

Newsletter

November 2016



Christmas Tree Fundraiser

15 Nonprofits Looking for Your Vote

Make a difference to several nonprofits this season by visiting the Watertown Regional Library and voting for your favorite Christmas trees/organizations. Fifteen local non-profit organizations have decorated trees on display at the library through December 31. The Watertown Area Community Foundation will match up to \$300 for each organization's total donations and the organization with the most donations will receive an additional \$500 grant from the Foundation.

Participating organizations this year are: Beacon Center, Boys & Girls Club of Watertown, Codington County 4-H, Codington County Heritage Museum, Habitat for Humanity Greater Watertown Region, Holy Name Boy Scout Troop 209, Lake Area Child Protection Team, Lake Area Zoological Society, Mellette House, Town Players, Watertown Area Special Olympics, Watertown Area Transit Inc., Watertown Regional Library, Watertown Senior Activities Center, Watertown Volunteer Center.

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Giving-Thanks for

Giving Essay Contest winners Brandon Maag, first place; and Mikayla Kludt, second place; won the opportunity to designate



a \$500 and \$250 Watertown Area Community Foundation grant, respectively, to their favorite nonprofits. From left are: Kim Gilmour and Selena Engels, representing Maag's chosen organization, The Upside of Downs; Maag; Kris O'Brien, teacher; Jan DeBerg, WACF executive director; Kludt and Nancy Johnson of Town Players, Kludt's chosen organization. With the help of O'Brien, the Foundation and its Youth Council have sponsored the contest each November for the past several years.

Jan's Note



Meet one of the youngest guests at the Foundation's open house, Benjamin Bergan. Thank you to all who attended the event. It was great to visit with you.

I hope all of you had a blessed Thanksgiving. At this time of year, the Foundation is especially thankful to its loyal supporters who help us invest in the vitality of the greater Watertown area.

During this season of giving, I hope you will consider a gift to the Watertown Area Community Foundation. You may designate your gift to a specific charity or to help meet the community's most pressing needs. Either way, your gift will make a difference.

Please take the time this holiday season to stop by the Watertown Regional Library to take in the Christmas trees decorated by 15 nonprofits and vote (\$1 each) for your favorites. This year-end fund raiser will help sustain the nonprofits in the coming year.

The WACF Board met in November and welcomed guest Charlie Ewalt. The Board awarded the following grants:

- \$332 to purchase music for the Community Christmas Choir Concert.
- \$2,236 to the Senior Activities Center to purchase a used Bingo machine.
- \$11,000 to the Watertown Area Swim Club to support the purchase of a new scoreboard for the swimming pool at the Prairie Lakes Wellness Center.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, Dec. 19, at 11:30 a.m. at the Foundation office.

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From Left: Angie Reppe, Lee Schull, Dale Christensen, 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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