CAMP CHANCE GRANTS
Here are some photos of grants for this year’s Camp Chance day camp program, which was coordinated through the Watertown Police Department, for local kids through July. The WACF Youth Council awarded a grant to support the supplies for the sand art bottles project. WACF Giving Back 365 donors awarded a grant so every child would get a t-shirt, as well as volunteers and supporters of 2019 Camp Chance. Tracy Swenson, WPD records supervisor; and Kathy Feltch, who is retired from the police department, help with the t-shirts. WACF has supported Camp Chance in many ways throughout the years.

Thank you donors. Your support makes grants like these possible!
DONOR DOLLARS AT WORK Thanks to donors, a Foundation grant of $3,870 was awarded to purchase trees, saplings and shrubbery for Memorial Park to replace older trees and be proactive with the impending arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer. Helping to plant the trees are Dan Urban and his son Liam who is a member of Scout Pack 319. This grant was made possible through the Dr. Edwin Harper Fund.

Women & Giving Grants Awarded

On a mission to make a difference for area women and children, the Women & Giving Advisory Committee awarded $18,475 in grants recently to local organizations and programs.

The following grants were awarded in support of Women & Giving’s mission: To help women and children in the community overcome barriers, increase their opportunities and achieve their goals.

2019 Women & Giving grants:
• $1,000 to help with the purchase of toys/gifts for children attending the Watertown Police Department’s Camp Chance Christmas Party.
• $450 to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program. The grant will help with the purchase of training equipment to be used for volunteers who will help children in the court system.
• $175 to Habitat for Humanity Greater Watertown Region to provide two one-half scholarships to purchase financial training for two new HFH partner families.
• $1,250 to Inter-lakes Community Action Partnership to support the Delta Dental Smile Mobile visit to Watertown this October which will serve children up to age 21.
• $1,000 to Joy Ranch to cover fees associated with Joy Ranch’s Equine Specialist obtaining training to become a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Certified Riding Instructor.
• $600 to LATI Educare to help with costs of diapers, formula, baby wipes, etc. for clients in need.
• $10,000 to Lake Area Zoological Society to support the Girls Rule program (serving fourth- through 12th-grade girls) based at Bramble Park Zoo.
• $1,000 to McKinley Elementary School Social Worker to help families in need of household and hygiene supplies.
• $1,000 to Watertown Area Transit to support its Saturday service.
• $2,000 to Watertown Middle School Girls Night Out event.

Monies for the grants were a result of the annual Women & Giving event held this spring at Joy Ranch. That event raised $23,775 for immediate granting and $16,225 for the Women & Giving Endowment Fund, which will help support future grants. In honor of the Foundation’s 40th anniversary, former WACF Board member Laurie Benson challenged attendees to reach a $40,000 goal. Thanks to the challenge, which included a matching gift from Benson, the group reached the mark! Thank you Laurie!

The committee set aside $10,000 from immediate granting funds for scholarships, which will be awarded to non-traditional female students this fall.

Special thanks to the Advisory Committee for their time in reviewing and awarding the grants. Committee members are: Prudy Calvin, chair; Sandy Albertsen, Jan Brooks, Chris Carter, Karla Christensen, Susan Geyerman, Nancy Linneman, Julie Ranum and Kathy Witte-Holmes.

The Watertown Area Community Foundation Women & Giving program began more than 15 years ago to educate and inspire women to be leaders in philanthropy.