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2024

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35th Anniversary
1989-2024

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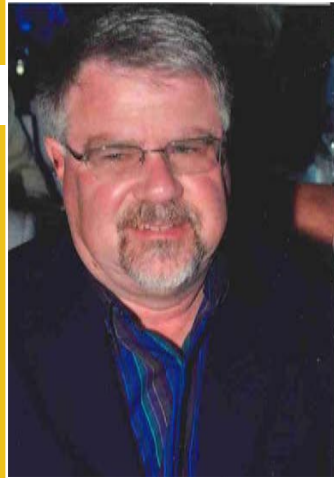
BOARD CHAIR LETTER

Some food for thought: Many of us, at some point, think about the kind of legacy we want to leave behind. That legacy might be large, small, or somewhere in between—but no matter the size, it can be a gift that keeps on giving long after we're gone. It's a lasting way to support something we believe in, something that reflects our values and what's important to us.

Through the Waseca Area Foundation, there are many ways to create that kind of lasting impact. You might choose to start your own endowment fund, tailored to a purpose that matters deeply to you. Or, you could contribute to an existing fund that already supports the causes close to your heart.

The Waseca Area Foundation currently holds more than 60 endowment funds—each one started by someone just like you. Why not make it 60 plus 1? Your gift, no matter the size, will help shape a stronger future for our community. And that's a legacy worth leaving.

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 honored to reach out and share my deepest gratitude for your support over the past year.

In 2024, we proudly celebrated the 35th Anniversary of the Waseca Area Foundation! This milestone was a testament to the decades of dedication, generosity, and shared vision from donors, volunteers, and community members. Throughout the year, we reflected on how far we've come together and honored the impact we've made across Waseca County since our founding in 1989. Our three celebrations brought together many supporters to look back on this remarkable journey—and it reminded us all of the power of community. We hosted two extra special grant celebrations where many fund holders, past and present board members, as well as grant recipients, shared stories, reflections, and impact statements. In addition, we hosted a celebration for the entire community at the NE Park Pavilion in September, but unfortunately it was affected by a rain storm. Those who braved the weather enjoyed live music and treats & eats from local food trucks.

Looking back on 2024, we experienced meaningful growth that continued to strengthen our mission. We established a new fund: The Schoenfeld Family Fund. Another area of continued growth is within our Advisor Managed Program, which allows donors to create funds managed by their trusted financial advisors. This innovative structure has already opened new opportunities for donors to engage with the Foundation and support the community in unique ways. You can read more about this program on Page 26 of this report, and I always welcome conversations with anyone interested in learning more.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated volunteer board members. Their guidance, leadership, and commitment to the Foundation's mission have been invaluable, ensuring that we continue to serve our community with vision and integrity. As shown on the back page of this report, their collective wisdom and passion are at the heart of everything we do.

Thanks to your generosity and support, we remain true to our mission of building permanent community funds to meet the evolving needs of the Waseca Area. As we look ahead, we carry the momentum and spirit of our 35th Anniversary forward, continuing to invest in our community's future. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.

With deepest appreciation,

Amy Potter
Executive Director

NEW FUND INTRODUCTION

SCHOENFELD FAMILY FUND

The Schoenfeld Family Fund was created by local donor Jeannette Schoenfeld. This fund was established with a clear and heartfelt purpose—to support the areas of agriculture and education within the Waseca region.

With deep roots in the community and a lifelong appreciation for the role agriculture plays in our local economy, Jeannette created this fund as a way to give back and help ensure that future generations continue to benefit from strong educational opportunities and agricultural advancement.

We are honored to steward this new fund and deeply grateful to Jeannette Schoenfeld for her generosity and vision. The Schoenfeld Family Fund will make a meaningful impact for years to come.

35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate WAF's 35th Anniversary there were three different events throughout 2024. In the spring and fall, WAF hosted extra special Grant Award Celebrations. In addition to grant recipients, fund holders, along with past and present board members were invited to celebrate at the Starfire Event Center. Additionally, in September we held a public celebration at the NE Park where we had live music and local food trucks help us celebrate. Thanks to all who have helped grow our community foundation over 35 years!



Ken Borgmann, with Waseca Sleigh & Cutter, receives a grant from David Oraskovich, WAF Board member, to help them celebrate their 75th anniversary event.



Waseca Area Foundation board members gather at the 35th Anniversary party in September 2024.



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.

We exist because you care about the community you live in—
If you would like to learn about any of these programs and/or
give a gift, please reach out using any of the methods below.

Call WAF Office:
507-835-5990

Donate online:
wasecaareafoundation.org

Email Executive Director,
Amy Potter:
pota@waseca.k12.mn.us

Mail your gift to:
Waseca Area Foundation
501 E Elm Ave
Waseca, MN 56093

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 2024 partners** listed as current contributors! We welcome additional support from our businesses and individuals who know the importance of the WAF.

Kevin Walter, Ameriprise Financial	Bernie & Ann Gaytko	LPL Financial	Neil & Jill Schlaak - Channel Seeds
Roger Ashland	Terry & Carolyn Gilbertson	Marvin & Beverly Maass	Wallace & Shirley Schoeb
Roger Bahr	Ann Gjelten	Scott & Holly Martin	Kermit Schoenrock
Paul & Sarah Berry	Glitter & Grace LLC - Monica	Teresa Sunde	Kent Schultz
Bosch Automotive Service	Wendland	Mediacom Communications	James & Nancy Sprengler
Bruce Boyce & Sally Takala	Rosalie Grams	Tom & Kris Metzdorff	Roy & Delores Srp
Britton Plumbing & Heating	Nyla Hagen	Robert & Lori Mickelson	Les & Karen Tlougan
Ryan & Marcy Buchele	Larry & Mary Halverson	Brad Milbrath	Kathryn Tollefson
Marty & Karen Buum	Carol Hanks	Minnwest Bank	United Prairie Bank
Leo Byron	Pat Hanson	Northland Trenching	Deb Vetter
Kyle & Stacy Collins	John & Lori Hanson	Mike & Bea O'Brien	Scott & Betti Walter
Brad & Trudi Connors	Connie Harris	Aaron & Carol Omtvedt	Paul & Karla Rongstad
Steven & Susan Cowdin	Rob & Colleen Helms	David & Gwen Oraskovich	Waseca Agency
Deml Ford - Deml Family	Jay & Sondra Herman	John & Susan Petersburg	Waseca Dental Care
Dennis/Steffel/Omtvedt Funeral Home	Scott & Peggy Hildebrandt	Pinedale Farms/Zimmerman Family	Waseca Floral
Matt & Abby Dettmer	Bob & Judy Hoffman	Arlene Pooley	Dustin Roeker, Waseca Glass
James & Cathy Dey	John & Kristi Hyink Huttemier	David & Vanette Pope	Waseca Sleigh & Cutter
Dave & Melissa Dunn	ICAN, INC.	Matt & Amy Potter	Brad & Monica Wendland
Brian Hansen - Edward Jones	Janesville State Bank	Michele Priebe	Mark & Marla Westphal
Keith & Kelly Eustice	David & Gretchen Jewison	Rich & Annette Schendel	Gregory & Donnette Wheelock
Jeff Fette	Allen & Pat Judd	Quality Repair Service Inc.	Ralph & Lorraine Wick
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Neil & Sharon Fruechte	Mary Laabs	Gretchen & Tom Sankovitz	Gary & Kathy Worke
Carroll & Grace Galvin	Doug & Judi Leet	Joel Schaetzke	Katie Youngberg
Dennis & Linda Garms	Dave & Cheri Lewer	Chris & Rebecca Schimming	
	Darwin & Karen Lochner		

LEGACY BUILDERS

The following individuals or businesses, past and present, have contributed in one of the two ways: established a new fund, or have WAF listed as a beneficiary in their estate plans receiving an amount of \$10,000 or more. If you are not listed here and should be, please contact the WAF office at 507-835-5990.

Harold & Bonita Ackman	Jerry & Rita Janish	Dave & Vanette Pope	Roy Sjoberg
Roger & Cheryl Ashland	Irene Jeddelloh	Matt & Amy Potter	Dr. Mel Strand
Gloria Butlter	Mike Jevning	John P. Priebe	William Streitz
Robert & Lois Chaffin	Edgar & Ethel Johnson	Michele Priebe	Dr. William Sturner
Carol, Larry, & Stephen Collins	Mr & Mrs Wendell Johnson	John W Priebe Family	Marvin & Ardis Sutter
Brad & Trudi Connors	Keen Bank	Estelle Rethwill	Curtis Swenson Family
James & Maria Elizabeth Corchran	John & Jane King	Dr. Wes Rethwill, Jr	Roy & Jeanette Tollefson
Jack & Barbara Dahl	Connie Larson	Margaret C. Roberts Trust	Al Vollbrecht
Barry Erickson	Scott & Holly Martin	Paul & Sue Rosenau	Wasca Area Hospice
Karla Erickson/Rue Erickson	Homer & Betty McIntire	Stacy Lynn Rosenau	Waseca Area Memorial Hospital
Esther Eustice	Medo Evangelical Lutheran Church	Jerry & Carol Rutledge	Waseca Arts Council
Faith in the Future	Monday Study Club	Jerry & Linda Rutledge	Waseca County Historical Society
Carol Fell	Clarence Paulson	Bud & Lorraine Schmidt	Waseca High School Class of 1960
June Fell	Tim Penny	Karla Schroeder	Brad & Monica Wendland
Joe Finley	Jurgen Peters Family	Gerd & Irene Schulte-Hillen	Myron & Caryn Wendt
Neil & Sharon Fruechte	Terry & Arlene Pooley	Kent Schultz	Greg & Donnette Wheelock
Barbara Gauger		Rodney Searle	

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
Gregg "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
John W. Priebe Family Foundation Fund
Cally Jo Children's 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

Curtis Swenson Family Fund
iWealth 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
Schoenfeld Family Fund
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.

POWER OF PRODUCE CLUB

The Power of Produce (PoP) Club is a nationwide farmers market incentive program that was part of the Waseca County Farmers Market for the last two years. The goal of this program is to assure children have better access to fresh produce. With the Waseca PoP Club Program, kids (1 to 18) receive \$5 and kids (under 1) receive \$2 to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables, canned, pickled or freeze-dried fruits and vegetables, eggs, and herbs. This is a free program that takes place every Saturday at the farmers market from mid-July to mid-September.

This program has been an overwhelming success the past two years and it only continues to grow. In the first year, the program had 587 kids participate and spent \$5,429 at the farmer market in just 9 weeks. This last year, there were 604 kids who participated, and they spent a total of \$5,896 at the farmers market. Last summer, a special event was held for seniors (70+) to participate in the PoP Club program, and there were 62 seniors who attended the event. The number of market vendors that were part of the program increased from 28 to 32 as well. The PoP Club has been an incredible benefit to both the Waseca Farmers Market and the community as a whole. The program has only received positive feedback from parents. Here is one parent's comment: "My children looked forward to the farmers market every single week. The vendors were always so friendly and helpful with having the children make decisions about what to purchase."

The PoP Club program is completely supported by the generous donations of our sponsors, like the Waseca Area Foundation, and we are hoping to grow the program, with enough funding, this summer to permanently include seniors (65+) to participate. If you would like more information about sponsorships or volunteer opportunities, please contact Ashley Killday at Ashley.Killday@wasecacounty.gov or (507) 835-0686 or Amy Nelson at dobbe007@umn.edu or (507) 835-0604.



Kids of all ages enjoying shopping at the Farmers Market using PoP Club vouchers to fill their bags with fruits and vegetables.



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.



ANNUAL LETTER



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

We proudly maintained our Adopt-a-Highway section on Highway 30 twice in 2024. Our weather was amazing and with the help of a number of board members, plus family and friends, we had a very enjoyable time. We had a booth at the annual Riverview golf tournament held over Farm & City Days weekend, which gives us an opportunity to highlight some of the important work being done by the Foundation. We also gave folks an opportunity to help grow the NRAF by purchasing a paper flag with their name on it at local businesses in recognition of Independence Day.

We ended 2024, once again, with an amazing event, thanks to the musical talents of Gavin Berg and Adam Moen who, along with their special guests Eva Wayne and new entertainer, Ellen Johnson, presented two concerts benefiting the NRAF. 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, Ellen, their families, and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church for making this happen.

Of course, none of this would be meaningful if we didn't have the opportunity to grant monies to so many worthwhile organizations. In 2024 we approved grants exceeding \$20,000 benefiting the New Richland community, as well as staff and students in the New Richland Hartland Ellendale Geneva school district. Grantees were acknowledged at both a school board and a city council meeting.

We are grateful to be under the umbrella of the Waseca Area Foundation, and especially for the amazing 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. In 2024, we welcomed Kalisha Routh to the board, along with former longtime board member, Gail Schmidt.

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 sincere gratitude,
Karla Christopherson

2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

NEW RICHLAND AREA FOUNDATION FUND

City of NR	\$2,000
<i>purpose: New Place Settings for Community Room</i>	
NR Police Dept.	\$1,000
<i>purpose: New Computer for Squad Car</i>	
NR Police Dept.	\$750
<i>purpose: New Radar System for Squad Car</i>	
NR Sportsmens Club	\$500
<i>purpose: New Trees @ St Olaf Park</i>	
NR Historical Society	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Repair Base of Civil War Cannon in Park</i>	
Waseca Cty Historical Society.	\$500
<i>purpose: Database Migration Fee</i>	
Farmamerica.	\$1200
<i>purpose: Metal Picnic Table</i>	
Boy Scouts.	\$300
<i>purpose: Scout Handbooks</i>	
Royal Villa Housing.	\$2,500
<i>purpose: Landscaping Project</i>	
NRHEG Schools	\$2,150
<i>purpose: Interactive Display Panels</i>	
NRHEG Comm Ed	\$5,000
<i>purpose: Outdoor Playground Equipment</i>	

WASECA AREA FOUNDATION

Royal Villa Housing in NR.	\$500
<i>purpose: Landscaping Project</i>	

BY THE GRACE OF GOD FUND

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

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION

NR Care Center.	\$1500
<i>purpose: Portable Vital Machine</i>	
NRHEG Comm Ed	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Youth Development Scholarships</i>	
NRHEG Secondary Band.	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Storage Lockers/Cabinets</i>	
EFJ Senior Scholarship.	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Levi Kitzer</i>	

CURTIS SWENSON FAMILY FUND

NRHEG Secondary	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Special Ed Literature</i>	
NRHEG Schools	\$5,000
<i>purpose: Interactive Display Panels</i>	
NRHEG Comm Ed	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Preschool Fee Support to Families</i>	
NR Library	\$2,400
<i>purpose: New Children's Books (Large Print, Mystery)</i>	

HAROLD & BONITA ACKMAN AND MYRON & CAROL WENDT FUND

New Richland Schools Scholarships.	\$500 each
<i>recipients: Elsie Schultz and Faith Nielsen</i>	

NRAF BOARD MEMBERS:

Betsy Bartness	Jill Schlaak
Karla Christopherson	Gail Schmidt
Pam Goehring	Kermit Schoenrock
Matt Harrington	
Kalisha Routh	

2024 CONTRIBUTORS

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B & C Berg	John & Megan Misgen
Mary & Richard Bohlen	Michael & Julie Moen
Vivian Bohlen	New Richland Community
Dean Buendorf	Members
Karla Christopherson	Twylah Ottoman
Dave & Melissa Dunn	Robert & Sherry Panuska
Molly Erdman	Tyler Pederson
Charles & Kathryn Espe	R. Joan Proehl
First Impressions by Kim	Joyce & Theresa Reese
Robert & Kathleen Frisk	Casey & Natalie Roeker
Pam & Larry Goehring	Mitch & Suzy Routh
Alan Grabau	Mary Routh
Randy & Ann Hagen	Loren & Kristine Schlaak
Matt & Erin Holland	Joe & Gail Schmidt
David & Karen Jacobson	Kathryn Tollefson
Gail Johnson	

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

NEW RICHLAND AREA FOUNDATION IN MEMORY OF

<i>in memory of Winston Evenson by Randy & Lori Anderson Molly Erdman & Jared Hendrickson Joe & Gail Schmidt</i>	<i>in memory of Kay Adams by Joe & Gail Schmidt Kermit Schoenrock</i>
<i>in memory of Jane Wagner by Joe & Gail Schmidt Kathryn Tollefson</i>	<i>in memory of Lois Bushlack by Joe & Gail Schmidt</i>
<i>in memory of Gerald Gustafson by Kermit Schoenrock</i>	<i>in memory of Curt Krause by Joe & Gail Schmidt</i>
<i>in memory of Brandon Schlaak by Joe & Gail Schmidt</i>	<i>in memory of George & Mary Jane Byron by Byron Properties of New Richland</i>



New Richland Schools Interactive Display Panels are multipurpose and can be utilized by so many grade levels. NRAF has purchased many of these for the District in recent years.

ANNUAL LETTER



The Janesville Area Foundation (JAF) is proud to celebrate another year of growth, strengthening our sustainable fund to benefit the community—today and for generations to come. Through community engagement, fundraising, and education, we continue to expand our impact, ensuring residents know who we are and how we serve. Every effort we make is rooted in our commitment to building a stronger, more connected Janesville for the future.

This past year we participated in Janesville Hay Daze for the first time as bouncers at the street dance. If you know our group, you can imagine how intimidating we can be. We showed up with our JAF T-shirts and it was nice to see everyone who attended. Saturday night we were bombarded by rain that filled the street, but it didn't seem to bother anyone in attendance. In the fall we fell upon an opportunity to provide the community with a fun night out along with the ability to raise money for our foundation. A local resident sponsored a comedian, and we invited the Church Ladies – Up From the Basement from Trinity Lutheran Church as the opening act.

Every year we work hard at sharing the impact we make in our community, not only for today but for generations to come. In the fall of 2024, we embarked on creating a newsletter to help keep our residents up to date on the great things we provide, ways we help our local nonprofits, and the impact we have on our community. This has been well received and it has been a great exercise for our board. The highlight of every year comes in November when we hold our annual grant awards program. This year we were able to award 12 grants totaling \$10,639. As in the past, the EF Johnson Foundation generously stepped in and provided an additional \$14,664 in grants that helped benefit the Janesville Community. This is one of the many benefits of our affiliation with the Waseca Area Foundation. All grants were awarded to deserving Janesville area projects. If anyone is interested in applying for a future grant, the deadline is September 30, 2025. This year we are proud to say that the Janesville Area Foundation has grown to over \$500,000. It has been a great year of growth for our foundation, and we hope to continue this as we work hard to provide a sustainable fund for our community for generations.

Our great group of board members this year include Kelly Eustice, Bridget Gehring, Mike Finley, Arlene Pooley, Dave Pope, Diane Witt, Jeremy Erler, Rosie Grams, Samuel Steffel, Courtney Sprengeler, and Michael Roy. Thank you to our dedicated board members for their hard work this past year serving the Janesville Area Foundation and involvement in our community. We continue to welcome others who share our same passion for Janesville to join our board and help us continue to build.

Last but not least, none of this progress would be possible if it were not for our community donors, affiliates, and supporters. **THANK YOU!**

Samuel Steffel
Chairman
Janesville Area Foundation

2024 CONTRIBUTORS

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| Brady & Jennifer Adams | Harriet Fox | William Kopischke | Faith Ryan |
| Jeff & Angela Adams | Ruth Fury | Sarah Krolak | Ben & Rachel Salaba |
| Curtis & Barb Ahlman | Wayne & Diana Gahler | Peder & Pamela Lehrke | Dale & Anita Schnoor |
| American Legion Post 311 | John & Terry Gardner | Gary Lochner | Willis Schoeb |
| Anna Ammerman | Dennis & Linda Garms | Olof Lundquist | Wallace & Shirley Schoeb |
| Gary & Paula Arndt | Bridget Gehring | Jean Lundquist | Chris & Cheryl Schuch |
| Brett & Adair Ballavance | Kristin Gonsolus | John & DeAnne Malterer | Ron Schuch |
| Vern Benson | Rosalie Grams | Marilyn Marsh | Shelley Schultz |
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| Charles & Judith Born | James & Linda Grisim | Kathryn Mazza | Francis & Mary Schultz |
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JWP High School.....	\$1000
<i>purpose: Camera for Publications Class</i>	
Trinity Lutheran School.....	\$1000
<i>purpose: Band/Piano Course Supplies</i>	
JWP Hall of Fame	
<i>purpose: Annual Banquet Support.....</i>	
Jr. Achievement	\$500
<i>purpose: JWP Schools Programming.....</i>	
Feeding Our Communities	\$1000
<i>purpose: Backpack program for JWP Schools</i>	
Janesville Public Library	
<i>purpose: Summer Reading Program</i>	
<i>purpose: Makerspace supplies.....</i>	
Farmamerica.....	\$850
<i>purpose: Park Bench for Time Lane Trail</i>	
Boy Scout Troop 89	\$1350
<i>purpose: American Flag Kits</i>	
City of Janesville	\$500
<i>purpose: Songs in the Park Music Series</i>	
Lutheran Social Services.....	\$839
<i>purpose: Foster Family Events</i>	
Waseca Area Caregiver Services	\$1600
<i>purpose: Lucynt Pro Interactive System</i>	
 PRIVATE FAMILY LITERACY FUND	
Janesville Public Library	\$1500
<i>purpose: Summer Reading Program</i>	
 EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION	
Feeding Our Communities	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Backpack Program for JWP Schools</i>	
EF Johnson Senior Scholarship	\$3,000
<i>recipient: Lauren White</i>	
 JOE FINLEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
JWP School Senior Scholarship	\$2,000 each
<i>recipients: Alison Olson and Alexis Dahlberg</i>	
 JOHN P PRIEBE SCHOLARSHIP	
JWP School Senior Scholarship	\$1,000
<i>recipient: Lauren White</i>	



JWP Annual Hall of Fame Banquet is supported by JAF.



Above: Beth Stankiewicz and Kelly Boeddeker receive grant award from JAF Board Chair, Sam Steffel.

Left: JWP Elementary created a Sensory room with grant dollars from JAF.



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WASECA AREA FOUNDATION

Sacred Heart School.....	\$1000
<i>purpose: Chromebooks/Furniture</i>	
JWP Science Dept.....	\$1000
<i>purpose: 3D Filament Recycler</i>	
Waseca Sleigh & Cutter	\$3000
<i>purpose: 75th Anniversary Event Support</i>	
Waseca Arts Council.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Gallery Rail & Cable Display</i>	
Waseca County Free Fair.....	\$500
<i>purpose: Annual Flowers</i>	
Waseca Regional Library.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Educational/Interactive Toys</i>	
Waseca County 4-H.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Leadership Programs</i>	
Farmamerica	\$750
<i>purpose: Raised Gardens & Bench</i>	
Farmamerica	\$750
<i>purpose: 3rd Grade Field Trips for Waseca County Students</i>	
Big Brothers Big Sisters.....	\$4,000
<i>purpose: Mentoring Support</i>	
Jr. Achievement.....	\$1500
<i>purpose: Waseca School Programming</i>	
Keep Fighting Recovery.....	\$1000
<i>purpose: Podcast Launch Startup</i>	
Bethlehem Inn.....	\$2,500
<i>purpose: New Transition Program</i>	
MN Valley Action Soap Closet.....	\$250
<i>purpose: Hygiene & Household Cleaning Products</i>	
Lutheran Social Services.....	\$5000
<i>purpose: Food Security for Older Adults</i>	
Neighborhood Service Center	
<i>purpose: In A Pinch Program.....</i>	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Back Pack Program Support.....</i>	\$2,500
<i>purpose: Food Shelf Purchases.....</i>	\$2,500
Feeding Our Communities Partners.....	\$1,591
<i>purpose: Back Pack Program JWP Schools</i>	
Santa's Workshop.....	\$450
<i>purpose: Program Support</i>	
Waseca County Historical Society	\$500
<i>purpose: Database Upgrade Migration Fee</i>	
Waseca Cty Sheriff.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Fire Suppression Tools</i>	
Waseca Fire Dept.....	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Gas Monitor</i>	
Infants Remembered In Silence.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Bereavement Support Packets</i>	
Royal Villa Housing in New Richland.....	\$500
<i>purpose: Landscape Project</i>	
City of Waldorf.....	\$5,000
<i>purpose: Veteran's Memorial Project</i>	
The Redemption Project.....	\$2,500
<i>purpose: Waseca Women's Prison Program</i>	

RESTRICTED FUNDS

CALLY JO CHILDREN'S FUND

Waseca Jr Sr High School.....	\$2,162
<i>purpose: Courage Retreat</i>	
Beds for Kids.....	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Beds/Bedding Purchases</i>	

GREG & DONNETTE WHELOCK AG FUND

Farmamerica	\$2,500
<i>purpose: Park Benches for Time Line Trail</i>	

HOMER & BETTY MCINTIRE FUND

Sacred Heart School.....	\$1,151
<i>purpose: Chromebooks/Furniture</i>	

BARB PENNY YOUTH FUND

Big Brothers Big Sisters.....	\$1,466
<i>purpose: Mentoring Support</i>	
Waseca Public Library	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Summer Reading Program</i>	
Waseca County 4-H.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: PoP Farmers Market Program</i>	
Waseca County 4-H.....	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Leadership Programs</i>	
Champion Force Athletics.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Program Support</i>	
JWP D.A.R.E.....	\$500
<i>purpose: Program Materials</i>	

HERB STREITZ MEMORIAL BAND FUND

Waseca Schools Band Program	\$4,041
<i>purpose: Instruments/Lesson Support</i>	

JOHN PRIEBE EDUCATION FUND

Waseca Public Schools	\$3,201
<i>purpose: Vision Screening Machine</i>	
TEAM Academy	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Math Intervention Program</i>	
Sacred Heart School.....	\$4,000
<i>purpose: Chromebooks/Furniture</i>	
JWP Science Dept.....	\$2,250
<i>purpose: 3D Filament Recycler</i>	

JOHN PRIEBE COMMUNITY RUN/OUTDOOR FUND

Waseca Lakes Association	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Lakefest Freedom Run</i>	
Waseca Lakesfest.....	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Artists, Musicians, Activities</i>	
Waseca Sleigh & Cutter	\$3,486
<i>purpose: 75th Event Support</i>	
Waseca Hockey Assoc.....	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Outdoor Rink Chiller</i>	
Janesville Hay Daze.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Hay Daze Fun Run</i>	

TRACY JEVNING MEMORIAL FUND

City of Waseca.....	\$295
<i>purpose: Community Flowers</i>	
Waseca Lakes Assoc.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Lakefest Support</i>	
Waseca County 4-H.....	\$500
<i>purpose: PoP Farmers Market Program</i>	

CITY OF WASECA BEAUTIFICATION FUND

City of Waseca.....	\$1,905
<i>purpose: Community Flowers</i>	

VOLBRECHT CULTURAL ARTS FUND

Waseca Arts Council.....	\$956
<i>purpose: Gallery Rail & Cable Display</i>	

WASECA AREA FOUNDATION GRANTS

COMMUNITY ADVISED FUND GRANTS CONT'D.

WASECA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BLUEJAY FUND

Hartley Elementary	\$1500
<i>purpose: Author Visit</i>	
Waseca Public Schools	\$493
<i>purpose: Vision Screening Machine</i>	

GRANTS ADVISED BY PAUL ROSENAU FAMILY

LEGACY OF ANGELS

Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center	\$100,000
<i>purpose: Building Project</i>	
Camp Omega.....	\$100,000
<i>purpose: General Support</i>	
Waseca Public Schools	\$5,326
<i>purpose: Video Wall - WHS Gym</i>	
Rosemount High School Trap Team	\$10,000
<i>purpose: Program Support</i>	
Santa Fe South Schools	\$5,446
<i>purpose: Girls Basketball Program</i>	

ROSENAU WASECA SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY

Waseca Public Schools	\$90,973
<i>purpose: Video Wall - WHS Gym</i>	

ROSENAU WASECA SCHOOLS BAND

River City Rhythm.....	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Waseca Marching Band Clinic</i>	

ROSENAU WASECA PARKS & TRAILS

City of Waseca.....	\$11,937
<i>purpose: NW Park Playground Project</i>	

ROSENAU WASECA SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP

Rosenau Medical Scholarship.....	\$1000 each
<i>recipients: Dominic Grunzke</i>	
<i>Emma Keith</i>	
<i>Ella Krautkremer</i>	
<i>Evelyn O'Brien</i>	
<i>Addison Wieseler</i>	
Rosenau Student with Potential Scholarship	\$1000 each
<i>recipients: Tristin Gross</i>	
<i>McKyla Hasselquist</i>	
<i>Kaeden Johnson</i>	
<i>Caitlin Slattery</i>	
<i>Lilianne Wulf</i>	

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION FUND GRANTS

Waseca Jr Sr High School.....	\$500
<i>purpose: Color Printer, Heat Press, Supplies</i>	
Waseca Jr Sr High School.....	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Therapeutic Pgrm Movement Chairs</i>	
Waseca Alternative Learning Center0.....	\$300
<i>purpose: Science Museum Field Trip</i>	
Waseca Community Ed	
<i>purpose: Swim Training Platform</i>	
	\$600
<i>purpose: Summer Youth Theater</i>	
	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Youth Development Grants.....</i>	
	\$10,000
Waseca School Age Care.....	\$250
<i>purpose: Sandbox Materials</i>	
NRHEG Secondary Band	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Storage Lockers/Cabinets</i>	
NRHEG Community Ed	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Youth Development Grants</i>	
Jr Achievement	\$3,000
<i>purpose: Waseca Schools Programming</i>	
Farmamerica	
<i>purpose: Ag Career Exploration Program</i>	
	\$2,200
Waseca Public Library	
<i>purpose: Summer Concert Series</i>	
	\$4,000
<i>purpose: Event Offerings for Teens</i>	
	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Waseca Water Carnival</i>	
	\$2,500
Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center	
<i>purpose: Backpack Program - Waseca Schools.....</i>	
	\$5,000
<i>purpose: Food Shelf Support</i>	
	\$9,000
Feeding our Communities	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Backpack Program – JWP Schools</i>	
Lutheran Social Service	\$2,164
<i>purpose: Foster Care Family Programming</i>	
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$7,500
<i>purpose: Mentoring Support – Waseca Cty</i>	
MN Valley Action Council	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Soap Closet Supplies</i>	
Waseca Area Caregiver Services.....	\$1,000
<i>purpose: Lycynt Pro Interactive System</i>	
Life Work Planning Center.....	\$2,000
<i>purpose: Workshops/Trainings for Women in Transition Services</i>	
Waseca Chorale.....	\$2,500
<i>purpose: Program/Concert Support</i>	
New Richland Care Center	\$1,500
<i>purpose: Portable Vital Machines</i>	
Waseca Sleigh & Cutter	\$1,000
<i>purpose: 75th Anniversary Event Support</i>	

SCHOLARSHIPS

Abigail Claire Wendland Spirit Scholarship <i>Abigail Claire Wendland Spirit Scholarship</i> recipients: Tarun Ewest \$500 Sarah Haley \$500 Ella Krautkremer \$1000	
Greg Ashland Memorial \$1,000 <i>recipient: Lilianne Wulf</i>	
Caleb Lane Erickson Memorial \$1,000 <i>recipient: Preston Miller</i>	
Clarence D Paulson Memorial Scholarship \$5,000 <i>recipient: Lylah Bauman</i>	
Sankovitz Family Fund \$1,000 each Barb Sankovitz Music Scholarship <i>recipients: Addison Bomsta Isabelle Wilhelmi</i>	
Schroeder Family Scholarship for Nursing \$2,000 each <i>recipients: Alex Anhorn Alexandria Eustice Ahmed Farooq Evelyn O'Brien</i>	
WHS Class of 1960 \$1,500 <i>recipient: Addison Wieseler</i>	
Don Eustice Memorial \$1,000 <i>recipient: Caitlin Slattery</i>	
Monday Study Club \$1,000 <i>recipient: Norah Schimming</i>	
Spartan Soliloquy Scholarship \$1,850 <i>recipients: Harrison Cha - \$1,000 Damaris Mamana - \$850</i>	
Stoltenburg Rotary Scholarship \$4,000 <i>recipient: Lucas Vasquez</i>	
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Janesville High School \$3,000 <i>recipient: Lauren White</i>	
New Richland High School \$3,000 <i>recipient: Levin Kitzer</i>	
Non Traditional \$2,000 each <i>recipients: Amber Harrison Alex Roesler</i>	



Top Left: Dan Kohler, Oliver Rohwer and Noah Dable, recipients of the EF Johnson Fdtn scholarships. Top Right: Lily Peterson, recipient of the Gregg "Marty" Martin Scholarship, is pictured with David Oraskovich, WAF Board Chair & Amy Potter, WAF Exec Dir. Bottom: Sarah Haley & Grace Below received the iWealth Scholarship and are pictured with Brad & Trudi Connors, owners of iWealth.

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Farmamerica hosts Ag Career Exploration Days. Students pictured are learning how to operate equipment via a simulated experience. This event is supported by WAF grants.



WAF supported the TEAM Academy Math Enrichment Program. Student & staff from TEAM pictured here.



Waseca Jr Sr High Art Class students proudly show off their projects created with a new equipment - color printer and heat press, which were purchased with grant dollars.



Marching Jays of Waseca were able to participate in a Movement in Music clinic hosted by River City Rhythm. The clinic was made possible with grant dollars from Rosenau Band Fund.

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Paul and Tammy Rosenau visit the Neighborhood Service Center Food shelf and present a generous donation towards the building expansion project.



Waseca Comm Ed staff, Nicki Benson & Vilay Miller, receive grants to support many programs.



NRAF supported a new landscape project at Royal Villa in New Richland.



Grant Recipients and NRAF Board members gather to celebrate following the grant awards celebration in New Richland.

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.

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, 2024

	Community Advised Funds	E.F. Johnson Foundation	Designated & Donor Advised Funds	AMP (Advisor Managed Program) Funds	Total
Beginning Fund Balance 1/1/2024	4,458,519	3,308,204	6,157,844	83,747	14,008,314
Contributions	221,176			2,580,179	2,801,355
Investment Income	358,297	262,152			620,449
Grants Paid	155,732	133,055	661,161	22,362	972,310
Administrative & Other Expenses	38,387	26,144			64,531
Ending Balance 12/31/2024	\$4,843,873	\$3,411,157	\$3,619,585	\$2,610,495	\$14,485,111

OPERATING FUND FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/2024	\$66,135	EXPENSES	
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2024	\$71,552	Business Expenses	\$1,329
INCOME		Contract Services	\$2,585
Operating Endowment	\$5,078	Facilities and Equipment	\$5,584
Sustaining Partnerships	\$26,721	Operations	
Comm Advised Fund Grants	\$39,496	Subscriptions	\$220
AMP Fund Fees	\$896	Postage	2,233
Interest Income	\$12,311	Outside Printing	\$6,294
TOTAL INCOME	\$84,502	Office Supplies	\$1,316
		Telephone	\$750
		Advertising/Marketing	\$902
		Technology/Website	\$877
		Meeting Expense	\$809
		Event Expense	\$5,902
		Miscellaneous Expense	-\$270
		Insurance	\$2,052
		Bank Service Charges	\$195
		Payroll Expenses	\$41,401
		Annual Report	\$6,906
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$79,085

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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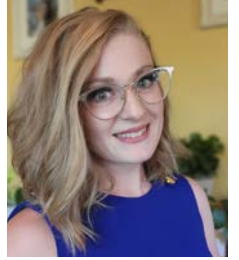
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