

Our Mission

We strengthen our community by offering donors opportunities to establish charitable legacies, by making grants, and by serving as a catalyst to address community needs.

“I was impressed with the Children’s Legacy Luncheon where the Legacy awards were presented. The Luncheon was a great place to meet community citizens and to hear about the award winners’ accomplishments. Thank you for making all of that happen.”

*Katherine Stahl,
President, Board of
Directors, Eau Claire
Chamber Orchestra*

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Eau Claire

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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Summer 2010

Fulfilling Our Mission

We are pleased to announce the following grants awarded through May, 2010, made possible using Unrestricted and Donor Advised Funds, with a total community impact of \$75,240. Awards will be distributed at the Foundation’s Annual Meeting in June.

ARTS & CULTURE: \$7,803

Chippewa Valley Museum: *Archival storage equipment and supplies*
Chippewa Valley Symphony: *Purchase of percussion instruments*
Friends of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Library: *Unrestricted*
Wisconsin Historical Society: *Unrestricted*
Wisconsin Public Television: *Unrestricted*

EDUCATION: \$15,735

Eau Claire County Humane Association: *Spay/Neuter Voucher Program; Unrestricted*
Family Resource Center for Eau Claire County: *Jail Parent Education Materials*
Literacy Volunteers-Chippewa Valley: *Technology; Unrestricted*
UW-Eau Claire Foundation: *“Heroes” Scholarship Program for Single Parents*
Rice Lake High School Scholarship Fund: *Scholarships for High School Seniors*

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION: \$31,250

Phoenix Gardens: *Tools and Equipment for Eau Claire Public Gardens*
Bob’s House for Dogs: *Unrestricted*
Eau Claire YMCA: *New Facility Building Fund*
Friends of Beaver Creek Reserve: *Unrestricted*
UW-Eau Claire Foundation: *Wisconsin Youth Success Program*

SOCIAL SERVICES: \$20,272

American Institute for Cancer Research: *Unrestricted*
Arthritis Foundation-SW District: *Unrestricted*
Bolton Refuge House: *Unrestricted*
Chippewa Valley Free Clinic: *Unrestricted*
Easter Seals Wisconsin: *Unrestricted*
Eau Claire Interfaith Hospitality Network: *Technology, unrestricted*
Feed My People Food Bank: *Warehouse equipment*
Luther Mildelfort Mayo Health Systems: *Unrestricted*
March of Dimes: *Unrestricted*
REACH, Inc: *Handicap Door Opener; Unrestricted*
Salvation Army: *Unrestricted*
The Community Table: *Unrestricted*
UW Eau Claire County Extension: *Printing and Distribution of Resource Brochure*



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Join Our "Green" Efforts

The Eau Claire Community Foundation has been accepted by the Chamber of Commerce "Green Business Initiative." This is a program that encourages member businesses to commit to using environmentally responsible operations and practices. Member businesses that qualify pledge to increase their efforts for energy and resource conservation in the office and all activities. Some of the changes we are making include utilizing electronic communication instead of paper whenever possible, making a conscientious effort to turn off electricity-using appliances and machines when the office is closed, applying resource conserving practices in purchasing supplies, equipment, and furniture, and reducing our "waste stream." For example, you may notice we are use ceramic mugs instead of disposable cups, and recycled paper for internal office printing whenever possible. We are using Shred-Away to collect our confidential documents, and power strips that can be switched off at the end of the day.



You can help! If you are willing to receive these newsletters by e-mail, let us know your e-mail address, and future newsletters will be delivered electronically. Send to: info@eccommunityfoundation.org

UW-EC Students Assist with Marketing Activities

Two groups of students from a Community Leadership class at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire implemented marketing projects which fulfilled their class requirements and provided our Foundation with valuable resources. One group, consisting of Katie Stein, Conor Daly, and Nick Komula, reviewed our website and made suggestions for improving it, and adding a section for Professional Advisors. They also assisted in setting up a Facebook account, another effective way to utilize social media. A second group, which included Scott Wallace, Josh Crandall, Ashley Windsor and Micah Herold, created an informative DVD about the Foundation which can be used for presentations to groups and on our website. We are grateful to the students for their efforts, and for the marketing tools they created.



Women's Giving Circle Spring Gathering

In May, the Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Eau Claire Community Foundation, held their second Annual Spring Gathering at the Eau Claire Golf and Country Club. The program consisted of a panel discussion by representatives of the 2009 Women's Giving Circle grant recipients: The Community Table, Feed My People Food Bank, Literacy Volunteers-Chippewa Valley, and the Family Resource Center. They shared information about how their grants are being used to make an impact on the needs of women and children in our community, and how the recent economic downturn has affected the demands for their services. To view the unemployment map shown at our gathering, join the Eau Claire Community Foundation Group on Facebook.

The Women's Giving Circle is now accepting applications for their 2010 grants. The deadline is July 1, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. There will be four grants awarded for up to \$4,000.00 each, for projects that will benefit women and children. Funds must be used between January 1 and December 31, 2011. For more information, see our website at: www.eccommunityfoundation.org or contact Lorraine Henning, Grants Coordinator, at 715-552-3801 or grants@eccommunityfoundation.org. The grant application can be downloaded from the website.

- **SAVE THIS DATE for another educational opportunity for members of the Women's Giving Circle: Tuesday, September 28, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Chippewa Valley Museum. Ken Frazier, UW-Madison, will speak on the history of women in philanthropy in the Chippewa Valley. Call 715-552-3801 for more information or to make your reservation. Members will vote on the 2010 grant recommendations at this meeting.**

"The
greatest
use of a
life is to
spend it on
something
that will
outlast it."

William James



Children's Legacy Luncheon Honors Community Members

The Children's Legacy Luncheon is an annual opportunity to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to our community for the benefit of children. The ninth annual luncheon, held on April 22, 2010 at The Florian Gardens, was attended by over 270 people. This year's honorees are well known for their abiding commitment to children and families. Each was given the opportunity to select a local non-profit organization to receive a \$500 grant from the Eau Claire Community Foundation. Pictured at the right are the honorees for 2010: Sherry Jasper, Karl and William Andresen for Helen Andresen, Jack Schilling, Lorraine Schilling, Ivar Lunde, Mark Johnson, and Robert Carr.



Grant recipients from the Children's Legacy Luncheon and the Children's Legacy Endowment include: Chippewa Valley Theater Guild, Girls Scouts of the NW Great Lakes, Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra, First Presbyterian Church Three to Five Club, Lutheran Social Services, and REACH, Inc. The Luncheon also raised money for the Children's Legacy Endowment. The current balance of the Endowment is over \$31,000. In 2010 the first grant from this fund was awarded to the Family Resource Center.

We thank the following sponsors of the Children's Legacy Luncheon: *Luther Midelfort Mayo Health System, Sacred Heart Hospital, Chippewa Valley Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, Kristo Orthodontics, Marshfield Clinic, Lasker Jewelers, The Hanna Family, Ayres Associates, Betsy Barnes, Charter Bank Eau Claire, Trish Cummins and John Plewa, Janet and Steve Driever, Festival Foods, McDonough Manufacturing, Leland and Anna Mayer, Peoples Bank of Wisconsin, REACH, Inc., and Rose and Bob Wiechmann.*

A Message from the Foundation's Director



It is said that success has many parents; in our view, success has many partners. At the Foundation we are at our best when we can work with our colleagues-philanthropists, community organizations, schools, businesses and others to address the needs of the greater Eau Claire area.

In this newsletter you will read about our grant-making through May of 2010 and you will hear the success stories of the Foundation's two fund events, the Children's Legacy Luncheon and Women's Giving Circle Spring Gathering. You will read about changes happening at the Foundation covering social media and the moving of our newsletter to an e-mail format supporting our green initiative. But of course, for those that prefer, we will still continue to mail newsletters. You can be confident that your email address will remain confidential

That is not all... the Foundation is continually looking for new ways to promote generational giving through "Leave a Legacy," as well as ways to best communicate with our next generation. We are grateful for the support that we have received through the UW-EC Community Leadership class in these areas.

Join us on Facebook! If you use Facebook, type into the search engine: Eau Claire Community Foundation. Join our group today and read about what is happening at the Foundation daily! We welcome your comments on the Wall, events and discussions. We look forward to hearing from you on Facebook. See you there!



Further Fulfilling Our Mission: New Funds Help Our Community

The following new funds were established January -June 2010:

SS Safari All-Star Fund: *supporting canine cancer research*

Memorial High School Class of '60 Scholarship Fund: *providing financial assistance to Eau Claire Memorial High School students*

Clarence & Isabel Berger Family Scholarship Fund: *providing financial assistance to Elk Mound High School students*

Leonard E. Gibbs Fund: *promoting excellence in evidence-informed practice in the helping professions.*

Sue Bornick, Executive Director



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A Message from Paul Weinke, Chairman of the Board of Trustees



The future of the Foundation is bright. The number of funds is increasing and more individuals are becoming involved with the Foundation. Our mission is strong, our volunteers are dedicated, and our staff is passionate.

With regrets, we have three Trustee whose terms of office are coming to a close in June. I want to thank Jennifer Fesenmaier, Steve Kristo, and Jack Bartingale for their dedication and support to the Eau Claire Community Foundation Board of Trustees and the Committees they served on. We look forward to their continued involvement and support of the Foundation and its efforts

I am honored to have the privilege to announce the election of three new members to our Board of Trustees. Please welcome Nicole Lasker, Dave Frederikson, and Betsy Kell. Their fresh insights will be appreciated.

The Eau Claire Community Foundation continues to strive to support the needs of the greater Eau Claire area. It is everyone's desire to continue the momentum of the Foundation through its financial growth and through its growth in the number of individuals directly and indirectly becoming involved. You should always feel free to contact me, or any other member of the Board of Trustees to discuss our Foundation as we look to the future.

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