



Looking forward and giving back

Watertown

Area Community Foundation



2021

ANNUAL REPORT



DEAR COMMUNITY:

We look back on 2021 with a lot of pride – but mostly gratitude.

As chair of the Watertown Area Community Foundation Board and executive director of the Foundation, we feel the year brought with it new insights, growth and positive impact – even among challenges, including the still present COVID pandemic.

As a Board, we awarded the most ever in grants, scholarships and distributions – more than \$1 million. That is true impact. Grants included a \$300,000 multi-year grant to the Human Service Agency for a new Appropriate Regional Facility, another grant to help establish a Behavioral Health Program at the Boys & Girls Club, assistance with emergency housing needs of Brothers & Sisters Behinds Bars' clients and support for the new Senior Activities Center.

We had the pleasure of visiting the Senior Center and getting a tour of this "second-to-none" facility. The members there have a new sense of pride in their center and rightfully so. The Foundation thanks partners and donors for helping make things like this a reality.

As a donor you should be proud! The Foundation ended 2021 with more than \$33 million in assets. That kind of generosity and growth surpassed our expectations and we are truly grateful. Thank you for joining us in "looking forward & giving back."

With appreciation and best regards,

Joel Vockrodt
2021 WACF Board Chair

Jan DeBerg
WACF Executive Director

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WACF BOARD – Front, from left: Julie Ranum, Liam Culhane, Kristen Henderson. Back, from left: Charlie Ewalt, Dr. Jeff Danielsen, vice chair; Tom Beadnell and Joel Vockrodt, chair.



OUR MISSION

The Watertown Area Community Foundation invests in the vitality of the Watertown area.



HSA RECEIVES GRANT

The Watertown Area Community Foundation has awarded a \$300,000 multi-year grant to support the Appropriate Regional Facility being constructed as part of the local Human Service Agency campus.

The multifaceted complex should be completed late 2022 and will more fully address mental and behavioral health with a key benefit of the facility being a number of "safe" beds.

"I feel fortunate the Human Service Agency has the opportunity to make an impact in so many ways with our new facility," said Kari Johnston, HSA executive director. "We will continue to offer recovery of men living with a mental illness and addiction in our halfway house but also support anyone experiencing a mental health crisis in our new ARF beds. In this capacity we can hold anyone in crisis for up to five days instead of disrupting their lives even further by sending them to a psychiatric hospital in Sioux Falls or Yankton."

"The Foundation sees this as an opportunity to make our community stronger," said Jan DeBerg, WACF executive director.

"Not only is the new facility important for individuals who will use it, it is extremely impactful for the community as a whole," agreed Joel Vockrodt, WACF Board chair. "We understand the pressure it will also relieve for local law enforcement, the hospital... it will help the whole system. It's a needed piece."

Johnston stressed that having up to five days to help clients reach goals and a plan is a huge benefit compared to the current system. "The new ARF enables them to stay in their community and near their support system," Johnston said. "In this manner, we serve more than the person experiencing the crisis; we are also providing hope and support for the entire family within their home community."



Standing in front of the construction site for the Appropriate Regional Facility are, from left, Jan DeBerg, WACF executive director; Kari Johnston, Human Service Agency executive director; and Joel Vockrodt, WACF Board chair.

South Dakota Public Broadcasting stands strong though it was here long before the dawn of cable channels and live-streamed shows "to infinity and beyond." The reason may be because its goal has remained steadfast.

"SDPB's goal is to be the best source of news, education and entertainment to South Dakotans no matter where they live," said Ryan Howlett, executive director of Friends of SDPB. "We think of ourselves as publicly owned and our stockholders are really the citizens of South Dakota."

In an effort to assure the organization's future, increase innovation and local programming, SDPB is asking those "stockholders" to support them in a mission to build an endowment to fuel that goal for generations to come. With that in mind, the Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting Fund has been established at the Watertown Area Community Foundation.

WACF is among five foundations across the state that will administer these funds.

The public is encouraged to support SDPB through gifts to the fund. If they wish, donors can direct their gifts to the fund to support whatever programming fits their passion. Gifts can be designated to news, the arts, education, sports or all of the above.



TRANSIT AWARD – Jan DeBerg, WACF executive director, accepts the 2021 Friend of Transit award from Terry Hoffman, co-director of Community Transit-Watertown/Sisseton, Inc. WACF was among those recognized for its ongoing support of its local transit services at the annual Dakota Transit Association conference.



FOUNDATION STAFF – From left, Jan DeBerg, executive director; Julianne Endres, marketing/donor services; Kay Brandsrud, administrative assistant.



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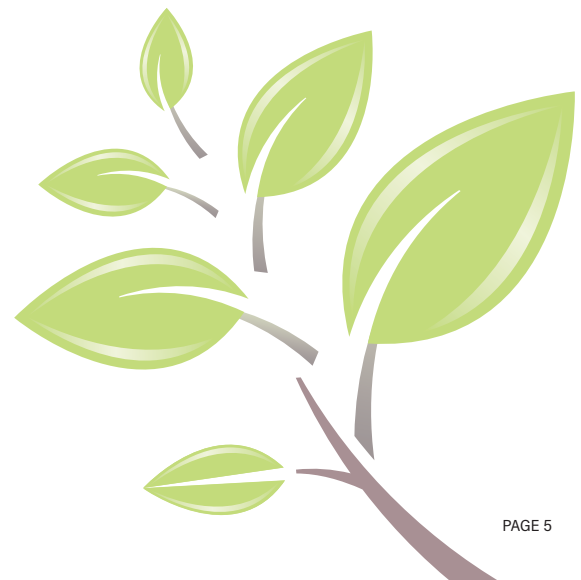
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FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS – As SD Gatorade Boys Track & Field Player of the Year, Cooper Mack was eligible to designate a \$1,000 grant through the Gatorade Play It Forward Fund to the sports-related charity of his choice. Mack chose to support Watertown Area Special Olympics by designating the monies to the WASO Fund at the Foundation. From left, are Special Olympics athlete Chelsea Popham, Mack and Kaiden McElhaney, SO athlete and also Mack's cousin.



FUNDS OF THE FOUNDATION

The following funds have been established by individuals, families, businesses, and organizations who have chosen the Watertown Area Community Foundation as their partner in philanthropy.

For more information about these funds visit: www.watertowncommunityfoundation.org

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Established to respond to the needs of the community.

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Donors recommend annual grant recipients.

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County Fair Foods of Watertown Fund
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Anthony J. Vitek Fund
Robert & Deborah Walrath Fund (est. 2022)
Darwin K. & Fern B. Williams Fund
Women & Giving Fund
Judy Lynn Wright Memorial Fund

DONOR DESIGNATED FUNDS

To support the donors' chosen charities.

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Herb & Betty Hanten Family Fund
Violet Hayes Memorial Fund
Hagen Family Fund in memory of Barbara Hagen & Kevin Anderson (est. 2022)
Irving & Eula Hinderaker Fund
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Merlin & Sharon Jeitz Fund
Lake City Hospitality, Inc. dba Quality Inn & Suites Fund
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Raymond B. McRoden & Marie McRoden Memorial Fund
Joy C. Nelson Fund
Nellie Marie Newcomb Fund
Harley & Marilyn Petersen Fund
Lew & Patricia Raderschadt Fund
Donus & Lovila Roberts ABC Book Club Fund
Watertown Youth Soccer Association Fund

SONS OF VETERANS – Dale Christensen and Randy Rakness are the last two members of the local Sons of Veterans group. The Sons of Veterans Fund was established in 2021 to support patriotic purposes; mainly providing flags for schools, cemeteries and organizations.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Focusing on concerns/areas important to the donors.

Florence Bruhn Fund
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LEGACY FUND SOCIETY

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Dean & Ardyce Gackstetter Fund
Brad & Carol Johnson Fund
Dave & Jan Johnson Fund
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Joy & Dan Miller Fund
Brian & Gayle Robertson Fund
James K. & Sandra K. Stoudt Family Fund
Nancy Turbak Berry Fund
Russ & Charlene Wilkins Family Fund
Bill & Cathy Zubke Fund



NEW FUNDS

COUNTY FAIR GIVES BACK – County Fair Foods established the County Fair Foods of Watertown Fund in 2021 to assist local nonprofits and charitable groups. Owners, Chad & Laycee Gamber and Tyler Thuringer plan to grow the fund while helping area organizations through scheduled “giving back” Saturdays.

They’ve already made an impact with grants going to several nonprofits, including Watertown Hockey Association, ICAP 60s’ Plus Dining, People Against Child Hunger (PACH) and Codington County Breast Cancer Awareness Group.



GLACIAL LAKES RUBBER & PLASTIC GIVES BACK - Coming off the tails of a challenging pandemic year, a successful 2021 is meaning more than ever to local business professionals Robb & Jodi Peterson. In turn, the couple thinks sharing that success with employees and the community makes perfect sense.

Glacial Lakes Rubber & Plastics opened in 2014 with one employee. The company has grown to 65 employees and has received accolades along the way, including representing South Dakota in the Made In America recognition event at the White House in 2018.

The company expanded in more ways than one and a new building was built. The factory was able to move into the new building in 2020 but postponed the Grand Opening due to COVID. 2021 brought more reason to celebrate as they finally conducted the grand opening.



“It was an unexpectedly good year and we wanted to give back,” said Peterson. Giving back has meant bonuses to the employees and matching that with \$15,000 to the Beacon Center and \$15,000 to the Watertown Area Community Foundation to establish a fund which will continue to give back. The Glacial Lakes Rubber & Plastics Fund will be “unrestricted” meaning that the Foundation will make the decisions on what causes and organizations the fund will support and that may change from year to year.

“We wanted to touch as many people as we could and the Foundation does that,” Peterson said, crediting his wife with the idea. “The Foundation is in touch with community needs and the resources at the Foundation are well managed.”

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AGENCY FUNDS

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

Arrow Education Foundation Fund
Beacon Center Fund
Boys & Girls Club of Watertown Fund
Castlewood Historical Society/Gaylord Hoftiezer Fund
Codington County Historical Society Fund
Codington County Search & Rescue Fund
Divine Providence of SD Fund
Foundation Park Fund
Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting Fund

Friends of the Goss Opera House, Inc. Fund
Glacial Lakes Humane Society Fund
Joy Ranch of South Dakota Fund
Kiwanis Club of Watertown Fund
Lake Area Zoological Society Fund
Mellette Memorial Association Fund
Prairie Lakes Healthcare Foundation Fund
Sea of Goodwill Fund
Town Players Endowment Fund
Watertown Area Disaster Relief Fund

Watertown Area Special Olympics Fund
Watertown Area United Way Fund
Watertown Artwalk Fund
Watertown Community Projects Fund
Watertown Hockey Association Fund
Watertown Police Department Fund
Watertown Regional Library Fund
Watertown Relief Fund
Watertown Senior Citizens Fund
Watertown Trail Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Each year thousands of dollars in scholarships are awarded to deserving students from scholarship funds administered by the Watertown Area Community Foundation.

Scholarship applications are available as noted after each scholarship title.

Edward M. & Ruth Belatti Music: *Watertown High School*

Harriett Cartney & Donald & Betty Blankenship Memorial

D.A.S.H.: Watertown Police Department – Applicant must be a graduating Watertown High School senior who resides in Codington County. Minimum 3.0 GPA entering post-secondary with an interest in health or a civil service.

Dahl Family: *Watertown High School*

DeBerg Family Scholarship Fund in Memory of Dorothy DeBerg: *Codington County Extension Office* – Awarded to a student with outstanding 4-H recognition who is pursuing post-secondary education.

Kimberly Ann Erling Spanish: *Watertown High School* – The recipient must study Spanish in college but not necessarily major or minor in the language.

Folkerts Family: *Lake Area Technical College* – For student attending Lake Area Technical College enrolled in Building Trades, Medical, Hospitality, Agriculture, or Technology fields.

Jerry Grotewold: *Foundation Office & Qualifying High Schools* – Any graduating senior that is a resident of South Dakota within a 60-mile radius of Watertown. Scholarship will be awarded for agricultural study at a post-secondary institution.

Gunter Family: *WIN-E-MAC Alumni Association* – Two scholarships to Win-E-Mac graduates from Erskine, MN.

Denny Holien – Persona, Inc.: Persona Human Resources – For students who are children, step-children or grandchildren of Persona employees.

Jamie A. Isaacson: *Lake Area Technical College* – For students in an industrial field at Lake Area Technical College.

R.P. "Pete" Kliegle Aviation Memorial: *Lake Area Technical College* – For a second-year student in an Aviation program at Lake Area Technical College.

Wayne Arnold Keup & Donus Roberts Speech & Debate: *Watertown High School* – Will be awarded to a WHS debate team member going on to receive higher education and who is determined by the WHS faculty committee to have financial need. If a WHS debate team member does not qualify, then a scholarship applicant who meets the criteria will be selected as the recipient.

KXLG – Dean Johnson Business: *Foundation Office & Qualifying High Schools* – Any graduating senior who is a resident of South Dakota within a 60-mile radius of Watertown, SD, majoring in a business-related field of study at a post-secondary school.

KXLG – David J. Law Journalism: *Foundation Office & Qualifying High Schools* – Any graduating senior who is a resident of South Dakota within a 60-mile radius of Watertown, SD, studying journalism/related field at a post-secondary institution.

Lake City Hospitality, Inc. dba Quality Inn & Suites: *Lake Area Technical College* – Students at LATC enrolled in the medical, building trades or business programs.

Leadership Watertown: *Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce* – Two half-scholarships awarded annually to cover Leadership Watertown program fee.

Edith "Ede" Magedanz Registered Nurse: *Foundation Office & High Schools in counties listed below* – Open to graduating high school seniors from Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin or Roberts County, South Dakota; or Traverse County, Minnesota, who are pursuing an RN degree.

Lyle Marquis Family: *Watertown High School*

Nellie Newcomb: *Watertown High School* – Nellie Newcomb scholarship in Memory of Treva Ginther is awarded to a Watertown High School senior. Applicant must attend an accredited South Dakota college or trade school, 3.0 GPA minimum, have participated in music during high school, has volunteered or worked a job.

Ruth Chase Olson: *Watertown High School* – This scholarship is for a graduating Watertown High School Senior majoring in English or a related field to include music and theater as a full-time student at a college or university. 3.0 GPA minimum.

Thomas E. Peterson: *Deuel County High School* – These scholarships shall be awarded to graduating Senior High School students that are residents of Deuel County, South Dakota. The recipients will have maintained an overall "B" grade point average. Financial need considered.

Crystal Quail (two awarded – one for four-year school, other for two-year): *Watertown High School* – Any graduating Watertown High School senior going to college in South Dakota or to an out-of-state school that has a reciprocity agreement with South Dakota. Preference will be given to students entering any science, engineering, or technology field.

Denny Holien – Persona, Inc. Scholarship Fund was established through private gifts in memory of Dennis "Denny" Holien, founder of Persona, Inc. Denny's passion for youth and education in conjunction with his philanthropic and entrepreneurial spirit, make this scholarship a long-lasting part of his legacy in which he can give back to the loyal and dedicated employees he took pride in.

Gene & Mary Lois Reichling Memorial: *Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce* – Watertown area graduating senior going to post-secondary school. The student and families have been or must be active and involved in either agriculture 4H and/or Watertown Winter Farm Show.

Frank & Mathilda Rueb: *Watertown High School* – 2.5 GPA minimum planning to attend junior college, college, or university pursuing Bachelor's Degree in the Arts.

Sheila Jean Rueb Memorial: *Watertown High School* – 2.5 GPA minimum. Applicant pursuing a health-related degree at a junior college, college or university.

Ervin H. & Sybil E. Schafer: *Lake Area Technical College* – Any graduates from Watertown High School or Florence High School attending Lake Area Technical College, enrolled in agriculture-related field.

Robert Schurrer 4-H: *Codington County Extension Office* – Awarded to a high school graduate with an outstanding record in the agriculture project area.

Sister Hyacinth Memorial: *Watertown High School* – Watertown High School applicants must have been in Foster Care at some time during their K-12 grade years and Watertown High School graduating senior with at least a 2.5 GPA.

Patty Trigg & Mary Rueb Conner: *Watertown High School* – Watertown High School applicants pursuing a baccalaureate degree in a music and/or entertainment field.

Jesse D. and Jessie E. Vincent Memorial: *Watertown High School* – The winners will be based on need, character, and high school scholastic performance.

WACF Women & Giving: *Mt. Marty College-Watertown Campus or Lake Area Technical College* – Scholarships awarded to non-traditional, female students.

Kevin & Mindy Wirkus Family: *Qualifying High Schools* – For South Dakota applicants graduating high school within a 60-mile radius of Watertown and pursuing post-secondary study in drug and/or alcohol counseling or law enforcement.



FINANCIALS

Unaudited Financial Statements – Summary

	Unaudited 2021	Audited 2020
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,885,312	\$ 1,229,599
Contributions Receivable	-	35,040
Accrued Interest	18,192	18,766
Employee Retention Credit Receivable	6,129	9,626
Total Current Assets	\$ 2,909,633	\$ 1,293,031
Other Assets		
Investments	30,662,861	24,915,393
Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance	13,907	12,864
Artwork	12,785	12,785
Total Other Assets	\$ 30,689,553	\$ 24,941,042
Property and Equipment		
Less Accumulated Depreciation		
2021 \$127,768; 2020 \$117,312	361,807	361,807
Total Assets	\$ 33,833,225	\$ 26,478,568
LIABILITIES AND NEW ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Payroll Taxes	\$ 3,551	\$ 2,132
Beneficiary Payments Payable	1,349,795	396,357
Agency Endowment Funds	10,859,814	6,846,330
Paycheck Protection Program Funds	-	30,328
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 12,213,160	\$ 7,275,147
Long-Term Beneficiary Payments Payable		
net of current portion	440,000	570,000
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	1,994,508	2,075,208
With Donor Restrictions	19,625,558	16,558,212
	\$ 21,620,066	\$ 18,633,420
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 33,833,226	\$ 26,478,567

*2021 audit in progress at time of publication. Most recent audit/990 available on our website at: watertowncommunityfoundation.org

2021-22 Youth Council from left, Macy Vogt, Emma Koch, seniors; Grace Martenson, Emma Brist and Sam Keup, juniors. >>>



YOUTH COUNCIL AWARDS NEARLY \$20,000 IN GRANTS

The Watertown Area Community Foundation Youth Council has awarded \$19,230 in grants to area youth-serving programs and organizations.

This year the Youth Council had additional monies to award due to a \$5,000 gift from the Watertown Development Company. The Foundation Board also decided to increase the Youth Council's granting dollars from the traditional \$7,500 to \$10,000 going forward. In addition, if Youth Council grant requests could be matched with restricted fund dollars, \$5,000 more could be awarded bringing the total available for granting to \$20,000.

The following received grants:

- **\$730 to Beacon Center** to purchase a variety of play therapy toys.
- **\$1,000 to the Boys & Girls Club** to purchase supplies and equipment for outdoor activities.
- **\$500 to East-Central CASA** to purchase a laptop and software to improve capacity and services.
- **\$2,000 to Friends of SD Public Broadcasting** for ELI program materials and curriculum outreach to childcare providers.
- **\$400 to Glacial Lakes Multicultural Center** to support cultural activities.
- **\$1,200 to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Watertown Region** for a utility trailer to be used at the building site and a Cricut for creating items for the office, volunteers and clients.
- **\$2,000 to Lake Area Child Protection Team, Inc.** for foster parent events and recruitment materials to increase the number of foster families.
- **\$3,000 to Lake Area Tech EduCare Center** for a stroller, plasma car, sensory table, education rugs and infant gates.
- **\$1,500 to the Lake Area Zoological Society** to purchase/build a naturalistic climbing system including safety pad.
- **\$1,800 to PACH** to purchase flatbed carts for the PACH warehouse.
- **\$1,200 to Watertown Area United Way** for more inclusive marketing of Spanish, braille, large print and audio formats for the local Imagination Library.
- **\$1,500 to Watertown DASH** to purchase books for officer and second-grade students to take home and read with parents.
- **\$1,600 to the Watertown Lacrosse Club** to purchase 10 new lacrosse helmets for the program.
- **\$800 to Watertown Parks & Recreation Department** to purchase Playstation 5 game and 4 wireless controllers to start an Esport program for area youth.

First-ever Playstation 5 tournament through the Watertown Park & Rec Department occurred over Christmas break 2021 thanks to a Youth Council grant awarded to establish a local Esports program. >>>



Women & Giving

Thanks to generous donors, thousands of dollars in grants and scholarships have recently been awarded by the Watertown Area Community Foundation Women & Giving Advisory Committee.

"These grants and scholarships greatly impact women and children in our area," said Jan DeBerg, WACF executive director. "It's all part of Women & Giving's ongoing mission to help area women and children overcome barriers, increase their opportunities and achieve their goals."

Our fund-raising campaign resulted in more than \$60,000 in gifts, some of which were designated for the Women & Giving Endowment Fund and others for immediate grant-making.

The 2021 grants awarded are:

- **\$8,085 to Beacon Center** for set up of Life Skills Training Room.
- **\$2,500 to Boys & Girls Club of Watertown** to purchase Big Blue Block set.
- **\$11,140 to Brothers & Sisters Behind Bars** for rent and utilities for women's transitional housing unit.
- **\$1,000 to East Central CASA**
- **\$2,500 to Drug Court** for incentives for participants.
- **\$2,000 to Community Transit of Watertown/Sisseton, Inc.** to provide transportation for clients of Beacon Center and Codington County Community Health Services.
- **\$1,250 to Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership** to support the Delta Dental Mobile visit. More than \$30,000 in dental services was given to 34 children.
- **\$8,630 to Lake Area Zoological Society's Girls Rule**
- **\$600 to LATC Educare** for supplies for low-income families.
- **\$672 to Lincoln PTO** to provide toiletry bags/supplies to fourth-grade girls in Watertown.
- **\$500 to Watertown Area Snow Queen** to help pay for self-defense, suicide awareness and art classes for participants.
- **\$1,475 to Watertown Area United Way** to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
- **\$3,000 to Watertown Regional Library** to assist with items for a nursing/sensory room.
- **\$2,000 to Watertown School District** for household/hygiene items for needy students/families.

The Women & Giving Committee also awarded the following non-traditional, female students each a \$1,000 scholarship: Krystal Kadoun, attending Lake Area Technical College; Marcy Kohl, attending Mount Marty College in Watertown; Melissa Lorenzen, LATC; Misty Maakestad, LATC; Haley Skinner, LATC; Lacey Small, LATC; and Cassie Swedeen, Mt. Marty.



Women & Giving supported a new sensory/nursing room at the Watertown Regional Library. It included sensory manipulatives for the room and kits to check-out, a new nursing chair, items for sensory story time and continuing education.



Watertown Middle School's Girls Night Out supported by a Women & Giving grant. Dr. Melanie Weiss shared her impactful story of opioid addiction, recovery and success with about 140 girls during the event. The evening also included food, fellowship, break-out sessions and door prizes.



Another grant helped support rent and utilities of a housing unit for four women who are clients of Brothers & Sisters Behind Bars. The grant helps BSBB provide safe and sober housing for up to four women throughout the year. In addition, it enabled them to have some positive social events with their children.

"I am very grateful for everything that I have experienced here. I think back and should have made the move long ago. But fear can keep people unhappy and still. But I'm ready to leave that all in the past and plant seeds in a good way now."

– BSBB Client

Through our **Area School Partnership Program** the Foundation awards grants for public education projects which are beyond the scope of the regular school budget. School districts within approximately 30 miles of Watertown are eligible to apply for grants up to \$2,500 on an annual basis.

The 2021 Area School Partnership Grantees are:

- **Clark School District** – to purchase cameras (vision sensors) to attach to the robotics created by students.
- **Estelline School District** – to purchase 25 licenses of the Microsoft Office TestOut Certification software.
- **Florence School District** – to support bringing Missoula Children's Theater to Florence Elementary School.
- **Hamlin School District** – to purchase pitched quad tom drums with carrier, pug mill for recycling and a 3D printer.



CERTIFICATION AT ESTELLINE – Nine students were MOS certified already after the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year in Estelline thanks to a WACF Area School Partnership Program grant. Front, from left are Mitchell Trias, Henry Schmidt (who had a perfect score!), Tyson Miller, Braxton Pravecek and Carson Reitz. Back, from left, are Gabe Risty, Caitlynne Sonen, Kelsey Scotting and Aidan Wegner.



CHILDREN'S THEATER IN FLORENCE – The Missoula Children's Theater visited Florence Elementary School via an Area School Partnership grant from WACF. Here, Florence students take the stage after the week-long visit.



DRUMS FOR HAMLIN – Here Talayna Opdahl plays the drums which were part of an Area School Partnership grant awarded which also included support for a pug mill and a Dremel 3D printer.



By giving a dollar a day, Giving Back 365 donors made a big difference. Nearly \$150,000 has been awarded in grants since the Giving Back 365 program began.

2021 grants totaled nearly \$30,000. The total available for granting included 2021 gifts and the endowment earnings.

At the end of the year, Giving Back 365 donors voted on the grant applications received. The organizations receiving Giving Back 365 grants for 2021 are:

- **4 The Kids SD**, \$2,000 to assist with school lunch costs and snacks for students in need.
- **Boys & Girls Club of Watertown**, \$2,000 to support the creation of a sensory room.
- **Community Transit of Watertown-Sisseton, Inc.**, \$2,000 to support transportation needs for Serenity Hills and Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars.
- **Divine Providence of South Dakota**, \$2,000 to help with costs of a fire pit and patio for retreat center.
- **East-Central CASA**, \$1,851 to assist with national conference costs so some board, staff, volunteers and judge can attend.
- **Friends of the Goss**, \$2,000 to help with start-up costs of Learning and Libations program at the Goss Opera House.
- **Glacial Lakes Multicultural Center**, \$1,229 to purchase books to help clients integrate into the community.
- **Habitat for Humanity Greater Watertown Region**, \$700 to purchase Grammarly-grammar software program and logo apparel for board and volunteers.
- **Lake Area Child Protection**, \$2,000 to support foster family events.
- **Lake Area Zoological Society**, \$1,685 to support the Wildlife Warriors boys' program.
- **Resilient Community Codington County**, \$1,135 to support equipment, marketing and meeting expenses for coalition through the Center for Prevention of Childhood Maltreatment.
- **Town Players**, \$1,635 to support purchase of a home cinema projector and screen.
- **Watertown Area PACH**, \$1540 for supplies.
- **Watertown Area United Way**, \$2,000 to cover half of billboard advertising for the 2022-2023 United Way campaign.
- **Watertown Artwalk**, \$1,900 to assist with insurance coverage of the sculptures including transit coverage.
- **Watertown Figure Skate Club**, \$1,635 to purchase costumes for WFSC to be used for its ice show and costume closet.
- **Watertown Senior Activities Center**, \$2,000 to purchase an Automatic Walk Behind Scrubber for the new facility's floors.

"A simple \$1 a day accomplishes so much," said Jan DeBerg, WACF executive director. "These dollars mean a lot to the organizations that receive the grants and the individuals they serve."

The Watertown Area Community Foundation Giving Back 365 program encourages donors to give \$365 each year with half of their gift designated for the Giving Back 365 Endowment Fund and the other half pooled with other donors' gifts for immediate grantmaking.

Wildlife Warriors boys' program in action. >>>

Looking forward and . . .

GIVING BACK 365

Start making a difference today by giving \$1 a day. **Please call the Watertown Area Community Foundation, 605-882-3731 or visit watertowncommunityfoundation.org** for more information.

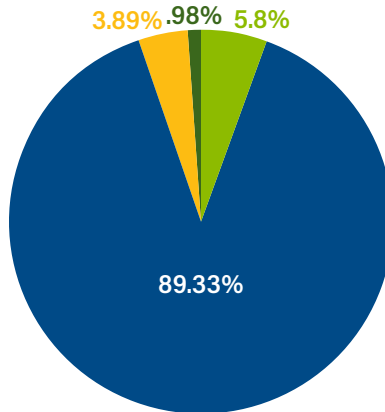


2021 GRANTS

2021

Arts & Culture	
\$47,720	5.8%
Health & Human Services	
\$735,187	89.33%
Education	
\$32,011	3.89%
Environment	
\$8,02598%

Total Granting: \$822,943



Scholarships.....	\$69,456
Youth Council.....	\$19,230
Women & Giving	\$39,247
Giving Back 365	\$26,085
Christmas Tree	
Fundraiser	\$21,363
Watertown Relief Fund.....	\$16,850
Area School Partnership	\$8,125
Donor Advised Fund Grants..	\$56,430

Arts
Health & Human Services
Education
Environment
Other



GRAND FOR GOSS – A 1928 concert grand piano now graces the stage at the Goss Opera House thanks, in part, to a grant from WACF.



READY FOR A WALK – These LATC Educare youngsters are ready to head out. The stroller, a plasma car, sensory table, educational rugs and infant gates were results of a Youth Council grant. Women & Giving also awarded Educare a grant to assist with supplies for low-income families.

A total of **\$1,079,729** in grants, distributions and scholarships was awarded. Breaking a record **MILLION DOLLARS!**

Thank you to the community for their continued support!



BIKES TO BORROW – You can check out bikes with your library card via the Watertown Regional Library bike lending program. WACF, in partnership with Xcel Energy, supported the start-up of this program.

PRESERVING OUR AREA'S HISTORY

A grant was awarded to preserve The Public Opinion archives.

The Watertown Public Opinion archives, which date back to 1887, are safe and sound thanks to the efforts of the Codington County Historical Society, Watertown Box, Turbak Law Office, numerous volunteers and a grant from the Watertown Area Community Foundation. Since the Public Opinion newspaper business is no longer owned locally and the building is for sale, plans were made under the direction of Christy Lickei, CCHS director, to obtain the archives and secure and store them in a safe and private location. Lickei also gave special thanks to Woods Edge and Jim Powers of Slumberland Furniture for their efforts.



NEW SADDLES – New saddles, provided by a grant through Chief Jo's Triple H Fund, arrived just in time for Christmas and will be used by therapeutic equine groups at Joy Ranch. Those groups include Hope, Healing & Hoofprints and Gather, Grow, Go established by Jo Vitek for helping victims of sexual abuse.

WATERTOWN Artwalk

2021 Watertown Artwalk brought 15 new sculptures to downtown Watertown, Jenkins Living Center, Lake Area Technical College and the Redlin Art Center. One sculpture purchased previously by Turbak Law Office remains at that location and brings the sculpture exhibit to 16.

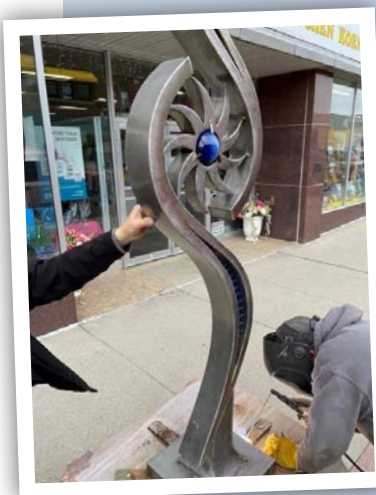
The wide and varied exhibit enjoyed by all ages could not be possible without a group effort that includes sponsors, the Artwalk Committee, City of Watertown, Sioux Falls Sculpture Walk, SD Arts Council, the Optimist Club of Watertown, the Joy Fund, the Watertown Area Community Foundation, #1 Welding, much in-kind support and Friends of Artwalk.

Artwalk sponsors are: Jesse and Mindy Craig, Crestone Companies, Dempsey's Brewery, Pub & Restaurant, First Premier Bank, Gather, Glacial Lakes Rubber & Plastics, Great Western Bank, Haugan Nelson Realty, LATC, Phillip Matthews State Farm, Prairie Lakes Healthcare System, Redlin Art Center, Reliabank, Turbak Law Office, Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce and Watertown Area Community Foundation.

Special thanks to Gray Construction for its assistance with de-installing and installing pedestals and sculptures. Other in-kind support and volunteer efforts came from Cashway Lumber, Concrete Dakota, LATC Law Enforcement, Todd Randall and LeAllen Endres.

Friends of Artwalk members include: Laurie Benson, Brown Clinic, Dugan Sales & Service, Jan DeBerg, Jenkins Living Center, Joy Nelson, Don & Kelly Roby, Watertown Area Community Foundation, Watertown Convention & Visitors Bureau, Andor, Inc. and Office Peeps.

Artwalk Committee members are: Joy Nelson, Jan DeBerg, Sean Dempsey and LuAnn Strait.



2021 GRANTS



TOWN PLAYERS YOUTH THEATER



AT THE FARM SHOW – A WACF grant to the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee assisted with the addition of three flat screen televisions, including electrical outlets and ports, in the show ring area of the Codington County Extension Complex.



LATC GOVERNOR'S LUNCHEON



THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

**SENIOR
ACTIVITIES
CENTER AND
60s + DINING**



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB – A grant was awarded to the Boys & Girls Club of Watertown to support a new behavioral health program for the club. \$10,000 will be awarded each year for three years (\$30,000 total) to support salary and benefits for a mental health specialist, training and development, start-up equipment and technology and youth program materials and incentives. Statistically, one in five children are experiencing underlying mental health concerns and many are not able to receive timely care with behavioral or mental health needs. Waiting lists within private counseling services are averaging from 3 to 6 months. The Boys & Girls Club hopes to bridge some of that gap. This program also plans to monitor behaviors while building positive relationships and including play therapy or small group prevention-based classes or activities.

HOMELESS TO HOMEBOUND

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story, written late fall 2021, deals with steps being taken to support the homeless in our community. The statements in bold came from an individual who has been helped. She was unable to share much of her background due to the trauma she and her family have endured. Her name remains anonymous to protect her privacy.

"Home" may mean different things to different people, but just having a place to call "home" can be difficult for some. Thankfully, the Watertown Area Community Foundation has partnered with organizations to bring "home" to many over the past year.

WACF grants have been awarded to support emergency housing, as well as transitional housing for women, through the efforts of Brothers and Sisters Behind Bars, Codington County Welfare and Inter-lakes Community Action Program working with the Department of Social Services, Midwest Bible Camp and other agencies.

"My two daughters and I were able to stay in the apartment for about five weeks this summer. It was relieving. Before we didn't know where we were going to be."

"We took possession of the apartment June 1. The first person placed there was on June 23. Since that date, someone has been in there pretty solid," said Sara Foust, welfare director of Codington County. "This apartment gives us another option for people who don't have a place to go. It allows us to house individuals and families that otherwise have no place to go beyond the streets. Hotels are an option, but they cost more and are also full much of the time."

The apartment effort has gone well through teamwork. BSBB helped identify the need, Foust explained. The County has a contract with ICAP for case management services for the clients to work toward self-sufficiency. "These three organizations are really how the partnership works," in addition to other agency support and financial support from organizations like the Foundation.

The "self-sufficiency" Foust describes may mean steps toward permanent housing, job sustainability, even accountability/support with drug and alcohol sobriety.

"For the most part, it is going well. My case worker is helping me figure it out. We don't have a vehicle, but they gave us some Transit tokens that have helped us get around." (*Tokens to Community Transit also supported by a Women & Giving grant.*)

"Clients are initially allowed to stay up to two weeks as long as they are actively pursuing permanent housing and working with their case manager," explained Stacy Hendricks of BSBB. "If they are able to line up housing, but need more time until that housing is available, they will be allowed to stay until the planned housing becomes available."

In the transitional housing for women, supported by a WACF Women & Giving grant, women tenants must meet certain criteria and goals in order to stay. Hendricks reported, "After a little over three months, the support from WACF has allowed us to welcome our seventh guest! The house is currently full with four women living there. Like with any new adventure, there has been a learning curve, but we remain fully committed to the work God has called us to in providing a safe and sober home for women to be able to live in for years to come."

"Case management is a crucial piece," said Foust. "This isn't just about housing. They are busy doing things they need to do to get to a stability point. And each case is a little different. One just needed a very temporary place. She already had a job, so she just checked in a couple times a week. Another one may have 'homework,' deadlines, etc. and need much more support – it's very individually based."

"I don't know what 2022 looks like," said Foust. "This was the first year for this program. Seeing the needs and our housing shortage I don't know what will come but I'm very optimistic about the commitment of our community to figure out solutions."



TREE FUNDRAISER – 15 nonprofits participated in the annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser. Thanks to donors and matching grants from the Foundation, more than \$20,000 was awarded/divided among the organizations. The Mellette House was the top fundraiser, and second place went to East-Central CASA.



PLEIN AIR – A grant was awarded to Northern Prairie Arts to support the 6th annual plein air event for artists, photographers and writers from South Dakota and neighboring states.



MEMORIALS

Gifts that honor those who have touched our lives mark that person's significance to us while enabling others to be served.

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HONORARIUMS

The following Honorariums were given in 2021. Whether you wish to honor someone for a birthday, anniversary, Christmas or other holiday, a gift to the Watertown Area Community Foundation is a special way to recognize him/her while giving back to your community at the same time. Honorees and donors are listed below. We regret any errors or omissions.

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Padma Shah

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Paul Yoo

Aaron Peters & Heidi Keup-Peters

Paula Keup

Whitney McDonald

Jan DeBerg

Susan Mullaney

Jan DeBerg

Lauren Olson

Scott & Connie Ward

Jan DeBerg

Kelsey Rami

Gerry Likness

Robert & Carol Wagner

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(Celebrating 57 years in Watertown)

Connie Ward

Jan DeBerg

A good coach can make all the difference in the big game, the closest competition... or in life.

There is a new scholarship fund at the Watertown Area Community Foundation that celebrates that. Wayne Arnold Keup was a member of the Watertown High School speech and debate national championship team of 1965 and 1965 WHS graduate. After passing away at age 73 in 2021, his family established the **Wayne Arnold Keup & Donus Roberts Speech and Debate Scholarship Fund** at WACF.

Though Wayne's kids have never met the retired Watertown speech and debate coach Donus, they knew the impact he had on their dad's life for the simple fact that Wayne told them. "Dad was very lucky to have Donus as a mentor," said Wayne's daughter Heidi Keup. "We never met him but always heard a lot about him."

"Once Wayne left Watertown, he returned from time to time for a visit or a class reunion, and Watertown and South Dakota were always a big part of who he was as was his time in debate," said Heidi. "When we came up with the idea for the scholarship, we knew it would have been what he wanted. We wanted to put their names together on the scholarship to honor both of them."



Donus Roberts

Wayne Arnold Keup

"Our dad would get a kick out of having his name and Donus' linked in this way and we know he would be delighted to help other outstanding Watertown debaters pursue higher education." - Chris Keup and Heidi Keup-Peters

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