



**COOK COUNTY  
COMMUNITY FUND**

*An affiliate of the Duluth Superior Area  
Community Foundation*

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REPORT

Donors do not give to a community  
foundation, they give to a community...  
*through* a community  
foundation.

# Report from the Chair

**This past year**, a group of kids in our community had the opportunity to learn how some tiny seeds can produce a harvest of wonderful food. Similar to their experience, as chair of the Cook County Community Fund Advisory Board, I'm quickly learning how a small group of people can produce a wonderful product for the community.

In just six short years, it is hard to believe how quickly we have grown. Since 2003, we have granted more than \$28,000 to non-profits in the Cook County Community! This is made possible thanks to strong on-going community support from folks like you and a devoted group of current and past volunteer advisory board members.

This past year, we were fortunate to grant \$6,649 to seven organizations. The dollars supported projects ranging from preventative dental care for children, to a Hospice Care program and supporting the Empty Bowl project.

The one common bond among these programs is community. All of these programs serve our community; our children, our elderly, our friends, our neighbors. And, all of these grants are made possible because community members have invested their time, talent and resources to create momentum behind this permanent resource known as the Cook County Community Fund.

But, as any gardener knows, the work is never done. Looking ahead, I encourage you to consider a gift to the Cook County Community Fund in your estate plan or will. This will help ensure that the resources needed to carry on the vitality of the community that we love are available for future generations. After all, it is the seeds we plant today that produce the fruits of tomorrow.

On behalf of the entire Cook County Community Fund Advisory Board, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you do and continue to do to improve our community.

## Howard Hedstrom

*2009 Chair, Cook County Community  
Fund Advisory Board*



## Mission

The mission of the Cook County Community Fund is to promote private giving for the public good, and to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Cook County by attracting charitable gifts, making philanthropic grants, and providing responsible financial stewardship and community leadership. The Cook County Community Fund is an affiliate fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation.

## Advisory Board Members

(Those who served during all or part of 2009)

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## Applying for Grant Funding

We encourage all organizations located in or serving residents of Cook County, to request and review our Grant Guidelines. Grants from Unrestricted Funds meet the changing needs of our community in the following areas: Arts, Community Development, Education, Environment, Human Services, and Youth. Eligible applicants must be either public agencies or charitable organizations classified as 501(c)(3). For further information, please visit the Grants section of the Cook County Community Fund website at [www.cookcountycommunityfund.org](http://www.cookcountycommunityfund.org), or, call Katie Gellatly, community philanthropy officer, at 218-726-0232.



Stone Soup Gardeners and their scarecrows.



Community Garden sign children made.



Stone Soup harvesting for soup.

## Cook County Community Fund Grants Awarded in 2009

### **Cook County Extension Office – *Growing Youth Through Gardening***

\$1,000 for a pilot program for youth to learn about growing food from seed to the table.

### **Cook County Higher Education – *Open Doors***

\$1,000 to implement an Open Doors program that will transition exceptional learners, at-risk high school students, and high school drop-outs into science and math college programs.

### **Cooperation Station – *Above and Beyond for Children***

\$649 to provide training and professional development for child care providers.

### **Grand Marais Art Colony – *Empty Bowls Hunger Awareness Project***

\$1,000 to raise awareness of hunger and provide food to the Cook County Community Food Shelf.

### **Just Kids Dental Health – *Sawtooth Elementary Dental Health Clinics***

\$1,000 to improve the oral health of underserved children in a practical, cost-effective manner to prevent and reduce dental disease.

### **North Shore Collaborative – *LOTS Family Literacy Project***

\$1,000 to build family literacy for improved academic success.

### **North Shore Health Care Foundation – *Development of Hospice/Palliative Care Program for Cook County***

\$1,000 to educate the community about hospice and support the marketing of the hospice program to the Cook County community.

# Support the Cook County Community Fund

Community Foundations are a collection of many separate endowed funds established by individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit organizations to enhance the quality of life in a specific geographic region. Donors may choose to create a new fund or contribute in any amount to an existing fund. Donors who wish to leave a legacy to the region can establish a Fund by bequest or planned gift and know that their gift will be used to respond to unforeseen community needs.

There are a variety of Fund options to meet the donor's interest:

**Unrestricted Funds** are not earmarked and provide the most flexibility and responsiveness in meeting the changing needs in the Cook County area.

**Field of Interest Funds** support a specific area of interest such as the arts, education, youth or historic preservation.

**Designated Funds** One or more organizations may be selected to receive income from your designated fund in perpetuity.

**Scholarship Funds** help deserving students pursue an education they might not otherwise receive. You can establish a scholarship fund to benefit graduates from a particular school, those attending a particular school, or, those enrolled in a specific course of study.

**Donor-Advised Funds** provide an opportunity to take an active role in your philanthropic giving while you participate in the grant making process by making grant recommendations to charitable organizations.

**Acorn Funds** allow people from all walks of life to make a difference....a little at a time. An individual or couple makes a pledge to establish an Acorn Fund

and begins making periodic contributions that will eventually grow to be a permanently named fund.

**Organizational Endowment Funds** can be created on behalf of an organization. Organizational endowments provide long-term financial stability to a nonprofit, allowing them to concentrate on their mission.

**Legacy Circle** Donors can leave a legacy through a simple bequest, a will, a gift of real estate, a charitable lead trust, a charitable remainder trust, or a life insurance policy.

For more information contact the Community Foundation office.

## Established Funds

**Cook County Community Fund**, the unrestricted endowment fund, exists to enhance the quality of life in the area. 2003 Field of Interest

**Cook County Community Temporary Fund** supports and promotes the activity of the Cook County Community Fund. 2004 Temporary

**Birch Grove Foundation Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will support efforts to sustain community-based elementary education. 2005 Organizational Endowment

**Cook County Higher Education Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, was established to support higher education resources for the residents of Cook County. 2006 Organizational Endowment

**Frank G. DeMaio Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will enable three schools in Cook County to provide instruction of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTL). 2007 Designated

**Grand Marais Public Library Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will support the

continued operations of the Grand Marais Public Library. 2006 Designated

**Harris Family Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will provide support to 9 nonprofit organizations which have been designated by the donors. 2006 Designated

**Scott Hawkins Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, was created to allow the donor to participate actively in the grant making process. 2006 Donor Advised

**North House Folk School Endowment Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, ensures the school's permanent financial viability, making the campus an evermore dynamic place to learn. 2006 Organization Endowment

**Tofte Historical Society Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will support the North Shore Commercial Fishing Museum - Tofte Historical Society, in preserving the North Shore's unique maritime heritage. 2006 Organizational Endowment

**Beverly R. Uhrhammer Memorial Library Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will provide funds to the Grand Marais Public Library for purchasing high quality children's printed books to add to curriculum. 2005 Designated

**Violence Prevention Center Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will support the Center's mission of eliminating domestic and sexual violence against women, men, children and their families in Cook County. 2004 Organizational Endowment

**WTIP Community Radio Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will support this independent public community radio station with a mission to foster and build community connections, educate and inform the public, and provide entertainment through its broadcasts. 2004 Organizational Endowment

## 2009 Donors

Anonymous (1)  
Chel E. Anderson  
B. Balos and M. L. Fellows  
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Beth's Fudge & Gifts  
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Jo Tupper  
U.S. Bancorp Foundation Employee  
Matching Gift Program  
Patricia Von Holtum  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yuhasey  
Pat Zankman  
**A special thanks to Grand Marais State Bank  
for their in-kind gifts.**

**Yes,** I'd like to support the Cook  
County Community Fund.

I/we enclose a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a  
contribution to the Cook County Community Fund/DSACF.

I/we pledge a total gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to  
the Cook County Community Fund/DSACF.

I/we plan to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ now, and remit  
the balance in:

quarterly       annually       semi-annually  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

beginning \_\_\_\_\_. Please bill me  
accordingly. Pledges may be paid over 1-5 years.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF DONORS WILL APPEAR EXACTLY AS ABOVE IN OUR ANNUAL REPORT

I/we wish to remain anonymous

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your gift payable to:** the Cook County  
Community Fund/DSACF. Donations can be made online at  
cookcountycommunityfund.com Your gift is tax-deductible to the  
fullest extent of the law.

*(To make a gift of stock or other securities, have your broker call the  
Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation at 218-726-0232  
for instructions.)*

Mail to:

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PO Box 728  
Grand Marais, Minnesota, 55604

Or visit our website:

[www.cookcountycommunityfund.org](http://www.cookcountycommunityfund.org)

# Cook County Community Family of Funds

## Financial Status

	2009	2008
<b>Public Support and Revenue</b>		
Contributions	\$ 38,373	\$ 83,218
Donated Services	156	22
Interest and Dividends	6,303	7,359
Net realized and unrealized gain	141,083	(225,829)
Refunds of Grants	200	-
Miscellaneous	-	-
<b>Total public support and revenue</b>	<b>186,115</b>	<b>(135,230)</b>
<b>Grants, Fees, and Operating Expenses</b>		
Grants and Scholarships	19,890	18,607
Investment Management Fees	3,291	3,220
Miscellaneous	(47)	120
Functional Expenses		
Program Services	2,441	1,001
Fundraising	3,788	4,223
Public Education	1,848	2,292
Management and General	104	56
<b>Total Functional Expenses</b>	<b>8,181</b>	<b>7,572</b>
<b>Total Grants, Fees, and Operating Expenses</b>	<b>31,315</b>	<b>29,519</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>154,801</b>	<b>(164,749)</b>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>532,856</b>	<b>697,605</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 687,657</b>	<b>\$ 532,856</b>



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