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Bremer \$40,000 Matching Grant Announced

The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund (AIACF) is very excited to announce that we've received a \$40,000 matching grant from The Otto Bremer Foundation. Beginning July 1st, your support will go twice as far to help us develop solutions to the most pressing challenges in our communities.

All new unrestricted gifts and pledges will be matched dollar for dollar. This is a wonderful opportunity to increase our endowment, so we can better serve the region. Since 2000, the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund has focused on raising a permanent endowment to benefit the Madeline Island - Red Cliff - Bayfield region. Unrestricted funds are the most flexible and allow the Advisory Board to address the changing needs of the community. Gifts of any size are welcome.

We urge you to take advantage of our Acorn Fund. Make a commitment to contribute at least \$10,000 with a minimum gift of \$1,000 per year, or less than \$3 a day, for up to 10 years. Since Acorn Funds are unrestricted, the entire pledge will be matched. Donors choose the name for their fund - their name or someone they wish to honor. The name becomes public when the pledge is completed.

MISSION

The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund encourages private giving for the public good in the Bayfield, Madeline Island and Red Cliff region





LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

A couple more very busy and successful months for your Community Fund. A Grant Reception was held at the Bayfield Inn on June 18th.

Joan Cybela has been working very hard to organize Mostly Social events in the Twin Cities, Madeline Island and Bayfield. If you're interested in hosting, or would like more information, on a Mostly Social gathering, please contact Madelaine Karwoski at (715) 779-7021.

Michael Childers has accepted the position of Vice Chair of the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund. Michael and Joan Cybela will join me in forming our Leadership Committee. This committee will nominate new Advisory Board members, provide board member orientation and appraise the performance of our Advisory Board. I thank them for their support and help.

You already read about the wonderful news regarding The Otto Bremer Foundation challenge grant. Now we must gather the donations and pledges needed to fulfill that grant.

Are you interested in shaping the future of the region? Contact Madelaine Karwoski or one of the Advisory Board Members and volunteer.

Please share this email newsletter with others who share your love and commitment to supporting the well-being of our region.

John Cory, Advisory Board Chair

Make a Gift

Why make a gift?

A gift to the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund is truly an everlasting gift to the community. Community Foundations are a unique way to encourage local philanthropy. We bring together people who care with causes that matter...to enhance the quality of life in our region.

A gift to the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund helps build our endowment, which will continue to give back to the Bayfield - Madeline Island - Red Cliff region forever. Earnings from the endowment provide grants in the region. Annual grant recommendations are determined by the AIACF Advisory Board. The Board consists of residents, business leaders, and community members representing the broad interests of the community.

Gifts to the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund support projects in six areas: arts, environment, human rights, adult education, civic projects, and community, youth and family services.

Donors can contribute to an existing fund within the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund. To donate, click [here](#) to visit our website. If you are interested in creating a named fund or a fund with a specific purpose, contact Madelaine Karwoski at mkarwoski@dsacommunityfoundation.com or by phone at (715) 779-7021.

Condolences to the family of Jean Buffalo

Jean Buffalo began her journey to be with our loving Creator, Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at her home with her loving family by her side after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born November 24, 1959 in Milwaukee, the daughter of Henry Sr. and Ruth (Steffes) Buffalo.



Jean was one of the founding board members of the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund, as well as a former Red Cliff Tribal Chairperson and Council member. She was a former Bayfield School Board President. She served on Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association. She served in the capacity of Associate, Chief, and Appellate Judge. She was on the Tribal Law and Policy Institute Advisory Board. She was President of the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council. She was on the Family Forum Policy Making Council and assisted with Grant Writing. She served many years on the First American Prevention Center Board of Directors. She

was a member and past Vice Chairperson of the Red Cliff Housing Board of Directors for 11 years and currently serving as Chairwoman. She served on the Wisconsin Women's Council. She was a strong Advocate for the Environment and Lake Superior. She also served on the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program.

Fighting Depression Among Area Senior Citizens

(Following is an article from the July 5, 2011 Ashland Current)

A \$4,000 grant from the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund is being used to help elderly people fight depression in the Lake Superior region. It stems from an incident last year when Bayfield resident Gildi Whiteside committed suicide in Lake Superior.

Whiteside was in her late 60s, and her death inspired CORE in Bayfield to create a program that trains volunteers to help elderly people with depression.

Gildi Project Chair Kathryn Jensen of Bayfield says elderly people are more likely to kill themselves than any other age group.

"For every 100 to 200 suicide attempts, one person will die. But in people over the age of 65 there are only four attempts for every completed suicide," says Jensen. "The seniors are experienced. They know what they want to do. And that's why we're so eager to develop this community based program and get them help."

Dianne Heapy of Washburn is one of those seniors who suffered from social isolation. Heapy's boyfriend died three years ago. She says nine months later her daughter died.

"It was very difficult. I retired because of the death. I felt I could not provide services and took a year off just to walk, read, eat, and sleep," Heapy said.

Heapy says going through the experience opened her eyes about elderly depression. She now volunteers as a councilor at a support group in Washburn for people who experience suicide in their family.

"What I hear is that they're struggling with isolation. Loneliness, often times they've had the death of their partner or spouse of many years. There's also a certain amount of people who have lost children in this area," Heapy said.

Heapy is one of 60 volunteers CORE has trained for the Gildi project. Jensen's goal is to train 140 more volunteers to identify depression in elderly people and help them find resources to overcome it.

This article by Joe Cadotte first appeared on Wisconsin Public Radio.