Dear Community:

We will long remember the Watertown Area Community Foundation’s 40th anniversary year - 2019! We began the year by looking back at the Foundation’s first board members, first donors (sometimes one and the same), first grants... all of the above making an impact, making a difference, molding and shaping the Foundation and our community into what it is today.

The celebratory year included “40 stories for 40 years,” publication of a special tab in the Watertown Public Opinion, a birthday party during the first Thursday Night Live outdoor concert of the year in June, and a donor appreciation anniversary luncheon in November. There were extraordinary gifts, including those that established new funds, and accolades and good wishes from many in our community. Mayor Sarah Caron proclaimed Nov. 12-18 as “Watertown Community Foundation Week.” The Foundation was recognized as the Spirit of Watertown award recipient at the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual banquet. Special announcements, like announcing a $500,000 grant to support the establishment of a park in downtown Watertown, also made our 40th anniversary year exceptional.

From the early years to today, we continue to work diligently to be a good steward of the community's endowment while working with partners to carry out our mission of investing in the vitality of the greater Watertown area.

Our partners include generous donors who want to “look forward and give back,” as well as our nearly 200 nonprofits in the area. Know we are grateful for you and “greatful” because of you. Together, we work and succeed as an organization and a community... 40 years ago, today, and 40 years from now. Here’s to starting the next 40 years with you!

Sincerely,

Charlie Ewalt
2019 WACF Board Chair

Jan DeBerg
Executive Director
2019 Donors

Care has been taken to list all names completely and accurately. We regret any errors or omissions.

Aastad, Jim & Barb
Abbott, Jean
Adducci, Chris & Helen
Albertsen, Dan & Sandy
Allen, Dr. Stanley
Alpha Media
Amazon Smile
Andersen, Joanne
Anderson, Andy & Grace
Anderson, Jeffrey & Maureen
Anonymous
Antrim, Mary
Antrittr Fund
Annes, Steve & Susan
Austin, Doug & Maylou
Bach, Hally
Bassingthwaighte, Jim & Dorothy
Bateman, Clara
Bateman, Mark & LuAnn
Baxter, Jackie
Beadnell, Tom & Cheri
Bebo, Bruce & Stacey
Becker, Nathan & Sarah
Bellum, Kim
Bemis, Dodie
Benson, Laurie
Berg, Chris
Bergh, Michael & Barbara
Beringer, Victor & Patty
Bertsch, Pat
Berven, Jim & Ardy
Beta Delta Sorority
Beta Sigma Phi
Beynon, Terry
Blair, Wade
Boone, Daniel
Borns, Virgil & Sue
Bradshaw, Donna (deceased)
Brandsrud, Eldon & Carma
Brandsrud, Gary & Kay
Bresson, Elton & Darlene
Brindle, Sherri
Brinkman, Barb
Brooks, Carolyn
Brooks, Chad & Stephanie
Brooks, Mark & Jan
Brosz, Diane
Brown, Scott & Pam
Brownell, Vic & Barb
Brunick-Spieker, Claudia
Burns, Tom
Burrell, Dennis & Cindy
Bussanumas, Marty & Linda
Butcher, Della
Calvin, Prudy
Care Small Animal Hospital
Caron, Chuck & Julie
Carter, Dr. Roger & Shirley
Carter, Milt & Chris
Carney, Michael
Caster, Sandy
Caufield, Doug & LeAnn
Chris Rieb Memorial
Golf Tournament
Christensen, Dale & Diane
Christensen, Karla
Christiason, Craig & Cynthia
Christiason, Liz
Christoffersen, Duane & LaVonne
Clark, Dean & Dorette
Clement, Roger
Cledenin, James & LuVina
Cole, Charlotte
Conger, Shane & Becky
Cook, Donna
Co-Op Architecture
Community Transit of Watertown & Sisseton
Cordell, Bonnie
County Fair Foods
Culligan - Jason Hanson
Czech, Jim & Angela
Dacotah Bank
Dahl, Betty
Dahl, Dale & Rosemary
Dahl, Jim & Lisa
Dahl, John & Marsha
Dahl, Steve & Janelle
Dakota Giftware Supply Inc.
Danforth, Laurie
Danielson, Dr. Jeff & Stephanie
Davis, Paula
Day, Cynthia
DeBerg, Jan
DeBerg, JoAnn
DeBoer, Tyler & Katie
DeVine, Lori
Dickes, Jessica
Diggs, Loel & Phyllis
Dockstader, Deborah
Doyen, Jean
Drake, Diane
Driscoll, Jodi
Dugan, Jim & Jane
Dykhouse, Dana
Eaker, Laura
Ebbert, David & Shelly
Edelman, Ann
Edwards, LuAnn
Egger, Beverly
Enderson, Dana & Marsha
Endres, LeAnn & Julianne
Endrizzi, Jeffrey
Engelhart, Belinda
Erstad, Dean & Lori
Ernst, Gary & Debra
Eversen, Richard & Judy
Exall, Charles & Jayne
Faehn, Bob & Susie
Family of Bonnie Hayes
Farm Credit
Services of America
Feuerstein, Lew & Monica
Feuerstein, Melvin
Fiberglass Specialties, Inc.
Fie, Marlys
First Congregational UCC
Foley, CarriDee
Foley, Vince & Patty
Folkerts, Bill & Kay
Fox, Don & Jean
Fransen, Wendy
Fulmer, Todd & Linda
Gather
Gehring, Susan
Geier-Jutting, Cathy
Geiers, Terry & Peggy
Gerrish, Drs. Ed & Cathy
Geyerman, Susan
Glacial Lakes Energy LLC
Glemblin, Judi
Glosomidd, Jim & Betty
Govenburg, Jean
Graham, David
Gray Construction Co.
Griffin Family Endowment
Griggs, Robert & Susan
Gross, Rodger & Karen
Grotewold, Jerry
Guilbra, Harley & Judy
Hamann, Chuck
Hanson, Bernie & Margaret
Hanson, Norlyn & Paula
Hanten, Betty
Hardie, David
Hardie, Scott
Harms, Brian & Jennifer
Harper, Don & Betty
Haugen, Tamie
Hayes, Cindy
Hayes, David & Darlene
Hayes, Dennis & Ann
Helbing, Doris
Heller, Dennis & Jolene
Henderson, Brooks & Kristen
Herman, Sharon
Herzog, Cliff & Donna
Hestad, Bruce & Colleen
Highland, Mary
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Hlavacek, Nancy
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Hoag, Dave & Linda
Hoffman, James & Carolyn
Hoftiezer, Don & Jeri
Hoftiezer, Kathy
Hopper, Ellen
Hopper, John & Cindy
Horst, Pam
Hosmer, Zita
Hughes, Barbara
Hult, Marne
Huribert, Jane
Hustad, Elizabeth
Innovative Procedural Center, LLC
Insight Marketing Design
Iverson, Dorothy
Iverson, Jon & Kathy
Iverson, Rodney & Nancy
Jack & Maise Barrick Fund
Jackson, Laural
Jaderborg, Kelly
James, June
Jansen, Don
Jelitz, Merlin & Sharon
Jeri O’Neil & Associates Inc.
Job, Alice
Johns, Joel & Linda
Johnson, Brad & Carol
Johnson, David & Janet
Johnson, Dr. Ken & Connie
Johnson, Dusty & Jacqueline
Johnson, Harry & Florence
Johnson, Jan Hovey
Johnson, Kathy
Johnson, Richard & LeAnne
Joy Ranch
Jurgens, Robbie
Jutling, Todd & Dr. Lesli
Kahnik, Jim
Kanans, Stanley & Susan
Kasserson, Allen & Karen
Kennedy, Myrtle Way
Charitable Fund
Keyes, Larry & Sandra
Kingslien, Vikki
Kjellson, Steve & Nancy
Konrad, Harlan & Judy
Kranz, Carol
Kruger, Elmer & Charlene
Kuecker, Gary & Leigh
Kukuk, Roxanne
KXLG Radio
LaFrenz, Kay
Lake Area Technical Institute
Lake City Hospitality, Inc.
LAMAR
Larkin, Charlie & Jan
Larson, Diane
Larson, Dr. Ed & Anne
Larson, John & Mary
Laura Ingalls Wilder
DAR Chapter
Law, David & Sandy
Lawrence, Alan & Lawrence
LeFaivre, Jon & Jody
Lehner, Steve & Kim
Likkness, Dr. Clark & Gerry
Linneman, Nancy
Lorenzen, Lee & Julie
Lynde, Pam
Mack, Gary & Renae
Macksteel Warehouse, Inc.
Madison, Renae
Makepaw, James & Kay
Makepeace Jewelers, Inc.

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There are a lot of little stories that make up the whole story of the Watertown Area Community Foundation. That's why we decided to tell “40 stories for 40 years” during our anniversary year. The effort was fully supported by local media. The Watertown Public Opinion, KXLG and Alpha Media were instrumental in telling our stories which ranged from early Board members, donors and grants to the Foundation’s growth, Youth Council and Women & Giving programs and other partners in our community.
Grants

Serving the diverse interests of the donors means supporting a wide array of programs and non-profit organizations. Your gifts and funds make it happen.

A total of $605,513 was awarded in grants and scholarships in 2019. Many of the grants are listed below.

Among the grantees were:

**Arts & Culture**
Northern Prairie Arts, Town Players, Watertown Artwalk, Thursday Night Live, Lions Ice Show, Glacial Lakes Multicultural Center, Watertown Development Company, and the Christmas Community Choir Concert. Distributions were also given to the Watertown Concert Association and the City Band.

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The Human Service Agency, Jenkins Living Center and Prairie Lakes Health Care System all receive on-going support through Designated Funds at the Foundation. More grant dollars were awarded to: Beacon Center, Boys & Girls Club, CASA, 4 The Kids SD, ICAP, Salvation Army, Stop the Bleed, Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity Greater Watertown Region, Human Service Agency, Joy Ranch, LATI Educare Center, PACH, Senior Activities Center, Community Transit of Watertown & Sisseton, Watertown Healthy Youth Coalition, Project SUCCESS, Watertown Middle School and Watertown Police Department Camp Chance and DASH programs.

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More than 40 years ago, city fathers began talking about creating a community foundation in Watertown.

John Lowrie (deceased) talked about a ‘spirit of giving back’ at the Lion’s Club swimming pool dedication. That vision became the Watertown Community Foundation when a formal application for 501 c (3) status was drafted and dated Feb. 2, 1979. An organizational meeting took place on May 10, 1979, and Clark Redlinger (deceased) was elected the Foundation’s first Chairman.

“We were pressed into service because Bob Carey (deceased) said there was $3,000 left over from Watertown’s Centennial and Ed Harper left $35,000 to ‘Watertown’ to support public band concerts and plant trees,” recalled Irv Hinderaker, during a 2014 interview.

“A community foundation seemed to be the answer we were looking for. The group was desperate for formal documentation to establish the Foundation,” the retired attorney explained. “That sent me to work countless hours researching IRS code.”

Hinderaker drafted the original Declaration of Trust and Bylaws and the Watertown Community Foundation became the first community foundation in the state of South Dakota. Watertown now had a community savings account, which in Irv’s words has gone “beyond any of the founders’ imaginations and magnified itself again and again.”

The Foundation’s early years were humble ones. “That box they talk about… I remember that,” said Deb Popham who was a Board member from 1995 to 1999 when she became the Foundation’s interim director. The Foundation’s business was neat and compact in a box stored in a broom closet at City Hall for a number of years. In 1993, the Foundation moved to an office at the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce. In 1996, the Terry Redlin family invited the Foundation to have an office at the Redlin Art Center. Then, in 2002, the Foundation moved to its current location at 211 East Kemp Avenue in the heart of downtown. The building was a gift from the Kenneth Way family.

The Foundation’s first director was Barbara Pingrey, who served in that capacity from 1994 to 1997. Just as the Foundation’s assets were reaching nearly $1.3 million, Pingrey and her husband Mark moved to Colorado. Pingrey’s career in the nonprofit sector spanned many years before and after her post with the Foundation.

It’s been 22 years since she held that position at the Foundation. However, that role still stands out, she said. “I have referred to it as the job I never knew I always wanted. It was really less of a job and more of a privilege.”

Jan DeBerg has held that position/privilege for the past 19 years. Even after nearly two decades as director, DeBerg is still amazed at the heart-felt generosity, vision and passion residents and former residents have for the community. “This anniversary year celebrates all of you just as much as it celebrates the Foundation and its good works,” she said.

Because of that generosity, the Foundation has grown to approximately $20 million in assets and since awarding its first grants in 1981, the entity has awarded nearly $8 million in grants to approximately 200 nonprofit organizations and programs.

With its growth, the Foundation added “Area” to its name in 2015 to emphasize the fact that the Foundation’s impact reaches beyond city limits. In 2018, two at-large members were added to the five-member volunteer Board to better represent the Watertown region as the Foundation carries out its mission.

“Our mission to invest in the vitality of the Watertown area is only made possible by our donors,” DeBerg said. “Thank you for always ‘looking forward and giving back.’ That meant so much 40 years ago and it means so much today.”
Funds of the Foundation

The following funds have been established by people and organizations who have chosen the Watertown Area Community Foundation (as of year-end 2019) as their partner in philanthropy.

**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**
Established to respond to the needs of the community.
- Anonymous Donor Fund II
- Randy and Laurie Benson Family Fund
- Dennis & Cindy Burrell Fund
- Dale & Diane Christensen Fund
- Dave & Marlys Fle Family Fund
- Walter C. Parliament Fund
- Nancy R. Petersen Memorial Fund
- Mark D. & Barbara B. Pingrey Fund
- Ethel A. Rau Fund
- Clark & Mary Ann Redlinger Fund
- Sophia Riddle Fund
- John & Elizabeth Rislov Fund
- Lee & Jan Schull Fund
- Velma Vincent Fund
- Oliver & Junice Wolden Fund

**DONOR ADVISED FUNDS**
Donors recommend annual grant recipients.
- Greg Blow Fund
- Jeff & Sherri Brindle Fund
- Milt & Chris Carter Fund
- Allen & Connie Fannin Family Fund
- Giving Back 365 Fund

**DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS**
To support the donors’ chosen charities.
- Father Jerome Holtzman Community Fund
- John & Cynthia Hopper Charitable Fund
- Robert Jenson & Arlene Brandt-Jenson Fund
- Christopher (Chris) Rieb Fund
- Mark & Ronda Roby Fund
- Doug & Lynn Sharp Charitable Fund
- Anthony J. Vitek, Jr. Fund
- Darwin K. & Fern B. Williams Fund
- Women & Giving Fund
- Judy Lynn Wright Memorial Fund

**FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**
Focusing on causes important to the donors.
- Florence Bruhn Fund
- David & Jan DeBerg Fund
- Endres Donor Fund
- Bernice Kuester Fund
- Dr. Edwin W. Harper Fund
- Ervin & Sybil Schafar Fund

**1998 – Foundation begins using OAK TREE logo symbolizing strong roots and growth supported by donors who nurture its growth.**

**1999**
Foundation receives anonymous bequest of nearly $1,000,000.
Scholarship Funds & 2019 Scholarship Recipients

Thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving students have been awarded again this year through donors’ funds administered by the Watertown Area Community Foundation.

Following are the scholarship funds along with the 2020 recipients (those with no recipient listed are either new funds or had no recipient this year):

Edward M. & Ruth Belatti Music Scholarship
Taylor McKeever
Harriett Cartney & Donald Blankenship Memorial Scholarship
Landon Benson
Roland Dahl Memorial Scholarship
Evan Falconer
Kimberly Ann Erling Scholarship
Riggins Bundy
Folkerts Family Scholarship
Roggie Hugien, Erskine, MN
Jerry Grotewold Scholarship
Abby Lende, Erskine, MN
Jaime Isaacson Memorial Scholarship
Dylan Schaible
R.P. “Pete” Kliegle Aviation Scholarship
Ian Radach

KXLG Radio –
Dean Johnson Family Business Scholarship
Raina Carter
David J. Law Journalism Scholarship
Lyle Marquis Family Scholarship
McKenna Tvedt
Nellie Newcomb Scholarship in memory of Trevor Ginther
Nathan Ingalls
Ruth Chase Olson Scholarship
Casey Vouc
Crystal Quail Scholarship
Emma Polchow
Technical School:
Tristan Dehne
Thomas E. Peterson Scholarship
(College:)
Emma Polchow
Technical School:
Tristan Dehne

Frank & Mathilda Rueb Scholarship
Malachi Mennenga
Gene & Mary Lois Reichling Memorial Scholarship
Anna Jongeling
Sheila Jean Rueb Memorial Scholarship
Drew Vellin
Ervin & Sybil Schafer Scholarship
Parker Broer
Isaak Brown
Paydon Casper
Micah Conley
Wyatt Deal
Conner Edelman
Logan Eide
Weston Geraets
Mark Hamilton
Rylee Klinkhammer
Nathan Koepe
Collin Kolbeck
Logan Nadgwick
Holly Oftedahl
Claire Olsen

Robert Schurrer 4-H Scholarship
Callie Mueller
Sister Hyacinth Memorial Scholarship
Kelsey O’Farrell
WACF Women & Giving Scholarships:
Kayla Bevan (LATI)
Courtney Glines (Mt. Marty)
Amber Hughes (LATI)
Holly Miller (LATI)
Sarah Petersen (LATI)
Melissa Sackrieter (LATI)
Liza Visse (LATI)

Watertown Police Department DASH Scholarship
Drew Vellin
Rose Grabow

Agency Funds

Organizations in the Watertown area have funds at the Foundation to support and enhance their organization as well as ensure their sustainability far into the future.

Arrow Education Foundation Fund
Beacon Center Fund
Boys & Girls Club of Watertown Fund
Castlewood Historical Society Fund
Codington County 4-H Fund
Codington County Historical Society Fund

Codington County Search & Rescue Fund
Divine Providence of SD Fund
Friends of Acoustic & Blues Fund
Glacial Lakes Humane Society Fund
Joy Ranch Fund
Lake Area Zoological Society Fund
Mellie Memorial Association Fund

Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation Fund
Preschool Scholarship Fund
Sea of Goodwill Fund
Town Players Endowment Fund
United Way Donor Fund
Watertown Area Disaster Relief Fund

Watertown Area Special Olympics Fund
Watertown Community Projects Fund
Watertown Police Department Fund
Watertown Regional Library Fund
Watertown Senior Citizens Fund
Watertown Trail Fund
WATERTON AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2019 and 2018

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| LIABILITIES AND NEW ASSETS |                |               |
| **Current Liabilities**    |                |               |
| Accrued payroll taxes       | $ 2,726        | $ 2,522       |
| Beneficiary payments payable | 343,855       | 325,749       |
| Agency endowment funds      | 5,940,584      | 4,786,120     |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | 6,287,165     | 5,114,391     |
| **Long-Term Beneficiary Payments Payable** |       |               |
| net of current portion      | 665,000        | 100,000       |
| **Net Assets**              |                |               |
| Without donor restrictions  | 1,855,819      | 1,894,360     |
| With donor restrictions     | 14,899,911     | 12,792,322    |
| **Total Liabilities and Net Assets** | $ 23,707,895   | $ 19,901,073  |

My gift of $ ____________________________ to the Watertown Area Community Foundation is enclosed.

My gift is in honor of/memory of: ____________________________________________________________.

Please send gift acknowledgement to: ________________________________________________________

Please acknowledge __________________________ as the donor of this gift.

☐ WACF General Fund ☐ Watertown Relief Fund ☐ WACF Downtown Park Fund
☐ WACF Other Fund __________________________

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

Or donate online at: www.watertowncommunityfoundation.org

Thank you donors for helping the Foundation invest in the vitality of our community.
Executive Directors
Barbara Pingrey . . . . . 1994-1997
Michael Conley . . . . . 1997-1999
Debra Popham (interim) . . 1999
Jan DeBerg . . . . . . . 2000-

Administrative Assistants
Julianne Endres . . . . . 2008-2014
Jill Slobotski . . . . . . 2014-

Donor Development Volunteer
Greg Blow . . . . . . . 2014-2020

Marketing/Donor Services
Julianne Endres . . . . . 2014-

Board Secretaries
Lauretta Hoff . . . . . . . 1979-1990
Marsha Krause . . . . . . . 1992-1994

Watertown Area Community Foundation
Board Members 1979-Present

*Clark Redlinger . . . . . 1979-1987
*Floyd Snyder . . . . . . . 1979-1980
*Lauretta Hoff . . . . . . . 1979-1990
*Robert Carey . . . . . . . 1979-1986
*Dr. Robert Cockle . . . . 1979-1985
*James Miner . . . . . . . 1980-1986
*John Lowrie . . . . . . . 1986-1988
*Dr. Robert Willis . . . . 1986-1987
*Ernest Edwards . . . . . 1987-1995

.................. 2003-2004
Irving Hinderaker . . . . 1987-1991
*Paul Sigelman . . . . . . 1988-1992
*Earle Kinsman . . . . . . 1989-1993
Donna Sumner . . . . . . 1990-1994
Nancy Turbak Berry . . . 1992-2001
Paul Hinderaker . . . . . 1993-2002
*Burdette Solum . . . . . 1994-1998
Debra Popham . . . . . . 1995-1999
Dr. Rick Melmer . . . . . 1996-2003

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Bob Faehn . . . . . . . 1999-2004
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Angie Reppe . . . . . . . 2016-
Charlie Ewalt . . . . . . . 2016-
Dr. Jeff Danielsen . . . . 2017-
Liam Culhane . . . . . . . 2018-
Kristen Henderson . . . 2018-
Joel Vockrodt . . . . . . . 2019-
Tom Beadnell . . . . . . . 2019-

* Deceased

2001 – The Foundation awarded a $250,000 grant over a three-year period to the Watertown Trail Committee. This year also marked the beginning of the Youth Council. The six-member council, made of juniors and seniors meets to learn about the community, philanthropy, leadership and to award grants to youth-serving organizations.

2002 – Foundation moves to 211 E Kemp, establishing its own office for the first time in their history. The building was a gift from the Kenneth B. and Myrtle Way family.
### WACF Youth Council Members 2001-Present

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The Watertown Area Community Foundation Youth Council began in 2001 with the belief that young people care about others and their community and would like to have a voice in the issues, challenges and opportunities they face both now and in the future. The Council, made up of high school juniors and seniors, is a committee of the Foundation. Members assess the needs of youth in Watertown, make grants to worthwhile youth-serving projects and obtain leadership skills.

As of 2019, the Youth Council has awarded more than $138,000 in grants.

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**2010 – $100,000 multi-year grant to Lake Area Technical Institute’s Excellence by Design Campaign to expand LATI.**

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**2012– Giving Back 365 program begins to allow donors to make a difference by giving $1 a day. Participants also have the opportunity to be involved in the grant-making process. Foundation helps establish Sea of Goodwill to serve servicemen and women, veterans and their families. Foundation coordinates H2O-20 Community Visioning Process.**
Former Watertown Area Community Foundation Youth Council Members

Kristen Henderson
2001-2003 Member of the first Youth Council. Currently a member of the WACF Board and Process Engineering Supervisor at Sparton in Watertown.

“Looking back, my time on the Youth Council prepared me for so much of life. It opened my eyes to giving back, not just financially, but through time and talent. I recall being so impressed with the community leaders and volunteers who would visit our Youth Council meetings and share their organization’s story. These volunteers often times had busy careers and families and yet they made time to give back to our community in so many ways.

“I also learned about respectful debate and discussion. As a Youth Council, we had $5000 to grant. With all the outstanding youth serving organizations in Watertown and with a diverse group of youth on the council, meetings had a fair share of healthy discussion – what great preparation for life!

“Most of all, I learned that although the Youth Council may have been a small portion of the Foundation’s giving pie, we were mighty! To this day, the Watertown Area Community Foundation through programs such as Giving Back 365, Women & Giving, and the Youth Council allows donors of any capacity to make a huge impact on our community.”

Thad Titze
2007-2009 Past Youth Council member, currently in his third and final year of law school at University of SD in Vermillion. (As of this printing, he is graduated)

“At the time it helped me appreciate the needs in the local community that at that age I didn’t even know existed. It also opened my eyes to all the resources, good leaders and people in our community that are able to step up and meet those needs. It takes a lot of organizations to meet those needs.

“Now, more than a decade later, I’m about to step into a professional career and I will see the opportunities to step onto another board. The Youth Council prepared me for future board service and showed me the importance of such things. If we took the Watertown Area Community Foundation out of our community there would be a huge void.”

Kirsten Titze
2010-2012 Past Youth Council member, currently a speech therapist for Mellette Elementary School in Watertown.

“We had a certain amount to grant and we couldn’t give to everyone. It made us as high schoolers think more outside of ourselves; about our peers and community needs.”

Braeden Kluver
2017-2019 Past Youth Council member, pursuing a degree in secondary education for history at Southwest State University in Marshall, MN.

“First and foremost, the Youth Council really taught me a lot about philanthropy and giving back to the community you’re in. It opened my eyes to the movers and shakers in our community that help out not for personal gain but for the betterment of everyone. Giving back helps you take pride in where you’re at.”

Becky Weber
2007-2009 Past Youth Council member, currently an accountant at VRS PC.

“The Watertown Area Community Foundation Youth Council helps young leaders learn the role of philanthropy in the community. Youth Council members often show a strong passion for leadership, and the mission of this board teaches them how to listen to community members on where needs exist and connect those needs to other community members who want opportunities to give back. The Youth Council provides a unique experience to learn more about themselves and can instill a passion for giving back that will not only benefit them in the future, but more importantly benefit the communities they choose to be a part of.”
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS – We did so in a big way! We reviewed archived photos and grants, sported our logo on the side of a transit bus, had an anniversary donor appreciation luncheon, received the Chamber’s Spirit of Watertown award, celebrated Board retiree Laurie Benson who began a fund with a $40,000 gift in commemoration of the anniversary; held a birthday bash with the HUSH Band and birthday cupcakes at Thursday Night Live. Thanks Watertown for a wonderful 40 years!