As 2018 comes to a close, the Watertown Area Community Foundation thanks Laurie Benson for her service on the Board.

Laurie has served since 2006. At that time the Foundation had accumulative grants of $2.9 million. By the end of 2018, we will have awarded more than $7 million in total grants. She has been an integral part of the Foundation’s growth and impact as it partners with donors and invests in the vitality of the greater Watertown area.

“I truly believe that Laurie’s relationship with the Foundation began even before she was on the Board,” said Jan DeBerg, WACF executive director. “Her father Earle Kinsman was a board member in the Foundation’s early years and I believe her father and mother’s passion for the community and giving back had a lot to do with Laurie’s enthusiasm and dedication.”

During Laurie’s tenure, the Foundation awarded its largest grant in its history to the Boys & Girls Club; added “area” to its name to emphasize its impact beyond Watertown’s borders; and its Women & Giving program surpassed $100,000 in total granting.

“Laurie was a big part of all of it,” DeBerg said. “She will be missed on the Board, but I know she will always be a friend to the Foundation and its good works.”
2018 Grants

Donors help us invest in the vitality of the Watertown area each and every day. In 2018, 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 a difference!

My Happy Place - $2,500 to support the purchase of equipment needed to provide bedroom makeovers for children with life-threatening/chronic illness

Watertown Initiative to Prevent Sex Trafficking - $2,500 to support a free community event featuring a movie about sex trafficking followed by a panel discussion

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

Town Players - $5,500 for Youth Theater

United Way - $3,044 to purchase a laptop, software and computer accessories

Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce - $1,500 to support the City Fireworks celebration

Lake Area Zoological Society - $15,000 over two years to be used as a match to grow the organization’s endowment

Watertown Lions Club - $1,300 to bring a guest skater to the annual Ice Show

Friends of the Library – To help with advertising of the annual used book sale

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

Friends of the Goss Foundation - $150,000 (payable over two years) to support purchase of the Goss Opera House

4-H Saddle Up - $2,400 to help defray boarding/feeding cost of two horses

Mellette Memorial Association – $16,000 to support the re-shingling of the Mellette House

Watertown Area Transit - $5,000 to support Saturday transit services

Thursday Night Live - $2,500 to market the TNL season

Northern Prairie Arts - $1,050 to support promotion of the Plein Air Painting event in Watertown

Two Sides of the Same Coin - $500 to bring in a Pop-Up Theater performance, “Motherhood,” to Watertown

Clean & Green – $500 to support the Spring Litter Blitz

Senior Activities Center - $3,400 to support painting at the Center

Beacon Center - $5,681 to support the purchase of equipment and furniture to upgrade the conference/training area

Watertown Hockey Association - $600 to rent the Civic Arena for an event by Proactive Coaching for coaches, athletes and parents

Arrow Education Foundation - $5,000 to support the visiting Be Kind program in the Watertown School District

Northeast Artist Network - $1,600 to support the promotion of the Deck the Walls Art Show

Community Christmas Choir Organizers - $450 to purchase vocal music and promote the event

Watertown Sandwich Ministry - $8,000 to purchase food

South Dakota News Watch - $2,000 to support costs for the statewide organization

Northern Prairie Arts - $300 to support youth scholarships for art classes

Boys & Girls Club - $100,000 payment 3 of 5 (multi-year grant to capital campaign)

Castlewood School District - $2,499 to support the purchase of a Robot2 device (Area School Partnership Grant)

Estelline Public School - $2,400 to purchase 6 iPads for a music composing class (Area School Partnership Grant)

Hamlin School District - $2,500 to support the purchase of robotic kits, iPads, 3D printer and drones (Area School Partnership Grant)

Henry School District - $2,500 to purchase VexEDR robot kits and coding curriculum for STEM labs (Area School Partnership Grant)

$600 to Arts & Culture Calendar ad.

OTHER

$1,304 to Mother of God Priory from Anonymous Donor Fund

$6,521 to Prairie Lakes Healthcare System from Anonymous Donor Fund

$1,304 to Jenkins Living Center from Anonymous Donor Fund

$1,304 to Lake Area Zoological Society from Anonymous Donor Fund

$5,217 to Human Service Agency from Anonymous Donor Fund

$10,434 to WACF from Anonymous Donor Fund

$83,777 to WACF from Dorothy and Ruby Anttirter Fund

$15,232 to Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation from Dorothy and Ruby Anttirter Fund

$16,000 to Human Service Agency Foundation from Dorothy and Ruby Anttirter Fund

$7,616 to First Congregational Church from Dorothy and Ruby Anttirter Fund

$2,782 to Jenkins Living Center from Jack and Maisie Barrick Fund

$2,782 to Boys and Girls Club from Jack and Maisie Barrick Fund

$2,782 to Lake Area Technical Institute from Jack and Maisie Barrick Fund

$2,782 to Lake Area Zoological Society from Jack and Maisie Barrick Fund

$2,782 to Human Service Agency from Jack and Maisie Barrick Fund

$2,782 to WACF from Jack and Maisie Barrick Fund

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

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

$5,000 to Watertown Concert Association from Vera Way Marghab Fund

$698 to Watertown Area Transit from Herb and Betty Hanten Fund

$698 to Town Players from Herb and Betty Hanten Fund

$698 to Boys & Girls Club from Herb and Betty Hanten Fund

$698 to Beacon Center from Herb and Betty Hanten Fund

$150 to Human Service Agency from Griffin Family Fund

$150 to Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation from Griffin Family Fund

$250 to Watertown Volunteer Center (Celebrate! award)

$250 to United Methodist Church for Feeding SD Program (Celebrate! award)

$250 to Salvation Army Sandwich Ministry (Celebrate! award)

$250 to People Against Child Hunger (Celebrate! award)

$1,055 to the Salvation Army from Violet Hayes Fund

$700 to Salvation Army from William and Sharon Malcom Fund

$700 to Joy Ranch from William and Sharon Malcom Fund

$700 to Human Service Agency from William and Sharon Malcom Fund

$250 to Watertown Area Special Olympics (Thanks for Giving)

$500 to Watertown Figure Skate Club (Thanks for Giving)

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$500 to Boys & Girls Club from Mark and Ronda Roby Fund

$2,000 to Watertown Area United Way from Mark and Ronda Roby Fund

$565 to WACF from Mark and Ronda Roby Fund

$200 to South Dakota Public Broadcasting from Mark and Ronda Roby Fund
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.
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My gift of $__________________________

Please send your gift to: www.watertowncommunityfoundation.org

My gift is in honor of/memory of: ________________________________

Please send gift acknowledgement to: _____________________________

Please acknowledge ________________________________ as the donor of this gift.

During this season of giving, consider a gift to the Watertown Area Community Foundation.

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

• Give any amount - any time. Gifts donors give to the Watertown Area Community Foundation become part of a permanent endowment, which means they will help the Watertown Area forever.

• Give real estate, stock or other property. • Your gift may be tax deductible.

Please send your gift to: Watertown Area Community Foundation • PO Box 116, Watertown, SD 57201

Thank you for your support. Or donate online at: www.watertowncommunityfoundation.org

Thank you donors for helping the Foundation grow and make a difference in our community.

[Table withgifts included in the 2018 Book of Memory (at the time of this printing). We regret any omissions.]

An inscription in the Foundation’s Book of Memory is a beautiful and lasting way to celebrate an anniversary, other special occasion or to remember a loved one. Commemorations with a gift of any size may be made to the general endowment fund or designated to another fund by the donor. Memorials become part of the Foundation’s permanent charitable endowment, the earnings from which are used to meet the growing charitable needs of our community. A memorial gift, therefore, keeps giving year after year.

The following are gifts included in the 2018 Book of Memory (at the time of this printing). We regret any omissions.

The Book of Memory can also be found on our website: watertowncommunityfoundation.org