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Kathleen Doar	Orv Johnson	JC Pfeiffer	Dan Willius
Lou Fuller (deceased)	Peter Kilde		

*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.

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GRETCHEN STEIN
Chairwoman
Board of Directors



DAVID H. GRIFFITH
President

Letter from the Board Chair and President

TWELVE YEARS AGO, A SMALL GROUP of community leaders came together with a vision for the future of the St. Croix Valley. This small group of visionaries foresaw the opportunity to increase charitable giving in this region and created the means for virtually everyone to give back to the communities in this rapidly growing region. This was the birth of a dream, that today is alive in The St. Croix Valley Community Foundation.

We are pleased to report that the year ending on June 30, 2007 was a record breaking year in the advancement of this vision.

Partnerships prevail in this year's report with extensive coverage of the significant and highly successful Partners for the Future program. Nineteen participating nonprofit organizations, each with their own goals, collectively are seeking \$1 million in matching funds over three years. The pages of this report are crowded with examples of collaborations, cooperative ventures and partnerships designed to deliver services and programs in the arts, environment, humane societies, education, human services and civic projects.

Grants & Helping Donors Share

Partnerships and collaborations are central to our efforts and none are more valuable than those with the people who have chosen to give back to their communities through the community foundation. Our region has long been known for the generosity of its people who invest time and resources in programs. A recent survey by the Minnesota Council on Foundations underscores the charitable bedrock of our area. In 2006 the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation ranked 13th among the top 25 grant makers of public and community foundations in Minnesota.

2007 experienced another significant increase of charitable investments in our communities. Grants and fiscal sponsor programs for the first time exceeded \$2 million. 385 grants were awarded, most directed to organizations and programs in the St. Croix Valley region. A high percentage of these grants were recommended by the 73 Donor Advised Funds, charitable funds that enable an individual or family to focus on giving while we provide services and assistance.

Programs

The Partners for the Future Challenge Grant program has exceeded all expectations. The community foundation raised a \$1 million pool of matching funds that 19 participating

organizations have 3 years to match. By June 30th — the first 7 months of the program — these nonprofits collectively matched nearly one third of this amount or \$369,069. Several have extended their goal with additional matches. All are participating in the workshops and individual consulting coaching sessions. For them, Partners for the Future marks the beginning of their ongoing efforts to secure permanent or endowed funds.

Jill Shannon has adeptly led the Community Partnership program's initiatives to strengthen the capacity of our region's nonprofits and forge fruitful collaborations with the Phipps Center for the Arts and UW-River Falls, among others, in examining ways to preserve community character in the midst of dramatic growth and change in our region.

Of special significance financially and for future program directions was the establishment of two funds dedicated to the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Last January, park superintendent Tom Bradley directed over \$3 million in mitigation funds to the Foundation. \$2,750,000 has been placed in an endowed Field of Interest Fund that will provide annual income to support resource protection, and the funding of scenic and recreation enhancement projects.

Our recognition of the key role the arts play in our lives was reflected this past year in a significant expansion of funding through the Valley Arts Initiative which supports the visual and performing arts throughout the region. The Foundation also coordinated a comprehensive survey of the economic impact of the arts, *The Arts Mean Business*. Music grants continued to support music programs in our elementary and secondary schools.

Finances

In FY 2007 the Foundation's net assets grew to \$14,340,342.00 (up from \$8.9 million the previous year). The investment portfolio grew at a healthy 14.9%. That combined with a record \$6,590,560 in contributions to the 166 funds under Foundation management provided a 61% growth in our net assets.

Led by the Hudson and River Falls Community Funds, affiliates and their associated funds reached more than \$1.8 million in charitable assets at the Foundation — an increase of \$500,000 from the previous year.

We are also very pleased to recognize in this report those people who have established a legacy of giving by making provisions for the community foundation and its affiliates in their estate plans. The Legacy Society has over forty members, many of who have granted permission to list their membership.

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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 SCVCF. 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 following list includes all members through June 30, 2007.

Fred C. & Katherine B. Andersen Foundation	Gerald & Yvonne Hoel
Hugh J. Andersen Foundation	Jack & Joyce Hooley
Sarah Andersen	Hudson Community Fund
Anonymous Donors	Michael & Jan Johnson
Charles & Peggy Arnason	Orville & Kathleen Johnson
John & Nancy Baird	Joyful Women Fund
Bayport Foundation of Andersen Corporation	Rita & Bill Lawson
James & Jayne Bradshaw	MAHADH Fund of HRK Foundation
David & Sandy Brandt	McKnight Foundation
Otto Bremer Foundation	Margaret Rivers Fund
Loren & Ruby Croone	Patrick & Jeanne Riley
The Dietz Family Fund of the St. Paul Foundation	S & C Bank
Kathleen Doar & Alan Sinaiko	Gretchen Stein & Greg Wickenhauser
First National Bank of Hudson	Tozer Foundation
First State Bank & Trust in Bayport	John & Kathryn Tunheim
James & Mary Gillespie	William Voedisch & Laurie Carlson
David & Katherine Griffith	Archie & Bertha Walker Foundation
C.R. and Cynthia Hackworthy II	Wipli CPA's & Consultants
Karen & Craig Hansen	Wisconsin Arts Board
Hardenbergh Foundation (formerly St. Croix Foundation)	

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We remain grateful to the many individuals, families and organizations whose commitment of time, ideas, energy and financial resources have made our journey at the Foundation so rewarding.

Gretchen Stein
Chair

David H. Griffith
President

Transitions

THE ST. CROIX RIVER, that ebbs and flows through our area, is a constant reminder that change is inevitable for the communities in this river valley and for this Foundation. Six new directors joined the board in 2007, completing the leadership transition from the founders. This new board, with contributions from the former directors, reviewed and updated the strategic plan with a new focus on community visibility and branding.

Janna Haug, the founding spirit behind Conversations of the Valley, the acclaimed monthly public affairs forum at the Lowell Inn, has moved to Bratislava, Slovakia where her husband heads a European wide program for the Lutheran church.

Soon President David Griffith will be retiring from his illustrious 7 years as leader of this foundation and a new president, the third president in our history, will take the helm. This community of communities salutes the contribution of servant leader, David Griffith, knowing his contribution to the foundation will live on and continue to grow as a lasting legacy. We are truly grateful for David's gifts to this community foundation.

I am very pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has elected as our new president Jane Hetland Stevenson. She brings to our foundation extensive experience with community foundations, especially building effective affiliate programs and establishing rural philanthropy initiatives. She will be joining us in January 2008 to begin a new chapter for the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation.

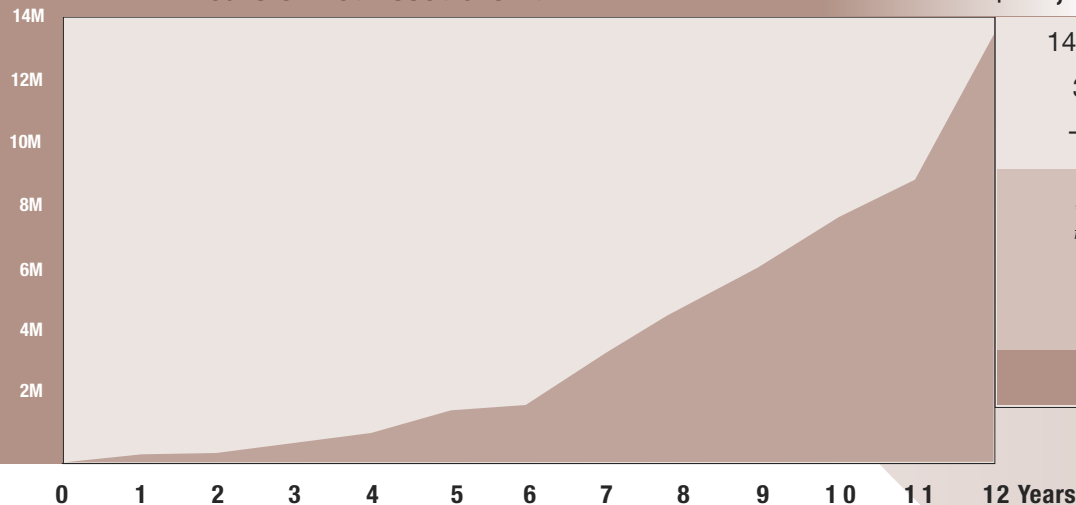
Gretchen Stein
December 2007

SCVCF Governance

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. It's 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.

Asset Comparison Chart		
2007	Asset Growth	2006
\$14,340,342	NET ASSETS	\$8,937,191
	Revenue & Support	
6,112,051	Contributions*	2,486,408
	Earnings	
397,550	Realized Gains	265,236
956,648	Unrealized	218,662
182	Other	1,748
175,735	Fees	134,173
7,642,166	Total Revenue	3,106,226
1,624,728	Grants*	1,110,513
186,707	Fund Expense	134,955
427,581	Operating Expense	358,532
2,239,016	Total Expenses	1,604,000
\$14,340,342	Net Assets	8,937,191
14,353,882	Investments	8,927,493
31,442	Cash & other	34,327
-44,982	Liabilities	-24,629
<p><i>*Does not include Intra Fund gifts and grants of \$177,404 and \$478,326 respectively from SCVCF funds transferred to other funds at the Foundation.</i></p> <p>An Audit Report and our 990 tax returns are available upon request.</p>		

TWELVE Years of Net Asset Growth





Partners for the Future Challenge Initiative

OUR FUTURE IS SHAPED BY THE DECISIONS WE MAKE TODAY

FOR MANY, THE FUTURE OF THE ST. CROIX VALLEY matters dearly — its people, the river, our scenic landscapes or our rural community character are all qualities we want to enhance or preserve.

The nineteen nonprofit organizations participating in the Partners for the Future Initiative share this vision — their work makes our region what it is today and what it will be tomorrow.

PARTNERS FOR THE FUTURE is an exciting challenge match initiative that, over three years, will raise \$2 million dollars dedicated to the future growth of nineteen partner organizations. Every dollar an organization raises and places in a permanent fund will be matched by SCVCF dollar-for-dollar. With a fund that grows and keeps giving, a nonprofit with a permanent fund is well positioned to be responsive to current needs as well as the many changes this region is undergoing.

Each board set its own fundraising goal, ranging from \$25,000 to \$85,000, and, beginning November 2006, has three years to raise it. SCVCF also provides training and coaching assistance to each organization to help ensure their success. At the end of June 2007 our partner organizations were well on their way — thanks to their donors' generosity they raised more than \$369,069 or 37% of their collective goal in the initiative's first seven months.

In this annual report we showcase each of our nineteen partner organizations. They are diverse in size and location and their missions span an array of services: arts, health, environment, historic preservation, human service and youth development. They were chosen for the impact they have on the region and for their leadership, financial stability and community stature. We invite you to learn about their missions and see how their services have an impact on our region.

We expect donors will take advantage of this challenge to invest in those organizations they care most about, knowing their gift will double in amount and make twice the difference for our region's future.

One-for-one matched gifts from a participating partner organization provides twice as much support to local organizations.

Caring for the Place We Call Home!

WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT OUR PARTNERS IN THIS INITIATIVE:

- A**
Standing Cedars Community Land Conservancy
Osceola, WI
- B**
Kinship of Polk County
Amery, WI
- C**
Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau
Forest Lake, MN
- D**
New Richmond Preservation Society
New Richmond, WI
- E**
Courage Center
FamilyMeans
The Partnership Plan for Stillwater Area Schools
Young Life St. Croix Valley
Youth Service Bureau
Stillwater, MN
- F**
HSI - Human Services, Inc. in Washington County
Oakdale, MN
- G**
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin,
Hudson Health Foundation
The Phipps Center for the Arts
United Way St. Croix Valley
Hudson, WI
- H**
Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley
Baldwin, WI
- I**
West CAP
Glenwood City, WI
- J**
West Wisconsin Land Trust
Menomonie, WI
- K**
Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence
River Falls, WI
- L**
Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center
Hastings, MN



Our partners care for the St. Croix Valley by:

- **Making our families strong**
- **Enhancing our unique cultural & historic resources**
- **Preserving the river & our scenic landscapes**
- **Celebrating our creative spirit**



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships between carefully screened volunteers and children who need the friendship and guidance of a caring adult.



I support Big Brothers Big Sisters because of the life-long friendships that develop from an initial match. Their importance is proven by the number of "Littles" who later become "Bigs" themselves creating another life-long friendship and legacy!

**—John Knutson
Hudson, Wisconsin**

Types of Funds Available to Donors

BECAUSE THE ST. CROIX VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION serves the Valley as a whole, it has the capacity to target its funds at issues that are region-wide or community-specific. How your gift is used depends upon your charitable goals and wishes. The following types of funds have been created to serve the various objectives you may have. Funds may be named after yourself, a loved one or for the organization it supports.

Unrestricted Endowment Fund donations provide the directors of the foundation with the flexibility to respond to the changing needs of the community by investing in programs and opportunities for philanthropic support.

Administrative Endowment Fund earnings support the Foundation's operations and programs. A strong administrative endowment keeps fees low while providing perpetual support for operations.

Field of Interest Funds allow you to specify the particular area to which the income from your gift will be targeted. The Foundation makes grants from these funds to support the most appropriate projects within that prescribed area of interest. The Foundation's identified fields of interest include arts, human services, environment, civic projects and issues, emergency human needs and education.

Donor Advised Funds provide for your on-going involvement as fund advisors. Funding recommendations are made to the Foundation Board based on the dedicated purpose of the fund. These funds may be set up as short term or endowed.

Designated Funds are funds established to benefit specific charitable organizations or projects that are named at the time of the gift. These funds may be short term or endowed.

Future Funds are designed for medium-level donors who wish to establish an endowment fund over time by making regular contributions until a target dollar amount or date is reached.

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

Scholarship Funds are endowments established to provide annual scholarships.



Donor Advised Funds

benefit the charitable interests of the donors.

Blake & Beth Abdella Fund
 Don Anderson Family Fund
 Paul L. Anderson Fund
 Paul L. Anderson Short Term Fund
 Charles & Peggy Arnason Fund
 Baird Family Fund
 Jon & Metta Belisle Endowment Fund
 The Belisle Fund***
 Marie & Harry Blakeman Memorial Fund
 Bradshaw Celebration of Life Endowed Fund
 Bradshaw Celebration of Life Fund
 Jim & Jayne Bradshaw Family Fund
 David & Sandy Brandt Short-term Fund
 David & Sandy Brandt Family Fund
 Brookman Family Fund
 Howard & Dorothy Brown Fund***
 John & Mary Cameron Fund
 Loren & Ruby Croone Fund
 Allan & Diane Dettmann Endowed Fund***
 Tim & Vallie Ericson Donor Advised Fund***
 Ezekiel Lutheran Church LACE Fund
 Forest Lake Rotary Schumacher Field Fund
 Mark & Maeta Gherty Family Fund
 Griswold Fund
 C.R Hackworthy II Family Fund
 Janet M. Hansen Fund

Karen Ciegler Hansen & Craig J. Hansen Family Fund
 Heiser Family Fund
 Glen O. & Elizabeth I. Helmen Memorial Fund
 Allison Helmen Memorial Fund
 Gerald & Yvonne Hoel Fund
 Gerald & Yvonne Hoel Family Fund
 Hudson Physicians Fund
 Jack & Joyce Hooley Endowment Fund
 Jack & Joyce Hooley Fund
 Hudson Daybreak Rotary Long Term Fund
 Nate & Linda Jackson Future Fund
 Nate & Linda Jackson Fund
 Richard & Carolyn Jackson Charitable Fund
 Michael O. Johnson Short Term Fund
 Orville & Kathleen Johnson Family Fund
 Orville & Kathy Johnson Short-Term Fund
 Ingrid & Marie Kilde Fund
 Krueger Family Fund
 Lawson Family Fund
 Charles & Deborah LeRoux Family Fund
 Tim Linehan Friends Fund***
 Tim Linehan Memorial Fund
 Margaret B. Mattlin Fund
 Patricia Condon McDonald & Malcolm McDonald Fund***

Allen & Corinne Metcalf Fund
 Lois B. Michaelson Endowed Fund***
 G. & J. Museus Family Fund
 George & Dorothy Nelson Fund
 Nicholas & Kathryn Nelson Charitable Fund
 Dan O'Connell Leadership Fund
 O'Connell/Ellison Crime Reward Fund
 Nancy Orgeman Donor Advised Fund
 PARC Fund***
 Physicians' Fund
 Keith & Jody Radtke Fund
 Don & Ellie Richards Donor-Advised Fund
 Rotary District 5960 Foundation-Hudson
 Sandy Hills Fund
 Thomas J. Scheuerman Youth Fund
 Thomas J. Scheuerman Memorial Fund
 Dean & Lynn Shafer Fund
 Stine Donor Advised Fund
 Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Charity Fund
 Tom & Suki Thomsen Donor Advised Fund
 Bruce & Mary Swenson Fund***
 Kevin & Rita Vance Family Fund
 Ronald & Susan Weiler Family Fund
 White Pine Fund

Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center fosters appreciation and inspires stewardship of the natural world through quality environmental education, conservation practices and outdoor experiences for visitors of all ages and capabilities.



We support Carpenter Nature Center because it is a great organization which teaches families and kids about our environment and it has preserved and restored hundreds of acres along the St. Croix River. We give to the Nature Center's endowment to ensure a successful future for a wonderful place.

**—Gordon & JoAnne Bailey
 Newport, Minnesota**

***New funds established this fiscal year



Courage Center has been a leader and innovator in rehabilitation services in the St. Croix Valley for twenty years. Courage Center provides individualized therapy, recreation, fitness and vocational opportunities for people of all ages with physical disabilities, brain injuries, speech impairments and hearing loss. Their goal is to provide comprehensive coordinated care



that is easily accessible and helps each client reach their full potential in every aspect of life.



Jim and Mary Gillespie

AS A LAWYER, banker, and real estate investor, Jim Gillespie has been a person noted for precise, deep and analytic thinking. He has brought that same thorough approach to the many organizations he has served as a volunteer, board member and supporter. "Have we looked at all the implications of this action? Have we considered another approach? Do we have the horses to make this succeed? What are the strengths and weaknesses of this plan?"

Jim and his wife of 47 years, Mary, employed that same power of analysis and reasoning in fashioning an estate plan that will provide Mary with an income for life, eventually establish a charitable fund that will have their three daughters as advisors, and provide a legacy of their community commitments with a fund at the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation.

Mary, who grew up on a farm near Tracy, Minnesota and Jim, a native of Pine City, met through a church sponsored youth program at the University of Minnesota. Their community involvement has continued ever since, volunteering and supporting scouting, the University of Minnesota, YMCA, Stillwater Presbyterian Church missionary work and FamilyMeans. Jim joined the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation board in 2006.

They carefully examined a number of options and basic family questions while working on their estate plans. As Jim noted, one persistent question we all face is "What do we want our assets to do after we are gone? What is an appropriate amount for our children? Will there be financial security for my spouse? Do we wish to continue our legacy of giving back to our community through our estates? And, if so, how?"

Answers to these and other questions emerged as the Gillespies created their estate plans with the assistance of their various advisors. A planned gift — a charitable remainder unitrust — proved

to be a valuable tool in fulfilling their estate goals. “We realized,” Jim related, “that if we wished to provide financial support to causes that are important to us now, then we must either leave assets directly to well-managed organizations with expected longevity or leave assets to a foundation where we can rely on the good judgment of future community leaders to allocate the income from those assets to organizations that do good works in the areas we wish to support. That explains why we have made provisions for the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation in our estate plans.”

An interest in a real estate partnership funded the charitable remainder trust which will provide Mary with an annual income for life. By contributing the asset to a charitable trust, the Gillespies received a charitable tax deduction and avoided the capital gains and income taxes that would have been due had they sold the real estate. And this removed a valuable asset from their estates. Upon her passing, the charitable remainder – or remaining balance of the trust – will establish at the Community Foundation a donor advised fund that names as its advisors their three daughters. This fund will, in essence, become the equivalent of a Gillespie family foundation, providing Jim and Mary’s heirs with the opportunity of continuing their legacy of giving back to the community.

Legacy Society

The gift of a bequest or other planned gift to the community foundation is an ideal way to leave a legacy of giving back to the community. Several people recognized this even during the early years of the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation and in recent years a number of people have notified us that they have made provisions in their estate plans for the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation.

To recognize these farsighted people, the Board of Directors last spring formally created the Legacy Society. We acknowledge with appreciation both those listed below and those who wish to have their decisions remain confidential.

John & Nancy Baird	David Griffith	Bill & Rita Lawson
Jon & Metta Belisle	C.R. & Cynthia S. Hackworthy	Marie Olsen
Jim & Jayne Bradshaw	Karen & Craig Hansen	Thyra S. Ostrand *
David & Sandy Brandt	Nate & Linda Jackson	David & Marilyn Palmer
Robert C. Collins	Orv & Kathy Johnson	Irvine O. Post
Shannon Hooley Enright	Michael & Jan Johnson	Gretchen Stein
Jim & Mary Gillespie	Barbara Klemme *	Dan & Ruth Willius

*Deceased



FamilyMeans helps individuals and families face the challenges of life by providing an array of services including mental health and family counseling,

Consumer Credit Counseling Service, youth and family development programs and caregiver support.

FamilyMeans is committed to ensuring that its services are prevention-focused, meet real community need and are accessible to all regardless of income. With regional growth and a rapidly aging population, the need for FamilyMeans programs has increased dramatically. Increased demand for services is expected to continue, particularly in the caregiver support program, which provides education, respite care and support for families caring for individuals with disability, chronic illness or frailty.

When you find an organization that meets human needs and does it efficiently you have identified an organization that should have an endowment fund. We believe FamilyMeans is such an organization and an appropriate recipient of our financial support.

—Jim & Mary Gillespie
Hudson, Wisconsin





Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley provides positive parenting education and family support for families with children from birth to six years in Pierce, Polk and St. Croix counties.

Over the past few years the Family Resource Center has expanded their services throughout Pierce, Polk and St. Croix counties in response to growing demand. And with steady growth in the St. Croix region the Center expects the demand to continue — as much as 26% each year.



Donor Designated Funds

benefit specific charitable organizations or named projects.

Fund for Ascension Episcopal Church***
Provides annual support to Ascension Episcopal Church of Stillwater, MN

Community Action Endowed Fund***
Provides annual support to Community Action, Hudson, WI

Jonathan Patrick Erspamer Fund
benefits children in the region with special needs

Friends of Perch Lake Fund is for the development of Homestead Parklands on Perch Lake in St. Croix County

Charlotte K. Kirby Fund supports the Humane Society for Companion Animals in Woodbury, MN

Hudson Community Built Playground provides a safe and enjoyable place for children to play and learn

Lake St Croix Beach Community Playground Fund supports the design and construction of playground equipment

Leadership Hudson Fund helps develop area program leaders and emerging leaders

Lifeline Fund supports emergency human needs in the region

Dan O'Connell Peace Garden Fund supports design, construction and maintenance of the memorial garden

Nelle Johnson Potts Fund benefits Young Life in Stillwater and White Bear Lake, MN

Riverway Park Partnership Fund supports the renovation of Veterans Park in River Falls, WI

Stillwater Area Health and Education Fund supports Lakeview Hospital and The Partnership Plan for SAHS

***New funds established this fiscal year

Affiliated Community Funds

help benefit their communities for generations to come.

These communities use their funds to make grants for local recreation, beautification projects or human service needs. On June 30, 2006, seven Affiliated Community Funds and their related Scholarship, Donor Advised, and Donor Designated Funds totaled \$1,800,000. Please contact the Board Chair of your community fund for more information.

AMERY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND	Ray Siggins	715-268-8426
BALDWIN AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND	Claire Stein	715-684-3290
DRESSER AREA COMMUNITY FUND	David Griffith	715-386-9490
HUDSON COMMUNITY FUND	Susan Gilbert	715-386-5511
NEW RICHMOND AREA COMMUNITY FUND	James Counter	715-246-3811
PRESCOTT FOUNDATION FUND	Franz Alpeter	715-262-5407
RIVER FALLS COMMUNITY FUND	Sandy Wurm	715-426-3172
STILLWATER AND OTHER COMMUNITIES	David Griffith	715-386-9490

Honorary Gifts

contributed in honor of the following individuals

Edward & Mary Gillstrom
C. Ann Brookman
Terrence & Susan Gherty
Heidi Erspamer

In-Kind contributions

Wipfli CPA's
The Doll House

Memorial Gifts

contributed in memory of the following individuals

Dorothy Brown	William Killian
Robert Calentine	Barbara Klemme
Richard Cashman	Tim Linehan
Cecilia Demarais	Mary E. Mangiagli
Carver Fouks	Lloyd Ogren
Paul Keller	Elaine Simonet
Ruth S. Geary	Mert Timmerman
Douglas E. Iverson	



HSI-Human Services Incorporated of Washington County helps people and families whose lives have been disrupted by emotional disorder, mental illness,

chemical dependency, violence and problems associated with aging. It builds on the powerful, healing strength of families and communities so that those in need can stay in their own homes and live, work, and go to school in their own communities.

We support HSI because their programs help people become more independent, whether they are adolescents, adults, or the elderly and disabled by providing rides through the transporter or Meals on Wheels. For our senior population these programs help many live longer.

—Don & Snowell Ralieg
Lake Elmo, Minnesota





Hudson Health Foundation supports Hudson Hospital's health care programs and other services which address the mind, body and spirit of patients and their families.

Regional growth has meant a large increase in emergency visits and maternity care, among others. Gifts to the Hudson Health Foundation ensures the hospital is equipped with state-of-the-art technologies and delivers needed services to bring accessible, high quality and safe health care to Western Wisconsin.



St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Fund

THE ST. CROIX RIVER. It defines our sense of place. It conjures up images in our mind. Canoeing silently down the Namekagon and the upper reaches of the St. Croix. Camping on islands as the river approaches Stillwater. A recreational paradise from Stillwater to Prescott. The rich cultural life in the historic towns along the river. The spectacular dalles near St. Croix Falls.

Scores of groups and hundreds of people are dedicated to preserving and enhancing this splendid and defining resource of our region. Championed in Washington by Gaylord Nelson and Walter Mondale, the St. Croix was among the first designated wild and scenic rivers when the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway was created in 1968 and 1972.

A newly established endowed fund at the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation will support the enhancement of scenery and recreation in the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. The National Park

Service executed a 30 year lease with American Transmission Corporation to construct a transmission line across the Namekagon River. As mitigation to those environmental impacts that were unavoidable, American Transmission Corporation provided \$2,750,000 to fund an endowment with the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation.

In January 2007, a fund was established that dramatically increased the SCVCF's ability to play a significant role in this area. Tom Bradley, superintendent of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, directed that the mitigation funds received from American Transmission Company be delivered to the SCVCF. The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Fund, a \$2,750,000 endowment for a crossing of the Namekagon River, was created to "cover recurring costs for efforts to enhance the scenery and recreation on the Riverway." As stated in the Environmental Impact Statement and lease agreement between the utility and the National Park Service, the fund will be used "to fund additional seasonal staff and overhead in the resource protection, interpretation, maintenance, and resource management of programs [to] benefit resource protection, public safety, understanding and appreciation of the Riverway, maintenance of visitor facilities, [and] exotic species control." In addition the fund can also support "scenic and recreation enhancement projects."

In announcing the creation of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Fund, park superintendent Tom Bradley stated that "we chose the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation as the repository of these funds. . . . We were attracted to the foundation because of its strong local presence, competitive management fees, flexibility, and its lean, competent, business-like style."

An additional \$336,000 will fund a three year conservation easement and scenic analysis study and other assorted projects. These initial grants illustrate the directions that are likely to be taken in the years ahead. A three year grant awarded to the West Wisconsin Land Trust will fund a comprehensive review of conservation easements and identify new opportunities to protect the river and its view sheds. A seasonal biologist was hired to combat the invasion of exotic plant species. The newly formed River Institute, a partnership between the National Park Service and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, received support. Restoration began on an historic cabin. A grant funded a pilot project where a nonprofit organization working with developmentally disabled people was contracted to perform maintenance and janitorial services.

"We feel honored and privileged to be selected as the stewards of these funds," said David Griffith, president of the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation. "These are permanent funds that will provide financial support for the St. Croix Riverway for generations to come. We see this as a beginning. We expect that individuals, families and businesses will both add to this fund and create other complementary funds that will support the National Park Service and other organizations dedicated to this splendid resource that means so much to people from its source in northern Wisconsin to the confluence with the Mississippi at Prescott and Hastings."



Kinship of Polk County believes in the power of friendship — one caring person to another. Within the support of a mentoring relationship, children learn that someone cares about who they are and who they want to become.

Mentors provide strong, positive role models and a listening ear when life gets tough. Kinship strives to form connections within the community so children in Polk County can learn, grow and be kids. Confident, healthy kids make our community stronger, too.





Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau provides support and guidance to youth and their families through parenting, prevention, counseling, restorative justice and mentoring programs to ensure the success of youth.



We use our charitable giving to fund solutions, not problems. Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau provides many, many solutions in our community for young people, parents and families.

**—Brian Brogmus & Claire Kotts
Forest Lake, Minnesota**

Agency Funds

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

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| Big Brothers Big Sisters Fund*** | Dr. Tom F. Linde Fund |
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***New funds established this fiscal year

Scholarship Funds

Chuck Anderson Scholarship Fund was established April, 2006, to award a scholarship in honor of Coach Chuck Anderson to a Senior tennis player who participated on the SAHS Tennis Team.

Paul L. Anderson Scholarship Fund established December, 2003, awards two scholarships to graduates of Hudson High School entering post secondary education who have participated on the tennis team.

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" **Wes Windmiller Memorial Scholarship Fund** established in April, 2004, 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 established June, 2000, provides 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 scholarship annually to an Amery High School graduate entering study in a medical field.

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

James McLaughlin Scholarship Fund established in December, 2002, 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.

Ern Peaslee Memorial Scholarship Fund established July, 2005, awards a scholarship to honor the memory of Ern Peaslee, to a senior boy track and field player who participated on the SAHS track and field team.

SCVCF Young Life/Realife Scholarship Fund 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.

Speaks Family Scholarship for Drama*** established February, 2007, awards a scholarship to a student actively involved in drama and theater at the Stillwater Area High School.

***New funds established this fiscal year



New Richmond Preservation Society collects and preserves the history of the New Richmond Area through a museum and restored buildings that showcase life from the mid 1800s forward.

Once the center of a family farm, the Heritage Center's collection of artifacts and ten historic buildings – including a farmhouse, barn, granary, church, and schoolhouse — gives children, residents and visitors a feel for how early residents lived and worked. As new residents settle in St. Croix County, the Heritage Center gives newcomers a place to gather and understand their historical roots.





The Partnership Plan for Stillwater Area Schools provides special funding to help teachers provide innovative and unique learning experiences that, overall, enrich and enhance the educational experience of students in all Stillwater Area Public Schools.

As the school district grows more diverse, the entire learning community benefits from the rich learning experience their Stillwater Area students receive through Partnership grants.

Without the Partnership Plan's generous donation I would not be able to experience new things. For that I am very grateful.

—Anna, 6th Grade
Lake Elmo, Minnesota



Community Partnerships

JOINED WITH STRONG and involved community partners, The St. Croix Valley Community Foundation helps make our communities vial and livable spaces through grant programs and initiatives. Collectively these partnerships — involving donors, nonprofits and the Foundation — strengthen our nonprofit infrastructure and enhance the character of local communities in the face of our region's rapid growth.



Strong and Vital Nonprofits SCVCF provides workshops, coaching and grants to help nonprofits respond to change or strengthen their leadership.

River Partnership of Community Foundations A collaboration of nineteen community foundations along the Mississippi River and major tributaries, such as the St. Croix. The participating foundations share an interest in how the River contributes to the economic, cultural and environmental vitality of their communities.

The Bench Project is a community art project designed to create unique works of art, each envisioned and created by young people and service groups to express their understanding of their local history, environment or position in the St. Croix watershed. Working in partnership with The Phipps Center for the Arts, three benches have been constructed in Hudson, St. Croix Falls and Bayport, and two new benches are now being designed in Prescott and Marine on the St. Croix.



Arts Mean Business represents the result of a year long study demonstrating that arts, cultural and historical organizations are a vital part of our local economy generating \$16.5 million annually. SCVCF along with The Phipps, UWRF, local arts organizations and the St. Croix Economic Development Corporation are exploring the ways the arts can be a strategy for economic development.

What We Need is Here is an ongoing conversation on the role of sustainable community development in the St. Croix Valley and includes events, lectures, discussion groups, workshops and more. Co-sponsored by The Phipps, UWRF and area arts and community organizations.

Establish a Fund in Your Name

Any fund can be established in your name or in the name of your family, organization or anyone you wish to honor.

All grants are then awarded to charities in the name of that fund. A named fund is a great way to be involved in, and remembered for, your community investment.

Field of Interest Funds

DO YOU HAVE AN ISSUE you care deeply about: the arts; animal humane care; the river; human service; land conservation; youth development? By establishing a Field of Interest fund you can focus your gift to address a special issue. You decide the issue you want to address and the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation works with a selection committee to award grants to organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area you select. In this way your gift stays flexible and meets current needs – even as they change over time. You can either establish a fund or give to an existing fund and maximize your impact by joining others who share your interests. The St. Croix Valley Community Foundation's interest areas address a broad range of current and future needs.

Specific funds have been established in the following categories.

ARTS & MUSIC

Valley Arts Initiative – brings a wider audience to understanding, experiencing or appreciating an artistic or cultural experience in the St. Croix Valley.

Music Education – enhances the quality of music education in local schools.

CIVIC

Nonprofit Management Assistance – strengthens nonprofit governance and leadership, making organizations effective and responsive to change.

ENVIRONMENT

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Fund(s)*** – preserve and enhance the St. Croix River and watershed.

Robert Uppgren Fund for Sustainable Communities*** – promotes community development designed to meet the environmental, economic and social needs of the present without compromising future generations.

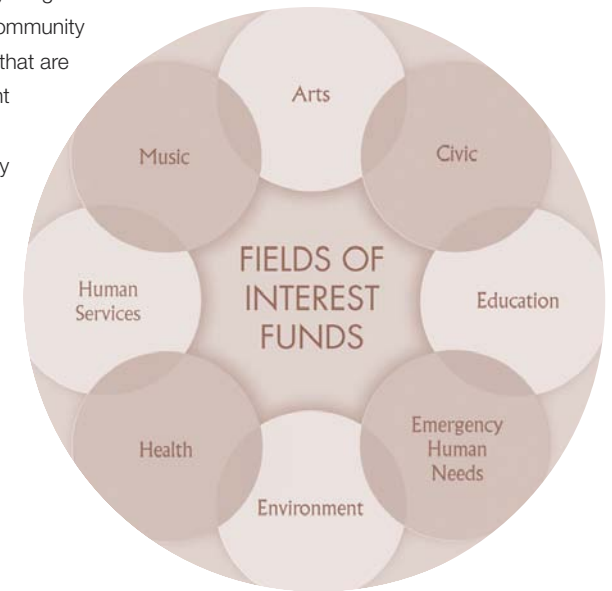
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Hoel Stewart Family Fund*** – supports a broad range of social services to individuals or families, especially programs that help children and youth grow into responsible and productive adults.

Health & Wellness – promotes a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being through prevention and treatment.

LADDA Activities Fund – provides camping experiences and other leisure activities for developmentally disabled adults.

LADDA Endowed Fund – supports the long term care of special needs adults.



Competitive Grants

The following grant program are competitive and open for proposal applications: **Valley Arts Initiative, Music Education and Nonprofit Management Assistance.**

Grants are limited to organizations located in Washington and Chisago counties in Minnesota and Polk, Pierce and St. Croix counties in Wisconsin. Unless otherwise specified, organizations must have 501 (c) (3) status from the IRS. Other limitations may apply.

Details regarding grant guidelines and application processes can be found on SCVCF's website at www.scvcf.org or by contacting the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation offices at 715-386-9490. We welcome questions from interested applicants.

***New funds established this fiscal year



The Phipps Center for the Arts celebrates the creative spirit by offering exciting performances, outstanding exhibitions and inspiring instruction in the performing and visual arts.

Recent research shows that the arts are a vital part of any economic development strategy contributing to a sense of place which businesses and employees find desirable. As our region grows rapidly, The Phipps is a notable presence, contributing to the character and charm that makes the St. Croix Valley so appealing.

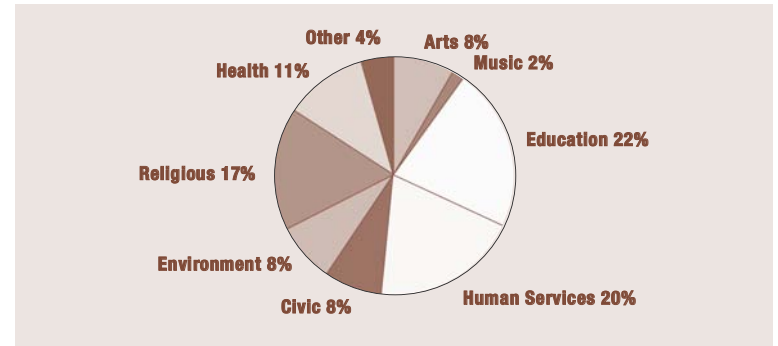


We appreciate The Phipps' broad programming. They are a contribution to people of all ages – spectators as well as performers. The Phipps is a quiet gem in the middle of the St. Croix Valley.

—Winkie & William Coyne
Hudson, Wisconsin

Grant Recipients

TOTAL FY 2007 GRANTS
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Arts

ArtReach Alliance
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Music St. Croix
Osceola Main St. Promotions Committee
River Falls Community Arts Base, Inc.
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St. Croix ArtBarn
St. Croix Concert Series
St. Croix Festival Theatre
St. Croix Valley Chapter-Barbershop Harmony Society
The Phipps Center for the Arts
Valley Chamber Chorale
White Pine Festival

Music

Clayton Junior/Senior High School
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Arcola Mills Retreat Center
 City of Marine on St. Croix
 Community Volunteer Service
 Franconia Sculpture Park
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 Lamar Community Center, Inc.
 Minnesota Historical Society
 Minnesota Transportation Museum
 New Richmond Area Community
 Foundation, Inc.
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 Pierce County Historical Association
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 St. Paul River Front Corporation
 Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust, Inc.
 Stillwater Public Library
 Two Rivers Community Land Trust
 Washington County Historical Society

Environment

Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center
 Friends of CREX
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 Nature Conservancy
 St. Croix National Scenic Riverway
 Standing Cedars Community Land
 Conservancy
 Superior Vocations Center, Inc.
 The Nature Conservancy of MN
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 Univ of WI - River Falls
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Religious

Ascension Episcopal Church
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 Carmelite Sisters of Hudson
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 First Congregational United Church of Christ
 Hope Lutheran Church

Lakeview Lutheran Church
 National Office Race Track
 Chaplaincy of America, Inc.
 New Horizons Youth Ministries
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 Peace Lutheran Church
 Prison Fellowship
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 Salem Lutheran Church
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 St. Mary's Episcopal Church-Basswood Grove
 St. Mary's Russian Orthodox Church
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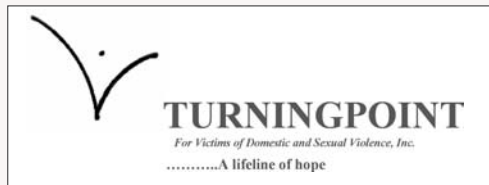
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 Pierce County Public Health Department
 St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
 The Smile Train
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Other

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 Independent Sector
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 Minnesota Public Radio
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 Northwoods Humane Society
 Pepin County Humane Society
 Twin Cities Public Television



In the face of increasing development pressures on open spaces and agricultural lands, the Standing Cedars Community Land Conservancy works with local farmers and community volunteers to restore significant natural habitats and protect agricultural lands along the River. Using an array of strategies, including community education, land use planning, sustainable agriculture, habitat restoration and natural area management, Standing Cedars now protects more than 1,600 acres of land abutting the St. Croix River in order to maintain the river valley's scenic charm.



Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence empowers those who have experienced domestic or sexual assault in Pierce and St. Croix counties by providing them with the resources to achieve freedom from violence through community support and education. Through a constellation of programs, Turningpoint's programs helps victims of all ages be safe, self-sufficient and free from violence.

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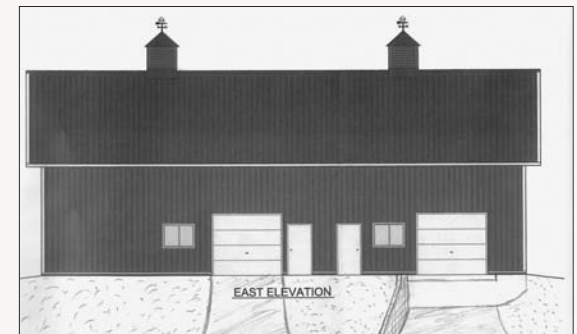
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United Way St. Croix Valley – Food Resource Center. Seniors on fixed incomes and low income working parents often turn to local food shelves because they have no food in their homes or to stretch tight budgets so they can pay for medicine or housing costs. Yet, between 2001 and 2005 demand for local food shelves grew an alarming 45% — a trend that will only continue as St. Croix and Pierce counties remain part of the fastest growing region in Wisconsin.

To meet this need, United Way St. Croix Valley s Food Resource Center will serve as a food depot, a centralized warehouse that will receive and store large shipments of surplus food. Local food pantries, shelters and senior dining sites will have access to dairy products, fruits and fresh vegetables in addition to canned and boxed food. The Center will bring more food to the Valley ensuring that no child goes to bed hungry!





In west central Wisconsin, large numbers of families experience hunger, poor housing and inadequate transportation. Many are faced with eviction or are homeless. West CAP promotes self-sufficiency by helping families with housing food and personal development programs and by working with communities to plan for sustainability. Housing availability, home repair, affordable housing, food security, micro-business startups and transportation are key strategies in West cap s mission: . . .to take action against poverty by developing the social and economic assets of low-income families and their communities and by working to create a more just and sustainable society. Photo: West CAP s award-winning mobile home park cooperative provides housing for those in-need.



It's an easy decision to support West CAP because I believe so strongly in the mission of the organization and its strategic plan.

—Paul Streif
Clear Lake, Wisconsin

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Conserving western Wisconsin's farms and natural areas preserves the very character of communities in the St. Croix Valley and improves the quality of life of its residents. As the region grows and land values skyrocket, land conservation becomes a financially difficult choice for many landowners. West Wisconsin Land Trust works closely with landowners who want to protect their properties. It also assists community groups and local government to protect important community resources. West Wisconsin Land Trust is helping communities balance new development with conservation of their natural landscapes.





Young Life in the St. Croix Valley provides youth with caring adult role models to help young people understand themselves, their relationship with others and their relationship with the world. Programs include tutoring, mentoring, camping, support groups for at-risk youth, teen parent programs and ethical leadership development

As technology and local growth decreases personal “face to face” time between youth and caring adults, Young Life provides the needed guidance to help youth develop a healthy sense of self and a lifetime of capable, competent and ethical living.



White Pine Festival Makes Stunning Debut

THIS LAST JUNE, the inaugural White Pine Festival drew more than 1,500 audience members to the St. Croix Valley for four days of music and poetry.

With the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation acting as its fiscal sponsor, the festival was able to raise more than \$75,000 in its first year, enabling it to bring world-class artists such as the St. Petersburg String Quartet and poets Tony Hoagland and Roger Bonair-Agard together for 26 unique and engaging events at venues on both sides of the river, ranging from Arcola Mills north of Stillwater to The Phipps Center for the Arts in downtown Hudson.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive: audiences said they enjoyed the festival's unique mix of music and poetry, visiting artists were impressed by the hospitality and intellectual curiosity shown by local arts lovers, and everyone loved the idyllic setting of the St. Croix River in the early summer.

Despite the fact that this was the festival's first year, the event drew audience members from throughout the Upper Midwest, and cultural and media organizations throughout the Twin Cities took notice, including the Minneapolis Star Tribune, the St. Paul Pioneer Press, and the City Pages, as well as a number of smaller newspapers and magazines. Most significantly, Minnesota Public Radio had an on-air interview and reading with Tony Hoagland and broadcast one of the St. Petersburg String Quartet's evening performances in its entirety.

“Having the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation as our fiscal sponsor gave us the expertise and infrastructure that allowed us to focus on creating a first-class inaugural festival,” said White Pine Festival President Matt Thueson.

Work has already begun on next year's festival, which will be held June 19-22, 2008. Detailed information is available online at: www.whitepinefestival.org.



Youth Service Bureau works with communities throughout Washington, St. Croix and Pierce counties to support families dealing with the challenges of raising children in a rapidly changing environment. The Youth Service Bureau helps youth resolve personal issues, use sound decision-making, accept responsibility for their conduct and give back to those affected by their behaviors. Working in concert with local schools, the Youth Service Bureau is strengthening families and improving young lives.





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