Dear Friends,

Could there be any better way of sustaining our future than to collaborate in supporting the well-being of our children? In 2021 the Foundation vigorously championed the enrichment of our youth.

We fed them, literally, with food delivery to schools. We nurtured their creativity with a snow globe decorating contest and the provision of musical instruments. We fueled struggling minds and hearts by supporting a literacy/mentoring program. We encouraged healthy bodies with new playground equipment for a domestic abuse facility and provided materials for a Busy Bee garden project. We supported oral health by providing funds for the Seal-a-Smile program.

Generous donor support, a dedicated Board of Directors and committee volunteers, and communities committed to providing opportunities to make life better for their families resulted in these accomplishments. Thank you for partnering with us.

Enjoy our annual report. We all have so much to smile about!

Best regards,

Laura Stanek
President
Report to the community

Dear Friends,

Last year was another year of extraordinary challenges and growth. Thanks to your generosity and loyalty, we came through 2021 stronger than ever.

While we are proud of all the work we do, perhaps none is so important as our grants that benefit local children. We are pleased to showcase a few of those grants in this report. Please know that whenever you support the Community Foundation, you are by extension making an important difference in the everyday lives of area children.

We are also excited to share our new Community Foundation Partners campaign with you. We hope to build our Community Grants Fund to become a $1 million endowment so that we can be a reliable source of funding for innovation and capacity building among local nonprofits. Will you help?

For your kindness and support, we thank you again and again.

Warmest regards,

Robin Whyte
Executive Director
Community Foundation Partners

Our Community Grants Fund was established in 2007 to provide support to local nonprofits for special projects and new programs. Over the years, this discretionary fund has made 165 grants and distributed more than $160,000 among 80 different area nonprofits.

In 2021 we launched our Community Foundation Partners campaign to build the fund to a $1 million endowment in time for our upcoming 25th anniversary. All gifts are welcome, and we invite local donors and businesses to become an official Community Foundation Partner with a gift of $25,000 or more. Your one-time gift will help us increase our annual Community Grants to $50,000 or more per year, available to all local nonprofits...forever!

The Bank of Wisconsin Dells became our very first corporate Community Foundation Partner when they presented this wonderful $25,000 gift last December. We are so grateful for their generosity and their leadership!

Pictured from the left: Foundation Board members Dave Schultz and Gary Gilliland; Robin Whyte, CFSCW executive director; center: Scott Rockwell, Bank of Wisconsin Dells president and CEO; on Scott’s right: Brandon Wegner, Brett Schwartzer, and Tanya Walsh-Laehn of BWD. Brandon also serves on the Foundation’s Board of Directors.
Your Community Foundation as of 12/31/2021

- $12 million in assets under management
- $16 million in gifts received to date
- $9 million in grants distributed to date
- 2021 gifts received: $3.5 million
- 2021 grants distributed: $3.9 million — a new record!
- 99% of assets directly support our mission (2021 administrative costs = 1% of net assets)
- 100 funds managed

Please visit our website at cfscw.org to view our latest audited financial statements.
For the children . . .

“History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children.”

— Nelson Mandela

From playful to healthful to life-sustaining, many of our grants last year directly benefited local children. We hope you will enjoy reading about the dedication of many local nonprofits whose mission is to support local youth, as well as hearing about the generous donors who dig deep to fund projects that benefit the most vulnerable members of our community.
Hope House of South Central Wisconsin provides shelter and support to victims of sexual and domestic violence – including many children. So when Bob Hanes and his three children wanted to fund a project in memory of their beloved wife and mother, Pat Hanes, they easily agreed on sponsoring much-needed new playground equipment at the residence. Their $5,800 grant provided the playset that allows kids time to just be kids, and we know Pat would appreciate the joyful laughter that the gift has engendered.

Bob Hanes with daughters Patty Hanes Krueger and Lori Hanes
Kids Ranch in Rock Springs provides mentoring and literacy coaching to at-risk children in several communities. We provided three grants totaling $6,700 for general program support.

Poynette High School receives annual funding from the Lt. Col. Elgin R. Marsh Jr. Poynette High School Fund. Their $6,300 staff award purchased much-needed tools, equipment, books, and musical instruments.
The Sauk Prairie Area Food Pantry believes that no child should go hungry in our community. They serve families throughout the Sauk Prairie school district with their “Feed Our Future” program, and they received $2,500 in total grants through the foundation. That included $1,000 in general support from a donor-advised fund and a $1,000 grant designated for expanding home deliveries to families who were unable to get to the food pantry for much-needed provisions. And when the catalytic converter was stolen from their new delivery van, we were able to provide a $500 grant to cover the insurance deductible for them, freeing up their resources to provide more food for hungry children.

A board member gift of $450 provided funding for the Sauk County Historical Society to present a children’s archeology workshop.
The River Valley Area Community Gardens in Spring Green reached out to us for help with their new Busy Bees Children’s Garden, to encourage and support the next generation of gardeners. Children ages 3 to 10 are able to participate more easily thanks to raised beds that make the garden more accessible to the little ones. One of our board members generously donated $500 to underwrite this project.

The Sauk County Children’s Giving Tree received several grants totaling over $6,000 for children in need, providing everything from back-to-school clothes to winter coats to holiday gifts to emergency aid.
River Arts in Prairie du Sac has been a model of resilience and creative programming throughout the pandemic, especially when it comes to children’s projects. Thanks to a $600 gift from one of our board members, we were able to sponsor their delightful snow globe decorating contest. The results speak for themselves!

We awarded the Boys and Girls Clubs of West-Central Wisconsin $1,000 from our Community Grants Fund to provide support for their new “Club on the Go” program for children in Baraboo.
Oral health is a critical component of children’s overall well-being. The Sauk County Health Department helps children in need throughout Sauk County with oral health education, preventive care, and referrals through its annual Seal-A-Smile program. A team of dental professionals visits children ranging from 4K to 12th grade in 19 schools, with support from local businesses and organizations. We are pleased to have provided a $1,000 grant for their Happy Teeth/Healthy Kids interactive placemat, thanks to generous funding from the Robert G. & Patricia A. Hanes Fund.
The T-Bird Swimming Boosters Fund provided a $1,050 grant for new equipment at the Baraboo Middle School Indoor Pool, which also benefited from a $377 grant from its own endowment. The pool offers local children swimming lessons and water safety education.
The Sauk Prairie FFA Alumni received $699 to sponsor their next Agriculture Career Day for seventh-graders.

Plenke’s Pond Endowment Fund paid $14,000 this year for the annual upkeep of this pastoral Reedsburg property. Children have been coming here since 1984 to develop a love of fishing, as envisioned by founders Ken Plenke and Steve Blakeslee.
The Forrest D. Hartmann Fund for the Arts provided a $500 grant to the Baraboo Children’s Museum to purchase new musical instruments for their wonderful “Music Lab.” Children enjoy hands-on experience with a multitude of musical instruments, which you can imagine are used heavily every day!

The Luher-Halloway Music Fund granted $1,300 to the Sauk Prairie Music Association, to enrich music education opportunities and send the next generation of students on their musical journey.
Finally, we are proud to manage several scholarship funds, which altogether distributed $14,500 to 15 students. These funds make higher education more affordable for students who need the help most.
In memoriam . . .

We said good-bye too soon to several dear friends over the past year. In their different ways, each was a shining example of civic engagement and philanthropy. They also taught us much about the joy of giving. We remember them here and will miss them always.

_Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?_

— Mary Oliver, American poet

_Joan Litscher_  Warm and loving, thoughtful and generous, Joan was beloved by all who knew her. A lifelong Baraboo area resident, Joan died November 24, just shy of her 95th birthday. She was kind and gracious, curious and knowledgeable, interested in everyone and everything around her. Committed to family and friends, her church and community, Joan had a special interest in local history and the Sauk County Historical Society. She established a fund with us to provide them with annual support that will carry on after her death. Joan’s friendship was a gift for which we are deeply thankful.
Targe Mandt  Here is the legend: Targe was class president of the Baraboo High School Class of 1956. Upon graduation, instead of delivering a class gift to the principal, Targe handed him ... an empty envelope! Fifty guilty years later, Targe and the class more than made up for the gaffe by establishing the Excellence in Education Award Fund to honor outstanding secondary school teachers. The award includes a substantial stipend for professional development. Targe served as fund advisor until his death September 15. He had a warm heart and a gentle soul, and he is greatly missed.

Mae Vogel  There is a lot of quiet philanthropy in our community, and Mae was one of those donors who eschews the spotlight. A devoted animal lover, Mae established a fund several years ago to provide annual support to the Sauk County Humane Society. Mae had an appreciation for the arts and also established an arts endowment. When she died December 20, 2020, she left her estate to local conservation organizations, along with a $300,000 gift to our Community Grants Fund. This bequest, received last year, inspired our campaign to build the Community Grants Fund. We are so grateful.
What is a community foundation… and where does the money come from?

We are a public charity that manages 100 different charitable funds, which combined paid out $3.9 million in grants to nonprofits in 2021. These funds were established by different donors for different purposes over the past 24 years, and the grants were paid out of a broad assortment of those funds. See below for a description of the types of funds we offer. Please call us to learn more!

**DONOR-ADVISSED**  A donor-advised fund offers a donor the most flexibility. The donor recommends which organizations receive grants from their fund, when grants are made, and in what amount. Grants may be made to any U.S. nonprofit regardless of geographic location. You make a tax-deductible gift to the Foundation when it is financially advantageous to you to do so, and then charitable grants can be paid out of your fund over time.

**DESIGNATED**  Designated funds support a specific organization. They can be established by donors during their lifetime or as a legacy through their will. It’s up to the donor to determine how the funds are distributed. Donors can create a fund that supports their favorite nonprofit, or give to a fund that’s already established for a beloved charity.
FIELD OF INTEREST  These funds are also established for a specific charitable purpose, but they support a range of organizations rather than a particular nonprofit. For example, a field of interest fund could be established to make grants to the arts, local history, veterans’ projects, children’s initiatives, or animal welfare.

ENDOWMENT  Some funds are endowed, which means the fund’s principal is protected forever. The gift continues to grow and pay out in perpetuity, even after the donor’s death, providing annual income to a favorite charity.

AGENCY  Nonprofits can create an agency fund using their own assets. They might need help managing a significant gift or want the benefit of our investment expertise or planned giving services. We can offer the protection of an endowed fund as well as the comfort of knowing the gift will be managed professionally.

UNRESTRICTED  Your unrestricted gift will be used to ensure our ability to continue our work. Gifts to the Community Grants Fund expand our ability to accept applications for special projects from local nonprofits. Gifts to the Founders Society support our operations so we can continue giving back to the community.
The Founders Society

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