

*Your*  
Looking forward and giving back  
**Watertown** Spring 2018  
Area Community Foundation



**TRANSIT AT YOUR SERVICE** – Here lead dispatcher Kristina Hines takes a message for Watertown Area Transit service. The headset and phone are results from a recent grant awarded by Giving Back 365 donors to upgrade WATI's telephone system. A year ago, WATI started a Saturday service thanks to Giving Back 365 donors. The service is going strong and has resulted in approximately 42 rides per Saturday. Riders used the transit for everything from shopping and recreation to medical and educational purposes. Overall, WATI provided more than 65,794 trips in Fiscal Year 2017 and logged 260,000 miles. "Administrators, drivers and clients of the transit sincerely appreciate the Watertown Area Community Foundation for its support of our project and others in the community," said Terry Hoffman, director. "The funds received through the Giving Back 365 program and others are vital to the continuing operation of our program."

Giving Back 365 donors have been impacting our community since the Watertown Area Community Foundation program began in 2012. The Giving Back 365 program has resulted in a total of more than \$65,000 in grants to worthwhile services and organizations in our area.

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. The principal of the endowment fund is never spent so it can grow over time to generate an increasing stream of funding devoted to fulfilling the Giving Back 365 mission. 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 2017, that meant more than \$16,420 in grants to the following:

- \$1,739 to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator to have onsite at the Beacon Center.
- \$1,400 to support a digital literacy program at the Boys & Girls Club which focuses on new skills as well as online safety.
- \$1,363 to Divine Providence of South Dakota to help fund start-up costs for its Pulpit Supply program which provides volunteer ecumenical lay preachers for area pastors and churches.
- \$1,390 to Habitat for Humanity Greater Watertown Region for laptop, printer, wireless phone and software.
- \$1,920 to Joy Ranch for materials to construct a wheelchair accessible lift for the horse riding area.
- \$1,363 to Lake Area Zoological Society to support the Wildlife Warriors boys' Roots & Shoots program at Bramble Park Zoo. This is the fifth consecutive year for GB365 support of this program!
- \$1,000 to PACH for a cart for the packing area and totes for outgoing snacks.
- \$1,244 to REACH (Respond-Educate-Advocate-Counsel-Heal) to purchase a Bluetooth speaker which will enable a team to monitor forensic interviews. Part of the grant will also be used to purchase educational books to give to families that are seen at the child advocacy center.
- \$2,000 to the Salvation Army to support a music program for youth.
- \$2,000 to Watertown Area Transit to update telephone system.
- \$1,000 to Watertown Artwalk to cover printing costs in 2018 which includes 4,000 brochures distributed to residents and visitors.

These grants will touch hundreds of lives. Thank you 2017 Giving Back 365 donors for making all of this possible.

A dollar a day does make a difference. The 2018 Giving Back 365 effort is just beginning. Join anytime during the year by giving \$365. For more information on Giving Back 365, please contact us at 605-882-3731, 211 E. Kemp, or email: [foundation@iw.net](mailto:foundation@iw.net)



**2017-2018 YOUTH COUNCIL** – From left are Jenna Buechler, Alyssa Roby, Sydney Walker, Braeden Kluver, Maryn Stacey and Rachel Holien. These juniors and seniors comprise the Foundation's Youth Council. The group learns about community organizations and leadership. They award grants each spring to local youth-serving organizations and projects. Also, each spring Watertown High School sophomores are invited to apply to become a Youth Council member. Membership applications are located in the WHS student services office.



**COME VISIT** – Please come see us at our “new” old office at 211 East Kemp. The building, a gift from Kenneth B. Way, has been home to the Watertown Area Community Foundation since 2002. This winter, the office was renovated and expanded in an effort to be as efficient as possible as the community and Foundation grow.

*The mission of the  
Watertown Area Community Foundation  
is to invest in the vitality of the  
greater Watertown region.*



# Women & Giving

WATERTOWN AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**EVENT SET** – Julianne Endres and Jan DeBerg of the Foundation and Prudy Calvin, Women & Giving chair, plan for the annual Women & Giving fund-raising event. The event, set for Friday, April 27, will be instrumental in Women & Giving's continuing mission to help area women and children overcome barriers, increase their opportunities and achieve their goals. For more information, please stop in the Foundation office or call: 882-3731.



## 2018 WACF BOARD MEMBERS

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### TEAR OFF/ MAIL IN PANEL

To join Giving Back 365, please complete the following.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we wish to join Giving Back 365. My check for \$365 is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we wish to join Giving Back 365 at the **Above & Beyond** level. My check for \$500 is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we plan to join Giving Back 365 by making a payment with my credit card by going to: [watertowncommunityfoundation.org](http://watertowncommunityfoundation.org).

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we wish our membership to be listed as follows

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\_\_\_\_\_ I/we wish to join Giving Back 365 but prefer anonymity.

Signature

Name (Please Print)

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

