DEAR Friends

As 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.org
Community Giving 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. Community Giving 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.

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WHERE OUR GRANTS GO

Animals • 20,279
Arts & Culture • 292,424
Civic Affairs • 565,215
Diversity • 134,941
Education • 1,605,407
Health • 1,533,886
Human Services • 2,332,832
Religious/Ministry • 864,890
Scholarships • 298,934
Youth • 646,918
Miscellaneous • 78,353

2,127 DONORS • 490 VOLUNTEERS

FINANCIALS
As of June 30, 2016

708 TOTAL FUNDS
TOTAL ASSETS 114.1M
$9,572,614 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
1,526 TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED
$7,254,079 GRANT $$ GIVEN 2015-2016
88.3% OF ALL GRANTS AWARDED STAY IN MINNESOTA

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

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- Joshua Tatge

**AACF STAFF**
- Barbara Carlson - CommunityGiving Consultant
- Judy Radil - Foundation Assistant

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

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- Janelle Riley
- Jim Roelofs
- Dr. Carol Winegar

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

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

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**FINANCIALS**

**Alexandria Area Community Foundation**

- **Established in 1992**
- **15 Total Funds**
- **$656,534 Grants since founding**
- **1.8M Total Assets**

**Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation**

- **Established in 1998**
- **7 Total Scholarships**
- **$5,193,052 Grants since founding**
- **86 Total Funds**
- **$13,006 Given in Scholarships**
- **8.1M Total Assets**

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To learn more about the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation visit CommunityGiving.org/BLACF.
MISSION
The mission of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation is to engage people, connect resources and build community.

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

FINANCIALS
As of June 30, 2016

93 TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS
$268,503 GIVEN IN SCHOLARSHIPS
517 TOTAL FUNDS
TOTAL ASSETS 79.6M
$87,504,856 GRANTS SINCE FOUNDED

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.

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Andy VanDerBill

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Sara Carlson • Executive Director
Sherri Koslofsky • Administrative Assistant

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FINANCIALS
As of June 30, 2016

18 TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS
$17,425 GIVEN IN SCHOLARSHIPS
71 TOTAL FUNDS
TOTAL ASSETS 16.2M
$5,213,052 GRANTS SINCE FOUNDED
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

foley area community foundation

ESTABLISHED 2004
14 TOTAL FUNDS
TOTAL ASSETS 168K
$85,148 GRANTS SINCE FOUNDING

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

new london-spicer area community fund

ESTABLISHED 2013
1 TOTAL FUNDS
TOTAL ASSETS 69K
$20,000 GRANTS SINCE FOUNDING

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

paynesville area community foundation

ESTABLISHED 2008
11 TOTAL FUNDS
TOTAL ASSETS 2.6M
$258,479 GRANTS SINCE FOUNDING

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

rocori area community foundation

ESTABLISHED 2012
18 TOTAL FUNDS
TOTAL ASSETS 520K
$125,459 GRANTS SINCE FOUNDING

BOARD MEMBERS
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Kelly Warren - Vice Chair
Anita Reichert - Treasurer
Pat Donlin - Secretary
Ron Clark
Mike (Tucker) Plantenberg
Dan Steil
Teresse Vander Eyk
Duane Willenbring

sauk centre area community foundation

ESTABLISHED 2015
2 TOTAL FUNDS
TOTAL ASSETS 667K
$20,000 GRANTS SINCE FOUNDING

BOARD MEMBERS
Brenda Felling Jennissen - Chair
Jim Umhoefer - Vice Chair
Jim Beste - Treasurer
Pam Borgmann
Tim Borgmann
Merle Felling
Sheila Flatau
Rick Jennissen
Gwen Kranz
Roger Reinardy
David Simpkins
Sara Thompson

CommunityGiving.org
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+
- John and Louis Anderson
- Anonymous
- William E. and Virginia Clemens
- Alice Cost
- Nancy Elliot

$2,000,000+
- Harold and Jeanette Anderson
- Otto Bremer Foundation
- Jim and Marion Miller
- Marvin Otto†
- Thomas Risch†
- Norman C. Skalicky

$1,000,000+
- Elaine M. Adam†
- Anonymous
- Antioch Company
- Sharon and Mike Bauerly
- Bemick’s
- John and Cindy Clemens
- Dr. Philo Halenbeck†
- Leo T. Henkemeyer
- G.R. Herberger’s, Inc.
- Leo and Luella Louis
- 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†

$250,000+
- Deant† and Gail Anderson
- Anonymous (2)
- Dorothy and Norman Barthel
- John and Nancy Bartlett
- Dorothy Becker†
- Kenneth and Alx Behm
- Bush Foundation
- Mark and Kimberly Duman
- Roger and Betty Dunsick
- Merle J. and Kathy Felling
- Catherine Gustafson†
- Marion Jagelka†
- Reynold W. and Eleanor D. Larson
- Evelyn Lendar†
- Lora 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†

$100,000+
- Keith Adams†
- Kathleen E. Allen
- Irma Anderson Estate
- Anderson Trucking Service, Inc.
- Ruby Anderson Trust
- Anonymous (10)
- Gimpy and Virginia Arvig
- Elaine and Jerry Bauerly
- Myron and Myra Behm
- Jason K. Bemick
- Tim and Sharon Burscheid
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation
- Joan Brem and Steve Nelson
- Adelle Bruns
- Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, Inc.
- CentraCare Health System
- Tim Chishart and Jeanne Soleim
- City of St. Cloud
- City of Willmar
- Kevin and Teresa Close
- Close-Converse Commercial and Preferred Properties
- Coborn’s Incorporated
- Allen† and Ann† Dietz
- Anton B. and Elizabeth A. Dingmann Trust
- Helen Liljedahl†
- John and Arlene Leisen
- James and Mary Jane Lauerman
- John and Alene Leisen
- Helen Liljedahl†
- Patrick E. Lynch
- Mathew Hall Lumber Company
- Scott and Mary Kay May
- Michael and Gail McCarty
- Mary Agnes and Al McQuinn
- Asa Morgan Moran and Marty Moran
- Mott Foundation
- Louise Muggli
- Brian and Kara Myres
- National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)
- Marty and Jamie O’Link
- Gerald and Carrie Otto
- Nicholas T. Roloff Trust
- Thomas Risch†
- Dennis and Karen Zaun

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

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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.