



Celebrating 25 Years of Success

From vision to vibrance.
CELEBRATING A QUARTER CENTURY
OF DREAMS ACHIEVED.

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A party twenty five years in the making came together this spring at the DECC. The celebration, which replaced the regular “business-oriented” annual meeting, reflected on the past twenty-five years of how the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation (DSACF) is making the region a better place for its citizens.



The more than three hundred people in attendance also enjoyed a surprise announcement that everyone in the region can benefit from. In honor of the Community Foundation’s 25th anniversary, Board Chair Don Wallgren announced the first of five grants going back to the community.

The \$25,000 grant was awarded to the City of Duluth to replace the playground on the end of Park Point. Duluth Mayor Don Ness accepted the award, commenting



on how the park was a main attraction for him and his family growing up.

President of the Duluth City Council, Roger Reinert, was also on hand to accept the award on behalf of the city, stating afterwards, “These are tough fiscal times for local government, Duluth included. Important assets, like parks, unfortunately, are not getting as much attention as they deserve. The Community Foundation

donation was critical for our park and will benefit the community for decades to come. A true example of giving back!”

The giving back didn’t end there. Grants in the sum of \$2,500 were distributed to each *continued on page 3 ...*

Affiliate Funds Celebrate Milestone Years

Two of the Community Foundation’s affiliate funds are celebrating anniversaries this year as well.

The Two Harbors Area Fund turned 10 this year. Since its inception, the Foundation has given back more than \$150,000 in grants in the Two Harbors area.

The Cook County Community Fund is celebrating its 5th anniversary this year. In the past five years, the Fund has distributed more than \$15,000 in grants throughout Cook County.

Congratulations to both the Two Harbors Area Fund and the Cook County Community Fund for giving so much back to the communities they serve! •



Bush Foundation Grant – A Call to Action

The Bush Foundation of St. Paul has awarded \$1.3 million to the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation in the form of a grant and challenge grant.

The award, which was made public by Kathryn Tunheim during the 25th anniversary celebration, includes \$300,000 in operating revenue to support community initiatives and a \$1 million matching challenge grant for the unrestricted funds of the Community Foundation.

Bush Foundation President Peter Hutchinson stated, “The Bush Foundation invests in courageous and effective leaders that will strengthen and improve the lives of those they serve. The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation is such a leader and we are honored to be able to support its work.”

“We are very pleased that the Bush Foundation has recognized our leadership role in supporting charitable purposes and community initiatives in our region,” said Holly C. Sampson,

President of the Community Foundation. For three years beginning March 1, 2008, the \$1 million challenge grant will match unrestricted gifts made to the Community Foundation. The \$300,000 community initiatives grant will also be spread over a three-year time frame.

“The strategic plan calls for acquisition of \$5 million in additional unrestricted funds between 2005 and 2010. A grant of this size will significantly help us reach this goal,” said Abbot G. Apter, Chair of the Development Committee. “While we happily celebrate our \$53 million in assets during this 25th anniversary year, the Board is already looking to a \$100 million asset figure. There is so much need and we intend to be responsive.”

Contributions to match the \$1 million challenge, may include establishing a new unrestricted fund or adding to an existing fund, such as the Business or Community Leader’s Fund, Young Leaders Fund, Living



Kathryn Tunheim

Legacy Fund, or the Community Opportunity Fund. Gifts of all sizes from throughout the region, that are unrestricted in nature, will qualify for the match. •

New Celebration, New Fund

In July, the Community Foundation hosted its first ever gathering of Community Foundation scholarship winners. The celebration brought current and former scholarship recipients together to share stories, network and enjoy some great food and games. But ultimately, the event focused on giving back.

Since awarding scholarships to some of the brightest and most talented young people in the Twin Ports, the Community Foundation has been asked by recipients, “How can we give back to the Community Foundation?” The answer—Pay It Forward.



The Pay It Forward Scholarship Fund is one of the newest funds approved by the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation’s board. A starting gift of \$20,000 from the 25th Anniversary Giving Back Committee served as the base for this unrestricted scholarship fund.

Ann Glumac, Fund Initiator and a former recipient of a Community Foundation scholarship, spoke about how the scholarship changed her life and the value of giving back to the community.

The evening provided plenty of time for scholarship recipients to get to know each other and more about the Community Foundation as well. Community Foundation President Holly C. Sampson thanked donors for coming before turning the program over to Ken Buehler who hosted the event. He kept things entertaining during a series of introductions, prizes donated by generous sponsors and plenty of ice breaking games, including one that questioned who studied in the most exotic location on our globe using scholarship funds. While it was a close call, a student

who used the funds to study lemurs in Madagascar won the competition.

Among the more than 200 people in attendance, area business and government representatives

attended the event as well. This was their opportunity to meet some of the area’s best and brightest youth and provide them with some advice as they move forward in life. •



Million Dollar Celebration

APOSTLE ISLANDS RAISES FIRST MILLION DOLLARS

The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund celebrated raising \$1 million in endowment at a public event on June 17. Over 100 people attended the celebration held at the home of Mary Rice.

The program featured three grantees and honored individuals who created the Fund in 2000. Holly C. Sampson also presented Advisory Board Chair Lavetta Torke with a \$2,500 gift in honor of the Foundation's 25th anniversary. The Advisory Board will use the gift to match all new contributions to the Program Services Endowment.

"All our operating expenses to date have been funded through grants from the Otto Bremer Foundation and the Mary H. Rice Foundation," noted Torke, "but that funding is nearly expended." The Program Services Endowment is intended to provide ongoing operational support, and needs to grow to meet future needs." A champagne toast and reception completed the event.

For more information, contact Lois Albrecht, Donor Services Officer at the Bayfield office, (715) 779-7021 or lalbrecht@dsacommunityfoundation.com. •



From left-right: Lavetta Torke, Mary Rice, Holly C. Sampson and Lois Albrecht

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of the four DSACF affiliates to help them build and grow their communities as well. Kathryn Tunheim, president and CEO of Tunheim Partners and chairman of the board for the Bush Foundation, presented the keynote of the evening titled: "Community Leadership" in which she praised the Community Foundation's efforts and promised a Bush Foundation partnership for future endeavors, particularly in the area of community initiatives.

Following Tunheim's presentation, Wallgren took an opportunity to thank the members of the Legacy Circle, a newly established group of individuals who have chosen to remember the Community Foundation with a planned gift.

Mary Van Evera was then called to the stage to accept the first ever Firecracker Award for her nearly quarter century of volunteer contributions to the Community Foundation. Her moving acceptance speech was certainly a highlight of the evening.

Other highlights included founding trustees Kay Slack and Bruce Stender's reflection on the establishment and growth of the Community Foundation, a photo montage of the Foundation's history introduced by former trustee Joe Leek, and the singing of happy birthday before enjoying cake, champagne and other delicious treats among old and new friends.



Thank you everyone for attending and helping the Community Foundation celebrate a quarter century "from vision to vibrance!" •



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Legacy Circle Forms to Impact Region in Perpetuity

For years, staff and trustees of the Community Foundation have been told by wonderful visionaries of their intention to remember their communities in their estate plans. As plans for the 25th anniversary year unrolled, we wondered whether there might be 25 people who would come forward and become charter members of the Legacy Circle. We were thrilled when 40 individuals and couples stepped forward, with either a gift in their will or a planned gift to the Community Foundation.



Caroline Bye

Since being unveiled at the 25th anniversary celebration, two additional gifts have been shared with our staff. Caroline Carstens Bye agreed to serve as Honorary Legacy Circle Chair, and

has shared her family's decision to set up a scholarship to honor her father's life as a rural physician, providing financial assistance to medical students who will one day provide medical services to rural communities. "This is a legacy I believe in," shares Caroline. "It was simple to do, and will last forever."

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We welcome the following Legacy Circle charter members who have chosen to build permanent charitable capital for our region. To each, we say thank you. There is no greater gift or affirmation of our work than having you share your hard-earned life assets for charitable purposes.

<i>Don and Lois Albrecht</i>	<i>Donald V. and Nancy J. Moline</i>
<i>Abbot G. Apter</i>	<i>Ethel V. Nordling</i>
<i>Bernhard and Jean Boecker</i>	<i>May and Vern Nordling</i>
<i>Peter Boman</i>	<i>Holly C. Sampson</i>
<i>Elizabeth Murphy Burns and Richard Burns</i>	<i>Verna and Arend Sandbulte</i>
<i>Kevin J. Buzicky and Beth Meyers</i>	<i>Doug and Mary Sanders</i>
<i>Caroline C. Bye</i>	<i>Dale and Elizabeth George Sola</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Carey</i>	<i>Bruce and Kaye Stender</i>
<i>Richard L. Carver</i>	<i>Thomas and Lavetta Torke</i>
<i>Ruth E. Ferguson</i>	<i>Emily W. Ulhorn</i>
<i>John and Karen Fillenworth</i>	<i>Mary C. Van Evera</i>
<i>Lillian and Manley Goldfine</i>	<i>John Voorhis</i>
<i>Tim and Catherine Hartnett</i>	<i>Donald L. and Susan C. Wallgren</i>
<i>Scott Hawkins</i>	<i>Laurie Wermter</i>
<i>Dona Wirtanen Holloway</i>	<i>Jim and Ann Wheeler</i>
<i>Lori Halgren Johnson</i>	<i>Thomas B. Wheeler</i>
<i>Ilene Levin and Steve Goldfine</i>	<i>David and Kimberley Whittaker</i>
<i>Dale S. Lewis</i>	<i>Ilona D. Wirtanen</i>
<i>Fred C. and Mary H. Lewis</i>	<i>Anonymous (4)</i>

The Community Foundation will recognize all our friends who notify us of a planned gift during this 25th anniversary year, as Charter members of the Legacy Circle. Please share your gift with us so that we might thank you. For further information, please contact Becky Byers Strand, Development Officer at (218) 726-0232 or bbstrand@dsacommunityfoundation.com. •

New Board Member



Fariba Pendleton

Fariba Pendleton, a professor with the University of Wisconsin-Extension, who serves as the Community Resource Development Educator in Douglas County, was named to the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees. Ms. Pendleton, whose work addresses community needs as well as working with local government officials and community

organizations has been a Superior resident for 24 years, beginning her professional career with the University of Wisconsin-Extension in 1989. While newly elected to the Board of Trustees, Ms. Pendleton has been active with the Community Foundation serving as a member of the Attracting & Retaining Young People Initiative Task Force. We look forward to having Ms. Pendleton as a Board member.

Retiring Board Members

A fond farewell was given to John P. Lawien and Helena E. Jackson as they complete their terms on the Board of Trustees.

During his six years on the board, Mr. Lawien has participated in the following Committees: Grants, Max and Julia Houghton Duluth Central Scholarship, Public Relations, Dr. Mark Rathke Family Scholarship, Silver Bay Charitable and Touchstone Selection.

Ms. Jackson has served the Community Foundation for seven years as an officer, as both Vice Chair and Secretary and on many committees including: Development, Executive, Grants, John T. and Elizabeth C. Adams Arts, Global Awareness Fund, and the Jackson Scholarship.

New Executive Committee

The following officers were newly elected for 2008-2009: Chair: Donald L. Wallgren, managing director, RSM McGladrey, Inc.; Vice Chair: Lyle W. Northey, Community Representative; Treasurer: Peter L. Boman, president PLB, LLC; Secretary: Jennifer L. Carey, partner, Hanft Fride, A Professional Association; and Immediate Past Chair: Abbot G. Apter, president and co-founder of Mercury Investment Co. •

Welcome Anikka Wattnem and Beth Erickson

NEWEST STAFF OF THE DSACF FAMILY



Beth Erickson

We are pleased to announce the additions of Beth Erickson as our new Communications Officer and Anikka Wattnem as our new Administrative Assistant.

Erickson is a lifelong resident of this region. She grew up in Cloquet and graduated from Cloquet Senior High. She went on to receive a bachelors of science degree in Mass Communication from Bemidji State University, a masters degree in Communicating Arts from the University of Wisconsin – Superior and most recently a bachelors of science degree in leadership and management from Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin.

She brings more than a decade of experience in the communications industry with jobs including managing news editor at KBJR-TV in Duluth, director of college communications at Northland College in Ashland, media buyer at The JPG Group in Duluth and freelance writer for a variety of regional publications. She also chaired the marketing committee of Art Works!, one of five Knight Creative Communities Initiatives.

Erickson is excited to have an opportunity to focus on raising awareness about the Community Foundation. “I have experienced firsthand the incredible impact this organization has on this region,” Erickson said. “This position allows me to use my expertise in making sure more know about the great things the Community Foundation is doing every day.”

Wattnem grew up in Duluth and graduated from Marshall School in 2002. In 2007, she graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in Psychology from Gustavus Adolphus College. For the past year she served as an AmeriCorps VISTA member at Wellstone Elementary School in St. Paul. AmeriCorps VISTA is a national service program dedicated to fighting poverty in the U.S. “VISTA gave me the opportunity to dedicate an entire year to serving others. It was a very rewarding experience,” Wattnem said.

Wattnem will assist with the processing of grants and scholarships. “I am enjoying being part of the Community Foundation’s outstanding work. I’m glad to be living and working in the area.” •



Anikka Wattnem

Mission Statement

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation encourages private giving for the public good. The Community Foundation brings together people who need assistance and people who are able to give. Through its board of community leaders, the Foundation:

- attracts and manages a growing endowment for our area's future;
- provides customized services for donors with varied charitable interests;
- identifies and effectively responds to emerging and changing community needs; and
- serves as a resource and catalyst for philanthropy.

Affiliate Funds of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation

Apostle Islands Area Community Fund
Cook County Community Fund
Hermantown Community Fund
Two Harbors Area Fund

Vision

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation will be the leading force for improving our region by fostering generosity, civic engagement and inclusiveness.

Core Values

Community Stewardship Integrity

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Dates to Remember

September 1: Grant applications due to the Hermantown and Apostle Islands Area Community Funds. For more information, contact our community philanthropy officer at (218) 726-0232.

September 20: Deadline for the G. Scott Ransom Scholarship. For more information, contact David Hammer, chief administrative officer and scholarship officer at (218) 726-0232.

October 1: Grant applications due to the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation for the following funds: Community Opportunity Fund, Douglas County Disaster & Welfare Fund, Fair Chance Fund, C.E. Fuller, Jr. and M.K. Fuller Fund, Fund for the Environment, Global Awareness Fund, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Fund, Morgan Fund, Second Chance Fund, G. Kendall Smith Designated Fund, Superior Douglas County Arts Fund and Dale Heimbach Wheeler Memorial Fund. For more information, contact our community philanthropy officer at (218) 726-0232.

October 7: Touchstone Awards Luncheon. Three special \$25,000 grants will be awarded during the luncheon. Reserve your spot now by calling Claudia Lundquist, executive assistant at (218) 726-0232. •



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