse Concert Band** received over \$2,400 in grants from the Ella F. Ambrosius Fund and the La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund in 2021 to support their free Wednesday night concerts in Riverside Park each June and July. Part of the funding was used to purchase supplies like sanitizing stations to make concerts more COVID-safe. The supplies were shared with Moon Tunes and La Crosse Jazz Orchestra.

**Ridge History Park** received an anonymous \$500 grant from a donor advised fund to support their operations. The history park includes the Little Middle Ridge Grade School and Cavadini's gas station, and hosts a free concert series the second Sunday of each month from May through October.



## ENVIRONMENT

Appreciating Natural Resources



**GROW** received a \$20,000 grant to support their work connecting children to healthy food and nature through organic school gardens and farm visits. GROW has gardens at five local schools, and their garden educators visit classrooms several times each year to provide garden produce taste tests, recipe demonstrations, and environmental lessons about pollination, composting, and more.



### Mississippi Valley Conservancy

was awarded a \$20,000 grant to support their Naturehood Connections program. This program was created to improve their La Crosse County nature preserves by nurturing a sense of connection, responsibility, and ownership in the families that frequent them. Three nature preserves host a rotating equipment toolbox that includes educational supplies, kids' activities, and tools for habitat restoration. Over 35 acres of invasive brush was cleared, millions of prairie seeds collected, and several pounds of litter removed as a result of this grant.



# EQUITABLE GRANTMAKING FOR THESE TIMES

By: Program Director Katie Berkedal

Before I started working on the “grant-making” side of grants, I was a grant *writer* for years. One of the most frustrating parts of writing grants was how difficult and nerve-wracking it always was to talk to funders. Why? They had all the power. Funders were nearly always hard to reach, unwilling to review proposals, and sometimes even denied access to apply for eligible projects because they didn’t “think” their board would approve it. And forget about post-submittal support like opportunities to respond to questions and helpful feedback after a denial.

When I started overseeing the competitive grant program here in 2018, movements like “Trust Based Philanthropy” and “Equitable Grantmaking” had just started percolating around the country in grantmaker circles. They call on funders to shift power, advance equity, and build mutually accountable relationships. That sounded like a dream. And it was about way more than just making it easier for people to apply.

Our area of the country fosters some of the deepest disparities in the nation for health and educational outcomes across race. Most of the social issues our local nonprofits address are rooted in various forms of oppression. And because we want to help create social change here, we need to make our grantmaking program less burdensome and do a better job reaching marginalized communities and the nonprofits serving them.

Building equity into our grant program means creating new pathways to funding to help ensure applicants have the tools needed to succeed, and without barriers. We want our application process to be accessible, supportive, and responsive. A stark difference from what I had experienced before.

We have much work to do, and are certainly not experts, yet we are excited to share some of the improvements we’ve started with:

**ENHANCED GRANTEE SUPPORT:** Applicants can access foundation staff for one-on-one technical support with both grant writing and understanding nonprofit compliance and finances. We also launched the Nonprofit Resource Center in 2021 with a board matching program, nonprofit health assessment tool, training opportunities, vendor list, and more.

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION:** We strive to fill our grant committee with people representative of the community and include the voices of folks who have a wide variety of experiences. We’ve increased our diversity on the grant committee by forty percent.

**OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN:** After grants are submitted, if the grant committee has questions about a request, nonprofits have an opportunity to explain before decisions are made. This process helps avoid denials based on a lack of understanding.

**FAST TURNAROUND:** Grant decisions are made one month after each quarterly grant deadline, and grant checks are paid in full within a week of decisions being made.

**UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT:** We award project-based grants and grants for general operating costs, and will award up to three years of support.

**FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEWS:** Grantees can either write their required follow-up report, or complete it interview-style with foundation staff.

This list is just the beginning work in our goal of grantmaking through an equity lens, and we are open to feedback about how we can do better. Another idea we’re currently exploring



is offering applicants the option of responding to grant questions with video instead of narrative writing.

We never can predict what community needs will bubble up with the most urgency at any given time. We can, however, stay committed to partnering with local nonprofits and using local data to ensure the help we have to offer is the help our community wants and needs. That way, we can hope to be beneficial in “these times” and always.

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# 2021 GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

**1000 Generations, Inc.**  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund  
Jean Gitz Bassett Fund  
David R. Morrison Family Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund  
Rudy and Jean Schnurrer Fund

**100 Men of Dane County**  
Kim & Kyle Donskey Charitable Fund

**2nd Chance to Shine, Fun Fur Pets**  
Jim & Julia Jespersen Fund

**4 Bees Brigade, Inc.**  
The Anthony Fund

**Adult & Teen Challenge of Western Wisconsin, Inc.**  
Amie L. Mathy Family Fund  
Community Giving Fund

**Aging and Disability Resource Center of La Crosse County**  
Kathy and Jack Lucey Family Fund for Alzheimer's  
James Rothwell Caregiver Fund

**Alley Cat Allies, Inc.**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**American Indian Education Fund**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund  
M. Elizabeth Cason Fund

**American Legion Coon Valley Post**  
Brian and Karen Rude Family Fund

**American Red Cross Southwest Chapter**  
Chester and Veronica Ware Fund  
M. Elizabeth Cason Fund

**Animal Rights Coalition**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**A Place of Grace, Ltd.**  
La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund  
Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund

**Activ Foundation, Inc.**  
Duane and Carol Taebel Fund  
Ruth M. Dalton, M.D. Fund  
Stephen and Katherine Webster Fund  
Mary Grace Sieber Fund

**Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation, Inc.**  
Anonymous  
Harry L. and Charlotte L. Woods Family Fund  
Corinne Zielke Fund  
Fowler and Hammer Fund  
Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund

**ARC La Crosse, Inc.**  
La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund

**Arts at Large, Inc.**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Associated Society-Animal Protection, Ltd.**  
The Lagniappe Fund

**Auburn Valley Humane Society**  
Bradley and Lynn Sturm Family Fund

**AVCAP Corporation**  
Community Giving Fund

**Avoyelles Animal Welfare Society**  
The Lagniappe Fund

**Bethany Lutheran Homes, Inc. d/b/a Eagle Crest Communities**  
Connie Repnik Memorial Fund

**Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin Educational Foundation, Inc.**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Black Empowerment Fund of LCF**  
The Bonney Family Fund

**Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge (BLACK), Inc.**  
Black Empowerment Fund  
Maureen L. Kinney Fund  
Community Giving Fund  
Harrington Fund  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund  
Eric and Sandy Brekke Family Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund  
Maureen and Robert Freedland Community Fund for Studies of the Shoah (Holocaust)

**Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church**  
Anonymous  
Chester and Veronica Ware Fund

**Boston University**  
Mary Jane Bice Fund

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County**  
Charles F. Mathy Family Fund

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse**  
Corinne Zielke Fund  
Schloegel Family Fund for Kids  
Steven P. and Suzanne R. Tanke Family Fund  
Will and Charlie Nordeen  
"May the Force Be With You" Fund  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund  
Schilling Family Fund  
Tom and Ann Monson Family Fund

The Elliott Family Fund  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund  
Graw Family Fund  
Lommen Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Fund  
Dr. Archie and Rosemary Britt Family Fund

**Brice Prairie Baseball Softball**  
Corinne Zielke Fund

**Brigham Young University – Idaho**  
Gerald and Marcella (Meyer) Horman Scholarship Fund

**Camp Send A Kid, Inc.**  
Graw Family Fund

**Carleton College**  
Schilling Family Fund

**Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman**  
La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund  
Davy Family Fund

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse**  
Guentner-Froegel Family Fund  
Kurt and Julie Schroeder Family Fund  
The Lagniappe Fund  
James and Dianne Seyler Fund  
La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund  
The Covenant Fund  
Richard H. Masrud Memorial Fund  
Harold "Pete" Isenman Fund

**Causeway Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Inc.**  
The Covenant Fund  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund

**Chasing Daylight Animal Shelter**  
Richard H. Masrud Memorial Fund  
The Lagniappe Fund

**Children's Museum of La Crosse, Inc.**  
Judy and Dave Bouffleur Fund  
Hutson Family Fund  
Community Giving Fund

**Chileada Institute, Inc.**  
Mary Grace Sieber Fund

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

**Cia Siab, Inc.**  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund  
Strong Girls Strong Women Fund  
La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund

**City of La Crosse Parks, Rec. & Forestry**  
All Abilities Trane Park Fund

**Coe College**  
Clayton and Vivian Veum Scholarship Fund

**Columbia University**  
Coulee Region Engineering Scholarship Fund

**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
Graw Family Fund

**Community Giving Fund of La Crosse Community Foundation**  
Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin Gundersen Memorial Fund  
Dr. David L. and Sacia B. Morris Fund

**Compassion and Choices**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Congregation Sons of Abraham**  
Maureen and Robert Freedland Community Fund for Studies of the Shoah (Holocaust)

**Consumer Credit Counseling of La Crosse**  
Community Giving Fund  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Consumer Reports**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Couleecap, Inc.**  
Kerbaugh Family Fund  
The Lagniappe Fund  
Susan M. Quillin Fund

**Coulee Council on Addictions**  
Schilling Family Fund  
Jack and Marti Schwem Impact Fund  
Amie L. Mathy Family Fund  
Richard W. Brown Family Fund  
Stansfield Family Fund  
Morris A. and Roberta Anne Severson Fund  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund  
Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund  
Jacob Christian Lillejord Memorial Fund aka "Jacob's Ladder"

**Coulee Region Humane Society**  
Duane and Carol Taebel Fund  
Kerbaugh Family Fund  
Charles F. Mathy Fund  
Fowler and Hammer Fund  
M. Elizabeth Cason Fund  
Stephen and Katherine Webster Fund  
Carol and Duane Taebel Family Fund  
The Covenant Fund

**Coulee Region Meow Mission**  
Carol and Duane Taebel Family Fund

**Dartmouth College**  
Harold E. Lemke Fund

**Desert Foothills Land Trust, Inc.**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Desert Foothills Library**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Diocese of La Crosse**  
Davy Family Fund  
Fowler and Hammer Fund  
Father Christopher Pratt Memorial Fund

**Doctors Without Borders USA**  
Bonnie and Mike Jones Fund  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Drake University**  
Mary Jane Bice Fund

**Dreamweavers, Inc.**  
Carney Haskell Impact Fund

**Emergency Food Basket, Inc.**  
M. Elizabeth Cason Fund

**English Lutheran Church**  
Duane and Carol Taebel Fund

**Faith United Methodist Church**  
Dr. Archie and Rosemary Britt Family Fund

**Family & Children's Center**  
Bernadette Teff Family Fund  
Dr. Archie and Rosemary Britt Family Fund  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund  
Jack and Marti Schwem Impact Fund  
Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund  
Kerbaugh Family Fund  
Erickson Sisters' Fund  
Chad Erickson Memorial Fund  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund  
Schilling Family Fund  
Chad Erickson Memorial Park 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  
Carney Haskell Impact Fund

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Harold "Pete" Isenman Fund

**FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)**  
Community Giving Fund  
The Elliott Family Fund

**First Lutheran Church**  
Susan M. Quillin Fund

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Harry L. and Charlotte L. Woods Family  
Jean Gitz Bassett First Presbyterian Church of La  
Crosse Fund

**Florida Institute of Technology**  
Mary Jane Bice Fund

**For Independent Hmong Farmers Corp.**  
La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund

**Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration**  
Anonymous  
Tom and Laurie Berkedal Family Fund  
Carney Haskell Impact Fund  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse  
Branch Fund

**Fresh Start Women's Foundation**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Friends of Coulee Region RSVP**  
Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund  
Cheryl and Cindy Vieth Fund

**Friends of McGilvray Road**  
Nancy Fulkerson Hill and Edwin L. Hill Fund

**Friends of PBS Wisconsin, Inc.**  
Carney Haskell Impact Fund

**Friends of Riverside Park Inc.**  
Graw Family Fund

**Friends of the La Crescent Public Library**  
James D. and Janice M. Hanesworth Fund

**Friends of the Mississippi River**  
Bradley and Lynn Sturm Family Fund  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Friends of the Smithsonian Institute**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Friends of the Upper Mississippi Fishery Services**  
Roch Kendrick Memorial Fund

**Friends of West Salem Baseball**  
Corinne Zielke Fund

**Gateway Area Scouts**  
Wayne J. Hood Fund  
Schilling Family Fund  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund  
Davy Family Fund

**Gathering Waters, Inc.**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Girls 4 Science**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Girl Scouts of Wisconsin-Badgerland Council**  
Schilling Family Fund

**Good Fight Community Center, Inc.**  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund  
Community Giving Fund  
Paque Family Fund  
Black Empowerment Fund

**Great Rivers United Way**  
JARd Fund  
James and Ellen Heinecke Fund  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund  
Arduis and John Cleveland Family Fund  
Jack and Marti Schwem Impact Fund  
Dr. David L. and Sacia B. Morris Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund  
Tom and Laurie Berkedal Family Fund  
Schilling Family Fund

**Grow La Crosse, Inc.**  
Myrick Hixon EcoPark Fund  
Roland Beranek Fund  
Community Giving Fund

**Gundersen Medical Foundation**  
Davy Family Fund  
Harold "Pete" Isenman Fund  
Harry L. and Charlotte L. Woods Family Fund  
Duane and Carol Taebel Fund  
Wishland Pony Express Fund  
Bradley and Lynn Sturm Family Fund  
Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin Gundersen Memorial  
Fund

Chester and Veronica Ware Fund  
Fowler and Hammer Fund  
Ellen and Henry Funk Family Fund  
Connie Replik Memorial Fund  
Schilling Family Fund  
Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund  
Judy and Dave Bouffleur Fund

**Habitat for Humanity-La Crosse Area**  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund  
Margery J. Stansfield Fund  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund

**Head Start Child & Family Development Center, Inc.**  
La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund

**Hmoob Cultural and Community Agency (HCCA)**  
Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**  
La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund

**Honor The Earth**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Hope Restores**  
Community Giving Fund  
Black Empowerment Fund  
Maureen L. Kinney Fund  
Jean Gitz Bassett Fund

**HorseSense, Inc.**  
Community Giving Fund  
Carol and Duane Taebel Family Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund  
Fred and Deb Wakeen Fund  
The Elliott Family Fund  
Branschreiber Family Fund in Memory of Karl  
Branschreiber

**HSHS Sacred Heart Foundation**  
Schilling Family Fund

**Hunger Task Force of La Crosse, Inc.**  
Bradley and Lynn Sturm Family Fund

Carl Koch and Joyce Heil Fund  
Barbara and Donald Frank Family Fund  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund  
Kerbaugh Family Fund  
La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund  
Roland and Janeane Solberg Family Fund

**IM Education, Inc.**  
Community Giving Fund

**Independent Living Resources**  
La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund  
Nancy Fulkerson Hill and Edwin L. Hill Fund

**Iowa State University**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund

**Islands of Brilliance, Inc.**  
Community Giving Fund

**JDRF International**  
The Anthony Fund

**Jim's Grocery Bag Fund of LCF**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Joe Was Just Joe Foundation, Inc.**  
Anonymous  
Schilling Family Fund

**Junior Achievement of Wisconsin**  
Schilling Family Fund

**Kirkwood Community College**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund

**Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.**  
La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund

**La Crescent Animal Rescue, Inc.**  
The Lagniappe Fund

**La Crosse Area Family YMCA**  
Stansfield Family Fund  
Todd and Deb Mahr Family Fund  
Davy Family Fund  
Wayne J. Hood Fund  
Mary Grace Sieber Fund  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund  
National Youth Sports Program Fund  
Community Giving Fund  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund

**La Crosse Area Synod ELCA**  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church of La Crosse Legacy Fund  
William & Cynthia Berg Family Fund

**La Crosse Area Underwater Rescue and Recovery  
Unit**  
Community Giving Fund

**La Crosse Area Veterans Mentor  
Program, Inc.**  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund

**La Crosse Boychoir, Inc.**  
Community Giving Fund

**La Crosse Chamber Chorale, Inc.**  
Carney Haskell Impact Fund

**La Crosse Community Theatre**  
Community Giving Fund  
Sundet Family Fund  
Cheryl and Cindy Vieth Fund  
Gretchen Guemsey Leigh Fund

**La Crosse Concert Band**  
Ella F. Ambrosius Fund  
La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund

**La Crosse County Administrative Center**  
Richard H. Masrud Memorial Fund

**La Crosse County Health Department**  
James and Dianne Seyler Fund  
Susan M. Quillin Fund

**La Crosse County Historical Society**  
Anonymous  
Nancy Fulkerson Hill and Edwin L. Hill Fund  
Davy Family Fund  
Cheryl and Cindy Vieth Fund  
Gretchen Guemsey Leigh Fund  
Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund  
Community Giving Fund  
Maureen L. Kinney Fund

**La Crosse County Human Services**  
Barbara and Dave Erickson Fund  
Richard W. Brown Family Fund  
Chad Erickson Memorial Park Fund  
Erickson Sisters' Fund

**La Crosse County Library**  
Branschreiber Family Fund in Memory of Karl  
Branschreiber

**La Crosse Curling Club**  
Community Giving Fund

**La Crosse Dubna Friendship Association Fund of LCF**  
Jack and Marti Schwem Fund

**La Crosse Jail Ministry**  
Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund  
Paque Family Fund  
William & Cynthia Berg Family Fund  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church of La Crosse Legacy Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund

**La Crosse Jazz Orchestra Fund**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund  
Gertrude Salzer Gordon Concert in the Park Fund

**La Crosse Lions Charities, Inc.**  
Coulee Region White Cane Club Fund

**La Crosse Neighborhoods, Inc.**  
Roy E. and Lillian Hope Kumm Fund  
Russell G. and Gail K. Cleary Fund

**La Crosse Promise, Inc.**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**La Crosse Public Education  
Foundation, Inc.**  
Community Giving Fund  
Audrey and Donald Medinger Family Fund  
Maureen L. Kinney Fund  
Mary Grace Sieber Fund

Judy and Dave Bouffleur Fund  
Schilling Family Fund  
Alice O. Gordon & Viola M. Forshler Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund  
Maureen and Robert Freedland-LPEF Fund for Studies  
of the Shoah  
Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin Gundersen Memorial  
Fund  
Kids for Kids Fund-LPEF  
Arduis and John Cleveland Family Fund  
The Bonney Family Fund  
Tom and Judy Sleik Family Fund  
Carney Haskell Impact Fund  
Duane and Carol Taebel Fund  
Carol Taebel "Thank a Teacher" Fund  
Kerbaugh Family Fund  
Tom and Laurie Berkedal Family Fund  
The Elizabeth Fund for Literacy and Well-Being

**La Crosse Public Library**  
Tom and Judy Sleik Family Fund  
Carney Haskell Impact Fund  
Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin Gundersen Memorial  
Fund  
Richard W. Brown Family Fund

**La Crosse Symphony Orchestra, Inc.**  
Jack and Marti Schwem Fund  
Ella F. Ambrosius Fund  
Margaret Forseth Burgess Music Fund  
Ruth M. Dalton, M.D. Fund  
The Elliott Family Fund

**Lakeland University**  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse  
Branch-Scholarship Fund

**Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District**  
Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund

**League of Women Voters of the  
La Crosse Area**  
Garrity-Gokey Fund  
Community Giving Fund  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Legal Action of Wisconsin**  
Community Giving Fund  
June Kjome Justice and Peace Fund  
Johns Flaherty Collins-Michael Stoker Memorial Fund  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**LGBTQ Resource Center for the  
7 Rivers Region, Inc.**  
Community Giving Fund  
La Crosse Bridge Builders Fund

**Local First Arizona**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Lutheran Social Services/Wisconsin  
& Upper MI, Inc.**  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church of La Crosse Legacy Fund

**Luther College**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund  
Jim & Julia Jespersen Fund

# 2021 GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

**Macalester College**  
James R. Conway Class of '55 Logan High School  
Scholarship Fund

**Marian University**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund  
John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund

**Marquette University**  
Davy Family Fund

**Mary Mother of the Church**  
La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund

**Mayo Clinic Health System**  
Davy Family Fund  
Ruth M. Dalton, M.D. Fund  
Fowler and Hammer Fund  
Schilling Family Fund

**Mental Health Coalition of the Greater La Crosse Area**  
Schilling Family Fund

**Millikin University**  
Kaitlin Elizabeth Mahr Memorial Scholarship Fund

**Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design**  
Valerie Burman Art Plus Scholarship Fund

**Minnesota State University**  
Rockin Robyn Scholarship Fund  
Marian Mieden Early Childhood Education Scholarship  
Fund

**Mississippi Valley Conservancy**  
Charles F. Mathy Fund  
The Elliott Family Fund  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund  
Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund  
Community Giving Fund  
Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund  
Fowler and Hammer Fund  
The Lagniappe Fund

**Missouri River Bird Observatory**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Mobile Meals of La Crosse**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Monroe County Animal Shelter**  
The Lagniappe Fund

**Monroe County Shelter Care, Inc.**  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse  
Branch Fund  
The Lagniappe Fund

**Morrow Memorial Home Foundation, Inc.**  
Bramschreiber Family Fund in Memory of Karl  
Bramschreiber

**Mountain Trails Foundation, Inc.**  
Will and Charlie Nordeen  
"May the Force Be With You" Fund

**Musical Instrument Museum**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**NAMI, Inc.**  
Todd and Deb Mahr Family Fund

**NAMI La Crosse County, Inc.**  
William C. Jr. and Scott Pickett Memorial Fund

**NAMI Wisconsin**  
Todd and Deb Mahr Family Fund

**National Audubon Society**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**National Park Foundation**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Natural Resource Foundation of Wisconsin**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**New Horizons Shelter & Outreach Centers**  
MLB MKB Bottcher Family Fund  
Blahnik-Naugler Help Fund for Women  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund  
M. Elizabeth Cason Fund  
Rev. Ronald and Merle Gustafson Fund  
Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse  
Branch Fund  
James and Ellen Heinecke Fund  
Chester and Veronica Ware Fund  
Tom and Laurie Berkedal Family Fund  
Susan M. Quillin Fund

**New Leash on Life Dog Rescue**  
The Anthony Fund

**Nikinana, Inc.**  
Schloegel Family Fund for Kids  
Community Giving Fund

**No Kill Law & Advocacy Center**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center, Inc.**  
Kurt and Julie Schroeder Family Fund

**North American Squirrel Association**  
Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund

**North Central University**  
John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund

**Northern Michigan University Foundation**  
Bob and Millie Hanson Fund

**Northwestern University**  
Rockin Robyn Scholarship Fund

**Onalaska Enhancement Foundation**  
Harold E. Lemke Fund

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**  
Connie Repnik Memorial Fund  
The Covenant Fund

Kathryn, Olaus, and Dena Cappelen Fund  
Schilling Family Fund

**Outdoor Recreation Alliance**  
The Elliott Family Fund  
Will and Charlie Nordeen  
"May the Force Be With You" Fund  
Community Giving Fund  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund  
Kerbaugh Family Fund

**Oxfam-America, Inc.**  
Bonnie and Mike Jones Fund

**Pastors United Community Advocacy**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family 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.**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Pointe Coupee Animal Services**  
The Lagniappe Fund

**Preservation Alliance of La Crosse**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Privilege Institute, Inc.**  
June Kjome Justice and Peace Fund

**Pro-Life Wisconsin ETF**  
La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund

**Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**REACH-A-Child**  
Barbara and Dave Erickson Fund

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
Bob and Millie Hanson Fund

**Reigning Grace Ranch**  
Graw Family Fund

**Ridge History Park, Inc.**  
Anonymous

**Ripon College**  
D. E. Field Scholarship Fund

**River City Youth Hockey**  
Schilling Family Fund

**Riverside International Friendship Gardens**  
Ardus and John Cleveland Family Fund  
Magerus-McKinney Fund  
Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund

**Ronald McDonald House Charities of W Wisconsin & SE MN, Inc.**  
Schilling Family Fund

**Rotary Lights, Inc.**  
Anonymous

**Rotary Works Foundation, Inc.**  
Jack and Marti Schwem Fund  
Schloegel Family Fund for Kids  
Tom and Laurie Berkedal Family Fund

**Scenic Charitable Fund**  
Graw Family Fund

**School District of Bangor**  
Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund

**School District of Holmen**  
Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund

**School District of La Crosse**  
Corinne Zielke Fund  
Global Awareness Fund  
James Gokey Endowment Fund aka Jim's Grocery Bag  
Fund  
Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund  
Julianna and Steven Blanchar Kindergarten Trip Fund  
La Crosse Public Elementary School Field Trip Fund  
Sondra and Roger LeGrand Family Fund

**School District of Onalaska**  
Global Awareness Fund  
Tom & Trudy Kennedy Endowment Fund aka Tom's  
Grocery Bag Fund  
Corinne Zielke Fund  
Harold E. Lemke Fund  
Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund

**School District of West Salem**  
Corinne Zielke Fund  
Dr. Frank Furlano Family Fund  
Jim's Grocery Bag-Schroeder Fund  
Mary Grace Sieber Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund

**Seven Rivers Robotics Coalition, Inc.**  
Louis I. Rehfuss Fund

**She Rock She Rock**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Shelter Development, Inc.**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund  
Schloegel Family Fund for Kids  
Susan M. Quillin Fund  
William & Cynthia Berg Family Fund

**Shriners Hospital for Children**  
Connie Repnik Memorial Fund

**Southern Poverty Law Center, Inc.**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**Sparta TNR, Inc.**  
The Lagniappe Fund

**St. Clare Health Mission**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund  
Fred and Deb Wakeen Fund  
Gretchen Guernsey Leigh Fund  
Guentner-Froegel Family Fund  
Jack and Marti Schwem Impact Fund  
James and Ellyn Ash Family Fund  
June Kjome Justice and Peace Fund  
M. Elizabeth Cason Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund  
Schilling Family Fund  
The Covenant Fund  
Tom and Judy Sleik Family Fund  
William & Cynthia Berg Family Fund

**St. Clare Health Mission of Monroe County**  
The Lagniappe Fund

**St. Patrick Parish**  
The Lagniappe Fund

**St. Catherine University**  
John and Adeline Rice Scholarship Fund

**St. Elias Eastern Orthodox Church**  
Baltz Family Fund

**St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**  
Richard H. Masrud Memorial Fund

**St. Norbert College**  
Kaitlin Elizabeth Mahr Memorial Scholarship Fund

**St. Olaf College**  
Schilling Family Fund

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Onalaska Fund

**Step By Step Family Support Center**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Sugar Creek Bible Camp**  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church of La Crosse Legacy Fund

**Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan**  
Bob and Millie Hanson Fund

**Team Rubicon**  
Kim & Kyle Donskey Charitable 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 International Rhino Foundation**  
Jim & Julia Jespersen Fund

**The Nature Conservancy**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**The Pump House Regional Arts Center, Inc.**  
Community Giving Fund  
Jack and Marti Schwem Fund  
Jack and Marti Schwem Impact Fund  
Maureen L. Kinney Fund  
PMJ Fund  
Sundet Family Fund

**The Salvation Army**  
Chester and Veronica Ware Fund  
Davy Family Fund  
Ellen and Henry Funk Family Fund  
Fowler and Hammer Fund  
Graw Family Fund  
Hutson Family Fund  
Jack and Marti Schwem Fund  
Joseph W. Kotnour Family Fund  
Kerbaugh Family Fund  
La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund  
M. Elizabeth Cason Fund  
Roland and Janeane Solberg Family Fund  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church of La Crosse Legacy Fund  
Tom and Judy Sleik Family Fund

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of La Crosse**  
Community Giving Fund

**United Fund for the Arts and Humanities**  
Ardus and John Cleveland Family Fund  
Carney Haskell Impact Fund  
Dr. David L. and Sacia B. Morris Fund  
Jack and Marti Schwem Fund  
Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund  
Schilling Family Fund

**University of British Columbia**  
Mary Jane Bice Fund

**University of Dubuque**  
Clayton and Vivian Veum Scholarship Fund

**University of Iowa Foundation**  
Jim & Julia Jespersen Fund

**University of Minnesota - Morris**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund

**University of Minnesota - Duluth**  
Hood-Weese-Miller Scholarship Fund  
Valerie Burman Art Plus Scholarship Fund

**University of Minnesota - Rochester**  
David and Sandra Whiteley Scholarship Fund

**University of Minnesota - Twin Cities**  
Abellera Family Scholarship Fund  
David and Sandra Whiteley Scholarship Fund  
John and Adeline Rice Scholarship Fund  
John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund  
Mary Jane Bice Fund

Peter DeCicco Scholarship Fund  
Rockin Robyn Scholarship Fund  
Valerie Burman Art Plus Scholarship Fund

**University of North Carolina**  
Josephine Hintgen Scholarship Fund

**University of Wisconsin Foundation**  
Davy Family Fund  
Kim & Kyle Donskey Charitable Fund

**US Friends of David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, Inc.**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund

**University of Wisconsin - Superior**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund

**University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch-Scholarship Fund  
Clayton and Vivian Veum Scholarship Fund  
Harold E. Lemke Fund  
James R. Conway Class of '55 Logan High School Scholarship Fund  
Jay F. Leinfelder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund  
John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund  
Mary Jane Bice Fund  
Randy Smith Leadership Fund

**University of Wisconsin - La Crosse**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch Fund  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch-Scholarship Fund  
Community Giving Fund  
Erickson Sisters' Fund  
Francie Ball & Mary O'Sullivan Fund  
Harold E. Lemke Fund  
James R. Conway Class of '55 Logan High School Scholarship Fund  
Jay F. Leinfelder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund  
John and Adeline Rice Scholarship Fund  
John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund  
Logan Opportunity Scholarship Fund  
Mary Jane Bice Fund  
Nicholas Byrne Padesky Scholarship Fund  
Ralph Schultz Scholarship Fund  
Senior Airman Adam Servais Memorial Scholarship Fund  
William E. Storandt Scholarship Fund  
William P. and Lorna C. Vafeas Art Scholarship Fund

**University of Wisconsin - La Crosse Foundation**  
Anonymous  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch Fund  
Betty and Dale Kendrick Art Scholarship Fund  
Carney Haskell Impact Fund  
Davy Family Fund  
Donald P. Weber Veteran Scholarship Fund  
Gertrude and Donald "Sandy" Gordon Jazz Scholarship Fund

Graw Fund for River Studies  
Inez and Nick Konas Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Jason David Koppelman Scholarship Fund  
Logan High School Math and Computer Science Scholarship Fund  
Mitchell-Kruck Scholarship Fund  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund  
Robert and Ruth Pribek Memorial Scholarship Fund  
William S. Case Scholarship Fund

**University of Wisconsin - Madison**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch-Scholarship Fund  
Ann Henke Scholarship Fund  
Borton Construction Scholarship-Holmen High School  
Brock Family Scholarship Fund  
Clayton and Vivian Veum Scholarship Fund  
Coulee Region Engineering Scholarship Fund  
John and Adeline Rice Scholarship Fund  
John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund  
Kent Grimsli Memorial Music Scholarship Fund  
Logan Opportunity Scholarship Fund  
Mary Jane Bice Fund  
Nina Vanderzee Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Richard Dick Wolfe Class of 1951 Logan High School Scholarship Fund

**University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee**  
Clayton and Vivian Veum Scholarship Fund

**University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh**  
Mitchell-Kruck Scholarship

**University of Wisconsin - Platteville**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund  
Harold E. Lemke Fund

**University of Wisconsin - River Falls**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund

**University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point**  
Harold E. Lemke Fund  
John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund  
Mary Jane Bice Fund  
William E. Storandt Scholarship Fund

**University of Wisconsin - Stout**  
Burton C. Smith Scholarship Fund  
John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund  
Valerie Burman Art Plus Scholarship Fund  
William P. and Lorna C. Vafeas Art Scholarship Fund

**University of Wisconsin - Whitewater**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund  
John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund  
William E. Storandt Scholarship Fund

**Vang Council of La Crosse**  
La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund

**Verdecares, Inc.**  
Graw Family Fund

**Village of West Salem**  
Corinne Zielke Fund

**Viterbo University**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch-Scholarship Fund  
Clayton and Vivian Veum Scholarship Fund  
Donald P. Weber Veteran Scholarship Fund  
Ella F. Ambrosius Fund  
Fowler and Hammer Fund  
Harold E. Lemke Fund  
James R. Conway Class of '55 Logan High School Scholarship Fund  
John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund  
Margery J. Stansfield Fund  
Mary Jane Bice Fund  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund  
Richard H. Masrud Memorial Fund  
Richard T. Record Fund  
Valerie Burman Art Plus Scholarship Fund  
Will and Charlie Nordeen  
"May the Force Be With You" Fund  
William P. and Lorna C. Vafeas Art Scholarship Fund  
William S. Case Scholarship Fund

**Vivent Health**  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund

**WAVER, Inc.**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund  
Brian and Karen Rude Family Fund  
Ellen and Henry Funk Family Fund  
James and Elyn Ash Family Fund  
Kerbaugh Family Fund  
La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund  
M. Elizabeth Cason Fund  
Roland and Janeane Solberg Family Fund  
Susan M. Quillin Fund  
The Bonney Family Fund  
William & Cynthia Berg Family Fund

**Wake Forest University**  
Schilling Family Fund

**Wartburg College**  
Rockin Robyn Scholarship Fund

**Washburn Neighborhood Association**  
Community Giving Fund  
David R. Morrison Family Fund

**Western Technical College**  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch-Scholarship Fund  
Borton Construction Scholarship-Logan High School  
Carol A. Dobrunz Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Clayton and Vivian Veum Scholarship Fund  
Logan Opportunity Scholarship Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund

**Western Technical College Foundation, Inc.**  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch Fund

Don Olson Hospitality Scholarship Fund  
Donald P. Weber Veteran Scholarship Fund  
Ernest and Olive Gershon Scholarship Fund  
Glendenning Family Fund  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund  
Scott and Heidi Blanke Family Fund  
Susan M. Quillin Fund  
Tina Schwier Memorial Scholarship Fund  
David and Sandra Whiteley Scholarship Fund

**Willamette University**  
David and Sandra Whiteley Scholarship Fund

**Winona State University**  
ALM Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund  
James G. Sauer Scholarship Fund  
Mary Jane Bice Fund  
Neil P. Hengst Extra Effort Scholarship Fund

**Wisconsin Historical Foundation, Inc.**  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**WisCorps, Inc.**  
Bradley and Lynn Sturm Family Fund  
Community Giving Fund  
Davy Family Fund  
Kerbaugh Family Fund  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund

**Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse, Inc.**  
Betty Levinstein Fund-WF  
CMG Women's Fund  
Jack and Marti Schwem Impact Fund  
Jean L. Foss-Norene A. Smith Fund-WF  
Joan and Paul Schoenfeld Fund-WF  
Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund  
Pamela and Richard Strauss Fund-WF  
Robert Zurn Fund  
Stansfield Family Fund  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund  
Women's Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation

**Workforce Connections, Inc.**  
Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund  
Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund

**Yale University**  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch-Scholarship Fund

**YWCA La Crosse**  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch Fund  
La Crosse SOUP Fund  
Paque Family Fund

# FUNDS OF LA CROSSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

La Crosse Community Foundation has nearly 300 unique funds, all created differently by people who deeply care for our community. The following pages contain a complete listing of all funds, arranged by fund type. Full descriptions of each fund can be found on our website.

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS



**\$960,827**  
was awarded in grants from donor advised funds in 2021

Donor advised funds are the most flexible fund type, allowing fund advisors the ability to endow or spend down, to choose grant recipients anywhere in the world, and include the input from others in the grant-making process. Our donor advisors benefit from customized learning opportunities, including nonprofit tours, and can access foundation staff for information about where their dollars will make the biggest community impact. A donor advised fund is a much less expensive—and easier to operate—alternative to starting a private family foundation.

### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Anonymous (1)  
American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch Fund (2010)  
**The Anthony Fund (2021) \*NEW**  
James and Elyn Ash Family Fund (2003)  
Francie Ball & Mary O'Sullivan Fund (2016)  
Baltz Family Fund (1987)  
William & Cynthia Berg Family Fund (2013)  
Tom and Laurie Berkedal Family Fund (2019)  
Blahnik-Naugler Help Fund for Women (2003)  
**Barry Blomquist & Eva Dahl Family Fund (2021) \*NEW**  
Bonney Family Fund (2015)  
MLB-MKB Bottcher Family Fund (2004)  
Bramschreiber Family Fund in Memory of Karl Bramschreiber (2016)  
Judy and Dave Bouffleur Fund (2019)  
Brekke Family Fund (2018)  
Eric and Sandy Brekke Family Fund (2013)  
Richard W. Brown Family Fund (2007)  
Christ Episcopal Church Historic Preservation Fund (2006)  
Russell G. and Gail K. Cleary Fund (1986)  
Arduis and John Cleveland Family Fund (2012)

The Covenant Fund (2016)  
Daniel's Song (2018)  
Davy Family Fund (1993)  
Kim and Kyle Donskey Charitable Fund (2020)  
Lynn & Kirk Donskey Family Fund (2020)  
Durtsche Family Fund (2004)  
John Edwards and Frances Lee-Edwards Fund (2019)  
The Elliott Family Fund (2019)  
Embracing Women Fund (2019)  
Barbara and Dave Erickson Fund (2004)  
Chad Erickson Memorial Fund (2003)  
Chad Erickson Memorial Park Fund (2011)  
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)  
**Gelatt Siblings Fund (2021) \*NEW**

Graw Family Fund (2018)  
Guentner-Froegel Family Fund (2002)  
James D. and Janice M. Hanesworth Fund (2007)  
**Bob and Millie Hanson Fund (2021) \*NEW**  
Harrington Fund (1998)  
James and Ellen Heinecke Fund (2003)  
Nancy Fulkerson Hill and Edwin L. Hill Fund (2016)  
Hutson Family Fund (2002)  
JARD Fund (1993)  
**Jim & Julia Jespersen Fund (2021) \*NEW**  
**Bonnie and Mike Jones Fund (2021) \*NEW**  
Kerbaugh Family Fund (2016)  
Carl Koch and Joyce Heil Fund (2012)  
Joseph W. Kotnour Family Fund (2001)  
**The Lagnippe Fund (2021) \*NEW**  
Roy E. and Lillian Hope Kumm Fund (1986)  
La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund (2012)  
Sondra and Roger LeGrand Family Fund (2008)  
Warren and Denise Loveland Family Fund (2008)  
Kathy and Jack Lucey Family Fund for Alzheimer's (2018)  
Magerus-McKinney Fund (2002)  
Todd and Deb Mahr Family Fund (2004)



## DONOR ADVISED FUND SPOTLIGHT

# Sondra and Roger LeGrand Family Fund

The Sondra and Roger LeGrand Family Fund is a donor advised fund that was established in 2008 by Sondra and Roger, and is now advised by Sondra and her daughters, Julia and Erica.

The LeGrand family is a family that cares deeply about the La Crosse community and making sure that it's a great place for everyone who lives here. This fund was established as an additional way for them to give back to this community, forever.

Sondra and Roger shared 50 wonderful years of marriage prior to Roger's sudden passing in early 2021. Throughout their years together they developed a passion for serving others, as well as traveling and learning about the world. The pair devoted much of their time and money through their work with the Rotary Club to assist citizens throughout the world, particularly in India where Roger served as a peace corps volunteer and where Sondra and Roger were married. Their two daughters embrace their parents' ethic of community service, which has made giving back a family affair.

Many remember Roger as an enthusiastic and dedicated community servant and friend. Outside

of his professional accomplishments as an attorney and judge, his service in the volunteer world was quite lengthy. Roger served on the foundation board from 2001-2013 and was board chair from 2008-2010. He also served on the boards of La Crosse Public Education Foundation, La Crosse Public School Board, UW-La Crosse Foundation, and founded the La Crosse Domestic Violence Task Force.

**Roger lived life by this motto: "To live, to love, to learn, to celebrate, to savor and be grateful for every moment." He truly lived a life of service to others and the La Crosse community is better for having the LeGrand family a part of it.**

It makes sense that the most recent grant from this fund was made in 2021 to Hamilton Elementary School to help cover funds for various projects, as Sondra taught in the La Crosse School District for many years. Although Roger is dearly missed, his legacy, along with his family's legacy, will live on through this fund at La Crosse Community Foundation.

Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund (2004)  
Richard H. Masrud Memorial Fund (2018)  
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)  
Susan M. Quillin Fund (2018)  
Richard T. Record Fund (2011)  
Brian and Karen Rude Family Fund (2000)  
Schilling Family Fund (2009)  
Schloegel Family Fund for Kids (2018)  
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)  
Steven P. and Suzanne R. Tanke Family Fund (2007)  
Cheryl and Cindy Vieth Fund (2009)  
Fred and Deb Wakeen Fund (2013)  
Stephen and Katherine Webster Fund (2016)  
R and S Weiser Family Fund (2019)  
**Eric and Vicki Wheeler Fund (2021) \*NEW**

## DESIGNATED FUNDS



**\$514,987**  
awarded in designated  
grants in 2021

Designated funds are established by donors who select one or more charitable organizations to be the perpetual beneficiary of the fund's annual distribution. Many of the foundation's designated funds are the legacy funds of former donor advised funds, established when the donor advisor(s) passed away to continue the support for the organizations they cared about most.

### DESIGNATED FUNDS

**Al's Musky Challenge Fund (2021) \*NEW**

Ella F. Ambrosius Fund (1975)

Jean Gitz Bassett First Presbyterian Church of La Crosse Fund (2019)

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)

**Valerie Burman Master of Fine Arts Fellowship (2021) \*NEW**

Kathryn, Olaus and Dena Cappelen Fund (2007)

William S. Case Scholarship (1969)

M. Elizabeth Cason Fund (2011)

**City of La Crosse Arts Board Fund (2021) \*NEW**

CMG Women's Fund (1992)

Ralph F. Cowgill and Winnie Rhea Wroten Cowgill Family Fund (2019)

Ruth M. Dalton, MD Fund (2007)

Ruth M. Dalton, MD Juliette Low Scholarship (2007)

Carrol J Riley-DeGier Fund (2018)

Jean L. Foss-Norene A Smith Fund-WF (2011)

Maureen and Robert Freedland-LPEF Fund for Studies of the Shoah (2007)

**Gordon W. & Barbara Gade Fund (2021) \*NEW**

**Gordon W. & Barbara Gade Scholarship Fund (2021) \*NEW**

Ernest and Olive Gershon Fund (1991)

The Glendenning Family Fund (1995)

James Gokey Endowment Fund a.k.a Jim's Grocery Bag (1998)

Jim's Grocery Bag – Schroeder Fund (2014)

Gertrude Salzer Gordon Jazz in the Park Fund (1997)

Gertrude and Donald "Sandy" Gordon Jazz Scholarship (1998)

Graw Fund for River Studies (2020)

Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin Gundersen Memorial Fund (2007)

Rev. Ronald and Merle Gustafson Fund (2003)

Charles and Cheryl Hanson Riverside International Friendship Gardens Fund (2020)

Scott Henke Memorial Fund for the Care and Shelter of Animals (2016)

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

Homeless Jesus Fund (2020)

Wayne J. Hood Fund (1982)

Harold L. Isenman Fund (1981)

Roch Kendrick Memorial Fund (2009)

Dale Kendrick Scholarship for Studio Art in Painting (2003)

**Jacquie M Favreau Kennedy Fund for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul Madison (2021) \*NEW**

**Jacquie M Favreau Kennedy Fund for NAMI Wisconsin (2021) \*NEW**

**Jacquie M Favreau Kennedy Fund for Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services, Inc. (2021) \*NEW**

**Jacquie M Favreau Kennedy Fund for Communities in Schools of the Charleston Area Inc. (2021) \*NEW**

Tom and Trudy Kennedy Endowment Fund a.k.a Tom's Grocery Bag (2013)

Kids for Kids Fund – LPEF (2008)

Maureen L. Kinney Fund (2016)

Inez and Nick Konas Memorial Scholarship (2017)

Jason David Koppelman Scholarship Fund (1990)

La Crosse Public Elementary School Field Trip Fund (2013)

Gretchen Guernsey Leigh Fund (2007)

Betty Levinstein Fund-WF (2008)

The Jacob Christian Lillejord Memorial Fund a.k.a. Jacob's Ladder (2008)

Logan Math and Computer Science Scholarship Fund (2002)

Marie Louise Lokken Fund (2007)

Lommen Boys & Girls Club Scholarship (2000)

**Michael & Carol Mader Family Fund (2021) \*NEW**

Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund (2006)



## DESIGNATED FUND SPOTLIGHT

# Heather and Stephen Ross and Maureen and Robert Freedland LPEF Fund for Diversity Education

The Heather and Stephen Ross and Maureen and Robert Freedland La Crosse Public Education Foundation Fund for Diversity Education was established in November of 2021 for the purpose of providing diversity education opportunities for students in the School District of La Crosse.

Diversity education promotes empathy, reduces prejudice, and enriches students' abilities to think critically and creatively as they engage in conversations across difference. This fund will support educational opportunities that teach students about groups who are historically excluded in education, and/or groups who are marginalized and oppressed.

Robert and Maureen Freedland, already having started multiple funds at La Crosse Community Foundation, liked the idea of joining with another family to create an even larger impact for our community.

**As Robert states, "We have to think about how the world can be a little better based on the fact that we were here." Knowing the value that the foundation's endowments can have to serve our community's greatest needs in perpetuity is the Freedland's main reason for continuing to support the foundation through their various funds.**

The founders of this fund, Heather and Stephen Ross and Maureen and Robert Freedland believe that different ethnic groups bring a richness to the fabric of our community and world. This fund will give all students the opportunity to feel valued and represented based on their heritage.

The Rosses and Freedlands hope the fund makes its first grant to the School District of La Crosse in 2022.

Students at Northside Elementary learn about Native American art, music, and stories from Grammy Award winning musician Bill Miller. More projects like this will be possible thanks to this new fund.

- Mitchell-Kruck Scholarship (2007)
- Dr. David L. and Sacia B. Morris Family Fund (2008)
- Don Olson Hospitality Scholarship (2004)
- St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Onalaska Endowment Fund (2002)
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church of La Crosse Legacy Fund (2019)
- William C. Jr. & Scott Pickett Memorial Fund (2012)

- Father Christopher Pratt Memorial Fund (1987)
- Robert and Ruth Pribek Memorial Scholarship (2017)
- Connie Repnik Memorial Fund (2006)
- Heather & Stephen Ross and Maureen & Robert Freedland LPEF Fund for Diversity Education (2021) \*NEW**
- James Rothwell Caregiver Fund (2019)
- Joan and Paul Schoenfeld Fund – WF (2008)

- James and Dianne Seyler Fund (2020)
- Tom and Judy Sleik Family Fund (2013)
- Pamela and Richard Strauss Fund – WF (2008)
- Hilda Stuttgen Memorial Fund for St. Clare Health Mission (2020)
- Carol Taebel "Thank a Teacher" Fund (2018)
- Duane and Carol Taebel Fund (2007)

- Bernadette Teff Family Fund (2007)
- Chester and Veronica Ware Fund (1995)
- Donald P. Weber Veteran Scholarship Fund (2017)
- Harry L. and Charlotte L. Woods Family Fund (1990)
- Roberta Zurn Fund (2005)





## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS



**\$408,898**  
awarded in field of interest  
fund grants in 2021

Field of interest funds are established by donors to support their passion areas, whether it be literacy, the environment, or anything in between. Field of interest funds are used to fulfill grant requests submitted through the foundation's quarterly grant competition. A grant committee and the board of directors ensure these funds are used to support charitable organizations in La Crosse County whose work aligns with the purpose of each fund.



Sam chats with the winner of his painting of local piano teacher Dorinda Hawk at Art Dash, a Franciscan Spirituality Center fundraiser.

### FIELD OF INTEREST FUND SPOTLIGHT

## Fund for the Arts

The Fund for the Arts was initiated in 2021 by Sam Servais and Katie Berkedal to support the arts throughout La Crosse County. As a field of interest fund, the Fund for the Art's usage will be determined through a competitive grant program, and after thorough vetting by the board of directors.

Sam and Katie both grew up in La Crosse, and after spending some years away, returned to raise a family. They now have two middle school-aged children and have worked into their family values a commitment to giving back to the community. After Katie started working at the foundation as program director, she and Sam started talking about potentially starting a field of interest fund.

Since Sam has turned his passion as an artist into a career teaching art at Onalaska High School, having a fund that focused

on the arts made sense. Sam is often commissioned to paint art pieces for friends and acquaintances. For Sam it's always been about creating art, not necessarily making money from it. By setting up this fund at the foundation, he's able to create art and put the earnings from his work towards this fund.

As Sam states, "To be honest, putting a price tag on my art is my least favorite part of the process. This is a way I can do what I love—create the actual piece of art—while letting the people that have commissioned the piece decide what they'd like to give to this fund. Then the funds will eventually filter back into our community through art." Talk about a full circle moment.

Just as in life, everyone has a different approach to art. It expresses individual creativity, and it helps to process big emotions, especially through trying times.

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

### An Anonymous Fund (2021) \*NEW

- Jean Gitz Bassett Fund (2006)
- Roland Beranek Fund (2013)
- Black Empowerment Fund (2020)
- Coulee Region White Cane Club (2011)
- Robert and Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund (2018)
- Howard Dahl Fund (1989)
- The Elizabeth Fund for Literacy and Well-Being (2016)

### Fund for the Arts (2021) \*NEW

- Dr. Frank Furlano Family Fund (2002)
- Norman L. Gillette, Sr. Family Fund (1992)
- Global Awareness Fund (2006)
- Alice O. Gordon and Viola M. Forshler Fund (1940)
- Johns Flaherty & Collins-Michael Stoker Memorial Fund (2007)

- June Kjome Justice and Peace Fund (2013)
- La Crosse Area Emergency Response Fund (2020)
- La Crosse Bridge Builders Fund (1999)
- Myrick Hixon EcoPark Fund (2014)

- National Youth Sports Program Fund (1998)
- Louis I. Rehffuss Fund (1981)

### R.J. Reinhart Fund for Mental Health (2021) \*NEW

- Rudy and Jean Schnurrer Fund (2009)
- Mary Grace Sieber Fund (2006)
- Jenny and Tom Walter Fund (2020)
- Corinne Zielke Fund (2000)

**"Throughout my teachings, I always want students to learn that having art as a part of their lives is a healthy way of living. It's important to have a creative outlet," expresses Sam. This fund will help our community have a permanent source of funding for area art initiatives and projects.**

# AGENCY FUNDS



**\$190,800**

awarded in agency fund grants in 2021

Agency funds are created by nonprofits, for nonprofits. Each year the nonprofit can choose whether or not to take a distribution from the fund. The La Crosse Community Foundation has built-in fiduciary oversight, which provides an added layer of protection for honoring the intended purpose of the fund. This is just one benefit of having an agency fund at a community foundation, rather than through another endowment vehicle.



**ONALASKA  
EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION, INC.**

## AGENCY FUND SPOTLIGHT

### Onalaska Education Foundation, Inc.

The Onalaska Education Foundation, Inc. was established in 1998 to strengthen community participation in Onalaska public and private schools and provide financial support for “extra” programs that inspire teachers and students to achieve educational excellence. In thoughtful consideration of the organization’s longevity, they created an agency fund at La Crosse Community Foundation in 1999 to support ongoing operational expenses.

The mission of Onalaska Education Foundation, Inc. is “to support educators in their quest to develop innovative

opportunities for students, promote the incorporation of emerging technologies within the curriculum, facilitate business and private sector contributions to our schools, and encourage outstanding academic achievement among all Onalaska students.”

With operational support from their agency fund, Onalaska Education Foundation, Inc. can focus their energy on doing good work in Onalaska schools, and helping educators develop innovative practices to maximize opportunities for students.

## AGENCY FUNDS

- Bethany Lutheran Homes, Inc. Endowment (1991)
- Boys and Girls Clubs of La Crosse Fund (1985)
- Children’s Museum of La Crosse Endowment (1998)
- Coulee Council on Addictions Endowment (2005)
- La Crosse Family & Children’s Center Endowment (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 (2005)
- Hixon House Fund (2020)
- La Crosse Area Family YMCA Fund (2001)
- La Crosse Chamber Chorale Fund (2002)
- La Crosse Concert Band Endowment (2004)
- La Crosse County 4-H Fund (2010)
- La Crosse County Historical Society Endowment (1990)
- La Crosse Dubna Friendship Association David Bell Memorial Fund (2020)

### **La Crosse Epinal Cultural Exchange Endowment Fund (2021) \*NEW**

- La Crosse Public Education Foundation Endowment (1991)
- La Crosse Public Education Foundation — Richard Swantz Fund (2000)
- Amie L. Mathy Center for Recreation and Education Endowment (2005)
- Mental Health Coalition Endowment (2006)
- Onalaska Foundation for Educational Excellence, Inc. Fund (1998)
- Pettibone Park Commission Endowment (1992)
- Riverside International Friendship Gardens Fund (2020)
- Salvation Army, La Crosse WI Endowment (1992)
- Stars of Tomorrow Endowment (2006)
- United Fund for the Arts and Humanities Endowment Fund (1992)
- Wisland Pony Express Fund (1995)
- Women’s Fund of Greater La Crosse (2016)



# FUNDS OF LA CROSSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



172 students received a scholarship from the foundation in 2021, totaling

**\$288,225**

Scholarship funds at the foundation support students on a variety of post-secondary paths, from those just graduating high school seeking four-year degrees, to single parents going back to school for technical training programs. The selection criteria for each scholarship fund is established by the donor, and foundation staff ensure student recipients are selected accordingly.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Abellera Family Scholarship (2020)  
 A.L.M. Family of Companies Scholarship Program Fund (2019)  
 American Association of University Women - La Crosse Branch Scholarship Fund (2013)  
 Tammy and Allen Becker Family Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund (2018)  
 Mary Jane Bice Fund (1985)  
 Borton Construction Scholarship at Holmen (2008)  
 Borton Construction Scholarship at Logan (2008)  
 Borton Construction Scholarship at Luther (2008)  
 Brock Family Scholarship (2020)  
 Valerie Burman Art Plus Scholarship Fund (2016)  
 James R. Conway Class of 1955 Logan High School Scholarship (2009)  
 Coulee Region Engineering Scholarship Fund (1993)

Peter DeCicco Scholarship (1992)  
 Carol A. Dobrunz Memorial Scholarship (2014)  
 Family Playhouse Theater Scholarship (2003)  
 D. E. Field Scholarship (2007)  
 Kent Grimslid Memorial Music Scholarship for Onalaska High School (2014)  
 Dorinda Hawk Music Scholarship Fund (2018)  
 Neil P. Hengst Extra Effort Scholarship (2007)  
 Ann Henke Scholarship Fund (2012)  
 Josephine Hintgen Scholarship (1982)  
 Hood-Weese-Miller Scholarship (2010)  
 Gerald and Marcella (Meyer) Horman Scholarship (2020)  
 Jay F. Leinfelder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship (2015)  
 Harold E. Lemke Fund (1991)  
**La Crosse Tribune Extra Effort Scholarship Fund (2021) \*NEW**

Logan Opportunity Scholarship Fund (1992)  
 Kaitlin Elizabeth Mahr Memorial Scholarship (2007)  
**Samuel W. Mahr Scholarship Fund (2021) \*NEW**  
 Marian Mieden Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund (2020)  
 Nicholas Byrne Padesky Scholarship Fund (2015)  
 Norma J. Valley Panka & William J. Panka Scholarship Fund (2012)  
 Mark David Peacock Memorial Scholarship (2013)  
 John and Adeline Rice Scholarship Fund (2002)  
 Rockin Robyn Scholarship (2016)  
 James G. Sauer Scholarship (2011)  
 Ralph Schultz Scholarship Fund (1996)  
 Senior Airman Adam Servais Memorial Scholarship Fund (2020)  
 John and Ruth Sherman Scholarship Fund (2008)

Burton C. Smith Scholarship Fund (1983)  
 Tina Schwier Memorial Scholarship Fund (2019)  
 Randy Smith Leadership Fund (2001)  
 Samuel D. and Charlet S. Sperbeck Scholarship Fund (2019)  
 William E. Storandt Scholarship (2005)  
 William P. and Lorna C. Vafeas Art Scholarship (1995)  
 Nina Vanderzee Memorial Scholarship (2016)  
 Clayton and Vivian Veum Scholarship (1995)  
 David and Sandra Whiteley Scholarship (2007)  
 Richard Dick Wolfe Class of 1951 Logan High School Scholarship (2019)



Borton Construction owners Jim Fink, Paul Borsheim, and Dan Miller

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND SPOTLIGHT

# Borton Construction Scholarship Fund

## Holmen, Logan, and Onalaska Luther High Schools

The Borton Construction Scholarship Fund was established by the founders of Borton Construction, Paul and Melissa Borsheim, in 2008 to support continued education in construction-related fields such as engineering, drafting, design, or other trade areas. The fund awards scholarships to high school seniors from Holmen, Logan, and Onalaska Luther high schools who plan to pursue continued education in construction-related fields.

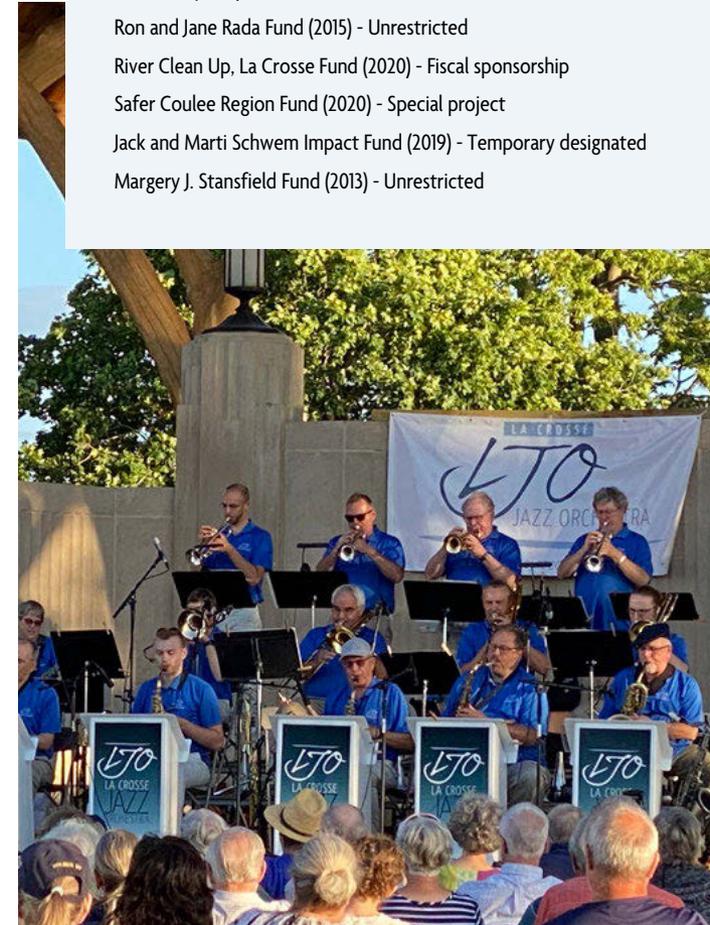
The three owners of Borton Construction—Paul Borsheim, Dan Miller, and Jim Fink—very much believe in giving back to the community that helped their company grow into the business that stands today. These scholarships provide an impactful avenue for Borton Construction to support to the youth of our community.

**As Melissa Borsheim states, “We knew we wanted our focus to be on kids and by setting up this scholarship through La Crosse Community Foundation, we were able to maximize the lasting benefits that an endowed scholarship would provide for generations to come.”**

The first scholarship award from these funds was made in 2008 and the three scholarship funds have since awarded a total of over \$43,300 to qualifying high school seniors.

## OTHER FUNDS

- All Abilities Trane Park Fund (2019) - Special project
- Carney Haskell Impact Fund (2021)** - Temporary designated **\*NEW**
- City of La Crosse ARPA Fund (2021)** - Special project **\*NEW**
- Community Giving Fund (1940) - Unrestricted
- Freedom Blues Fest Fund (2019) - Special project
- Administrative Fund (1991) - LCF general operating reserve
- La Crosse Curling Club Fund (2021)** - Special project **\*NEW**
- La Crosse Jazz Orchestra Fund (2019) - Fiscal sponsorship
- La Crosse SOUP Fund (2018) - Fiscal sponsorship
- PMJ Fund (2002) - Unrestricted
- Ron and Jane Rada Fund (2015) - Unrestricted
- River Clean Up, La Crosse Fund (2020) - Fiscal sponsorship
- Safer Coulee Region Fund (2020) - Special project
- Jack and Marti Schwem Impact Fund (2019) - Temporary designated
- Margery J. Stansfield Fund (2013) - Unrestricted





## FOREVER SOCIETY

The Forever Society was established in 2020 to recognize and honor those who solidified their intent to do good forever by including La Crosse Community Foundation in their will or other estate plans.

Creating a planned giving strategy with your professional advisor is a smart way to ensure the income you've worked hard to save will support the community when you pass. If you want to ensure this beloved community is cared for well after we're all gone, please consider becoming a member.

### FOREVER SOCIETY FUND SPOTLIGHT

## Wayne and Joan Spieker Wojciechowski Memorial Fund

Wayne Wojciechowski established the Wayne and Joan Spieker Wojciechowski Memorial Fund in 2021 to honor the passing of his beloved wife, Joan. The fund is designated to provide financial support for the needs of St. Clare Health Mission of La Crosse upon Wayne's passing.

Joan was born in Kenosha and moved to La Crosse in 1971 to attend the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. After graduating, she was hired as a social worker by Bethany Lutheran Homes on Cass Street, where she worked for 42 years. She retired in 2011 as the director of social services and admissions. As a true servant leader, Joan remained as an on-call social worker for the organization until 2017.

Wayne was born in Milwaukee and moved to La Crosse in 1978 after completing his graduate work in counseling to work at Viterbo in academic support services. After 33 years of service, he retired in 2011 as the assistant academic vice president. Wayne currently is part of the Coulee Chordsmen, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, and the Viterbo Ministry board.

Wayne and Joan married in 1979 and built a beautiful life together in La Crosse, or as Wayne describes it, "God's country." Wayne and Joan were prayer partners with the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA), and the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare played a large part in both of their lives.

The Wojciechowski's were able to see the beginnings of St. Clare Health Mission

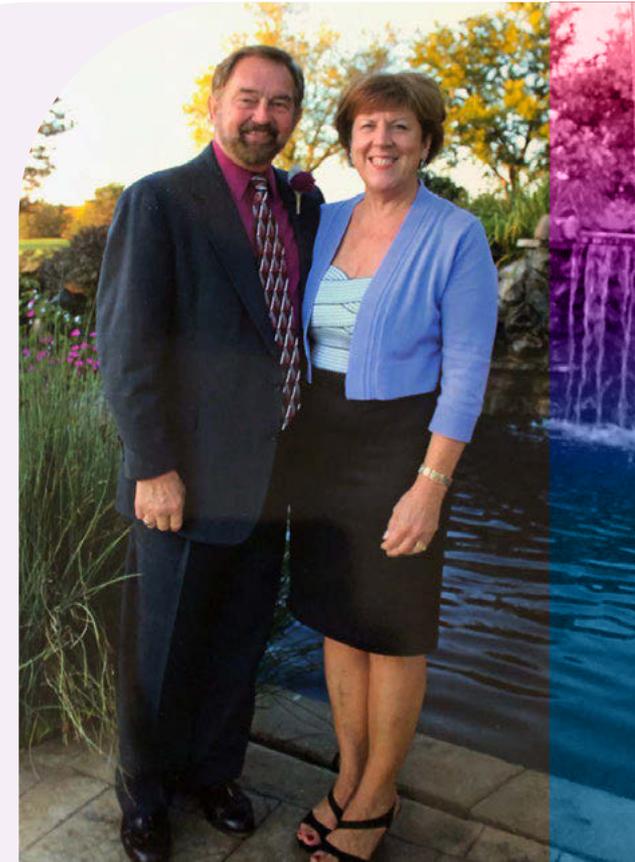
when it was first established by Sr. LeClare Beres, FSPA, in 1992. Since its inception, services have expanded to provide free healthcare to any individual that lacks the resources needed to obtain healthcare.

Wayne states, "Not only does St. Clare Health Mission meet the basic human rights to healthcare, but it's also a response to gospel values. In the situations of people needing something, it calls to ask, what would Jesus, or St. Francis or St. Clare do?"

Wayne credits the current executive director of St. Clare Health Mission, Jason Larson, with the encouragement to start his bequest with the La Crosse Community Foundation. Jason had the foresight to realize the bigger impact the Wojciechowski's bequest could have on the community by being endowed as a fund with the foundation, rather than a one-time gift directly to St. Clare. After realizing this lasting impact, Wayne knew having this fund at La Crosse Community Foundation was the route to take.

**Wayne shares, "La Crosse Community Foundation manages its donors' money well, they are a community-minded foundation that responds to the needs in La Crosse County to make it a better and safer community. The foundation is a good steward, which is vitally important."**

If your name is not on the following list and you are a Forever Society member, please reach out and let us know. We would love to recognize your generosity and set up a time to meet and ensure we understand your plans.



## FOREVER SOCIETY MEMBERS

### MEMBERS

Francie Ball and Mary O'Sullivan	Paul Henke	Martha Schwem
David Bange	Nancy Fulkerson Hill and Edwin L. Hill	Jeri Sebo
Bill* and Ann Barney	Maureen L. Kinney	Dianne Seyler
Ronald Burman	Susan Knopf	Tom and Judy Sleik
Bill & Becky Byron	George and Elizabeth Kruck	Charlet Sperbeck
Sandy Castek	Jay Lokken & Ken Riley	Wanda DuCharme, MD & Edgar Storey
John & Ardu Cleveland	Duane Lom & Rhonda Akeson	jon Stuttgen
Brian Connell	Todd and Deb Mahr	Steven and Suzanne Tanke
Lois M. Craig	Curtis "Mac" and Stacey McIlquham	Mary Veldey
Michael DeYoe	Nancy Medinger	Cheryl Vieth
Clarence Netwal	Laura Moriarty	Cynthia Vieth
John Edwards and Frances Lee-Edwards	Don & Deon Nontelle	Fred* and Deb Wakeen
Barbara and Dave Erickson	Robert and Janet Ollech	Tom and Jenny Walter
Paul Felion	Thomas Pribek	Stephen and Katherine Webster
Donald and Barbara Frank	Dennis Priebe	David Whiteley
Gordon Gade	Ron and Jane Rada	Michael and Peggy Wickenkamp
Carl and Anne Glowcheski	Allen J. Saterbak and Julia Steinke	Richard and Sheila Wieser
Richard and Barbara Graw	Saterbak	Wayne and Joan Wojciechowski
Robert Hanson	Joe and Jamie Schloegel	Rita Wolfe
Joyce A. Heil		

### REALIZED

Ella F. Ambrosius	Angela Haag	Cora Pierce
Jean Gitz Bassett	Dorinda Hawk	Louis I. Rehfuss
Mary Jane Bice	Josephine Hintgen	Ada Reichelt
Archie Britt, MD	Harold Isenman	Connie Repnik
Elisabeth Swannel Bruder	Pauline Jackson, MD	Louis Robinson, Sr.
Elmer J. Buchholz	Sophie Johnston	Walter T. Roth
Nellie L. Case	Jacque M Favreau Kennedy	Donald Schwert
Lorraine Dahl	Harold E. Lemke	Mary Grace Sieber
Ruth M. Dalton, MD	Beverly Mayer Mach	John and Ruth Sherman
Philip S. Davy	Bob and Jean Marck	Louise Smith
Viola Forshler	Dora D. Marshall	Vera Strauss
Robert and Eleanor Franke	Rita McGaughey	William P. Vafeas
Amanda Ginsky	Lillian McGaughren	Vivian Veum
Leona J Goetzinger	Edgar L. Mundstock	Chester & Betty Ware
Alice O. Gordon	Adelbert T. Muth	Carolyn Weidman
Gertrude Salzer Gordon	David Nudd	Harold Weisse
Donald A. Gordon, Jr.	Norma Panka	Harry L. Woods
Robert "Larry" Gorman	Nicoletta Pappas	Corinne Zielke

\*Deceased

## Announcing the New



### NONPROFIT RESOURCE CENTER OF LA CROSSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Nonprofit Resource Center! Nonprofit employees, board members, volunteers, interns, and more can use the resource center to access trainings, tips, and tools to help their nonprofits grow and flourish. The resource center helps fulfill our mission of helping local nonprofits maximize their impact in this community we all love.

**It exists on our website, in one easy-to-access location and offers:**

#### Nonprofit Organization Self-Assessment Tool

A comprehensive quiz built to help nonprofits assess their performance related to IRS and legal compliance rules, governance, fundraising best practice standards, marketing, and more.

#### Technical Assistance and Coaching Services

Nonprofit staff can book time with our Chief Operating Officer to ask questions related to board structure and fiduciary duties, by-laws and policies, 990s, charitable registrations, compliance and more. This service is complimentary and confidential.

#### Board Member Training and Matching Program\*

People looking to serve on nonprofit boards, and nonprofits looking for board members can be connected by using this new board member matching program. Kind of like a dating app for nonprofits!

#### Nonprofit Vendor Directory

The directory contains lists of local vendors that local nonprofits have used for a variety of things from graphic design work to human resource consultants.

Check out the Nonprofit Resource Center on our website to find all these tools, and more!

\*The Board Member Matching Program is sponsored by WKBT 



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Peter T. Gerrard  
Phyllis and James Warren  
Randy and Marian Schiesser  
Rev. Kent and Dr. Lee Johnson  
Russell and Gail Cunningham  
Sandy and Alan Murphy  
Shawn and Mary Jo Werner  
Sheila Garrity  
The Honorable Dale and Clara Pasell  
Thomas J. Byerly  
Thomas M. Fitzpatrick  
Thomas Walter and Jenette Ehle-Walter  
Timothy and Kathleen Fuss  
Tim Padesky and Tara Johnson  
Todd and Linda Taylor  
Trygve and Karan Mathison  
William Haviland and Ann Brice

### Stansfield Family Fund

Stansfield Vending, Inc.

### Susan M. Quillin Fund

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### The Anthony Fund

Aris Global Imports  
Barbara Arnold and Elsa Condon  
Charles Lee & Lind Lee Joint Rev Trust  
Colin and Erin Belby  
Dr. James and Janice Gallagher  
Gustav and Kristin Fimple  
Jimmy Lou and Mariah Rombaoa  
Mid-West Family Broadcasting-La Crosse  
Mitch Reynolds  
Nathan Bodi  
Naturally Unbridled Wellness  
Rick Stewart  
Sergio Clark-Carajal  
Tia Endrizzi  
Tom and Karen Fryseth  
US NAVY

### **In memory of Anthony Fimple**

Amery Bodelson  
Andrea Hale  
Bill Ayers  
Brian Agius  
Donald and Louise Campbell  
Dr. Thomas and Jean Londergan  
Exceptional Restaurants WI, LLC  
Festival Foods  
Heleyna Kammel  
Howard and Bernita Sheenan  
James Hoy  
John and Kathryn Schomburg  
Kathryn Schroeder  
La Crosse Area Tavern League Foundation, Inc  
La Crosse County District Attorney's Office  
Larry and Mary Mackowski  
L. Jennewine  
Michael and Carmen De Yoe  
Pacha Mama, LLC  
Richard Grams  
Sabadash LLC  
Stephen and Harriet Craig  
Susan Oddsen

### The Elizabeth Fund for Literacy and Well-Being

Mary C. Veldey

### The Elliott Family Fund

Edward and Anne Elliott  
Michelle and Andrew Elliott, MD

**In honor of Anne and Edward Elliot**  
Michelle and Andrew Elliott, MD

### The Lagniappe Fund

Anonymous

### Tina Schwier Memorial Scholarship Fund

Patrick and Beth Pederson  
Dale Walter

### Tom & Trudy Kennedy Endowment Fund aka Tom's Grocery Bag Fund

J. F. Brennan Company, Inc.  
Phyllis and James Warren  
Richard Walz  
Robert and Patricia McLoone  
Ron and Debbie Johnson  
Thomas F. Evert  
Tom and Trudy Kennedy

### Tom and Laurie Berkedal Family Fund

**In honor of Tom and Laurie's wedding anniversary**  
Katie Berkedal and Sam Servais

### Valerie Burman Art Plus Scholarship Fund

David and Gail Dussere  
Russel C. Evans

### Valerie Burman Master of Fine Arts Fellowship

Ronald Burman

### Will and Charlie Nordeen "May the Force Be With You"

Derek and Julie Nordeen

### Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse

Deborah Hoskins

### Other

### **In memory of Payton Zietlow**

Ricky Ross and Sabrina Cuellar-Ross  
RSM US LLP  
Scott Curtis  
Winona Community Foundation

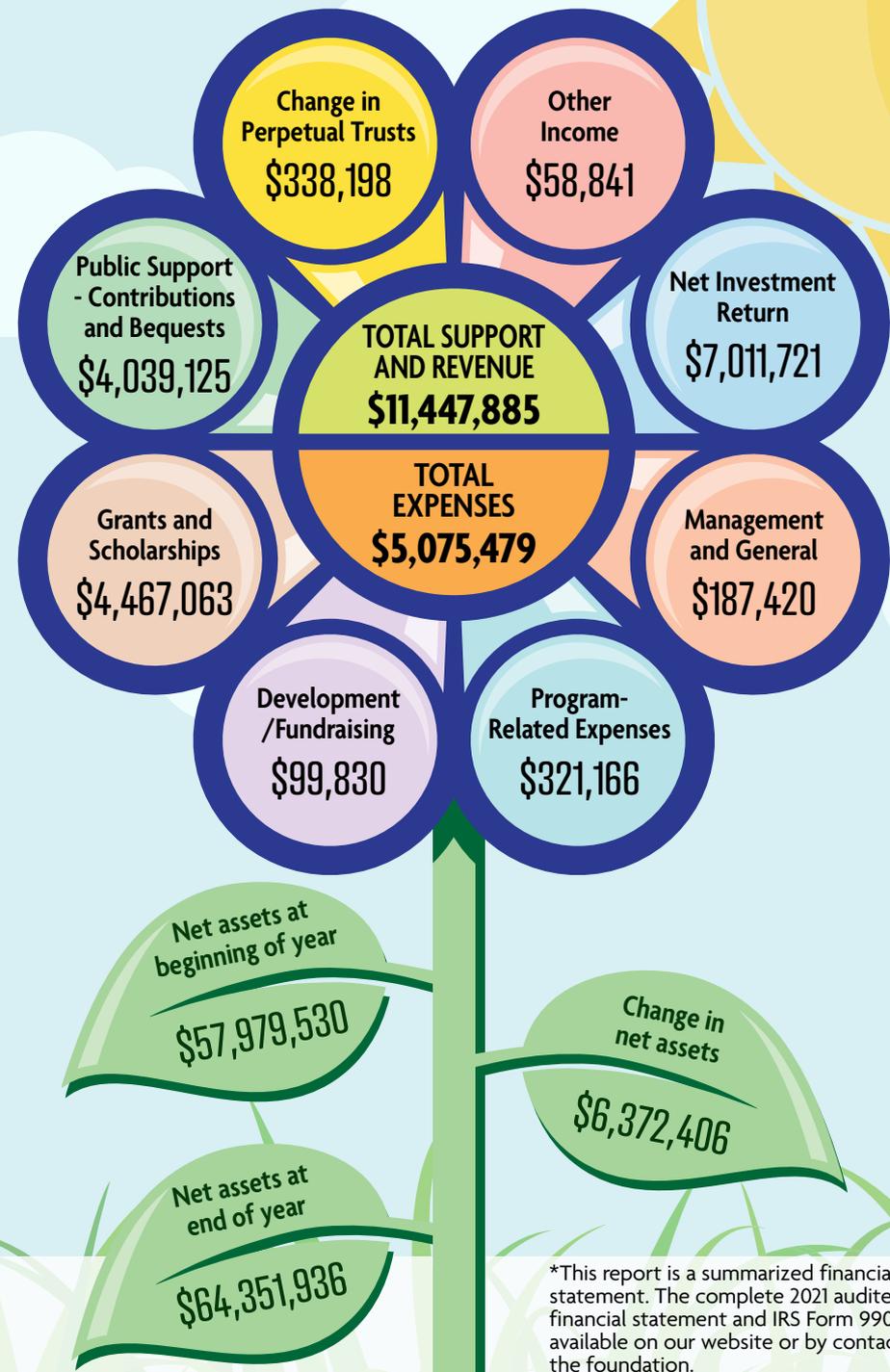
# 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

HONORING OUR FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY

The board of directors is fiduciarily responsible for La Crosse Community Foundation. The board's finance and investment committee uses their extensive and diverse experience in business and finance to provide ongoing investment guidance, monitoring, and oversight. They strive to maximize investment income while following formal, yet flexible investment guidelines that incorporate prudent risk parameters, appropriate asset guidelines, and realistic return goals. Our investment portfolio is managed by Trust Point. Their representatives work with the finance and investment committee to continually review and update our investment policy to ensure it's responsive to current capital market conditions and the needs of the foundation. Information regarding the portfolio's performance is available upon request.

**Auditors: Johnson Block CPAs**

**Trustee and Investment Manager: Trust Point**



\*This report is a summarized financial statement. The complete 2021 audited financial statement and IRS Form 990 are available on our website or by contacting the foundation.

# A FOUNDATION BUILT TO SUPPORT THESE TIMES

Message from Chief Operating Officer  
Erin Belby, CPA

A community foundation is meant to be exactly what it states—a foundation, or a base upon which a structure, in this case the community, is supported. In these times, that definition holds true for the La Crosse Community Foundation.

For the past 91 years, the La Crosse community has been building its foundation through generous gifts to endowed funds. With guidance and oversight from our dedicated board or directors, we continue to ensure our funds are as impactful as possible. Our endowed funds are subject to a spend rate policy that aims to protect endowed assets, so they last in perpetuity while also providing smooth and predictable grantmaking distributions every year. This means that endowed funds can reliably support our community even through unpredictable economic and political times.

The La Crosse Community Foundation was built by endowed funds, but that does not mean we are not up to meeting the challenges of the moment. Over the past three decades, the foundation has partnered with local organizations and donors to raise and disburse funds to meet immediate needs through our un-endowed funds. These funds are for visionary projects like Trane All Abilities Park and unforeseen needs like pandemic response.

The balance between our endowed funds and un-endowed funds creates a strong foundation that is both sturdy and unwavering, yet flexible and responsive. At the end of 2021, almost 90 percent of our assets were endowed or permanently restricted. This solid core of our foundation is what allows us the flexibility to address immediate needs through un-endowed funds with low or no administrative costs to the funds themselves.



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We are built strong and lean. Our operating expenses are a little more than half as much as the average community foundation of comparable size. Our operating policies create an incredibly efficient structure that allows us to be nimble and responsive. This operating environment isn't something we created overnight, but rather something our predecessor board members and staff have crafted over decades. Our current team recognizes the diligence of our predecessors and commits itself every day to meeting the needs of our community and the expectations of our fundholders.

These three components: healthy endowed funds, responsive un-endowed funds, and an efficient operating structure create a "foundation" for the foundation that is truly meant for these times.

## LA CROSSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,338,836	\$ 447,588
Investments	62,773,278	57,414,090
Property and equipment, net	5,428	8,699
Contributions and bequests receivable	538,700	215,181
Other assets	60,422	60,539
Beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	<u>5,010,335</u>	<u>4,672,137</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 69,726,999</b>	<b>\$ 62,818,234</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,838	\$ -
Payroll liabilities	33,254	1,241
Grants payable	160,000	166,143
Deferred revenue	49,806	-
Agency endowment funds	<u>5,129,165</u>	<u>4,671,320</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5,375,063</b>	<b>4,838,704</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Net assets without donor restrictions		
Board-designated		
Operating and Administrative funds	1,086,255	981,569
Community Giving funds	9,404,483	8,469,072
Special Projects and Temporary funds	517,540	1,650,608
Field of Interest funds	13,098,996	11,875,713
Donor-designated funds	19,127,379	16,825,847
Donor-advised funds	<u>15,568,248</u>	<u>13,289,403</u>
Total net assets without donor restrictions	58,802,901	53,092,212
Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>5,549,035</u>	<u>4,887,318</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>64,351,936</b>	<b>57,979,530</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 69,726,999</b>	<b>\$ 62,818,234</b>



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# MADE FOR THESE TIMES

For over 91 years, La Crosse Community Foundation has wisely invested its funds for a sustainable and maximized community impact. The community foundation model encourages the building of permanent community capital through endowed funds. And because of an incredibly generous community and the financial power of endowment funds, we are awarding more in grants per year than dollars received in gifts, and our assets continue to grow. We were made to serve the community as a reliable resource for help and hope, in these times and always.



**91**  
Years  
Serving  
La Crosse  
County

2021  
At A  
Glance

<b>826</b>	Grants & Scholarships Awarded
<b>30</b>	New Funds
<b>299</b>	Total Funds
<b>\$4,467,063</b>	Awarded in Grants & Scholarships
<b>\$4,039,125</b>	Donated to LCF
<b>\$69.7</b>	Million Total Assets

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