**Nonprofit of the Year!**

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For a complete list of our 2018 donors, funds, committees, and grant recipients or to view our 2018 financial statements, please visit our website at greatersauk.org.

ON THE COVER: THE INTERNATIONAL CRANE FOUNDATION IN BARABOO IS SAVING THE ENDANGERED WHOOPING CRANES.

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

MARGARET MEAD
Dear Friends,

Last year was amazing — and this year is off to an even better start! We distributed $660,000 in charitable grants to the community last year — a new record. We also received more than $950,000 in gifts; passed the $6 million milestone for assets under management; and opened 10 new funds. We were awestruck by the community's incredible support for our neighbors following last summer's floods. And the Foundation has been honored with several awards.

What's next? That's up to you! This is your community foundation. What inspires you? What are your passions and concerns? Your vision for the community today and in the future? We provide flexibility, simplicity, security, and service to help you achieve your charitable goals and make your philanthropic dreams come true. Please let us know how we can help you.
We thank those of you who give so much and make it all possible. We salute the nonprofit staff and volunteers who work so hard for their organizations. And we welcome everyone's participation and support.

Warm regards,

Robin Whyte
Executive Director
June 2019
We are a public charity that manages more than 70 different charitable funds, which combined paid out $660,000 in grants to nonprofits last year. These funds were established by different donors for different purposes over the last 21 years, and the grants were paid out of a broad assortment of those funds. See below for a description of the types of funds we offer. On the following pages you can read about our 2018 grants and how they are making a difference here in our community and beyond. We hope you’ll enjoy learning more about our donors' diversity, generosity, and commitment to making this community a thriving, vibrant place for everyone to live and work.

**DONOR-ADVISED**  A donor-advised fund offers a donor the most flexibility. The donor recommends which organizations receive grants from their fund, when grants are made, and for how much. Grants may be made to any nonprofit regardless of geographic location and can be paid out over several years.

**DESIGNATED**  Designated funds support a specific organization. They can be established by donors during their lifetime or as a legacy through their will. It’s up to the donor to determine how the funds are distributed. Donors can create a fund that supports their favorite nonprofit, or give to a fund that’s already established for a beloved charity.
FIELD OF INTEREST  These funds are also established for a specific charitable purpose, but they support a range of organizations rather than a particular nonprofit. For example, a field of interest fund could be established to make grants to the arts, local history, veterans' projects, children's initiatives, or animal welfare.

ENDOWMENT  Some funds are endowed, which means the fund's principal is protected forever. The gift continues to grow and pay out in perpetuity, even after the donor's death, providing annual income to a favorite charity.

AGENCY  Nonprofits can create an agency fund using their own assets. They might want help managing a significant gift or want the benefit of our investment expertise or planned giving services. We can offer the protection of an endowed fund as well as the comfort of knowing the gift will be managed professionally.

UNRESTRICTED  Your unrestricted gift will be used to ensure our ability to continue our work. Gifts to the Grants Fund expand our ability to accept applications for special projects from local nonprofits. Gifts to the Founders Society support the Foundation's operations so we can continue giving back to the community.

Your Foundation at a glance

- $6 million in assets under management
- $8.3 million in donations received
- $3.8 million in grants distributed
- 2018 donations = $950,000
- 2018 grants distributed = $660,000
- 98% of assets directly support our mission
  (2018 administrative costs = 2% of net assets)
- 73 funds managed
FLOOD RELIEF
Wisconsin was hit by epic floods last summer, causing millions of dollars of damage to homes, businesses, and crops in Sauk County alone. We have been astonished by the kindness and generosity of strangers in the aftermath of the floods. We proudly partnered with the Sauk County Office of Emergency Management to manage the hundreds of donations that poured in from all over the country. Money raised to date for the new Sauk County Disaster Relief Fund: $310,000, with gifts ranging from $5 to $98,000! The Foundation waived its usual administrative fees so that 100% of all donations would go directly to long-term recovery for area residents. Although the flood waters have long since receded, the repairs are ongoing. Thank you to everyone who gave so selflessly to this fund!
CHILDREN  $203,304

Our community is extraordinarily creative and generous when it comes to helping area children. Grants in this category supported a wide range of programs all over Sauk County and beyond! Here is how they made an impact:

Several different funds to benefit the Baraboo School District paid out $48,033 in grants last year: the Corey Compton Fund granted $40,629 for science classes; the Al Behrman Fund paid $4,854 for special projects at Al Behrman Elementary; donors recommended $1,000 to ABE for healthy snacks; $781 came from an endowment just for middle school swimming pool operations; and $769 from another endowment fund went to new technology!

Boys & Girls Clubs received a total of $14,600 in grants, including a $10,000 unrestricted donor-advised grant; $1,000 from our Community Grants program to install a security system at the new Reedsburg club; one donor-advised fund with a soft spot for children made grants of $1,000 each for a new milk cooler and a new communications system at the Baraboo club, along with a $500 grant to sponsor the BGC's Pancake Palooza fundraiser; while two other donor-advised funds recommended grants totaling $1,100 to sponsor the circus movie fundraiser last summer.

An amazing $100,000 grant from an anonymous donor-advised fund went to help Reedsburg's Camp Gray build their new gymnasium.

The Billy Engelland Youth Fund is a memorial fund created in 2007 following the death of its namesake at the age of 35. Last year the fund granted $5,000 to South Central Cyclones Youth Hockey Association in Lake Delton for equipment and scholarships for young players with financial need.

Kids Ranch in Rock Springs builds reading skills and self-esteem for at-risk youth. It received $3,500 in grants from donor-advised funds as well as our Community Grants program.

Our Grants Committee approved a $1,000 request from Reedsburg's Helping Hands to provide school supplies.

The Sauk County Giving Tree Fund was established by a local couple to provide annual support for Christmas gifts and more for local families in need. Last year's grant was $581.

The Honey Creek Snowmobile Club recommended a $500 grant last year to support Sauk Prairie Special Olympics.

One of our youngest grant applicants ever was a 17-year-old student who started a new archery club at Weston High School in Cazenovia. His project won a $500 award from our Community Grants program.
The River Arts on Water Studio in Prairie du Sac won a $500 Community Grant for children's art classes.

The Backpack Project received $2,643 last year to buy supplies for Baraboo School District children.

Back in 1936 a group of Baraboo fathers started the Baraboo Girl Scouts Dad's Patrol Fund to support area Girl Scout troops. Responsibility for the fund was handed down over the years until 2017, when the Foundation took over its management. Last year each of nine Baraboo Girl Scout troops received a total of $1,275 in support for special projects.

A donor-advised fund recommended a grant of $2,000 to Saba International, a Mount Horeb-based charity that provides nutrition, education, and housing to children in East Africa.

The T-Bird Swimming Booster Club made a big splash with a $15,000 grant to the Baraboo Middle School indoor pool for new starting blocks, along with a $500 grant to sponsor a mini-triathlon and $508 for pool touch pads. They also made a $750 grant to the Baraboo Riptide Swim Team to provide swimming lessons to young children.
We enjoy a rich cultural life in this area, with many opportunities to enjoy the visual and performing arts. Last year's grants reflect this abundance:

River Arts Inc. Gallery and Studio on Water Street in Prairie du Sac received $53,446 in support from its operating endowment.

The historic Al. Ringling Theatre in Baraboo received $8,500, including a major grant from the Hartmann Fund for the Arts and Utzinger donor-advised fund to support classical music concerts.

The Grants Committee awarded $500 to American Players Theatre in Spring Green for student education outreach.
The Luher-Halloway Endowment Fund made a grant of $2,108 to the Sauk Prairie Music Association for school music programs.

The DREAMS Fund granted $1,020 to the Baraboo Music Support Group for school music programs.

The Grants Committee awarded $500 to American Players Theatre in Spring Green for student education outreach.

The wonderful Witwen Concerts received $300 for their outdoor summer concert series.

We facilitated $12,000 in grants to the Baraboo Public Art Association to sponsor the elephant sculpture named "Lucy."
Our donors often recommend grants from their advised funds to support their faith families. Here are last year’s grants to churches near and far. These were mostly unrestricted grants for general operations.

$10,000 to First United Church of Christ, Sauk City
$8,000 to St. Joseph’s Catholic Parish, Baraboo
$6,250 to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Cross Plains
$4,250 to Calvary Chapel, Fairhope, Alabama
$3,750 to Catholic Diocese of Madison
$3,600 to Emanuel United Methodist Church, Baraboo
$1,000 to United Methodist Church, Reedsburg
$1,000 to St. Paul University Catholic Center, Madison
$500 to Faith Radio, St. Paul, Minnesota
LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, PARKS & ZOOS
$231,300

With ever-tighter budgets, local governments increasingly turn to private funding to support both operations and expansions. Examples from last year:

We granted $138,000 from the Juneau County Agricultural, Industrial, and Recreational Society agency fund for new buildings at the Juneau County fairgrounds in Mauston.

The City of Baraboo received $49,000 from the Sauery Family Fund for the new Matilda Lavik Sauery Deer Exhibit at Ochsner Park.

A total of $36,000 went to Friends of the Baraboo Zoo for the new river otter exhibit.

We granted a total of $7,800 to Circus World Museum, including money for a new organ.

A donor-advised fund recommended $500 for Baraboo Public Library's summer reading program.
CONSERVATION $36,150

We are grateful for the stunning physical beauty of this area along with its abundant natural resources. Thanks to these assets, our community is home to environmental groups with local, national, and international impact, as reflected in these 2018 grants:

Plenke's Pond and Outdoor Learning Center in Reedsburg received $20,000 from its endowment fund.

We made $10,000 in grants to Aldo Leopold Foundation in Baraboo for general support and the Future Leaders Program.

The International Crane Foundation received a total of $5,250 for its mission: saving cranes worldwide!

The Baraboo Range Preservation Association got a $500 grant from a donor-advised fund to sponsor its Cabin Fever Lecture Series.

The Ochsner Family Fund recommended $400 for the Great Sauk State Trail, based in Sauk City.

The Aldo Leopold Foundation carries on the legacy of its namesake and honors his vision of a "land ethic." We are proud and grateful to announce a new $500,000 endowment fund established last year to benefit the Aldo Leopold Foundation and its Future Leaders Program. The anonymous donor has guaranteed $25,000 of annual support in perpetuity to help train tomorrow's conservation leaders.
HIGHER EDUCATION  $16,670

Scholarships are a wonderful way to leave a lasting legacy! The Foundation manages five scholarship funds and several awards for higher education and professional development for educators. Last year’s awards included:

The Ray Lend Educational Fund provided seven $1,000 scholarships to graduates at each of six Sauk County school districts.

The Harry & Irma Gray Scholarship Fund provided six scholarships of $500 each to students in Spring Green's River Valley School District.

The 2018 Tanner Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship gave a $1,500 award to a Baraboo High School senior.

The Honey Creek Snowmobile Club offered a $500 scholarship through Sauk Prairie's Dollars for Scholars.

The Distinguished Elementary Teacher Award paid a $1,000 stipend for professional development to Baraboo elementary school teacher Amy Hiel.

A Poynette High School student received a leadership award of $1,170.

Wisconsin Holstein Association awarded a $1,000 scholarship to its membership.

A young man was selected to receive the annual $250 Matthew Anderson Memorial dairy leadership award at last year’s Sauk County Fair.

Hillsdale College received a $250 donor-advised grant.

A women’s fund awarded a $1,000 scholarship in Baraboo.
We are very excited to announce a new scholarship fund established this year with a $25,000 endowment. The Boys & Girls Clubs of West-Central Wisconsin in partnership with the Friends of the Campus, Inc., created the new fund to provide an annual $1,000 scholarship to a BGC member or alum who enrolls at UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County. We thank both organizations for their vision and their generosity! Signing the new scholarship agreement: Tim Teelin, Karen DeSanto, Robin Whyte, and Tina Neuman.
VETERANS  $14,000
A $3,000 grant added a new sculpture and provided maintenance at the Reedsburg Area Veteran's Memorial last year, with the balance paid out to several other programs benefiting local veterans.

ANIMAL WELFARE  $12,900
The Sauk County Humane Society received $5,300 in one-time grants along with $7,600 from endowed funds — making an important difference in the lives of homeless or neglected animals in the area.

HEALTH CARE  $6,750
Several grants totaling $3,500 went to national organizations. Closer to home, the Sauk County Health Department received $1,000 for its children’s dental care program and $250 for Rural Safety Days. BREATHE received $1,000 for its equine therapy program; SSM Health St. Clare Foundation received $500 for operations; and $500 went to Agrace Hospice for its Care for All program, providing end-of-life care regardless of ability to pay.

SOCIAL SERVICES  $6,200
These grants helped to support local food banks and programs to feed the hungry; service dogs for the blind; a safe place for seniors to gather, and more ....
LAW ENFORCEMENT  $3,800
The Lodi Police Department received a $2,000 grant for its K-9 fund, while the Sauk County Sheriff’s Office received $1,800 for Project Lifesaver, which provides monitoring bracelets for vulnerable adults and children.

LOCAL HISTORY  $12,000
We have a strong interest in local history, as reflected in these grants: The Sauk County Historical Society was the beneficiary of $6,600 in grants last year, while the Sauk Prairie Area Historical Society received $5,400.
The Founders Society

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