

Luverne Area Community Foundation 2015 Annual Report



A Letter from the LACF Executive Director

- A new baby
- The loss of a loved one
- A new job
- A dream vacation
- Something checked off the bucket list
- A move or change of location

lege of experiencing such change. While we have been working the charitable non-profit sector since 1984, using charitable dollars to strengthen community, our visible presence has been non-existent. We have been that organization that maybe the work has continued – to identify community needs while developing and allocating financial resources.

of the current director. While I enjoyed my ability to work in the comforts of my home in my favorite sweatpants and messy ponytail, our availability for education, conversation and impact was narrow. It was time for the LACF to become more visible and active in

With the financial backing of a group who we call "Vision Vestors," funds were established to support a 5 year plan of moving into an office space downtown with the intent to increase awareness, education and donor relationship with the LACF. Then the perfect location became available. The partnership of a community foundation with an iconic historical building (Palace Theater) was ideal for laying down the fundamental values of what community foundations are meant to do - to make a lasting difference in their community.

So after 31 years of supporting the communities of Rock County, we have arrived – 102 E Main Street. The coffee is always on. We are ready to hear about your passion story, your legacy dream, or living memorial. What is on your heart that the LACF can offer a means to help you build your legacy footprint?



I look forward to sharing a cup of coffee with you.

Emily Crabtree LACF Executive Director

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A PARTNERSHIP OF PASSION, LEGACY AND BIKE RIDING

Gene and Barb Ashby have long loved bike riding. They have enjoyed this non-competitive activity all their lives. It brings a feeling of freedom and relaxation to an often busy day, can be used as a physical workout to a rider's personal level of exertion and done alone or with friends and family.

The development of future hard surface bike paths outside the city limits of Luverne is a desire the Ashby's want to see realized. This desire is part of the legacy footprint they hope to leave in the community/county they have pedaled thousands of bike miles in and around. To do this they have established a "Bike Path Field of Interest" fund with the Luverne Area Community Foundation. Their generous nest egg donation will help assist future bike path development as project and need arises in the future by allowing the LACF to offer grant dollars for hard surface bike path projects.



siasts could add their own tax de- to come. ductible dollars to the fund in the hopes of accomplishing the goal of



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people of all ages to use and enjoy. They realize their donation is just a drop in the bucket but plan to continue to contribute to the fund until it can someday be real-

A personal motivation Gene and Barb have in establishing this fund is to remember their son Chris who was an avid bicyclist. Biking was something the Ashby's did as a family and this legacy gift allows them to continue this recreation enjoyed by them for future individual and family bicycle enthusiasts.

This 100% tax deductible gift from Gene and Barb Ashby is a wonderful example of how a donor can work with the Luverne Area Communi-The Ashby's chose a Field of In- ty Foundation to give back to a terest fund so that other bike enthu- lifelong passion for generations

For more information about assisting with added bike paths for this fund or other donor fund

> ideas please contact **Emily Crabtree at the** LACF office. It is our privilege to match charitable dollars with donor passions.







-2015 Grant Award Recipients-

Recipients of Luverne Area Community Foundation grants in 2015 were (front row from left) Tim Olson (Master Gardeners), Rhonna Jarchow (BackPack Program), Lisa Nath (Big Buddies of Rock County), Emily Crabtree (LACF Director), Stephanie Pierce (Rock Youth), (second row from left) Carrie Soto (Good Sam Mary Jane Brown Home), LaDonna VanAartsen (BMAT), Vicki Altena (Atlas), Nancy Drenth (Sanford Luverne), Pam Dobson (Habitat for Humanity), Luella Voigt (BMAT), (third row from left) Curt Bloemendaal (Rotary), Jason Phelps (H-BC), Lisa Dinger (BackPack Program), Don Dinger (Luverne Baseball Assocation), Billy Jo Heap (Rock County Ambulance), Harlan VandeKeift (Rock County Ambulance) and Dan Serie (Luverne Baseball Assocation). Organizations not pictured in the photo are Morning Star, LPS Social Worker, Kids Against Hunger, A.C.E., LPS Nurse, H-BC nurse and MN Veterans Home.



Nutrition _ AED Other Recreation Human Services Healthcare \$80,000 2015 SPRING GRANT AWARDS **General Fund Grants** \$70,000 Community Gardens of Luverne: \$500 garden plot equipment \$60,000 Blue Mound Area Theater: \$500 Missoula Children's Theater Luverne Baseball Association: \$4,000 field lights project at \$50,000 Joe Roberts Field, supporting \$40,000 little league baseball and softball Rock Youth: \$1,300 for activities for at-risk youth \$30,000 SW Crisis Center: \$1,700 for emergency shelter needs for \$20,000 women and children Habitat for Humanity: \$450 for a set of scaffolding \$10,000 \$0 HealthCare Grants Sanford Luverne Medical: \$13,599 for an infant panda warmer

Kids Against Hunger: \$500 to be used to prepare non-perishable meals offered at local food shelf

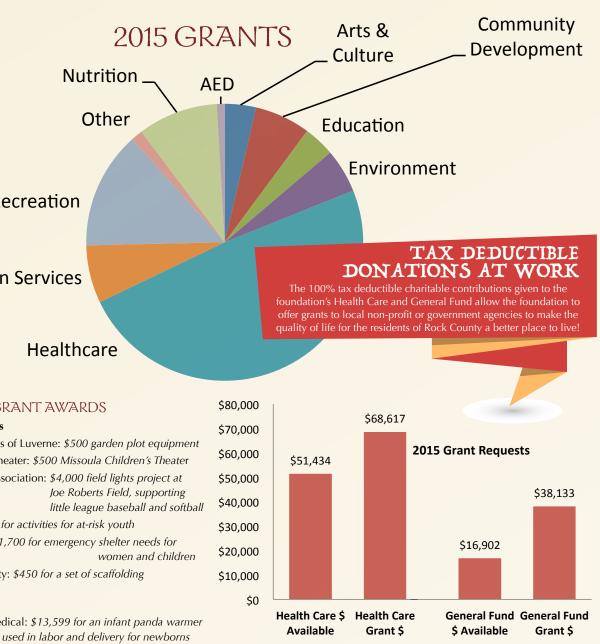
A.C.E. (formerly RSVP of Rock County): \$1900 for caregiver support materials

Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School: \$3500 for playground surface replacement

MN Veterans Home: \$2,500 bird aviary in the Alzheimer's unit Luverne Public School: \$2397 for flu shot clinic Hills Beaver Creek School: \$821 for flu shot clinic Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills: \$500 for an AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

BIANNUAL **GRANT CYCLE**

Twice yearly the LACF offers grant opportunities for projects that nhance the quality of life in Rock County in the following areas: rts & humanities, community, social and economic growth, envinment, people and health and wellness.



2015 FALL GRANT AWARDS

Atlas of Rock County: \$2,000 for purchase of a moving trailer Big Buddies of Rock County: \$350 for holiday mentor gathering Rotary Club of Luverne: \$2,301 for continued work on Rotary Park, S Hwy 75 Blue Mound Area Theater: \$1,500 for purchase of a refreshment cooler Luverne Public School Social Worker: \$2,000 4th/10th grade Kindness Retreat Project Morning Star: \$300 for greenhouse supplies for rehab clients

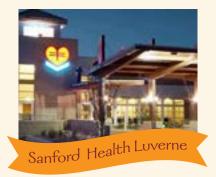
HealthCare Grants Sanford Medical Luverne: \$17,387 beginning process of new ambulance garage Good Samaritan Society/Mary Jane Brown: \$3,700 blanket warmer BackPack Program: \$4,630 added grade level meals for program, now PreK-9th grade

General Fund Grants



Program provides at-risk children with nutritious, easy to prepare foods for the weekends until school and access to meal programs resume. This program is staffed by volunteers and serves approximately 160 children ages preschool to ninth grade.

2015 Charitable Giving \$11,035.00



Sanford Health Luverne is a vital partner in the health and well-being of the community. All dollars given to Sanford Health Luverne stay local to improve the quality of care received here.

2015 Charitable Giving \$3,419.63



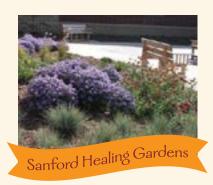
The mission of the Rock County Agricultural Society is to bring "the farm" and "the town" together to increase exposure to, and participation in 4-H events, industrial exhibits, the arts and in programs that preserve, promote and showcase both Rock County and the region's rich agricultural, historical and cultural heritage.

2015 Charitable Giving \$6,430.27



Hospice of Sanford Luverne is not a place but a team approach to meeting the medical, emotional and spiritual needs of the terminally ill person and family. The 25-bed critical access hospital provides inpatient, acute, long term care and a broad scope of outpatient services. Their mission is "Dedicated to the work of healing."

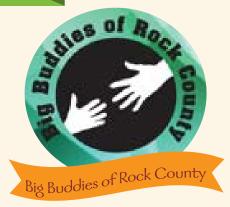
2015 Charitable Giving \$193,283.66



The Healing Garden at Sanford Luverne offers a beautiful, therapeutic garden where people can relax in nature. 2015 Charitable Giving \$875.00

Helping our partners GYOW

The Luverne Area Community Foundation works with several local organizations to help build better communities throughout Rock County. Check out more on the next page.



The mission of Big Buddies of Rock County is to promote positive family and community values by mentoring children one-to-one in the hopes of enhancing their quality of life, character development and education.

2015 Charitable Giving \$9,719.45



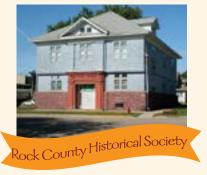
Established to allow individuals and businesses to make tax-deductible donations to the school for any purpose. There are classroom grants available for staff with program needs beyond the general budget. The Foundation also supports specific school/campus projects.

2015 Charitable Giving \$9,800.62



The mission of Matthew 6 Ministries is to be God's stewards of those who give of their "daily bread" in order to reach out to individuals who have life-threatening medical needs.

2015 Charitable Giving \$7,545.00



The mission of the Rock County Historical Society is to preserve the history of Rock County to share with generations to come. The Historical Society is currently working on plans for a new History Center in Luverne on Main Street.

2015 Charitable Giving \$92,789.40



The Rock County Food Shelf's mission is to offer 2-3 days of emergency food to eligible Rock County residents one time per month. They are located in the basement of the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

2015 Charitable Giving \$34,157.53



BMAT serves as a regional resource providing cultural experiences that enrich, entertain and educate audiences and artists. The historic Palace Theater, a city owned building, is operated by the BMAT board and offers live events, movies and performances by the local Green Earth Players.

2015 Charitable Giving \$8,755.00



Their mission is to empower people of all abilities to achieve all they can in the community, workplace and in life so they can realize their dreams.

2015 Charitable Giving \$200.00

Helping our partners Grow



A program for Rock County youth grades 6-12 that promotes positive family and community values through large and small group activities with positive and consistent peer and adult interaction.

2015 Charitable Giving \$2,928.54



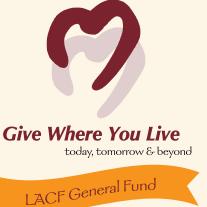
The mission of the SW Crisis Center is to provide help, hope and safety to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking through supportive services.

2015 Charitable Giving \$4,442.86



The Luverne Child Guide Program cares for all students but has a central focus of connecting at-risk students and their families with resources in our community and school.

2015 Charitable Giving \$9,719.45



The LACF general fund provides the grant dollars for community projects that are outside the needs of healthcare. Our general fund grant requests exceed the amount we have to give.

2015 Charitable Giving \$66,770.33





The Luverne Basketball Association strives to provide support for and opportunities to play, learn and love the game of basketball for youth and teens of Luverne.

2015 Charitable Giving \$8,035.00

The mission of the Luverne Area Community Foundation is to develop and allocate financial resources to support community needs.



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Memorials to the General Fund IN MEMORY

2015 MEMORIALS

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A unique way to honor someone special or remember a loved one who has passed is to make a gift to the Foundation Community General Fund in their name.

3) Luverne Basketball Association





SPECIAL GIFTS and HAPPENINGS 2015

1-ACRE CHALLENGE

Being a community rich in agriculture the foundation challenged local crop producers to donate 1 Acre of corn or beans to the Luverne Area Community Foundation General Fund. This is an ongoing gifting option. Inquire at your local elevator on how to give.

Thank you to the following contributor: Harold and Mary Tilstra

ROUND UP FOR CHARITY

Residents of Luverne on local city utilities can opt to "Round Up" their utility bill and have the extra dollars and cents given to the Community General Fund.

2015 Gift: \$1,935

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

The 2015 Fall Fundraising concert featured the Fabulous Armadillos and their Stadium Rock concert! We blew the roof off with great music and fun. Again we had our pre-concert party for donors giving \$500 or more at the Take 16 Brewery.

\$10,000 for the Community General Fund.



SPONSORSHIP

Rock County Historical Society continues its fundraising efforts to raise money for the new History Center, located in the former Herman Motor building downtown Luverne.

In March of 2015 an anonymous donor came forward to offer a match of any new money going forward up to \$300,000.

Through a fiscal sponsorship the LACF has been assisting the RCHS with its effort to raise funds to preserve the history of Rock County. To date the match challenge has brought in \$100,000 of additional funds.

The match challenge ends Dec. 31, 2016. If you are interested in helping the History Center double every dollar given you can send your donation to the LACF, PO Box 623 Luverne, MN 56156 – memo – History Center Match.

Give Where You Live

today, tomorrow & beyond

It is not our obligation as a donor to fulfill all financial requests, but rather an obligation to be charitable and make a difference where we live.

LIFETIME GIVING

LACF's number one priority is to increase the Community General Fund.

The stronger the endowment, the more time and financial resources that are available to invest in programs and initiatives that strengthen all of Rock County. Gifts to the LACF General Fund are unrestricted, which allows the greatest flexibility to respond to future needs and opportunities of our county.

Total Lifetime Giving to the General Fund will continue to be acknowledged in the Annual Report. Gifts given in the Community General Fund since the Foundation's inception will be cumulatively calculated and acknowledged.

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