

Waseca Area Foundation
Family of Funds
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UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Donors establish these funds to provide a lasting memorial and leave the granting decisions to the WAF Board to review applications and award grants from these funds in the areas of education, health & human service, arts & culture, and recreation & community service.

The Waseca Area Foundation Endowment Fund

Established in 1989 with profits from the 1988 All-School Reunion and private donations. Fund was established as a lasting vehicle for individuals to give back to the community through small and large contributions to meet the changing needs of the community through grants and initiatives in the Waseca Area.

James B. Corchran Memorial Fund

Established by Maria E. Corchran in 1997 in memory of James B. Corchran by his loving wife, Liz. Purpose is to provide funds for projects that benefit the community of Waseca into perpetuity.

W.H. & Estelle Rethwill Fund

Established by Estelle Rethwill in 1997. Purpose is to provide funds for projects that benefit the community of Waseca into perpetuity.

Bud Schmidt Trucking Company Fund

Established by Bud and Elaine Schmidt and Schmidt Law Office, LTD in 1998. Fund was established as a family legacy for tomorrow to benefit the community of Waseca into perpetuity.

Waseca High School Class of 1970 Fund

Established September 30, 1999. The class members of 1970 challenged the Class of 1969 to also establish a fund, encouraging class members to give back through this fund.

Rutledge Family Fund

Established in 2000 by the Rutledge Family and will be additionally funded by the Rutledge Charitable Remainder Trust. Purpose is to support the mission of Waseca Area Foundation and charitable purposes in the Waseca area.

Jane and John King Family Fund

Established in 2001 by the King Family Foundation as a way of giving back, to thank the Waseca community, and to support the mission of Waseca Area Foundation and charitable purposes in the Waseca area.

Dr. Robert M. and Helen C. Collins Memorial Fund

Established in 2002 by the Carol, Larry and Stephen Collins families as a lasting memorial to honor their parents and as a continuation of their parents' contributions to the community. Purpose is to support the mission of Waseca Area Foundation and charitable purposes in the Waseca area.

The Dr. O.J. and Betty Swenson Memorial Fund

Established by Barbara Gauger in 2005 to honor her parents. Barbara wanted to honor the dedication of Dr. Swenson to the well-being of the people of the Waseca area from 1926 to 1966 by establishing a fund in his name in addition to her mother Betty, who had a lifelong commitment to the church. Purpose of the fund is to continue to support the mission of the Waseca Area Foundation and charitable purposes in the Waseca area with special attention to church and help of the needy.

Wes and Carol Rethwill Fund

Established by Wes Rethwill in 2006 to honor his wife, Carol, and to give back to the community. The purpose of the fund is to support the mission of the Waseca Area Foundation and charitable purposes of the Waseca area.

Curt and Nita Sjoberg Education Fund

Established in 2007 to honor the memory of Curt and Nita Sjoberg. Curt passed away in 1991 and Nita in 2001. Nita was born and raised in Waseca as Nita L. Tyrholm. After college and marrying Curt, they made their home in Waseca and raised five children here. Nita remained in Waseca until moving to Eagan in 1997. Purpose of the fund is to be used in the general area of education.

Roy and Jeanette Tollefson Fund

Established by the estate of Jeanette Tollefson in 2008. Jeanette wrote to former classmates that she was one of perhaps not too many people who have spent their entire life in Waseca and loved every minute of it. Purpose of the fund was to honor the love for her community that she and her husband Roy enjoyed and to leave a legacy to benefit Waseca. In their will they left a portion of their estate to be used by the Waseca Area Foundation for unrestricted charitable purposes in Waseca.

Neil and Sharon Fruechte Fund

Established in 2009 as a Named Unrestricted Fund which is the most flexible and responsive to emerging community needs. This gift allows the Foundation to make grants where there is the greatest need.

E.F. JOHNSON FOUNDATION

Established by the Johnson Family—Edgar and Ethel, Marvin and Mildred, and Everett and Ruth. This fund follows the guidelines set by the Johnson family.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

These funds are community advised according to the purpose of the fund.

The City of Waseca Beautification Fund

Established by James B. and Maria E. Corchran in 1990. Purpose is to provide dollars for planting and landscaping projects in the city of Waseca into perpetuity.

Waseca High School Class of 1969 Fund

Established September 30, 1999. The class of 1969 was challenged by the Class of 1970 to provide a vehicle for classmates to give back to their community.

Harold H. and Gertrude C. Sturner Memorial Fund

Established by William Q. Sturner in 1999. Fund was established as a lasting commemoration of Harold and Gertrude and tribute to their names and their lives for the betterment of Waseca and its people through music education, programs involving issues of law and legal education, and college scholarships.

Herb Streitz Memorial Band Fund

Established by an anonymous donor in 2000. Fund was established to ensure that Herb Streitz and his contributions would be remembered, by assisting and encouraging financially needy students to participate in band activities. Fund would provide scholarships for instruments, lessons, band camps, and other band expenses.

Waseca High School Class of 1960 Community Scholarship Fund

Established through donations from the Class of 1960 in 2000. The fund was established to immortalize the class of 1960, and to provide scholarship support for students graduating from Waseca High School.

Barb Penny Youth Fund

Established by Tim Penny in 2006 with undesignated memorials given to the family in memory of Barb. The purpose of the fund is to support charitable programs and organizations demonstrating youth involvement and leadership relating to drug and tobacco prevention and/or charitable organizations demonstrating youth service to the community.

Gedoch-Fell Memorial Fund

Established by June and Carol Fell in 2006. Purpose of the fund is to give back to the community with charitable support of elementary school projects in the Waseca area.

New Richland Area Foundation Fund

Established in 2008 to the City of New Richland with the help of an anonymous donor. Purpose is to provide a way for others to give back to New Richland and, as it grows, provide grants for the betterment of the community. New Richland area representatives will make grant award decisions.

Homer and Elizabeth McIntire Endowment Fund

Established in 2011 by Elizabeth and her children. Based on causes that were important to both Homer and Elizabeth, the fund's focus will be to support faith, aiding the adult and youth disadvantaged populations, and promoting the arts, literature and media. Support preference will be for Sacred Heart Church, Neighborhood Service Center, Waseca Arts Council, and the Waseca County Library.

Janesville Area Foundation Fund

Established in 2012 by Janesville area residents. Purpose of the fund is to provide grants for community projects and programs, which are responsive to the changing needs of people in the area. Janesville area representatives will make grant award decisions.

Waseca Bluejays Public Schools Endowment Fund

Established in 2013 by First National Bank's Bluejay Debit Card Program. The fund was started as seed money to support the various needs of the Waseca Public School system.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

These funds are advised by the donor of each fund.

Cally Jo Children's Fund

Established in 2000 by contributions from family, friends, and concerned individuals from around the state and especially the communities of Waseca and Litchfield. Fund was established to remember Cally Jo Larson, celebrate her life, meet the special needs of children and families experiencing trauma or injury, provide scholarships, and to fund activities that benefit children.

Rosenau Waseca Schools Fund

Established in 2008 by Paul and Sue Rosenau. Purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships for students showing potential but otherwise do not qualify for other types of scholarships; and, to provide scholarships for Waseca High School students entering the medical field.

Rosenau Waseca Parks and Trails Fund

Established by Paul and Sue Rosenau in 2008. Purpose is to provide support to parks, trail development, and maintenance in the Waseca area. The Rosenaus will make grant award decisions.

Rosenau Fire Department Fund

Established by Paul and Sue Rosenau in 2008. Purpose is to provide support to the fire departments of the City of Waseca and in Woodville Township. The Rosenaus will make the grant award decisions.

Rosenau Law Enforcement Fund

Established by Paul and Sue Rosenau in 2008. Purpose is to provide support to law enforcement efforts in the City of Waseca, Waseca County and surrounding areas. The Rosenaus will make grant award decisions.

Stacy Lynn Rosenau Fund

Established in 2009 by Stacy's parents, Sue and Paul Rosenau as a Donor-Advised Fund with the following guidelines: 1) Financial support for an individual/family experiencing financial hardship due to the loss of a child 18 years old or younger, or that child dealing with a long term or life threatening illness. 2) A non-profit organization (501c3) that has a patient assistance program in place to help individuals/families with financial hardship due to the reasons listed above. This is a way for Stacy to pay it forward to the community of Waseca.

John Priebe Family Foundation Fund

Established in 2009 as a Donor-Advised Fund, which allows them or others designated to recommend grants to organizations of their choice.

John W. Priebe Family Foundation (Trinity Lutheran Church)

Contact: John Priebe at 507-833-7705

Sankovitz Family Foundation-First National Bank of Waseca

Established in 2010 by Barbara and Dick Sankovitz. Dick stated that he and Barbara are honored and excited about starting an endowment fund within the Waseca Area Foundation. Purpose of the fund with dollars directed by the family, is for the betterment of the Waseca community.

By-the-Grace-of-God New Richland Fund

Established in 2010 by an anonymous donor from New Richland, MN. Purpose of the fund is to work behind the scenes of the New Richland community to support projects and organizations chosen by the Grants committee of New Richland.

Rosenau Waseca Schools Band Fund

Established in 2011 by Paul and Sue Rosenau. Purpose is to provide support to the Waseca schools band program.

Rosenau Waseca Schools Technology Fund

Established in 2011 by Paul and Sue Rosenau. Purpose is to provide support to upgrade and enhance technology for Waseca school students.

Abigail Claire Wendland Performing Arts Fund

Established by Brad and Monica Wendland and their children in June 2012 in celebration of Abby's life. Purpose is to provide support for performing arts in Waseca schools and community.

Caleb Lane Erickson Memorial Fund

Established in December 2014 by Karla K. Erickson and Barry S. Erickson in memory of their son, Caleb. Purpose is to provide support for ISD#829, churches, military/veteran programs and projects, or any other charitable purposes.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Working together, the Waseca Area Foundation and the following designated funds provide donors additional choices in their contributions to the community. These funds provide operating or maintenance support for designated organizations.

Edgar F. & Ethel Johnson Fund (Waseca County Historical Society)

Contact: Sheila Morris or Joan Mooney, Co-Directors of Waseca County Historical Society, at 507-835-7700

Waseca Area Hospice, Inc. Endowment Fund

The Waseca County Historical Society Endowment Fund

Contact: Sheila Morris or Joan Mooney, Co-Directors of Waseca County Historical Society, at 507-835-7700

Waseca Arts Council Endowment Fund

Contact: Pat Beckmann at 507-835-1701

Waseca Arts Council Building Fund

Contact: Pat Beckmann at 507-835-1701

Phil Allen Memorial Foundation (The Bailey-Lewer House of the Waseca County Historical Society)

Contact: Sheila Morris or Joan Mooney, Co-Directors of Waseca County Historical Society, at 507-835-7700

Waseca County Historical Society Lifetime Endowment Fund

Contact: Sheila Morris or Joan Mooney, Co-Directors of Waseca County Historical Society, at 507-835-7700

Stoltenberg-Rotary Scholarship Fund

Established in 1976 by the Waseca Rotary Club. The Stoltenberg-Rotary Scholarship Fund is in memory of Phillip C. Stoltenberg, former Superintendent of the Waseca Public School System and Past President of the Waseca Rotary Club, who died a tragic early death from brain cancer. This fund came under the Waseca Area Foundation family of funds in 2005.

Searle Family Fund for Farmamerica

Established in August 2003 by Rodney Searle. The purpose of the fund is to provide support to the Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center.

Frank and Barbara Goodspeed Memorial Fund

Established in 2005 by Dorothy Moriarty to honor her aunt and uncle, Frank and Barbara Goodspeed, and their long-time interest in the Waseca County Historical Society. Purpose is to support the Waseca County Historical Society of which her uncle, Frank Goodspeed, was on the board of directors.

Greg and Donnette Wheelock Agricultural Scholarship Fund

Established in 2005 by Greg and Donnette Wheelock. Greg and Donnette Wheelock established this fund to be funded through their estate or sooner. The purpose of this fund is to provide scholarships to Waseca High School graduating seniors pursuing post-secondary education majors in agricultural fields. To this purpose, annual scholarships are currently sponsored by their business, Crop Insurance Services.

Monday Study Club Scholarship Fund

Established in 2006 through contributions of its members and families of past members. The purpose of this fund is to provide scholarships to Waseca High School female graduating seniors.

Jerry and Linda Rutledge Heritage Fund for the Waseca County Historical Society

Established in 2006 by Jerry and Linda Rutledge. Purpose is to make grants to the Waseca County Historical Society for expenses related to its buildings and programs.

Waseca Public Library Fund

Established by Irene Jeddelloh with seed money in 2007. Purpose of the fund is to benefit the entire community as Irene and her family has enjoyed the benefits of the library since moving to Waseca in 1950. Ms. Jeddelloh served on the library board and is a past chair of the board. She believes the library is underfunded and will benefit from some extra funds to spend as needed. She stated that the fund was established because the library is such an important part of what we are in this community. Ms. Jeddelloh sees her contribution as seed money to attract additional dollars to the library.

Rutledge-Stevens Trinity United Methodist Church Music Fund

Established in 2007 by Jerry Rutledge. Purpose is to provide support for the music programs of Trinity United Methodist Church in Kansas City, MO, where Rutledge's youngest daughter, Rebecca, is Choral Music Director. It qualifies as one of the Waseca Area Foundation Family of Funds because it provides support for 20 years but at the end of that time, the fund ceases to exist and the balance of the endowment will then be rolled into the undesignated Rutledge Family Fund of the Waseca Area Foundation.

Wes and Carol Rethwill History Fund

Established in 2007 by Wes Rethwill to honor the 150th Birthday of Waseca County and to benefit the Waseca County Historical Society. Purpose is to support the Waseca County Historical Society in continuing to maintain and preserve the rich Waseca County history and bring it alive.

Donald D. Eustice Memorial Fund

Established in 2008 as the Donald D. Eustice Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund, Inc. by Esther Eustice and the Board of the Donald D. Eustice Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund, Inc. Purpose is to provide annual support for the efforts of their organization in memory of Donald D. Eustice, former Waseca County Sheriff.

Schroeder Family Scholarship Fund For Nursing

Established in March 2014 by Karla Schroeder to support and make grants to Waseca Public School for scholarship support to graduating seniors pursuing a nursing career.