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Notes from the Chair and President

This was a year of notable achievements. As we close the books on our ninth year, it is an appropriate time to recall some measures of progress since those first conversations in the early 1990's led to the establishment of a community foundation for the St. Croix Valley region. And while this annual report records many numbers, it is well to remember that we are a marvelous collection of dedicated and generous people who find many ways to give back to their communities.

Encouraging the Growth of Charitable Giving

Net assets on June 30th were \$6,221,647. Of this amount, \$5.1 million or 83% were long term or endowed holdings. Short-term funds, the source of most grant activity, accounted for slightly more than \$1 million. An early milestone, the first million dollars of net assets, was reached in 1999. Since then our assets have increased six fold while over \$2.1 million in grants have been awarded to programs in the arts, human services, health, civic affairs, education and the environment. The long term portfolio had a total return of 12.4% last year. Since 1999 the 7 western Wisconsin affiliated community funds have generated over \$675,000 in new charitable dollars that will support their local communities.

Connecting People & Programs

Last year over \$900,000 in grants were distributed to programs as varied as Community Action and the Veterans Memorial; the St. Croix Festival Theatre and Peace House, a transitional home for women. Since 1996-97 the number of funds managed by the foundation has increased from a dozen to 112. Nearly half are donor advised funds that serve individual and family charitable interests much like a private family foundation.

Community Impact

This June we completed a rigorous peer review process that certified the Foundation as meeting the Council on Foundations National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. In 2003-04 we launched the Community Partnerships Initiative. Funded by the Otto Bremer Foundation, this key program will provide support to local nonprofit organizations, strengthen our ties with the affiliated community funds and further our collaborations with organizations such as the Phipps Center for the Arts and the University of Wisconsin - River Falls. Initiated in the fall of 2003, Conversations of the Valley, a monthly public affairs forum, attracted diverse audiences for stimulating exchanges with speakers such as former vice president Walter Mondale, education innovator Joe Nathan, and Hugh Parmer, executive director of the American Refugee Committee.

Much of the Foundation's progress can be ascribed to the dedication of its Board of Directors. Many have been serving since the founding days of 1995-96 and are now completing their terms of service. Their vision and hard work have led our growth to date and set the course for the next generation of leadership who will take the Foundation to higher levels of service.

This annual report shares several stories that are representative of the many people and organizations that make a difference here in the St. Croix Valley. We are grateful to those who have shared our vision of creating a community foundation where every one can participate and be a philanthropist.



Orville Johnson
Chair, Board of Directors



David H. Griffith
President

The Mission of the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation

is to enhance the quality of life in the St. Croix Valley by:

ENCOURAGING charitable giving in the valley.
Building permanent funds that will provide resources for
the needs of today and tomorrow.

CONNECTING people and programs.
Bringing together people's charitable interests and the
funding needs of programs and organizations.

FACILITATING progressive approaches.
Forming partnerships and providing servant
leadership through programs that enhance the
quality of life in our region's distinct communities.

Who Manages the Foundation?

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors who live and work or have their roots in the region where the Foundation focuses its efforts—the counties of Polk, St. Croix, and Pierce in Wisconsin and Washington and Chisago in Minnesota. Its assets are managed by the Foundation's Investment Committee, composed of Board members and other professionals with expertise in the legal, financial and public accounting fields, along with the investment advisor from First State Bank and Trust of Bayport, MN.

Board of Directors ~July 2003—June 2004~

Sarah Andersen, Bayport, MN
Charles Arnason, Marine, MN
John Baird, Stillwater, MN
James Bradshaw, Stillwater, MN
David Brandt, Lakeland, MN
William Campbell, River Falls, WI
John Coughlin, New Richmond, WI
Karen Hansen, Stillwater, MN
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Lynn Shafer, Stillwater, MN
Heidi Smith Erspamer, Amery, WI
John R. Tunheim, Stillwater, MN
Dan Willius, Scandia, MN

David H. Griffith, President

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the following former Board members for their service: Lurline Baker-Kent, Kathleen Doar, Lou Fuller (deceased), C.R. Hackworthy, Jim Hanks, George Hauser, Rod Hofland, Daniel Lien, Dan McGuinness, JC Pfeiffer, Thomas Scheuerman (deceased), Lawrence Severson, and Molly GaleWyrick.

Thanks also to Charles Bullock, Chris Galvin, Janna Haug, Linda Moore, Lisa Rinde, and Bev Skogland, who serve or have served on various committees.

The St. Croix Valley Community Foundation

is a partner — helping donors reach their philanthropic goals — now and in the future.

The St. Croix Valley Community Foundation is a locally governed public trust that enables you, regardless of your means, to make a lasting difference in the St. Croix Valley — that region where you live, work and have your roots. Our central purpose is to help you give to the issues or organizations you are most committed to — whether it is vital support for immediate needs or by creating a legacy for future generations.

Like you, other donors who give to the foundation share one important value — they care. Some want to determine which nonprofits will benefit from their fund. Others look to the foundation for personalized assistance in identifying specific agencies that address the causes they care most about. And others pool their gifts with like-minded neighbors to accomplish more as a group than they ever could alone. For instance, the foundation's Music Education program or the Valley Arts Initiative represent some of the ways donors partner with the foundation to enrich organizations, schools, or families in the region.

If you want your giving to advance the quality of life in the St. Croix Valley the foundation is ready to assist you. As a tax-exempt charitable organization we provide flexible, efficient and tax-effective ways to ensure your giving — however large or small — achieves the greatest impact. Whether your goal is to leave a gift for the future, to support immediate concerns, or to take full advantage of the tax benefit for your estate, we can help you find unique and satisfying ways to make a lasting difference.

Philanthropy You Can Trust!



Peg Leutele, Executive Assistant, Jill Shannon, Director of Community Partnerships and David Griffith, SCVCF President

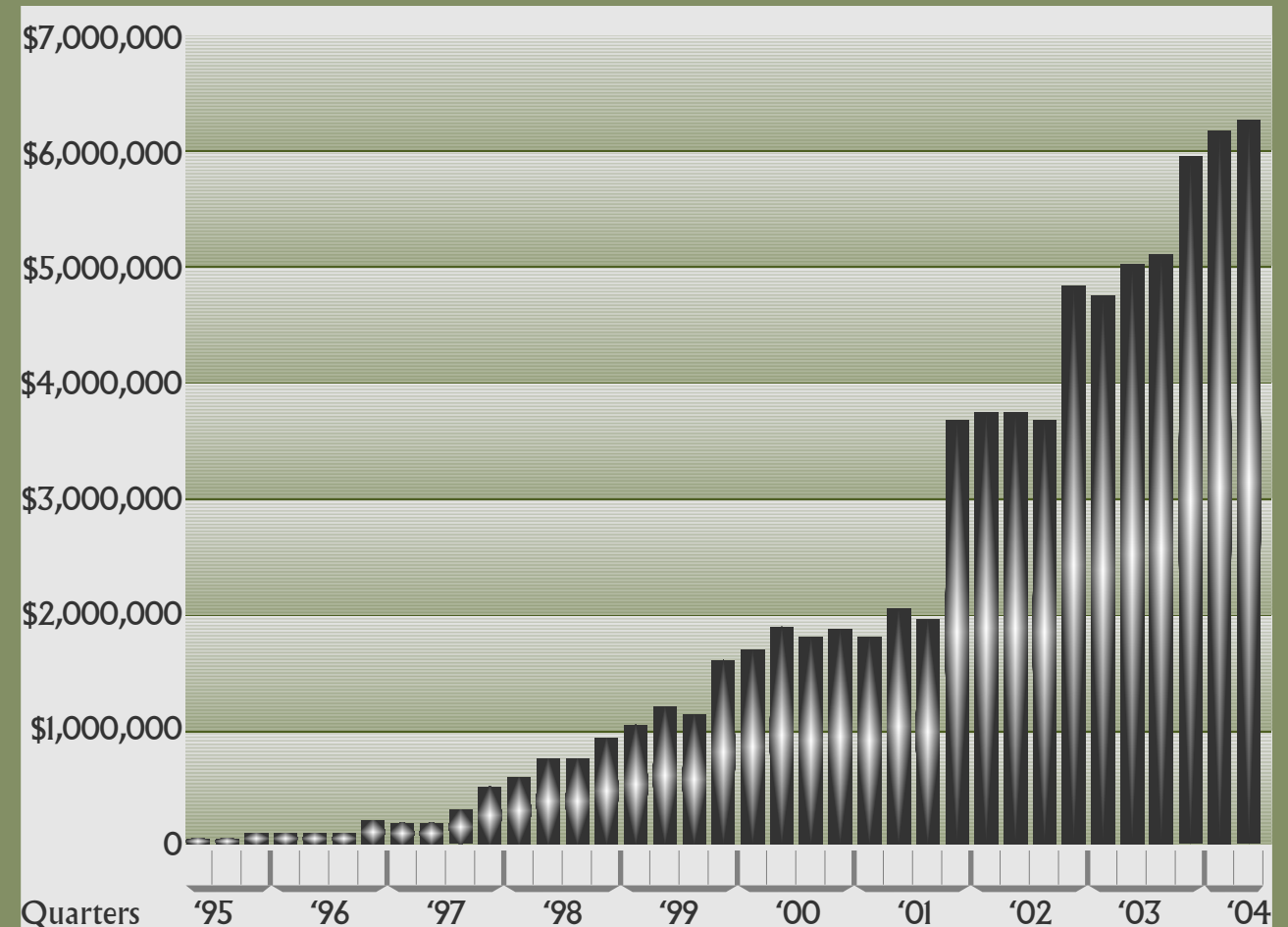
This year the foundation was recognized for meeting the Council on Foundation's National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. Certification is granted to foundations who meet 44 standards of excellence. It demonstrates a foundation is accountable, connects donor's gifts with charitable needs and honors donors' charitable intentions. The foundation was certified by the Donors Forum of Wisconsin, representing the first state in the country to develop a national certification process for local community foundations.

2003–2004 Asset Comparison

	6/30/03	6/30/04
NET ASSETS	\$4,989,732	\$6,658,261
REVENUE & SUPPORT		
Contributions	1,631,500	1,879,175
Earnings		
Realized gains	116,144	129,279
Unrealized	103,162	400,119
Other		
Fees	65,995	85,295
TOTAL REVENUE	1,916,801	2,493,868
Grants*	334,163	868,922
Functional Expenses	276,050	350,072
TOTAL EXPENSES	610,213	1,218,994
<small>* Does not include grants of \$52,658 from SCVCF funds transferred to other funds at the Foundation.</small>		
NET ASSETS (JUNE 30)	4,989,732	6,658,261
Investments	4,955,016	6,196,628
Cash and other assets	228,307	243,326
Liabilities	(193,591)	(218,307)

Condensed Financial Report (Year ended June 30, 2004) Audit Report & 990 tax returns available upon request.

Total Net Assets (September 30, 1995–June 30, 2004)



Founders' Society

Building a community foundation is a long-term venture. Since its founding in 1995, a number of individuals, businesses and private foundations have provided program and operating support to the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation. We are pleased to recognize those who have contributed and pledged \$5,000 or more to further the mission of the Foundation during its formative years. Please contact us for further information on becoming a member of the Founders' Society. The list includes all members through June 30, 2003.

<i>Andersen Foundation</i>	<i>First National Bank</i>	<i>MAHADH Fund of HRK</i>
<i>Hugh J. Andersen Foundation</i>	<i>of Hudson</i>	<i>Foundation</i>
<i>Sarah Andersen</i>	<i>James & Mary Gillespie</i>	<i>McKnight Foundation</i>
<i>Anonymous Donors</i>	<i>David & Katherine Griffith</i>	<i>Margaret Rivers Fund</i>
<i>John & Nancy Baird</i>	<i>C.R. & Cynthia Hackworthy II</i>	<i>St. Croix Foundation</i>
<i>Bayport Foundation</i>	<i>Karen & Craig Hansen</i>	<i>S & C Bank</i>
<i>James & Jayne Bradshaw</i>	<i>Gerald & Yvonne Hoel</i>	<i>Tozer Foundation</i>
<i>David & Sandy Brandt</i>	<i>Jack & Joyce Hooley</i>	<i>John & Kathryn Tunheim</i>
<i>Otto Bremer Foundation</i>	<i>Lawrence & Kay Horsch</i>	<i>William Voedisch &</i>
<i>Loren & Ruby Croone</i>	<i>Hudson Community Fund</i>	<i>Laurie Carlson</i>
<i>The Dietz Family Fund of</i>	<i>Orville & Kathleen Johnson</i>	<i>Archie & Bertha Walker</i>
<i>the St. Paul Foundation</i>	<i>Joyful Women Fund</i>	<i>Foundation</i>
<i>Kathleen Doar & Alan Sinaiko</i>	<i>Rita & Bill Lawson</i>	<i>Wisconsin Arts Board</i>



Charter Members of the SCVCF left to right: Front row: David Brandt, John Baird, Linda Jacobson, Lynn Shafer, Marilyn McCarty, Jean Scheuerman MacDonald for Tom Scheuerman (deceased). Back row: Jim Bradshaw, JC Pfeiffer, Erv Neff, Ron Kroese, John Coughlin, Sarah Andersen. Not pictured: Orv Johnson, Lou Fuller (deceased), Rod Hofland, Larry Severson, John Tunheim.

St. Croix Valley Community Foundation Funds

The following funds support the programs and grant-making of the SCVCF:

Unrestricted Endowment Fund – Donations provide the directors of the foundation with the flexibility to respond to the changing needs of the community over time. The funds are entrusted to the board to use the Foundation's knowledge of the community when investing in programs and responding to opportunities for philanthropic support.

Administrative Endowment Fund – Earnings from this fund support Foundation operations, the professional staff and programs. As the Foundation's ongoing source of operating capital, a strong administrative endowment keeps fees low while providing perpetual support for operations.

Board Fund – enables the Board of Directors to respond to current community needs with modest grants.

General Operating Fund – Contributions to this fund represent the single largest source of annual operating support, along with fees and earnings from the Administrative Endowment. With the growth of the Foundation's assets over time, fees and endowment earnings will cover most of the basic annual operations.

Field of Interest Funds – These funds provide donors an opportunity to contribute to an area of interest without specifying a particular charity or organization. The Foundation's directors award grants from these funds to support appropriate projects within that prescribed field of interest. The Foundation's identified fields of interest funds support the following:



Leave a Legacy

A convenient and lasting way to perpetuate your support of the St. Croix Valley region is to include a bequest to the Foundation in your will. The options are many, from an outright gift to the establishment of a designated fund that would provide permanent support for the named organizations or their successors.

Agency Funds

These funds enable an organization to establish its own long-term endowment fund at the Foundation. The Foundation handles the investment and management of the assets, distributing the earnings to the agency.

<i>Community Volunteer Services Fund</i>	<i>Somerset Public Library Endowment Fund</i>
<i>Courage St. Croix Fund</i>	<i>St. Croix Area United Way</i>
<i>Croixdale Mission Benevolence Fund</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
<i>Ezekiel Lutheran Church Fund***</i>	<i>St. Croix Valley Athletic Partnership Youth</i>
<i>FamilyMeans Fund</i>	<i>Endowment Fund</i>
<i>FamilyMeans Facilities Fund***</i>	<i>Standing Cedars Endowment Fund</i>
<i>HSI Endowment Fund</i>	<i>Stillwater Public Library Athena Fund</i>
<i>Land Stewardship Project Fund</i>	<i>United Way of St. Croix County Fund</i>
<i>Partnership Plan Endowment for</i>	<i>Valley Senior Services Alliance Fund</i>
<i>Excellence Fund</i>	<i>Washington County Historical</i>
<i>Partnership Plan Futures Fund</i>	<i>Society Fund</i>
<i>Partnership Plan Orchestra Endowment Fund***</i>	<i>Weingarten "What's Best For Kids" Fund</i>
<i>Pierce County Historical Association</i>	<i>WestCAP Endowment Fund</i>
<i>Endowment Fund</i>	<i>Youth Service Bureau Fund</i>

~Youth Service Bureau~

Youth Service Bureau provides early intervention alternatives for youth and families by helping young people realize their strengths, resolve problems and create positive futures. Working with troubled youth, Youth Service Bureau (YSB) provides counseling, mediation and community work service to keep youth out of the criminal justice system, reconnect with the community and become responsible, contributing citizens

Since 1976, YSB primarily worked with youth in central and southern Washington county, Minnesota, although they regularly saw young people who crossed the river from Western Wisconsin. Due to an incentive grant from a SCVCF donor, however, YSB recently expanded their reach into Hudson and St. Croix county making their services more accessible to local families. According to executive director Paul Weiler, "We added staff, created a local office and extended our services to local law enforcement, schools, county social services, and county and municipal courts." The results have been promising – since 2002 YSB's reach to Wisconsin youth almost doubled.



The incentive grant also leveraged new funding from the United Way of St. Croix County and the Baldwin Community Foundation. YSB has since formed a partnership with the new St. Croix Valley Restorative Justice Program, reaching out to troubled youth in St. Croix and Pierce counties.

"In the next twelve to eighteen months," Paul explains, "YSB wants to create a space in Baldwin or another centrally located town to make it easier for families to obtain the services they need. Yet it all began with an incentive grant from a SCVCF donor. Our organization has been invigorated as a consequence."

*** New funds established this fiscal year

Donor Advised Long Term Funds

Managed as endowments and provide for on-going involvement of the fund advisors who make grant recommendations to the Foundation Board. For many people, donor advised funds act as family foundations.

<i>Jon and Metta Belisle Donor Advised</i>	<i>Jack & Joyce Hooley Endowment Fund</i>
<i>Endowment Fund</i>	<i>Hudson Daybreak Rotary</i>
<i>Baird Family Fund***</i>	<i>Long Term Fund***</i>
<i>Bradshaw Celebration of Life</i>	<i>Nate & Linda Jackson Future Fund</i>
<i>Endowed Fund</i>	<i>O'Connell/Elison Crime Reward Fund***</i>
<i>David & Sandy Brandt Family Fund</i>	<i>Orville & Kathleen Johnson Family Fund</i>
<i>Mark and Maeta Gherty</i>	<i>Ingrid & Marie Kilde Fund</i>
<i>Family Fund</i>	<i>LADDA Endowed Fund</i>
<i>Ezekiel Lutheran Church</i>	<i>Margaret B. Mattlin Fund</i>
<i>LACE Fund***</i>	<i>Physicians' Fund</i>
<i>C.R. Hackworthy II Family Fund</i>	<i>Thomas J. Scheuerman</i>
<i>Karen Ciegler Hansen & Craig J. Hansen</i>	<i>Memorial Fund</i>
<i>Family Fund</i>	<i>Kevin & Rita Vance Family Fund</i>
<i>Heiser Family Fund</i>	<i>Ronald & Susan Weiler Family Fund</i>
<i>Allison Helmen Memorial Fund</i>	<i>White Pine Fund***</i>

Donor Designated Long Term Funds

Endowed funds established to benefit specific charitable organizations or projects that are named at the time of the gift.

<i>Jonathan Patrick Erspamer Fund</i> benefits children in the region with special needs.	<i>Lifeline Fund</i> supports emergency human needs in the region.
<i>Charlotte K. Kirby Fund</i> supports the Humane Society for Companion Animals in Woodbury, MN.	<i>Nelle Johnson Potts Fund</i> benefits Young Life in Stillwater and White Bear Lake, MN.

Donor Designated Funds

Benefit specific charitable organizations or named projects. The entire principal is spent over a specified time period.

<i>Dan O'Connell Peace Garden Fund</i> for design and construction of the memorial garden.	<i>Peace House Fund</i> for renovation of a house in Stillwater to be used for transitional housing.
<i>Friends of Perch Lake Fund</i> for the development of Homestead Parklands on Perch Lake in St. Croix County.	<i>RFCF Riverway Park Partnership Project Fund</i> for the renovation of Veterans Park in River Falls, WI.***
<i>Memorial to Veterans of Stillwater Area High School Fund</i> for design and construction of the memorial.	<i>SAHS On-Campus Stadium Fund</i> for the construction of a stadium on the campus of the Stillwater Area High School.

*** New funds established this fiscal year

Family Giving ~The Walk~



Dr. David and Sandy Brandt family

One evening before Christmas, when David Brandt was thirteen years old, his father came into the room and said "David, let's go for a little walk." They bundled up and headed out into the darkness, walking quietly through their neighborhood. After a short distance they turned up the walkway of a neighbor who had lost her husband and was struggling to raise a family on her own. David's dad quietly slipped an envelope into the mailbox – a holiday gift to help the family out with expenses. Then they turned and headed home the way they had come. His dad never talked about the walk or the anonymous Christmas gift again. But it was a powerful moment for David, and one that helped to form his attitudes about philanthropy for years to come.

As an adult, David Brandt moved to the St. Croix Valley and established an orthodontic practice in Stillwater and Hudson. He and his wife Sandy, a child welfare advocate, raised three children and established an active presence in the community. By outward appearances the St. Croix Valley hardly seems like the place where one would need to deposit an anonymous gift in a mailbox. Yet the Brandts are very aware that many people living in the community are in need – a realization that fuels their desire to give.

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The Brandts have given back to the community in many ways. For instance David and a handful of others established the St Croix Valley Community Foundation in 1995 to create a vehicle for their charitable giving. Since then, the Brandts deposit assets, such as appreciated stock, into a Donor Advised Short Term Fund from which they easily make gifts throughout the year as requests come up. "It is an efficient way for us to give," says David. "It would be very difficult to parcel gifts of two or three shares of stock here and there," he explains. "This way, the Foundation manages the assets and writes the checks."

The Brandts have also established a Donor Advised Long Term Fund, an endowed fund that directs long-term giving over many years. "We wanted a gift that could give forever. With an endowed fund that pays out five percent over a long period, you can do a lot more than just give a lump sum right now," says Brandt. "We can be responsive and give to community needs as they change over time."

In keeping with David's fathers' subtle instruction, the Brandts involve their children in their giving, particularly in managing their long-term fund. "Our children will eventually become advisers of the endowed fund," Brandt says. Clearly the lessons learned on a walk one cold December evening are being passed along to the next generation.

Donor Advised Short Term Funds

Similar to long term donor advised funds except the entire principal is spent over a specified period of time.

*Don Anderson Family Fund****

*Paul L. Anderson Short Term Fund****

Charles & Peggy Arnason Fund

Bradshaw Celebration of Life Fund

Jim & Jayne Bradshaw Family Fund

David & Sandy Brandt Short-Term Fund

Loren & Ruby Croone Fund

Forest Lake Rotary Schumacher Field

Stadium Project

Gerald & Yvonne Hoel Fund

Jack & Joyce Hooley Fund

Nate & Linda Jackson Fund

Michael O. Johnson Short-Term Fund

Orv & Kathy Johnson Short-Term Fund

LADDA Activities Fund

Kathleen Lindahl Fund

Allen & Corinne Metcalf Short-Term Fund

*G. D. Museus Family Fund****

*George & Dorothy Nelson Fund****

Keith & Jody Radtke Fund

*Rotary District 5960 Foundation Fund -
Cambridge*

*Rotary District 5960 Foundation Fund -
Hudson*

*Rotary District 5960 Foundation Fund-
Pine City****

Sandy Hills Fund

Dean & Lynn Shafer Fund

Simonet Family Fund

St. Croix River Fund

Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Charity Fund

Tom & Suki Thomsen Donor Advised Fund

*Kevin & Rita Vance Current Fund****

*** New funds established this fiscal year

Affiliated Community Funds

The St. Croix region is dotted with small towns and communities with their own character and unique histories. Since 1999 the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation has helped local citizens create funds to benefit their communities for generations to come.

Today, seven communities use their funds to make grants for local ballparks, beautification projects or human service needs. And the funds grow annually as each fund's governing board supports fundraisers for community projects or provides donors with advised, scholarship or designated funds to match their local interests.

At the end of 2004 the total value of these funds was approximately \$720,000.

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~Hudson Community Fund & Ken Heiser~

Creating a fund to address the issues and needs unique to each town or community requires a significant level of support and the assistance of influential local leaders. The Hudson Community Fund was launched by one such leader. Ken Heiser, President of First National Bank in Hudson, brought his experience in fundraising to the task, along with twenty-five years of friendships and business connections from the Hudson Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the St. Croix Economic Development Corporation.

Today, the Hudson Community Fund has grown to roughly \$350,000. Its governing board has given grants to Community Action, the new Hudson Hospital, the Phipps Center for the Arts, and the Minnesota Orchestra's summer performance at Hudson's Riverside Park.

The Hudson Community Fund also stands as the largest among seven other community funds affiliated with the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation. "The advantage of affiliation," Ken explains, "is that a local board raises funds and determines, along with the donors, how to disburse the grants. Meanwhile it avoids the expense of fund administration, preparing audits and completing tax returns which are handled by the foundation."

Heiser is an articulate advocate for stronger communities, particularly through grant making and giving. "Close your eyes and imagine Hudson without a hockey arena, soccer fields, the Phipps Center for the Arts, the hospital," he says. "These are the kinds of things that make this community a great place to be...and all of these things were made possible by local foundations."

The Hudson Community Fund will be an increasingly influential partner with the SCVCF, making the St. Croix Valley, and particularly the Hudson community, a place to remember.

Memorial & Honorary Gifts

Several gifts were received from donors for the following funds in memory or in honor of the special individuals listed.

General Operating Fund in honor of
Jim & Jayne Bradshaw

Hudson Community Fund in memory of
Tom Bakken

LADDA Long Term Activities Fund in memory of
Clarence "Turk" Loer

Bradley W. Nordstrand Scholarship Fund in memory of
Orpha Shatluck

Peace House Fund in memory of
Helen Empson

River Falls Community Fund in memory of

Dick Cox Dennis Shanholtzer
Doris Fuka David Smith
Clarence Kuschel Patricia White
Louise Rasmussen

St. Croix Area United Way Endowment Fund in honor of
Harry D. Peterson

St. Croix Area United Way Endowment Fund in memory of
Kathy Safe Thomas E. Wilson
Theresa Wichelman

Somerset Public Library Endowment Fund in memory of
Ted Langford Leona M. Beyer

Scholarship Funds

Paul L. Anderson Scholarship Fund - established December, 2003, awards two scholarships (one in memory of Leonard & Catherine Anderson and the other in memory of Alvin & Edith Anderson) to graduates of Hudson High School entering post secondary education.***

Anne Cernohous Borchardt Music Scholarship Fund was established June 2000 to provide scholarships for the study of voice and/or piano for students from the St. Croix River Valley or East Metro area of St. Paul.

"Coach" Windmiller Memorial Scholarship Fund established in April, 2004. The fund awards a scholarship to a senior boy basketball player who is a member of the Stillwater Area High School basketball team.***

Doris Fuka Scholarship Fund was established July, 1999 to provide scholarships to River Falls High School graduates entering college who have excelled in speech activities.

Janet Hansen Scholarship Fund was established June, 2000 to provide college scholarships to River Falls High School graduates entering the field of elementary education.

Dr. Val Kremser Medical Scholarship Fund was established December, 1999 to provide a \$1,000 scholarship annually to an Amery High School graduate entering study in a medical field.

Karl D. Ludvigson Memorial Scholarship Fund was established December, 1999 to provide scholarships for students graduating from Osceola High School and attending post-secondary education programs.

James McLaughlin Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to students at Stillwater Area High School who have been selected by other students as Most Valuable Players in a sport.***

Bradley W. Nordstrand Scholarship Fund was established June, 2001 to provide scholarships for graduating seniors who participated in the Phipps Center for the Arts Children's Theater Program.

SCVCF Young Life/Realife Scholarship Fund - This scholarship is awarded to a Stillwater Area High School graduate attending post-secondary education who has participated in faith-based opportunities.***

St. Croix Valley Harley Owner's Group Scholarship Fund was established December, 1999 to provide scholarships to high school graduates from Polk, St. Croix and Pierce counties in Wisconsin and Chisago and Washington counties in Minnesota for post secondary education.

*** New funds established this fiscal year.

Grant Recipients

~Music Education Fund~

Launched in 2003-04, the Music Education Fund awards grants to enhance the quality of music education in local schools. This endowed field of interest fund was created by an anonymous donor.

Awards this year totaled \$21,976.

Baldwin-Woodville School District
Hudson Prairie Elementary School
New Richmond Public Schools
North Branch Middle School
St. Croix Valley Music Educators Association

Spring Valley Middle/High School
Stillwater High School
Stillwater Junior High School
Willow River Elementary School

~Valley Arts Initiative~



St. Croix ArtBarn Theatre

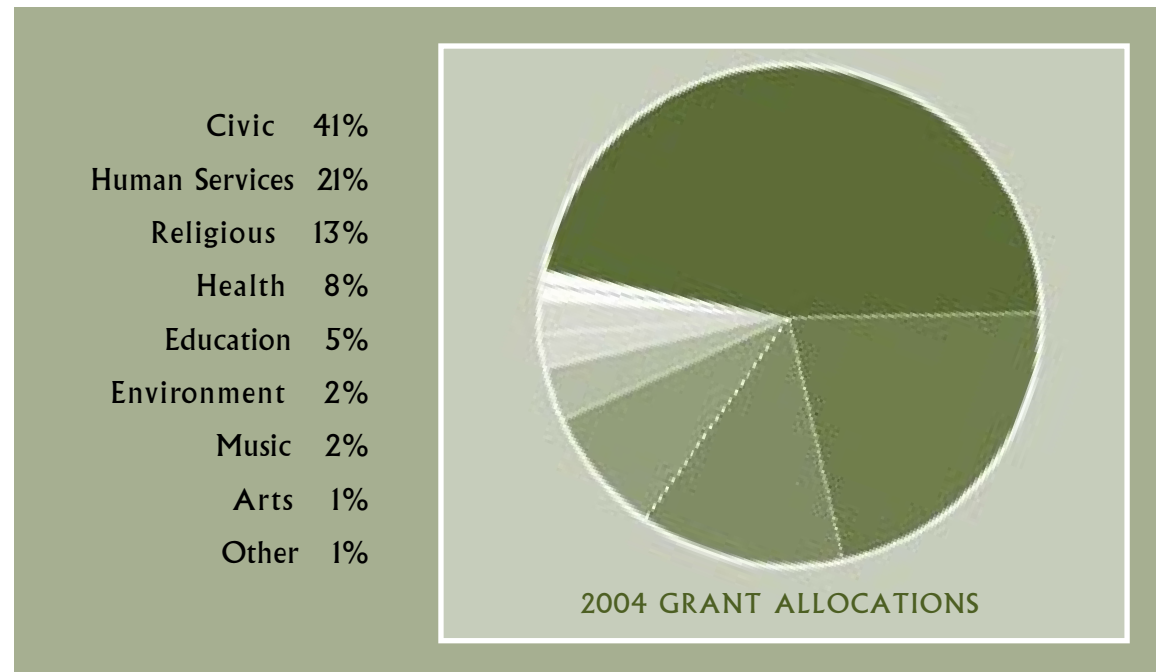
Each year the foundation awards funds to arts groups in the St. Croix Valley to support local theater, music, dance and visual arts. This granting program is funded by the Wisconsin Arts Board, private contributions and the Hugh J. Andersen Foundation.

The total amount awarded was \$10,135.

Artreach Alliance
Big Woods/Big Plains
Franconia Sculpture Park
Northern Clay Center (Partnership with
St. Croix Valley Big Brothers/Big Sisters)
Osceola Area Chamber of Commerce/
Main Street Promotions Committee
Phipps Center for the Arts

River Falls Community Arts Base
St. Croix ArtBarn Theatre
St. Croix ArtBarn Visual Artist Guild
St. Croix Falls Chamber of Commerce
St. Croix Festival Theatre
Skits Outreach Services, Inc
Valley Chamber Chorale

Grant Recipients continued



A
 American Cancer Society
 American Red Cross
 American Refugee Committee
 Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
 Annual Catholic Appeal
 Apostolic Bible Institute & Holly Sponsler
 Archdiocese of St. Paul
 Arcola Mills Retreat Center
 ArtReach Alliance
 Ascension Episcopal Church

B
 Baldwin-Woodville School Dist.
 Liz Barron
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church
 Big Woods/Big Plains
 Connie Borson
 Boutwells Landing
 Boys Camp of Hudson

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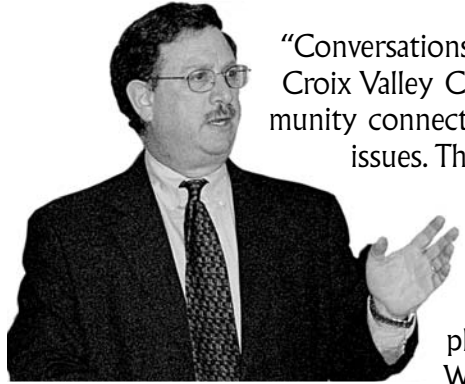
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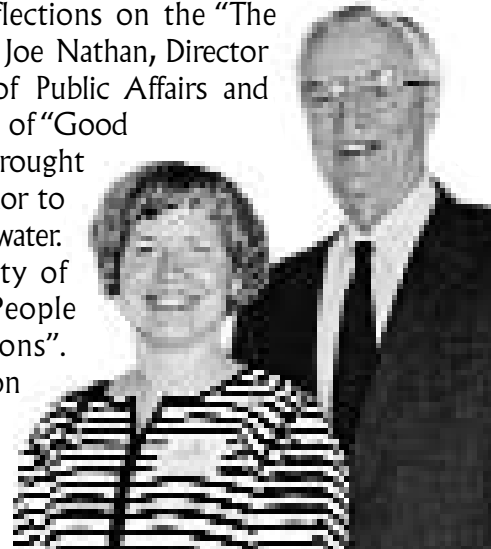
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“Conversations of the Valley” is a public affairs luncheon series sponsored by the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation. The forums are designed to strengthen community connections and facilitate discussion around a broad range of current affairs issues. The program, featuring speakers and an interesting variety of topics, is held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lowell Inn in Stillwater from October through May.

This new program of the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation is planned and organized by a volunteer committee headed by Janna Wallin Haug. It was launched in October 2003 with Star Tribune reporter Eric Black, who explored the historical context of events in

Iraq and Israel. November's speaker was Ron Lawrenz of the Science Museum of Minnesota, discussing the health of the St. Croix River. Hugh Q. Parmer, President of the American Refugee Committee addressed the plight of refugees worldwide in December, and in January 2004, the new president of the Minnesota Orchestra, Tony Woodcock, inspired the audience with his reflections on the “The Global Orchestra and the Place for Music in our Communities.” Joe Nathan, Director of the Center for School Change at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and a columnist on education issues for the St. Paul Pioneer Press spoke of “Good and Disturbing News about Public Schools” in February. March brought Walter F. Mondale, former Senator, Vice President and U.S. Ambassador to Japan, who spoke to 225 people at The Grand Banquet Hall in Stillwater. Deb Brown, professor and extension educator in the University of Minnesota's Department of Horticultural Science addressed, “What People Really Want to Know: 27 Years of Answering Garden Questions”. Professor Brown is perhaps best known as the “garden guru” on MPR's mid-morning program. In May, Chris Farrell, host of Minnesota Public Radio's Sound Money program, completed the program year with his views on money.

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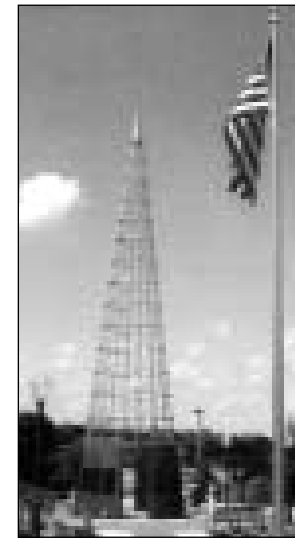
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