

# Your *Looking forward and giving back* Watertown

Spring 2017

## Area Community Foundation



Giving Back 365 donors have been impacting our community since the Watertown Area Community Foundation program began in 2012. Donors have awarded more than \$50,000 in grants to local organizations and programs ranging from the Beacon Center, PACH, Watertown Area Transit and Habitat for Humanity to new programs like Wildlife Warriors and Lake Area Pet Pantry.

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 to support future grants. The impact of Giving Back 365 gifts is maximized because donors' dollars are pooled together. In total, 68 individuals, couples and businesses joined the 2016 Giving Back 365 effort.

At the end of each year, members are given grant applications and information from potential grantees. The members vote and the majority rules. For 2016, that meant a total of more than \$14,000 in grants to the following:

- \$2,000 to Beacon Center to support implementation of a new computer system capable of housing software for reports, client case management, etc.
- \$1,600 to Boys and Girls Club of Watertown to purchase equipment and storage for sports and fitness programs.
- \$2,000 for Habitat for Humanity Greater Watertown Region to assist with sending the executive director for Habitat to the international conference.
- \$2,000 to Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership/60's Plus Dining Program to purchase a commercial grade food slicer.
- \$2,000 to purchase vouchers for a pet care program for individuals and families who are experiencing temporary financial problems.
- \$1,457 to Lake Area Zoological Society to support the Watertown Wildlife Warriors program.
- \$985 to PACH to support the ongoing needs of the growing program.
- \$2,000 to help with "start-up" costs associated with implementing a Saturday Transit service.
- \$500 to Watertown Youth Soccer to purchase new indoor equipment.

A dollar a day does make a difference. The 2017 Giving Back 365 effort is just beginning. 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). A form is provided on the following page for your convenience.



**LAKE AREA PET PANTRY** - Giving Back 365 donors awarded a grant to a new program, LAPP which provides free pet food to families suffering financial hardships, the unemployed, underemployed, those battling illness, low-income seniors, veterans, the disabled and homeless. People who want to donate pet food and kitty litter may drop off donations at Midland Plaza and Grace Lutheran Church. Runnings and Smooch a Pooch also sponsor Angel Trees. The LAPP Board includes, front row, from left Lynn Olson, Social Services; AnnRae Herr, President; (William Angus Herr); Dr. Mae Yao Louis DVM, Vice President; (Haakon Angus Herr). Back row, Carla Roby, Collections; Matt Roby, Attorney; Janet Millen, (Calli Campbell Herr); Christina Tischler, Distribution; (Buster Herr); Christina Kenyon, Secretary; (Bartholomew Herr). not pictured is Jeana Cherland, Media/Publicity; Deb Thormahlen, Treasurer. For information go to: [www.lakeareapetpantry.org](http://www.lakeareapetpantry.org) or Facebook.





**2016-2017 YOUTH COUNCIL** - Front, from left, are juniors: Rachel Holien, Maryn Stacey, Jenna Buechler. Back, from left, are seniors: Michael Linngren, Mikayla Kludt, chairperson; and Brandon Maag. The WACF Youth Council learns about community organizations and leadership. They award grants each spring to local youth-serving organizations and projects. The grant application deadline is March 31. Also, each spring Watertown High School sophomores are encouraged to apply to become a Youth Council member. Membership applications are located in the WHS student services office. Since its inception in 2001, the Youth Council has awarded more than \$100,000 in grants.



## Grant Awarded

**MAKING MUSIC** – Thanks to a grant awarded from the Robert Jenson & Arlene Brandt-Jenson Fund at the Watertown Area Community Foundation, the Watertown High School Orchestra has three new instruments. Students, from left, are Jacob Dahle, Megan Eickmeyer and Lilli Mertz. Back, from left, are Ross Markey, orchestra director; Arlene and Robert, donors; and Julianne Endres, WACF.

### 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.

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Signature

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Name (Please Print)

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Street Address, City, State, Zip

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Phone

Email



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