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2022

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

VISION:

The catalyst for a vibrant, generous, and inclusive community.

THE FORCE OF SOCIAL CAPITAL

LCF's commitment to values-aligned philanthropy.



Dear Donors, Partners, and Friends,

I am thrilled to share La Crosse Community Foundation's 2022 Annual Impact Report. While this report comes to you with a delay, we are confident the future of the community foundation and the entire La Crosse community will be enhanced because of our intentional and collaborative work.

We have undergone much change in the last 18+ months and we appreciate your support and patience as we added to our staff team, engaged in strategic planning, and continued to respond to needs in our community in a timely manner.

You may have already noticed that LCF embraced a Star Wars™ theme this year. While it might have seemed a little “out of this world,” we are hoping it caught your attention! LCF works to create memorable experiences for anyone engaging with us. One way we plan to leave a unique memory is by having a yearly philanthropy theme. We kicked off the 2022 theme at our annual event in May with the “The Force of Philanthropy.” As you peruse the impact report, we are confident you will find the many ways philanthropy is a strong force in our community.

The 2021 Impact Report showcased how La Crosse Community Foundation supported the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and moving forward. We acknowledge the ripple effects from COVID-19 are still being felt today and progress is a continual process. It can be easy to focus on barriers like a difficult economic market, and the needs of our community continue to be unmet. But La Crosse Community Foundation is committed to navigating these challenges and facing them head on with a new strategic plan set to be released early next year.

We also believe it's important to celebrate our success and the impact you all make happen. Throughout this report you will find impressive programs hosted by local nonprofits, LCF stepping beyond grantmaking to enhance community engagement, and inspirational donors who give generously. We strive to recognize and honor the wins, and plan and implement change for the best future possible for our region.

The philanthropic force in the greater La Crosse area is strong!

May the Force Be With You,

Jamie
Jamie

La Crosse Community Foundation's vision of being the catalyst for a vibrant, generous, and inclusive county can only be realized if diversity and inclusion is steeped in our operations and becomes a core value in every aspect of our organization. To successfully meet our mission of connecting people, passion, and giving in the La Crosse area forever, we must intentionally consider the impact of all our decisions on equity. This will ensure we are helping to advance the ability of our friends and neighbors in La Crosse County to fully use their skills and gifts to benefit themselves, their families, and our county.

It is our intent to be an organization that is leading by example with these commitments. To this end, our aim is to be steadfastly focused on building social capital in the county.

There is an imbalance in La Crosse County and the United States in how individuals are treated based on their social identities and lived experiences. We strive to identify the issues and find solutions collaboratively to advance La Crosse County as a place where people's connections, opportunities and outcomes are not limited by their identities and lived experiences. We aim for La Crosse County to be a place where all individuals feel they belong and can thrive and contribute.

We acknowledge that a true commitment to building social capital and the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion will present opportunities for growth and that intention alone will not change things. To this work, we bring the successes and mistakes of our continuing efforts and invite you to join us on this journey.

2022 GRANT YEAR IN REVIEW

THE FORCE OF GRANT-MAKING

\$4,204,471
IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED IN 2022

2022 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 (noncompetitive), and through scholarship programs.

Here's how they break down by grant type:

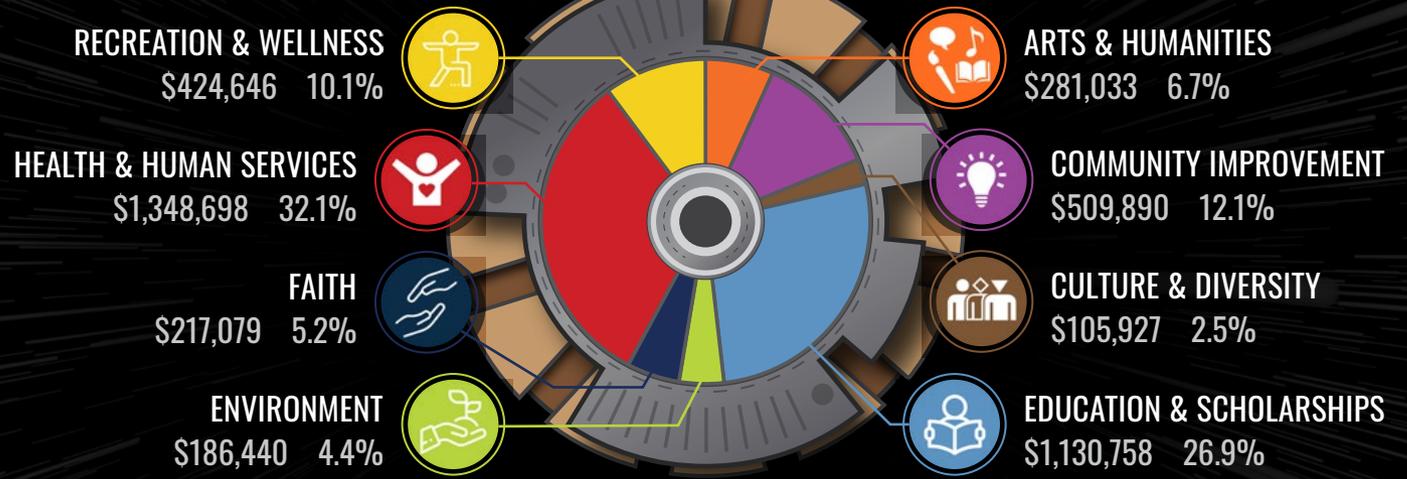


98 unique applicants // 86% approval rate



2022 GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

BY PROGRAM AREA



THE FORCE OF GRANTMAKING: 2022 GRANTEEES BY PROGRAM AREA



COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT



SPOTLIGHT // Two funds supported over \$7,000 to the **Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation, Inc** on a 4-phase plan to address and support mental health needs of first responders. Funds supported two training courses in four different training tracks covering awareness, resiliency, peer support, clinical training, leadership and train-the-trainer programs.

2022 GRANTEEES

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| 100 Men of Dane County | La Crosse Neighborhoods Inc. |
| 4 Bees Brigade, Inc. | La Crosse Promise Inc. |
| Alley Cat Allies Inc | La Crosse Public Library |
| Animal Foundation & Pet Pantry of Wisconsin | League of Women Voters of the La Crosse Area |
| Animal Rights Coalition | Legal Action of Wisconsin |
| Associated Society-Animal Protection Ltd | Neigh N Bray Equine Rescue Inc |
| Atchafalaya River Rescue | New Leash on Life Dog Rescue |
| Avoyelles Animal Welfare Society | No Kill Law & Advocacy Center |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region | Paperback Rider Inc |
| Chasing Daylight Animal Shelter | Pastors United Community Advocacy |
| The Center for Community Stewardship | Pointe Coupee Animal Services |
| Consumer Reports | Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation, Inc. |
| Coulee Region Humane Society | Roncalli Newman Catholic Center |
| Coulee Region Meow Mission | Rotary Lights, Inc. |
| Couleecap, Inc. | Rotary Works Foundation, Inc. |
| Feline Rescue Inc. | Santas Without Chimneys |
| For Independent Hmong Farmers Corp. | Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Madsion |
| Friends of Coulee Region RSVP | Southern Poverty Law Center, Inc. |
| GiveWell | Sparta TNR, Inc. |
| Great Rivers United Way | Trinity Lutheran Church |
| Habitat for Humanity-La Crosse Area | Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of La Crosse |
| Heart2Heart Pet Lifeline | United Way of King County |
| Holmen Area Community Center | Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation |
| Humane Society of Louisiana | Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse, Inc. |
| Jackson County | YWCA La Crosse |
| La Crescent Animal Rescue Inc | |
| La Crescent Community Foundation, Inc. | |
| La Crosse County Health Department | |



HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



SPOTLIGHT // The **Hunger Taskforce** received a \$4,500 grant in 2022 from LCF to provide crucial resources in our community. Three mission-driven projects were the Kane Street Community Garden, raising almost 30,000 pounds of fresh produce for on-site distribution; the Food Recovery Program, collecting and distributing close to 3,000,000 pounds of food annually to area food pantries, meal sites and youth programs; and the "voice of the hungry," advocating and building community awareness of hunger.

2022 GRANTEEES

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| A Place of Grace Ltd. | Couleecap, Inc. | La Crosse Lighthouse Inc. | The Salvation Army |
| Adult & Teen Challenge of Western Wisconsin Inc. | Diocese of La Crosse | La Crosse Lions Charities, Inc. | Sparta Area Cancer Support, Inc. |
| Agape Pregnancy Resource Center Inc | Doctors Without Borders USA | Labor of Love Inc DBA Bella Medical Clinic | St. Clare Health Mission Inc |
| Aging and Disability Resource Center of La Crosse County | Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin, Inc. | Mayo Clinic Health System | St. Clare Health Mission of Monroe County |
| Alzheimer's Association of Greater Wisconsin | Emergency Food Basket, Inc. | Mobile Meals of La Crosse | St. Jude Children's Research Hospital |
| American Red Cross Southwest Chapter | Family & Children's Center | Monroe County Shelter Care Inc | Step By Step Family Support Center |
| Aptiv Foundation Inc | Father Carr's Place 2B | NAMI La Crosse County Inc | Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan |
| Bethany Lutheran Homes, Inc. d/b/a Eagle Crest Communities | Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration | NAMI Wisconsin | theExchange of Shelter Development |
| Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse | Great Rivers United Way | New Horizons Shelter & Outreach Ctrs. | Upper Peninsula Human Trafficking Task Force |
| Causeway Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Inc. | Gundersen Medical Foundation | Next Chapter of La Crosse | Verdecares Inc. |
| Chileda Institute, Inc. | HSBS Sacred Heart Foundation | Next Steps for Change, Inc. | Veterans Heritage Project |
| Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services | The Hunger Task Force of La Crosse, Inc. | Oshkosh Area Community Pantry | Vivent Health |
| Cincinnati Kharkiv Sister City Partnership | Intentional Communities of Washtenaw County | Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services | WAFER, Inc. |
| City of La Crosse Planning Department | JDRF International | Partners in Health | WEIGH OF LIFE |
| Compassion and Choices | Jesuit Retreat House | The Parenting Place | WINN (What I Need Now) |
| Consumer Credit Counseling of La Crosse | Joe Was Just Joe Foundation Inc. | Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine | Workforce Connections, Inc. |
| Coulee Council on Addictions d/b/a Coulee Recovery Center | Karuna, Inc. | Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota | World Central Kitchen, Inc. |
| | La Crosse Area Family YMCA | Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Inc. | YWCA La Crosse |
| | La Crosse Area Underwater Rescue and Recovery Unit | Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation | |
| | La Crosse County Health Department | Ronald McDonald House Charities Midwest | |
| | La Crosse County Human Services | Shriners Hospital for Children | |



THE FORCE OF GRANTMAKING: 2022 GRANTEES BY PROGRAM AREA



CULTURE AND DIVERSITY

SPOTLIGHT // The June Kjome Justice and Peace Fund awarded \$2,700 to the **Belonging and Mattering Institute**: Equipping Business Leaders to Operationalize DEI Principles. The program trained a group of local service industry leaders in customer service efforts.



2022 GRANTEES

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| American Indian Education Fund | Onalaska School District |
| Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge (BLACK) Inc. | Riverside International Friendship Gardens |
| Cia Siab Inc. | School District of La Crosse |
| Congregation Sons of Abraham | She Rock She Rock |
| Freedom Honor Flight Inc. | Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum |
| Friends of PBS Wisconsin, Inc | Voces De La Frontera, Inc |
| Hmoob Cultural and Community Agency (HCCA) | West Salem School District |
| Holmen Area School District | Wisconsin Public Radio |
| Hope Restores | Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse, Inc. |
| La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation | YWCA La Crosse |
| La Crosse Dubna Friendship Association Inc | |



EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP

2022 GRANTEES

- Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation, Inc.
 Carleton College
 Communities in Schools of the Charleston Area Inc
 Congregational Preschool
 Emerson Parent Teacher Organization
 Holmen Area School District
 Iowa State University
 Junior Achievement of Wisconsin
 Kirkwood Community College
 La Crosse Association for Home and Community Education
 La Crosse Public Education Foundation, Inc.
 La Crosse Rotary Brain Game
 Lake Country School
 Luther College
 Marian University
 Marquette University
 Minnesota State University Moorhead
 Minot State University
 North Dakota State University Foundation
 Onalaska Education Foundation
 Onalaska School District
 School District of Bangor
 School District of La Crosse
 Seven Rivers Robotics Coalition Inc.
 St. Olaf College
 University of Iowa Foundation
 University of Minnesota - Morris
 University of Minnesota Foundation
 University of Wisconsin Foundation
 UW-Superior
 UW-La Crosse
 UW-La Crosse Foundation
 UW-Madison
 UW-Platteville
 UW-River Falls
 UW-Stout
 UW-Whitewater
 Viterbo University
 Wake Forest University
 West Salem School District
 Western Technical College Foundation Inc.
 Winona State University
 Wisconsin Public Radio

Dear La Crosse Community Foundation,

I would like to thank you for honoring me with this opportunity to succeed thanks to the Juliette Low Scholarship. I am Emily Geske, and I am from West Salem, WI. I am a single parent of an amazing 10-year-old son. He is my motivation to continue moving forward.

In the fall of 2018, I went back to school to finish my education. In April of 2021, I graduated from Western Technical College with an associate degree in human services. From there I started my adventure at Viterbo University in the fall of 2021. Here I am pursuing a double major in social work and psychology. My projected graduation is in December of 2023. After graduation I hope to continue my education and receive a master's in social work. Once my schooling is finished, I hope to work with children with special needs in a school or counseling setting.

The Juliette Low Scholarship will alleviate some of the pressure of college allowing me to focus more on my studies and my family. With this scholarship I can continue following my dreams and improving myself. Once again, I want to thank you for this scholarship which will allow me to achieve my goals.

Thank you so much,

Emily Geske



ARTS & HUMANITIES



SPOTLIGHT // La Crosse Youth Symphony Society received \$2,500 through the LCF competitive grant process and the Maureen L. Kinney Fund for La Crosse Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert Programs. Annually, there are three to five rehearsals for each of the concerts in the fall and spring. The grant allowed for student membership fees to remain low and concert ticket prices to be affordable.

2022 GRANTEES

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| Arts at Large Inc. | La Crosse Concert Band |
| Cappella Performing Arts Society | La Crosse County Historical Center Inc. |
| Da Capo Musical Reunion | La Crosse Symphony Orchestra, Inc. |
| Deke Slayton Memorial Space & Bicycle Museum | La Crosse Youth Symphony Society |
| Desert Foothills Library | Mid West Music Fest |
| Friends of PBS Wisconsin, Inc | Monroe County Historical Society |
| Friends of the La Crescent Public Library | Musical Instrument Museum |
| Friends of the Smithsonian Institute | National Trust for Historic Preservation |
| Great River Festival of Arts Inc | The Pump House Regional Arts Center, Inc. |
| Kids From Wisconsin Ltd. | United Fund for the Arts and Humanities |
| La Crosse Chamber Chorale, Inc. | Wisconsin Historical Foundation Inc |
| La Crosse Community Theatre | |

 ENVIRONMENT



SPOTLIGHT // Over \$3,000 was granted to **River Valley Raptors** to provide free educational opportunities for 5th grade students. River Valley Raptors partnered with local school teachers to enhance their current curriculum with activities to teach students about adaptations, migration, and glacial movement patterns. Students also got to meet a peregrine falcon.

2022 GRANTEES

The Animal Sanctuary of St Croix Valley
The Arbor Day Foundation
Climate Alliance for the Common Good
Desert Foothills Land Trust Inc.
The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee
Friends of the Blufflands Inc
Friends of the Mississippi River
Friends of the Upper Mississippi Fishery Services
Gateway Area Boy Scouts
Gathering Waters Inc
Honor The Earth
La Crosse Public Education Foundation, Inc.
Lake Onalaska Protection and

Rehabilitation District
McDowell Sonoran Conservancy
Midwest Environmental Advocates
Mississippi Valley Conservancy
Missouri River Bird Observatory
National Audubon Society
National Park Foundation
Natural Resource Foundation of Wisconsin
The Nature Conservancy
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
River Valley Raptors Inc
Sustainability Institute
US Friends of David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Inc.
UW-La Crosse Foundation
WisCorps, Inc.

 FAITH



SPOTLIGHT // In 2022, three funds supported the ongoing work at **First Teens Clothes Closet of First Lutheran Church**. Robert & Eleanor Franke Charitable Fund, Harold "Pete" Isenman Fund, and Durtsche Family Fund provided funds for back-to-school athletic shoes, winter coats, and boots. The closet is open for free shopping on Monday evenings and private appointments. Teens can come alone or with their parents to shop for free "teen-approved" stylish clothing, toiletries, jewelry, hair care kits, and much more. There are four rooms full of clothing and private dressing rooms.

2022 GRANTEES

A Place of Grace Ltd.
Augustine Institute, Inc
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman
Catholic Daughters of America
Christ Episcopal Church
The Culture Project
Diocese of La Crosse
English Lutheran Church
Faith United Methodist Church
Fellowship of Catholic University Students
First Congregational Church
First Presbyterian Church
First Teens Clothes Closet of First Lutheran Church
Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Hosea Initiative Inc
Immaculate Heart Media, Inc.

aka Relevant Radio
La Crosse Area Synod ELCA
La Crosse Jail Ministry
Lutheran Campus Ministry of La Crosse Area Synod
Lutheran Social Services/ WI & Upper MI, Inc.
Paradisus Dei
Redeemer Lutheran Church
St Patrick Parish
St. Elias Eastern Orthodox Church
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church
Sugar Creek Bible Camp
Trinity Lutheran Church
Viterbo University
Women's Clothes Closet at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

 RECREATION AND WELLNESS



SPOTLIGHT // The Corinne Zielke Fund provided 8 grants in 2022 to support and enhance current **baseball facilities and equipment in La Crosse County**. The 1st Prairie Field project was supported to renovate the Roth and Mulder Field to make up three fields for T-ball, rookie ball, and little league teams. The field has typically been used for T-ball and rookie ball because it has a small infield and outfield that extends to about 200 feet before reaching a crop field. Expanding the infield and putting up an outfield fence allows for 8-11-year-old teams to play without a ball rolling into the corn field. This creates more opportunities to play a beloved game in Brice Prairie.

2022 GRANTEES

Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation, Inc.
AVCAP Corporation
Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin Educational Fdn Inc
Bobs Free Bikes
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse
Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County
Brice Prairie Baseball Softball
Camp Send A Kid Inc.
Children's Museum of La Crosse, Inc.
City of La Crosse Parks, Rec. & Forestry
Coulee Region Sled Hockey Incorporated
Friends of PBS Wisconsin, Inc
Gateway Area Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts of Wisconsin-Badgerland Council

The Good Fight Community Center
HorseSense, Inc
La Crosse Area Family YMCA
La Crosse County 4-H
La Crosse Youth Baseball
Marquette Guts Frisbee Association
North American Squirrel Association
Onalaska School District
Outdoor Recreation Alliance
River City Youth Hockey
UW-La Crosse
UW-La Crosse Foundation
Village of West Salem
Viterbo University
Western Technical College Foundation Inc.
Wisconsin American Legion Foundation, Inc
Wisconsin Public Radio



THE FORCE BEYOND GRANT-MAKING

We are incredibly proud of the grants we administer at La Crosse Community Foundation. There is also more to our mission – connecting people and passion beyond grantmaking. In the annual report, we hope you see a multitude of ways LCF invests time, talent, and treasure into the La Crosse community to ensure we have a happy, healthy, and thriving community for many years to come.

UTILIZING LCF EXPERTISE TO MAXIMIZE COVID-19 RECOVERY RESPONSE

Last year, the La Crosse City Council allocated \$2 million of the city's ARPA funds to local nonprofit organizations that are addressing pandemic response needs or building a stronger, more equitable community. The city partnered with La Crosse Community Foundation to direct an equitable and transparent grant process. The foundation subsequently formed a distinct, independent grants committee to keep the ARPA grant process completely separate from its foundation grant process. Fourteen organizations received ARPA funds that provided services to disproportionately-impacted communities and addressed public health needs:

- Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge (BLACK)*
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse*
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse*
- Cia Siab, Inc*
- Couleecap, Inc.*
- Great Rivers HUB*
- The Hunger Task Force of La Crosse, Inc*
- Independent Living Resources*
- La Crosse Area Family YMCA*
- La Crosse Jail Ministry, Inc*
- The Parenting Place*
- theExchange/Shelter Development Inc.*
- WAFER, Inc*
- Workforce Connections, Inc*



COMMUNITY ENGAGED FELLOWSHIP IS A WIN-WIN FOR STUDENTS & LOCAL NONPROFITS

Last year brought a new face to the La Crosse Community Foundation through the support of the UWL Community Engaged Fellowships. Gretta Kraus worked 30 hours a week throughout the summer and ten hours per week during the fall and spring semester. LCF provided real-world experiences including nonprofit organization support, learning about board governance, engaging in relationships with donors, administrating customer relationship management software, and the day-to-day functioning of a community foundation. The UWL Community Engaged Fellowship was made possible by Ron and Jane Rada, two longtime La Crosse educators and supporters of UWL. "There are so many employees and volunteers working so hard to make a difference in communities that need it most," says Kraus, reflecting on her time as LCF Fellow. The fellowship program continues with a new student, Paige Hagemann, in 2023.



FORCE OF PARTNERSHIPS



CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT VITERBO COHORT

When our nonprofit sector is healthy, collaborative, and thriving, we all win! LCF partnered with Viterbo University to revive the Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership Development. After nine workshops led by local nonprofit community experts and Viterbo faculty, participants gained knowledge needed to make well reasoned decisions, comfortably navigate ever-complex legal and regulatory issues, effectively carry out the duties of a fiduciary or trustee, and better prepared for leadership positions. In 2022, we graduated our first cohort with 16 graduates from a variety of nonprofit backgrounds, including New Horizons Shelter & Outreach Center, La Crosse Community Theater, and Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area. We are excited to be well on our way to another excellent 2023 class.

ELEVATE YOUR NONPROFIT

“The most valuable part was being able to go into each of the different facets of what goes into running a nonprofit organization: board development, organizational management, financial management – all those things that, when running an organization, you jump into without necessarily having a strong background in those areas.



Christiana Martin
Capella Performing Arts Center
and La Crosse Chamber Chorale

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

GIVING TUESDAY

LCF works to elevate the incredible nonprofits in La Crosse County. Giving Tuesday allows us to be responsive and effective in serving the unique needs in our community. In 2022, we featured 60+ nonprofit programs, and we are proud to share we raised \$144,885.84. In 2023, we are partnering with local community housing advocates through the REACH Center to help provide emergency shelter and other supports for local families this winter. As Darth Vader tells us - “Don’t underestimate the force,” and we remind you to never underestimate your power in giving back!



LCF AFFILIATE PARTNERS



Interested in learning more about an affiliate partnership with us?

Contact Erin at erin@laxcommfoundation.com



THE FORCE OF CHARITABLE FUNDS AT

LA CROSSE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

La Crosse Community Foundation has nearly 300 funds, all uniquely crafted and implemented by people who deeply care for our community. The following pages showcase a complete listing of all funds, organized by fund type. Full descriptions of each fund can be found on our website.



DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor Advised Fund Spotlight: KATHY AND JACK LUCEY FAMILY FUND FOR ALZHEIMER'S

From supporting caregivers to becoming one.

Kathy and Jack Lucey Family Fund for Alzheimer's

Kathy Lucey has always been a caregiver, caring for her elderly parents, mother-in-law, and aunts. She knows it can be onerous, lonely work, made even more emotionally taxing when the object of your care is one of the people you love most in the world. She has firsthand experience with that.

Kathy spent her career working with Bethany Lutheran Homes and retired in 1999 as associate executive director. When she started her career, Alzheimer's disease was still relatively new to public consciousness; but during her tenure, BLH developed many programs to benefit people impacted by the disease. Kathy also joined local and state Alzheimer's boards.

Caregiving hits home

Her personal experience with dementia began when her brother was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia disease in 2001. Kathy watched — and helped where she could — as his cognitive abilities faded until he was no longer the person she'd known her whole life. Right after he passed away, Kathy's husband, Jack, was diagnosed with aphasia. A couple of years later, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

As Kathy began her journey with Jack, she could draw upon her experiences in her work life but realized others weren't so fortunate. So, in 2018, Kathy established the Kathy and

Jack Lucey Family Fund for Alzheimer's to help individuals who would have similar challenges with their loved ones.

Caregiving can be difficult. But with the knowledge Kathy learned from her career, along with watching her husband and brother with dementia, she realized it was an even greater challenge and that families needed help. Having a fund at the foundation allowed Kathy to help nonprofits that she felt would benefit in the greatest way.

Loneliness sets in

Even with all her experience, knowledge, and preparations, Kathy, with the support of her and Jack's daughters Jada and Erin, continued the journey.

"It's a day-to-day disease. You get up in the morning and wonder what the day will be like. You want your loved one to keep their dignity, so you try to find that even space between helping and not making them feel like you're doing everything for them," she says.

"All diseases are bad," she adds, "but with most other diseases, you have the means to communicate. With people who are well into dementia, you don't have that. You're alone in making decisions. It all falls on you — finances, care, family, anything that might pop up. That's gone. Your partner is in a different world. I felt alone, but he was still here."

Finding purpose in helping others

When Jack entered a memory care facility, the Kathy and Jack Lucey Family Fund for Alzheimer's provided grants to help the residents with entertainment and outdoor activities. And when Jack passed away on April 24, 2022, the memorials were directed to the fund. His legacy will live on with the donations from his passing.

This donor advised fund has supported numerous initiatives, including:

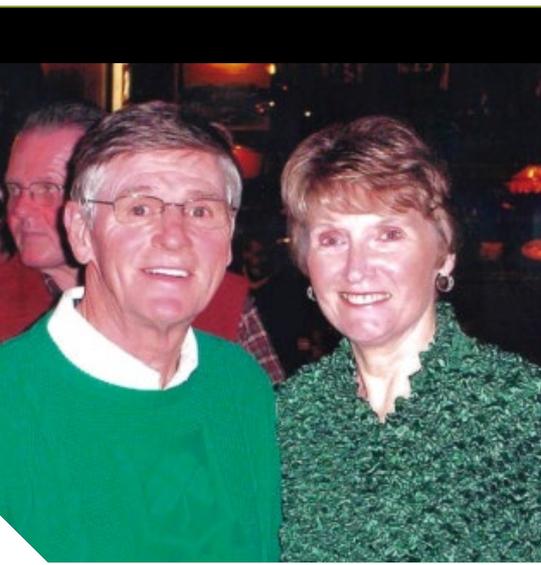
- A presentation for families and professionals by Gary Glazner, founder and executive director of the Alzheimers' Poetry Project, sharing how to communicate with people who have dementia through music, dance and poetry.
- Another speaker addressing ambiguous grief because caregivers grieve throughout the journey.
- Educational books for caregivers and books specifically designed to help children understand the disease and how to communicate as their grandparent or loved one struggles with it. (They're available at various libraries in La Crosse County and the Aging & Disability Resource Center.)
- Teepa Snow Dementia Training Kits that provide a six-week training program for caregivers to develop skills and strategies to better care for their loved ones.

"My purpose is very much wrapped up in helping others. Everyone leaves these events

The most flexible of fund types, donor advised funds allow donors the freedom to recommend grants to any charitable organization anywhere in the world. Donor advised funds are often a less expensive and less complicated alternative to starting a private foundation.

355 GRANTS
AWARDED FROM DONOR ADVISED FUNDS IN 2022

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS



with a feeling of 'It's not only me.' Helping people get through the journey is very important for me; it relieves some of the grief and loneliness," Kathy says.

As Kathy reflects, she says her happiest memories were those when they were just together, "those special times when we would start talking and have that connection. I want Jack to be remembered for being a great husband of 55 years, father, papa, and friend. Even though he was a soft-spoken Irishman most of the time, he was very social and loved to be around people".

- Anonymous (7)
- American Association of University Women-La Crosse Branch Fund (2010)
- The Anthony Fund (2021)
- James and Ellyn Ash Family Fund (2003)
- Francie Ball & Mary O'Sullivan Fund (2016)
- 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)
- 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)
- Ardus 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)
- 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)
- Marv & Annette Friedewald Fund (2022) *NEW**
- Ellen and Henry Funk Family Fund (2006)
- Fred and Mary Ann Funk Family Fund (2006)
- Garrity-Gokey Fund (2017)
- Gelatt Siblings Fund (2021)
- Graw Family Fund (2018)
- Guentner-Froegel Family Fund (2002)
- James D. and Janice M. Hanesworth Fund (2007)
- Bob and Millie Hanson Fund (2021)
- 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)
- Bonnie and Mike Jones Fund (2021)
- Kerbaugh Family Fund (2016)
- Carl Koch and Joyce Heil Fund (2012)
- Joseph W. Kotnour Family Fund (2001)
- Roy E. and Lillian Hope Kumm Fund (1986)
- La Crosse Knights of Columbus Charity Fund (2012)
- The Lagnippe Fund (2021)
- Sondra and Roger LeGrand Family Fund (2008)
- Kathy and Jack Lucey Family Fund for Alzheimer's (2018)
- Magerus-McKinney Fund (2002)
- Todd and Deb Mahr Family Fund (2004)
- 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)
- 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)
- Otto David Ferguson Memorial Fund (2022) *NEW**
- Susan M. Quillin Fund (2018)
- Austin & Chelsea Reinhart Family Fund (2022) *NEW**
- Richard T. Record Fund (2011)
- The Riley Family Fund (2022) *NEW**
- 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)



DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated Fund Spotlight: STEVEN AND JULIANNA BLANCHAR KINDERGARTEN TRIP FUND

Transforming Tragedy Into Teaching

Igniting young minds

As a kindergarten teacher in the La Crosse School District, Sue Blanchar says she never went to work. She went to school. In fact, she went to school for 34 years, serving as the very first teacher hundreds of area children ever had. It's a responsibility and privilege she delighted in, often being the first to introduce children to new concepts, books, and experiences.

One of Sue's favorite ways to teach was to take her students on field trips, saying it opened them to a new realm of learning. Children's minds are highly receptive to new ideas and stimuli at that age, and field trips allow them to encounter new people and environments that connect what they learn in school with the world around them.

"When thinking about my end of days, I wanted memorials to go to a kindergarten field trip fund," says Sue. It was an idea her husband, John Blanchar, a former teaching assistant in the cognitive disabilities program, embraced. However, neither of them ever imagined the fund would be established much sooner and in a very different way.

An unexpected tragedy

It was the summer of 2001. Life was good. Sue and John had three children: Steven, 20; Julianna, 18; and Trina, 12. Steven was a University of Wisconsin – La Crosse student heading toward becoming an educator like his parents. Julianna had just graduated from Central

High School and looked forward to attending UW – Stout that fall. Both had helped chaperone field trips with Sue and volunteered in her classroom.

While Steven and Julianna, like many teen siblings, had little to do with each other in middle and high school, they had become friends in recent years and had gone out together with some other young people one evening.

The fun ended when the car they were traveling in hit a guardrail and struck a rock wall along a winding, hilly stretch of Hwy. K in Vernon County. Four of the five young people in the car, including Julianna and Steven, were killed.

"It was a rude awakening to how short life is," said Sue. "They were two of the cutest kids in the world. Now, they'll never be old."

Remembering Steven and Julianna

When memorials began pouring in, John and Sue knew exactly what to do with them. They created the Julianna and Steven Blanchar Kindergarten Field Trip Fund, a designated fund at the La Crosse Community Foundation that disburses funds annually to every elementary school in La Crosse School District.

"It's so important to give children experiences outside the classroom. It helps with language development, social development. Even riding a bus is a learning opportunity. Now teachers can do those kinds of things without having to ask parents to pay for it," says Sue.

"We're just happy that something good could come out of this," adds John.

At Spence Elementary, kindergarten teachers have used the funds to visit a pumpkin patch every year, giving children a new experience, connecting them to the community, and expanding learning within the science curriculum.

It's an opportunity that many of the students would not have otherwise.

"With the rising costs of everything, these trips would be a challenge for many of our families without the help from the Blanchar funds," said Julie Wilson, one of the teachers. "We are very grateful for the Julianna and Steven Blanchar fund that makes these opportunities available to our students."

At other schools, the funds have been used to explore apple orchards, attend plays at Viterbo University, visit the Children's Museum of La Crosse, and much more.

Through their enduring love for their children and their dedication to providing educational opportunities for others, the Blanchars turned their personal loss into a source of hope, inspiration, and growth for the kindergarten children of the La Crosse School District. Their selfless actions serve as a poignant reminder that even in the darkest of times, it is possible to create a lasting and positive impact on the world.



Donors select one or more charitable organizations or programs to receive annual support from the fund. These funds are commonly established through estate plans as they are a way to continue to provide annual support to the donor's favorite charitable entities beyond their lifetime.

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AWARDED FROM DESIGNATED FUNDS IN 2022

DESIGNATED FUNDS

- Anonymous (1)
- Al's Musky Challenge Fund (2021)
- 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)
- Kathryn, Olaus and Dena Cappelen Fund (2007)
- William S. Case Scholarship (1969)
- M. Elizabeth Cason Fund (2011)
- Centering Onalaska Flower Basket Endowment Fund (2022) *NEW**
- City of La Crosse Arts Board Fund (2021)
- 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)
- Emeriti Memorial Fund for the UWL English Department (2022) *NEW**
- 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)
- Gordon W. & Barbara Gade Scholarship Fund (2021)
- Ernest and Olive Gershon Fund (1991)
- Norman L Gillette, Sr. Family Fund (1992)
- 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)
- Homeless Jesus Fund (2020)
- Wayne J. Hood Fund (1982)
- Judith Corbett Hutchens Veterans Scholarship Fund (2022) *NEW**
- Harold L. Isenman Fund (1981)
- Prairie Springs: The Paul Fleckenstein Trust Fund (2022) *NEW**
- 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)
- Jacquie M Favreau Kennedy Fund for NAMI Wisconsin (2021)
- Jacquie M Favreau Kennedy Fund for Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services, Inc. (2021)
- Jacquie M Favreau Kennedy Fund for Communities in Schools of the Charleston Area Inc. (2021)
- 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)
- Milo and Beverly Mayer Mach Family Fund (2006)
- 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)
- 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)
- Harry L. and Charlotte L. Woods Family Fund (1990)
- Roberta Zurn Fund (2005)



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Scholarship Fund Spotlight: JUDY CORBETT-HUTCHENS LA CROSSE TRIBUNE EXTRA EFFORT SCHOLARSHIP

Extra Effort Awards

A single spark ignites good, forever

When one person sparks a brilliant idea, it can create a powerful chain reaction. As others link in, each adding their own unique insights and contributions, the initial concept begins to evolve and flourish. The collective ingenuity then propels the idea forward, transforming it into something far more significant and influential than initially imagined and unveiling that the potential for good, even greatness, is limitless.

Such is the case with a simple, weekly feature story in the La Crosse Tribune.

The extraordinary lives of students

Throughout the year, the La Crosse Tribune publishes stories about high school seniors (one from each area high school) who have overcome extraordinary challenges to excel not only in academics but also in their personal lives. The stories are both heart-wrenching and uplifting as they introduce readers to teens who are achieving in school despite family trauma and deaths, chronic illnesses and disabilities, homelessness and addiction.

The stories began running in 1996 when David Stoeffler, then executive director of the La Crosse Public Education Foundation, sought to recognize these extraordinary students.

A year later, Rusty Cunningham moved to the area to serve as the La Crosse Tribune editor. He was moved to elevate the program to the next

level, and was able to secure additional donors. "These are not your typical scholarship winners," says Rusty. "These awards reinforce that their efforts are to be celebrated."

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Empathy born of experience

In testifying to the resilience of the human spirit and the unyielding power of determination, the stories lit another spark — this time for Judy Corbett Hutchens, a woman who would not describe her childhood as idyllic.

"I came from circumstances which were less than desirable and financially prevented me, except for a couple classes, from going to college. I've had quite a struggle for much of my life," adds Judy, now a highly successful entrepreneur and businesswoman. "For me to have achieved the success in life I have is an accomplishment I attribute it to a lot of hard work and determination."

Seeking a more peaceful existence, Judy left home at age 17 and struggled to afford a two-room apartment and some college classes, despite working five and a half days a week.

"There's always hope and a better outcome when you're determined and have a good attitude and work ethic, but I would have greatly

appreciated some assistance back then," says Judy.

With that firsthand insight, Judy decided she wanted to sponsor one of the students profiled and support them for the duration of their college studies.

"I thought if you have an Extra Effort student who's going on to college and you give them a scholarship for a year, what happens the next year and the year after that? They still need support."

Judy called Rusty, explained what she wanted to do, and sent a check to get things started.

A short time later, she wanted to send more, but she wanted her contributions to be tax-deductible. She called Rusty again, and he knew exactly what to do. He called Jamie Schloegel and arranged to move the scholarship funds to the La Crosse Community Foundation.

Collaborative magic

Partnering with the foundation accomplished three things at once, says Rusty. In addition to making donations tax-deductible, he knew the move would extend the life of the Extra Effort Awards (though he had no idea then for how long). It would also transfer the administrative functions to the foundation, allowing the La Crosse Tribune to focus on what it does best: sharing compelling stories and producing



Scholarship funds allow donors the opportunity to invest in our future leaders by helping lessen the financial barrier to higher education. Each scholarship fund's criterion is established by the donor(s), and the foundation's staff works to ensure student recipients are selected accordingly.

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the event while the La Crosse Community Foundation manages the funds.

Judy contributed another gift and invited a friend to give, seeding the La Crosse Tribune Extra Effort Scholarship Fund at the foundation. Once established, gifts to the fund snowballed, growing in size and gaining momentum as people throughout the community wanted to become part of the inspiring initiative.

The fund grew from \$5,800 to \$53,000 in just a matter of months. After the move to the La Crosse Community Foundation, subsequent growth, and the generous partnership of Viterbo, Western Technical College, and UWL the total annual awards exceeded \$80,000 in 2022.

For good. Forever.

This spring, Judy made yet another gift, this time endowing the fund in perpetuity — extending its life forever and ensuring educational support for countless future generations. Students who once faced insurmountable odds will now have more resources to overcome barriers, creating a positive feedback loop that propels the Extra Effort Awards' life-changing mission forward.

"I'm so hopeful for these students," says Judy, not realizing that through her foresight and generosity, she has become their beacon.

- 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)
- Mildred Craig Rotary Scholarship Fund (2022) *NEW**
- Peter DeCicco Scholarship (1992)
- Carol A. Dobrunz Memorial Scholarship (2014)
- Chloe Kay Eckelberg Memorial Scholarship (2022) *NEW**
- Family Playhouse Theater Scholarship (2003)
- D. E. Field Scholarship (2007)
- Kent Grimslid Memorial Music Scholarship for Onalaska High School (2014)
- Roger and Angeline Haag Scholarship Fund (2022) *NEW**
- 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)
- Logan Opportunity Scholarship Fund (1992)
- Kaitlin Elizabeth Mahr Memorial Scholarship (2007)
- Samuel W. Mahr Scholarship Fund (2021)
- 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)

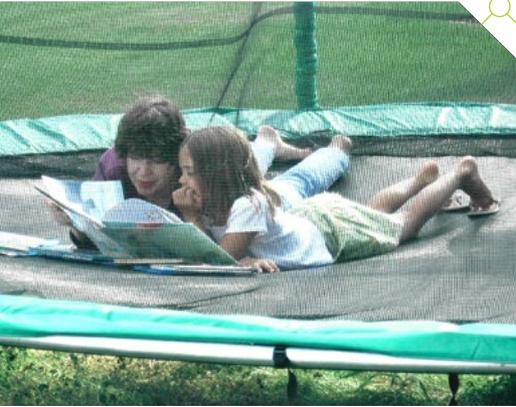


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ADDITIONAL FUND TYPES

Field of Interest Fund Spotlight: THE ELIZABETH FUND FOR LITERACY AND WELL-BEING

Mary Veldey Transforms Lives Through Books



From Bookworm to Benefactor

For Mary Veldey, saying books are good is like saying the ocean is a puddle; it's a vast understatement that fails to capture the immeasurable depths and transformative power that stories hold within their pages.

Books are a way to travel anywhere in the world, anytime in the past or future and any galaxy in the universe. Books transport the human mind to places otherwise inaccessible to many (if not all), bond children and parents, and even lift people out of poverty.

"Literacy is so important for people's well-being," says the retired reading teacher. "Literacy skills lead to higher success rates in life, and that leads to increased well-being."

A novel approach to well-being

Research backs up Mary's assertions about literacy and well-being. Consider this:

- Literate individuals are more likely to make informed decisions about healthcare, nutrition, and hygiene. For example, a UNESCO study found that a mother's literacy directly impacts her children's health and survival. In fact, children with literate mothers are 50% more likely to live past the age of five.
- Those mothers then read to their children, encouraging their literacy. And children with proficient reading skills in third grade are more

likely to graduate high school and pursue higher education.

- Education is linked to higher income. The UNESCO study also found that the global poverty rate would be cut in half if all adults completed secondary education.

A gift you can give to your children

Research shows even reading to newborn babies has merit. In addition to laying foundational blocks of language, reading to babies encourages parent-baby interactions and strengthens emotional bonds. One of Mary's favorite quotes from award-winning children's author Emilie Buchwald is "children are made readers on the laps of their parents." The younger a parent starts reading to a child, the more likely it is that they will become a reader themselves.

And reading with your children matters more now than ever before. With the growth of media apps and YouTube use rising among children, kids are spending less time reading and more time 'playing' digitally. When you read to or with your kids, you are instilling within them an appetite and thirst for knowledge and mental engagement, which are things not as easily found by sitting in front of a device.

Turning the page to philanthropy

Mary's husband, Gary Veldey, was also an avid reader, and the two bookworms had discussed

the possibility of setting up a fund to boost literacy. After Gary passed away in 2014, Mary established the Elizabeth Fund for Literacy & Well-Being at the La Crosse Community Foundation. (Elizabeth is Mary's middle name.) The field of interest fund aims to invite and motivate others to support both literacy and emotional well-being needs throughout the community.

In recent years, fund distributions have gone toward the Wisconsin Bookworms program to provide free books and early reading experiences to children from limited-income families. Each month during the school year, volunteers read a book to participating children and engage them in a related activity. Each child then takes home a copy of the book to build their at-home library. Last year, the reading program distributed more than 16,000 books.

Mary looks forward to seeing the grant applications that come in each year — and the creative ways community programs and groups are encouraging people to read more. She especially likes projects and programs that increase access to books, promote a culture of reading and encourage a love for reading early in life.

After all, she considers books to have the power "to take us Lands away" and to expand our literacy and well-being with the mere turn of a page. And Mary Veldey wants to be sure it's available to everyone.

THERE IS NO FRIGATE LIKE A BOOK

by Emily Dickinson

*There is no Frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away
Nor any Coursers like a Page
Of prancing Poetry –
This Traverse may the poorest take
Without oppress of Toll –
How frugal is the Chariot
That bears the Human Soul –*

Source: The Poems of Emily Dickinson Edited by R. W. Franklin (Harvard University Press, 1999)

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AWARDED FROM **FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS** IN 2022

Field of Interest funds enable individuals and groups to pool their charitable giving into one fund that addresses a specific purpose or area of interest. Spending from field of interest funds is advised by the foundation's board through the competitive grant program.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Anonymous (1)
Jean Gitz Bassett Fund (2006)
Roland Beranek Fund (2013)
Black Empowerment Fund (2020)
Coulee Region White Cane Club (2011)
Sandy Castek Fund for Empowering Women (2022) *NEW
Animal Welfare Fund aka Kitty Cat and Puppy Dog Fund (2022) *NEW
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)
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)
Gerald W. and Elizabeth M. Ostreng Endowment Fund (2022) *NEW
Louis I. Rehffuss Fund (1981)
R.J. Reinhart Fund for Mental Health (2021)
Rudy and Jean Schnurrer Fund (2009)
Mary Grace Sieber Fund (2006)
Jenny and Tom Walter Fund (2020)
Corinne Zielke Fund (2000)

20 GRANTS

AWARDED FROM **AGENCY FUNDS** IN 2022

A type of designated fund established by a nonprofit organization for its own benefit. The community foundation has fiduciary responsibility over the funds, and each year the organization can choose to take the spending rate distribution, or continue to grow the fund with its annual earnings. It's a simple and efficient way to build an endowment to help create sustainability for an organization.

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)
Da Capo Concert Band Endowment Fund (2022) *NEW
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)
La Crosse Public Education Foundation Endowment (1991)
La Crosse Public Education Foundation — Richard Swantz Fund (2000)
Rotary Works Legacy Club Endowment Fund (2022) *NEW
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)
Wishland Pony Express Fund (1995)
Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse (2016)

Special Project Fund Spotlight: LA CROSSE CHAMBER CHORALE

The La Crosse Chamber Chorale is a volunteer, community-based choir comprised of individuals who love to sing and seek to inspire their listeners through exceptional choral performances, presenting varied, inclusive, and professional quality repertoire reflective of the changing world. The chorale was founded in 1986 and is currently led by Dr. Christopher Hathaway.

The Chamber Chorale partnered with LCF in 2002 with a \$15,000 challenge grant opportunity and community members came together and met the fundraising challenge. The 2023-2024 season marks it's 38th season of incredible performances.



SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS

All Abilities Trane Park Fund (2019) — Special Project
Carney Haskell Impact Fund (2021)
City of La Crosse ARPA Fund (2021)
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)
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 Fund
Margery J. Stansfield Fund (2013) — Unrestricted



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Alice Engelhard Gassere
ALM Holding Company
Altier Rare Coins, LLC
Altra Federal Credit Union
AM of Cumberland, LLC
Amazon Smile
American Association of University
Women-La Crosse Branch
American Association of
University Women-La Crosse Branch-
Scholarship Fund
American Endowment Fund - Jay and
Dawn Jaehnke Donor Advised Fund
Amie L. Mathy Family Fund
Amy and James Noel
Amy Lloyd
Amy Swailes
Andrea Hansen and Curtis Miller
Carol Taebel
Andrew and Jamie Dahl
Angela Mutch
Angie Breiling
Anita J. Froegel
Anita K. Evans and Larry Lebiecki
Ann Hoscheit
Anna Stindt
Anne Hendrickson
Annette Friedewald
Anonymous (125 total)
Anthony Gerig
Antionette Weise
April Kerby-Helm
Ashley Samargia
Aurel and Sue Mailath
Austin Reinhart Family Foundation
Azia Peterslie
Baird Foundation, Inc
Bakalars Sausage Company Inc
Barbara and Dave Erickson Fund
Barbara and Donald Frank
Charitable Fund
Barbara Quillin
Barbara Schultz
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Beth Mack
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Beverly Sanborn
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Bill and Jeanne Beeler
Bill and Karen Hoel
Blackbaud Giving Fund, YourCause
BNF Holdings
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Bob and Jean Marck Family Fund
Bob and Sue Christopherson
Bobbie Cowgill
Borton Construction, Inc.
Brad and Ellen Hongerholt
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Katherine Niedfeldt
Kathy Lucey
Lori and Randy A. Williams
Marlene Benson
Mary Malinowski
Michael and Joyce Diveley
Randolph and Judith Eddy, Sr.
Randy and Rachelle Puls
Raymond and Carrie Pearson, Debra Tornow
Richard and Beverly Umberger
Ronald and Mary Korthals
Ross and Janet Romanzak
Samuel and Tammy Bentzen
Sandra Heck
Shelley Dolan
Steven and Jody Low
Stu and Char Robertshaw
Terry and Julie Bartels
Thomas and Sandy Finn
Timothy and Karin Quillin
Atty. William and Stephane Skemp
William and Tari La Rue
Wipfli Financial Advisors

In memory of Darvin Ferguson

Elizabeth Day

The Anthony Fund

In memory of Anthony Fimple

Beer By Bike Brigade
Stephanie Tuten and Kathryn Fields

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

In honor of Casey Kennedy Schroeder

Anonymous

Women's Fund of Greater La Crosse

In honor of Betsy Morgan

Deborah Hoskins





You've worked hard to build your assets over the years. Now the question is: What is your dream for those assets after you're gone?

Donors who make the community an heir by leaving the La Crosse Community Foundation in their estate plans will become a Forever Society member. Join hundreds of others in the Forever Society! This membership is open to any donor giving any size of gift in their estate plan or will.

Establishing a planned gift or bequest is much easier than you think. We invite all who wish to protect our beloved community's greatest assets to make a charitable decision today that will work to carry out their philanthropic vision forever.

Contact La Crosse Community Foundation for more information!

Forever Friends Award Recipients 2022 Dave and Barb Erickson

The La Crosse Community Foundation recognized Dave and Barb Erickson as its 2022 Forever Friends Award recipients. The award recognizes people who have included the foundation in their estate plans and chosen to take care of the La Crosse community forever.

"The Ericksons have proven themselves to be forever friends to the La Crosse community for decades, not just through their extraordinary philanthropy, but also through their vision and selfless volunteerism," says Jamie Schloegel, executive director of the La Crosse Community Foundation. "As in so many of their charitable activities, they've set the standard as our first-ever Forever Friends Award honorees."

The Ericksons' philanthropy was born from tragedy. In 1989, their son Chad Erickson underwent surgery to repair a minor valve defect. The surgery left him with a severe disability, and Chad died in 1995 at age 15. Ever since, Barb Erickson has asked herself, "What would Chad want to do?" when considering community opportunities.

That question led them to establish the Chad Erickson Memorial Fund to support sports and youth programs that Chad loved, the Barbara and David Erickson Fund, and the Erickson Sisters Fund which is advised by Chad's sisters, Kristin McCabe and Shannon Osley. The family funds have resulted in the creation of the Chad Erickson Memorial Park, the original La Crosse Skateboard Park, and several other projects to support youth and adults with special needs.

The Ericksons also donated their previous family home, which was renovated to be accessible for Chad, to the Tomah VA to provide a home for veterans overcoming trauma from their experiences serving the country.

In addition to the significant monetary support they've given the



community, the Ericksons also volunteer for many community nonprofit organizations. Barb Erickson, for example, has served on the YMCA and La Crosse Community Foundation boards, and she's volunteered at the Y's Miracle Field and Special Olympics. And Dave Erickson is a longtime volunteer with Freedom Honor Flights, accompanying World War II and Korean War veterans on all but two flights.

Barb Erickson once told the La Crosse Community Foundation that their lives "were forever changed" with the loss of Chad. But through their generous contributions of time and money, they're forever changing others' lives for the better.



FOREVER SOCIETY MEMBERS

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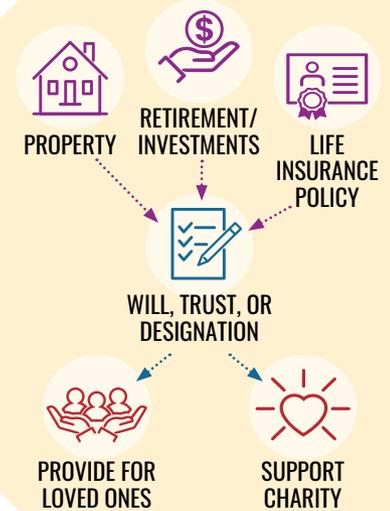
Mario* & Fe Abellera	Curtis & Stacey McIlquham
Francie Ball & Mary O'Sullivan	Nancy Medinger
David W. Bange	Laura Moriarty
Bill* & Ann Barney	David R. Morrison, C.P.A.
Tom & Jan Brock	Rebecca & James Naugler
Bill & Becky Byron	Mildred C. Netwal
Sandra K. Castek	Don & Deon Nontelle
Bob & Sue Christopherson	Bob & Janet Ollech
John & Ardu Cleveland	Thomas Pribek
Brian Connell	Dennis W. Priebe & Joy Priebe
Michael & Cameron De Yoe	Ron & Jane Rada
Wanda DuCharme, MD & Edgar Storey	Brian & Karen Rude
John Edwards & Fran Lee-Edwards	Allen & Julia Saterbak
Michelle & Andrew Elliot, MD	Jamie & Joe Schlogel
Dave & Barb Erickson	Susan Schmidt
Donald* & Barb Frank	Jack* & Marti Schwem
Bruce & Barbara Friell	Jeri Sebo
Anita J. Froegel	Dianne Seyler
Gordon Gade	Atty. Tom & Judy Sleik
Clara Gelatt & Neal Meier	Shirley M. Smith
Carl & Anne Glowcheski	Samuel* & Charlet Sperbeck
Richard & Barbara Graw	Janet Stansfield
Rev. Ronald & Merle Gustafson	Bruce & Judy Stum I in
Robert A. Handson	Jon Stuttgart
Mary L. Heider	Robin & Stephanie Swartz
Joyce A. Heil	Duane* & Carol Taebel
Andy & Geri Hengst	Steve & Suzanne Tanke
Paul & Ann* Henke	Gary* & Mary Veldey
Dan Herman & Mary Monsoor	Cheryl Vieth
Edwin Hill & Nancy Fulkerson Hill	Cindy Vieth
Tom & Trudy Kennedy	Tom Walter & Jenny Ehlke-Walter
Atty. Maureen Kinney	Dr. Stephen & Katie Webster
Sue Knopf & James Rothwell*	David & Sandra* Whiteley
George & Betty Kruck	Michael & Peggy Wickenkamp
Jay Lokken & Ken Riley	Dick & Shelia Wieser
Duane Lorn & Rhonda Akeson	Wayne & Joan* Wojciechowski
John Magerus, Ph.D & Everett McKinney Ph.D	Richard* & Rita Wolfe
Dr. Todd & Deb Mahr	

*deceased

REALIZED

Ella F. Ambrosius (1975)	Rita McGaughey (2011)
Jean Gitz Bassett (2020)	Lillian McGaughren (1995)
Ronald & Valerie Burman (2023)	Dr. David L. & Sacia B. Morris (2022)
Mary Jane Bice (1984)	Edgar L. Mundstock (1982)
Dr. Archie & Rosemary Britt (2016)	Albert T. Muth (1950)
Elisabeth Swannel Bruder (1997)	David E. N udd (2003)
Elmer J. Buchholz (1967)	Gerald & Barbara Ostreng (2022)
Nellie L. Case (1968)	Norma & William Panka (2021)
Lois M. Craig (2021)	Nicoletta Pappas (2011)
Lorraine Dahl (2001)	Cora Pierce (1952)
Ruth M. Dalton M.D. (2011)	Bernard & Mary Pralle (2018)
Philip S. Davy (1993)	Susan M. Quillin (2023)
Dr. Paul L. Felion M.D.	Louis I. Rehffuss (1971)
Robert & Eleanor Franke (2018)	Ada Reichelt (1998)
Henry & Ellen Funk (2022)	Connie Repnik (2006)
Amanda Ginsky (1994)	Louis Robinson Sr. (1979)
Leona J. Goetzinger (1999)	Walter T. Roth (1989)
Gertrude Salzer Gordon (1997)	Donald Schwert (1994)
Donald "Sandy" Gordon (1998)	John & Ruth Sherman (2011)
Alice O. Gordon (1942)	Mary Grace Sieber (2006)
Robert "Larry" Gorman (1992)	Louise Smith (1970)
Roger & Angeline H. Haag (2022)	Jacquie M. Favreau Kennedy (2020)
Dorinda Hawk (2018)	Vera Strauss (1989)
Josephine Hintgen (1982)	William P. Vafeas, Ph.D. (2011)
Harold Isenman (1981)	Vivian Veum (1995)
Pauline M. Jackson M.D. (2017)	Chester & Betty Ware (1995)
Sophie Johnston (1999)	Carolyn Weidman (1972)
Bernard Kriesel (2023)	Harold Weisse (1991)
Harold E. Lemke (1991)	Harry L. & Charlotte L. Woods (1997)
Beverly J. Mach (2019)	Corrine Zielke (2000)
Bob & Jean Marek (2013)	Payton Zietlow (2021)
Dora D. Marshall (1965)	

WHY GIVE A LEGACY GIFT?



- Give back to causes you care about while maintaining assets during your lifetime to care for family and friends.
- After your death, the foundation's expert staff will steward your vision in perpetuity.
- Your legacy gift will grow over time and do more good with each passing year, and you have the peace of mind knowing that your gift will be used as intended.
- Bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes. If you have a taxable estate, the estate tax charitable deduction may offset or eliminate estate taxes, resulting in a larger inheritance for your heirs.

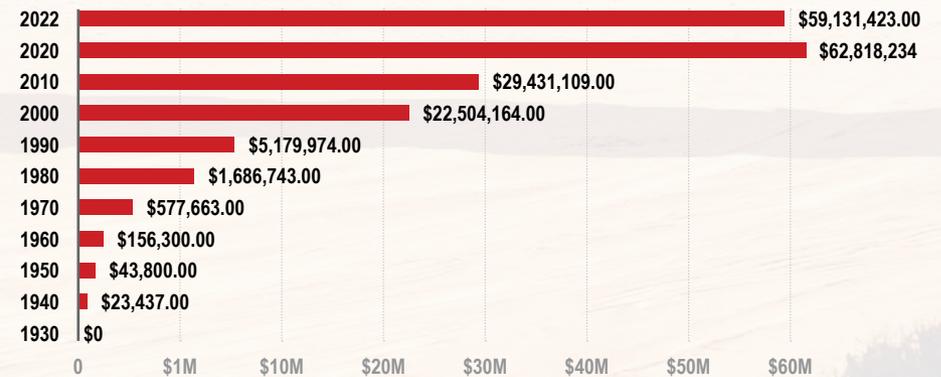
If your name is not on the following list and you are a Forever Society member, please reach out and let us know. We would love to recognize your generosity and set up a time to meet and ensure we understand your plans.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position (Audited)

Assets	2022	2021
Checking and Money Market	\$1,612,006.00	\$1,338,836.00
Investments	\$53,329,648.00	\$62,773,278.00
Pledges Receivable - Funds	\$95,700.00	\$538,700.00
Beneficial interest in perpetuall trusts	\$4,027,085.00	\$5,010,335.00
Other Assets	\$66,984.00	\$65,850.00
Total Assets	\$59,131,423.00	\$69,726,999.00
Liabilities		
Funds Held for Agencies	\$4,617,911.00	\$5,129,165.00
Outstanding Grant Commitments	\$744,128.00	\$160,000.00
Other Liabilities	\$62,518.00	\$85,898.00
Total Liabilities	\$5,424,557.00	\$5,375,063.00
Beginning Balance of Net Assets	\$64,351,936.00	\$57,979,530.00
Change in Net Assets	\$(10,645,070.00)	\$6,372,406.00
Total Net Assets	\$53,706,866.00	\$64,351,936.00
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$59,131,423.00	\$69,726,999.00

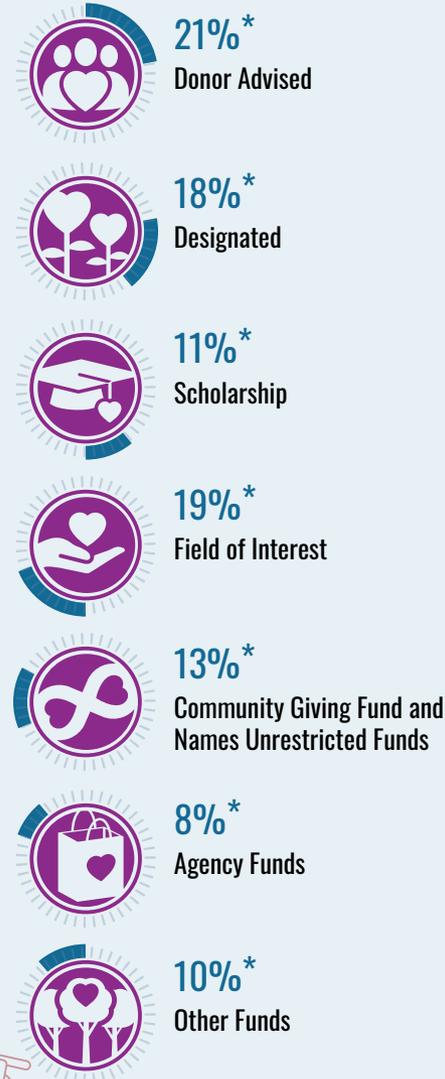
Total Assets by Year



Statement of Financial Activity (Audited)

	2022	2021
Support and Other revenue		
Contributions and Bequests	\$3,927,558.00	\$4,110,101.00
Less Contributions from Agencies	\$(470,846.00)	\$(70,976.00)
Net Investment Return	\$(8,429,183.00)	\$7,011,721.00
Change in Perpetual Trusts	\$(983,250.00)	\$338,198.00
Other Income	\$69,997.00	\$58,841.00
Total Support and Revenue	\$(5,885,724.00)	\$11,447,885.00
Expenses		
Grants and Scholarships	\$4,204,471.00	\$4,657,863.00
Less Grants for Agencies	\$(179,800.00)	\$190,800.00
Program-Related Expenses	\$415,374.00	\$321,166.00
Management and General	\$195,209.00	\$187,420.00
Development/Fundraising	\$124,092.00	\$99,830.00
Total Expenses	\$4,759,346.00	\$5,075,479.00
Change in Net Assets	\$(10,645,070.00)	\$6,372,406.00

TYPES OF FUNDS



* Percent of assets by fund type as of 12/31/2022



Honoring the Fiduciary Responsibility Force

The board of directors is fiduciarily responsible for La Crosse Community Foundation. The board's finance and investment committee members use 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.

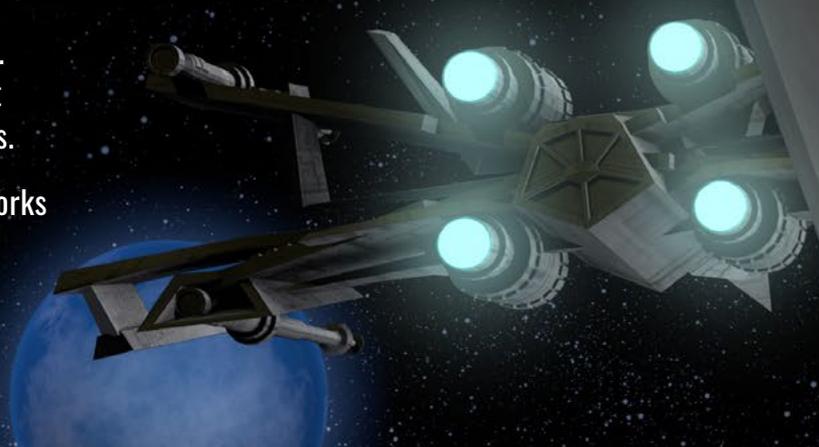
Auditors:
Hawkins Ash CPAs

Trustee and Investment Manager:
Trust Point

THE FORCE OF INVESTING

LCF offers three investment pools to meet our donors' philanthropic objectives. Assets are prudently invested to ensure grants can be made to address current community needs while preserving and increasing assets for future generations.

Investments are monitored by our finance and investment committee, which works closely with an investment advisor specializing in nonprofit investments.



LONG-TERM FUND INVESTMENT POOL

1. LONG TERM GROWTH POOL

OBJECTIVE:

Achieve growth and capital appreciation over a long-term investment horizon primarily through a diversified portfolio of publicly-traded securities

2022 Annual Return: Benchmark -14.90%

Risk Profile: High

Grantmaking Timeline:

Annual grants in perpetuity



SHORT-TERM FUND INVESTMENT POOLS

2. INTERMEDIATE IMPACT POOL

OBJECTIVE:

Achieve moderate growth balanced with capital preservation over a short to medium term primarily through a diversified portfolio of fixed income with some equity exposure

2022 Annual Return: Benchmark -9.8%

Risk Profile: Moderate

Grantmaking Timeline:

Typically 2 years to 25 years



3. SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET POOL

OBJECTIVE:

Preserve principal over a short term through money market and cash instruments

2022 Annual Return: Benchmark N/A

Risk Profile: Low

Grantmaking Timeline:

Typically 0 to 2 years



THE FORCE OF GIVING

La Crosse Community Foundation provides a variety of simple and powerful ways individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofit organizations can practice philanthropy within our community.

The foundation has a unique ability to accept a broad range of assets. Our staff is prepared and ready to assist you in determining which methods best meet your charitable interests and unique financial circumstances. We help you make the most of both, so you can receive the greatest return on your community investment.

The foundation is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 public charity, so donors receive the maximum tax benefits allowed by law.

BROWSE OUR FUNDS

Funds are established by individuals, families, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community groups sharing a common interest. La Crosse Community Foundation currently manages over 300 funds and, on average, adds an additional 20 new funds each year.

Explore the funds here:
www.laxcommfoundation.com/give/browse-our-funds/



Interested in creating your own fund?
Call us today – (608) 782-3223 ext. 21.



SUPPORT LCF!

Community Giving Fund

The most flexible of La Crosse Community Foundation's perpetually endowed funds, it can respond quickly to changing community needs because its use is unrestricted. Grants from this fund are made quarterly through our competitive grantmaking program advised by our grants committee and board of directors.

Greatest Needs Fund

Gifts to the Greatest Needs Fund ensure that the La Crosse Community Foundation can continue to support the philanthropic goals of donors and the work of nonprofit organizations. The fund is built through unrestricted gifts, and distributions can be used to support operations, special strategic initiatives, and our competitive grantmaking program. This fund is not perpetual and, therefore, is available for use at anytime.

WAYS TO GIVE

NOW

Cash, Check, Credit Card, or ACH from Bank Account

Stocks or Mutual Funds

Real Estate or Other Assets

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

Charitable Trust or Annuity

LATER

Bequest by Will or Trust

Beneficiary Designation of Retirement Funds (IRA or 401K)

Life Insurance

Charitable Remainder Trust



THE FORCE OF PHILANTHROPY

“The force will be with you. Always.” Obi-Wan Kenobi may be the originator of this quote, but La Crosse Community Foundation is dedicated to the force of philanthropy FOREVER. For over 92 years, LCF has wisely invested its funds for a sustainable and maximized community impact. Our model encourages the building of permanent community capital through endowed funds. Through the generous donors in La Crosse County and the financial force of endowment funds, we award more in grants per year than dollars received in gifts. Even with the generous grants, LCF’s assets continue to grow. The La Crosse Community Foundation is keenly aware of the force of philanthropy and understands with great power, comes great responsibility – a responsibility that LCF will steward proudly today, tomorrow, and forever.

2022 AT A GLANCE

OVER 92 YEARS Serving La Crosse County

907 Grants & Scholarships Awarded

19 New Funds

312 Total Funds

\$4,204,471 Awarded in Grants & Scholarships

\$3,927,558 Donated to LCF

\$59.1 Million Total Assets



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