

Greater Sauk  
Community  
Foundation

*celebrating 20 years of generosity*

*serving adams, columbia, iowa, juneau, richland, sauk, and vernon counties*

# *Report to the community*

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

**Alone we can  
do so little;  
together we  
can do so much.**

HELEN KELLER

**Please join us as we celebrate our 20th year of doing so much together!**

**Thanks to your generosity we have distributed nearly \$3 million to improve the lives of community children, veterans, the hungry, the elderly, the homeless, the abused, and the abandoned. You provide critical support for local education, health care, the arts, the environment, local history, local government, libraries, churches, and more.**

**In the beginning we were **the Baraboo Area Community Foundation**. We were founded by a group of community leaders who raised funds to build a new Visitor Center for the Baraboo Area Chamber of Commerce.**

**Then those same leaders had a vision: greater giving! They dreamed of a community where everyone had enough to eat and a warm place to sleep, where children were loved and protected, and where we could enjoy our rich cultural heritage and our area's natural beauty. So they began a charity to improve the lives of everyone among us.**

**The first donor funds were created to support local parks, homeless animals, scholarships, life-saving equipment, dental care, school sports, a community swimming pool, and more. As we grew and our services expanded, we changed our name to the **Greater Sauk Community Foundation**. Now we serve not only Sauk**

**County, but Adams, Columbia, Iowa, Juneau, Richland, and Vernon counties as well.**

**We facilitate charitable giving for community members. We offer tax incentives that make charitable dollars go further. Like a co-op, we pool and invest donations. We manage all the paperwork, and serve as a resource to local nonprofits.**





## 20 in 20 years **Our top 20 grant recipients**

\$407,000	Baraboo School District
\$265,000	River Arts, <i>Prairie du Sac</i>
\$252,000	Camp Gray, <i>Reedsburg</i>
\$110,000	Friends of the Baraboo Zoo
\$108,000	Catholic Diocese of Madison
\$106,000	Juneau County Agricultural, Industrial & Recreational Society, <i>Mauston</i>
\$100,000	Lighthouse School, <i>Madison</i>
\$ 76,000	Sauk County Humane Society
\$ 71,000	Veterans Equine Trail Services, <i>La Valle</i>
\$ 70,000	Plenke's Pond, <i>Reedsburg</i>
\$ 67,000	Sauk County Government
\$ 51,000	St. Joseph Catholic Parish, <i>Baraboo</i>
\$ 49,000	Al. Ringling Theatre Friends, <i>Baraboo</i>
\$ 45,000	St. Vincent de Paul Society, <i>Prairie du Sac</i>
\$ 40,000	Ronald McDonald House Charities Care Mobile, <i>Madison</i>
\$ 34,000	Honey Creek Education Fund, <i>Sauk City</i>
\$ 30,000	Lodi Agricultural Fair
\$ 29,000	International Crane Foundation, <i>Baraboo</i>
\$ 29,000	St. Clare Health Care Foundation, <i>Baraboo</i>
\$ 28,000	Hope House, <i>Baraboo</i>

## *20 more* \$10,000 to \$25,000 grants

Aldo Leopold Foundation, *Baraboo*  
American Players Theatre, *Spring Green*  
Boys & Girls Club of West Central Wisconsin, *Baraboo*  
Circus World Museum, *Baraboo*  
First United Church of Christ, *Sauk City*  
HELP Backpack Project, *Baraboo*  
Kids' Ranch, *Rock Springs*  
Leader Dogs for the Blind, *Rochester Hills, Michigan*  
Mauston Community Sharing Food Pantry  
People Helping People, *Baraboo*  
Poynette School District  
Reedsburg Area Veterans' Memorial  
Ruth Culver Community Library, *Prairie du Sac*  
Sauk County Historical Society  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, *Baraboo*  
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, *Cross Plains*  
Sauk County Giving Tree  
Sauk Prairie Music Association, *Prairie du Sac*  
UW Carbone Cancer Center, *Madison*  
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, *La Valle*

### Your Foundation at a glance

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- \$5 million in assets currently under management
- \$1 million operating endowment
- \$6.7 million in donations received to date
- Nearly \$3 million in grants distributed to date
- 2016 donations received = \$1.4 million
- 2016 grants distributed = \$611,000
- More than 97% of assets directly support our mission (2016 administrative costs = 2.4% of net assets)
- 75 funds managed

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*What an amazing  
difference you've made!*

**We said good-bye  
too soon to many  
dear friends last  
year. One of those  
was Curt “Corey”  
Compton.**



**Corey Compton grew up in Sauk County during the Great Depression. Though he moved on to other parts of the country—and ultimately settled in Ohio—he always remembered his hometown roots.**

**He supported Baraboo elementary school science education during his lifetime through grants from his donor-advised fund. Corey enjoyed traveling back here to visit and to share in the children’s excitement as they discovered the joy of science.**

**When he died last year he left his entire estate to the Foundation to establish an endowment fund. With his gift of nearly \$1 million, the fund will pay out approximately **\$40,000 per year to support science education . . . forever.****

**These donors' gifts support the Foundation's operations, so we can continue to provide services and critical support to our community— forever. We welcome gifts of any amount to this fund, and Founders Society memberships start at \$1,000.**

# *The Founders Society*

## **Diamond**

Darlene Ballweg  
Craig & Leola Culver Foundation  
Dina & Paul Fishkin  
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## **Platinum**

Baraboo News Republic  
In honor of Jim Fishkin & Ken Fishkin  
Dave & Leah Gerfen  
David & Karen Sacia  
Arnold & Judy Utzinger  
Helen M. Ziegler

## **Gold**

Victor & Rita Ahlstrom  
American Family Insurance  
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BMO Harris Bank  
Community First Bank  
Eldon & Doris Johnson  
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Mae Vogel



## **Silver**

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Baraboo Wal-Mart  
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## **Bronze**

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of our 2016  
donors, funds,  
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financial  
statements, please  
visit our website at  
[greaterSauk.org](http://greaterSauk.org).**

**The Greater Sauk Community Foundation**  
is a 501(c)(3) public charity. All gifts are  
tax deductible as provided by law.

# *Thank you*

**We thank our donors for their vision and for the time and money they have invested in making this foundation such an asset to the community. To our other readers: We hope you will take a moment to stop and reflect . . .**

**How will you be remembered?**

**Will you leave the world a better place?**

**What legacy will you leave?**

**Won't you join us? *We're here for good!***

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