

## 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.

"Thank you so much for all you do for the Eau Claire Community and please know what a difference it truly makes."

*Tracey Smiskey,  
Boys & Girls Club  
of the Greater  
Chippewa Valley*

*See Page 3 for details*

## Inside this issue:

Message from the Director	1
Celebrate Philanthropy	1
Women's Giving Circle Grants	2
Women's Giving Circle Meeting	2
Applications Deadline	3
Professional Advisors Meet	3
Boys & Girls Club Grant News	3
Welcome New Director	4

# Eau Claire COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*For Good. For Eau Claire. For Ever.*



Winter 2009

Volume 6 Issue 2

## Message from the Director

I wish I'd known...

We've all had the experience of learning something unexpected about a relative, a close friend or a colleague, a completely unexpected aspect of the person's history that leaves us wanting to know more. In many cases, it's only after that person has passed away that we become aware of experiences, both large and small, that have shaped their lives.

That human dimension, that unique aggregate of our individual histories and experiences, affects much of the way we live our lives. One way we choose to help others is through charitable giving. But, too often, the stories underlying the generosity remain untold, leaving those who ultimately benefit wishing that they had known more.

The holiday season is fast approaching. It is a time to share your stories with your loved ones and create memories. It is also a time of giving. Consider how you and your family can help create a lasting memory through charitable giving. It can be your special time to make a difference to create a legacy through a "planned gift" that will live on forever. The Eau Claire Community Foundation can help you create your legacy. Give us a call at 715-552-3801 or go to our website at [www.eccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.eccommunityfoundation.org).

Sue Bornick  
Executive Director

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS!*



## Celebrate Philanthropy.....Leave Your Legacy

On November 15, over 100 communities will participate in National Philanthropy Day, a day to recognize the great contributions that people active in philanthropy have made to the lives of others in their communities and around the world. November 15 marks the 24th anniversary of this special day. In the Chippewa Valley, National Philanthropy Day will be the start of a week-long celebration of local philanthropy. Television and radio appearances by Sue Bornick, Executive Director of the Eau Claire Community Foundation, and other individuals who have made an impact with their generosity will highlight the importance of philanthropy. The Community Foundations of Chippewa, Eau Claire, and Dunn counties will be hosting open house events for the public to learn about ways to contribute to the community by becoming involved with their local Community Foundations. We welcome you to attend!

### Open House at Eau Claire Community Foundation

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

306 S. Barstow, Suite 104, Eau Claire, WI



**Board of Trustees**  
 Paul Weinke, Chair  
 Pat Quinn, Vice Chair  
 Bill Brunner, Treasurer  
 Jane Lokken, Secretary  
 Jill Barland  
 Jack Bartingale  
 Duane Dingmann  
 Tom Dow  
 Mark Faanes  
 Jennifer Fesenmaier  
 Steve Kristo  
 Dan Market  
 Buzz Minton  
 Jim Pinter  
 Laura Talley  
 Charles Graaskamp,  
 Past Chair

**Staff**

Sue Bornick  
 Executive Director  
 Deborah Nagahashi  
 Financial Director  
 Lorraine Henning  
 Grants Coordinator

“We make a  
 living by  
 what we  
 get, but we  
 make a life  
 by what we  
 give.”

Winston  
 Churchill

## Women's Giving Circle Grants Supports Four Local Projects



The Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Eau Claire Community Foundation, recently recommended four projects to receive grants totaling \$12,530, and the recommendations were approved by the Foundation's Board of Trustees in September, 2009. The Women's Giving Circle chooses projects that benefit women and/or children in our community.

- *Teen Parent Education:* The Family Resource Center for Eau Claire County will provide parent education, support, and assistance to teen mothers and their children in the local high schools. The participants will be better equipped to meet the challenge of raising a child, and be more likely to raise healthy children in the future. At least 30 teen mothers will be served by this program.
- *Weekend Kids' Meals:* This program of Feed My People Food Bank will expand a program started in 2006, which provides nutritious food for two breakfasts and two lunches which school age children can take home over the weekend when school-based meals are not available. The expanded program will provide the same service for all students enrolled the Eau Claire Area School District's Head Start sites. Research has shown that food security for children enhances their health, attendance in school, and academic success.
- *Empowering Women Through Savings:* Literacy Volunteers-Chippewa Valley will use grant money to provide women who are living in poverty with knowledge and skills about financial literacy and basic financial functions, such as budgeting, borrowing, comparison shopping, and saving. Participants will work one-on-one with a financial planner.
- *The Community Table: A Family Table:* The goal of this program is to make The Community Table a family friendly space where participants can connect with existing services and local resources. Additional components of the program include family nutrition classes in addition to healthy meals, and a Children's Corner where children can play and learn in a safe, supervised place at the site during mealtimes.

**SAVE THIS DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2009**



The Women's Giving Circle will hold the Annual Membership Business Meeting on November 10, 2009, 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m., at the L. E. Phillips Senior Center. In addition to reviewing the budget for next year and electing leadership for the Circle Advisory Team, there will be an opportunity for members present to join a team, choosing from Education and Programs, Membership and Outreach, and Grants.

Representatives of the 2009 grant recipients have been asked to attend and share brief summaries of their projects at the Annual Membership Business meeting, and Mary Pica-Anderson, Executive Director of the Senior Center, will describe the services of that agency.

Become a member of the Women's Giving Circle with a donation of \$250 per year. Part of your donation will help support the current year's grants and the remainder will build the Women's Endowment Fund for future granting. Call the Eau Claire Community Foundation office at 715-552-3801 for more information.

## Grant Applications Accepted

Applications for grants from the Eau Claire Community Foundation are now being accepted, until 5:00p.m. Monday, February 8. Workshops will be held to assist applicants in understanding the Foundation's application forms and guidelines. There is no charge for participation, however registration is required. Workshop sessions will be held at the Foundation's office at 306 S. Barstow. Call the office at 715-552-3801 or emailGrants@eccommunityfoundation.org to register for the session of your choice:

- Wednesday, December 9, 10:30a.m.—noon
- Monday, December 14, 4:00—5:30p.m.
- Wednesday, January 6, 9:30—11:00a.m.

## Professional Advisors Meet

An educational event for professional financial advisors was held at the Florian Gardens on Thursday, October 15, 2009. The event was jointly sponsored by the Community Foundations of Eau Claire, the Greater Menomonie Area, and Chippewa County and by the following corporate sponsors: Marshall & Isley Trust Co., Weld Riley Prens & Ricci SC, and Wiley Law SC. Victor Schultz, Senior Trust Counsel, Marshall & Isley Trust Company, spoke about the recent changes in the *Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act*, which was recently adopted by Wisconsin creating a number of planning opportunities and compliance responsibilities for charitable organizations. The event, provided without cost, offered continuing education credit for Attorneys and Accountants who attended.

## 2009 Grant to Boys & Girls Club Helps Fund Communications Equipment

Imagine trying to supervise a group of 100 or more teens and youth in group activities, assuring their safety, managing behavior, and encouraging positive interactions. Imagine doing this with loud music and voices in the background, with no way to easily communicate with another staff or responsible adult should a problem arise or help is needed. This is the situation described by Tracey Smiskey, Director of Resource Development for the **Boys & Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley**, in her 2009 grant application to the Eau Claire Community Foundation. The "Asset Purchase" application was a request for funding to purchase a set of six 2-way radios and headsets. With this equipment, staff and volunteers would be able to inform each other of any concerns, request assistance if necessary, and maintain a safe environment for the boys and girls participating in Club events and activities. Club membership has increased significantly since its opening, without a corresponding increase in staff numbers. Volunteers are present for activities, and they also need staff interaction to assure consistency of programming. Most Boys & Girls Clubs around the nation use 2-way radio equipment to maintain contact between staff and volunteers. The lack of such equipment in the local club was a serious concern for all involved with the Club's activities. The Club's request of \$1990 was fully funded by the Foundation's unrestricted grant monies and the six sets of radios were purchased immediately.



In a follow-up report, Tracey Smiskey cites the following benefits of the use of the communication equipment during the 2009 summer program:

- Communication among staff members increased significantly. They were able to connect from local parks back to the Club offices so when groups were off-site safety and supervision were enhanced.
- During outings and special events, such as a field trip to a Minnesota Twins game, staff members were able to use the radios to arrange a meeting place for the groups and keep each other informed about their whereabouts at the Metrodome.
- The use of the radios facilitated timely communication with parents as necessary about their children who participate in Boys & Girls Club activities.

Smiskey reported, "We do not know how we survived the summer program in the past without the radios. The radios were a key part in overseeing the care of over 100 youth on a daily basis. The staff will continue to use the radios on a daily basis throughout the building and on fieldtrips during the school year."



306 S. Barstow Suite 104  
 Eau Claire, WI 54701

Phone: 715-552-3801  
 Fax: 715-552-3802

Email:

[info@eccommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@eccommunityfoundation.org)

Visit us on the Web!  
[www.eccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.eccommunityfoundation.org)



## Eau Claire Community Foundation Welcomes New Director



Sue Bornick has recently joined the Eau Claire Community Foundation as Executive Director. The Eau Claire Community Foundation office is located at 306 S. Barstow. Since the establishment of the Eau Claire Community Foundation in 1997, the Foundation has granted more than \$2,400,000 to area non-profit organizations. The Foundation's Mission is to strengthen our community by offering donors opportunities to establish legacies, by making grants and by serving as a catalyst to address community needs.

Bornick was employed with the JCPenney Company for 29 years in various capacities. Most recently, she served as Store Manager of the JCPenney store in Maplewood, MN. She has a degree in Marketing, and enjoys walking, fishing, reading, and running. The local Buckshot Run is a favorite annual challenge for her. Bornick can be reached at 715-552-3801 or at [suebornick@eccommunityfoundation.org](mailto:suebornick@eccommunityfoundation.org)

### ***SAVE THE DATE: 2010 Children's Legacy Luncheon***

The Children's Legacy Luncheon, an annual event that raises awareness about the needs of children in our community, will be held Thursday, April 22, 2010, at the Florian Gardens. For more information please contact the Eau Claire Community Foundation by calling 715-552-3801.

