

# GRAND RAPIDS AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS:

ARTS & HUMANITIES; COMMUNITY; EDUCATION; ENVIRONMENT; HEALTH & WELL-BEING; PEACE & SAFETY;  
SPORTS, RECREATION & ANIMALS; WORKFORCE SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT; AND YOUTH      SPRING 2022

## Arts & Humanities

### **Band Boosters Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to periodically purchase and maintain band uniforms for the Grand Rapids High School Band.

### **Betty Kauppi Music Fund**

The fund supports music throughout the Greater Itasca Area by offering grants during the Annual Grant Cycle.

### **Deer River Activity Boosters/Band Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to periodically purchase and maintain band uniforms for the Deer River High School Band.

### **Edge Center Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of the Edge Center in Bigfork, MN.

### **Fund for the Arts**

This endowment supports nonprofit programs dedicated to the Arts in the Greater Itasca Area.

### **Ginny Wilcox Endowment for the Arts**

Provides support for the art program at St. Joseph's School.

### **Grand Rapids Band Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects for the Grand Rapids High School Band.

### **Itasca Orchestra and Strings Endowment**

This endowment supports the activities and projects of the Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program.

### **Itasca Orchestral and Strings Program Eleanor Downing and Maxine Miller Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to support future operations of the Itasca Orchestra and Strings Program.

### **MacRostie Art Center Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of the MacRostie Art Center in downtown Grand Rapids, MN.

### **Northern Community Radio Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of Northern Community Radio (KAXE).

### **Reif Arts Council Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of the Reif Center.

### **Robert and Margaret Pecha Youth in Arts Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to encourage and enhance creativity and imagination in youth by providing grants for individuals in all fields of art.

### **Ball Club Playground**

The purpose of this fund is to create a multi-generational, culturally considerate, accessible park in the Ball Club Community, where people of all ages can safely gather, share a meal and play. Playground equipment will be accessible to those who are differently-abled.

# Community

## **Barbara Anderson Fund in Memory of Lew and Nettie Berry**

This fund was designed to pay for heating the Hill City United Methodist Church.

## **Barb James Memorial Fund**

This is a donor advised fund for people in crisis.

## **Bigfork Lions Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of the Bigfork Lions Club.

## **Corinne Gibson Ivanca Family Fund**

The purpose of this donor advised fund is to support charitable organizations as selected by the advisor(s).

## **Crisis Grant Fund**

This endowment supports individuals and families in the Greater Itasca Area who are experiencing some type of crisis. Grants are provided through local nonprofit organizations. Priority may be given to maintain employment.

## **Deer River Area Community Fund**

This community endowment provides grants to local nonprofits that support the health and well-being of families in the Deer River Area.

## **Deer River Area Community Nonendowed Fund**

This fund is intended to provide support for projects, programs and activities of the Deer River Area Community.

## **Edgar and Hannah Hetteen Fund**

This endowment supports nonprofit programs and projects in the Greater Itasca Area that help families in crisis.

## **Endowed Sharing Fund**

This endowment supports individuals and families in the Greater Itasca Area who are experiencing some type of crisis.

## **Foundation Fund**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of the Grand Rapids Area Community Foundation. The Foundation Fund enables us to be "For Good. Forever."

## **Friends of the Forest History Center**

Distributions from this fund are intended to support the Forest History Center in Grand Rapids.

## **Friends of the Forest History Center Nonendowed Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to support the Forest History Center in Grand Rapids

## **Giving Tree/Compassion Coalition**

The purpose of this fund is to encourage 100 local citizens to commit \$420 per year which will then be distributed quarterly to local nonprofit agencies.

## **Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation Fund**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of the Grand Rapids Area Library.

## **Grand Rapids Public Utilities Community Caring Fund**

Grand Rapids Public Utilities customers provide crisis grants for our neighbors in need.

## **Greater Itasca Area Community Fund**

This endowment supports current community needs in the Greater Itasca Area. Grants are provided during the Annual Grant Cycle.

## **Greater Itasca Area Community Nonendowed Fund**

This nonendowed fund works with the Greater Itasca Area Community Fund to provide community grants.

## **Greenway Area Community Fund**

This community endowment provides grants to local nonprofits that support the health and well-being of families in the Greenway Area.

# Community continued

## **Greenway Area Community Nonendowed Fund**

This fund is intended to provide support for projects, programs and activities of the Greenway Area Community Fund.

## **Herreid Deer River Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to benefit recipients in the Deer River Area. This fund is to provide crisis funding grants to benefit identifiable individuals rather than to provide general support to charitable organizations or to provide grants to deal with chronic problems.

## **Hill City Area Community Fund**

This community endowment provides grants to local nonprofits that support the health and well-being of families in the Hill City Area.

## **ICTV Investment Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to support future operations of the Agency.

## **IEDC Development Projects Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to fund economic development projects in Itasca County, with particular attention directed to projects adding value to the timber industry or having county-wide benefits.

## **IEDC Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of the Itasca Economic Development Corporation.

## **Inger Local Indian Council (LIC) Fund**

This fund supports community projects in Inger in Itasca County.

## **Itasca County Habitat for Humanity Fund**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of Itasca County Habitat for Humanity.

## **Itasca County Historical Society Fund**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of the Itasca County Historical Society.

## **Itasca County Sharing Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to serve immediate, last resort, crises needs such as emergency shelter, utilities, healthcare, transportation and work clothing. Grants are intended to give the assisting agency some extra time to find more permanent solutions for their clients.

## **Itasca Friendship Club Fund**

The Itasca Friendship Club enhances life for persons with disabilities by providing fellowship and social opportunities, developing lifelong skills along with a connection within their community. The Community Foundation serves as fiscal sponsor for the club to receive gifts and disburse funds to support the activities and objectives of the Itasca Friendship Club. Gifts (donations) to this fund are fully tax deductible in accordance with current charitable laws.

## **KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc. Fund**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of KOOTASCA Community Action, dedicated to reducing poverty.

## **McGregor Lakes Area Foundation Endowment Fund**

This endowment wishes to support community needs and improve the quality of life in the McGregor Lakes Area.

## **McGregor Lakes Area Foundation Nonendowed Fund**

This fund wishes to support community needs and improve the quality of life in the McGregor Lakes Area.

# Community continued

## **Nashwauk Area Community Fund**

This community endowment provides grants to organizations that support the health and well-being of people in the Nashwauk Area.

## **Nashwauk Area Nonendowed Fund**

This fund is intended to provide support for projects, programs and activities of the Nashwauk Area Community.

## **Remer Depot Endowment**

This endowment supports the Remer Depot.

## **Remer Depot Operating Fund**

The intention of this fund is to support maintenance of the Remer Depot.

## **S.Lake Local Indian Council**

This fund provides for community development by the S. Lake Local Indian Council. Examples of projects include: trail signage, fishing pier safety upgrades, community center equipment, improvements to the Pow Wow grounds and other projects approved by the Local Indian Council.

## **Stanley and Helen Kangas Senior Sharing Fund**

This endowment provides crisis funding (through local, human-service organizations) to senior citizens in the Greater Itasca Area.

## **Tim Murphy Memorial Donor Advised Fund**

The purpose of this donor advised fund is to support charitable organizations as selected by the advisor(s).

## **United Way of 1000 Lakes Endowment Fund**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of United Way of 1,000 Lakes.

## **Veterans Support Emergency Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide crisis need grants to Veterans in the Greater Itasca area.

## **Veterans Support Fund**

This endowment provides grants that support local veterans in need.

## **Wabana Community Fund**

This fund was established to raise funds to improve the community center/recreation area at the Wabana Town Hall.

## **Warren Youngdahl Fund**

This endowment supports nonprofit programs and projects that help families in the Edge of the Wilderness Area.

## **Wayne K. Mills Salvation Army Fund**

This endowment supports the Itasca County programs and projects at the Salvation Army.

## **Wayne Mills/Chet Johnson Rotary Fund**

The purpose of this endowment is to provide annual distributions for support to charitable organizations in the Grand Rapids and Greater Itasca area as selected by the advisor(s).

## **Wendy and Denny Roy Donor Advised Fund**

The purpose of this donor advised fund is to support charitable organizations as selected by the advisor(s).

# Education

## **1000 Lakes Scholarship Fund**

The purpose of this scholarship is to support the higher education of students throughout the Itasca Area School Districts.

## **Ardell Simonson Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is intended for a graduate of a Greater Itasca area high school who achieves a minimum GPA of 2.5 or greater who is interested in becoming an Elementary Educator.

## **Barbara Swentkofske Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is intended for a graduating Grand Rapids High School female who is planning to attend a 4 year college or university.

## **Betty Shannon Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship provides support for nursing students at Itasca Community College (ICC) and the College of St. Scholastica (CSS).

## **Bigfork Lions Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship fund is for a graduating senior from Bigfork High School.

## **Bill and Ruth Powers Scholarship**

This scholarship supports District 318 students who have a GPA of 3.0 and intend to pursue a major in the field of arts and humanities.

## **Bill Gray - Southwest Elementary - Scholarship Fund**

To support students who attended Southwest Elementary School. Top ranking academic students are not eligible for this award.

## **Bill Prigge Memorial Economic Scholarship**

This scholarship supports a graduating Greenway High School graduate with a GPA of at least 2.5 and who is planning to study business or economics. May be based on need.

## **Bob Frick Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship supports a graduating GRHS student entering a vocational/technical program. Priority may be given to a Graphic Arts student.

## **Bonner Hockey Scholar Award**

This award is presented to the GRHS male and female hockey player with the highest cumulative GPA on their respective hockey team.

## **Brad Smith Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship supports a graduating DRHS student that demonstrates exceptional commitment to self and community through involvement and dedication.

## **Burgess Family Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship is offered to a student graduating from Deer River High School with a GPA of at least 3.0, is active in community service and intends to obtain a Bachelor's Degree.

## **Carl and Margaret Mickelson/Kiwanis Scholarship**

This scholarship supports GRHS Key Club (or Circle K) students who demonstrate commitment to community service.

## **Catherine Anderson Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship supports District 318 females who are interested in pursuing a career in education.

## **Chad, Holly, and Hannah Davis Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is in memory of Chad, Holly and Hannah Davis and is available to traditional and non-traditional students in District 318 and Greenway. IEP preferred, but not required.

## **Coach Ted Brill Hockey Scholarship**

This scholarship is offered to a male hockey player who demonstrates the values of hockey, and commitment to community and education.

# Education continued

## **Coach Tom Drazenovich Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship recognizes a GRHS Senior football team member who demonstrates leadership and integrity.

## **Community Foundation General Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students who have few or no other available scholarship options. Special consideration may be taken for under-served populations.

## **Corey Bakken Speech and Debate Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is to support speech and debate students in ISD 318 who have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

## **Dan Retka Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship supports GRHS students planning to study engineering, construction management or environmental science and have at least a 3.0 GPA or higher.

## **Dede Emerson Scholarship Fund**

The Dede Emerson scholarship was established for a Grand Rapids High School graduating senior enrolled in a two-year or four-year college, pursuing a major in international business, veterinarian work or music. This scholarship is based on scholastic merit. Financial need may also be taken into consideration. Applications with a GPA of less than 3.0 will not be accepted.

## **Deer River Schools Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of Deer River School.

## **District 318 Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of District 318 (Grand Rapids and Bigfork schools).

## **District 318 Nonendowed Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide direct support to the District 318 Endowment.

## **Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly Scholarship**

This scholarship supports a student with an "interruption" in their career path pursuing a new career in healthcare.

## **Dr. Jules and Ilo Meyer Medical Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students entering: Medical School, a Registered Nursing program, Dental School or Veterinarian School.

## **Eagle Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students planning to attend a Christian-centered college, university, Bible College, or seminary.

## **Ed and Eleanore Gregerson Scholarship**

This recurring scholarship supports GRHS students who are active members of Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids.

## **Edgar R and Bess R Mullins Award**

This scholarship supports one male and one female GHS student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who demonstrates athletic involvement, leadership, and commitment to GHS and community.

## **Erling and Fran Willadson Scholarship**

This scholarship supports graduating GRHS students pursuing a vocational or technical school program.

## **Frances Bartos King-James E. King Scholarship**

This scholarship supports graduating Greater Itasca area high school females in any education field, with the exception of religious education.

## **Freestone Community Club Scholarship**

This scholarship supports one male and one female student. Priority for those students who live in the Arbo, Bass Lake, Deer Lake or Wabana townships and who have a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

# Education continued

## **Gary Ehalt "His Love For Animals" Veterinary Scholarship**

This scholarship supports graduates of Greater Itasca area high schools interested in becoming a veterinarian.

## **Gibbons Family Scholarship Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to use its proceeds to fund 3 scholarships: the Greater Itasca STEM Scholarship, Greater Itasca VoTech/Community College Scholarship and the Greenway Spanish Scholarship.

## **G.J. Holt Family Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students graduating from Bigfork School.

## **Grace Christian School Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of Grace Christian School.

## **Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital Volunteer Services Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students who have one year of college and pursuing a career in healthcare.

## **Grand Rapids AAUW Anniversary Fund**

This fund supports the scholarship fund for females with an AA or higher who are pursuing higher education.

## **Grand Rapids AAUW Anniversary Nonendowed Scholarship**

This scholarship supports females with an AA or higher who are pursuing higher education.

## **Grand Rapids/Greenway Swim Association Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students graduating from the Grand Rapids/Greenway area who participated in competitive swimming programs for three years and have a 2.5 or higher GPA.

## **Great Minds Learning Center Fund**

The Great Minds Learning Center Fund supports the Great Mind Learning Center's mission of providing children and adults with the necessary reading, spelling, and math skills to accomplish their educational and personal goals.

## **GRHS Class of 1966 Forrest L. Willey Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides 2 scholarships, 1 to a Grand Rapids student and 1 to a Northern Lights Community School student. This is an opportunity-centered award, referencing applicants who have fewer scholarship opportunities than most students.

## **GRHS Class of '85 Legacy Scholarship**

Provides for students who have graduated from GRHS. Applicants can be any age, and attend any type of educational training or schooling.

## **GRHS Climate Fund**

The fund shall be used for charitable support of positive relationships between school staff, faculty and students.

## **GRSB Financial Focus Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students with a GPA of 2.5 or higher pursuing study in a finance or business related field.

## **Harvey and Doris Dahline Wrestling Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship supports a student graduating from Grand Rapids High School and a member of the GRHS Wrestling Team in good standing.

## **Hazel Brink Music Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship is designed for a student in the Greater Itasca area pursuing the study of music. Preference may be given to a GRHS graduating student.

# Education continued

## **Hill City Area Community Scholarship**

Applicant must be a Hill City High School student.

## **Hill City Classmates Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established as a memorial to students who graduated from Hill City High School. As a tribute, scholarships are awarded each year to one or more Hill City High School graduates. A Legacy list is presented to each recipient, and memorials are added as needed.

## **Jack Gunderson Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship supports DRHS students who demonstrate commitment to school and community.

## **Jan Ferraro Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship is offered to graduates of Hill City HS and is based on need.

## **Jeff Davies Scholarship for the Arts**

This scholarship supports students pursuing study in the Arts at ICC.

## **Jennifer Koprowski Scholarship**

This scholarship supports a GRHS female swimmer who has shown dedication to the sport and leadership ability.

## **John and Carol Setterberg Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students (one male and one female) at DRHS with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and record of participation in sports.

## **John & Frances Furlong Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship supports GRHS students with the highest GPA who pursue a vocational or technical training program.

## **Judy Peura Hultquist Scholarship**

This scholarship is for high school students graduating from Hill City High School.

## **J.W. Kumpula Scholarship**

This scholarship supports a NKHS student who plans to pursue a technical career in any field (except computer/technology related areas). This scholarship is geared toward a well-rounded student with some financial need or ability to overcome barriers rather than a high GPA.

## **Keith Newstrom Memorial Aviation Scholarship**

This scholarship supports someone pursuing a career in aviation.

## **K. Roger Betz Vocational School Scholarship**

This scholarship is intended for a student graduating from Greenway High School with an intention of going to a two-year vocational/technical school.

## **Latterell Family Scholarship**

This scholarship supports a BHS who plans to attend a four-year public or private college or university.

## **Lavona M. Jasper Scholarship**

This scholarship supports a GHS student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who plans to major in education.

## **Lilah Maddy Brandon Scholarship**

For a male or female graduating senior from GRHS; based on need.

## **Lou and Mary Alice Barle Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship supports GHS student involved in sports and dedicated to leadership.

## **Max Fulton Forestry Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship provides support for students pursuing study in the field of forestry.



# Education continued

## **MDI Success at Work Scholarship Fund**

Intended mainly to help students transition from high school to work. Priority may be given to students needing specific support to overcome physical or other barriers. Must have an IEP or involved in Special Education.

## **Mel and Lucille Beier Family Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students who have high potential for success, but few other scholarship opportunities.

## **Mel and Nancy Kooda Memorial Scholarship Fund**

For a student graduating from McGregor High School entering an "industrial arts" field of study to include any of the Trades, certifications, teaching, education, nursing and medical. This is for students with fewer or no other scholarship opportunities.

## **Mike Washburn Memorial Scholarship Fund**

The purpose of this scholarship fund is to support a student graduating from Hill City High School interested in pursuing education, training or certification to operate heavy equipment.

## **Mockford Scholarship**

This fund provides scholarships that are sponsored by the Minnesota DNR Forestry Employees' Association (FEA).

## **Myles Reif Memorial Scholarship**

For a senior from the Grand Rapids High School based on scholastic achievement and character, without regard to need, who pursues a degree in the Sciences.

## **Nashwauk Area Community Fund Scholarship**

This scholarship supports a student graduating from Nashwauk/Keewatin HS.

## **Nicole Calgaro Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship supports a NKHS student preferably (but not necessarily) interested in the music field or involved in 4H.

## **Northern MN Builders Association Endowed Fund**

This fund supports a scholarship fund for students pursuing a career in any of the building trade fields.

## **Northern MN Builders Association Scholarship Fund**

The purpose of this scholarship fund is to foster the building trade's future in Northern Minnesota by providing financial assistance for students pursuing a career in this field.

## **Northland Scholarship Endowed Fund**

This fund supports the scholarship fund that supports a student graduating from Northland High School and has a total value of \$3000 over 4 years.

## **PATH-UP Scholarship Fund**

The purpose of this scholarship fund is to provide financial support to a non-traditional student with at least an AA, AS or qualified life experience and are working towards a BA/BS, license or certification.

## **Petersen-Menefee Fund**

This is for applicants who live in Good Hope, Max, Third River, Moose Park, Alvwood, Kinghurst, Ardenhurst or Grattan Townships who are pursuing post-secondary education.

## **Rae Graham Scholarship**

This scholarship supports a GHS student who plans to major in business or education and is in the top 50% of their class.

## **Randall C. Benson Family Fund**

It is the intention of this endowment to use portions of annual distributions to provide support to Blaine Community Scholarship Program for Blaine High School graduates.

# Education continued

## **Reif Dance Company Endowed Scholarship**

The purpose of this scholarship is for graduating seniors actively enrolled in the Reif Dance Company program.

## **Richard & Elaine Aune Music Scholarship**

This scholarship was established to support a graduating senior from District 318 who is planning to study music. Preference is given to the study of choral music.

## **RJEMS School Climate Fund**

The RJEMS School Climate Fund is used to provide and promote positive relationships at the Robert J. Elkington Middle School between school staff, faculty and students.

## **Robert and Shirley Bennett Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students who plan to study physics.

## **Ruth Hurlbert Scholarship**

This scholarship supports students who plan to attend the Oak Hills Bible College in Bemidji, Minnesota.

## **Scott A. Olson Memorial Scholarship**

This is a general purpose scholarship awarded to a student who is graduating or graduated from either Grand Rapids or Greenway high schools.

## **St. John's Catholic Church of Hill City Scholarship Fund**

Any student who has (or whose family has) attended St. John's Catholic Parish in Hill City. Family includes parents, grandparents, other. Preference to graduating seniors from Hill City HS.

## **Steven Pietila Memorial Scholarship**

For a graduating Deer River High School senior with a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Applicant must express their involvement in community and extracurricular activities.

## **Sulo Herrala Scholarship Fund**

Awarded to a Bigfork High School senior with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who is planning to attend a four-year college or vocational school as a full-time student.

## **Sydney Gray Scholarship - Forest Lake Elementary**

To support students who attended Forest Lake Elementary School. Top ranking academic students are not eligible for this award.

## **Terry and Muggs Matteson L&M Appreciation Scholarship Fund**

Supports active L&M employees and immediate family members planning to attend a MN or WI school interested in furthering or continuing his/her education and/or training. Past recipients who are awarded any additional scholarship must maintain a minimum GPA.

## **Truman and Borghild (Bud) Shoaff Memorial Family Fund**

The purpose of this renewable scholarship fund is to support graduating seniors as well as non-traditional students in the Greater Itasca Area enrolled in and pursuing a degree, certification or credentials in STEM: Science Technology, Engineering and Math - OR - in a music field of study.

## **Turna E. Fletcher Scholarship**

For a graduating senior in pursuit of an elementary education degree. An interest in improving the environment is an additional factor.

## **Wade and Barbara (Danielson) Salisbury Family Fund**

Must be a graduating senior of Deer River High School, based on good character, hard work and need.

# Education continued

## **Workforce Ready Scholarship**

A scholarship for people who want to live, work and stay in the Itasca area.

## **Zack Adams Memorial Scholarship Fund**

The Greenway recipient may attend any qualified vocational, technical or certification program. Priority may be given to a student who plans on attending Alexandria Tech.

# Environment

## **1000 Lakes and Rivers Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide grants for water resources protection and improvements and projects throughout Itasca County.

## **Fund for the Environment**

This endowment supports current needs that relate to or affect our local Greater Itasca Area environment.

## **Greater Pokegama Lake Association Fund**

This fund is for the general investment of long term savings for the Agency.

## **Itasca Area Forest Legacy Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to assist the funding of Itasca County wide forest easements. The goal is to encourage individuals and businesses to support the concept promoting easements with private landowners. Working conservation easements are voluntary and formal agreements will allow for public recreation access while ensuring sustainable forest management and timber harvesting.

## **Itasca County Trails Task Force Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to foster development and long term sustainability of quality recreational trails and facilities in Itasca County area that meet the needs of residents and visitors.

## **Livestock Control of Invasive Species Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to research the viability to use grazing (instead of chemicals) by lakes and waterways to control invasive species.

## **River Watch Fund**

The purpose of this endowment is for the annual distributions to go to the Itasca County Soil and Water Conservation District to support the River Watch program in Itasca County.

# Health & Well-Being

## **Alzheimer's Family Support Fund**

This fund supports respite care for families who actively care for someone with Alzheimer's.

## **Angel of Hope Fund**

The Angel of Hope Fund supports those who have lost a child. The Angel of Hope Memorial Park is on the banks of the Mississippi River.

## **Bigfork Valley Hospital Endowment**

This endowment supports programs and activities at the Bigfork Valley Hospital.

## **Blandin Employees for Life Fund**

Blandin Employees for Life Fund provides local individuals and families help with transportation needs to and from cancer treatments.

## **Community Cafe Endowment Fund**

It is the intention of this endowment to provide current income and long-term protection for the operations of this agency.

## **Delbert Matteson Second Harvest North Central Food Bank Endowment Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to let the endowment grow for future needs at Second Harvest North Central Food Bank.

## **ElderCircle Fund**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of ElderCircle.

## **Foster Love Closet Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to support Foster Love Closet, a place where a member of the community and foster families can stop for children's clothing or other items, free of charge.

## **Fund for Women**

This endowment supports the programs and projects in the Greater Itasca Area that positively affect women and girls.

## **GRACE House Fund**

The fund is for the specific purpose of supporting the projects and programs of Grace House Homeless Shelter.

## **Grand Itasca Foundation Fund**

This endowment supports programs and projects that directly impact the health and well-being of Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital patients.

## **Grand Rapids Farmer's Market Fund**

This fund supports the Mighty Matching Dollar program that provides fresh, local produce at the Grand Rapids Farmers' Market.

## **Itasca Area Cancer Crisis Endowment**

This endowment supports crisis needs of individuals and families dealing with cancer.

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## **Itasca Hospice Foundation**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of Itasca Hospice.

## **Itasca Life Options**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of Itasca Life options.

## **Mental Health Education Fund**

This fund supports programs and projects of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Grand Rapids Area

## **Mobility Mania Accessibility For All Fund**

This fund supports projects that provide appropriate access to local businesses for all people, regardless of their physical abilities.

# Health & Well-Being continued

## **Northland Counseling Center Endowment Fund**

The purpose of this endowed fund is to help Northland Counseling Center carry out its mission promoting hope and recovery through mutual respect, trust and empowerment.

## **Power of Produce (PoP)**

This is a program of the Grand Rapids Farmers Market. Local children aged 2-12 can sign up at the Grand Rapids Farmers Market and get a "Produce Passport." Then, the next six times that child comes to the Market, they get a \$2 voucher to purchase whatever produce they want from the Market's many vendors. Designed to promote healthy eating.

## **Restore A Smile Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide financial support for individuals within greater Grand Rapids area in need of dental care to help enhance their sense of physical and emotional well being.

## **Second Harvest N Central Food Bank Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of Second Harvest North Central Food Bank.

## **Social Movability - Helping All People Stay Engaged**

As a sub-fund of the Mobility Mania Accessibility for All Fund, this fund will support individuals who receive long-term services and supports, and mental health services to enhance their quality of life, give opportunities for independence and offer transportation options 7 days a week and after hours.

# Peace & Safety

## **Advocates for Family Peace Endowment Fund**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of Advocates for Family Peace.

## **CASE (Communities Against Sexual Exploitation) Fund**

The purpose of the CASE (Communities Against Sexual Exploitation) Fund is to raise awareness about sexual exploitation of youth with a focus on prevention, protection, public awareness and persecution of perpetrators.

## **Streufert Peace and Safety Fund**

This endowment supports nonprofit programs that promote peace and safety in the Greater Itasca Area.

# Sports, Recreation & Animals

## **Cliff Kauppi Youth Hockey Fund**

This endowment supports local programs and projects that promote hockey for area youth.

## **Edge of the Wilderness Student Golf Fund**

This fund supports the development of youth interested in golf who live in the Edge of the Wilderness Area.

## **Fund for Animals**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of non-profit organizations that positively impact animals in the Greater Itasca County area.

## **Grand Rapids High School Boys Soccer Team Community Fund**

This fund supports expenses for the soccer team not covered by the school district activity fees.

## **Grand Rapids Hockey Golf Classic Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to support all hockey in the Grand Rapids area

## **Great Tails Animal Rescue Building Fund**

This fund supports Great Tails Animal Rescue to either build or purchase a building to provide a safe place for our area's homeless, stray and surrendered animals from Itasca County.

## **Hill Lake Trail Association Fund**

It is the intention of this endowment that a portion of annual distribution be used for maintenance or expansion of the Hill Lake Trail System

## **Itasca Driftskippers Snowmobile Club Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of the Driftskippers Snowmobile Club.

## **Jamie Tennison Memorial Compass Fund**

This fund provides a compass and education to every youth completing the gun safety program in Itasca County.

## **Jamie Tennison Memorial Compass Fund Non Endowed**

The purpose of this fund is to provide a brochure, a quality liquid filled compass and a short explanation of the program to all boys and girls in Itasca County completing the firearms safety course. This is honor Jamie Tennison who became lost while hunting and was never found.

## **Minnesota Deer Hunters Association Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of the Minnesota Deer Hunters' Association (MDHA).

## **MN Shooting Sports Education Center Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to support and promote area shooting sports.

## **Nashwauk Township - Cloverdale Fundraising Committee**

The purpose of this fiscal agent fund is to help the community provide an ADA safety approved playground area for the Nashwauk Township and surrounding areas.

## **Noble Hall Field Improvement Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to purchase artificial turf for the Nobel Hall Field to support more annual activities from area sports teams.

## **Tom Drazenovich Field Sign Project**

The fund is for the specific purpose to process donations for the purchase of a sign for GRHS practice/lacrosse field.



# Workforce

## **MDI Success at Work Endowment Fund**

This scholarship provides opportunity to students who may need specific support to overcome physical or other barriers.

## **MDI Success at Work NonEndowed Fund**

The purpose of this non-endowed fund is to provide grants which enable and encourage an environment within the communities served by MDI that allow persons with disabilities to achieve success at work.

## **Workforce Ready Scholarship**

A scholarship for people who want to live and work in the Itasca area.

# Youth

## **Bridges Mentoring Endowment**

This endowment supports youth mentoring projects and programs.

## **Children's Discovery Museum Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects of the Children's Discovery Museum.

## **Children's Discovery Museum School Enhancement Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to enhance the experience of area school children by raising revenue to bring classrooms to the museum.

## **Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation Children's Library Fund**

This endowment supports the charitable, scientific, or educational purposes of the Agency and its affiliated agencies.

## **GRHS Post Prom Fund**

This fund supports the activities at the Grand Rapids High School Post Prom event.

## **Spartan Booster Club Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide support for boys and girls in Nashwauk-Keewatin extra curricular activities, specifically programs that were recently cut from school district funding.

## **Star of the North Lions Youth Fund**

The purpose of this endowment is to provide annual distribution for youth project in the Grand Rapids Area.

## **YMCA Youth Program Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs and projects for youth at the Itasca County Family YMCA.

## **Youth for Christ Endowment**

This endowment supports the programs of Youth for Christ, including Campus Life, the Ground Floor and outreach to at-risk youth.

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