

# *Building* COMMUNITY



## COMMUNITY GIVING

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



## DEAR *Friends*

**A**s CommunityGiving's first full year of operation came to a close last June, we began to see how this new structure enhances the work across the geographies we serve. Here is a short summary of some of those observations:

**Education and Sharing of Information** — We have watched with great excitement as board members and volunteers from one community share information with other communities and learn from one another. A concrete example is our CG Board Orientation for all volunteers who serve on one of the many community foundation boards that are a part of CG.

**Shared Resources** — We have discovered that resources any one community might not be able to afford can be made available through collaborative sharing of resources. This includes physical resources as well as staff knowledge.

**Shared Accountability and Operational Efficiencies** — We have one shared backroom and a strong accounting team that provides guidance and leadership to support the work of all of our partners. We had another clean audit in FY 2015-16. We received over \$9.5 million in cash gifts and commitments of another \$11.3 million in deferred gifts for a total of over \$20 million in philanthropic activity.

**Opportunity for Collective Action** — Across the many communities we serve, we provided over \$7.2 million in grants to charities that are making a difference in the lives of real people. This funding has enriched our communities through the arts, provided scholarships to aspiring college students and addressed important issues such as education improvement, workforce development, poverty, homelessness and human trafficking.

**Shared Stories** — We continue to be inspired by our donors' stories of giving back. This past year an index of these stories went live on our website and we are committed to collecting and maintaining these stories to inspire future generations.

CommunityGiving has the honor and privilege of working with our donors, our fund holders and the communities we serve to have greater impact together. Please see the adjoining page for ways you can continue to be a part of this important work. Thank you so much for your generosity and being a part of CommunityGiving!

Sincerely,

Steve Joul · President & CEO

Maryanne Mahowald · Board Chair



## BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR *Community*

As we move forward to promote giving across our region here are some of the ways you can be a part of CommunityGiving.

- 1 Attend your local community foundation's **ANNUAL EVENTS**.
- 2 Attend "**CONVERSATION ON RACE**" held in October of each year in St. Cloud.
- 3 Contribute to scholarships through the **BRAINERD PUBLIC SCHOOL'S FOUNDATION FUND**.
- 4 Volunteer at the **ALEXANDRIA SENIOR CENTER** to help deliver meals.
- 5 Volunteer to help with the **ROBBINS ISLAND PARK & PLAYGROUND**.
- 6 Join a **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** at CommunityGiving.
- 7 Give to the **UNRESTRICTED FUND** for your community to ensure that there is financial support for years to come.
- 8 Attend a local **WOMEN'S FUND** event.
- 9 "Like" our pages on Facebook and help **SPREAD THE WORD** about your local community foundation.
- 10 Set up a **CHARITABLE FUND** at your local community foundation administered by CommunityGiving.

We are excited about what the future holds for CommunityGiving and the communities we serve.

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

— GREEK PROVERB





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.

#### 2016 - 2017 BOARD

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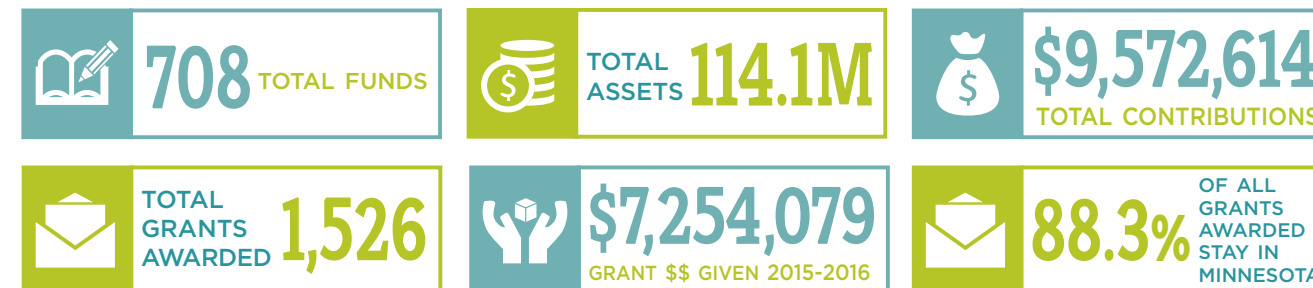
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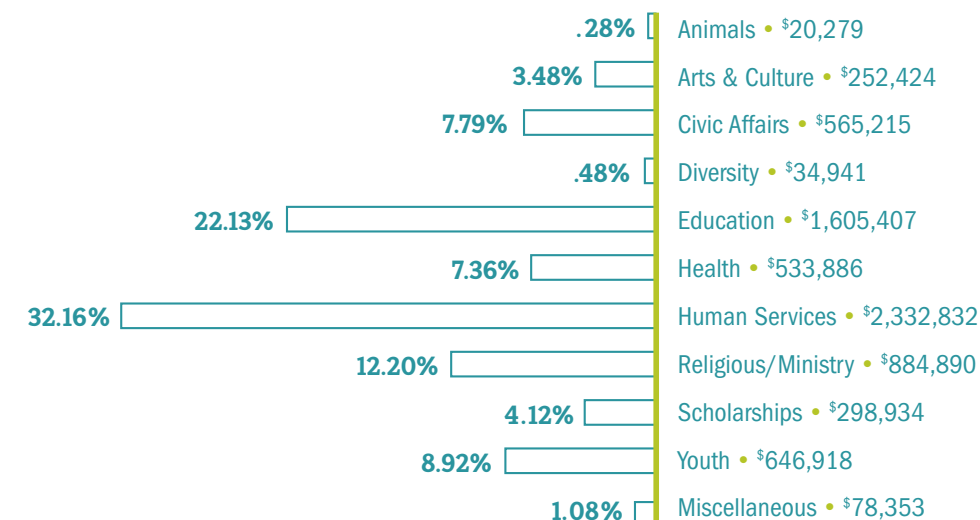
Barbara Carlson

## FINANCIALS

As of June 30, 2016



## WHERE OUR GRANTS GO



**2,127** DONORS • **490** 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.

### 2016 - 2017 BOARD

Dave Vagle • *Chair*  
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Ben Miller  
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### AACF STAFF

Barbara Carlson • *CommunityGiving Consultant*  
Judy Radil • *Foundation Assistant*

### FINANCIALS

*As of June 30, 2016*



► To learn more about the Alexandria Area Community Foundation visit [CommunityGiving.org/AACF](http://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.

### 2016 - 2017 BOARD

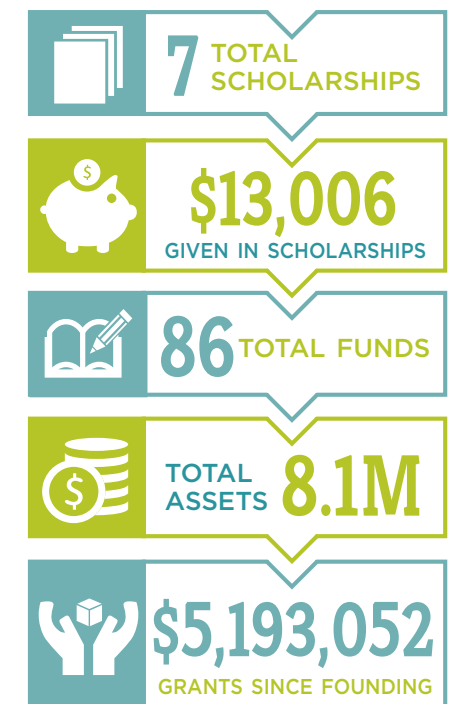
Bob Sweeney • *Chair*  
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Darrell M. Paske  
Tom Reek  
Janelle Riley  
Jim Roelofs  
Dr. Carol Winegar

### BLACF STAFF

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Liz McGowan • *Administrative Assistant*

### FINANCIALS

*As of June 30, 2016*



► To learn more about the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation visit [CommunityGiving.org/BLACF](http://CommunityGiving.org/BLACF).





CENTRAL  
MINNESOTA  
Community  
Foundation

ESTABLISHED IN 1985

#### MISSION

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

#### 2016 - 2017 BOARD

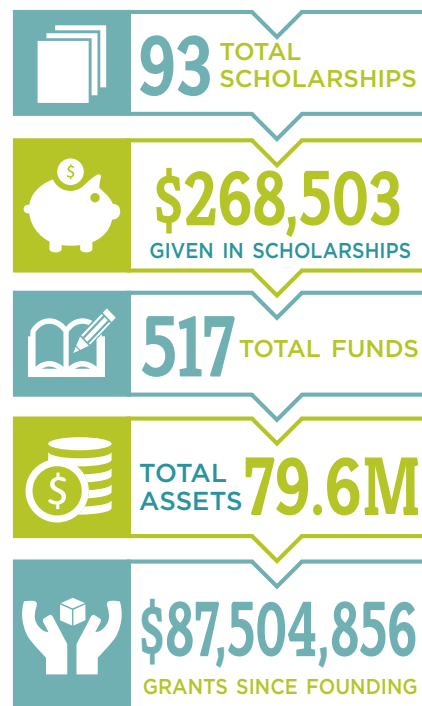
John Herges • *Chair*  
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#### CMCF STAFF

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April Burton • *Administrative Assistant*

#### FINANCIALS

*As of June 30, 2016*



► To learn more about the Central Minnesota Community Foundation visit [CommunityGiving.org/CMCF](http://CommunityGiving.org/CMCF).



WILLMAR AREA  
Community  
Foundation

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.

#### 2016 - 2017 BOARD

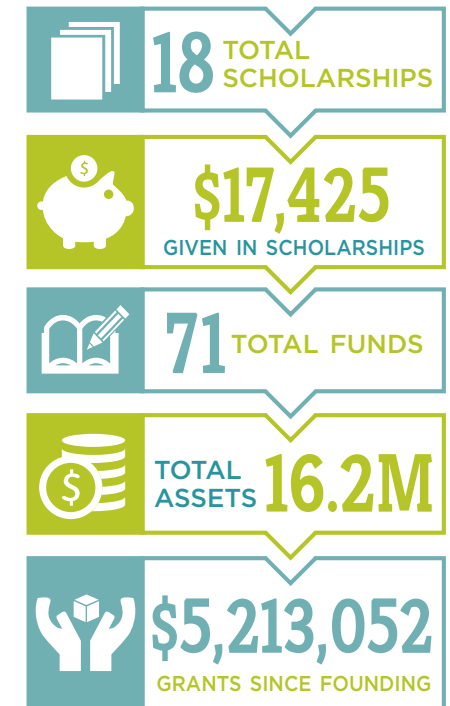
Terry Tone • *Chair*  
Sarah Klaassen • *Vice Chair*  
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Jon Schmidt  
Jeff Schultz  
Heather Thompson  
Andy VanDerBill

#### WACF STAFF

Sara Carlson • *Executive Director*  
Sherri Koslofsky • *Administrative Assistant*

#### FINANCIALS

*As of June 30, 2016*



► To learn more about the Willmar Area Community Foundation visit [CommunityGiving.org/WACF](http://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, 2016

ESTABLISHED **2004**

**14** TOTAL FUNDS

TOTAL ASSETS **168K**

**\$85,148**  
GRANTS SINCE FOUNDED

### BOARD MEMBERS

Becky Howard • *Chair*  
Paul Neubauer • *Treasurer/Secretary*  
Candi Janssen  
Bernie Peterson  
Doug Scott  
Dr. Cliff Stiles (Emeritus)  
Dave Walz



### FINANCIALS

As of June 30, 2016

ESTABLISHED **2013**

**1** TOTAL FUNDS

TOTAL ASSETS **69K**

**\$20,000**  
GRANTS SINCE FOUNDED

### BOARD MEMBERS

Clark Vollen • *Chair*  
Bill Taunton Jr. • *Vice Chair*  
Pat Berg  
John Bergman  
Bill Gossman  
Ed Huseby  
Peg Peterson  
Marilynn Tiede



### FINANCIALS

As of June 30, 2016

ESTABLISHED **2008**

**11** TOTAL FUNDS

TOTAL ASSETS **2.6M**

**\$258,479**  
GRANTS SINCE FOUNDED

### BOARD MEMBERS

Leo Louis • *Chair*  
Steve Peterson • *Treasurer*  
Rosie Lieser • *Secretary*  
Amy Bast  
Paul Bugbee  
Dick Johnson  
Dale Klein  
Luella Louis  
Bev Mueller  
Wayne Nelson  
Bill Spooner  
Maggie Utsch



### FINANCIALS

As of June 30, 2016

ESTABLISHED **2012**

**18** TOTAL FUNDS

TOTAL ASSETS **520K**

**\$125,459**  
GRANTS SINCE FOUNDED

### BOARD MEMBERS

Jerry Wenner • *Chair*  
Kelly Warren • *Vice Chair*  
Anita Reichert • *Treasurer*  
Pat Donlin • *Secretary*  
Ron Clark  
Mike (Tucker) Plantenberg  
Dan Steil  
Terese Vander Eyk  
Duane Willenbring



### FINANCIALS

As of June 30, 2016

ESTABLISHED **2015**

**2** TOTAL FUNDS

TOTAL ASSETS **667K**

**\$20,000**  
GRANTS SINCE FOUNDED

### BOARD MEMBERS

Brenda Felling Jennissen • *Chair*  
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Pam Borgmann  
Tim Borgmann  
Merle Felling  
Sheila Flatau  
Rick Jennissen  
Gwen Kranz  
Roger Reinardy  
David 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 overall mission and vision of our organization.

**\$5,000,000+**

Jim and Lois Anderson  
Anonymous  
William E.† and Virginia† Clemens  
Alice Cox†  
Nancy Ehlen

**\$2,000,000+**

Harold† and Jeanette† Anderson  
Anonymous (2)  
Otto Bremer Foundation  
Jim and Marion Miller  
Marvin Otto†  
Thomas Ritsche†  
Norman C. Skalicky

**\$1,000,000+**

Elaine M. Adams†  
Anonymous  
Antioch Company  
Sharon and Mike Bauerly  
Bernick's  
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  
Merle J. and Kathy Felling  
Catherine Gustafson†  
Marion Jagielski†  
Reynold W.† and Eleanor D.† Larson  
Evelyn Lenander†  
Cheryl Lightle and Wade Skaja  
Leo and Luella Louis  
Fred Nolan and Ellen Siewert  
Park Industries  
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 (3)  
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  
Charles Ehlen  
Walt and Reanna Gislason  
Don and Arlene† Helgeson  
Dr. Jerome Hilger†  
Arnie and JoAnn Johnson  
Janet and Jim Knoblach  
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  
Joyce and Tom Schlough  
Jerry Setten†  
St. Cloud Area School District 742  
St. Cloud Rotary Foundation, Inc.  
Bob and Mary Stangler  
John† and Mildred Sullivan  
Mark and Ann Thelen  
Tony and Joyce Tillemans  
Brad and Kathy Wheelock  
Bob and Penny White  
Wolters Kluwer Financial Services

**\$100,000+**

Keith Adams†  
Kathleen E. Allen  
Irma Anderson Estate  
Anderson Trucking Service, Inc.  
Ruby Anderson Trust  
Anonymous (10)  
Gilroy and Virginia Arvig  
Elaine and Jerry Bauerly  
Myron and Myra Behm  
Jason K. 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 System  
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  
Anton B. and Elizabeth A. Dingmann Trust  
Douglas C. and Gerri Elletson  
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  
Jennie-O Turkey Store, Inc.  
Cindy Faye Johnson and Tom Moore  
Earl and Rhita Keskey  
Roger and Darlene Klein  
Mary and Bob Kovell  
Richard and Carol Langdok  
James and Mary Jane Lauerman  
John and Arlene Leisen  
Helen Liljedahl†  
Patrick E. Lynch  
Mathew Hall Lumber Company  
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  
Mary Sue and Randy Potter  
Rays of Hope Donors

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Barry and Sandy Ross  
Ron and Darlene Schaefer  
St. Cloud Truck Sales  
Dr. Edward L. Silker  
Andrew and Cynthia Staiger  
Ruth M. Stewart Family Foundation  
Bob and JoAnn Thueringer  
Michael and Ann Tighe  
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†  
Dennis and Karen Zaun

† Deceased

► To view the full cumulative giving list, visit [CommunityGiving.org/cumulativegiving](https://CommunityGiving.org/cumulativegiving).





# BUILDING *Community*

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 build community.

## AACF

Alexandria Area Community Foundation awarded a Difference Maker grant of \$20,000 to the Alexandria Senior Center to upgrade the heating and air conditioning system in the center, ensuring their kitchen food storage and air quality has the capacity to better serve the growing population of senior residents in Douglas County. The nutrition program restarted congregate dining and home delivered meals at the Senior Center beginning January 5, 2015, serving over 2,400 meals each month.



## BLACF

Professional musicians from the Lakes Area Music Festival provided music for an outdoor yoga class which drew over 160 attendees. The event was one of 13 new community outreach initiatives supported by a Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation grant. Each summer the Lakes Area Music Festival brings over 125 of the nation's top classical performers to the Lakes Area for chamber music, orchestra, opera and ballet.



## CMCF

Central Minnesota Community Foundation partnered with other regional foundations, businesses and organizations to hold a Better Together, Community Pillars Forum in February 2016. The morning workshop brought 350 community members together to learn more about common priority areas that strengthen the region as a whole. An update was shared on nine areas of importance including: the economy, safety, education, wellness, infrastructure, arts and entertainment, community engagement, environment and housing. Another workshop is scheduled for February 1, 2017 to report on further progress and challenges related to these community priorities.



## WACF

The Willmar Area Community Foundation has been engaged in fulfilling the dream of a destination playground in the Willmar area. The planned playground is roughly 20,000 square feet and is a fully accessible space that encourages ‘shoulder to shoulder play’ where children of varying abilities can play alongside one another. WACF serves as the charitable fund host for the \$800,000 effort and sponsored “Design Day,” where the community came together to envision their playground from the ground up. Sharing a common goal and creating a lasting legacy for the children to see what can happen when we all work together – that is what building community is all about.







**PARTNER FOUNDATIONS**

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

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