

Your Looking forward and giving back Watertown

Fall 2017

Area Community Foundation



New Skate Park Is Complete

Things are rolling in Watertown – especially at the new skate park. Since construction of the skate park was completed earlier this month, skateboarders and others have been taking advantage of all it has to offer. The park can accommodate not only skateboarders but also those with rollerblades, bicycles, scooters and strider bikes. “From what I know thus far, participants are doing a good job of taking turns and looking out for each other,” said Jay DeLange, director of the Watertown Park & Recreation Department.

DeLange and others involved with the project have appreciated the community support. The City kicked off the effort by including \$185,000 in its 2016 budget for capital improvements to replace and relocate the current skate park.

The Watertown Area Community

Foundation has supported the project with several grants including \$1,000 from the Youth Council, a \$5,000 grant and a recent \$3,500 matching funds grant. Donations from the community are still needed to match that \$3,500. Several businesses have donation jars supporting the project or you may give directly at the Foundation or the Park & Recreation Department.

The former skate park was constructed in 2001 and is located near the Watertown Intermediate School.



The new skate park is adjacent to the Koch softball complex along 21st Street SW and is highly visible with access from the Watertown recreational trail system and is constructed of concrete with several unique design characteristics including a bowl feature. Now, finishing touches, like landscaping, need to be completed.

“The skate park is unique to the region,” explained DeLange. “It’s really cool to have this in Watertown.” There have already been some people from Sioux Falls and Minnesota here to check it out.

As the Foundation invests in the vitality of Watertown, providing healthy opportunities and activities for all ages is a part of that.

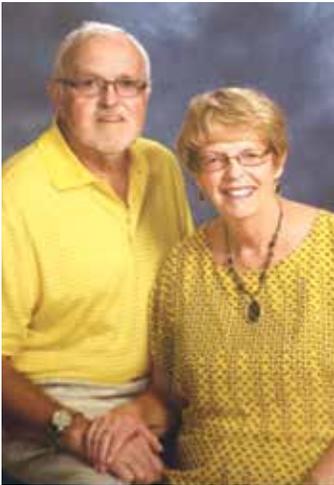
Valbergs Give Back

Looking forward and giving back sometimes begins with thoughts and feelings from long ago that develop over time.

Dale and Jan Valberg of Watertown both grew up “poor.” As adults, they had good jobs. Jan was a nurse. Dale worked in the rental business – both commercial and residential. They worked hard and were blessed. One of those blessings was meeting each other. They married, blended families, and 37 years later, are establishing a Field of Interest Fund at the Watertown Area Community Foundation that will help children forever.

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Dale and Jan Valberg

"We just feel like we've been blessed and we want to give back," the couple said.

"My rentals got me into the community," Dale said. "Whether it was apartments or the trailer park, I saw things most people didn't." I've seen first-hand how some kids have rough circumstances.

As a single mom (before they met), Jan had some tough circumstances of her own for several years. "I know what it's like," she said, "I had three kids to support. I thank God and my dad that I had a nursing degree and my career." She reminisced that though she hated chemistry class at Presentation College, her dad made her

stick with it and get extra help. Her nursing career spanned 40 years and included work in ER, ICU, on the surgical floor, the medical floor, house supervisor and the last 28 years in the recovery room.

Giving back has always been on our mind, they said. "We want to keep helping after we're gone. We want things in place because something could happen. Setting the fund up now ensures that it does exactly what we want it to do." This year we divided the income from our IRAs among our favorite charities and we started a fund at the Foundation. "It's something we can add to as we go."

"When the Boys & Girls Club serves 100,000 plus meals a year, that tells you something." There are so many great organizations and programs that help kids here including Camp Chance and PACH. It's great to have these and it also reminds us of how fortunate we are. With that in mind, the Valberg Fund will focus on the welfare of children.

The Valbergs have four children and 11 grandchildren. "We are so grateful for what we have and what our kids have."



10 reasons

people choose to give to the
Watertown Area Community Foundation

1

We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the area.

Our director and board has **broad knowledge** regarding community issues and needs.

3

We provide **highly personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable interests.

Our funds help people **invest in causes they care about.**

5

We accept a **wide variety of assets** and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

We **partner with professional advisors** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

7

We offer **maximum tax advantages** under federal law.

We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

9

We build endowment funds that **benefit the community forever** and help create personal legacies.

We are a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to **create positive change.**

Looking forward and giving back



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