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St. Croix Valley Foundation Board of Directors



Back row, from left: Jeff Heegaard, Afton; Chuck Arnason, Marine on St. Croix; Todd Gillingham, Hudson; Board Chair Steve Wilcox, Hudson; Ann Brookman, Lake Elmo. Front row, from left: Jim Lutiger, Hudson, Dr. Gretchen Stein, Grant; Dr. David Wettergren, Grant; Marty Harding, St. Croix Falls; Andy Kass, Stillwater; Suzann Brown, Stillwater; Shannon Hooley Enright, Stillwater; Katrina Larsen, Hudson.

St. Croix Valley Foundation Service Area



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What is the St. Croix Valley Foundation?

The St. Croix Valley Foundation is a locally governed public trust that enables community members, regardless of their means, to make a lasting difference in the St. Croix Valley. The Foundation's central purpose is to assist donors in accomplishing their philanthropic goals to enhance this community of communities, now and in the future. As a tax-exempt charitable organization, the Foundation provides flexible, efficient, and tax-effective ways to ensure that each donor's charitable giving achieves the greatest possible impact.

The St. Croix Valley Foundation is a unique institution available to assist anyone who lives, works, or has roots in the Valley and wants to make charitable contributions that will benefit this area or other geographic areas. Founded in 1995 by a group of forward-thinking Valley residents, the Foundation provides a way for donors to leave a legacy of their values and beliefs to future generations, to take full advantage of the tax benefits of an estate, and to advance the quality of life in the beautiful St. Croix Valley.

The mission of the St. Croix Valley Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in the St. Croix Valley by:

Encouraging charitable giving in the Valley –

Building permanent funds that will provide resources for the needs of today and tomorrow.

Connecting people and programs –

Bringing together people's charitable interests and the funding needs of programs and organizations.

Facilitating progressive approaches –

Forming partnerships and providing servant leadership through programs that enhance the quality of life in our region's distinct communities. ♦

Making an Impact – Providing Community Dividends



**SCVF Board Chair,
Steve Wilcox**

As I start my fifth year as a Board member of the SCVF and my second year as Board Chair, I've seen many changes advancing our St. Croix Valley Foundation.

We have finished the Fiscal Year 2011 with a 20% investment performance and we are celebrating making over \$31 million in grants to Valley communities since our inception in 1995. Our Board members have worked hard this year at solidifying branding, speaking to community groups and telling the SCVF story, and nurturing our donors.

Internally there have also been changes. CPA Emily Lownsbury is now our accountant and she and the rest of the professional team have tightened up procedures creating staff efficiency while ensuring quality delivery.

Through SCVF Scorecarding and committee specific Plans of Operation, your volunteer leadership continues to advance the Foundation's philanthropic scope with strategic execution.

Over 120 volunteers actively serve you, our donors, on their respective boards and committees, thus assuring program strength, investment performance, fiscal accountability and donor care.

Our Legacy Society celebration in June was a resounding success, with speaker Steve Gunderson, former Western Wisconsin Congressman and CEO of the national Council on Foundations in Washington, DC. Steve reflected that "charity is an activity of the heart, while philanthropy is an activity of the mind," urging us to think of our work as a deep investment in the communities we serve.

Coupling all of that with all the good work that our six affiliate community foundations have accomplished, I can say with assurance that we have provided our communities with philanthropic leadership and a strong vision celebrating the uniqueness of each community served.

Quality of life through diverse programs, strong returns on our funds under management, confidence in volunteer leaders investing in our future.... Community dividends come in all forms.... TRULY making an IMPACT.

Steve Wilcox
Board Chair ♦

The Heritage Initiative – Many Waters, Many Stories, One Special Place

For those of us who live and work within the St. Croix River basin, we know our region has significant stories, historic sites, cultural traditions, and rich natural resources. Imagine the possibilities of working regionally – from Prescott to Cable in Wisconsin, from Hastings to Sandstone in Minnesota, and in all areas between – to leverage our cultural, historic and natural assets to promote future economic development, historic preservation, tourism, and conservation strategies.

Across the United States people have joined together to protect and share the places they cherish by securing Congressional designation as a National Heritage Area. Over the last year, SCVF convened a task force to explore the idea of heritage designation for our region, especially its potential for generating economic activity through heritage tourism, enhancing regional identity and branding, and increasing cooperation among government, businesses and residents. This multi-sector task force includes representatives from ArtReach St. Croix, Chisago Lakes Chamber of Commerce, the City of Sandstone, Department of Natural Resources (Wisconsin), Folsom House, Freedom Park, Friends of the St. Croix Headwaters, Gammelgarden, The National Park Service, Rotary, St. Croix Scenic Byway, St. Croix River Association and St. Croix Festival Theater.

With the endorsement of 120 community leaders SCVF is about to launch *The Heritage Initiative*, a broad community engagement process that will ask residents, cultural groups non-profits and businesses throughout the St. Croix River watershed if heritage designation is right for their communities, for their future. Contact Jill Shannon at jshannon@scvfoundation.org if you would like more information as this initiative unfolds. ♦

Nate Jackson:

A Leading Philanthropist of River Falls

Nate came by his philanthropy honestly. He learned it from his family. His grandmother placed her home in a life estate with Concordia College – Moorhead, and when she passed away the extended family established a scholarship fund at Concordia (Nate’s alma mater) and they have supported it ever since.

“I was raised by parents that taught this lesson, not so much outright, but by example,” says Nate. “In the 1970s our family sponsored a young Black girl from the ghettos of Chicago, IL. Winnie would spend summers with us in small town Madison, MN, where some people had literally never seen a black person before. We provided her an escape from the tough life in the projects of Chicago and considered her another member of the family, supporting her until she was in her 20s and married.”

“In December of 1975 when I was 12-years-old our family left Madison to spend a year in Papua, New Guinea. We were not missionaries, per se, but the trip was arranged by World Brotherhood Exchange. My father, a grocer by trade, worked in New Guinea with a company called Native Marketing and Supply, or “Namasu,” helping the native employees of two different stores improve their management, sales, marketing and other skills. It was quite a shock to leave the luxuries of the United States and immerse ourselves in a third-world country. Goodbye big house, air conditioning, TV, friends! During this time our family learned to get by on so much less than most of us in the U.S. take for granted every day. The people we met in New Guinea had little in terms of material things, but had a huge influence on all of us. My experiences in New Guinea continue to be part of my psyche. To this day I recall prior to our departure for stateside, giving my used bike, a tee shirt and pair of shorts to a young New Guinean I had befriended. His material possessions that day doubled!”

“Linda and I are trying to educate our children on the importance of giving back. And more than just educate them, we are hoping they eventually find joy in sharing. Like many American families we have been fortunate, and have much more than we really need. Linda and I are getting the children involved in how to donate the annual distribution from our endowed fund, giving each member of the family one quarter of the grant to give out per their wishes. At some point we will suggest they each start contributing to the family fund.”

In fact, the Jackson family is a three-generation-philanthropy family. Not only do he and his wife Linda have two Donor-Advised Funds, but his parents, Richard and Carolyn have one, too. His son, Nicholas, has provided for a fund in his estate plan.



Larissa, Linda, Nate and Nicholas Jackson

Nate and Linda use a short-term donor-advised fund for their annual giving, and occasionally contribute to an endowed fund they have established, The Nate & Linda Jackson Future Fund. Their estate plan calls for a bequest to the endowed fund when the first of them passes, then again upon the passing of the surviving spouse.

Likewise, their son Nicholas has already made provisions in his estate plan to leave a gift to the Jackson family’s endowed fund, making him one of the youngest members of the Foundation’s Legacy Society.

“Personally, I have always felt it important to “give back,” said Nate, “be it time and/or talent on a committee or board, or monetarily.”

Nate has given back in more than just money. He helped to launch the River Falls Community Fund (RFCF) in 1999. This fund is an affiliate of the St. Croix Valley Foundation. He was one of the original donors, as was his company, Edward Jones & Co. He served on RFCF’s Board for ten years and was the chair of its Finance Committee.

He has served on the SCVF Board since 2005, and chaired the Donor Services Committee. He is leaving the Board this year. Nate has been a tireless advocate for philanthropy in the Valley. It was he who suggested that Ezekiel Lutheran Church establish a fund at SCVF, and has introduced many other River Falls area residents to the Foundation and the Community Fund. ♦

DAVID AND MARILYN PALMER



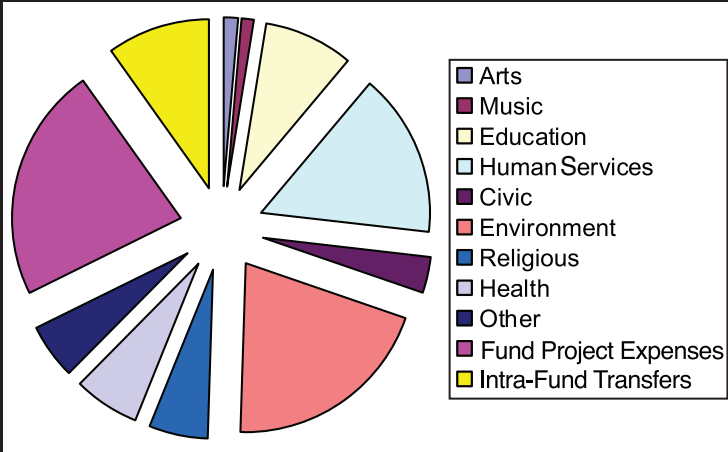
Marilyn and Dr. Dave Palmer

Dr. David Palmer is well known throughout the Valley for his success in helping people with their orthopaedic surgeries, and for his dry wit. But he’s just as well known for his and his wife, Marilyn’s philanthropic spirit. David’s interest in the welfare of the larger community came from his father, who was a solo family doctor for 35 years in Blackduck, MN, back when there was no Medicare or Medicaid. Back then, when David was growing up, his family gave to Blackduck’s Trinity Lutheran Church, but mostly they gave free medical care to people who couldn’t afford to pay for it.

When David went to the University of Minnesota for both undergraduate and medical degrees, he was active in many student associations, setting the stage for the active participation in community life that he enjoys today. The day after he graduated from medical school he married Marilyn.

They moved to the St. Croix Valley in 1977 and David started St. Croix Orthopaedics with Dr. Bob Meisterling. Both he and Marilyn dived into the community life of the St. Croix Valley while raising two daughters. They have been members of Stillwater’s Trinity Lutheran Church since 1979 and David was on the Church Council when Trinity entered upon their capital

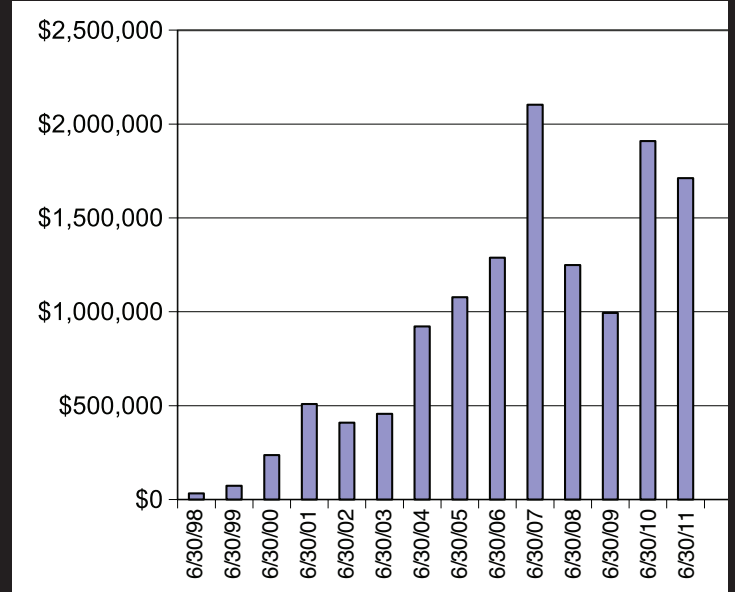
Current Year Grants



July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 grants & transfers:

Arts	\$23,475	1%
Music	20,150	1%
Education	146,667	1%
Human Services	268,741	16%
Civic	59,347	3%
Environment	346,257	20%
Religious	96,157	6%
Health	107,640	6%
Other	90,503	5%
Fund Project Expenses	384,378	22%
Intra-Fund Transfers	168,572	10%
Total	1,711,887	

Grant History



Total grants & transfers:

6/30/98	\$32,510
6/30/99	73,547
6/30/00	236,139
6/30/01	508,526
6/30/02	409,385
6/30/03	455,476
6/30/04	921,580
6/30/05	1,077,181
6/30/06	1,287,917
6/30/07	2,103,054
6/30/08	1,249,499
6/30/09	993,187
6/30/10	1,908,730
6/30/11	1,711,887

campaign. They have also been generous donors to public media, museums and have served on the Board of the United Way Washington County East and its Pillars Club and David has been on the Board of Directors of the St. Croix Valley Foundation since 2006.

Perhaps what David is best known for in the Valley is his medical volunteerism, which started in 1994 when he spent a month in Bhutan with his physician's assistant. In 1995 he went to Jalalabad, Afghanistan, where he cared for casualties caused by the war, usually victims of land mines and gunshot wounds, perpetrated by the Taliban. In 1996 he went to Tanzania for the first time, to help Stillwater native Dr. Mark Jacobson at the Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania. Since then David has remarked how greatly the clinic and hospital have grown and improved over the years, especially in technology and training in the areas of arthroscopy and total knee replacement. David travels to Arusha each year in January or February for two to three weeks. Each time, he and his physician's assistant, Russ McGill, take in as many supplies as they can physically carry.

In about 1996, David and Marilyn established a medical scholarship at the St. Paul Foundation with David's elderly aunt, Laura Rathert, who wanted to leave a legacy in her home state. Two students each year from Stillwater are chosen to receive the scholarship because David and Marilyn know first-hand how difficult it is to pay for medical school. In 2011 they moved the scholarship to the St. Croix Valley Foundation so that the fund would be closer to home.

David has received many honors for his leadership, including an award for being Volunteer of the Year from the Minnesota Orthopaedic Society, where he served as president in 1995. But David and Marilyn believe it's important to walk the talk, and have always stepped up to the task, whether it's helping with the Stillwater Library capital campaign, serving as members of the United Way's Pillars Club, or helping to fund the new Heritage Initiative at the St. Croix Valley Foundation. They have both given time and treasure to their community, and much wisdom to the organizations they care about. ♦

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Heidi L. Waldoch
Shelia & Donald Waldoch
Robert & Margaret Wall
John & Judith Wallace
R.A. & S.R. Wallace
Leo & Ruth Walleser
Ernest & Rita Wallin
James & Sandra Walz
Drs. Donald & Hallie Ward
Marilyn & Patrick Ward
Michael Ward
Jane Wardhana
Janice G. Waring
Washington County 4-H Federation
Robert & Kimberly Wasiluk
Margaret Lardner & H Watson III
Sue E. Waters
Elizabeth A. Weaver
Jim Webber
Jennifer L. Weber-Fitzgerald
Elizabeth Webster
Julia Webster
Steven & Catherine Webster
Theodore & Maureen Wegleitner
Thomas & Barbara Wegleitner
Michael Weidner
Tom & Tracey Weidner
Ronald & Susan Weiler
Donald C. Weinke
Terrence & Margaret Weiss
Thomas & Mary Weiss
Margie Wellman
Darlene & Lance Wendlandt
Denise & Janice Wenker
Jesse Wenker
Timothy & Janice Wenzel
West CAP
James & Viola West
Randy Westby
WESTconsin Credit Union
Elizabeth & Thomas Westerhaus
Western Petroleum Company
Western Wisconsin Medical Associates, S.C.
Cindi L. Westling
G. Westrum
David Wettergren
Victor & Clara Weyland
Whitcomb Fund of SCVF
Richard & Georgia Whitcomb
White Eagle Golf Club
White Pine Fund of SCVF
Charles E. White Family Trust
Patricia & Chris White
Paul White
Nicholas & Laura Whitney Jr.
Lee S. and Dorothy N. Whitson Fund of
The Saint Paul Foundation
Anthony & Marilyn Wicklund
Dave Wicklund
Daniel & Mary Wieser
Joseph & Mary Wieser
Roger & Judith Wiff

Kiira Wilcox
Steve & Terri Wilcox & Resultants For Business
Daniel & Mary Wilkening
David & Becky Will
David & Pam Williams
Gary & Kathleen Williams
Merlin & Kathleen Williams
Paula & Robert Williams
David & Gayle Williamson
Eric & Jennifer Willman
Ingrid & Thomas Wilmet
Hampton & Mary Wilmot
Kathleen Wilson
Lynne & Thomas Wilzbacher
Brad & Stephanie Windschill
Bob & Bobbi Winiacki
Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A.
Wipfli CPAs & Consultants
Wisconsin Arts Board
Wisconsin Tile & Stone, Inc.
Wisconsin Veterans Museum Foundation, Inc.
Wiscota Systems, LLC
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Gerard & Janet Wolfe
Jon Wolfe
M. Wayne & Marian B Wolfe
Matthew D. Wolfe
Women of Joy Lutheran Church,
Congregation No. 14526
Women of the ELCA-SWO
Woods N Hills HCE
Jean M. Woog
Ben & Margaret Wopat
Joanne B. Wright
John M. Wright
Gregory & Jill Wurdell
Xcel Energy Foundation Matching Program
Chris Yee
Curtis Yelken
Charles & Dona Yetter
Charlotte Yetter
Yocum Oil Company, Inc
John & Sheridith Yonash
Barbara Young
M. Hannah & Wallace Young
William Young
Youth Service Bureau, Inc.
Ann M. Yunker
Jay & Carolyn Zack
Jeffrey & Patricia Zais
Douglas Zak & Christine O'Connor
Donald & Judith Zappa
Gary Zappa
Colleen Zaudke
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William J. Zezza
Harold & Ruth Ziemann
John & Patricia Zik
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Reid Zimmerman
Richard & Joan-Exley Zimmerman
Mary E. Zorn and Troy Wilhelmson

Funds

DONOR ADVISED

Amery Area Community Foundation Operating Fund*
Don Anderson Family Fund
Paul L Anderson Short Term Fund
Charles & Peggy Arnason Fund
Baird Family Fund
Jon & Mefta Belisle Donor Advised Endowment Fund
The Belisle Fund
Marie & Harry Blakeman Memorial Fund
Bradshaw Celebration of Life Endowed Fund
Bradshaw Celebration of Life Fund
Jim & Jayne Bradshaw Family Fund
David & Sandy Brandt Short-term Fund
David Brandt Family Fund
Dick Brennan Serenity Short Term Fund
Dick Brennan Serenity Fund
Lucile Adams Brink Donor Advised Fund*
Brookman Family Fund
Howard & Dorothy Brown Fund
Loren & Ruby Croone Fund
Allan & Diane Dettmann Endowed Fund
Byron & Vicki Dopkins Donor Advised Fund
David Erickson Family Charitable Fund*
Tim & Vallie Ericson Donor Advised Fund
Tim & Vallie Ericson Endowed Fund*
Ezekiel Lutheran Church
LACE Fund
Mark & Maeta Gherly Family Fund
Griswold Fund
Frances E. Gunn Legacy Fund*
C.R Hackworthy II Family Fund
Janet M. Hansen Fund
Karen Ciegler Hansen & Craig J. Hansen Family Fund
Heiser Family Fund
Glen O. & Elizabeth I. Helmen Memorial
Allison Helmen Memorial Fund
Heritage Initiative Fund*
Gerald Hoel Fund
Jack & Joyce Hooley Endowment Fund
Jack & Joyce Hooley Fund
Hudson Daybreak Rotary Endowment Fund
Hudson Daybreak Rotary Long Term Fund
Hudson Daybreak Rotary Short Term Fund
Hudson Physicians Fund
Nate & Linda Jackson Future Fund
Nate & Linda Jackson Fund
Richard & Carolyn Jackson Charitable Fund
Michael O. Johnson Short Term Fund
Orv & Kathy Johnson Family Fund
Orv & Kathy Johnson Short-Term Fund
Marie, Ingrid & Katherine Kilde Fund
Krueger Family Fund
Bill & Rita Lawson Family Fund
Lawson Family Fund
Charles & Deborah LeRoux Family Fund
Tim Linehan Friends Fund
Tim Linehan Memorial Fund
Margaret B. Matllin Fund
Patricia Condon McDonald & Malcolm McDonald Fund
Allen & Corinne Metcalf Fund
Lois B. Michaelson Endowed Fund
G. & J. Museus Family Fund
George & Dorothy Nelson Fund

Nicholas & Kathryn Nelson Charitable Fund
New Richmond Area Community Foundations
Burt Nordstrand Family Fund
North Branch Area Education Operating Fund
Dan O'Connell Leadership Fund
Nancy Orgeman Donor Advised Fund
PARC Fund
Physicians' Fund
Robert M. & Ivine O. Post Fund
Keith & Jody Radtke Fund
Don & Ellie Richards Donor-Advised Fund
River Falls Lions Club Community Endowment Fund
River Falls Rotary Fund*
Sandy Hills Fund
Thomas J. Scheuerman Memorial Fund
Schroeder Family Fund
SCVF Matching Fund for the Lower St. Croix Valley Foundation*
Dean & Lynn Shafer Fund
David & Donna Smith Family Fund
Nancy Girouard Speer Fund
Stillwater Fund for a Performing and Visual Arts Center
Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Charity Fund
Stillwater Rotary Club Fund
Curt Siine & Judith Lively Fund
Tom & Suki Thomsen Donor Advised Fund
Kevin & Rita Vance Family Fund
Ronald & Susan Weiler Family Fund
Whitcomb Family Endowment Fund
Whitcomb Fund
White Pine Fund
Steve & Terri Wilcox Family Fund

DONOR DESIGNATED

Fund for Ascension Episcopal Church
Terrance D. & Jacqueline J. Capistrant Parkinson's Foundation Fund*
Jonathan Patrick Erspamer Fund
Friends of Perch Lake Fund
Marr T. Haack Legacy Fund
Hudson Community Built Playground
Charlotte K. Kirby Fund
Lake St. Croix Beach Community Playground Fund
Helen Lawson Library Fund*
Helen Lawson Short-Term Fund for the Stillwater Public Library*
Dan O'Connell Peace Garden Fund
Eddie H and Donald L Olson Fund
Nelle Johnson Potts Fund
Riverway Park Partnership Fund
Thomas J. Scheuerman Youth Fund
Stillwater Area Health & Education Fund
Youth Action Hudson Endowed Fund

AGENCY

Big Brothers Big Sisters Fund
Carpenter Nature Center Fund
Chisago Lakes School Endowment Fund
Community Thread Fund
Courage St. Croix Fund
Croixdale Mission Benevolence Fund
Ezekiel Lutheran Church Fund
Fairview Lakes HomeCaring & Hospice Fund
FamilyMeans Facilities Fund
FamilyMeans Fund

Family Resource Center SCV Bright Future Fund
HSI Endowment Fund
Robert Butler Leadership Development Fund
Francis & Maryllis Oehlke Fund
Hudson Health Endowment Foundation Fund
Interfaith Volunteers of St. Croix County
Kinship of Polk County Fund
Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau Fund
Land Stewardship Project Fund
Lucy Winton Bell Athletic Fields
Hazel Mackin Community Library Endowed Agency Fund*
New Richmond Preservation Society Fund
Northern Star Boy Scout Fund Partnership
Partnership Plan Endowment
Ruth Geary Arts Fund
David Croonquist Fund of the Endowment for Excellence
David & Sandy Brandt Fund for Excellence
Dr. Tom F. Linde Fund
Lundquist Endowment for the Sciences
Orchestra Legacy Fund
Weingarten "What's Best For Kids" Fund
Partnership Plan Endowment for Excellence
The Phipps Center for the Arts Fund
Wendell A Petersen Family Fund for Arts
Pierce County Historical Association Fund
River Falls Library Foundation Fund
Somerset Public Library Endowment Fund
St. Paul Episcopal Church-Douglas Beauchamp Memorial Fund
Standing Cedars Endowment Fund
Standing Cedars Opportunity Fund
St. Croix River Protection Fund
Stillwater Public Library Athena Fund
Turningpoint Fund
United Way Food Resources Long Term Fund
United Way of Washington County East Endowment Fund
United Way St. Croix Valley Long-Term Fund
Valley Senior Services Alliance Fund
Washington County Historical Society Fund
West CAP Endowment Fund
West CAP Fund
West Wisconsin Land Trust Fund
White Pine Festival Fund
Youth Service Bureau Fund

SCHOLARSHIP

Evelyn Elizabeth & Russell Karl Anderson Fund
Paul L. Anderson Tennis Scholarship Fund
Baytown Student Aid Fund
Ranger Jeremy Bird Memorial Scholarship
Sadie & John Burman Memorial Art Scholarship
Cemstone Companies Scholarship Fund*
Frank Chaney Memorial Scholarship Fund*
Boake Christenson Memorial Scholarship
Calvin Djam Scholarship Fund
Claire & Betty Erickson Family Scholarship Fund*
James & Patricia Foy Memorial Scholarship
Doris Fuka Scholarship Fund
Janet M. Hansen Scholarship Fund
Peter Haugen Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Val Kremser Medical Scholarship Fund
Daryl K & Lois Lien Scholarship
Karl D. Ludvigson Memorial Scholarship
James McLaughlin Scholarship Fund

Mooney Scholarship
Bradley W. Nordstrand Scholarship Fund
Eddie H. & Donald L. Olson Scholarship
Palmer-Rathert Medical Scholarship Fund*
SCVF Young Life/RealLife Scholarship Fund
St. Croix Valley Harley Owner's Group Scholarship
Speaks Family Scholarship for Drama
Stower Community Scholarship
Volga Scholarship
Waterman Scholarship
Wears Scholarship Fund
Henry Yetter Wrestling Scholarship
Paul & Fern Yocum Scholarship Foundation Fund*

FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS

Fishin' For Parkinson's Fund*
Hudson Vintage Neighborhood Association Fund
NBAEF Perfect 10 Fund
Our Neighbors' Place Fund
A Place of Grace Fund
Prior Lake Rotary Jazz Fund
River Croix Fund
Thomas J. Scheuerman Youth Fund
Serving the 32nd Fund
St. Croix Valley Rotaract Fund
The Sharing Tree Fund
The SOURCE

ARTS & MUSIC

Arts Field of Interest Fund
Music Education Endowment Fund
SCVF Art Survey Fund
Valley Arts Initiative Project

CIVIC PROJECTS AND ISSUES

Amery Building Murals
Amery Pool Fund
Amery Riverfront Development Gift
Jorgenson Field

ENVIRONMENT

NPS Powerline Removal Short-Term Agency Fund
River Partnership Fund of SCVCF
St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Fund
St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Research & Support Fund
Robert Uppgren Fund for Sustainable Communities

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Golden Age Memorials
Hoel Stewart Family Fund
LADDA Endowed Fund
LADDA Long Term Activities Fund

*NEW THIS YEAR

Grants

HUMANE - ANIMAL

Animal Humane Society
Arnell Memorial Humane Society, Inc.
Boone Area Humane Society
Brown County Humane Society
Can Do Assistance Dogs
Clinton Humane Society
Coulee Region Humane Society
Door County Humane Society
Elephant Sanctuary
Fond Du Lac Humane Society
Forest County Humane Society
Friends of Animals Humane Society
Friends of the Shelter, Inc.
Grant County Humane Society
Green Lake Area Animal Shelter, Inc.
Humane Society of Barron County
Humane Society of Douglas County
Humane Society of Freeborn County
Humane Society of Jefferson County, Inc.
Humane Society of Kandiyohi County
Humane Society of Marathon County, Inc.
Humane Society of Northwest Iowa
Humane Society of Otter Tail County
Jackson County Humane Society
Jasper County Animal Rescue League
& Humane Society
Lakes Area Humane Society
Loess Hills Humane Society
Marion County Humane Society
Martin County Humane Society
Mesabi Humane Society
Northwoods Humane Society
Oconto Area Humane Society & Animal Shelter
Ocooch Mountain Humane Society
PAWS & More Animal Shelter
Pepin County Humane Society
Pope County Humane Society
Prairie's Edge Humane Society
Shawano County Humane Society
South Wood County Humane Society
TLC Animal Shelter - Canine Center
Tri-County Humane Society
Washburn County Area Humane Society
Washington County Humane Society

ARTS AND MUSIC

Cottonwood Group Homes, Inc.
Flynn Center for the Performing Arts
Forcast Public Art Works Twin Cities
Franconia Sculpture Park
Greensboro Historical Society
Guthrie Theater Foundation
Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce
Hudson High School
Lamar - A Historic Center for Community
Loft Literary Center
North Branch Music Booster Club
River Falls Community Arts Base, Inc.
River Falls Public Library
Sheboygan Arts Foundation dba
John Michael Kohler Arts Center
St. Croix Valley Chamber Chorale
St. Croix Valley Chapter of the Barbershop
Harmony Society
St. Croix Valley Orchestra
St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra

Summer Music from Greensboro
The Phipps Center for the Arts
Twin Cities Public Television
Vail Valley Foundation
Vermont Public Television
VocalEssence
Youth in Harmony

CIVIC

AARP
American Red Cross
American Red Cross of Vermont
& New Hampshire Valley
Amery Centennial Hall & Senior Center
Amy's House
Assistance and Resource Center Inc
Christian Community Campus Foundation
City of Lindstrom
City of Taylors Falls Parks &
Recreation Commission
Community Thread
Craftsbury Community Care Center, Inc.
Croixdale
Faith's Lodge
Friendship Ventures
Good Samaritan Society
Grace Place
Habitat For Humanity International Headquarters
Heifer International
Help Our Wounded
Heritage Foundation
HSI, Human Services Inc.
Hudson Area Senior Center
Hudson Daybreak Rotary
Hudson Fire Dept./Lions Golf Scramble
Hudson Police Department
Hudson S.A.F.E
Hudson Sidekicks Booster Club Inc
Hudson VFW
Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, Inc.
Joshua Charitable Foundation
LADDA Activities Fund
Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota Public Radio
Minnesota Real Estate Foundation
Minnesota Twins Community Fund
National Trust for Historic Preservation
New Richmond Area Community Foundation, Inc.
Northern Star Council/BSA
Northwoods Homeless Shelters
Operation H.E.L.P.
Pierce County Historical Association
River Falls Community Food Pantry
River Falls Food Shelf
River Falls Lions Club
Rotary District 5960
Salvation Army Burlington Corps
Salvation Army Headquarters
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church of Afton
St. Croix County Government Center
St. Croix EMS
St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
St. Croix Valley Rotorcraft
St. Croix Valley YMCA
Stillwater Rotary Club
Stillwater/Bayport Voiture 791
Sustain Hudson

The Salvation Army
the SOURCE
Town of Alden Charitable Fund
Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and
Sexual Violence, Inc.
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity
United Way of Chittenden County, Inc.
United Way of Washington County - East
United Way of St. Croix Valley
USO World Headquarters
Valley Outreach
Vermont Foodbank
Wake Robin Corporation
Webb Lake Volunteer Fire Department
White Bear Lake Area YMCA
Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity
Windhorse Foundation
Women's Foundation of Minnesota
WPCA Radio
YMCA Camp St. Croix
Yonso Project
Youth Action Hudson

EDUCATION

AAUW
Afton Lakeland Elementary School
Afton Lakeland Elementary School PTA
Amery High School Student Council
Argosy University
BRIDGE for Hudson Youth, Inc.
Century College
Clayton Middle School
Concordia College
Dakota County Technical College
Education Foundation of Hudson
Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley, Inc.
Friends of St. Paul Public Library
Friends of the Hudson Library
George Fox University
Greensboro Free Library
Greensboro Wonder & Wisdom
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hansen International Student Emergency Fund
Heritage Foundation
Hill Murray School
Hillsdale College
Hillside Elementary
Hope Academy
Hudson Hospital Foundation
Janet Hansen Scholarship Fund
Junior Achievement of Hudson
Lakeview Foundation
Meyer Middle School
Midwest Archives Conference
Minnesota Historical Society
Mount Holyoke College
North Branch Area Public Schools
Northern State University
Northwestern College
Off the Beaten Path
Partnership Plan for Stillwater Area Schools
Renaissance Chartered Alternative Academy
River Falls High School
River Falls Public Library
Salvation Army/St. Paul Citadel Corps
Shelburne Museum

Skits Outreach Services, Inc.
Somerset High School
St. Catherine's University
St. Croix Catholic School
St. Croix Central Middle School
St. Croix Central Panther Parent Group
St. Croix Valley Restorative Justice Program, Inc.
St. Patrick School
St. Paul College Sterling College Trinity Academy
Twin Cities Public Television
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
University of Illinois, Roger Adams Fund
University of Iowa
University of Minnesota -Duluth
University of Nebraska Foundation
University of North Dakota
University of St. Thomas
University of Tampa
University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse
University of Wisconsin - Madison
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin - Platteville
University of Wisconsin - River Falls
University of Wisconsin - River Falls
University of Wisconsin - River Falls Foundation
University of Wisconsin - Stout
University of Wyoming, Laramie
Washington County Historical Society
Wilderness Inquiry
Winona State University
WITC Foundation - New Richmond
Woodbury High School
Young Life North Star Region
Young Life St. Paul
Youth Advantage

ENVIRONMENT

Arcola Mills Historic Foundation
Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center
Environmental Defense Fund
Friends of CREX
Friends of the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail
Funders Network for Smart Growth
& Liveable Communities
Great River Greening
Greensboro Land Trust
Kinnickinnic River Land Trust
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
Minnesota Environmental Partnership
Minnesota Land Trust
Prairie Enthusiasts Inc.
Shelburne Farms
St. Croix River Association
St. Croix Scenic Coalition, Inc.
Standing Cedars Community Land Conservancy
The Nature Conservancy of MN Tree Trust
U. S. Geological Survey
West Wisconsin Land Trust
Willow River OWLs Inc.
Xcel Energy

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Abbott Northwestern Hospital Foundation
Alzheimer's Association Minnesota -
North Dakota
Amazon Project
American Cancer Society

Grants continued...

American Lung Association
 Anu Family Services Inc
 Avanti Challenge Camp
 Center for Spiritual Transformation
 City of Hope (National Cancer Institute)
 Copley Hospital
 Courage Center St. Croix
 Ellsworth Community School District
 Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota
 Family Resource Center
 St. Croix Valley, Inc. FamilyMeans
 Gillette Children's Foundation
 Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley
 HSI Development Office
 Hudson Health Foundation, Inc.
 Hudson Hospital
 LADDA Activities Fund
 Lakeview Foundation
 Lakeview Hospital
 Lutheran Braille Evangelism Assoc
 March of Dimes - Greater Twin Cities Div.

Mayo Clinic
 MDA
 Monica Jensen Foundation
 Movember Foundation
 National Federation of the Blind National
 Transplant Assistance Fund Peta Wakan Tipi
 Philadelphia Community Farm, Inc.
 Philippine Minnesotan Medical Association
 Planned Parenthood of Minnesota,
 North Dakota and South Dakota
 River Falls Ambulance
 River Falls Area Hospital Foundation
 Sanneh Foundation
 Special Olympics MN
 St. Patrick Catholic Parish
 Surreia's Place, Inc.
 Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure
 The Mayhew Program - New Found Lake
 The Retreat
 The Smile Train
 Wayside House
 YMCA Camp St. Croix

Young Life St. Croix Valley
 Young Life White Bear Lake/Mahtomedi #25
 Youth Action Hudson

RELIGIOUS

Ascension Episcopal Church Church of
 St. Joan of Arc
 Church of St. Michael
 Ezekiel Lutheran Church
 First Church of Christ Scientist
 First Congregational United Church of Christ
 First Presbyterian Church
 Hope Lutheran Church
 Luther Point Bible Camp
 Lutheran Braille Evangelism Assoc
 Networks Youth Ministries, Inc.
 Open Hands Ministry Inc
 Peace Lutheran Church
 Plymouth Congregational Church
 Plymouth Congregational Church
 Neighborhood Foundation
 Prison Fellowship

Race Track Chaplaincy of America, Inc.
 National Office
 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church of Afton
 St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
 St. Bridget's Catholic Church
 St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 St. Paul Lutheran Church
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 St. Peter's Lutheran Church
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 United Church of Christ

Memorial Gifts

Mary Ann Anderson
 Nancy Baird
 Fletcher Baker
 Dorothy Brown
 Stanford (Bob) Clausen
 Gladys J. Diethert
 David Erickson
 Jerry Forsythe

Floyd Firsch
 Catherine A. Giske
 Annabelle Hauth
 Margaret Holmberg
 William Kees
 David Knott
 Geoffrey Miller
 Rick Muenich

Daryl Neisse
 Faye Nelson
 Ella O'Connell
 Harold & Marie Ostendorf
 Donald Page
 Gladys Timmerman Peters
 Beatrice Richard
 Don Scholl

Laurice Sterba
 Bob Thiers
 Diane Thompson
 Jack Thorsen
 George Timmerman
 Fern Yocum

Gifts in Honor of

Joan Beaver
 Susan Beck

Carol Daly
 Amy Hamborg

Dean & Linda Henderson
 Marc Otto

Sue E. Watters
 Paul Weiler

Former Board Members

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 John Baird
 Lurline Baker-Kent
 Gretchen Bell
 James Bradshaw
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 John Coughlin
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 Rod Hofland
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 Daniel Lien
 Marilyn McCarty
 Dan McGuiness
 Erv Neff
 JC Pfeiffer
 Thomas Scheuerman*
 Lawrence Severson
 Lynn Shafer
 Heidi Smith-Erspamer
 John Tunheim
 Kathy Tunheim
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Asset Comparison Chart

June 30, 2011

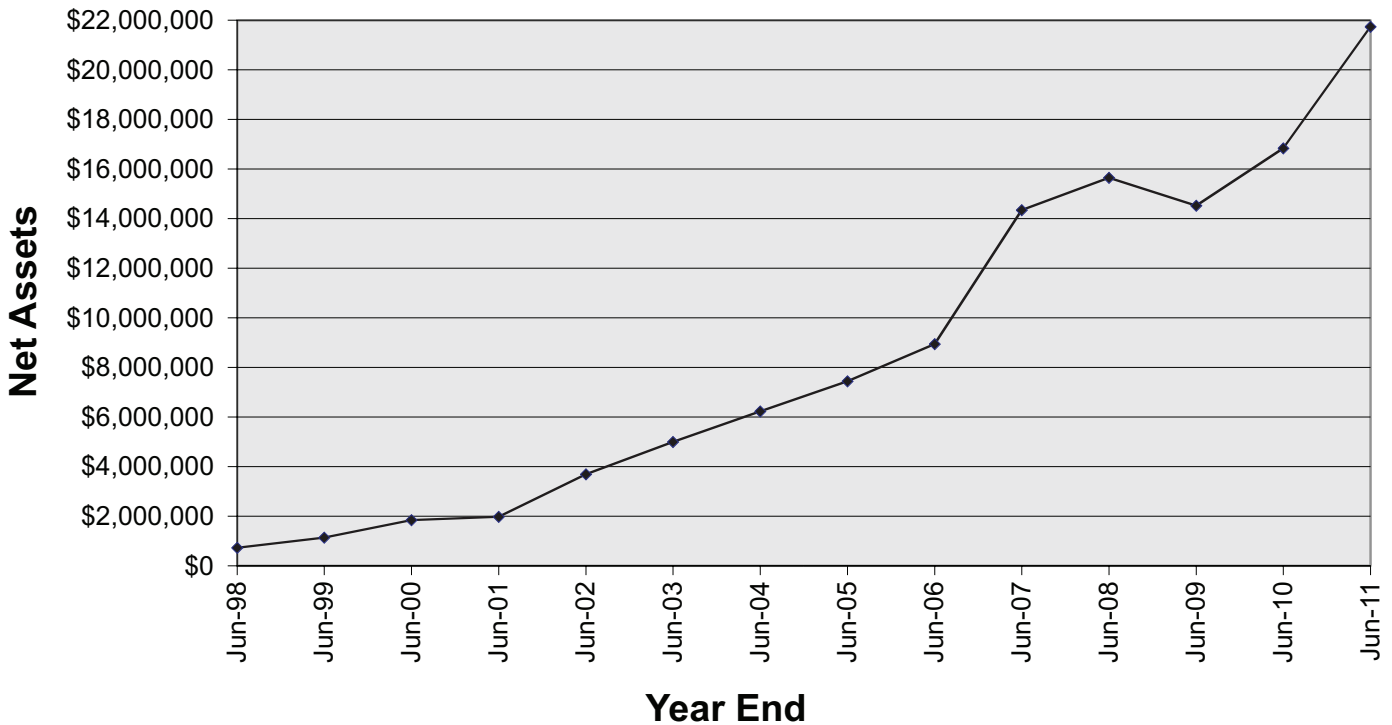
June 30, 2010

Net Assets	\$21,736,613	\$16,832,730
Revenue & Support		
Contributions	3,824,108	2,687,457
Earnings		
Realized gains	461,472	392,938
Unrealized	2,613,640	1,245,714
Other	18,470	25,252
Fees	297,085	258,968
Total Revenue	7,214,775	4,610,329
Grants*		
Fund Expense	303,124	300,271
Operating Expense	464,453	449,968
Total Expenses	2,310,892	2,299,375
Net Assets (June 30)	21,736,613	16,832,730
Investments	21,737,773	16,833,257
Cash and other assets	33,413	34,604
Liabilities	(34,573)	(35,131)

The amounts listed above are unaudited. An audit report and 990 tax return are available on request.

* Does not include interfund transfers of \$168,572.

St. Croix Valley Foundation Net Assets by Year End through June 30, 2011



Affiliate Foundations

The St. Croix Valley Foundation is pleased and proud to have as our partners six wonderful affiliated community foundations within our region. Affiliate community foundations are groups of citizens active within individual communities who have an abiding love and dedication to their home town and surrounding areas. These individuals come together in Advisory Boards to plan for the well-being of their own towns. They raise funds locally, and they make grants locally, thus taking care of local needs. We thank them and congratulate them for the good work they do!

Amery Area Community Foundation

The Amery Community Foundation was founded in 1984 by the City of Amery, local organizations and concerned citizens as a community trust. Its purpose was to afford individuals the opportunity to make lasting, flexible gifts to meet the needs of residents in the Amery area. It affiliated with the St. Croix Valley Foundation in 2008, and its goals have remained steadfast: to assure donors that gifts made today will be professionally managed and used wisely and effectively to enhance the community's future well-being.

During this last year the board of advisors completed a Strategic Action Plan for 2011-2013. As a result the name was changed to the Amery Area Community Foundation and implemented a new mission statement as follows: *We build permanent endowments and provide philanthropic leadership, enabling donors to make lasting investments in the community.*

The Amery Community Foundation currently holds over \$1 million in assets. During the last fiscal year, grants were made to the following organizations: Amery Centennial Hall, Arnell Memorial Humane Society, Cottonwood Group Homes, Family Resource Center, Friends of the Stower Seven Lakes State Trail, Interfaith Caregivers, Northwoods Homeless Shelters, Indianhead Chorus and Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity. Donor designated funds were also given for Amery School scholarships, Jorgenson Field and United Way St. Croix Valley. The Amery Area Community Foundation recently made a \$25,000 pledge toward the construction of the Amery Pavilion.



Left to right: Margo Rosen, board chair; Sally Klevgard; Karen Krupa; Dan Draxler, treasurer; Joyle Anderson; Paige Williams; Ray Siggins, immediate past chair; Jerry Tessman; Sue Johnson; David Erspamer. Missing: Kari Fladwood and Mary Lou Stanley

Ray Siggins, President	Dan Draxler	Margee Lien
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Joyle Anderson	Karen Krupa	Dan Lien, Advisor

Bruce Johnson, deceased

For more information, contact:

Margo Rosen
608 Harriman Avenue South, Amery, WI 54001
www.amerywisconsin.org ◆

Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation

The mission of the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation is to establish permanently endowed funds for the Chisago Lakes area that will provide perpetual resources to enhance the quality of life and encourage charitable giving in the Chisago Lakes Area, which includes Almelund, Center City, Chisago City, Chisago Lakes Township, Franconia Township, Lent Township, Lindstrom, Shafer, Shafer Township and Taylors Falls.

The interest from these endowed funds will benefit: Education, the Arts, Music, Health, Civic Needs, Human Resources and the Environment.

For more information, contact:

Tom Hallberg at 651-257-2937 ◆



Left to right: Jim Stein, Jim McCarville, Dave Dobosenski, Noel Stensrud, Dan Hoolihan, Lou Ann Mattson, Christopher Eng, Brenda Palmquist, Tom Hallberg, Don Bungum, Loretta Anderson

Tom Hallberg, Chair	Karen Brohaugh	Dan Hoolihan
Dave Dobosenski, Vice Chair	Don Bungum	Lou Ann Mattson
Noel Stensrud, Secretary	Christopher Eng	Brenda Palmquist
Loretta Anderson	Jim McCarville	Jim Stein



Hudson Community Foundation

Hudson is a community noted for its high quality of life and its citizens' willingness to seek innovative ways to maintain and further enhance their community's livability. The Hudson Community Fund (HCF) is a charitable organization, which seeks to attract and develop community and philanthropic assets to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families in the Hudson, Wisconsin area.

The Hudson Community Foundation has assets of over \$1 million, and has made grants to local nonprofits of over \$100,000 in its ten years of existence.

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<i>Tricia Christiansen, Vice President</i>	<i>Ryan Cari</i>	<i>John Malmberg</i>
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<i>Paul Bourget</i>		

Front row, from left: ppast president Jay Griggs, Annette Cook, president Dick Whitcomb, John Schommer and vice president Tricia Christiansen; Back row, from left: Mike Leverty, Jodie Bakken, Ryan Cari, new member Meg Heaton, Al Kiecker, new member Mary Claire Potter, treasurer Dewey Swanson and new member Brenda Bredahl. Not pictured: board members Paul Bourget, secretary Kim Burns, John Malmberg, Barry Lundeen, Bill Wannier and Ernie Wallin.

For more information, contact:

Dick Whitcomb, President at 715-386-1185
www.HudsonCommunityFund.org ◆



Lower St. Croix Valley Community Foundation

The Afton Community Foundation has been a long-time affiliate of the Saint Paul Foundation but decided several years ago that as a river city on the banks of the St. Croix, that it most properly fit best as an affiliate of the St. Croix Valley Foundation. It serves the communities of Afton, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, Lake St. Croix Beach and St. Mary's Point. This year has been very busy for the Board as they made several grants to the Lakeland Afton Elementary School, went through a planning process and began to build a base of supporters in the community.

The mission of the Afton Community Foundation is to act as a catalyst for improving the wellbeing of our Valley's residents, safeguarding our natural resources and promoting common interests through proactive citizenry involvement, care and compassion.

Its vision is to interweave the unique attributes of each Lower St. Croix Valley city into one fabric of community interaction, care and compassion.

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River Falls Community Fund

The River Falls Community Fund has the purpose of serving the greater River Falls, Wisconsin area as a community fund which seeks to attract and develop community and philanthropic assets which will enhance the quality of life for individuals and families in the areas.

The fund accomplishes its mission by:

- Building a community of donors - encouraging residents and others to invest in the community by contributing towards and establishing endowment funds;
- Offering donors simplicity and flexibility in charitable giving, maximum tax advantages and the knowledge that their gift will benefit our community in perpetuity;
- Accumulating, managing and growing the endowed funds wisely;
- Initiating, promoting and supporting ways that stimulate the further development of our community's livability; and
- Directing the income from the endowments to fund effective programs which maintain and enhance the community's quality of life.

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Stillwater Area Foundation

The Stillwater Area Foundation is the newest affiliate foundation in the St. Croix Valley, and was established in May 2010. Its mission is “To create an endowment fund for the greater Stillwater area that provides resources to enhance the quality of life and encourage philanthropic activities.” SAF has made its first grants this year and is currently going through a planning process.

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STORIES OF GRANTS & PARTNERSHIPS

Health and Wellness Grants Grants to Address Childhood Obesity

This year the SCVF launched a new grant program designed to address changing health needs. To start, the Health and Wellness grants focused on childhood obesity – a key health priority identified by five county public health departments along the lower St. Croix River. Growing evidence shows that many young people are increasingly sedentary, gravitating to a virtual indoor reality. For this reason SCVF awarded grants to six programs that each explored the interactions between physical activity and healthy eating while encouraging children and families to experience the abundant natural resources our region has to offer.. our parks, farms & gardens, open spaces, forests, trails, lakes and rivers.

When donors gave to SCVF’s Health and Wellness fund they did so knowing the fund would address changing health needs – issues they might not have considered when they made their gift. This is a dynamic grant program that will evolve over time as health needs change. Some examples of the programs funded this year:



Philadelphia Farms provides gardening experiences giving city kids an opportunity to pick beans, dig carrots and learn where their food comes from. And at the end of the day they take a bushel of fresh foods back to the city.



Family Resource Center, St. Croix Valley took their ten week play and learn groups outdoors, helping young parents learn parenting skills along with nutritious eating. For the kids it was about the birds, scavenger hunts and animal tracks.



Which way is North? This year eighth graders at **Ellsworth School District** will embark on nature hikes – on dry ground or in snow shoes – using their new skills reading a compass.



FamilyMeans created outdoor experiences to get young people active, exploring the Valley by foot, canoe and by bike. **Hudson School District** did much the same – nature hikes, snowshoeing – giving students K-6 a chance to be active in a non-competitive environment. ♦



Annual Legacy Celebration

In June SCVF hosted its annual Legacy Celebration to honor and thank Legacy Donors. It was held at the Washington County Historic Courthouse in Stillwater. The speaker was Steve Gunderson, former Congressman from Western Wisconsin and current CEO of the national Council on Foundations in Washington, DC. ♦



The St. Croix River FUND

The St. Croix River Fund - Doing more together

The St. Croix River. Whether you paddle, boat, fish or swim, for many the St. Croix River is a source of memorable experiences and lasting memories. And it defines our sense of place, providing a scenic backdrop for our river communities.

The St. Croix River Fund is a new fundraising partnership joining the St. Croix Valley Foundation, the St. Croix River Association and St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Through this strategic effort we have joined to create a single source for river giving. Rather than each of us developing separate approaches, we are collaborating. **One River, One Fund.** We are combining resources and ideas to do **more together than we can do alone.**

Why do you love the St. Croix River? By giving to the *St. Croix River Fund* donors can give to the river first knowing their funds will be used efficiently and effectively to promote a place they love – both today and tomorrow. And you have many choices – give to support shared river projects or designate your gift to an organization directly. For more information contact Tracy Maki at 612-991-6327. ♦



The Sharing Tree

Each year the Sharing Tree provides school supplies and backpacks to students in need enrolled in the Hudson school district. What began as a family commitment for Ken and Cindy Corbett and sons Bryan, Nicholas and Drew has now evolved into a larger voluntary effort. This year 21 volunteers filled 170 backpacks, helping students get a solid start on the school year. For some, a backpack full of supplies is a highlight of the year. ♦

Discover

Meaningful connections, experiences for young and old

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Clean water, diverse habitats

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