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ANNUAL REPORT
2020
The Waseca Area Foundation (WAF) was the benefactor in May, 2020 of a generous financial gift from the late John P. Priebe. According to John's wishes, two funds were established to support grants in Waseca County. The first fund is the John P. Priebe Fund for Community Runs, Outdoor Events, and Bike Paths within Waseca County. The second fund is the John P. Priebe Memorial Fund for Waseca/Janesville K-12 Education. Grants will begin in 2021 for both funds, and applications will be available at the WAF office or website.

John was a Senior Advisor for Principal Financial Group dba Priebe Financial for the past eighteen years, and he had been actively involved in his community: a member of the Waseca Chamber, Rotary, and former board member of the WAF. In addition, John provided financial support to numerous community sponsored events, youth sporting associations, and schools. Whether it was the Waseca Triathlon, the Waseca County Fair, Books for Kids, the Fire Department, or Farm America, John's benevolence was far reaching.

The mission of the WAF is to provide an opportunity for groups or individuals to leave a legacy through contributions, which build a permanent community fund committed to meeting the changing needs of the Waseca area. The WAF appreciates the financial gift from John P. Priebe, creating two funds that will support a breadth of programs in Waseca County into perpetuity.
BOARD CHAIR LETTER

For the past year I have had the honor and pleasure of serving as the chairperson of the Waseca Area Foundation (WAF), and I have been fortunate to work with Amy Potter, the Executive Director, who is focused, forward thinking, and a positive voice for the WAF. As chairperson, I have been able to collaborate with Amy, the Executive Board, the Board of the WAF, and committees as we have strives to broaden the impact of the foundation. Working with Amy and the branches of the board, I have been impressed repeatedly by the dedication and diligence of these individuals, individuals who believe in the difference the foundation can make in the communities of Waseca, Janesville, and New Richland.

Throughout the year, I have worked with Amy to increase public awareness of the foundation, whether it was media releases about new funds, articles about the purpose and goals of the foundation, presentations to groups eligible for grants, or a video that can be shared with educators who may consider applying for a grant. We are excited by the good the foundation does in our communities, and we want to share that news and encourage groups, organizations, or individuals to apply for grants that can support a project, a program, or a need that is not currently being met.

I have a sense of pride when I drive through our communities and see places or know of programs that received grants from the foundation: the library, the art center, the schools, FarmAmerica, the Sleighb and Cutter Parade, the Waseca Chorale, or programs such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, IRIS, or Junior Achievement. The list goes on and on, and I applaud the foundation for being good stewards of the funds and the allocation of grants.

When I reflect on the past year, I am thankful for the privilege to have served as chairperson of the WAF, an organization that makes and will continue to make a positive difference in our communities.

Thank you,
David Oraskovich

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Waseca Area Foundation Supporters,

This past year has been full of unpredictability and changes that have challenged us and our communities like never before. One of our Board members, John Hanson, along with his daughter, initiated a “Better Days Ahead” community campaign at the onset of the pandemic. We have to hang on to hope that there are better days ahead, whatever that may look like for us.

During such an uncertain year, the investments that were made in the past allowed the Waseca Area Foundation (WAF) to continue supporting our county organizations and help them weather the COVID-19 pandemic. The WAF’s Family of Funds were able to distribute over $350,000 in grants during 2020. This same level of support, despite the financial instability around the world, is a true testament to the power of a community foundation.

While the COVID-19 pandemic created challenges, it also created opportunities to turn gifts into meaningful support at the right time. We are thankful for the MN Council of Foundations for supporting us with a unique COVID-19 Relief Grant. We created a fund titled Better Days Ahead COVID-19 and supported 13 different organizations in the fall of 2020 with that $20,000 grant.

Please take time to review this annual report and reflect on the impact of your generosity and those around you. We continue to be grateful for the generosity of our communities—Waseca, Janesville, and New Richland. A special thank you to the Rosenau Family for their continued support to our area and beyond. In addition, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to the late John P. Priebe and his family for his bequests to the WAF upon his death. The John P. Priebe Education Fund and The John P. Priebe Outdoor Community Events/Bike Trail Funds were both established in 2020. These two funds will be granting dollars and making an impact starting in 2021 and every year thereafter.

Our WAF Board members continue to stay engaged to meet the mission of the Waseca Area Foundation. Our meetings have been mostly remote during 2020 as we all learned to use Zoom, Google Meet, as well as muting the noises around us—whether it be dogs, kids, spouses, etc. Please don’t hesitate to contact any board members with your needs. They are identified on page 23 of this report or on our website—wasecaareafoundation.org. I have told my Board several times, “I love my job” and that is due to the wonderful board members I get to work with as well as all of VOI in the community who continue to amaze me with your purpose-driven donations and personal philanthropic actions!

Please know I am always here to help you learn more about the Waseca Area Foundation, accept any gifts large or small, establish a fund, or help set up a long-term gift to support the Waseca area.

You can contact me by email at pota@waseca.k12.mn.us or give me a call at (507) 835-5990.

“Better Days Ahead,”
Amy Potter
Executive Director
FAMILY OF FUNDS

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 and human services, arts and culture, and recreation and community service.

Bad Schmidt Trucking Company Fund
Curt & Nina Sperry Education Fund
Dr. O.J. and Betty Swenson Fund
Dr. Robert M. and Helen C. Collins Fund
James B. Concoran Memorial Fund
Jane and John King Fund Family
Neil & Sharon Frautsche Fund
Roy & Jeanette Tollefson Fund
The Rutledge Family Fund
Waseca Area Foundation Endowment Fund
Waseca Area Foundation Grantmaking Fund
Wes & Carol Rutledge Fund
W.H. & Estelle Rutledge Fund

RESTRICTED FUNDS
These funds are community advised according to the purpose and guidelines of the Johnson family.

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION
Mildred, Everett and Ruth. This is a community advised fund created by the Johnson family—Edgar and Ethel, Marvin and Mildred. The Johnson family advised funds provide donors additional choices in their contributions to the community.

W.H. & Estelle Rutledge Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS
Working together, the Waseca Area Foundation and the following designated funds provide donors additional choices in their contributions to the community.

WHS Class of 1960 Community Scholarship Fund
Donald D. Eustis Memorial Fund
Edgar & Ethel Johnson Fund
Faith in the Future Fund
Frank & Barbara Goodspeed Memorial Fund
Greg & Donna M. Jones Agricultural Scholarship Fund
Harold & Bonita Ackman and Myron & Carolyn Wendt Fund
Jenny & Linda Rutledge Heritage Fund
Joe Finley Family Scholarship Fund—Janesville
Katie Zha Athletic Scholarship Fund
Marvin & Ardis Sutter Family Fund
Mavis Wheelock Memorial Health Care Fund
Dr. Mel Strout's English Education Endowment Fund
Dr. Mel Strout's Spartan Scholarship Stelle Foundation Fund
Monday Study Club Scholarship Fund
Rutledge-Stevens Triangle United Methodist Church Music Fund
Schoeder Family Scholarship Fund for Nursing
Sears Family Fund for Farmamerica
Stolberg Rotary Scholarship Fund
Waseca Area Hospice, Inc. Fund
Waseca Area Foundation Operations Endowment Fund
Waseca Area Foundation Council Fund
Waseca County Historical Society Endowment Fund
Waseca County Historical Society Lifetime Fund
Waseca Public Library Fund
Wes & Carol Rutledge History Fund

SUSTAINING PARTNERS PROGRAM

This is a program that enables members to give an annual donation for the support of the operating fund of the WAF organization. This program enables us to continue to meet the Foundation’s administrative needs.

We extend a big THANK YOU to all of the 2020 partners listed as current contributors and welcome additional support from our businesses and individuals who know the importance that the WAF funds are able to support.

We exist because you care about the community you live in—THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

If you would like to become a Sustaining Partner please send your gift to:
Waseca Area Foundation
503 E. Elm Ave.
Waseca, MN 56093
Write in the comment section of your check: Sustaining Partner Program member.

Due to the funding from the House of Betty McIntire Fund, the Rosana Bonds and the Waseca Area Foundation Fund, Sacred Heart students are learning on new chromebooks this year. This was greatly needed during the pandemic and the unique learning environment that had to be implemented.

Hagen, Tom & Nyla
Halverson, Larry & Mary
Hanks, Carol
Herman, Jay & Sandra
Hoffman, Bob & Judy
Huttemeyer, John & Kristi
Hynek
ICAN, Inc.
Janesville Rotary Club
Janesville State Bank
Kingsley, Al & Dana
Larson, Arlen
Leet, Doug & Judy
Lowe, Dave & Cherry
Ludwig, Ryan & Julie
Model, Pete
MedaComm Communications (Teresa Fund)
Metzdorf, Tom & Kris
O'Brien, Mike & Bev
O'Brien Accounting
Orakowitch, David & Gwenn
Pope, Dave & Vannette
Pottte, Matt & Amy
Priebe, Michele
Quality Repair Service Inc.
Rich & Annette Schendel
Reck, Milo & Marilee
Scharting, Chris & Rebecca
Channel Seeds
(Neil & Jill Schlaak)
Schmidt, Joe & Gail
Schubert, Kent
Sportman Stop
(Jay & Nancy Nicolin)
Spengele, Joan
State Farm Insurance
(Gloria Butler)
Strand, Dr. Mel
Trich Service Center
United Prairie Bank
Waseca Agency
(Rich & Annette Schendel)
Waseca Area Foundation
Waseca Sleigh & Cutter
Wheelock, Gregory & Dominette
Wilder, Ken & Cheryl
Winegare, Inc.
(Tim Wenzel)
Woodville Pork
Worke, Gary & Kathy
Zika, Dave & Lisa

A variety of flexible giving options are now being used by Martyl students thanks to the generosity of the Rosana Bonds.

The need for WAF and Internet access is dramatically increased for students in distance learning and adults working remotely. The Waseca Library secured grant dollars from the EF Johnson Foundation, Rosana Bonds and the Better Days ahead COVID Relief Fund to purchase the new. Many households in the Waseca County were able to check them out for period of time.
COMMITTEE BUILDERS

The following have contributed gifts over $10,000, established a fund or remembered the community through the Waseca Area Foundation in their estate plans.

Anonymous
Harold & Bonita Ackman
Patricia K. Albee
Mary Allen
Dr. Leslie Allers
Brown Printing, Inc.
Karin Basm
Arno & Gerta Bucholz
Allen & Gloria Butler
Robert & Lois Chaffin
Carol, Larry and Stephen Collins
James & Maria Elizabeth Cordan
Maria Elizabeth Cordan
Barry Erickson
Karla Erickson/Rue Erickson
Esther Eustice
Faith in the Future
June Fell
Carol Fell
Joe Finley
First National Bank
Kevin & Julie Frazier
Neil & Sharon Frischke
Barbara Gaguer
Jerry & Rita Larson
Irene Juddahl
Ethel & Edgar Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Johnson
John & Jane King
Connie Larson
Linda LeRoy
Margaret C. Roberts Trust
Betty & Homer McIntire
Monday Study Club
City of New Richmond
Dan & Linda Hilt
Tim Penry
Terry & Arlene Fossey
Dave & Varollette Pope
John W. Prieb Family
John P. Prieb
Michele Prieb
Gyles & Carol Randall
Marian E. Reinhardt
Estelle Retthwii
Dr. Wes Retthwii, Jr.
Paul & Sue Rosemnu
Stacy Lynn Rosemnu
Roundbank
Jerry & Carol Rutledge
Jerry & Linda Rutledge
Bud & Lorraine Schmidt
Karla Schroeder
Gerd & Irene Schulte-Hilken
Kurt Schultz
Rodney Searle
Roy Sipshen
Dr. Mel Strand
William Streitz
Dr. William Sturner
Dr. Mel Strand
Roy Sjoberg
Rodney Searle
Jim & Moira Tippy
Dr. William Tippy
Marvin & Ardis Sutter
Dr. Rebecca Thompson
Marvin & Ardis Sutter
Dr. Rebecca Thompson
Jim & Moira Tippy
Wyatt & Jeanette Tollefson
Al Vollbrecht
Myron & Caryn Wendt
Waseca Area Hospice
Waseca Area Memorial Hospital
Waseca Arts Council
Waseca County Historical Society
Waseca Foods
Waseca High School Class of 1968
Waseca Rotary
Brad and Monica Wendland
Greg & Donnette Wheelock
Tom & LaFleur

WAYS OF GIVING

When you are ready to make a difference through the Waseca Area Foundation, we invite you to meet with our staff to help you identify and connect to what you care about most.

We’ll help you through these simple steps:

Create your legacy: Think about what matters most to you. Whether your interests are broad or narrow, you can support them through the Waseca Area Foundation.

Decide when to give: You can establish a fund today to give to the community during your lifetime. Or perhaps you’d like to defer your gifts through your estate plans. Or both!

Decide what to give: We accept a variety of assets, including cash, appreciated securities, real estate, life insurance, and retirement plan assets. Please see How to Give on our website for more information on the types of gifts accepted.

Choose a type of charitable fund: Our staff will help you choose from our menu of charitable funds. We offer donor-advised funds, designated funds, scholarship funds, area-of-interest funds, unrestricted funds, and more. Witness the impact: Once your charitable fund is established, the Waseca Area Foundation will help you monitor its growth and its impact on the community.

Gifts to the Waseca Area Foundation can be made in a variety of ways for a variety of purposes. Giving to the Foundation can be as simple as making a cash gift, in any amount, to one of the existing funds of the Foundation or as sophisticated as donating appreciated property to establish several different funds tailored to fit your philanthropic goals.

REASONS TO GIVE

+ To give a gift back to the community as a thank you for what it has done for you and your family.
+ To establish a family legacy by naming a family fund as part of the WAP family of funds.
+ To receive a tax deduction on appropriate gifts.
+ To have many ways to give gifts ranging from cash, to real estate, to wills, to IRA and to insurance benefits.
+ To make a permanent gift with distributions made from earnings on the principal of the gift, so grants from each gift will continue forever.
+ To have the convenience of “one-stop” community giving.
+ To have professional fund management and sound volunteer board leadership, assuring that funds will be used for the benefit of the community.

HOW TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

Eligible organizations must be classified by the IRS as tax-exempt governmental bodies or non-profit organizations 501(c)(3). To apply for grant funding from Waseca, New Richmond, Janesville Area Foundation funds or from the EF Johnson Foundation, please apply online by visiting www.wasecaareafoundation.org.

GRANT DEADLINES:
March 31: The Waseca Area Foundation Community Funds and New Richland Area Foundation
September 30: The EF Johnson Foundation and Janesville Area Foundation

O UR MISSION

The Waseca Area Foundation’s Mission is to provide an opportunity for groups or individuals to leave a legacy through contributions, which build a permanent community fund committed to meeting the changing needs of the Waseca area.
We invite you to visit and “like” our Facebook page to see updates throughout the year. You can also visit the website at wasecaareafoundation.org to see updates from the WAF, the NRAF, and the JAF. These community foundations work together while accessing the expertise and experience brought to us from the Waseca Area Foundation Board and staff. We hope that the community and area members of New Richland will remember the NRAF as they make retirement plans, estate planning, and simple donations throughout the year and years to come.

While we all hope for a stronger and healthier 2021, always know that the NRAF committee, along with your support continues to “Strive with Pride” as we come together and support the needs of our community and schools.

As always, it has been my pleasure to serve you all as the New Richland Representative of the Waseca Area Foundation. It is with sincere wishes that you and your families stayed healthy and safe throughout this historic year of trials and tribulations.

Gail Schmidt
New Richland Area Foundation Fund Representative of the Waseca Area Foundation.

2020 GRANT RECIPIENTS

BY THE GRACE OF GOD FUND
New Richland Residents ........................................... $2,000
New Richland Residents ........................................... $2,000
purpose: Pandemic Relief
purpose: Pandemic Relief

ROSEAU FUNDS
New Richland Schools ............................................. $529
New Richland Schools ............................................. $529
purpose: Sports—Projector and Screen
purpose: Netting and Turf

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION
New Richland Community Education ................................ $1,500
New Richland Community Education ................................ $1,500
purpose: Elementary Programming
purpose: Youth Development Scholarships

HAROLD & BONITA ACKMAN AND MYRON & CAROL WENDT FUND
New Richland Schools Sr. Scholarships ........................ $500
New Richland Schools Sr. Scholarships ........................ $500
recipients: Agro-Gushwa
recipients: Agro-Gushwa

2020 CONTRIBUTORS
Anderson, Doug & Julie
Egan, Charles & Kathryn
Frick, Robert & Kathleen
Jaime Smets LLC
Kallie, Lavonne
New Richland State Bank
Prairie Dental Arts
Joe & Gail Schmidt
Caryn Wendt

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIES

in memory of Audreane Smith by
Randy & Lori Anderson
Prairie Dental Arts
in memory of Bud Shurson by
Randy & Lori Anderson
Prairie Dental Arts
Joe & Gail Schmidt
Caryn Wendt
in memory of Celia & Phil Bartusek by
Mary & Richard Bohlen
in memory of George & Mary Jane Byron by
Byron Properties
in memory of Eddie Anderson by
Karla Christopherson
Loren & Kristine Schlaak
Joe & Gail Schmidt
Prairie Dental Arts

JANESVILLE AREA FOUNDATION FUND

ANNUAL LETTER

Our Janesville Area Foundation decided to start off 2020 with a new project. The project was suggested by Board member, Terry Gardner, and the Foundation elected to implement a fund raising project titled “I love JAF.” Board members contacted community persons to solicit donations to JAF. Donors were honored with white, pink or red hearts posted in community sites. The goal of the campaign was $10,000 and to raise awareness for JAF. We had a tremendous response and raised $11,880. It was a great success. In fact, we have decided to continue the campaign in February 2021.

Due to the pandemic other projects were canceled, including the Hay Daze parade, meetings with other community organizations, and in-person meetings. Virtual meetings are the new norm for JAF board members. However, in November, we were able to hold a socially distanced awards night at the Purple Goose restaurant in Janesville. We were excited to be able to fund Janesville area projects in addition to the Rosenau Foundation and COVID-19 Relief funding that also enhanced area projects. We were delighted to see so many worthy agencies and projects get a boost from Foundation funding.

This year, long-time Janesville residents, Dr. David and Vanette Pope decided to start a fund in Janesville. One of the purposes of the fund is to support student literacy. We are thankful for their generosity and their recognition of the needs of our younger Janesville area citizens.

JAF also saw the Poley family fund for business disputes for their fund dollars to help Main Street businesses who had to close due to the Pandemic. We thank the Poley family for their support of our main street businesses.

JAF continues to meet virtually as we attempt to deal with the Pandemic. Some board members have completed their service and we are looking for new members. JAF is thankful for all of our donors and donations of all sizes. JAF has seen an uptick in Memorials for community members and are glad to see that the community values the Foundation. Many projects are coming to fruition and it is thanks to our wonderful donors. Please continue to be a Janesville Area Foundation supporter.!
2020 MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

in memory of JANESVILLE MATTERS by
Lawrence & Karen Burke
in honor of JANIF Orthopedics by
David & Rosemary White
in memory of John Kaphers by
David & Linda Finley
in memory of Jan Kaphers by
David & Linda Finley
in memory of Arndt Family by
David & Linda Finley
in memory of St. Mary’s Catholic Church by
David & Linda Finley
in memory of Emma Kaphers by
David & Linda Finley
in memory of Kristy Kaphers by
David & Linda Finley
in memory of Paul Bridger by
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
in memory of Robert Brakke by
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
in memory of Betty Bridger by
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
in memory of John Bridger by
St. Mary’s Catholic Church

2020 CONTRIBUTORS

Adams, William & Stacy
Adams, Jeff & Angela
Adams, Joe & Anika
Adams, Jennifer & Brady
Abaham, Curtis & Barb
Abrahm, Andy
Allison, Christine
Amorim, Silvio
Anderson, Andrew & Joleen
Anderson, Karie
Arnold, Gary & Paula
Arnold, Andrea & Sarah
Beckwith, “Black Forty”, Cynthia & John
Bengston, Rachel & Randy
Benson, Verner
Borneke, Becky
Borneke, John & Kathleen
Borneke, Tom & Cris
Borneke Construction
Bosch Automotive Service Solution
Burke, Tim & Alicia
Burke, Lawrence & Karen
Burns, Robert & Joan
Butler, Charles & Anne
Cahill, Mike & Kathryn
Cerfont, Dennis & Mary
Cowdren, Sue & Steve
Currens, Constance & Gary
Dennis Funeral Home
Dieckhaus, Jim
Dimmel, Marlene
Eustice, Rom & Margaret
Eustice, Keith & Kelly
Feeney, Pauline
Finley, Mike & Linda
Finley, Paul
Finley, Mike & Linda
Finley, Sean
Finley, Joe
Fit Time, LLC
Fox, Harriet
Frederick, Jill
Gardner, John & Terry
Gardner, Clifford & Annette
Gerris, Dennis & Linda
Graf, Steven & Karen
Gravas, Rosalie
Griss, James & Linda
Grisch, Joseph & Kathleen
Guo, Ervin
Hatfield, Lane & Nancy
Hendricks, Linda
Hermer, Rose
Hermer, Ken
Hoehn, Richard & Connie
James, Nick & Megan
Janesville Dairy Queen
Janesville Rotary Club
Janesville State Schools
Jewison, Mike & Darla
Johnson, Susan
Johnson, Teresa
Jorgenson, Dannan & Beth
Kahnowe, Dave
Kaphers, Jerold
Kaphers, Angela & Thomas
Kehoe, Eric
Kottosan, Keith & Lisa
Kropf, Jeff & Michelle
Lockner, Darren & Karen
Mallone, John & Debra
Maiza, David & Kathleen
McDonald, Patricia
McDonald, Richard & Dianne
Meyer, David & Christine
Monahan, Kevin & Becky
Mukhavey, Sean & Maria
Murphy, Teresa & Daniel
Nicolas Mazzoni
Niemczyk, Mike & Renee
Oelke, Tim & Jessica
Oliver, Todd & Holly
Oliver, John & Pam
Petersen, Gina & Bjorn
Phelan, Francis & Mary Jo
Pollay, Arlene
Prove, David & Vanessa
Prove, Brian
Praal, Janet
Quality Repair Service
Ready, Mike & Judy
Renaissance Charitable Foundation
Reibling, Reymond
Rossler, Adam & Claudia
Routier, Janet & Ralph
Sack, Corey & Bernadette
Schmidt, John & Jane
Schoep, Willis & Maxine
Schoell, Wallace & Shirley
Schuch, Ron & Carol
Schultz, Francis & Angie
Schultz, Dennis & Brenda
Schultz, David & Shelley
Schultz, Conne
Schultz, Julie
Schultz, Jim & Maria
Schultz, Dan & Theresa
Schwab, Charles & Roxanne
Sexton, Bill & Shirley
Sproegler, Jim & Nancy
Sproegler, Joan
Staffel Funeral Home & Cremation Service
Steinberg, Richard & Cynthia
Strauss, Bob & Barb
Stumpf, Kurt
Trinity Lutheran School
Vogel, William
Von Holtum, Gary & Kathryn
Wakefield, Lance
Waller, Scott & Betty
Walz, Chris & Jennifer
Wernich, Pam
Wisbold, Howard & Linda
Wisbusch, Gene & Joyce
Witt, Eugene & Feenice
Witt, Mora, Norma
Witt, Diane
Ximenes, Ingrid
Young, Helen
Zimpich, Frank

in honor of JANESVILLE MATTERS by
Lawrence & Karen Burke
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St. Mary’s Catholic Church

Janesville Area Foundation grants made possible by this Trinity Lutheran student in Janesville is enjoying a final exam erasing her fears to use a great career.

2020 GRANT RECIPIENTS

JWP School District ............................................... $2,183
purpose: Summer Transportation to Mental Health
JWP Community Education ........................................ $2,200
purpose: Youth Program Scholarships and Preschool Sliding Fee Program
Trinity Lutheran School .................................................. $1,000
purpose: Opening Daycare Support
Flexible Seating for Kindergarten ................................... $150
Green Screen for Classroom .......................................... $100
Balance Beam for Playground ......................................... $650
Games/Equipment for School Age Care ......................... $530

Waseca Le Sueur Regional Library (Janesville) .................. $560
purpose: Six Adventure Packs
Neighborhood Service Center ....................................... $500
purpose: Food Purchases
Farmamerica ................................................................ $210
purpose: Busing for JWP/Trinity students to attend Ag Career Exploration Days

Jr Achievement .......................................................... $1,000
purpose: Program Support—JWP High School
The Christopher Center ................................................ $1,000
purpose: Program Support

JWP Community Education ........................................... $500
purpose: Youth Program Scholarships and Preschool Sliding Fee Program
Trinity Lutheran School .................................................. $500
purpose: Opening Daycare Support
Flexible Seating for Kindergarten ................................... $200

Waseca Le Sueur Regional Library (Janesville) .................. $560
purpose: Six Adventure Packs

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION
EF Johnson Sr. Scholarship ........................................... $3,000
recipient: Zane Burton

JWP Schools ................................................................ $491
purpose: Busing for Mental Health Services

JOE FINLEY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
JWP School Sr. Scholarships .......................................... $5,000
purpose: Music/PE Equipment for Families
Simply Saved ................................................................ $1,500
purpose: Clothing/Housewares for Families

BETTER DAYS AHEAD COVID-19 FUND
JWP Community Education ........................................... $500
purpose: Music/PE Equipment for Families

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

in memory of Dewey Adams by
Grace Britton and Amanda Gruis
in memory of Emma Kaphers by
David & Linda Finley
in memory of Kristy Kaphers by
David & Linda Finley
in memory of Paul Bridger by
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
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St. Mary’s Catholic Church
WAASECA AREA FOUNDATION GRANTS

COMMUNITY ADVISED FUNDS

| Waseca Art Center | $2000 |
| Waseca Public Library | $750 |
| Waseca Public Library | $1000 |
| Waseca Public Library | $1,000 |
| Waseca Public Library | $1000 |

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION FUND GRANTS

| Waseca County Historical Society | $1,270 |
| Waseca Public Library | $5,200 |
| Waseca Arts Council | $3,000 |
| Waseca Children’s Theatre | $1,000 |
| Waseca Sleigh & Cutter | $5,000 |
| Waseca Community Education | $10,000 |
| Waseca Community Education | $1,500 |
| Waseca Jr/Sr High School | $3,990 |
| Waseca Public Library | $6,753 |
| Waseca Public Library | $5,000 |
| Waseca Jr/Sr High PTO | $5,000 |
| Waseca Public Library | $2,500 |
| Waseca Public Library | $941 |
| Waseca Public Library | $4,500 |
| Waseca Public Library | $2,291 |
| Waseca Public Library | $2,200 |
| Waseca Public Library | $2,000 |
| Waseca Public Library | $2,000 |

RESTRICTED FUNDS

BARB PENNY YOUTH FUND

| Waseca Jr/Sr High School | $1625 |
| Waseca Community Education | $500 |
| Waseca Public Library | $3105 |
| Waseca Public Library | $2,000 |

WASECA BLUEJAYS PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

| Waseca Schools Band Program | $4255 |

VOLLBRECHT CULTURAL ARTS FUND

| Waseca Art Center | $891 |

WAASECA BEAUTIFICATION FUND

| City of Waseca | $2003 |

HOMER & BETTY MCENTIRE FUND

| Sacred Heart School | $1204 |

WAASECA AREA FOUNDATION

| Harley Elementary | $1500 |
| Sacred Heart School | $3791 |
| Waseca Family Education Center | $920 |
| Neighborhood Service Center | $5000 |
| Downtown Flowers | $1000 |
| Waseca Art Center | $900 |
| Junior Achievement | $1000 |
| Programming at Sacred Heart and TEAM Academy | $1300 |
| Mentoring Support | $1000 |

RECIPIENTS

Zoie Burton recipient: Jack Rolling recipient: Victoria Podratz recipient: Isiah Perrizo

Abigail Claire Wendland Performing Arts Fund recipient: Hannah Potter

Caleb Lane Erickson Fund recipient: Jacob Hering

Sankovitz Family Fund recipient: Madison Berndt

Schroeder Family Scholarship for Nursing recipient: Shelly Larson recipient: Shakra Brown recipient: Hailey Hoitz

WhS Class of 1960 recipient: Joie Butterfield

Foskey Family Scholarship Fund recipient: Amanda Graz recipient: Grace Britton

Monday Study Club recipient: Stella Ewert

Spartan Scholarship Suspension Fund recipient: Joelle Payton

Shanahan Rotary recipient: Katherine Vasquez recipient: Joel Bucy recipient: Courtney Andros recipient: Hannah Potter recipient: Jacob Butterfield recipient: Lanie Bucy

Greg & Dorene Wheelock Agriculture recipient: Grady Bice recipient: Jordana Koubi recipient: Mia Wheelock Memorial recipient: Stella Ewert

Harold & Anita Askman and Myron & Caryn Wendt Fund recipient: Sydney Kozielek recipient: Madison Kormann recipient: Shawn Conway recipient: Agro Gocher

Grace Kofstad recipient: Hannah Karau recipient: Taylor Pfeifer recipient: Hannah Potter

WAASECA AREA FOUNDATION GRANTS

NON TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Abigail Claire Wendland Spirit Scholarship recipient: Hannah Potter

Caleb Lane Erickson Spirit Scholarship recipient: Jacob Hering

Sankovitz Family Fund

Schroeder Family Scholarship for Nursing


Hannah Potter, a Waseca graduate, won the recipient of the 2020 Abigail Claire Wendland Spirit Scholarship. Read & Masa Wendland, Abby’s parents, surprised Hannah at her home in lieu of the honors banquet being canceled during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hannah Potter at her home in lieu of the honors banquet being canceled during the COVID-19 pandemic. Blake was one of the 3 recipients of the $5000 EF Johnson Scholarship.

Blake Wendland, a Waseca graduate, is shown celebrating his graduation COVID-19 style—watching the ceremony remotely. Blake was one of the 3 recipients of the $5000 EF Johnson Scholarship.
LEGACY OF ANGELS
City of Apple Valley..................................................$20,000
purposes: Lebanon Cemetery—Shelter Construction

Hartley Elementary
purpose: 3rd Grade Flexible Seating........................................$2,500
Media Center Flexible Seating........................................$1,000
Parent Program—Love & Logic........................................$5,200

Waseca Intermediate School...............................................$1,250
purpose: Media Center Steel Shelving Labels/Ends

WHYS Business Department.................................................$1,200
purpose: 10 SLR Digital Cameras

Senior Center....................................................................$14,930
purpose: Bathroom Renovation

Waseca Area Career Services.................................................$5,000
purpose: Support for Operations due to COVID-19

Woodville Cemetery..............................................................$600
purpose: Annual Plantings

Waseca Public Library............................................................$3,000
purpose: OverDrive—E-books

Sacred Heart School..............................................................$2,000
purpose: 45 Chromebooks

Connections & Safe Exchange.................................................$2,250
Update Security

City of Waseca.................................................................$250
purpose: City Flower Baskets

Junior Achievement.............................................................$1,500
purpose: A Programming at Sacred Heart & TEAM Academy

Big Brothers Big Sisters.........................................................$5,700

Infants Remembered in Silence.............................................$2,000
purpose: Bereavement Packets

Waseca Schools PTO............................................................$1,250
purpose: WISH Senior Banners

NHHEG Schools.................................................................$1,000
purpose: Special Education Library

Waseca County.................................................................$20,000
purpose: Waseca City Internet Access Expansion

Waseca Public Library...........................................................$3,847
purpose: Hotspots—Provide Internet Access

Farmamerica
purpose: Spring/ Fall Tours for grades 3-6..............................$10,000
Farm/Home Safety Days......................................................$1,000

Junior Achievement.........................................................$3,000

Big Brothers Big Sisters.......................................................$5,000
purpose: Mentoring Support

Hartley Elementary School..................................................$950
purpose: iPad Pro

Waseca Hockey Association..................................................$1,000
purpose: Operation Support

Waseca Soccer Club..........................................................$1,000
purpose: Youth Program Support

JWP Community Education
purpose: Youth Program Scholarships and Preschool Sliding Fee Program

Trinity Lutheran School......................................................$3,000
purpose: Opening Daycare Support

Trinity Lutheran School........................................................$3,000
purpose: Flexible Seating for Kindergarten

Waseca Le Sueur Regional Library (Janesville).........................$600
purpose: Six Adventure Packs

ROSENAU STUDENT WITH POTENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP
JWP Band Trailers (3).........................................................$18,856

ROSENAU FAMILY GRANTS CON’T

ROSENAU MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP
recipients: Jacob Butterfield
          Hannah Kania
          Taylor Pilger
          Hannah Potter
purpose: Capital Campaign Support

ROSENAU SCHOOL BAND FUND
Waseca Band Boosters.........................................................$1,000
Purpose: Band Trailers

WASECA AREA FOUNDATION GRANTS

Funds from the Volbrecht Cultural Arts Fund allowed the Waseca Art Center to offer "Where The Wild Things Are" with the assistance of volunteers to give Waseca artists a chance to celebrate the arts throughout the year. Legacy Giving Fund, the Legacy of Angels, and the Waseca Area Foundation have supported the Fundraising efforts for other fundraisers.

Roseau Student With Potential..............................................$1,000
recipients: Liam Aberle
          Yamah Brooks
          Shakira Brown
          Payton Gehloff
          Jordane Kousa

EF JOHNSON FOUNDATION
Waseca High School..........................................................$5,000
recipients: Hannah Kania
          Jay Leper
          Blake Wendland

Waseca High School..........................................................$3,000
recipients: Rachel Breck
          Agusta Boyer
          Isaiah Perzina
          Victoria Podratz
          Jack Rollig

Janesville High School........................................................$3,000
recipient: Zoie Burton

New Richland High School..................................................$1,500
recipients: Agra Goswia
          Grace Kofstad

NON TRADITIONAL
SCC North Mankato Campus...............................................$2,000
recipients: Holly Bramer
          Larry Sipe

Riverland Community College Austin..................................$2,000
recipients: Nadja Kuehneman
          Shawn Conway

SCC Faribault Campus........................................................$2,000
recipient: Rawann Muthały

Scholarship Awardees

ROSENAU STUDENT WITH POTENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP
recipients: Liam Aberle
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          Shakira Brown
          Payton Gehloff
          Jordane Kousa

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ROSENAU SCHOOL BAND FUND
Waseca Band Boosters.........................................................$1,000
Purpose: Band Trailers

ROSENAU FAMILY GRANTS CON’T

Junior Achievement.............................................................$2,000
purpose: Program Support—JWP High School

The Christophers Center.....................................................$4,500
purpose: Program Support

Farmamerica.......................................................................$25,000
purpose: Capital Campaign Support

WASECA AREA FOUNDATION GRANTS

Waseca Band Boosters.........................................................$1,000
Purpose: Band Trailers

Whitney R. Anderson Foundation........................................$1,500
purpose: Outdoor Seating (Outdoor seating and learning opportunities)

JWP Community Education
purpose: Music and PE Equipment for Preschool..................$500

Waseca Band Boosters
purpose: Marching Band Expenses......................................$800
(Support due to loss of fundraising opportunities)

Boy Scouts Troop 83
purpose: Heater for "Scout Shop".......................................$640
(Support due to loss of fundraising opportunities)

Waseca Arts Council
purpose: Gift Shop Digital Market/ Renovation.....................$1,262

Simply Saved
purpose: Clothing/ Housewares for Families......................$1,500
(Support due to loss of fundraising opportunities)

Farmamerica
purpose: Operation Support/ Virtual Content......................$1,000
(Support due to loss of fundraising opportunities)

Waseca Public Library
purpose: Operation Support/ Virtual Content......................$5,300
(Supporting families/students for working/learning)

Big Brothers Big Sisters
purpose: Waseca IAY Program Support..............................$3,000
(Virtual mentoring program with 8th grade Waseca students)

Waseca Hockey Association
purpose: Operation Support/ Virtual Content......................$1,000
(Support due to loss of fundraising opportunities)

Waseca Soccer Club
purpose: Operation Support/ Virtual Content......................$1,000
(Support due to loss of fundraising opportunities)

Infants Remembered in Silence
purpose: PPE Supplies.....................................................$498
(For IRS staff when supporting bereaved families)

While the COVID 19 pandemic created challenges, it also created opportunities to turn gifts into meaningful support at the right time. We are thankful for the MN Council of Foundations for supporting us with a unique COVID-19 Relief Grant. We created a fund titled Better Days Ahead COVID-19 and supported 13 different organizations in the Fall of 2020 with that $20,000 grant.

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2020 CONTRIBUTORS

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Zwach, Don & Denise
Penny, Tim & Sandra
Durn, Dave & Melissa

BUD SCHMIDT TRUCKING CO. FUND
Schulte, Larry & Maryann

CITY OF WASECA
BEAUTIFICATION FUND
Anonymous
Dunn, Dave

CURT & NITA SJOBERG
EDUCATION FUND
Schultz, Frank

HERB STREIT MEMORIAL BAND FUND
Lucas, Dale

JOHN & JANE KING
FAMILY FUND
King, Charitable Foundation

POOLEY FAMILY FUND
Schultz, Frank

POPE FAMILY FUND
Janesville Rotary Club
Peterson, J. Chuck & Helen Jeanson
Niemczyk, Mike & Rene
Peterson, Helen

VOLLRECHT CULTURAL ARTS LEGACY FUND
Lucas, Dale

WASECA AREA FOUNDATION
ENDOWMENT FUND
Lucas, Dale

WASECA BLUEJAYS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENDOWMENT FUND
Waseca District PTD
Dunn, Dave & Melissa

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Amerecop Financial
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Anthony, Carol
Ashland, Roger & Cindy
Benson, Dr. Troy
Bluhm, Robin & Jane
Bosh Automotive Service Solution
Boyce, Tim & Audrey
Britton, Brian & Amy
Buchele, Ryan & Marcy
Buon, Marty & Karen
Byron, Leo
Collins, Kyle & Stacy
Colony Court/ Memory Care
Conner, Brad & Trudi
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Dennis Funeral Home
Dunn, Mark & Nancy
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Dey, Jim & Kathy
Donelan, Gertrude
Dreisler, Paul & Carol
Dunn, Dave & Melissa
Dunn, Jane
Fetta, Jeff
First National Bank
Forrest, Dan & Cheryl
Fronhoerster, Steve & Pat
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Frederick, Peggy & Leonard
Frederick, Ed
Fruechte, Nel & Sharon
Gilbertson, Terry & Carolyn
Gjelten, Ann
Grimm, Rosalie
Grant, Linda
Hagen, Tom & Nyla
Havelson, Larry & Mary
Hanks, Carol
Hanson, David & Colleen
Harguth, Dorothy
Harguth, Char & Matt
Herman, Jay & Sandra
Hoffman, Bob & Judy
Hullmeyer, John & Kristi Hyink
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Janesville Rotary Club
Janesville State Bank
Judd, Allen & Pat
King, John & Jane
Kingsley, Ali & Dana
Kunst, Brad & Ann
Lahm, Harry & Mary
Larson, Betty
Larson, Tink
Larson, Arlen
Leet, Doug & Judi
Lower, Dave & Cheri
Luchter, Gary
Lucas, Dale
Ludwing, Ryan & Julie
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Mathever Sr., Robert
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O’Brien Accounting
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Pottor, Matt & Amy
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Quality Repair Service Inc.,
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Rausch, William & Carol
Rock, Mike & Marilyn
Richard, Deb
Ruckner, Roger & Marilyn
Schweizler, Joel
Schremming, Chris & Rebecca
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Schmidt, Joe & Gail
Schultz, Kent
Seys, Janine & Stan
Sommers, Raymond
Sportman Stop
(Jay & Nancy Nicolle)
Spengler, Joan
Srbo, Roy & Delores
State Farm Insurance
(Glenna Butin)
Storby, Cheryl
Storby, Leffey & Jackie
Storby, Jacquiline
Strand, Dr. Mel
Suffelt, Jo Ann & Delaney
Tech Service Center
Thompson, Rebekah
United Prairie Bank
Wall, Kevin & Brenda
Walther, Thomas & Diane
Waseca Agency
(Paul Raspet)
Waseca Floral
Waseca Slaughter & Cutter
Wheelock, Gregory & Donna
Wilder, Ken & Cheryl
Wilkus, John & Mary
Winegur, Inc.
(Tim Wenzel)
Woodsville Park
Worley, Gary & Kathy
Zika, Dave & Lisa
WASECA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ENDOWMENT FUND
Bentley, Brian & Pat
Lucas, Dale
Dunn, Dave & Melissa

WASECA LIBRARY SYSTEM
1918

WASECA BLUEJAYS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENDOWMENT FUND
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Lucas, Dale
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WASECA COMMUNITY FUND
Amerecop Financial
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Anonymous

WASECA REALITY FUND
in memory of Abby Wendland by
Jim Kimball
Linda Berndt

Caleb Lane Erickson Memorial Fund
in memory of Caleb Erickson by
Tom & Kris Metzloff

City of Waseca Beautification Fund
in memory of Donna Dachower by
Michelle Preble

Dr. O.J. & Betty Swenson Fund
in memory of Helen Wendland by
Barth Gauger

Katie Zika Athletic Scholarship Fund
in memory of Katie Zika by
Terry & Carolyn Gilbertson
Mike & Beu O’Brien
Pat & Carol Negott
Ron & Steph Rulfsen
in memory of Adeleena Zika by
Aaron & Dee Kanewischer
in memory of Baby Hanson & Burke Erik Simmons by
John & Lori Hanson

Pope Family Fund
in memory of Jim King by
Mike & Rene Niemczyk
in memory of Christopher Ceman by
Mike & Rene Niemczyk
in memory of Mark Ulmer by
Mike & Rene Niemczyk
David & Vanette Pope
in honor of Joanne Niemczyk by
Mike & Rene Niemczyk
in memory of Katie George by
David & Vanette Pope
in memory of Audrey Kopiske by
David & Annette Pope
in memory of Mary Ulmer by
David & Annette Pope
in memory of Goldie Lohse by
Brian Pope

Waseca Area Foundation Endowment Fund
in memory of Shand Ewalt by
Barth Gauger & Class of 1952

Waseca Bluejays Public Schools Endowment Fund
in memory of Lee Starby by
Dr. Melvin Strand
in memory of Barry Davis by
Tom & Janice Hoverstad
in memory of Gary Dem by
Vance & Jeanne Swanison
in memory of Bart Toft by
Mike & Beu O’Brien
in memory of Mary Smith by
Mike & Beu O’Brien
in memory of Horvold Hoverstad by
Tom & Janice Hoverstad
in memory of Ruth Anderson by
Tom & Janice Hoverstad
in memory of Roger Evans by
Karen Evans
in memory of Rosilla Putten by
Mike & Beu O’Brien
in memory of Tanya Garman by
Mike & Beu O’Brien
in memory of Wayne Nelson by
Mike & Beu O’Brien
in memory of George Kubista by
Mike & Beu O’Brien

Wes Class of 1960
in memory of Dennis Anderson by
Dale Lucas
in memory of Charles Sather by
Dale Lucas
in memory of Gary Hartman by
Dale Lucas
in memory of James Harter by
Dale Lucas
in memory of Darlene Garland by
Robert & Joan Miller

Wes & Carol Rethwill Fund
in memory of Estelle & Wes Rethwill by
Annette Walter

Memorials & Honorariums

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Barb Gauger & Class of 1952
Bravi Pope
David & Annette Pope
Mike & Rene Niemczyk
Mike & Bea O’Brien
in memory of John & Lori Hanson
in memory of Christopher Ceman by
Mike & Rene Niemczyk
in memory of Mark Ulmer by
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Waseca Bluejays Public Schools Endowment Fund
in memory of Lee Starby by
Jim & Kathy Day
in honor of retirees Tom Lee, Jeannine Swanison & Pam Kimball by
Matt & Amy Potter

Waseca Community Fund
in memory of Lee Starby by
Jack & Jean Halverson
in memory of Connie Barney by
Mike & Jean Halverson
Tom & Janice Hoverstad
in memory of Gary Dem by
Vance & Jeanne Swanison
Nancy Lehman
David & Gwen Onskiowski
Matt & Amy Potter
Kent Schulz
in memory of Ann Donahue by
Toby Yard
in memory of Audrenee Smith by
Anonymous
in memory of Betty Trouth by
Doug & Judi Leet
in memory of Bev Conway by
David & Gwen Onskiowski
Vance & Jeanne Swanison
in memory of Bob Tolnay by
Mike & Bea O’Brien
in memory of Daril Vilt by
Brad & Ann Kunst
Mike & Beu O’Brien
David & Gwen Onskiowski
Dr. Melvin Strand
Jack & Mary Williams
in memory of Dennis Gerald by
Anonymous
in memory of Diane Ellis Wolfe by
Brad & Ann Kunst
in memory of Dorothy Wobsholz by
Barth Gauger
Mike & Beu O’Brien
in memory of Gloria Nelson by
Mike & Beu O’Brien
in memory of Mike & Bea O’Brien
in memory of Irene Oliver by
Anonymous
Mike & Jean Halverson
in memory of Jackie Krause by
Jim & Kathy Day
Al & Dana Kingsley
Mike & Beu O’Brien
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in memory of Kenneth & Vivian Hamilton by
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The Waseca Library System was very creative and innovative in providing opportunities for community members to stay home and engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic. Activities included many fun—immensely popular—events and activities, including Story Time. Poster boards were available for use. Items from the WLS Teen Space include: Gussie, The Gray Guy, Koli, Winter Vix, and Playgro (Garden) and other toys. "No Car Time" subscription boxes were available for use. Funds from the LSS Foundation Fund made these experiences possible.

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**WASECA AREA SENIOR CENTER**

The Waseca Area Senior Center was graciously picked to receive a grant from the Waseca Area Foundation-Rosenau Funds for the remodel of our bathroom facilities. The bathroom remodel has definitely upgraded the look of the senior center to a much more pleasant, bright and contemporary look. The Center serves about 240 members and is open to the public, on a daily basis, we have about 20–30 people use the center. Wednesday’s and Friday’s seem to be our busiest days when we have up to 60 people coming for our activities. The upgrade to the bathroom facilities has made it easier and safer for our seniors to use and access, as we have added many new and upgraded handicapped features. The new features have allowed for better wheelchair accessibility and privacy. Of course, due to COVID-19 we have not had the traffic through these facilities that we normally would, but we will be opening in the near future, and knowing that our seniors will be able to come back to new and improved bathrooms is a feature we are looking forward to presenting to them. We would like to express our extreme gratitude to the Waseca Area Foundation-Rosenau Funds for the remodel of our bathroom facilities before

![Bathroom facilities before](Image)

Bathroom facilities after

![Bathroom facilities after](Image)

Taron Kuball- Director
Waseca Senior Center

**COMMUNITY IMPACT STORY**

**WAF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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**IN KIND CONTRIBUTION**

**OPERATING FUND FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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