



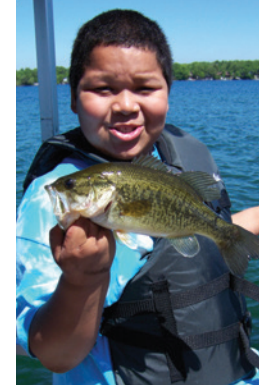
COMMUNITY
GIVING

ANNUAL REPORT

Engaging PEOPLE



FISCAL YEAR 2016 - 2017



DEAR *Friends*

Robert Putnam devoted a lifetime of work and research at Harvard University to the basic concept that connected individuals enjoy a better quality of life. The same is true of connected communities. This is why at CommunityGiving we put such a high value on Engaging People.

Over the past FY 2016-17 we saw many examples where engaging people resulted in positive outcomes for individuals and ultimately for their communities. We saw a community come together to build a new playground that is accessible for all children. We saw six people dance their hearts out in front of hundreds of people to raise money to support women and girls. We saw grants and scholarship committees contemplate and deliberate how grant dollars could impact their communities. We witnessed engaged donors, engaged fund advisors, engaged board members and volunteers who made all the difference.

Over 2,200 donors stepped forward and made gifts in excess of \$12.7 million to one of the 711 funds held at one of the four core community foundations powered by CommunityGiving. Collectively many of these same individuals, through their funds, granted a record \$8.4 million to make their communities better for all with over 80 percent of these grants staying in local communities in Minnesota. Watching the impact of these dollars transform communities is why we do what we do at CommunityGiving.

As the second year of CommunityGiving comes to a close, we offer a special thanks to our founding Board Chair, Maryanne Mahowald, for her leadership and commitment to this new and innovative philanthropic endeavor. Her twin mottos of “Better Together” and “All for one and one for all” will continue to stand as a mantra for CommunityGiving as we move forward.

We are truly grateful to everyone for “Engaging” in this important work. Your active engagement connects you to your community. And as a result leads to building connected and healthy communities.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jim Roelofs • Board Chair

Steve Joul • President & CEO



WHY ARE WE *Engaged?*

To engage people in the community is one of the core functions of a community foundation. We strive to bring people together to tackle the obstacles that each community faces because we know that the relationships of individuals and organizations are what helps communities propel forward towards a brighter tomorrow.

LIFE IS MORE ABOUT GIVING THAN RECEIVING. WE'RE BORN TO SERVE.

I COULD STILL WORK FOR MY COMMUNITY IN RETIREMENT IN A NEW WAY.

great people

SUPPORTING AND BUILDING MY LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS IS PRICELESS.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP 'WEALTH' AT HOME FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

I CAN HELP INSPIRE OTHERS TO GIVE.

service

I WAS INSPIRED BY A MENTOR AND FEEL ENERGY BY BEING INVOLVED.

COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY IS FANTASTIC! BEST JOB IN THE WORLD AND LUCKY TO HAVE IT.

I'M CONTINUING A FAMILY TRADITION OF SERVICE TO COMMUNITY.

I LIKE HOW OUR COMMUNITIES TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN.

passion

THE STORIES SHOW THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK.

I CAN BRING EXPERTISE TO MY TOWN. IT'S MY PASSION AND THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

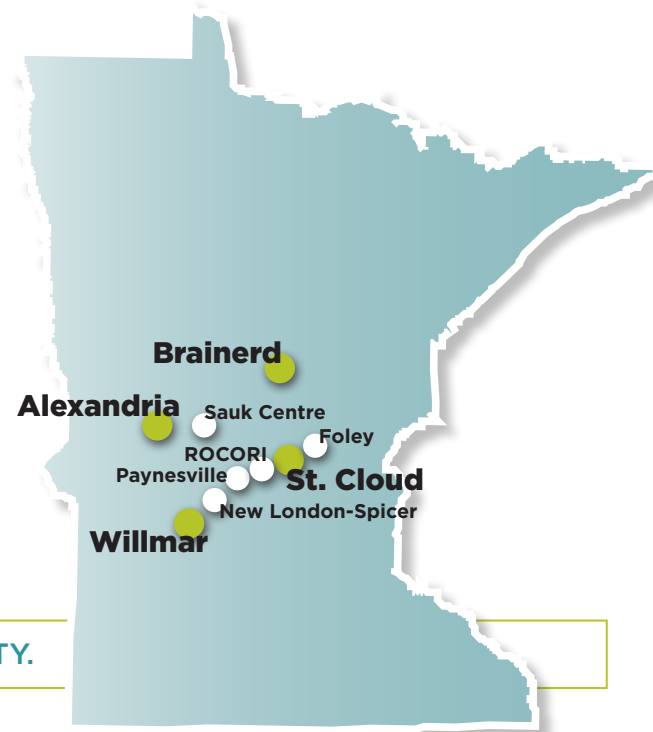
A society grows great when people plant trees under whose shade they shall never sit.

— GREEK PROVERB



COMMUNITY GIVING

CommunityGiving unites the Alexandria, Brainerd, Willmar, greater St. Cloud areas and beyond under a single framework to create efficiencies that maximize donors' impact. This partnership of the four communities is built on three core values: respect for the autonomy of each of the partners, a focus on economies of scale to achieve greater operating efficiencies and a willingness of all partners to collaborate with one another. CommunityGiving allows us to help donors achieve their charitable goals and ensure their legacies are remembered for generations to come. We envision a family of thriving communities that will find inspiring ways to turn goodwill into great success stories.



ENGAGING PEOPLE. BUILDING COMMUNITY.

2017 - 2018 BOARD

Jim Roelofs • *Chair*
Loran Hall • *Vice Chair*
Colette Carlson • *Treasurer*
Steve Linder • *Secretary*
Terri Barreiro
Fred Bursch
John Lindstrom
Maryanne Mahowald
Sonja Merrild
Asha Morgan Moran
Bruce Pohlig
James Ringwald
Bob Sweeney
Ken Warner

STAFF

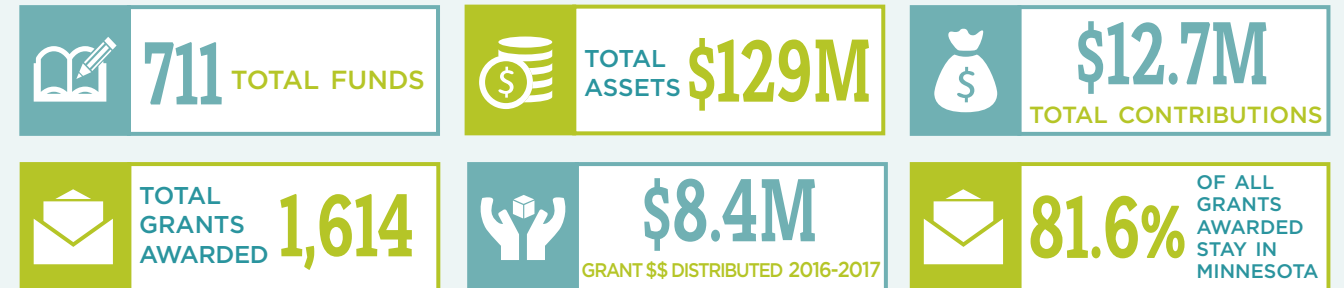
Jeanne Blonigen • *Grants and Scholarships Coordinator*
April Burton • *Administrative Coordinator for CMCF*
Sara Carlson • *Executive Director of WACF*
Karina DeJong • *Donor Services Coordinator for WACF*
Christine Frank • *Operations and Human Resources Manager*
Sandra Henley • *Financial Assistant*
Steve Joul • *President and CEO*
Sherri Koslofsky • *Administrative Coordinator for WACF*
Susan Lorenz • *Director of Community Programs*
Kathy Pfeffer • *Executive Director of AACF*
Karl Samp • *Executive Director of BLACF*
Courtney Schmidt • *Marketing and Communications Manager*
Amy Sprout • *Office and Events Coordinator*
Greta Stark-Kraker • *Director of Donor Relations for CMCF*
Caryl Turnow • *Executive Director of CMCF*
Elise Wiener • *Director of Finance and Investments*

COMMUNITYGIVING CONSULTANTS

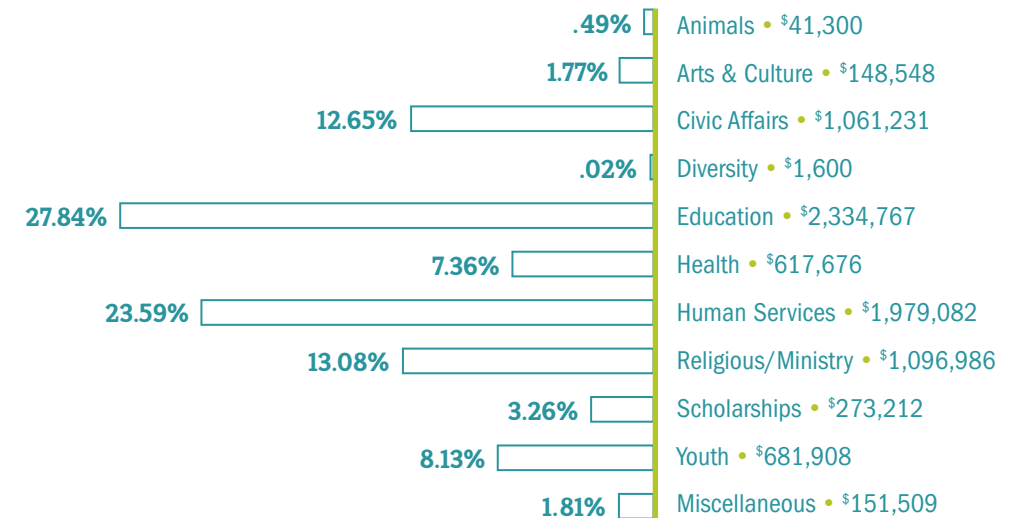
Barbara Carlson and Terri Foster

FINANCIALS

As of June 30, 2017



WHERE DID OUR GRANTS GO?



2,292 DONORS     • **510** VOLUNTEERS





ALEXANDRIA AREA Community Foundation

ESTABLISHED IN 1992

MISSION

The mission of the Alexandria Area Community Foundation is to engage people, connect resources and build community.

2017 - 2018 BOARD

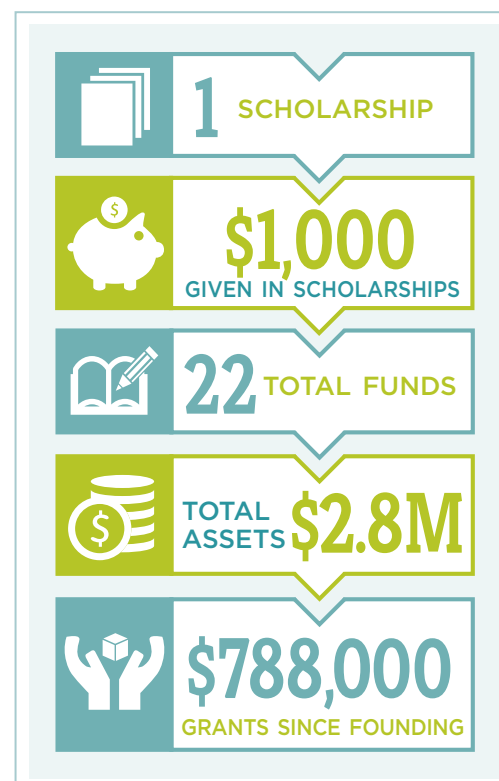
Jason Pohlen • *Chair*
Joshua Tatge • *Vice Chair*
Bruce Pohlig • *Treasurer*
Kelly Jenzen • *Secretary*
Tom Anderson
Fred Bursch
Bill Flaig
Paula Jackson
Kellie Janssen
Ben Miller
Jenny Odland
Jeff Restad
Sally Smith
Dave Vagle

AACF STAFF

Kathy Pfeffer • *Executive Director*
Judy Radil • *Foundation Assistant*
Barbara Carlson • *CommunityGiving Consultant*

FINANCIALS

As of June 30, 2017



► To learn more about the Alexandria Area Community Foundation visit CommunityGiving.org/AACF.



BRAINERD LAKES AREA Community Foundation

ESTABLISHED IN 1998

MISSION

The mission of the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation is to engage people, connect resources and build community.

2017 - 2018 BOARD

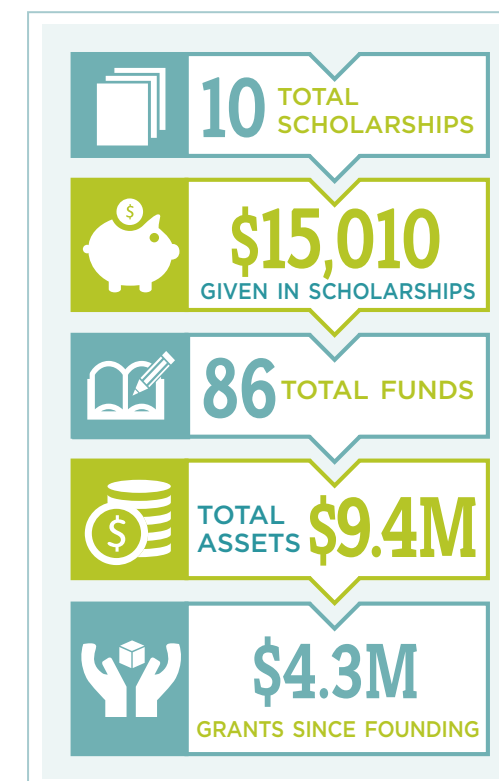
Tom Anderson • *Chair*
Janelle Riley • *Vice Chair*
Tim Bergin • *Treasurer*
Ray Charpentier • *Secretary*
David Cowell
Ruth Gmeinder
Mary Jetland
Jim Kraft
Kevin Larson
Quinn Nystrom
Darrell M. Paske
Bob Sweeney
Dr. Carol Winegar

BLACF STAFF

Karl Samp • *Executive Director*
Terri Foster • *CommunityGiving Consultant*

FINANCIALS

As of June 30, 2017



► To learn more about the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation visit CommunityGiving.org/BLACF.



ESTABLISHED IN 1985

MISSION

The mission of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation is to engage people, connect resources and build community.

2017 - 2018 BOARD

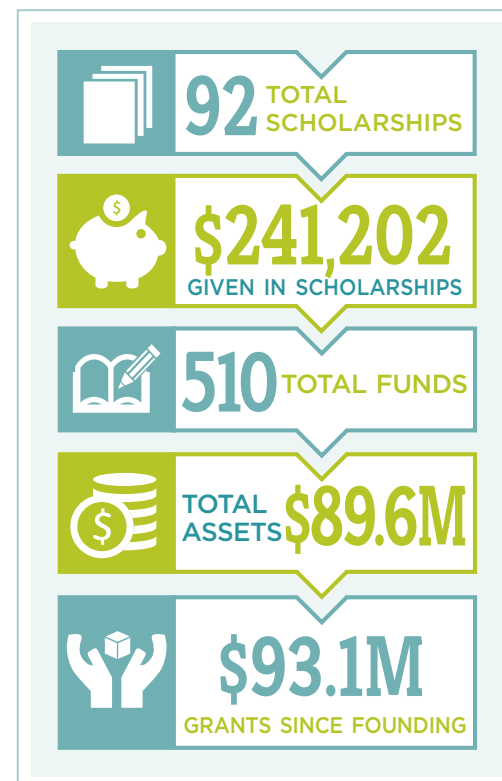
Steve Laraway • *Chair*
Debra Leigh • *Vice Chair*
John Herges • *Treasurer*
Dan Steil • *Secretary*
Jason Bernick
Stefanie Brown
Colette Carlson
Janet Grones
Joanne Kudrna
Mary Dana Hinton
Maryanne Mahowald
Tohow Siyad
Paul Thompson
Brad Wheelock
Steve Windfeldt

CMCF STAFF

Caryl Turnow • *Executive Director*
Susan Lorenz • *Director of Community Programs*
Greta Stark-Kraker • *Director of Donor Relations*
April Burton • *Administrative Coordinator*

FINANCIALS

As of June 30, 2017



► To learn more about the Central Minnesota Community Foundation visit CommunityGiving.org/CMCF.



ESTABLISHED IN 1998

MISSION

The Willmar Area Community Foundation seeks to attract and distribute charitable funds in efforts that enhance the quality of life of residents in our areas.

2017 - 2018 BOARD

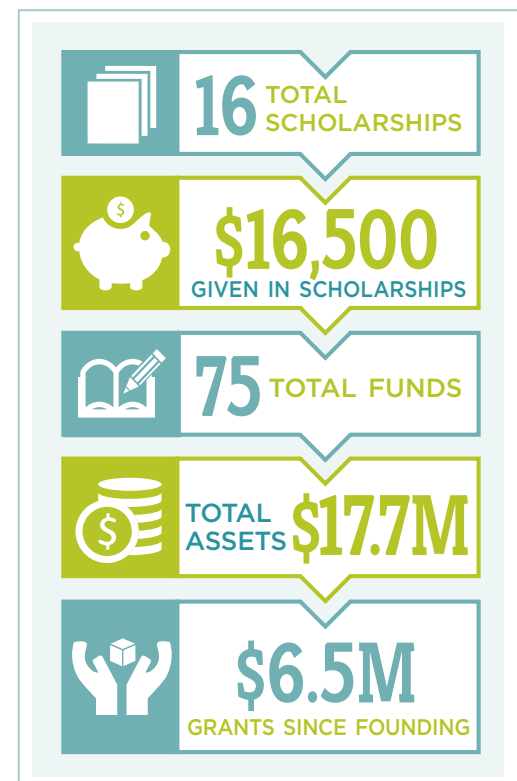
Sarah Klaassen • *Chair*
Pastor Jon Dahl • *Vice Chair*
Wayne Nelson • *Treasurer*
Heather Thompson • *Secretary*
Duaine Amundson
Ron Holmgren
Tori Leitch
Steve Linder
Chris Newcomer
Dennis E. Peterson
Jon Schmidt
Diane Shuck
Jeff Schultz
Terry Tone
Andy VanDerBill

WACF STAFF

Sara Carlson • *Executive Director*
Karina DeJong • *Donor Services Coordinator*
Sherri Koslofsky • *Administrative Coordinator*

FINANCIALS

As of June 30, 2017



► To learn more about the Willmar Area Community Foundation visit CommunityGiving.org/WACF.

COMMUNITY FUNDS

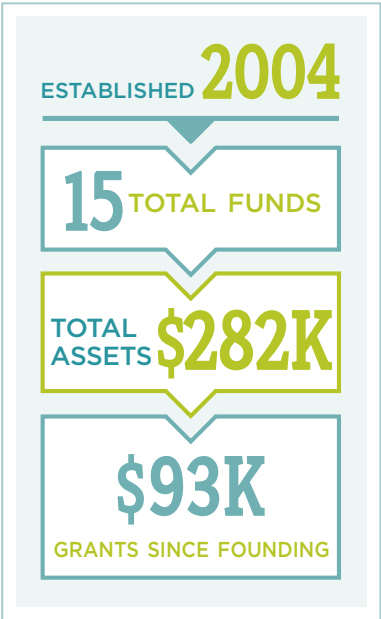
CommunityGiving hosts a number of Community Funds that vary based on specific needs and interests of local partner communities and strive to strengthen their local communities through philanthropy. Each Community Fund is supported by a local advisory board.

Community Funds partner with one of the four affiliate foundations in Alexandria, Brainerd, Central Minnesota or Willmar to give them access to our staff's charitable giving, fund accounting and investment management expertise.

We applaud these community leaders and volunteers for taking the first step in leaving a legacy in their local communities.



FINANCIALS
As of June 30, 2017



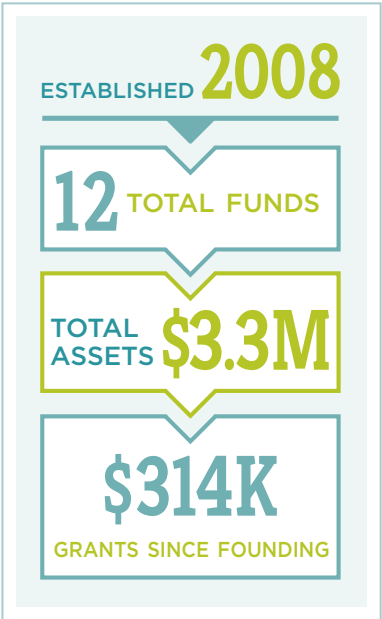
- BOARD MEMBERS
- Becky Howard • Chair
 - Paul Neubauer • Treasurer/Secretary
 - Candi Janssen
 - Bernie Peterson
 - Shannon Schmit
 - Doug Scott
 - Alyssa Stewart
 - Dr. Cliff Stiles (Emeritus)

FINANCIALS
As of June 30, 2017



- BOARD MEMBERS
- Clark J. Vollan • Chair
 - Bill Taunton Jr. • Vice Chair
 - Pat Berg
 - John Bergman
 - Bill Gossman
 - Ed Huseby
 - Marilynn Tiede

FINANCIALS
As of June 30, 2017



- BOARD MEMBERS
- Dick Johnson • Chair
 - Maggie Utsch • Vice Chair
 - Steve Peterson • Treasurer
 - Amy Bast • Secretary
 - Paul Bugbee
 - Mary Hendrickson
 - Dale Klein
 - Rosie Lieser
 - Leo Louis
 - Lou Louis
 - Bev Mueller
 - Wayne Nelson
 - Bill Spooner

FINANCIALS
As of June 30, 2017



- BOARD MEMBERS
- Jerry Wenner • Chair
 - Kelly Warren • Vice Chair
 - Anita Reichert • Treasurer
 - Pat Donlin • Secretary
 - Roger Bechtold
 - Ron Clark
 - Jan Dingmann
 - Mike Heen
 - Mike (Tucker) Plantenberg
 - Nadine Schnettler
 - Dan Steil
 - Helen Torborg-Prill
 - Teresa Vander Eyk
 - Duane Willenbring

FINANCIALS
As of June 30, 2017



- BOARD MEMBERS
- Brenda Felling Jennissen • Chair
 - Jim Umhoefer • Vice Chair
 - Tim Borgmann • Treasurer
 - Gwen Kranz • Secretary
 - Jim Beste
 - Sheila Flatau
 - Rick Jennissen
 - Mark Klaphake
 - Roger Reinardy
 - Dave Simpkins
 - Sara Thompson

CUMULATIVE *Giving*

Contributions since the beginning of the Foundation in 1985

CommunityGiving donors are recognized for their cumulative lifetime gifts to the foundations that we serve. This includes gifts to the foundation and gifts to funds that are managed by the foundation. Their sustained giving is important to the overall mission and vision of our organization.

\$5,000,000+

Anonymous
Jim and Lois Anderson
William E.† and Virginia† Clemens
Alice Cox†
Nancy Ehlen
Norman C. Skalicky Foundation

\$2,000,000+

Harold† and Jeanette† Anderson
Anonymous (2)
Bernick's
Otto Bremer Foundation
Jim and Marion Miller
Marvin Otto†
Thomas Ritsche†

\$1,000,000+

Elaine M. Adams†
Anonymous
Antioch Company
Sharon and Mike Bauerly
John† and Cindy Clemens
Dr. Philip Halenbeck†
Leo T. Henkemeyer
G.R. Herberger's, Inc.
Andy† and Carol Hilger
Kevin and Teresa Hilger
Dr. Severin† and Ruth† Koop
Hope Lindman†
Gordon and Michelle Meyer
Morgan Family Foundation
Harlan and Jeraldean Palm
Bob and Sandy Sexton
Leander† and Mary Torborg
John and Mary Weitzel

\$500,000+

Anonymous (2)
Dorothy† and Norman† Barthel
John and Nancy Bartlett
Dorothy Becker†
Kenneth and Alix Behm
Bush Foundation
Mark and Kimberly Doman
Roger and Betty Duininck
Charles Ehlen
Merle J. and Kathy Felling
Catherine Gustafson†
Marion Jagielski†
Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.
Reynold W.† and Eleanor D.† Larson
Evelyn Lenander†
Cheryl Lightle and Wada Skaja
Leo and Luella Louis
Fred Nolan and Ellen Siewert
Park Industries
Joyce and Tom Schlough
St. Cloud Area School District 742
Robert Sullivan†
David and Darlene Thiessen
Phil Thometz Estate
George and Shirley Torrey
Dennis Watkins†
Dr. Joseph Zeleny†

\$250,000+

Dean† and Gail Anderson
Anonymous (4)
Irma Anderson Estate
The Antioch Charitable Foundation
Viola Ness Ausherman†
Banker Systems, Inc.

Tim and Kristel Barber
Mimi and Dick Bitzan
Bremer
Bob Coborn
Joanne and Paul Dorsher
Walt and Reanna Gislason
Don and Arlene† Helgeson
Dr. Jerome Hilger†
Arnie and JoAnn Johnson
Janet and Jim Knoblach
Mary and Bob Kovell
Thomas† and Helen† Krebsbach
McKnight Foundation
Optimist Club of Saint Cloud
Jim and Denise Potter
Dennis and Karol Ringsmuth
Gordon Rosenmeier Trust
Michael and Laurie Sattler
Wayne and Juli Schluchter
Jerry Setten†
St. Cloud Rotary Foundation, Inc.
Bob and Mary Stangler
John† and Mildred Sullivan
Mark and Ann Thelen
Michael and Ann Tighe
Tony and Joyce Tillemans
United Way of Central Minnesota
Tim Wensman and Janet Fischels Wensman
Brad and Kathy Wheelock
Bob and Penny White
Wolters Kluwer Financial Services
Dennis and Karen Zaun

\$100,000+

Keith Adams†
Kathleen E. Allen
James and Linnea Anderson
Nathan and Erica Anderson
Anderson Trucking Service, Inc.
Ruby Anderson Trust
Anonymous (9)
Gilroy and Virginia Arvig
Corey J. Bartlett
Elaine and Jerry Bauerly
Myron and Myra Behm
Tim and Ann Bergin
Jason K. and Dr. Jen Bernick
Tim and Sharon Berscheid
Blue Cross Blue Shield
of Minnesota Foundation
Joan Bren and Steve Nelson
Adelle Burrus
Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, Inc.
CentraCare Health
Tim Chirhart and Jeanne Soleim
City of St. Cloud
City of Willmar
Kevin and Teresa Close
Close-Converse Commercial
and Preferred Properties
Coborn's Incorporated
Alex† and Ann† Didier
Dick Dillon
Anton B. and Elizabeth A. Dingmann Trust
Douglas C. and Gerri Elletson
National Exchange Club
Bob and Nancy Ferche

Ford Foundation
Lois E. Fredrickson†
Lawrence J. Gill Estate
Glenn Metalcraft Inc.
GNP Company
Dale and Elvis Grau
Barbara and Dennis Gregory
Janet and Tom Grones
James and Pauline Hall
Reverend Lloyd Haupt†
Patrice Hedlund and Ennis Arntson
Joseph J. Hennen
Cindy Faye Johnson and Tom Moore
Earl and Rhita Keskey
Roger and Darlene Klein
Dick and Carol Langdok
Steve and Peggy Laraway
James and Mary Jane Lauerman
John and Arlene Leisen
Helen Liljedahl†
Patrick E. Lynch
Mathew Hall Lumber Company
Maryanne and John Mahowald
Dave and Geri Marquardt
Scott and Mary Kay May
Michael and Gail McCarty
Mary Agnes and Al McQuinn
Asha Morgan Moran and Marty Moran
Mott Foundation
Louise Muggli
Brian and Karla Myres
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)
Marty and Jamie O'Link
Gerald and Carole Otto

Kenneth and Janet Panger
Bruce and Kathleen Pohlig
Mary Sue and Randy Potter
Rays of Hope Donors
Bernie and Linda Roberts
Nicholas T. Roloff Trust
Barry and Sandy Ross
Ron and Darlene Schaefer
Dr. Edward L. Silker
Andrew and Cynthia Staiger
St. Cloud Truck Sales
Ruth M. Stewart Family Foundation
Bob and JoAnn Thueringer
US Bank-St. Cloud
Dr. David and Catharine Van Nostrand
Venture Allies, LLC
General John W.† and Avis† Vessey
Richard Walls†
Irene T. Walsh Estate
Wells Fargo Bank
Willmar Electric Services
Diane and John† Wojtanowicz/
Prairie Farm Company
Xcel Energy Foundation
Donald and Clara Zachman
John W. Zapp†

† Deceased



► To view the full cumulative giving list, visit CommunityGiving.org/cumulativegiving.

ENGAGING *People*

CommunityGiving and our partner foundations are busy all year finding ways to be impactful in their communities and reaching out to other organizations as we work to engage people.

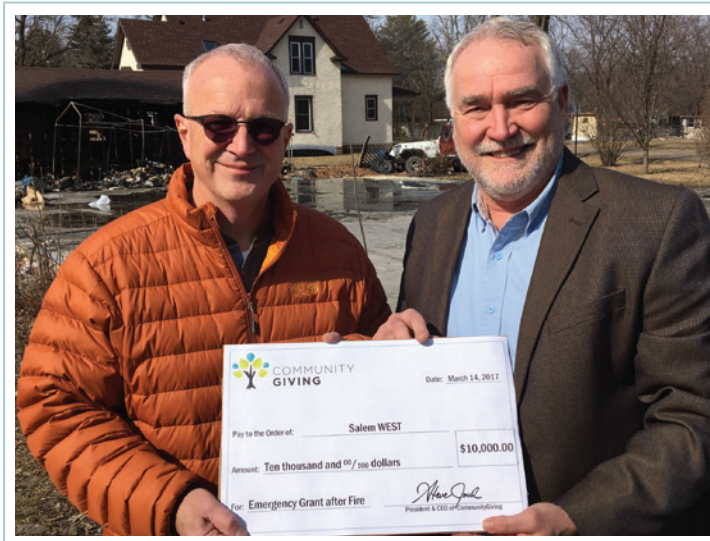
AACF

It was a hallmark year for the Alexandria Area Community Foundation. We celebrated our 25th anniversary by hosting a dinner and establishing two awards. The Ruth McDonald Award in Philanthropy recognized Micheal Lillehaugen (and his wife Kathy) for his work in establishing the Foundation in the early nineties. Lisa Bowen received the Professional Award in Philanthropy for her continued support of the Foundation and incorporating philanthropy in her work with her clients. Both of these award recipients are well deserving of this honor, and it is because of their work and passion for philanthropy that we are able to engage so many more people in our community through the Foundation.



BLACF

When an arson fire burned down the Salem WEST facility and inventory in Deerwood last March, many volunteers and donors, including BLACF with a \$10,000 grant, stepped up to help Salem WEST. They now have a larger facility outside of Deerwood, with even more capacity to engage volunteers and donors to help meet the needs of our neighbors in Crow Wing County and beyond. Salem WEST Director, Greg Meyer receives the grant from BLACF's Karl Samp.



CMCF

The Central Minnesota Community Foundation is engaging donors and volunteers in a whole new way. The CMCF and United Way of Central Minnesota have partnered to sponsor an event twice a year to Get On The Bus! The goal is to bring attention to the many nonprofits providing programs supporting community needs and that align with the Greater St. Cloud Community Pillars. The first trip, held in April, was to Promise Neighborhood in the Talahi neighborhood. Promise Neighborhood is one of many nonprofits that takes a holistic approach to strengthening their neighborhood by engaging the entire family to help them achieve their educational, economic and community aspirations.



WACF

"Shining a light in the dark places" is their mantra. The Willmar Area Women's Fund's work to engage people started with 40 campaigners, who reached 220 donors and raised over \$150,000 across Kandiyohi county to fight human trafficking through awareness, education and prevention. Together with their non-profit partners, they helped to educate over 850 kids, conducted training and educational meetings, donated supplies and provided funding for direct victim assistance and now a human trafficking task force coordinator, all in the space of one short year. This deserving group was honored with the first ever WACF Innovative Impact Award for their work in 2017.





PARTNER FOUNDATIONS

Alexandria Area Community Foundation
Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation
Central Minnesota Community Foundation
Willmar Area Community Foundation

101 S 7th Avenue, Suite 100
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Phone: (320) 253-4380 | (877) 253-4380
Fax: (320) 240-9215

communitygiving.org



Excellence. Accountability. Impact.™

*Confirmed in Compliance
with National Standards for
U.S. Community Foundations.*

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ST. CLOUD, MN
PERMIT NO 1446