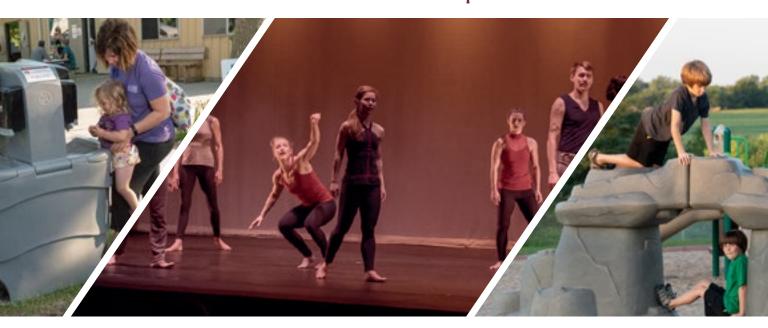




### Luverne Area Community Foundation 2018 Annual Report



### Give Where You Live

today, tomorrow & beyond

#### A Letter from the LACF Executive Director

Sometimes I think about change and I get nervous. My mind starts thinking of all the thing that could go wrong. What if someone gets upset? What if it fails miserably? What if it's just a bad idea? I have a mentor in my life that will take a pen and a blank sheet of paper and look at me when I think this way and write in obnoxiously large letters, "SO!!" So what? So what if someone doesn't like it? So what if it fails? So what if it turns out to be a bad idea? So what if it DOES? What possibilities do we miss because we are afraid to take a risk out of fear in the "what if?"



This spring marks the 7th year of my position as the Luverne Area Community Foundation's Executive Director. The first three years of this position I ran the ins and outs of foundation business from a home office as had the directors before me since 2007. The foundation was holding its own but it was unknown by far too many people and the potential it had for helping donors with charitable intent. So in 2014 this same mentor with the "SO!!" attitude suggested at a board meeting that we need to be downtown, with a store front/office and look like a professional business. Immediately the fear reactions came over many – what if this, what if that? "SO!!" What will we gain by not taking the risk? The plan was set in what we could accomplish in 5 years. Can we grow the foundation in assets and donor contacts in 5 years to make "the risk" successful such that we can become a permanent office space for charitable business focusing on the long term health and livelihood of the communities

we serve. Well, here are the numbers

Year	Year End	# of Funds
2014	\$2,585,633	20
2015	\$2,524,254	24
2016	\$3,151,506	31
2017	\$3,618,324	37
2018	\$3,712,342	48
Growth	\$1,126,709	28

While the numbers look great the most important number in this data is the growth in funds. To have created 28 new funds in 4 years means taking the risk of moving downtown falls into the category of "What if it DOES!" 28 new funds means we are helping individuals and organizations build long term resources to make our communities thrive! It means that we can consider ourselves a valuable business whose job is to offer smart charitable solutions for customers with charitable intent. WOW! "What if" we had decided that the risk was too scary?

#### "He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life." - Muhammed Ali

Others who believed in this risk were a group of businesses that invested in our mission with financial resources. We call this group LACF Vision Vestors; donors who see the vision for what a community foundation can do for a community and act as an investor in that vision through financial support. Because of these Vision Vestors we have now started an operating endowment to help ensure that the Luverne Area Community Foundation will be here helping the communities of Rock County for a long time. LACF Vision Vestors are MainStreet Financial, First Farmers and Merchants Bank, Minnwest Bank and Security Savings Bank (Formerly Exchange State Bank).

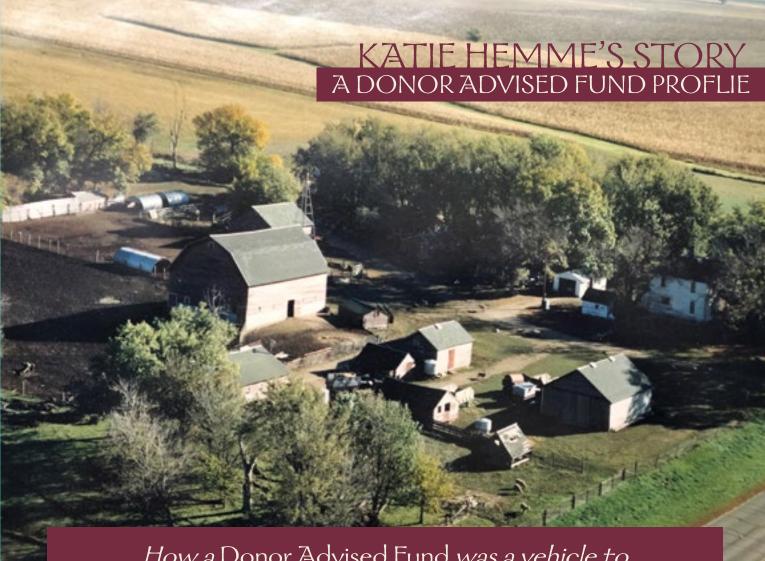
The opportunity is now for working with more Vision Vestors, maybe you, individuals and businesses that see the vision and want to be a part of making it happen. This support will ensure the Luverne Area Community Foundation

for philanthropy in our communities.

continues its presence on Main Street and serves as a beacon



Emily Crabtree, **ACF** Executive Director



How a Donor Advised Fund was a vehicle to save on taxes and be a benefit to the community when faced with selling the family farm.

The decision to sell my farm in Rose Dell Township and the actual sale all happened in less than six months. There were a lot of important decisions to be made in a short time. I stopped in the LACF office to discuss with Emily some ways to reduce the tax liability from the land sale. The Century Farm was my home for over 45 years, my husband had lived there his entire life and his parents and grandparents had lived in Rock County their entire lives. I felt the money saved from the tax liability could be put to better use by investing it in the community through a Donor Advised Fund at the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

In addition to the tax deduction savings, my Donor Advised Fund or DAF allows for flexibility in contributions to the charities I support. I can support the community through the grants LACF offers and other charities of my choosing. The fund also provides a means to leave a legacy of giving even after death, as my favored charities will continue to benefit from this fund through the LACF.

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE is on the LACF office window. Although I have walked by that window many, many times, I never really understood the opportunities of charitable giving and contributions to the community available through LACF. A visit with Executive Director, Emily Crabtree, described for me and answered my questions about the opportunities and options available to me for charitable giving through a Donor Advised Fund. The process is simple and easy and the assistance and service provided is excellent. I am confident that my investment in my community through LACF will provide dividends far beyond my expectations.

-Katie Hemme



Marie and I (Dan) wanted to demonstrate to our children, Luke, Allie and Zach, that charitable giving is important and necessary in this region and in our world. We believe we are called to give seen as gen and share our resources as a way to demonstrate giving to the

a commitment to our Christian faith. There are so many great causes, and so many who are doing great works in the world; we want to support that work.

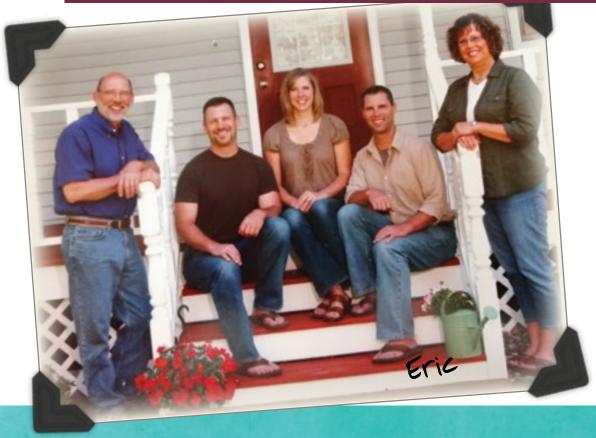
A Donor Advised Fund just makes sense financially. If a family is planning to make gifts to charities which will sum total more than \$5,000 in any calendar year, why not just write one check for the entire amount and draw off of it during the year? We used to write a lot of checks to individual charities. Now, we can just request that a gift be sent from our DAF through LACF to those same charities and it's handled for us. The DAF simplifies our charitable giving administratively.

We hope that our children will one day see the investment we made as a very normal part of their daily lives. We don't want it to be exceptional or seen as generous in any way. We hope the idea of giving to those in need comes as naturally to them as paying their mortgages or electric bills. Charitable need will always be a part of our society; we want this fund to become a frequently used conduit through which our children, and their children, can channel support to those in need.

We want others to know that opening a Donor Advised Fund at the Luverne Area Community Foundation is easy. It makes economic sense. It generates interest dollars which can help make your charitable giving go even further. It's a wise and efficient way to meet your charitable goals. It's like having a savings account for giving to our favorite charitable causes.

-Dan LaRock

### ERIC CRABTREE MEMORIAL STORY A DONOR ADVISED FUND PROFLIE



### Donor Advised Fund brings family together in memory of lost loved one

November 4, 2015 changed our lives forever due to the untimely death of our son Dr. Eric Charles Crabtree. Through God's help we were determined to not allow our intense grief to govern our future here on earth. Adversity has a purpose and God wants to use us for His plan and the benefit of others. Eric came from a family who believed helping others isn't a burden, rather an opportunity. The question for us became how do we heal, carry on, and help others. We wanted to attempt to heal and yet not forget our great love for Eric and the wonderful memories.

In our life time we have found it very therapeutic to share gifts of time and money with others. No better feeling than giving from your heart to bring hope and health to others and thus help heal our own broken heart. We started to search options to remember our son and those in need. We wanted a way to help make Eric's life valid and productive not only in living but also in remembrance.

We began discussion about our thoughts with

our children and their spouses.

Emily Crabtree, LACF Executive Director, who is also our daughter- in -law, educated our family on a Donor Advised Fund as a vehicle to accomplish our desire and need for healing. We weren't looking for a tax shelter but a way to be a benevolent giver as we remember a generous loving person. We want our lives to be remembered as a giver rather than a taker. The DAF allows our entire family to be a part of the fund, not only in giving to it but also in the process of giving from it.

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as you can

- John Wesley

Bob and Leah Crabtree

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LACF DONOR ADVISED FUNDS (DAFS) PERSONALIZED CHARITABLE GIVING

### Donor Advised Funds (DAF) offer year round grant gifting, tax relief AND advisement for gifts!

A donor-advised fund, or DAF, is a charitable giving vehicle sponsored by the LACF that allows you to make a contribution to LACF and be eligible for an immediate tax deduction.

- But because your account is a donor-advised fund, you advise the organization on how to grant the money out to your favorite charities.
- We have options for your DAF to be a cash or growth fund.

#### DAFs held within the foundation:

Sanford Luverne Physician Fund
Schutz DAF
Boyenga DAF
Eric Schaap Memorial Fund
Josh and Emily Crabtree DAF
Katie Hemme DAF

#### **NEW IN 2018**

Eric Crabtree Memorial Family Fund DAF LaRock Family Fund DAF Pamela Ehde Lais Memorial DAF William Frakes DAF

#### Grants given to charitable organizations through DAFs held at LACF \$19,505



Contact Emily about more information on DAFs or consult your financial advisor on how we can partner together to help meet your charitable goals through a Donor Advised Fund.

### Community Partners

### The Luverne Area Community Foundation and its partners are about IMPACT...

making a difference in the communities we live in.

In 2018 our partners added \$410,937.42 in program grants to enhance the lives of our friends and neighbors.



#### LUVERNE BACKPACK PROGRAM

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 pre-school to twelfth grade.

\$14,000 Invested back in the Community in 2018

#### SANFORD HEALTH LUVERNE

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. Dedicated to the work of healing.





#### SANFORD HEALING GARDENS

The Healing Garden at Sanford Luverne offers a beautiful, therapeutic garden where people can relax in nature.

#### LUVERNE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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.

LUVERNE

BASKETBALL

\$663 Invested back in the Community in 2018



#### SOUTHWEST CRISIS CENTER

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.

# MORE GREAT LACF COMMUNITY PARTNERS

#### HOSPICE OF SANFORD LUVERNE

Sanford Hospice Luverne provides quality, compassionate end-of-life care for terminally ill persons. Hospice care focuses on quality of life, comfort and dignity for patients and their families. Hospice staff members work together as an interdisciplinary team to care for the whole person as well as family members - addressing physical, emotional and spiritual needs. The patient is cared for according to a plan personalized to meet their needs and wishes.



\$153,956 Invested back in the Community in 2018



#### BLUE MOUND AREA THEATRE - THE HISTORIC PALACE THEATRE

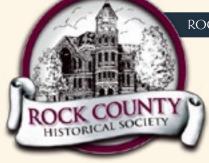
BMAT serves as a regional resource providing cultural experiences that enrich, entertain and educate audiences and artists. The Historic Palace Theatre, a city owned building, is operated by the BMAT board and offers live events, movies and performances by the local Green Earth Players.

#### ROCK COUNTY AG SOCIETY

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.



\$7,500 Invested back in the Community in 2018



#### ROCK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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 has recently moved their History Center to Main Street in Luverne.

\$73,084 Invested back in the Community in 2018

#### ROCK COUNTY FOODSHELF

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.

\$40,000 Invested back in the Community in 2018



#### BIG BUDDIES OF ROCK COUNTY

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.

\$9,000 Invested back in the Community in 2018





#### LUVERNE EDUCATION/LEGACY FUND (LELF)

Formerly Luverne School Foundation, it was 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.

\$9,500 Invested back in the Community in 2018

#### CHILD GUIDE

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.

\$53,312.26 Invested back in the Community in 2018





#### LUVERNE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Stewarded by the Luverne School Foundation this fund is intended to help support the needs of the Community Education program in Luverne.

\$3,753 Invested back in the Community in 2018

# LACF LONG-TERM COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUNDS FOR GROWTH

The LACF can help build secure, long-term funds.

This year they added 6 new funds.

- 5
- 1) Maplewood Cemetery Association
- 2) Luverne United Methodist Church Endowment
- 3) Coffee Contemporary Arts
- 4) #Luv1LuvAll
- 5) Destination Branding
- 6) Generations (Formerly Luverne Senior Citizens, Inc)



### Consider a yearly gift

# **COMMUNITY GRANT FUND**

### · HIGH NEED

# MOST FLEXIBLE FUND TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

### SOURCES OF ANNUAL GIFTS



to the high demand of need given through this fund.

# LIFETIME GIVING COmmunity FUND

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

The Community Grant Fund is still our fund of greatest need. These dollars are unrestricted and give the LACF the most flexibility to meet the needs in the communities in which we live.

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

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# LUVERNE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# CELEBRATES PHILANTHROPY

The tone of our event was different than other years.

Giving is a very personal act. Sometimes these acts are very public and sometimes they are done without recognition. It is important to share these stories of others in hopes that it might inspire another donor to give in a manner that calls to him or her.



#### OUTSTANDING CORPORATION OR BUSINESS

This award recognizes a corporation or business that has created a culture of philanthropy within their organization and has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to philanthropy through its:

1) financial support of one or more nonprofit organizations, 2) leadership involvement and 3) volunteer participation and commitment of its workforce in establishing a role model for other businesses in our community. This award does not recognize a single individual representing a corporation or business, but rather the work of the entire corporation or business.

#### 2018 RECIPIENT: MINNWEST BANK, LUVERNE

Minnwest Bank Luverne is this year's Outstanding Corporation or Business. Minnwest bank was founded in 1987 during the farm crisis as ownership saw how

important a community bank is for a community to thrive. Minnwest Bank's

interest in serving is inspired by their founder, M. D. (Pete) McVay and is shared by their 350 plus employees who are dedicated to building and sustaining their local communities. Support of communities comes in a variety of forms and includes volunteer work, philanthropic giving, corporate programs and educational events. As a company they provide each employee up to 8 hours of paid volunteer time, and in 2017 employees volunteered more than 600 hours during work time in addition to time serving on leadership boards and making fiscal contributions. Their employees are vested in making their community a better place to live. "We want to make contributions that will make a positive impact, specifically supporting new initiatives, and programs that cover gaps in meeting the health, nutrition or educational needs for the most vulnerable people in our communities." Although it may not be known publicly Minnwest Bank is the core supporter for the successful and long standing Luverne Child Guide Program, a program that cares for all students but has a central focus of connecting at-risk students and their families with resources in our community and school. Minnwest Bank was key in providing the seed money for the newly created SWMN CEO program, a business community lead educational offering encouraging high school students from 7 local schools to think big and create ways to use their strengths to build business and shape the future. If we look back to the reasons why they created themselves in 1987 through good times and bad Minnwest bank has been serving and steadfastly supporting the communities within their footprint. Thank you and congratulations to the leadership and employees of Minnwest Bank Luverne.

#### SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY AWARD

This award recognizes an outstanding individual or family with a proven record of exceptional financial generosity and volunteer leadership to one or more Rock County nonprofit organizations who has: 1) demonstrated extraordinary civic and charitable responsibility, and 2) whose generosity inspires others to philanthropic action. This award is to honor the achievements of a living person(s).

#### 2018 RECIPIENT: ANONYMOUS DONOR

The Spirit of Philanthropy award is given to a living person(s) who has shown a commitment to charitable responsibility and a generosity to inspire others to philanthropic action. This person(s) is a real person and the story I am going to share is a real story, but this donor is one who prefers

anonymous for a name. This friend has lived and worked in this community all their life and shared that it's important to give back to a community that allowed them to have a good life. As my relationship with this friend has developed over the years I have come to learn that their giving is out of wanting a better opportunity for future generations. "I want the money I made to stay in the community in which I made it to build a solid community for people to return to." Generous annual unrestricted gifts have been trusted to the community foundation by this anonymous friend to be used where we see the greatest need. This trust and generosity is something the LACF board and I accept with great care and gratitude. This friend has also supported most generously the local Dollars for Scholars program, continuing a desire for helping future generations to get a good start. Have you picked up on what pulses the heart of this friend. Future. The future of our young people and the community in which we can help create through charitable gifts. You may be wondering, why anonymous? It could be for any number of personal reasons but for our friend, a lead by quiet example mixed with humble shyness and a desire to not draw attention is what makes this award choice so appropriate. Thank you anonymous friend, let us celebrate your spirit and congratulate you.





Recognizes an outstanding volunteer group that has demonstrated exceptional commitment to the community through direct involvement, financial support and leadership. The group should have official status or recognition, i.e., be a chartered support group or incorporated as a non-profit organization.

#### 2018 RECIPIENT: ROCK COUNTY FOOD SHELF

Non-profit organizations in our community continue this quiet servant style of leadership. I guarantee there are organizations with volunteers and programs that you had no idea existed but yet they are such a valuable part of the strength of our community. The last two years we have recognized organizations that assist and mentor people of our community in some of their toughest times. The Rock County Food Shelf is no different and is this year's outstanding non-profit organization. The Food Shelf was originally started by the Rock County Ministerial Society in the 1970s. Each church was assigned a month to provide non-perishable food items to the food pantry in addition to cash donations. The Rock County Food Shelf now resides in the United Methodist church and has established its own 501c3 organization with a board representing many differing areas of the community. It continues to depend on food and cash donations from the local

churches and its dozens of dedicated donors who have a heart for those in need

through hunger and nutrition. Cash donations are as important as canned goods as vouchers for eggs, meat and fresh produce are made available for purchase at the local grocery store. New the past two summers has been vouchers to take to the local famer's market and purchase similar items promoting fresh, healthy food choices. They are open weekly and by emergency appointment. The food shelf is staffed by a dedicated and compassionate group of volunteers. Each week these volunteers pack groceries, sort donations, stock shelves and carry out groceries helping each visitor to the food shelf feel cared for and loved. The school districts of Luverne and Hills Beaver Creek still offer a milk program to students. Did you know that the Food Shelf provides funding to these programs so that all kids can participate in milk break? The Director Mary Gehrke shared that they are always looking for ways to connect with other programs in the community from children to families to seniors. No one should go hungry. Mary is humbled by the volunteers, donations and activities that support the Rock County Food Shelf on a regular basis. Thank you for all you do for those in need.

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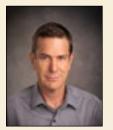


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### SPECIAL GIFTS IN 2018

#### 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 Grants Fund. **2018 Gift: \$1,552** 

#### 1-ACRE CHALLENGE

Being a community rich in agriculture the foundation challenges local crop producers to donate one acre of corn or beans to the Luverne Area Community Foundation Community Grant Fund. This is an ongoing gifting option. Inquire at your local elevator on how to give. These gifts are used to support the Community Grant Fund.

Gifts of Grain are accepted at all New Vision Co-op and CHS Eastern Farmers Elevators in the county.

Grain can be accepted year-round.



### SWMN CEO: LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian, Pipestone, Ellsworth, Edgerton Public, and Southwest Christian in Edgerton have come together to form the Southwest Minnesota CEO Program.

The goal of the CEO (creating entrepreneurial opportunities) program is to foster the growth of young people who are able to demonstrate out-of-the box thinking, who are equipped to communicate well, to become problem-solvers, self-motivated and team work minded.

Over the course of a 9-month school year, students will have an opportunity to practice this by visiting and interacting with 60 to 70 businesses in our SWMN Region, working one on one with a business mentor and also by creating a class and individual business.

Every school day, these students spend 1-1/2 hours learning outside of the traditional classroom. They trav-

el to various sites and businesses for class and dress in business casual as they learn about what owning and operating a real business is like. The students have made real connections with adults in the business world and have learned a lot of communication skills along the way.

The ultimate goal of the program is to show the students that Southwest Minnesota has so much to offer and that they can create their own opportunities right here.

The program is separate from the school but students receive high school credits. The program is funded by the business community through business investors. These funds are held at the Luverne Area Community Foundation in the SWMN CEO Fund. We are pleased to be a partner in this educational opportunity for the young people of SW MN.



### -2018 Grant Award Recipients-

Recipients of the Luverne Area Community Foundation grants in 2018 (front row, left to right) Tom Rolfs (Sanford Luverne), Sara Hartguist (SHARE), Beth Capistran (Luverne Elem Music), Tara Zewiske (Luverne BackPack), Janine Papik (Luverne Street Music), Dawn Anderson (#Luv1LuvAll), (second row) Lee Sells (Rock County Ag Society) Molly Carbanoue, LaDonna Van Aartsen (Blue Mound Area Theatre), Jamie Reisdorfer (Sanford Luverne), Lois Leenderts (Hills Beaver Creek Schools), Sarah Anderson (Lutheran Social Services/Luverne Senior Dining) Corrine Bonnema (Luverne Farmer's Market Kids POP Club), Joan Kindt (Hardwick Fire Department) Mary Lou Mulligan (Rock County Food Shelf) Louella Voigt (Blue Mound Area Theatre) Emily Crabtree (Exec Director Luverne Area Community Foundation), (back row) Dan LaRock, Marie LaRock (Rock Ranch), Beth Schear (Rock County Opportunities) Rick Peterson (LIFT/Governors Pheasant Opener), Scott Loosbrock (Rock County Sportsman's Club), Phil Paquette (Luverne Public Schools), Joe Schomacker (Good Sam Mary Jane Brown Home), Tammy Johnson (Hardwick Fire Department) and Mary Gehrke (Rock County Food Shelf). Recipients not pictured are Paul Tweet (City of Kenneth) and Kim Rockman (Project Food Forest).

# APPLY ONLINE in September & March

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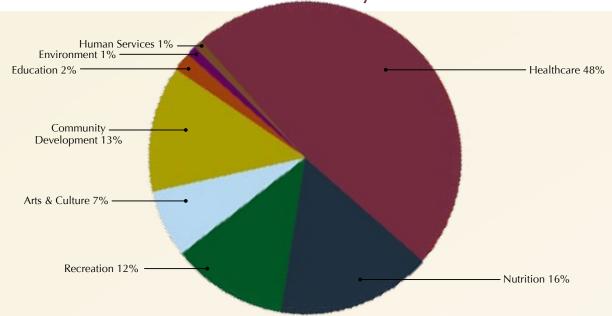


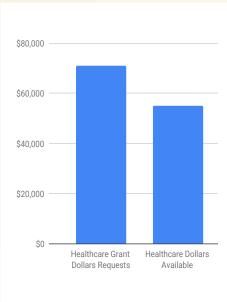






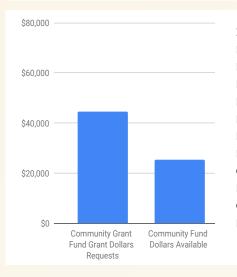
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#### 2018 HEALTHCARE GRANTS

Sanford Luverne Medical: \$6,715 for 2 Nara nursery bassinets
Luverne Backpack Program: \$5,000 for weekend nutrition needs for students
Good Samaritan Mary Jane Brown Home: \$2,755 for a pivot bed
SHARE Program: \$1,000 for meal assistance for senior citizens
Sanford Luverne Medical: \$9,094 for an autoclaveable camera head
Luverne BackPack Program: \$2,000 for weekend nutrition needs for students
LIFT/Luverne Farmer's Market: \$1,000 Healthy eating program/family education
Rock Ranch: \$500 for senior saddles program
Rock County Food Shelf: \$1,000 nutrition dollars for Farmer's Market
Luverne Public School: \$2,448 Flu shot clinic
Hills-Beaver Creek School: \$816 Flu shot clinic
Lutheran Social Services: \$750 for post hospitalization meals for seniors
Project Food Forest: \$500 community food source and education
PPIE: \$1,000 dental health program at Luverne elementary school
Rock County Opportunities Inc.: \$2,000 exercise bike for disabled residents



#### 2018 COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

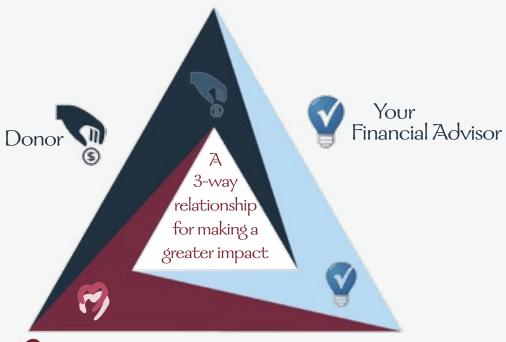
Blue Mound Area Theatre: \$1,350 for diaper changing stations and theater booster seats Rock County Ag Society: \$2,500 Wild Things Petting Zoo for 2019 free fair offering Rock Ranch: \$2,095 for riding equipment for youth equestrian experience Luverne Street Music: \$1,600 for music and production of community Christmas cantata Rock County Sportsman's Club: \$4,000 for assistance with Rural Water hook up Luverne Elementary Music: \$570 for third and fourth grade symphony experience L.I.F.T./2018 Governor's Hunt: \$5,000 education sessions for children at LPS and HBC City of Kenneth: \$1,000 for park beautification Blue Mound Area Theatre: \$1,200 ticket printer new online ticketing City of Hardwick/Fire Department: \$3,000 toward a new tanker truck Rock County Ag Society: \$2,500 sanitary serving counter in eat stand





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All you need to do is initiate the conversation and include the Luverne Area Community Foundation as a partner in your plan for today, tomorrow and beyond.