

WACF Grantmaking 101

Chances are you've been touched in some way by a grant awarded by the Watertown Area Community Foundation.

Grantmaking is part of how the Watertown Area Community Foundation invests in the vitality of our greater Watertown area. By definition, "vitality" means strong and active – a great definition of Watertown as well. The grants are as diverse as the donors who make them possible. This year, that investment will be more than \$400,000

The Foundation Board has already awarded many grants in the first half of 2018. Organizations/projects supported thus far include Artwalk, the Watertown Initiative to Prevent Sex Trafficking, the Lake Area Technical Institute Governor's Luncheon, Thursday Night Live, Bramble Park Zoo, the Mellette House, Watertown Area Transit and the Senior Center.

Due to donors' generosity, the Foundation has awarded more than \$6.5 million in grants over the years! Many grants are awarded from the Foundation's General Endowment Fund from unrestricted gifts to support a wide array of ever-changing and immediate community needs.

WACF's 2018 grantmaking is at the half-way mark. The grant application and guidelines are on our website: watertowncommunityfoundation.org. Or, you may call, write or email us. The staff is available to counsel with interested parties regarding the appropriateness of a project for consideration. Final determination on all proposals is made by the Board with consideration for donor's wishes, community needs and the proposing organization's capacity to provide effective service to our area.

A Grant Use Report form is sent to all recipients for completion following expenditure of the funds. Site visits and direct reporting may also be part of the evaluation process.

- Only programs and projects in the Watertown area are eligible for funding.
- In general, grants are made for start-up costs for a new program, acquisition of equipment, one-time projects and for capital improvements.
- With the exception of scholarships, the Foundation does not make grants to individuals.
- The completed application must include the Grant Application Summary and a brief narrative which describes the program or project and shows the budget for the proposal. Evidence of approval of the governing Board of the requestin organization is recommended. Letters of support or other relevant materials may also be included.

If your organization would like to apply for a grant, we want to hear from you at Watertown Area Community Foundation, 211 E. Kemp; phone: 605-882-3731; fax: 605-753-5731; or email: foundation@iw.net.



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CELEBRATE! - The Watertown Area Community Foundation is proud to announce that Jerry Miller is the 12th annual Celebrate! Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Through a grant from the Watertown Area Community Foundation, Miller earned the right to designate a \$1,000 grant to a local charity. He chose to award \$250 each to four organizations. The checks were distributed recently. From left, are Lt. Zac Zumwalt and Lt. Karissa Zumwalt, Salvation Army sandwich ministry; Miller, Brenda McKee, PACH; Pastor Sara Nelson and Roxie Shultz, United Methodist Church for Feeding South Dakota; and Char Torgerson, Watertown Volunteer Center. Also pictured is Jan DeBerg, executive director of the Watertown Area Community Foundation. For the last 50 years, Miller has supported many organizations in our community with his time, talent and treasure. He has volunteered to serve in various ways, including on boards and committees and in other ways at his church, the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce, Human Service Agency, Jenkins Living Center, Watertown Country Club, Prairie Lakes Health Care System, Feeding South Dakota, Meals on Wheels – the list goes on.

He continues to volunteer at Prairie Lakes Hospital, the Human Service Agency, Jenkins Living Center Foundation Board and at his church. Miller was nominated by William Malcom.



2018 Artwalk now in progress. Here are artists Tim James and Aidan Demarais who designed this sculpture, "Synchronous," located in front of the Foundation office. There are 15 sculptures on display. Most are located throughout downtown with the 14th and 15th sculptures on display at the Redlin Art Center and Lake Area Technical Institute. For more information on Artwalk, Friends of Artwalk or to inquire about purchasing one of the current sculptures, please call the Foundation at 605-882-3731



Thanks to all who attended the ribbon cutting and open house at the Watertown Area Community Foundation's newly remodeled office at 211 E. Kemp Ave. The event was held in conjunction with the Foundation's 39th anniversary. The building was a gift from the Kenneth B. Way family.