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.

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I was inspired by a mentor and feel energy by being involved.

I’m continuing a family tradition of service to community.

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.

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Community philanthropy is fantastic! Best job in the world and lucky to have it.

I like how our communities take care of our own.

I can bring expertise to my town. It’s my passion and the right thing to do.

The stories show the impact of our work.

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.

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COMMUNITY GIVING CONSULTANTS
Barbara Carlson and Terri Foster

WHERE DID OUR GRANTS GO?

- Animals · $41,300
- Arts & Culture · $148,548
- Civic Affairs · $1,061,231
- Diversity · $1,600
- Education · $2,334,767
- Health · $617,676
- Human Services · $1,979,082
- Religious/Ministry · $1,096,986
- Scholarships · $273,212
- Youth · $681,908
- Miscellaneous · $151,509

FINANCIALS
As of June 30, 2017

- 711 TOTAL FUNDS
- TOTAL ASSETS $129M
- $12.7M TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- $8.4M GRANT $S DISTRIBUTED 2016-2017
- 81.6% OF ALL GRANTS AWARDED STAY IN MINNESOTA

2,292 DONORS · 510 VOLUNTEERS

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

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- Kellie Janssen
- Ben Miller
- Jenny Odland
- Jeff Restad
- Sally Smith
- Dave Vagle

#### ACF STAFF
- Kathy Pfeffer - Executive Director
- Judy Radil - Foundation Assistant
- Barbara Carlson - CommunityGiving Consultant

### FINANCIALS
**As of June 30, 2017**

- **1** Scholarship
- **$1,000 Given in Scholarships**
- **22** Total Funds
- **$2.8M Total Assets**
- **$788,000 Grants Since Founding**

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

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- Janelle Riley - Vice Chair
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- 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**

- **10** Total Scholarships
- **$15,010 Given in Scholarships**
- **86** Total Funds
- **$9.4M Total Assets**
- **$4.3M Grants Since Founding**

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

To learn more about the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation, visit [CommunityGiving.org/BLACF](http://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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Greta Stark-Kraker - Director of Donor Relations
April Burton - Administrative Coordinator

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

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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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.

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As of June 30, 2017

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Community Foundation

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Leo Louis
Lou Louis
Bev Mueller
Wayne Nelson
Bill Spooner

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

$2,000,000+
Harold† and Jeanette† Anderson
Anonymous (2)
Bermick’s
Otto Bremer Foundation
Jim and Marion Miller
Marvin Otto†
Thomas Ritsche†

$1,000,000+
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Anonymous
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Sharon and Mike Bauerly
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Dr. Philip Halenbeck†
Andy† and Carol Hilger
Dr. Joseph Zeleny†
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David and Darlene Thiessen
Robert Sullivan†
David and Darlene Thiessen
Phyllis Thomeczek
Great Northern Railway
Paul Walensky
Dr. Jerome Hilger†

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Deann† and Gail Anderson
Anonymous (4)
Irma Anderson Estate
The Antioch Charitable Foundation
Visa Hess-Auerhahn
Banker Systems, Inc.

$500,000+
Anonymous (2)
Dorothea† and Norman† Barthe
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Dorothy Becker†
Kenneth and Alice Behm
Bush Foundation
Mark and Kimberly Doman
Roger and Betty Dulinick
Charles Ehlen
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Phil Thomeczek
George and Shirley Torrey
Dennis Walen
Dr. Joseph Zele

$100,000+
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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 Michael 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.