

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.

Special points of interest:

Grants awarded to non-profit agencies

Grant recipients highlighted

Leadership changes

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Fulfilling Our Mission

The Eau Claire Community Foundation Board of Trustees recently approved 2009 grants from unrestricted and donor advised funds. The awards were mailed or distributed to recipients at the Annual Meeting on June 18. The 2009 grants totaled \$116,757 for non-profit organizations. The Foundation awards grants to agencies who serve the following areas: arts and culture, education, environment, recreation, and social services.

ARTS & CULTURE

TOTAL AWARDED: \$13,728

Arapahoe Library Foundation
Chippewa Valley Museum
Eau Claire Children's Theater
Eau Claire Municipal Band
Friends of L.E. Phillips Memorial Library
Sherrard Public Library
Wisconsin Historical Society
Wisconsin Public Television

Community Beautification Association
Eau Claire County Humane Association
Flying Eagles Ski Club
L.E. Phillips Senior Center
Rice Lake Rod & Gun Club
Special Olympics Indianhead Area 3
UW-EC Wisconsin Youth Sports Program

SOCIAL SERVICES

TOTAL AWARDED: \$46,673

American Institute of Cancer Research
Arthritis Foundation—SW District
Children's Mental Health Alliance
Chippewa Valley Free Clinic
Chippewa Valley Habitat for Humanity
Easter Seals of Wisconsin
Family Resource Center for EC County
Feed My People Food Bank
Free Rural Eye Clinics Corporation
Grandparents (and Others) as Parents
Hope Gospel Mission
Luther Midelfort Mayo Health Systems
March of Dimes
REACH, Inc.
Salvation Army
The Wellness Shack
United Cerebral Palsy of WC WI
Western Dairyland

EDUCATION

TOTAL AWARDED: \$38,261

Chippewa Valley CARE Coalition
Coyne Center Preschool
Eau Claire Area School District
First Lutheran Church
Immaculate Conception School
Literacy Volunteers-Chippewa Valley
Mountain Ridge Middle School
New Beginnings Three-to-Five Club
Rice Lake High School
St. Bede Monastery
Sherrard Elementary School
Summit View Elementary School

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

TOTAL AWARDED: \$18,095

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Boys & Girls Club of Greater CV
Brill Area Sportsmen's Club

TOTAL COMMUNITY IMPACT: \$116,757

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Board of Trustee Updates

Welcome to our three new members of the Board of Trustees:

Jill Barland
Dr. Thomas Dow
Laura Talley

Members whose terms expired are:

Betsy Barnes, who had served as Treasurer
Karen Hebert, who had chaired the Grants Committee
Dick Larson, Past Chair

We are grateful to these and all members of the Board of Trustees for their high level of personal commitment and expertise.

Grants Have Positive Impact on Our Community



The Eau Claire County Humane Association received grants over the past few years, to renovate the animal shelter to provide a safer and healthier environment for the many animals cared for there. Director Lauren Evans described the renovations at the ECCF Annual meeting on June 18, 2009. Pictured here are the new cages for cats recently installed in the facility at 3900 Old Town Hall Road, Eau Claire. With a grant from the Eau Claire Community Foundation, the Humane Association purchased cages for two rooms at the facility, as well as supplies. A second grant from ECCF provided funds for cement work on the grounds outside the facility. See the Association's website for more information about the valuable work done at the Eau Claire County Humane Association: www.eccha.org.

Chippewa Valley Habitat for Humanity (CVH4H) received a grant for \$4,040 from the Eau Claire Community Foundation to further their work of providing decent, affordable housing for qualified families living and working in the area. The grant money will help purchase carpentry and woodworking tools for use in a Shop/Training Center being developed to attract, train, and retain volunteers. Volunteers will, with improved skills, contribute to construction of the homes. The Shop/Training Center is located in donated space at Banbury Place. CVH4H collaborates with other community organizations such as the Eau Claire Area School District and Western Dairyland to accomplish their mission. See more about the work of this organization at www.cvh4h.org.

Pictured at the left is a group of student volunteers from Northstar Middle School working with CVH4H volunteers on a Community of Caring Event. They are shown in the space at Banbury Place which will eventually become the Shop/Training Center and house the carpentry and wood-working tools purchased with the Eau Claire Community Foundation grant.



2009 Pass Through Grant Helps Community Agencies

In response to the financial downturn of 2008, the Eau Claire Community Foundation Board of Trustees created an innovative response in the form of a Pass Through Grant. Over \$16,000 was secured Trustees, staff, committee members, and Legacy and Society of Founders members. All dollars raised from the Pass Through Grant, in combination with other unrestricted funds, were allocated through the Eau Claire Community Foundation Grants Committee. These funds directly benefited local nonprofit organizations.

In memoriam: Our deepest sympathies go to the family of Marlene Cable, who passed away June 23, 2009. Marlene was a long time member of the Eau Claire community and supporter of the Eau Claire Community Foundation. With her husband, Dick, Marlene was a member of the Foundation's Society of Founders. Her family requested memorials be sent to local non-profit organizations, including the Eau Claire Community Foundation Women's Fund.

Children's Legacy Luncheon Honors Community Members

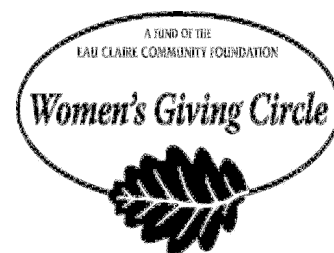
The Children's Legacy Luncheon is an annual opportunity to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to our community for the benefit of children. The eighth annual luncheon, held on April 30, 2009, was attended by over 250 people. This year's honorees are well known for their abiding commitment to children and have all made profound and lasting contributions for children and families in our community. 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 2009: Alvin Rolland, Barbara Rolland, Bob Lesniewski, Naomi Harris, Emilio Rinaldi, Marv Lansing, and Carolyn Pritchett.



We thank the following sponsors of the Children's Legacy Luncheon: **Luther Midelfort Mayo Health System, Sacred Heart Hospital, Marshfield Clinic, Tom & Jill Barland, Charter Bank, Commonweal Development Corporation, Rich & Nikki Hanna, Junior League of Eau Claire, Marv Lansing, Marcia Larson, Leland & Anna Mayer, Peoples Bank of Wisconsin, McDonough Manufacturing Company, Emilio Rinaldi, Wipfli LLP.**

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 Holiday Inn Campus. Martha Taylor was the keynote speaker. Ms. Taylor is Vice President of the University of Wisconsin Foundation. She co-founded the Women's Philanthropy Institute, which is now located at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. The Women's Philanthropy Institute provides educational programming and research to advance women's charitable giving for all causes. Ms. Taylor is an inspirational speaker who shared her insights about the growth of giving circles and women's philanthropy. Those in attendance were prompted by her thought-provoking speech to examine their own philanthropic activities, identify their goals, and begin to develop a plan for lifetime charitable giving.



We extend our thanks and farewell to Pamela Macal, Chairwoman, who provided leadership for the Women's Giving Circle for the past year. Pamela has relocated with her family to California.

Save this date for another educational opportunity for members of the Women's Giving Circle: Tuesday, September 22, 4:30p.m. to 6:00p.m. Julie Koewn-Bowmar, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension, will speak on "The Welfare of Women and Children: Reducing Poverty in Our Community." Call 715-552-3801 for more information or to make your reservation.

A Message from the Director



The past nine months have been energizing and a true honor. Although I am leaving the Eau Claire Community Foundation, I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet many individuals that I had not previously known and reconnect with those I have had the good fortune to work with in the past. In this period of time, much has been accomplished. It would not have happened without the commitment of many. The cumulative work of our Foundation stakeholders is evident and admirable. These collective efforts will pay dividends while positioning ECCF well for the future. I am impressed with the past impact that the ECCF has had. I look forward to growth of ECCF endowments and funds, support of projects and programs local nonprofit organizations, and continued innovative thinking of our leadership as we look to meet changing community needs.

With deep appreciation,

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



This month I proudly, and humbly, began my tenure as the Chair of the Eau Claire Community Foundation Board of Trustees. I am honored to have the opportunity to follow so many exceptional Chairs not the least of whom, most recently, was Charles Graaskamp. As I am certain all would agree, Charlie passionately and with great dedication served as the Chair of the Foundation.

This month we are also saying goodbye to our Executive Director Heidi Fisher. While Heidi's time as ECCF's Executive Director was relatively short, her attention to detail and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated by all who are involved with the Foundation. We wish nothing but the best in her future endeavors and look forward to her continued support and participation in the Foundation's activities. It is everyone's distinct desire to continue the momentum of the Foundation through its financial growth and through the growth of the number of individuals directly and indirectly becoming involved.

I welcome Jill Barland, Tom Dow, and Laura Talley to the Board of Trustees. Their fresh insight will be appreciated.

The future of the Foundation is bright. The numbers of funds are increasing and more individuals are becoming involved with the Foundation. Our mission is strong, our volunteers dedicated, and our staff is passionate. Please don't hesitate to contact me or other members of the Board of Trustees to discuss our Foundation as we look to the future *For Good. For Eau Claire. For Ever.*

Regards,