

Press Release

December 17, 2007

From: Community Foundation of Chippewa County

Re: **Community Foundation Approves Distribution of over \$70,000 in Grants throughout Chippewa County**

The Community Foundation of Chippewa County recently completed its 2007 – 2008 Grants process. The Board of Directors approved the distribution of fifty-four grants totaling \$70,605.31 from thirty-four endowment funds to organizations throughout Chippewa County.

**Peg Leinenkugel, Grants Committee chair, presented the following competitive grants totaling \$16,511.38 from Field of Interest, Unrestricted Endowment funds, and Mini-grants to the Board of Directors for approval:**

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Project</u>
J. Murray & Crystal Gorden Endowment Fund	Bloomer Community Visitor's Center - Veteran's Memorial  Chippewa Falls Police Department - Citizen's Academy
Heyde Health System Endowment fund	Chippewa Area Catholic Schools Student Ambassadors – Spiritual programs for Chippewa County nursing homes
Gerald H. & Ann C. Jacobson Endowment Fund	Cadott Junior High School - Trees for Tomorrow program and Stanley Elementary School -Timber Wolf Alliance project
Mary & Jerry Jacobson Family Endowment fund	Bloomer Food Pantry
Carey Kell Endowment Fund	Chippewa Falls Main Street -Hanging Baskets
Chet & Irene Lindsey Endowment Fund	- Cook-Rutledge Mansion -Website Development
Mildred C. "Penny" Mars Memorial Endowment Fund	Literacy Volunteers of Chippewa Valley – to complete program in Cornell/Lake Holcombe area Literacy Volunteers of Chippewa Valley – laptop and curriculum materials  Chippewa Falls Police Department - Citizens' Academy
Harold D. "Mac" McDonald Endowment Fund	- Cook-Rutledge Mansion - Website Development
Edwin and Evelyn Nyhus Centennial Fund	– Pathways and Chippewa Falls 2010 – parent/child communication programs addressing underage drinking  Chippewa Falls High School Music Department - Composer-in- Residence program  Chippewa Area Catholic Schools - "Spread the News" – a cross curricular video magazine focusing on increasing student community activities and healthy choices using technology
St. Vincent de Paul Endowment Fund	- Spirit of Christmas - Seed funding for their annual drive

Chippewa Falls Police Department - Citizens' Academy

American Association for University Women - Bloomer Food Pantry - support for single moms

Northwestern Bank School Mini-Grants  
Bloomer Middle School

Project  
Health Fair for all grades

Chippewa Falls Middle School

Artsonia – a technological creative arts program to develop multicultural understanding and increase opportunities for parental involvement

Chippewa Falls Middle School Music Department - Composer-In-Residence program

Chippewa Falls Middle School

Concordia Language Village/French immersion camp, designated especially for needy students

Chippewa Falls Middle School

Honor our Servicemen and Women - students design and make window flags to distribute to families of troops serving overseas

Chippewa Falls Middle School

The Lunch Bunch: Multi-cultural young adult book club and discussion group to increase understanding of diversity

Chippewa Valley High School

Literacy and Art – use of art and graphic novels to motivate students to read

Cornell Elementary School

CHIEF 65/School News Broadcast

Cornell Junior/Senior High School

Natural Helper's Training – a peer education program on alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention

Holy Ghost Elementary

We're Going to Madison (Capital building and museums)

Lake Holcombe Elementary

Riding the Polar Express – using a train theme to promote reading for students, families and community

Lake Holcombe Middle School

Wireless hookup for LCD projector for geometry class

St. Charles Primary School

Admission for Beaver Creek for stream study/nature hike

St. Charles Primary School

Bus to Beaver Creek for outdoor education for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

St. Paul's Catholic School (Bloomer)

Roller Skating to a Healthier Life – skate rental for winter cardiovascular activities

**Previously, the Board of Directors approved the distribution of \$3,428.23 in non competitive grants from the following Designated Endowment Funds:**

Bejin Family Endowment Fund – to Holy Ghost Parish

Barbara F. Harper Endowment Fund – to Chippewa County Humane Association and

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
Swanson Endowment Fund for Staff Development – to Community Foundation of Chippewa County.

**The following organizations received a total of \$35,047.20 in annual distributions from their Agency Endowment Funds:**

Chippewa Area Mentor Program  
Chippewa Area Mentor Program - Scholarship Endowment  
Chippewa County Historical Society  
Chippewa County Humane Association  
Chippewa Falls Area Senior Center  
Chippewa Area Unified School District Voyager Program  
Chippewa Falls High School Cardinal Program  
Chippewa Falls Museum of Industry and Technology  
Chippewa Falls Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department  
Chippewa Falls Public Library  
Chippewa Valley Cultural Association  
Pathways - Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention  
Cornell High School Music Department (John Wilson Music Endowment Fund)

**Grants from Donor Advised Funds totaling \$15,618.50 will be distributed from the following funds:**

Chippewa County Agricultural Advancement Endowment Fund  
Greenhalgh Memorial Music Endowment Fund  
John A. and Jane E. Mason Lubs Family Endowment Fund

Distributions from the United Way of Chippewa County Endowment Fund and the Irvine Trust will be awarded at a later date.

**In addition to grants distributed from the endowed funds held by the Community Foundation, three temporary Pass-through Funds were set up for receiving and holding donations given for specific purposes. Distributions paid out to date from these funds have totaled \$1,002,316.20 as follows:**

Chippewa County Farm Technology Days Fund – for purchase of Fairgrounds - \$100,361.25  
Kemper’s Woods Project Fund – for purchase of 80 acre wildlife area - \$ 55,955  
Marching Forward Campaign – for renovation of Dorais Field - \$ 850,000

Carol Gienapp, Executive Director of the Community Foundation, spoke on behalf of the Board of Directors, in expressing profound appreciation to the many generous and visionary donors who have created funds, most of which are permanent endowments. “The spirit of generosity and giving that started so long ago in Chippewa County is certainly alive and vibrant today. Thank you to all who give gifts through your Community Foundation – large or small – all are valued and are so important in helping our County’s nonprofit organizations to do their work in making a difference in the lives of people.”