



OSHKOSH AREA
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

IMPACT REPORT 2020



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IN OUR COMMUNITY



BOYS



WELCOME

From Our President

This community and the people that live here are amazing. The way our community supports and helps each other is awe inspiring. In the stories that follow, you will learn how a lifelong school teacher gave back to her community, how two hard-working nonprofit executives were recognized with new funds in their honor, and how young mothers and families are getting the best start for their babies.

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation is committed to learning about emerging needs, investing in promising solutions and

programs, and engaging donors and nonprofits in strengthening our communities. With the recent pandemic affecting our communities, the Foundation has established two COVID-19 Relief Funds for Oshkosh and the Green Lake area to support nonprofits impacted by the virus. Together, we can help those struggling in this unprecedented time.

We thank you for your continued support of our mission.

BILL WYMAN,
President and CEO

WHAT IS THE OACF?

Oshkosh Area Community Foundation

The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that works with hundreds of donors who wish to invest in the future of our community.

Since 1928, the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation has helped donors turn their charitable investments into projects that add energy and vitality to our community. For some donors, we facilitate charitable giving and help them build permanent legacies of support. Others provide gifts to be directed to emerging needs in our communities. Serving Winnebago County, Waushara County, Green Lake County and Ripon, the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation strives to advance our communities' quality of life and capacity for excellence.

OUR MISSION

Our Mission is Simple: To Strengthen our Communities.

We bring together leadership and funding to engage the community by coordinating local change efforts, engaging citizens, and bringing diverse voices and views together to address current and emerging needs.

We strengthen our communities through collaboration and partnership with donors and others to ensure lasting impact and to improve the quality of life for perpetuity.

We steward the funds of our donors and connect them to important projects in our community in order to see their philanthropic dreams come to life.

About the Cover

Marc Dosogne, retiring President of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh, enjoys one of his favorite pastimes at the club – singing camp songs and playing his guitar with the kids.



TOTAL GRANTS 2019

\$5,707,070

 **Health & Human Services**
\$2,579,969

 **Education**
\$1,789,378

 **Arts & Culture**
\$424,883

 **Animal Related**
\$271,444

 **Community Development**
\$227,319

 **Religion**
\$157,230

 **Recreation & Sports**
\$238,034

 **Environment**
\$18,813

QUICK FACTS

Number of Total Charitable Funds **885**

Total amount of Contributions to OACF Funds **\$8,169,081**

Total Number of New Funds **36**

Number of Donations Received **3,194**

Assets as of Dec 31, 2019 **\$127,179,017**

Total Number of Grants Awarded **1,222** Grants + **569** Scholarships = **1,791** Total

Financial information presented about the Foundation is estimated for calendar year 2019. The Foundation operates on a June 30 fiscal year end. Our most recent audited financials, based on our fiscal year, are available for your review on our website at www.oshkoshareacf.org/who-we-are/financial-performance-disclosure.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Working through our Area Nonprofits



2,700

people enjoyed the free Fox Jazz Festival in Menasha

Jazz Corner Society



81

nursing home residents were ready to mingle after being treated to hair care services

Miravida Living



969

food bags were given to Markesan students for their weekend nutritional needs

Markesan School District



1

neighborhood block party trailer made it easier for Oshkosh neighbors to host get togethers

Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods



150

adults in the Winneconne area learned how to spot the warning signs of domestic abuse

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services



23

homes in Oshkosh's Sacred Heart neighborhood received repairs during Rock the Block

Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh



1,804

Oshkosh Area School District students completed emotional wellness screening

Samaritan Counseling Center



15

teens experienced the challenge and joy of receiving their first paychecks

Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area



HONORING RETIRING COMMUNITY LEADERS

Oshkosh Community YMCA

Leadership, vision, persistence and optimism. Many Oshkosh residents have used these words to describe Tom Blaze (pictured far left). Tom was the President and CEO of the Oshkosh Community YMCA, recently retiring after serving 17 years.

“Tom was responsible for getting the Oshkosh YMCA sustainable and profitable for the long run. Tom knew that he needed to develop and hire the right people in order to do this. When he knew retirement was on the horizon, he and his leadership team worked hard to develop the staff to understand and really live the Y mission of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Knowing that the Y was in such a great position to continue to serve the community, Tom knew they had the right staff to take over once he was gone.”

JOAN WOLDT
past chair of the Oshkosh Community YMCA.

Woldt asked her fellow board members, “How do you send off someone who has done so much for the organization and community?” To honor Tom and the impact he made on the YMCA and the community, the YMCA board of directors decided to establish the *Tom Blaze Fund*, a donor advised fund, that will allow Tom to donate to the organizations and programs he cares about most.

While Tom has chosen to venture to a new community for retirement, the fund will ensure that he remains connected to the community he so passionately loves.



Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh

Marc Dosogne (pictured center) has been involved with the Boys & Girls Club organization for over 30 years, most recently as the Chief Executive Officer of the Oshkosh Club. This year, the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and Marc is preparing for retirement in December. He hopes that the Club continues to excel in teaching youth the skills they need to succeed in life after his departure.

“During my years at the Oshkosh Club, I’ve had many favorite moments. When we opened new buildings, the remodeling of Camp Radford and helping establish the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area. These key moments represent the future and the next generation of kids who will use these services and buildings. It also means the community believes in us and our programs.”

MARC DOSOGNE
CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh

Marc’s leadership inspired a generous anonymous donor to give \$1 million to establish the *Dosogne Boys and Girls Club Maintenance Fund* within the Community Foundation in his honor.

“This gift means so much – it means we are doing our job; our donors believe in our mission and they trust us. It represents relationship building and connecting our donors to that mission. This donor understood they were fixing an issue and wanting to ensure we could keep up with facility repairs and equipment replacements. This fund allows our staff to not have to worry about fixing issues in the center, they can focus on their jobs and the kids. I am personally honored a donor would trust us with that amount of money, and I am humbled this donor established the fund in my name. The fund should list all my wonderful employees as they are the ones out there with the kids,” says Dosogne.

NEW PARENTS RECEIVE A HELPING HAND

Healthy Families Waushara

Becoming a new parent can be an overwhelming and emotional experience. For families living in poverty or facing other hardships, the responsibilities of caring for a newborn can seem almost impossible.

To help alleviate stress and provide support to new parents, Healthy Families Waushara (HFW) was started in late 2019. The program, which provides voluntary nurse home visiting services to pregnant and parenting mothers until their child is five years old, is co-located with Waushara County's Birth-Three program, Child Protective Services, Clinical Services Unit and Public Health.

Years of research have shown that the Healthy Families America program promotes economic self-sufficiency, school readiness, and maternal and newborn health while preventing child injury and maltreatment, crime and domestic abuse.

Eight families are currently participating with four more in the initial stages of program outreach. These families meet weekly with a nurse home visitor at their homes for child development activities, screenings, and hands-on learning about childcare, nutrition, safety and any area the family chooses.

The HFW program received a boost from a \$95,000 grant over three years from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership, which is supported by the *U.S. Venture Fund for Basic Needs* within the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, the J. J. Keller Foundation, and other community partners.



Shelia Schmidt, the nurse home visitor, says the grant has given her the means to take some of the stress off families by providing necessary items of formula, diapers, wipes and age-appropriate toys at weekly visits.

“I have had numerous parents thank me for bringing items that they otherwise would have not been able to afford. The grant has allowed me to buy gas cards for families so they could get to doctors’ appointments or get to work when a financial emergency struck their family.”

SHELIA SCHMIDT
Nurse Home Visitor

For parents and families currently enrolled in the program, one of the greatest benefits has been having someone to talk to and answer questions. Many participants stated they had little or no support from family and friends and having just that one constant support person made them feel like they weren't alone.

“Shelia (the nurse home visitor) has informed me of other programs for financial assistance as well as talking through my anxieties as a first-time mom...and how to better care for my child once they are here,”

HEALTHY FAMILIES WAUSHARA PARTICIPANT

“Healthy Families Waushara helps parents bring out the best in themselves by tapping into the strengths and skills they already have,” says Schmidt.

A KIND HEART, A KIND GIFT

Mary Schilcher

Having grown up as the only girl in a family of six boys, Mary Schilcher learned early on how to take care of those around her. So it was no surprise when she took on the motherly role with household chores and looking after her younger brothers after her parents died when she was only 16.



Mary's caring spirit and passion for learning led her to become an elementary school teacher. For nearly forty years Mary educated youth, most of those years for the Neenah Joint School District. While teaching, Mary became close with a fellow teacher, Nicky TerHorst, who was a supportive reading teacher and often worked with Mary's students.

"When I have thoughts of Mary, I think of someone with a soft heart, a heart filled with kindness. Her students respected her and wanted to do their best. She encouraged them to be good listeners, follow the rules and apply themselves so they would reach their full potential. She was firm, but kind," says TerHorst

Mary's kind heart was visible in her dedication to many organizations including St. Vincent de Paul, Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus and Wisconsin Retired Educators' Association. She was very proud to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and worked hard to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

In November 2019, Mary passed away at the age of 87. She had started a relationship with the Community Foundation in 2002 with a \$20 gift to the Oshkosh Northwestern Fund, followed by five other small gifts before her death. You can imagine the shock after learning that Mary had left a six-figure unrestricted gift to the Foundation in her will.



"When I learned Mary had left the beautiful gift to the Foundation, I was not surprised. While teaching she saved her money, not wasting it on insignificant and trivial items. She supported programs she believed in, used her income wisely while sharing some, and judiciously saved what remained. In my opinion, she willed her gift to the Community Foundation because she believed it would be used wisely and appropriately to help others. Again, this is an example of how Mary's kind heart guided her decision-making,"

NICKY TERHORST
Colleague and Friend

Why Give Through a Community Foundation?

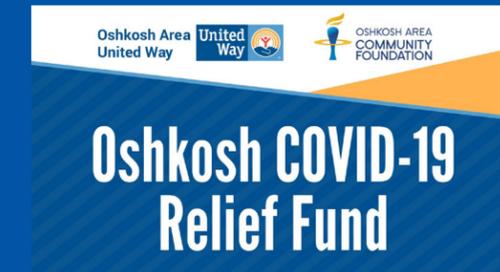
Your Oshkosh Area Community Foundation is your "one-stop-shop" for all your charitable giving needs. We offer an easy and effective way to support the groups and issues you care about through a gift to a single organization. We think of our donors as extended family. Our expert staff provides personalized, attentive service to individuals, families and professional advisors to design gift plans that fit every situation and donor preference. Simply put – the Foundation makes it easy for people to become philanthropists.

Give Now

You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets – we accept a wide variety of assets and are able to facilitate even the most complex forms of giving. Use the enclosed envelope to give now to an existing fund or give online at www.OshkoshAreaCF.org. Please contact us at 920-426-3993 if you are interested in starting a new fund.

Give Later

Make your community your heir by planning a gift to be made after your lifetime to a fund with the Community Foundation. We can work with you and your advisor to determine whether it is most appropriate to leave a gift in your will, designate the Community Foundation as the beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy, or transfer assets to a trust that you establish to meet your specific goals.



Please consider an online donation to help our community prevent financial hardship caused by COVID-19.

Oshkoshareacf.org/fund/Oshkosh-covid-19-relief-fund



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