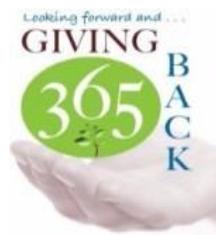


Newsletter

February 2017



Jan's Note

\$1 Makes a Difference

Giving Back 365 donors have been impacting our community since the Watertown Area Community Foundation program began in 2012. Donors have awarded more than \$50,000 in grants to local organizations and programs.

Giving Back 365 members give \$1 a day to make our community better. Half of the contribution is used for grants in the current year and half is placed in an endowed fund to support future grants. The impact of Giving Back 365 gifts is maximized because donors' dollars are pooled together.

At the end of each year, members are given grant applications and information from potential grantees. The members vote and the majority rules. For 2016, that meant a total of more than \$14,000 in grants to the following:

- \$2,000 to Beacon Center to support implementation of a new computer system capable of housing software for reports, client case management, etc.
- \$1,600 to Boys and Girls Club of Watertown to purchase equipment and storage for sports and fitness programs.
- \$2,000 for Habitat for Humanity Greater Watertown Region to assist with sending the executive director for Habitat to the international conference.
- \$2,000 to Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership/60's Plus Dining Program to purchase a commercial grade food slicer.
- \$2,000 to purchase vouchers for a pet care program for individuals and families who are experiencing temporary financial problems.
- \$1,457 to Lake Area Zoological Society to support the Watertown Wildlife Warriors program.
- \$985 to PACH to support the ongoing needs of the growing program.
- \$2,000 to help with "start-up" costs associated with implementing a Saturday Transit service.
- \$500 to Watertown Youth Soccer to purchase new indoor equipment.

A dollar a day does make a difference. The 2017 Giving Back 365 effort is just beginning. For more information on Giving Back 365, please contact us at 605-882-3731, 211 E. Kemp, or email: foundation@iw.net



February has been a busy month for the Foundation. It began with Spencer Beach sharing his amazing and inspiring story. The Foundation was one of the sponsors that brought this fire survivor to Watertown to talk about motivation, safety, priorities and being thankful.

WACF hosted an estate-planning program and panel at the annual Watertown Winter Farm Show.

Then we celebrated Valentine's Day and may I again say thank you to our donors for loving their community!

The month concluded with the Hope In God women's retreat at Joy Ranch. The retreat focused on helping women recover from the devastating effects of sexual abuse and assault. WACF Women & Giving supported the retreat with a \$2,500 grant.

March is beginning, and with it, Watertown will see the opening of the new Prairie Lakes Wellness Center, multi-purpose facility. Congratulations Watertown on this huge success for your community!

RETREAT - More than 60 women attended this past weekend's Hope In God Winter Retreat for survivors of sexual assault and child sexual abuse. Attendees, ranging from age 18 to 83, participated in a variety of hope and healing sessions during the retreat at Joy Ranch. WACF Women & Giving supported the retreat.



The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 16th.

Watertown Area Community Foundation



From Left: Angie Reppe, Lee Schull, Charlie Ewalt, Dr. Lesli Jutting, and Laurie Benson.

Trustee Representatives: Scott Olson, Great Western Bank; and Tyler DeBoer, Wells Fargo Bank, NA; Staff: Jan DeBerg, executive director; Greg Blow, donor development; Julianne Endres, marketing/donor services; Jill Slobotski, administrative assistant.

The Watertown Area Community Foundation is governed by a volunteer board who broadly represent the Watertown Community. These board members are appointed by the:

*City of Watertown
Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce
Watertown School District
Great Western Bank
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*

As of January 2015 our assets were approximately \$15 million. We have over 100 funds that provide grants and scholarships each year to residents and organizations in Watertown.

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