Many of you know that the Watertown Area Community Foundation started with $3,000 left from the Watertown Centennial. The Foundation's first office wasn't really an office at all but rather a box in a broom closet at City Hall. In 1993, the Foundation moved to an office at the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce. In 1996, the Terry Redlin family invited us to have an office at the Redlin Art Center where we stayed for six years. In 2002, the Foundation moved to its current location, 211 East Kemp Avenue in the heart of downtown. This building was a gift from the Kenneth Way family – which continues to be our home.

Schull noted the multi-year $500,000 grant awarded to the Boys & Girls Club in 2016 for its expansion/renovation as his favorite. “It was the most strategic and significant grant we awarded during my tenure on the board,” he said.

Schull said he enjoyed his board term and will continue to support the Foundation. “I wholeheartedly believe the future for the Watertown Area Community Foundation is bright... namely because the community of Watertown wants it to be bright and because we have an incredible, experienced staff of people to run it,” he said.

In appreciation for his service, Schull was given the opportunity to designate a $1,000 WACF grant to a local charity of his choice. He chose Great Plains Lutheran High School to receive the grant.

We have always believed that “community” reaches further than our city's limits and in 2015, the Foundation added “Area” to its name to emphasize that. This is an exciting time for the Watertown Area Community Foundation, as well as its donors and grantees of the greater Watertown region.

We look forward to continuing as your steward of the community’s endowment both at our interim location and in our office at 211 E Kemp when the remodel is complete. Because of caring donors, both then and now, your Foundation continues to grow and be the best it can be.
2017 Grants

Donors help us invest in the vitality of the Watertown area each and every day. In 2017 that has meant more than $400,000 in grants. The Watertown Area Community Foundation awarded the following grants (listed chronologically) this year – thank you donors for making it happen!

Watertown Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept. - $5,000 to support the construction of the new skate park

Codingsdon County Post 17 American Legion - $3,000 to support the purchase of a bus for Honor and Color Guards

Friends of the Library - $500 to support advertising for the annual book sale

Artwalk - $2,000 to sponsor a sculpture and become a Friend of Artwalk

Watertown Chapter of SD Symphony Orchestra - $4,000 to support a SD Chamber and Symphony concert in Watertown

Lake Area Technical Institute - $8,000 for Governor’s Luncheon

Watertown School District - $3,000 for Pow-Wow

Town Players - $2,500 for Youth Theater

Optimist Club - $4,000 to support reconstruction of Winter Wonderland entrance

Two Sides of the Same Coin - $600 to support a Rock Garden Tour

Lake Area Zoological Society - $3,075 to support the purchase of butterfly plants for Bramble Park Zoo

Karing Kapers - $10,000 to support the purchase of LED lighting for DD Miller Auditorium

SD News Watch - $2,000 to support start-up costs for the organization

Arrow Education Foundation - $20,000 to support purchase of chairs for the Civic Arena

Thursday Night Live - $2,000 to support advertising

Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce – Fireworks Show

Interlakes Community Action Partnership - $4,788 to support purchase and installation of a fence at Head Start’s new location

North Country Fiber Fair, Inc. - $750 to support advertising

Watertown Park & Rec - $3,500 to provide “matching” dollars for skate park

Watertown Area Transit - $500 to provide tokens for riders in need

Watertown Figure Skate Club - $1,488 to purcase equipment

Salvation Army - $5,000 for tables and chairs for feeding program

Upper Big Sioux River Watershed Project - $1,288 to purchase plants for round-about

Northern Prairie Arts - $1,075 to purchase advertising for the Paint the Northern Prairie Annual event

Senior Activities Center - $639 to purchase a stove and refrigerator

Watertown Middle School - $2,000 to support Girls Night

Northeast Artists Network - $1,200 to promote annual Deck the Walls

Christmas Community Choir Organizers - $497 to purchase music, posters and programs

Codington County Drug Court - $9,000 to be used for emergency/critical expenses for clients

Watertown Chapter of SD Symphony Orchestra - $1,000 to support concert

Urban Renewal Board - $2,500 to purchase flowers for downtown in spring of 2018

Boys & Girls Club - $100,000 payment 2 of 5 (multi-year grant to capital campaign)

OTHER

$7,238 to First Congregational Church from Dorothy and Ruby Antriter Fund

$14,477 to Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation from Dorothy and Ruby Antriter Fund

$43,432 to Human Service Agency Foundation from Dorothy and Ruby Antriter Fund

$79,625 to Watertown Area Community Foundation from Dorothy and Ruby Antriter Fund

$1,245 to Mother of God Priory from Anonymous Donor Fund

$6,227 to LAZS from Anonymous Donor Fund

$1,245 to Jenkins Living Center from Anonymous Donor Fund

$1,245 to LAZS from Anonymous Donor Fund

$4,981 to Human Service Agency from Anonymous Donor Fund

$9,963 to WACF from Anonymous Donor Fund

$2,663 to Jenkins Living Center from Jack & Maisie Barrick Fund

$2,663 to Boys & Girls Club from Jack & Maisie Barrick Fund

$2,663 to LAZS from Jack & Maisie Barrick Fund

$2,663 to Human Service Agency from Jack & Maisie Barrick Fund

$2,663 to WACF from Jack & Maisie Barrick Fund

$500 to LAZS (designated in appreciation for Dale Christensen’s service on WACF Board)

$500 to Boys & Girls Club (designated in appreciation for Dale Christensen’s service on WACF Board)

$10,000 to Watertown Concert Association from Kenneth and Myrtle Way Fund

$2,500 to Town Players from Kenneth and Myrtle Way Fund

$150 to Human Service Agency Foundation from Griffin Family Fund

$150 to Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation from Griffin Family Fund

$550 to Watertown Area Transit from Herb & Betty Hanten Fund

$550 to Beacon Center from Herb & Betty Hanten Fund

$550 to Boys & Girls Club from Herb & Betty Hanten Fund

$550 to Town Players from Herb & Betty Hanten Fund

$333 to Human Service Agency from William & Sharon Malcom Fund

$333 to Joy Ranch from William & Sharon Malcom Fund

$333 to Salvation Army from William & Sharon Malcom Fund

$500 to Watertown Volunteer Center (designated by Celebrate! Adult Winner Jodi Driscoll)

$500 to Boys & Girls Club (designated by Celebrate! Adult Winner Jodi Driscoll)

$500 to Watertown Skate Park (designated by Celebrate! Youth Winner Patrick Buller)

$1,000 to Salvation Army (in appreciation for Dr. Lesli Jutting’s service on WACF Board)

$250 to Watertown Regional Library (designated by Thanks for Giving Essay 2nd place winner Madison Ward)

$500 to Beacon Center (designated by Thanks for Giving Essay 1st place winner Sally Boerma)

$1,000 to Great Plains Lutheran High School (in appreciation for Lee Schull’s service on the WACF Board)

The mission of Watertown Area Community Foundation is to invest in the vitality of the Watertown area by supporting community priorities, responding to human service needs and enhancing recreation, education, arts and culture.
CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER
(2016 Participants)
$600 to Beacon Center
$836 to Boys & Girls Club
$600 to Codington County 4-H
$680 to Codington County Heritage Museum
$889 to Habitat for Humanity Greater Watertown Region
$904 to Holy Name Boy Scout Troop 209
$623 to Lake Area Child Protection Team
$908 to Lake Area Zoological Society
$5,718 to Mellette House
$609 to Senior Activities Center
$913 to Town Players
$644 to Watertown Area Special Olympics
$739 to Watertown Area Transit
$1,303 to Watertown Regional Library
$2,029 to Watertown Area Transit
$2,645 to Watertown High School Orchestra from Robert Jenson and Arlene Brandt-Jenson Fund
$500 to Beacon Center from Jeff & Sherri Brindle Fund
$1,000 to Watertown Park & Rec hockey program from Christopher (Chris) Rieb Fund
$15,000 to Divine Providence of South Dakota from Doug & Lynn Sharp Charitable Fund
$5,000 to Lions Club Park project from Lew & Patricia Raderschadt Fund
$200 to Kiwanis Coats for Kids from Judy Lynn Wright Memorial Fund
$300 to St. Jude’s Children Hospital from Judy Lynn Wright Memorial Fund
$200 to Watertown School District Needy Fund from Judy Lynn Wright Memorial Fund
$200 to Salvation Army from Judy Lynn Wright Memorial Fund
$77 to My Happy Place from Judy Lynn Wright Memorial Fund
$1,489 to Codington County Drug Court from Greg Blow Fund
$400 to Artwalk from Father Jerome Holtzman Community Fund
$400 to Salvation Army from Father Jerome Holtzman Community Fund
$400 to Habitat for Humanity from Father Jerome Holtzman Community Fund
$400 to Boys & Girls Club from Father Jerome Holtzman Community Fund
$400 to Beacon Center from Father Jerome Holtzman Community Fund

WOMEN & GIVING
$3,130 to Beacon Center for commercial refrigerator and freezer
$1,229 to Boys & Girls Club to begin STEM program for girls
$1,250 to support ICAP Delta Dental Smile Mobile Watertown visit
$600 to LATI Educare to purchase necessities for children in need
$7,555 to LAZS for two Girls Rule programs
$530 to REACH (Reach, Educate, Advocate, Counsel, Heal) for a digital camera and memory cards
$900 to Joy Ranch for wheelchair accessible matting for small animal area

YOUTH COUNCIL
$1,473 to Beacon Center for tables, chairs and area rug
$1,000 to Boys & Girls Club for items for fifth- and sixth-graders’ program space
$980 to Joy Ranch for wheelchair accessible matting for small animal area
$900 to LATI Educare for Sensory Adventures camp
$530 to Watertown Initiative to Prevent Sex Trafficking to purchase iEmpathize Empower Youth Program
$1,000 to Watertown Park & Rec to support construction of new skate park

DONOR ADVISED
$364 to support attendance at national wrestling meet from Allen & Connie Fannin Family Fund
$700 to Arrow Education Foundation from Allen & Connie Fannin Family Fund

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Whether your donation is in honor or in memory of a loved one or to meet the community’s most pressing needs, your gift will make a difference.

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(Valentine's Day & Birth-on her birthday)
(60 years of priesthood)
(on his birthday)
(on her birthday)