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IMPACT REPORT 2023

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60 funds serving the area



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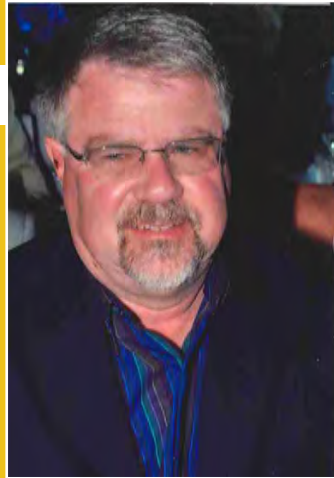
BOARD CHAIR LETTER

It starts here at home. I have had the opportunity to serve on several 501c3 boards, each of them carrying their own worth and value. Three years ago I received a call asking if I would like to be a part of the Waseca Area Foundation (WAF). It was an easy decision as it aligned with my own values of being a part and contributing to what I have called home for all of my life. I have long admired the WAF and what it was put in place to accomplish...giving back to and supporting our community.

Over the past 33 years, this fund has grown from \$6000 to over \$12M. How did this happen? To start, members of the 1988 All School Class Reunion, along with then current community members, came up with a vision of helping here at home, giving back and investing directly to our community. Next came the incredible support and dedication of well over 100 different board members over the years, from the communities of Waseca, New Richland, and Janesville. We also gladly give credit to the great direction given by the WAF Executive Directors, currently held by Amy Potter. Her ideas, suggestions, guidance, and dedication have been non-stop. And of course most importantly are those that give through grants, through sustaining partnerships, and yes, even those that have given just that one time.

With all of this community support, the WAF is now granting over \$300K annually through 60+ funds, with 35 organizations benefiting from this amazing generosity. If you have never heard of the Waseca Area Foundation, please keep reading and consider being a part of this great foundation, either on the giving or receiving end, and just know that you can be involved and be a part of something great, right here at home.

Thank you,
Dave Dunn
Board Chair



NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Waseca Area Foundation Supporters,

I hope this letter finds you well and thriving. As the Executive Director of the Waseca Area Foundation (WAF), I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and generous contributions. 2023 was a year of growth for a couple of specific reasons.

I am thrilled to share that in 2023, we were able to establish four new funds aimed at addressing needs in our communities: the Clarence Paulson Memorial Fund, Curtis Swenson Family Fund, Jurgen Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the iWealth Foundation Fund. Each of these is highlighted in this report. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of the donors who started these funds and who believe in our vision and mission.

The second significant area of growth comes with a new program we launched in 2023: The Advisor Managed Program. We are very excited to see how this new program will impact the Foundation. We anticipate many new funds to be created using this new structure where “Everyone Wins”! Please read more about this on Page 7 of this report. I’m always more than happy to set up a meeting to help you understand how this program works and educate you on the many ways your donations can benefit you as well as your community.

I also want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our volunteer board members. Their tireless dedication, wisdom, and leadership have been instrumental in guiding our Foundation toward success and growth. As you can tell by looking at the group of leaders on the back page, I feel supported and am surrounded by intelligent, forward-thinking individuals.

Through your kindness and generosity, we have been able to continue our mission of providing an opportunity for groups or individuals to leave a legacy through contributions, which build a permanent community fund committed to meeting the changing needs of the Waseca Area. Your donations have directly impacted the lives of countless individuals and families in our county. We were able to grant to over 37 different non-profits in Waseca County. It is through the collective efforts of individuals like you that we are able to create positive change and build a stronger, more resilient County. Your generosity serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration, reminding us all of the incredible power of compassion and unity.

In 2024, we are celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Waseca Area Foundation, a milestone that is a testament to the enduring impact of our collective efforts. We look forward to commemorating this occasion and reflecting on the remarkable journey we have shared together. We are preparing for a community celebration honoring Waseca Area Foundation’s 35th Anniversary. Save the Date of September 19th, 2024.

With deepest appreciation,
Amy Potter
Executive Director

INTRODUCING NEW FUNDS

CLARENCE PAULSON FUND



Clarence D. Paulson was born in Grant County, SD to John and Cora (Evanson) Paulson on August 28, 1926. Three years later his family moved to Waseca, MN. He grew up on a farm and his love for the country stayed with him throughout his life. He was confirmed at North Waseca Lutheran Church. He attended Central High in Waseca and

enjoyed playing football. His team won the State Championship title in the fall of 1942. He graduated in 1944. Clarence was a WWII Veteran, enlisting in the United States Navy in June of 1944 and was honorably discharged on June 8, 1946. He served aboard the Air-craft Carrier U.S.S. Block Island #106 in the South Pacific. As part of the 7th fleet he participated in the battle of Okinawa, the strikes on the Japanese mainland, the air support for Australian landings on Borneo and the liberation of the P.O.W's from the Japanese held Island of Formosa, often referred to as "Errand of Mercy". He lived it and knew how important freedom was and how important it is to all of us.

CURTIS SWENSON FAMILY FUND



The Curtis Swenson Family has established a \$25,000 donor advisor fund administered by the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation. The primary purpose of the fund is to benefit the New Richland Public Schools and Library. Born on December 27, 1939, Curt Swenson began his schooling at the one

room schoolhouse near the family farm in New Richland. As a distinguished student at New Richland High School, when he graduated in 1957, he earned a National Merit Scholarship and subsequently graduated from Macalester College with a degree in economics. Curt believed that the quality of his education beginning in that one room schoolhouse through his high school years laid the foundation for his successful career.

After the war, Clarence returned to Waseca, attended Mankato State University for two years and worked at a variety of jobs, all while trying to find his way. Six years later he began working for Northrup King as a Salesman and making Texas his home. His love of farming was a great asset to his successful career as a seeds salesman and earned him the top honors of Salesman of the Year multiple times. He retired as a Regional Sales Manager. He moved back to Minnesota in the fall of 2016 to be closer to family. Clarence passed away on September 9, 2022, at the age of 96.

Throughout his life Clarence generously donated to many charitable organizations. Giving to those in need was important to him. It was his request to leave a perpetual memorial to The Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in Texas, donate to the North Waseca Lutheran Church, and to set up a perpetual scholarship for a Waseca High School graduating senior. The recipient of this scholarship should have a focus on the environment, natural resources, and/or agriculture. Clarence's family honors his memory by offering this scholarship.

As a gifted writer, his early years began in radio, television and news reporting for United Press International. Later, he moved into corporate public relations in Minneapolis and New York. In 1987, Curt founded his own public and investor relations consulting firm in Minneapolis. Upon retirement, he sold the firm and moved to Sarasota, Florida, where he helped children learn to read as a volunteer in public schools.

As a philanthropist, Curt's charitable giving included the performing arts, foodbanks, Head Start children's learning programs, and Macalester College. Curt Swenson died in May, 2021, at the age of 81. He instructed his estate to make distributions to benefit education and that special consideration be given to the public schools of New Richland. It is with pleasure and pride that Curt's family honors his intention with the donor advisor fund for local education.



Curtis' graduation photo

INTRODUCING NEW FUNDS

IWEALTH FOUNDATION FUND



The iWealth Foundation has a rich history rooted in the desire to give back to the community and support those in need. What started as the Brad and Trudi Connors Family Foundation has evolved into a powerful force for good, with 1% of net revenues being dedicated to the foundation each quarter.

Brad, a financial advisor and the founder of iWealth, has always been passionate about making a positive impact in the local community. His involvement with the Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center and the Waseca Area Foundation has allowed the iWealth Foundation to make meaningful contributions to those in need.

One of the most inspiring initiatives of the iWealth Foundation is the Holiday Food Baskets program, which has been providing Christmas dinner for families in need for 14 years. The foundation's commitment to supporting the local community is truly commendable, and their recent expansion into providing scholarships for seniors in Waseca and Waterville-Elysian-Morristown demonstrates their dedication to investing in the future of the community.

JURGEN CURT PETERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jurgen Curt Peters scholarship fund has been established by his family to honor Jurgen's lifetime of dedication to the Waseca agriculture community. Jurgen was an Ag teacher for 30 years at Waseca High School and mentored 2-3 generations through the classroom, FFA, and summer farm visits.

Jurgen and his wife Penny raised 5 boys in Waseca, all of whom followed Jurgen's path into Life Sciences. His children developed this scholarship in memory of their dad, hoping to support future generations in the Waseca community who wish to continue their education in Ag and Life Sciences.

(pictured to the right) David Peters, son of Jurgen, presented the 2024 scholarship to Waseca graduate, Charlie Androli.



Brad and Trudi's vision for the iWealth Foundation is deeply rooted in their values of compassion and generosity. Their willingness to lead by example and manage the first donor advised fund (called AMP) locally is a testament to their commitment to making a difference.

As we look to the future, it is clear that the iWealth Foundation will continue to be a driving force for positive change in the community. Their dedication to helping others is not only admirable but also serves as a reminder of the impact that individuals and businesses can have when they come together for a common goal. The iWealth Foundation is a shining example of the power of giving back and making a difference in the lives of others.



Above: Brad & Trudi present scholarships to 2 Waseca students and one Waterville graduate in 2024.



NEW PROGRAM - ADVISOR MANAGED PROGRAM

ADVISOR MANAGED PROGRAM

Financial advisors committed to the belief that charitable giving is an important component of client services can partner with the Waseca Area Foundation (WAF) through the Advisor Managed Program (AMP).

Helping your clients establish a charitable fund through the Waseca Area Foundation is now easier than ever. Through our Advisor Managed Program, clients can establish funds at the Waseca Area Foundation while you continue to manage the assets. We like to say, **“Everybody Wins!”**

BENEFITS FOR THE ADVISOR’S CLIENT

- Variety of charitable giving options. Your client may establish a designated, donor advised or scholarship fund.
- Your client may receive a tax deduction and may avoid capital gains tax on appreciated assets.
- Through a Donor Advised Fund, your client can personalize their giving by recommending grants for causes they care about – when it is most convenient.
- WAF provides all the back office support for granting and financial reporting.
- Additional contributions can be added to their fund at any time.
- You and your client have access to WAF’s local expertise regarding local nonprofit organizations and their work.
- The Waseca Area Foundation makes charitable giving easy, impactful, and fun!

BENEFITS FOR THE ADVISOR

- Partnering with WAF provides a mechanism for another component of client services: charitable giving.
- You keep the assets under management, while making it possible for your client to contribute those assets to a charitable fund at WAF.
- You will receive recognition as a member of WAF’s Advisor Managed Program on our website and annual report.

HOW TO GET STARTED

- To participate in the Advisor Managed Program, your client has investable assets of \$25,000 or more.
- To establish a fund, your client signs a fund agreement with WAF and a commitment form with the advisor.
- WAF and the advisor enter into standard investment services agreement, and the advisor manages the newly gifted funds according to WAF’s Investment Policy. The advisor will provide WAF with quarterly reports.

For more information or questions about this new program call the WAF office at 507-835-5990 or email Amy Potter – pota@waseca.k12.mn.us

FAMILY OF FUNDS

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Bud Schmidt Trucking Company Fund
Curt & Nita Sjoberg Education Fund
Dr. O.J. and Betty Swenson Fund
Dr. Robert M. and Helen C. Collins Fund
James B. Corchoran Memorial Fund
Jane & John King Family Fund
Neil & Sharon Fruechte Fund
Roy & Jeanette Tollefson Fund
The Rutledge Family Fund
Waseca Area Foundation Endowment Fund
Waseca Area Foundation Grantmaking Fund
Wes & Carol Rethwill Fund
W.H. & Estelle Rethwill Fund

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Barb Penny Youth Fund
City of Waseca Beautification Fund
Gedosch-Fell Memorial Fund
Greg "Marty" Martin Scholarship Fund
Harold H. and Gertrude Sturner Memorial Fund
Herb Streitz Memorial Band Fund
Homer & Elizabeth McIntire Endowment Fund
Janesville Area Foundation Fund
John P. Priebe Fund for K-12 Education
John P. Priebe Fund for Community Runs & Outdoor Activities
New Richland Area Foundation Fund
Vollbrecht Cultural Arts Legacy Fund
Waseca Area Foundation Operations Endowment Fund
Waseca Bluejays Public Schools Endowment Fund

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION

Created by the Johnson family—Edgar and Ethel, Marvin and Mildred, Everett and Ruth. This is a community advised fund following the guidelines of the Johnson family.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Abigail Claire Wendland Performing Arts Fund
Barbara & Jack Dahl Fund
By-the-Grace-of-God Fund
Caleb Lane Erickson Memorial Fund
Cally Jo Children's Fund
Curtis Swenson Family Fund

iWealth Foundation Fund
John W. Priebe Family Foundation Fund
Noah & Samuel Priebe Memorial Fund
The Pope Family Fund
Rosenau Waseca Parks and Trails Fund
Rosenau Fire Department Fund
Rosenau Law Enforcement Fund
Rosenau Legacy of Angels Fund
Rosenau Waseca Schools Band Fund
Rosenau Waseca Schools Scholarship Fund
Rosenau Waseca Schools Technology Fund
Sankovitz Family Fund—Keen Bank
Stacy Lynn Rosenau Fund
Tracy Jevning Memorial Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

WHS Class of 1960 Community Scholarship Fund
Clarence Paulson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Donald D. Eustice Memorial Fund
Edgar & Ethel Johnson Fund
Faith in the Future Fund
Frank & Barbara Goodspeed Memorial Fund
Greg Ashland Memorial Fund
Harold & Bonita Ackman and Myron & Caryn Wendt Fund
Jerry & Linda Rutledge Heritage Fund
Joe Finley Family Scholarship Fund—Janesville
Jurgen Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund
Katie Zika Athletic Scholarship Fund
Marvin & Ardis Sutter Family Fund
Mavis Wheelock Memorial Health Care Fund
Dr. Mel Strand's English Educator Enrichment Endeavor Fund
Dr. Mel Strand's Spartan Scholarship Soliloquy Fund
Medo Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund
Monday Study Club Scholarship Fund
Schroeder Family Scholarship Fund for Nursing
Searle Family Fund for Farmamerica
Stoltenberg Rotary Scholarship Fund
Waseca Area Hospice, Inc. Fund
Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center Food Shelf Fund
Waseca County Historical Society Lifetime Endowment Fund
Waseca Public Library Fund
Wes & Carol Rethwill History Fund

FUND TYPES

UNRESTRICTED FUND Through a gift to our **Unrestricted Fund**, donors are helping to ensure there will be resources tomorrow for needs we can't even imagine today. We use our unrestricted funds to support the work of the Waseca Area Foundation while addressing current community needs and investing in local nonprofit organizations.

RESTRICTED FUND Through a **Restricted Fund**, donors establish a fund that will support the work of the Waseca Area Foundation while establishing specific guidelines for how the grants will be distributed based on the donor wishes.

DONOR ADVISED FUND Through a **Donor Advised Fund**, you can have a voice in your philanthropy and receive benefits similar to a personal or family foundation without the administrative responsibilities. Donor Advised Funds are convenient, flexible tools for individuals, families or businesses that want to be personally involved in recommending grants made possible by their gifts. If you have a range of community interests, you may find that a Donor Advised Fund is an ideal vehicle for fulfilling your charitable wishes.

DESIGNATED FUND Through a **Designated Fund**, you create an enduring source of support for specific organizations and programs you care about. You choose the projects or purposes to benefit from your generosity, and we invest and distribute funds in the form of grants.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND Through a **Scholarship Fund**, you create a legacy of helping individuals achieve their potential by supporting their educational goals. You have the ability to establish a Scholarship Fund to benefit students of a particular school, geographic region, educational discipline or other designation.

SUSTAINING PARTNERS PROGRAM

This is a program that enables members to give an annual donation for the support of the operating fund of the WAF organization. This program enables us to continue to meet the Foundation's administrative needs.

We extend a big **THANK YOU to all of the 2023 partners** listed as current contributors! We welcome additional support from our businesses and individuals who know the importance of the WAF.

Curt & Barb Ahlam	Al & Dana Kingsley
Ameriprise, Kevin Walter	Doug & Judi Leet
Roger & Cindy Ashland	Dave & Cheri Lewer
Deanna Bendix	Lu's Beauty Shop
Bosch Automotive Service	Pat Lyon Dickirson
Britton Plumbing, Amy & Brian Britton	Marvin & Beverly Maass
Ryan & Marcy Buchele	Pete Madel
Marty & Karen Buum	Sue McKay
Leo Byron	Mediacom Communications
Channel Seeds, Neil & Jill Schlaak	Tom & Kris Metzдорff
Kyle & Stacy Collins	Bob & Lori Mickelson
Brad & Trudi Connors	Minnwest Bank
Connors Plumbing & Heating	New Richland Sportsmen's Club
Deml Ford, Deml Families	Northland Trenching
Mark & Nancy Denn	Mike & Bea O'Brien
Dennis/Steffel/Omtvedt	Aaron & Carol Omtvedt
Funeral Home	David & Gwen Oraskovich
Matt & Abby Dettmer	John & Susan Petersburg
Jim & Cathy Dey	Arlene Pooley
Dave & Melissa Dunn	David & Vanette Pope
Edward Jones, Brian Hansen	Matt & Amy Potter
Keith & Kelly Eustice	Michele Priebe
Jeff Fette	Quality Repair Service
Harriet Fox	Gyles & Carol Randall
Ed Frederick	Milo & Marilee Reck
Neil & Sharon Fruechte	Charles Rohwer & Anne Gerber
Carrol & Grace Galvin	Roger & Marilyn Rucker
Bernie & Ann Gaytko	Tom & Gretchen Sankovitz
Terry & Carolyn Gilbertson	Chris & Rebecca Schimming
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Larry & Mary Halvorson	United Prairie Bank
Carol Hanks	Waseca Agency, Paul Rongstad
John & Lori Hanson	Waseca Dental Care,
Pat Hanson	Rebeca Thompson
Lane & Nancy Hartfiel	Waseca Education Association
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Aaron & Dee Kanewischer	Gary & Kathy Worke
Jerald Kaphers	David & Lisa Zika
Keen Bank	Paul & Andrea Zimmerman
	Don & Fran Zwach

COMMUNITY BUILDERS

The following individuals or businesses, past and present, have contributed in one of the following ways: gifts over \$10,000, established a new fund, or have WAF listed as a beneficiary in their estate plans.

Patrice K. Abbe	Dave & Vanette Pope
Harold & Bonita Ackman	Matt & Amy Potter
Dr. Leslie Ahlers	John P. Priebe
Mary Allen	Michele Priebe
Anonymous	John W Priebe Family
Roger & Cheryl Ashland	Gyles & Carol Randall
Brown Printing, Inc.	Marian Reinhardt
Arno & Gerda Bucholz	Estelle Rethwill
Allen & Gloria Butlter	Dr. Wes Rethwill, Jr
Karen Buum	Margaret C. Roberts Trust
Robert & Lois Chaffin	Paul & Sue Rosenau
City of New Richland	Stacy Lynn Rosenau
Carol, Larry, & Stephen Collins	Roundbank
Brad & Trudi Connors	Jerry & Carol Rutledge
James & Maria Elizabeth Corchran	Jerry & Linda Rutledge
Jack & Barbara Dahl	Bud & Lorraine Schmidt
Barry Erickson	Karla Schroeder
Karla Erickson/Rue Erickson	Gerd & Irene Schulte-Hillen
Esther Eustice	Kent Schultz
Faith in the Future	Rodney Searle
Carol Fell	Roy Sjoberg
June Fell	Dr. Mel Strand
Joe Finley	William Streit
Kevin & Julie Frazier	Dr. William Sturner
Neil & Sharon Furechte	Marvin & Ardis Sutter
Barbara Gauger	Curtis Swenson Family
Jerry & Rita Janish	Dr. Rebecca Thompson
Irene Jeddelloh	Jim & Moira Tippy
Mike Jevning	Roy & Jeanette Tollefson
Edgar & Ethel Johnson	Al Vollbrecht
Mr & Mrs Wendell Johnson	Wasca Area Hospice
Keen Bank	Waseca Area Memorial Hospital
John & Jane King	Waseca Arts Council
Connie Larson	Waseca County Historical Society
Linda Lohse	Waseca Foods
Scott & Holly Martin	Waseca High School Class of 1960
Homer & Betty McIntire	Waseca Rotary
Medo Evangelical Lutheran Church	Brad & Monica Wendland
Monday Study Club	Myron & Caryn Wendt
Dan & Linda Nitz	Greg & Donnette Wheelock
Clarence Paulson	Tom & Liz Yuzer
Tim Penny	
Jurgen Peters Family	
Terry & Arlene Pooley	

We exist because you care about the community you live in—

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

If you would like to become a Sustaining Partner

Mail your gift to:

Waseca Area Foundation

501 E Elm Ave
Waseca, MN 56093

Donate online:

wasecaareafoundation.org

ANNUAL LETTER



On behalf of the New Richland Area Foundation (NRAF), it's a pleasure to share the highlights of our year.

Once again, we ended 2023 with an amazing event, thanks to the musical talents of Gavin Berg and Adam Moen who, along with their special guest Eva Wayne, presented two concerts benefiting the NRAF in December. These concerts, with a "Home for the Holidays" theme, entertained the crowd, putting everyone in the holiday spirit. We hope that we are able to continue this annual event for years to come. We are so grateful to Gavin, Adam, Eva, their families, and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church for making this happen.

We proudly maintained our Adopt-a-Highway section on Highway 30 in 2023. Our spring weather was amazing and with the help of a number of board members and their family members, we had a very enjoyable day. Unfortunately, we were not able to participate in the New Richland Farm & City Days Parade this past summer, but we hope to be back in '24 with an amazing float or event highlighting some of the important work being done by the Foundation.

Of course, none of this would matter if we didn't have the opportunity to grant monies to so many worthwhile organizations. In 2023, we approved grants close to \$20,000 benefiting the New Richland community along with staff and students in the New Richland Hartland Ellendale Geneva school district. Grantees were acknowledged at the May School Board meeting and City Council meeting.

We are grateful to be under the umbrella of the Waseca Area Foundation, and especially for the support and guidance provided by Amy Potter, the Executive Director.

Thank you to the NRAF board members who give up their time to help make this organization a success. To Laina Rajala and Lee Mendenhall, who have decided to move on, we appreciate your years of service and wish you nothing but the best.

A continued thank you to all who remember the NRAF through individual donations (large and small), Qualified Charitable Distributions out of IRA accounts, estate plans, and gifts of grain. Your financial contributions help our community thrive!

With sincerest gratitude,
Karla Christopherson

2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS

NEW RICHLAND AREA FOUNDATION FUND

City of NR	\$1000
<i>purpose: New Stove/Oven & Refrigerator for Community Room</i>	
NR Ambulance	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Portable Oxygen Cylinder Lift</i>	
NR Commercial Club	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Downtown Light Poles & Banners</i>	
NR Care Center	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Bariatric Equipment – Shower Chair & Sheet System</i>	
NR Historical Society	\$500
<i>purpose: Scanning Project</i>	
Royal Villa Housing	\$2000
<i>purpose: Garden Project & 50th Anniversary</i>	
NRHEG Elementary	\$300
<i>purpose: Math Manipulatives</i>	
NRHEG Elementary	\$1,000
<i>purpose: SMART Room Equipment</i>	
NRHEG Schools	\$4,200
<i>purpose: Interactive Display Panels – Special Ed</i>	
NRHEG Comm Ed	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Preschool Fee Support to Families</i>	
Jr Achievement	\$1,500
<i>purpose: JA Programming in 4 Classrooms</i>	

WASECA AREA FOUNDATION

NR Commercial Club	\$5,000
<i>purpose: Downtown Light Poles & Banners</i>	

BY THE GRACE OF GOD FUND

New Richland Residents	\$10,000
<i>purpose: Utility and Housing Costs Support</i>	

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION

NRHEG Comm Ed	\$2,500
<i>purpose: Youth Development Scholarships</i>	
NRHEG School Library	\$500
<i>purpose: Media/Book Purchases</i>	
EFJ Senior Scholarship	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Ethan Thompson</i>	

CURTIS SWENSON FAMILY FUND

NRHEG Early Childhood	\$618
<i>purpose: Vision/Hearing Equipment</i>	
NR Library	\$1,200
<i>purpose: New Book Purchases – Large Print & Mystery Collections</i>	

HAROLD & BONITA ACKMAN AND MYRON & CAROL WENDT FUND

New Richland Schools Scholarships	\$500 each
<i>recipients: Erin Jacobson & Grace Wilkenson</i>	

GREGG "MARTY" MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

New Richland Schools Scholarship	\$10,000
<i>recipient: Shelby Johnson</i>	

NRAF BOARD MEMBERS:

Betsy Bartness
 Karla Christopherson, Co-Chair
 Pam Goehring
 Matt Harrington

Lee Mendenall
 Laina Rajala, Co-Chair
 Jill Schlaak
 Kermit Schoenrock

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 Larry & Pam Goehring
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 Joe & Gail Schmidt
 Kermit Schoenrock
 Randy Sorg
 Barbara Finseth Town & Country
 TNT Body Shop
 Brandon & Jodi Wayne

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

NEW RICHLAND AREA FOUNDATION IN HONOR OF

in honor of Gratia Johnson by Kathryn Tollefson

in memory of Marilyn Quiram by Kathryn Tollefson

in memory of Marilyn Quiram & Joyce Reese by Joe & Gail Schmidt

NEW RICHLAND AREA FOUNDATION IN MEMORY OF

in memory of Eugene Warke by Joe & Gail Schmidt

in memory of Mary Jane & George Byron by Byron Properties of New Richland

in memory of Eugene Warke by Randy & Lori Anderson

in memory of Merlyn Bohlen by Randy & Lori Anderson

in memory of Gene Amley by Joe & Gail Schmidt

in memory of Merlyn Bohlen by Joe & Gail Schmidt

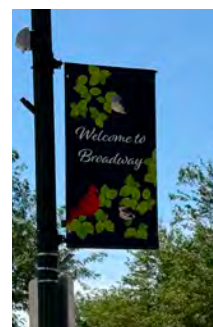
in memory of Glen & Alma Routh by Bart & Rochelle Routh

in memory of Tony Arnfelt by Tim & Margaret Flor

in memory of Jon Weiske by Kermit Schoenrock

in memory of Verna Schoenrock by Randy & Lori Anderson

in memory of Marilyn Quiram by Randy & Lori Anderson



New Richland's downtown is decorated with new banners due to grant funding from NRAF & the EF Johnson Fund.

ANNUAL LETTER



The Janesville Area Foundation (JAF) had another banner year in 2023. We continued our beneficial partnership with the Waseca Area Foundation who provides operational support for our fund. Amy Potter, Executive Director, was part of an educational event held for our Board of Directors this past year. We welcome the opportunity to provide education to any organization that would like a speaker to educate others about the role of the Janesville Area Foundation in our community.

This past year we worked hard to continue to get the word out about the Janesville Area Foundation and what we have done in the community with our donations. This year we sent an email to all our donors over the years providing information about what JAF has been doing. In addition, this past year our Board members volunteered with the Janesville Police Department at the City Park Celebration of National Night Out. It was a great opportunity to be visible in the community and answer questions about the Foundation at a very well attended local event. Board members wore Janesville Area Foundation QR coded shirts while working at a booth for the Foundation, helping supervise the bounce house, and sponsoring face painting.

The highlight of every year is our November annual grant awards program. This past year we were able to award 11 grants totaling \$9,590. This year, as in the past, the EF Johnson Foundation as part of the Waseca Area Foundation provided an additional \$16,400 in grants. This is just another great benefit to our affiliation with the Waseca Area Foundation. All grants were awarded to deserving Janesville area projects. The deadline for submitting a grant request to the Janesville Area Foundation this year is September 30th. Our JAF fund has grown to over \$425,000 in just over 10 years. We hope to be able to provide larger grant awards in future years as our Janesville fund continues to grow.

Board members managing the affairs of the Janesville Area Foundation this past year have been Joe Burke, Kelly Eustice, Jeremy Erler, Mike Finley, Bridget Gehring, Rosalie Grams, Kristin Gunsolus, Glenda Jewison, Andrea Kronbach, Arlene Pooley, Dave Pope, Claudia Roesler, Sam Steffel, and Diane Witt. We are grateful to have Glenda Jewison, Courtney Sprengeler and Michael Roy also join our Board this past year. Retiring Board members from this past year were Joe Burke, Andrea Kronbach, Claudia Roesler, and Kristin Gunsolus. Thank you to our dedicated Board members for all their work this past year serving the Janesville Area Foundation. We continue to pursue more community members who might be interested in joining us on the JAF Board. Feel free to contact Sam Steffel our incoming Chairman or any other Board member listed for information about joining the Board.

Finally, thank you to all our community donors and supporters this past year. We thank our first-time donors as well as our regular donors for their support. We have also had many more memorial donations at funerals as people are making more legacy donations in memory of a loved one or community member. We appreciate your support.

Mike Finley
Chairman, Janesville Area Foundation

2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS

2023 CONTRIBUTORS

JWP Elementary.....	\$1000
<i>purpose: Sensory Room Startup</i>	
JWP Art Dept	\$1200
<i>purpose: Clay Pug Mill Purchase</i>	
JWP FFA	
<i>purpose: FFA Jackets</i>	
JWP Schools	
<i>purpose: Raptor StudentSafe Software.....</i>	
Trinity Lutheran School.....	\$400
<i>purpose: STEM Equipment/Games</i>	
Trinity Lutheran School.....	\$1550
<i>purpose: Chromebooks</i>	
JWP Hall of Fame.....	\$500
<i>purpose: Annual Banquet Support</i>	
Jr Achievement	\$1,000
<i>purpose: JWP Schools Programming</i>	
Janesville Public Library	\$500
<i>purpose: New Books</i>	
Janesville Public Library	\$500
<i>purpose: Summer Reading Program</i>	
Waseca Cty Historical Society.....	\$500
<i>purpose: Software/Server Upgrade</i>	
Feeding Our Communities	\$670
<i>purpose: Backpack Program for JWP Schools</i>	

PRIVATE FAMILY LITERACY FUND

Janesville Public Library	\$500
<i>purpose: Summer Reading Program</i>	

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION

JWP Schools	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Raptor Student Safe Software</i>	
Feeding Our Communities	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Backpack Program for JWP Schools</i>	
EF Johnson Senior Scholarship	\$3,000
<i>recipient: Kylee Hanks</i>	

JOE FINLEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

JWP School Senior Scholarship	\$2,000 each
<i>recipients: Annabelle Hofteig & Faith Olson</i>	

JOHN P PRIEBE SCHOLARSHIP

JWP School Senior Scholarship	\$1,000
<i>recipient: Jack Cahill</i>	

Brett & Adair Ballavance	Darwin & Karen Lochner
Mike Baynes	Lubecenter Sales, Inc.
Bob & Joan Burns Sales & Service, Inc.	Kathleen Mazza
Mike & Kathryn Cahill	John & Helen Peterson
Robert & Ann Carda	Francis & Mary Jo Pohlen
Class of 1966 (Carol Arnold)	David & Vanette Pope
Dave & Melissa Dunn	Brian Pope
Irene Erdman	Joel Schaezke
Keith & Kelly Eustice	Francis & Angie Schultz
Mike & Linda Finley	Willis & Maxine Schoeb
Ruth Fury	Wallace & Shirley Schoeb
John & Terry Gardner	Dennis & Brenda Schultz
Joyce Goettl	Jim & Marcia Schultz
Rosalie Grams	Charles & Roxanne Schwab
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Janesville Tire Service	Gary & Kathryn Von Holtum
Mike & Carol Jewison	Joe & Sheryl Williams
Darwin & Beth Jorgenson	Eugene & Fauniece Witt
John & Camelia Kahnke	Helen Young
Dave Kahnke	Francis & Nancy Zeiher
Dianna Krautbauer	Frank Zimprich
Peder & Pamela Lehrke	

JAF BOARD MEMBERS

Mike Finley (Chair)	Andrea Kronbach
Diane Witt	Jeremy Erler
Rosalie Grams	Sam Steffel
Kelly Eustice	Joe Burke
Claudia Roesler	Bridget Gehring
Arlene Pooley	Glenda Jewison
Dave Pope	Michael Roy
Kristin Gunsolus	Courtney Sprengeler

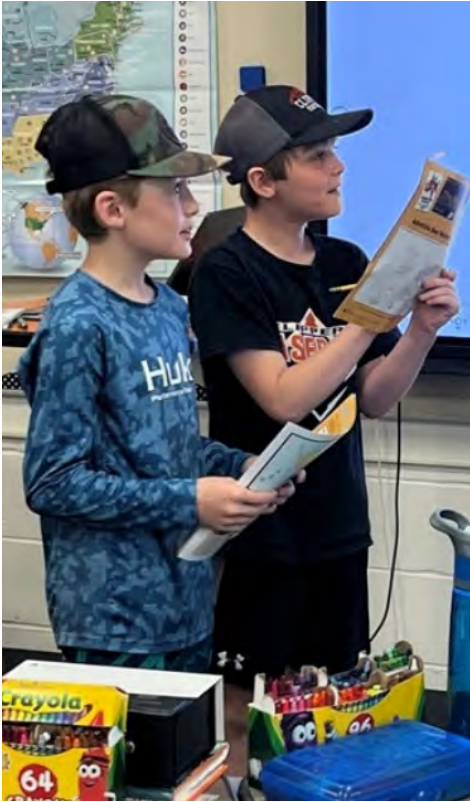


Students FFA jackets were partially supported with a grant from JAF.



Janesville Hall of Fame Honorees shown here. The annual banquet is supported by JAF.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS



JWP students learning financial literacy content provided by Jr Achievement program that is supported by JAF.



in memory of Bill Mueller by David & Vanette Pope, Gary & Constance Cummins, William Volger

in memory of Cliff Gardener by Annette Gardener

in memory of Don Goltz by Karen Goltz

in memory of Don Witt by Tony & Pat Staloch, Francis Schultz, Gene and Joyce Wiebusch

in memory of Esther (Meyer) Trevethan by Richard and Luane Adams

in memory of Gene Wiebusch by Ruth Fury, Mike & Judy Ready, Michelle Schultz, Olof Lundquist, Arlene Pooley

in memory of Gerald Grams by Rosalie Grams

in memory of Harry & Erma Schnoor by Dale and Anita Schnoor

in memory of Joan Kaphers by Jerald Kaphers

in memory of Judy Richardson by Irene Mulcahey, Gene and Joyce Wiebusch, David & Vanette Pope

in memory of Ken Johansen by David & Vanette Pope

in memory of Lavonne Harrington by Gene and Joyce Wiebusch, Linda Grant, David & Vanette Pope

in memory of Lincoln Olson by David & Vanette Pope

in memory of Marie Kapan by David & Vanette Pope, Dick & Luane Adams, Michelle Schultz, Arlene Pooley

in memory of Matthew Sexton by Larry

in memory of Richard Carda by Michelle Schultz

in memory of Shirley & Earl Lundquist by Keith & Lisa Kotsonas

in memory of Shirley Fitzloff by Mike & Terri Wolff



A new welcome sign was completed thanks to support from JAF as well as the WAF Funds in 2022.

COMMUNITY ADVISED FUNDS

WASECA AREA FOUNDATION

City of Waseca Heritage Preservation Commission	\$5000
<i>purpose: Collaborative Project Creating Videos of Local History</i>	
Big Brothers Big Sisters.....	\$2918
<i>purpose: Mentoring Support</i>	
Waseca County 4-H.....	\$349
<i>purpose: Waseca County 4-H Enhancements</i>	
Jr. Achievement.....	\$1500
<i>purpose: Programming at Sacred Heart/ Hartley/Team Academy</i>	
Farm Bureau Foundation.....	\$500
<i>purpose: Safety Day for 5th Graders</i>	
Farmamerica	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Spring Field Trips Gr 3-5</i>	
Waseca Cty Historical Society	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Dehumidifier</i>	
Waseca County Free Fair.....	\$500
<i>purpose: Annual Flowers</i>	
Boy Scout Troops 85 &1085	\$1,000
<i>purpose: New Tent Purchases</i>	
Waseca Waterpark.....	\$2000
<i>purpose: Picnic Tables</i>	
Woodville Cemetery.....	\$350
<i>purpose: Annual Flowers/Mulch</i>	
Free Flags for Vets.....	\$3000
<i>purpose: Mental Health Speaker</i>	
Neighborhood Service Center	
<i>purpose: In A Pinch Program.....</i>	\$1000
<i>purpose: Back Pack Program Support.....</i>	\$2000
<i>purpose: Food Shelf Purchases.....</i>	\$2000
Lutheran Social Services.....	\$5000
<i>purpose: Food Security for Older Adults</i>	
Bethlehem Inn	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Replace Flooring & Door</i>	
Santa's Workshop.....	\$450
<i>purpose: Program Support</i>	
Infants Remembered In Silence	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Bereavement Support Packets</i>	
New Richland Commercial Fund Club	\$5,000
<i>purpose: Downtown Light Poles/Banners</i>	
Hartley Elementary	\$1000
<i>purpose: Author Visit</i>	
Hartley Elementary	\$500
<i>purpose: Books Including Diversity</i>	
Waseca Jr Sr High	\$1981
<i>purpose: New Engineering Course</i>	
Waseca Strength & Conditioning Program	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Weight Room Equipment</i>	

RESTRICTED FUNDS

BARB PENNY YOUTH FUND

Big Brothers Big Sisters.....	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Mentoring Support</i>	
Waseca Public Library	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Summer Reading Program</i>	
Waseca County 4-H.....	\$1,163
<i>purpose: Animal Science/Ag Program</i>	
Waseca Jr/Sr High School	\$2,163
<i>purpose: Courage Retreat</i>	

HOMER & BETTY MCINTIRE FUND

Sacred Heart School.....	\$1,135
<i>purpose: Smart Panels</i>	

HERB STREITZ MEMORIAL BAND FUND

Waseca Schools Band Program	\$4,015
<i>purpose: Instruments/Lesson Support</i>	

JOHN PRIEBE EDUCATION FUND

JWP Baseball	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Turtle Baseball Shell</i>	
TEAM Academy	\$500
<i>purpose: PE Heart Rate Monitors</i>	
Sacred Heart School.....	\$3027
<i>purpose: SMART Panels</i>	
Hartley Elementary	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Flexible Seating – Spec Ed</i>	
Waseca Int School Reading Intervention.....	\$1,039
<i>purpose: Decodable Books</i>	
Waseca Int School Art Dept.....	\$500
<i>purpose: High Quality Ceramic Glaze</i>	
Waseca Jr Sr High	\$2,000
<i>purpose: New Engineering Course</i>	

JOHN PRIEBE COMMUNITY RUN/OUTDOOR FUND

Discover Waseca Tourism	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Lakefest Support</i>	
Waseca Lakes Association	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Lakefest Freedom Run</i>	
Waseca Waterpark.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Special Event Support</i>	
Waseca Sleigh & Cutter	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Fireworks, Kite Show, Parade</i>	
Waseca Arts Council.....	\$3,032
<i>purpose: Waseca Arts Council</i>	

TRACY JEVNING MEMORIAL FUND

City of Waseca.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Community Flowers for Waseca</i>	
Waseca Int School PE Dept	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Archery Equipment</i>	

CITY OF WASECA BEAUTIFICATION FUND

City of Waseca.....	\$1,351
<i>purpose: Community Flowers</i>	
Waseca County Free Fair.....	\$500
<i>purpose: Annual Flowers</i>	

VOLBRECHT CULTURAL ARTS FUND

Waseca Arts Council.....	\$931
<i>purpose: Art Programs</i>	

WASECA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BLUEJAY FUND

Waseca Int School PE Dept	\$800
<i>purpose: Archery Equipment</i>	
Waseca Jr Sr High	\$1019
<i>purpose: New Engineering Course</i>	



Lakefest Boat parade – one of the Lakefest activities supported by grants.

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION FUND GRANTS

Waseca Public Library	
<i>purpose: Summer Concert Series</i>	\$5,000
<i>purpose: Event Offerings for Teens</i>	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Waseca Water Carnival</i>	\$2,500
Waseca County Mounted Sheriff's Pose.....	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Uniform Accesories & Saddle Bags</i>	
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$7,000
<i>purpose: Mentoring Support – Waseca Cty</i>	
Life Work Planning Center.....	\$2,500
<i>purpose: Workshops/Trainings for Women in Transition Services</i>	
Lutheran Social Service.....	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Foster Family Programming</i>	
Beds for Kids.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Beds/Bedding Purchases</i>	
Feeding our Communities	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Backpack Program – JWP Schools</i>	
Waseca Neighborhood Service Center.....	\$5,472
<i>purpose: Backpack Program – Waseca Schools</i>	
Waseca Neighborhood Service Center.....	\$7,000
<i>purpose: Food Shelf Support</i>	
Waseca Arts Council.....	\$968
<i>purpose: Art on the Avenue Event</i>	
Waseca County Historical Society.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Software/Server Upgrade</i>	
Waseca Chorale.....	\$2,500
<i>purpose: Program/Concert Support</i>	
Waseca County Sheriff's Office.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Drug & Safety Education Materials</i>	
Farmamerica	
<i>purpose: Ag Career Exploration</i>	\$2,400
<i>purpose: Raised Garden Beds</i>	\$2,000
Jr. Achievement.....	\$3,200
<i>purpose: Waseca Schools Programming</i>	
JWP Schools	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Raptor Software Support</i>	
NRHEG Secondary.....	\$500
<i>purpose: Media Center Books</i>	
NRHEG Community Ed.....	\$2,500
<i>purpose: Youth Dev Grant Scholarships</i>	
Waseca Community Ed	
<i>purpose: Summer Youth Theater</i>	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Youth Dev. Grant Scholarships</i>	\$10,000



Waseca Community Ed Summer Theater performance.

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS	
Waseca High School	\$5,000 each
<i>recipients: Maia Bartelt</i> Ethan Davis Eddie Herman	
Waseca High School	\$1,000 each
<i>recipients: Leah Bartelt</i> McKenna Miller Kaleb Robeck Stormie Schmidt Ethan Yeater-Crosby	
JWP High School	\$3,000
<i>recipient: Kylee Hanks</i>	
New Richland High School	\$3,000
<i>recipient: Ethan Thompson</i>	
NON TRADITIONAL	
Riverland Community College-Austin.....	\$2,000 each
<i>recipient: Amber Harrison & Desiree Anderson</i>	
South Central College - Makato.....	\$2,000 each
<i>recipient: Laura Jewison & Rochelle Wingen</i>	
South Central College - Faribault	\$2,000
<i>recipient: Kaitlin Rahn</i>	

GRANTS ADVISED BY PAUL ROSENAU FAMILY

LEGACY OF ANGELS	
Rosemount High School Trap Team	\$10,000
<i>purpose: National Tournament Support</i>	
Waseca Band Boosters	\$1,150
<i>purpose: Vinyl Screens Marching Jays</i>	
Indian Hills Community Church.....	\$3,135
<i>purpose: Training for Church Security</i>	
ROSENAU WASECA SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP	
Rosenau Medical Scholarship.....	\$1000 each
<i>recipients: Kyle Ahlschlager</i> Aubree Hansen Megan Kanewischer Avery Madsen Hannah Wilder	
Rosenau Student with Potential Scholarship	\$1000 each
<i>recipients: Sophie Farris</i> Payton Garza Arianna Krogseng Madelyn Malecha Haylee Sommers	



Bearcat Vehicle made its way to Waseca County in 2023 which was supported by grants in 2022 - this will support the SCDIU which involves area counties.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Abigail Claire Wendland Spirit Scholarship	\$1,000 each
<i>Abigail Claire Wendland Spirit Scholarship</i>	
<i>recipients: Hailey Dettmer</i>	
<i>Lindsey Kopetzki</i>	
Greg Ashland Memorial	\$1,000
<i>recipient: Cole Schultz</i>	
Caleb Lane Erickson Memorial	\$1,000
<i>recipient: Oliver O'Brien</i>	
Clarence D Paulson Memorial Scholarship	\$5,000
<i>recipient: Stormie Schmidt</i>	
Sankovitz Family Fund	\$1,000 each
<i>Barb Sankovitz Music Scholarship</i>	
<i>recipients: Lindsey Kopetzki</i>	
<i>Hannah Wilder</i>	
Schroeder Family Scholarship for Nursing	\$2,000 each
<i>recipients: Ella Dufault</i>	
<i>Kya Hoof</i>	
<i>Avery Madsen</i>	
<i>Kyrie Walker</i>	
WHS Class of 1960	\$1,500
<i>recipient: Cecelia Huttemier</i>	
Don Eustice Memorial	\$1,000 each
<i>recipients: Lucas Androli</i>	
<i>Braelen Budin</i>	
<i>Camille Ring</i>	
<i>Stormie Schmidt</i>	
<i>Korbin Schumacher</i>	
Monday Study Club	\$1,000
<i>recipient: Kloe Wadd</i>	
Spartan Soliloquy Scholarship	\$1,800
<i>recipients: Kharisma Naidu (4-yr-\$1000)</i>	
<i>Nimo Mohammed (2-yr-\$800)</i>	
Stoltenburg Rotary Scholarship	\$4,000
<i>recipient: Hailey Dettmer</i>	
Katie Zika Athletic Scholarship	\$1,000
<i>recipient: Cecilia Huttemier</i>	
Greg & Donnette Wheelock Agriculture	\$750 each
<i>recipients: Joseph Feldkamp</i>	
<i>Eustice Raetz</i>	
Mavis Wheelock Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000
<i>recipient: Hannah Wilder</i>	
Harold & Anita Ackman and Myron & Caryn Wendt Fund	\$500 each
<i>recipients: Erin Jacobson</i>	
<i>Grace Wilkenson</i>	
John P Priebe Scholarships	
<i>Military</i>	
<i>recipient: Eddie Herman</i>	
<i>Potential, Need</i>	
<i>recipients: Joseph Adamek</i>	
<i>Alexander Honstad</i>	
<i>Britney Ross</i>	
<i>Emma Williamson</i>	
<i>Military, Potential, Need for JWP Senior</i>	
<i>recipient: Jack Cahill</i>	
Rosenau Medical Scholarship	\$1,000 each
<i>recipients: Kyle Ahlschlager</i>	
<i>Aubree Hansen</i>	
<i>Megan Kanewischer</i>	
<i>Avery Madsen</i>	
<i>Hannah Wilder</i>	

Rosenau Student w/Potential Scholarship	\$1,000 each
<i>recipients: Sophie Farris</i>	
<i>Payton Garza</i>	
<i>Arianna Krogseng</i>	
<i>Madelyn Malecha</i>	
<i>Haylee Sommers</i>	
Gregg "Marty" Martin Scholarship - Waseca	\$20,000
<i>recipient: Arianna Krogseng</i>	
Gregg "Marty" Martin Scholarship - New Richland	\$10,000
<i>recipient: Shelby Johnston</i>	

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION

Waseca High School	\$5,000 each
<i>recipients: Maria Bartelt</i>	
<i>Ethan Davis</i>	
<i>Eddie Herman</i>	
Waseca High School	\$1,000 each
<i>recipients: Leah Bartelt</i>	
<i>Lillian Dahle</i>	
<i>McKenna Miller</i>	
<i>Kaleb Robeck</i>	
<i>Stormie Schmidt</i>	
<i>Ethan Yeater Crosby</i>	
Janesville High School	\$3,000
<i>recipient: Kylee Hanks</i>	
New Richland High School	\$3,000
<i>recipient: Ethan Thompson</i>	
Non Traditional	\$2,000 each
<i>recipients: Laura Jewison</i>	
<i>Rochelle Wingen</i>	
<i>Amber Harrison</i>	
<i>Desiree Anderson</i>	
<i>Kaitlin Rahn</i>	



Top Left: Lindsey Kopetzki & Hannah Wilder, Barb Sankovitz Music Scholarship recipients, are pictured with WAF Board member, David Oraskovich. Top Right: Hailey Dettmer, recipient of the Stoltenberg Rotary Scholarship, is pictured with Ann Fitch, Waseca Rotarian. Bottom: Ella Dufault, Kya Hoof, Avery Madsen & Kyrie Nushbaum received the Schroeder Nursing Scholarship and are pictured with David Oraskovich.

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THE CITY OF WASECA BEAUTIFICATION FUND

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Joseph Jeddelloh
Anonymous
Matt & Amy Potter
Char Harguth



Archery Unit was new to Waseca Intermediate School, made possible by grants from the Waseca Area Foundation.



Sacred Heart School students are benefitting from an additional Interactive Display Panel supported by grants.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

ABIGAIL WENDLAND PERFORMING ARTS FUND

in honor of Abby's 28th B-day by
Karen Pfarr-Anderson
in memory of Abby Wendland by
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in memory of Abby Wendland by
Linda Berndt
in memory of Verne Larson by
Karen Pfarr-Anderson

BARB PENNY YOUTH FUND CONTRIBUTORS

in memory of Barb Penny by
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in memory of Barb Penny by
Kelsey Williams
in memory of Barb Penny by
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in memory of Barb Penny by
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Leo Byron
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David & Gwen Oraskovich
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Jacqueline Storby
Waseca Garden Club

KATIE ZIKA ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

in memory of Baby Hanson by
John & Lori Hanson
in memory of Baby Simmons by
John & Lori Hanson
in memory of Burke Erik Simmons by
John & Lori Hanson
in memory of Katie Zika by
Pat & Carol Hergott

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in memory of John Priebe Sr. by
Michele Priebe

THE CITY OF WASECA BEAUTIFICATION FUND

in memory of Rod Searle, Jim King, & Don
Wynnemer by
Anonymous

WASECA AREA FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

in memory of Searle Newell
by Linda Grant
in memory of Burke Erik Simmons & Baby Hanson by
John & Lori Hanson
in memory of Ruth Sibilrud by
Mike & Bea O'Brien
in memory of Bianca Hoelmer by
Merril & Mary Schultz
in memory of Blair Nelson by
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Matt & Amy Potter
in memory of Edy Barber by
Shawn & Tracy Pomeroy
in memory of Fae Whissemore by
Shawn & Tracy Pomeroy
in memory of Gary Chamberlain by
Sue McKay
in memory of Helen Fowler by
Shawn & Tracy Pomeroy
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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota was established with a vision for all youth to achieve success in life. Big Brothers Big Sisters creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. At its core, Big Brothers Big Sisters operates on a simple yet powerful concept: the power of mentorship. Through carefully curated matches between adult mentors ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), the organization cultivates meaningful relationships that transcend generations and leave an indelible mark on the lives of those involved.

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides local youth with professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that help them succeed in life by igniting, empowering, and defending their potential. Each mentoring match is professionally supported by a Match Support Specialist to help ensure child safety and aid the match in attaining their goals. Youth who are matched in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program learn life skills, do better academically, and build their confidence and self-esteem. "I can't imagine how I would be or what I would be doing if I never met my Big Sister. She has helped me through difficult times and when I was down. She helps me with encouragement for my schooling." Little Sister Amalia

Big Brothers Big Sisters believes in the power of community. By actively engaging with local organizations, schools, businesses, and volunteers, the organization creates a support network that uplifts and empowers children and families across Waseca County. "My son has learned a lot from his Big and I will forever be grateful for his leadership, mentorship, and kind heart to my son." Michele, Parent of Little

The impact of Big Brothers Big Sisters extends far beyond childhood. Studies have shown that mentoring relationships have long-term positive effects on youth, including improved academic performance, higher self-esteem, and increased aspirations for the future. By investing in the youth of Waseca County today, Big Brothers Big Sisters is building a stronger, more vibrant community for tomorrow.

"My Big helped me to stay active and get involved in new activities. I think having a Big has helped me physically and mentally improve myself." Little Brother Jason

Big Brothers Big Sisters outcomes show the importance of mentoring and the need for more volunteers. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota evaluates all matches through a series of surveys and outcome tools that measure progress made by our matches on a yearly basis. After a year of mentorship,

- 100% of Littles report their Big makes their life better.
- 99% of Bigs reported their Little's mental health has maintained or improved over the last year.
- 97% of parents reported their child's interest in school has maintained or improved over the last year.
- 95% of parents reported having a Big has helped their child improve relations with family and friends.

The Waseca Area Foundation plays a crucial role in supporting the efforts of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Waseca County. Through its various funding initiatives and community partnerships, the Foundation provides vital resources that enable Big Brothers Big Sisters to expand its reach, enhance its programs, and make a greater impact on the lives of local youth.



Bigs and Littles making connections and enjoying various activities. Happy Smiles from everyone!



OUR MISSION

The Waseca Area Foundation's Mission is to provide an opportunity for groups or individuals to leave a legacy through contributions, which build a permanent community fund committed to meeting the changing needs of the Waseca area.

WASECA AREA CHORALE

The Waseca Area Chorale has been in existence for 52 years. It began as a group of local people who liked music and liked to sing. It has perpetuated over these years as a continuing group of local people who enjoy singing. All the members are volunteers, and we have a small subset of members who make up a governing board. This board takes on the responsibility of organizing the concerts, advertising, assisting the music directors with music selection, and the ongoing maintenance issues to maintain the chorale. The chorale is set up as a non-profit entity and exists partially due to the support of the Waseca Area Foundation. Our members come from Waseca as well as the areas surrounding Waseca, and currently we have over 50 members.

The Chorale uses the Waseca Area Foundation grant funds to produce two concerts each year, normally one at Christmas time and one in the spring of the year. In order to have these concerts, we need music directors, sheet music, practice facilities, accompanists, performance venues, and occasionally additional musicians to augment the Chorale voices. The Waseca Area Foundation grant funds, along with concert ticket sales, provide the funds to enable us to continue these concerts.

At concerts we typically see audiences in the hundreds who attend and enjoy these special musical experiences.



(Left to Right) Deb Yess, Chorale Director; Karen Brenden, Accompanist; John Hoehn, Chorale Director



Chorale Board (Left to Right) Toni Bauleke, Andy Miller, Nancy Lebman, Deb Wantoch Yess, Mary Schultz, John Hoehn, Rita Miller, Al Judd, Deb Vetter

Below: Chorale Performance 2023



GIFTS OF GRAIN

Gifts of Grain is one avenue of giving a non-cash asset.

Benefit for Farmer: Farmer can exclude the sale of the cash crop from income and deduct the cost of growing the crop.

1. Farmer completes necessary documents for this transaction. Farmer delivers grain to the elevator.
2. Farmer asks elevator to transfer "X" number of bushels to Waseca Area Foundation (WAF).
3. WAF authorizes sale and collects proceeds from grain.
4. Farmer includes cost of growing crop on tax return but does not record sale of gifted bushels. Farmer does not take a charitable deduction on amount of sale.
5. Farmer can exclude the sale of the cash crop from income and deduct the cost of growing the crop.

WAYS OF GIVING

When you are ready to make a difference through the Waseca Area Foundation, we invite you to meet with our staff to help you identify and connect to what you care about most.

We'll help you through these simple steps:

Create your legacy: Think about what matters most to you. Whether your interests are broad or narrow, you can support them through the Waseca Area Foundation.

Decide when to give: You can establish a fund today to give to the community during your lifetime. Or perhaps you'd like to defer your gifts through your estate plans. Or both!

Decide what to give: We accept a variety of assets, including cash, appreciated securities, real estate, life insurance, and retirement plan assets. Please see How to Give on our website for more information on the types of gifts accepted.

Choose a type of charitable fund: Our staff will help you choose from our menu of charitable funds. We offer donor-advised funds, designated funds, scholarship funds, area-of-interest funds, unrestricted funds, and more. Witness the impact: Once your charitable fund is established, the Waseca Area Foundation will help you monitor its growth and its impact on the community.

Gifts to the Waseca Area Foundation can be made in a variety of ways for a variety of purposes. Giving to the Foundation can be as simple as making a cash gift, in any amount, to one of the existing funds of the Foundation or as sophisticated as donating appreciated property to establish several different funds tailored to fit your philanthropic goals.

PHOTOGRAPH THE QR CODE TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO DONATE!



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Community Advised Funds	E.F. Johnson Foundation	Designated & Donor Advised Funds	Total
Beginning Fund Balance 1/1/2023	3,896,366	3,210,922	5,610,400	12,717,688
Contributions	98,191			98,191
Investment Income	313,462	255,448		568,910
Grants Paid	155,872	132,096	160,014	447,982
Administrative & Other Expenses	35,002	26,072		61,074
Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$4,117,145	\$3,308,202	6,157,844	13,583,191

OPERATING FUND FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/2023	\$54,780	EXPENSES	
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2023	\$66,135	Business Expenses	\$1,239
INCOME		Contract Services	\$2,954
Operating Endowment	\$6,162	Facilities and Equipment	\$4,999
Sustaining Partnerships	\$27,034	Operations	
Comm Advised Fund Grants	\$44,103	Subscriptions	\$220
AMP Fund Fees	\$194	Postage	\$539
Interest Income	\$5,401	Outside Printing	\$7,662
TOTAL INCOME	\$82,894	Office Supplies	\$316
		Telephone	\$687
		Advertising/Marketing	\$1,445
		Technology/Website	\$1,391
		Meeting Expense	\$662
		Event Expense	\$1,276
		Miscellaneous Expense	\$273
		Insurance	\$2,562
		Bank Service Charges	\$20
		Salaries & Wages	\$39,950
		Annual Report	\$5,344
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$71,539

For more information or details on the funds identified throughout this report, call the WAF office at 507-835-5990 or refer to our website at wasecaareafoundation.org

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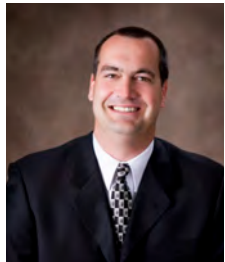
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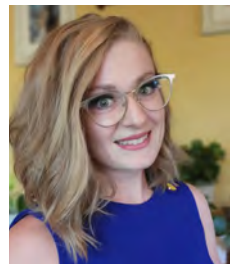
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