

## **The E. F. Johnson Foundation, Janesville Area Foundation, & The Rosenau Funds Give Back to the Waseca Area Communities**

The requests for money continue to outweigh the monies available, with the E. F. Johnson Foundation receiving over \$280,000 dollars in requests with \$94,748 to grant. Janesville received \$22,614 in grant requests with \$4,000 to give. Paul and Sue Rosenau, who have 5 different funds within our family of funds reviewed the needs of our area communities and granted over \$83,000 to the communities of our Waseca area by either matching or surpassing money given by the other Foundations on current grant requests or supporting additional projects and needs within the community. It's a wonderful process to watch as the decisions by the grants committees of E. F. Johnson and Janesville are reviewed and supported by the Rosenau funds as well.

Scholarships continue to be an important part of the E. F. Johnson Foundation's priorities, as well as the Rosenaus. Over \$39,000 in scholarships will be given to graduating seniors in addition to non-traditional students again this year from E. F. Johnson. Rosenaus are giving over \$10,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors as well.

The Waseca Historical Society is supported again this year in their Chautauqua Celebration over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend with \$4,500 from E. F. Johnson and \$1,500 from Paul & Sue's Legacy of Angels fund, for a total of \$6,000 to support the new venue at Trowbridge Park in 2015.

FarmAmerica continues to be supported for their School Tours given to children from the region and their Farm Safety Days geared toward children as well. Over \$10,000 is given from E. F. Johnson Foundation with close to \$9,000 given by the Rosenaus.

The Waseca Chorale with its concerts and the Arts Council with its musical and drama events in 2015 will be supported by E. F. Johnson Foundation. The Lakefest Celebration and the Waseca Sleigh and Cutter Festival will be supported by both entities.

Community Education of Waseca has been given \$10,000 to the Todd Mann Scholarship Fund in support of those who need help for the cost of extra-curricular activities.

The schools in Waseca and Janesville receive much additional funding for projects and equipment needed at the schools. As you review the listing you will find the E. F. Johnson Foundation gives over 60% of its funding dollars to education for scholarships and school projects, with over \$6300 given to educational needs this year. The Rosenaus support the technical needs of the school with a technology fund and gave over \$16,000 this year alone to support the purchase of laptops and tech equipment. The Janesville Area Foundation also gave \$1,000 to JWP schools for needed technology.

The Waseca County Fair has been supported in the past with money for canopies for the fair and other equipment. Paul and Sue will support the cost of an exhibit coming to the 2015 County Fair commemorating the 9/11 event with a display for all fairgoers to see.

Two new requests have come from Big Brothers/Big Sisters which the Rosenaus and E. F. Johnson Foundation, as well as Janesville Foundation are supporting to promote one-on-one mentoring for deserving youth.

Beds for Kids has now come to Waseca County supplying beds to those who do not have suitable places to sleep. \$5,000 each has donated from the E. F. Johnson Foundation as well as the Rosenaus.

Habitat for Humanity has a new Brush with Kindness program geared to helping seniors who may not be able to afford maintenance on their homes. This, too, was supported by an almost \$2,000 grant for that purpose from The E. F. Johnson Foundation.

The New Richland Food Shelf has been given \$4,000 from Paul and Sue and \$1,000 from The E. F. Johnson Foundation to support the efforts of the food shelf to help needy New Richland community members meet their obligations.

The public libraries are also important in terms of our communities and are given monies to purchase books or improve their physical location from the Rosenaus, The E. F. Johnson Foundation, and The Janesville Area Foundation.

Paul and Sue Rosenau also have a band fund and filled a request for over \$12,000 to purchase marching drums for the band.