

WACF CELEBRATES - Foundation representatives were joined by many for a ribbon cutting and open house of its newly remodeled office at 211 E. Kemp Ave. The event was held in conjunction with the Foundation's 39th anniversary. Thanks to the Chamber and all who attended to help us celebrate. The building, which has been home to the Foundation since 2002, was a gift from the Kenneth B. Way family.



Enjoy Your Summer!

Summer vacation is ramping up to bring lots of activity for the Watertown area! Students of all ages, as well as the whole family, have a variety of fun to explore these next few months.

The Watertown Area Community Foundation is proud to have been a partner in many of the places and activities that invigorate your summer. Did you know that the Foundation was a major sponsor of Watertown's bike/walking trails? Whether you play ball or watch ball, we are happy that Foundation Fields, named after the Watertown Area Community Foundation for its support, will be busy. The Foundation and its Youth Council recently awarded grants to support the new skate park. The disc golf course at Jackson Park was also supported by a Foundation grant. Another grant also supported enhancements at the Lions Park on Third Avenue North.

Artwalk 2018 has begun. The sculptures will be on display in Watertown through March of 2019. Thursday Night Live, also supported by the Foundation, will begin Thursday, June 7, in heart of downtown.

Learn about South Dakota's first governor by visiting the Mellette House, now open for the season. The Watertown Area Community Foundation awarded a grant to the Mellette Memorial Association so a new roof and gutters can be installed this spring to help maintain this historic home.

While the Redlin Art Center is always a good place to visit, you will want to mark your calendars for the annual Fireworks show, sponsored by the City and other supporters including the Foundation. This year the event, including music and concessions, will be on the eve of the Fourth, Tuesday, July 3.

For several consecutive years, the Foundation has supported Town Players Youth Theatre. This year's productions will Disney's "The Jungle Book Kids" and Disney's "Beauty & the Beast" junior version.



DIRECTOR NOTES

The Foundation's birthday month was exceptionally busy with several special activities including: the kick-off of Artwalk 2018, a ribbon cutting and open house, and the awarding of thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving area students.

Foundation Board members also met in May at the Foundation office.

Grants awarded include:

- \$1,412 to Watertown Senior Activities Center to purchase paint and an awning for the Center.
- \$2,500 to Thursday Night Live for advertising/promotion of the weekly outdoor concerts in downtown Watertown this summer.





GRANT DELIVERED - The Watertown Area Community Foundation Youth Council had its last meeting of the school year at the Beacon Center. The group toured the facility and saw some grants at work. They also delivered a grant check which will support the purchase of two desktop computers for the Center's Family Visitation Center. From left are, Gracie Ebsen, incoming member; Allison Kluver, Jenna Buechler, graduating senior; Tessa Holien, incoming member; Dawn Sikkink, Beacon Center executive director; Rachel Holien, graduating senior; Braeden Kluver, Maryn Stacey, graduating senior; Alyssa Roby, and Sydney Walker.

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Front Row: Angie Reppe, Laurie Benson, Kristen Henderson, Liam Culhane
Back Row: Dr. Jeff Danielsen, Joel Vockrodt, Charlie Ewalt

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 2018 our assets were approximately \$18 million. We have over 100 funds that provide grants and scholarships each year to residents and organizations in Watertown.