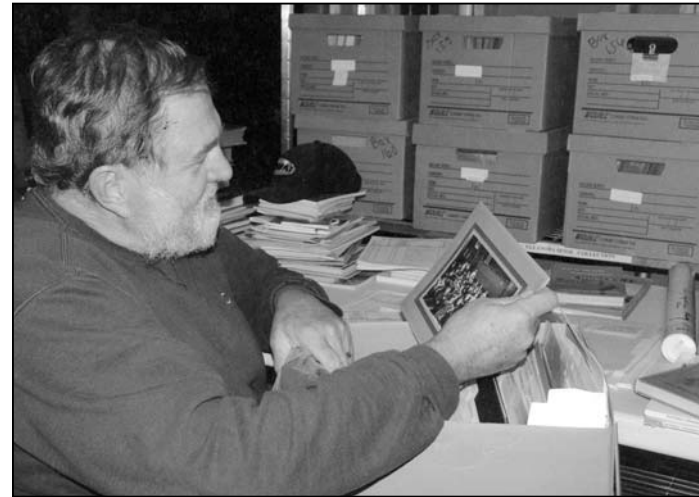


autism and for service professionals in the region The Autism Support Team will be formed as an on-going resource for area families. Contact: Deanna Yost, 715-682-7171 ext. 35.

• **Recreation Fitness Resources, Inc.** – \$1,842 for lifeguard training and training sessions with Bayfield Ambulance EMTs. Contact: Scott Armstrong, 715-779-5408. www.bayfieldrecenter.com



Bayfield Heritage Association volunteer, Howard Paap, assisted a professional archivist who entered hundreds of items into a searchable database. This project was made possible with a Community Fund grant in 2006.

• **UW-Superior Extension** – \$1,000 for the Northwoods Non Profits program which includes a series of low-cost seminars for staff and board members and a website with additional resources. Contact: Sheryl Homan, 715-394-8456. www.northwoodsnonprofits.org

*These projects received grants from the Human Rights Endowment Fund:*

• **New Horizons North** – \$1,000 for the Autism Families Support Project (see above).

• **Northwoods Women, Inc.** – \$3,000 toward the violence prevention education for youth project. Small focus groups for children ages 9 – 18 will receive age-appropriate prevention training. And a series of 4 public programs will be held at the Bayfield Library in April 2008. Contact: Kathy Roper, 715-682-9566.

*This project received a grant from the Apostle Islands Temporary Fund:*

• **Friends of the Bayfield Recreation Center** – \$30,000 toward the Center's operations by Recreation Fitness Resources. Total of \$100,000 to be paid over three years, 2006-08.

For information on applying for a grant, creating a fund or making a contribution to the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund, contact Lois Albrecht at our office at 715-779-7021 or email: aiacf@centurytel.net.

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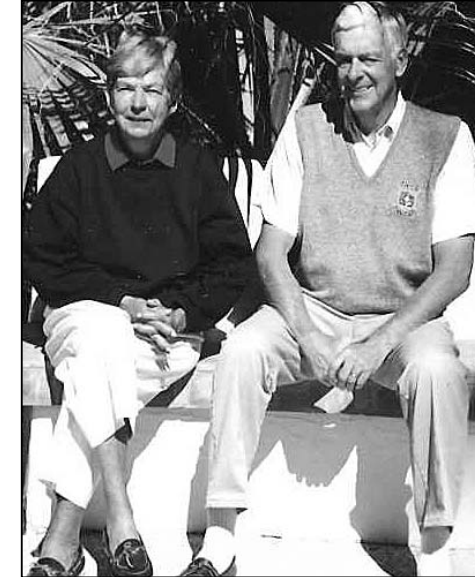
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## New Fund to Benefit Region

Giving comes naturally to Peter and Betty Rogers. They have always gotten involved in their community. That community used to be Minneapolis. But since retirement, they have been spending summer and fall on Madeline Island and have naturally gotten involved here too. In October, the Peter M. and Betty W. Rogers Fund was established as our first Donor Advised Fund. The Rogers will be able to recommend grants to charitable projects in the region from the fund's earnings each year.

"We are delighted the Rogers chose to give to the region through the Community Fund," comments Lois Albrecht. "This fund will not only impact the region, but it is a great example of another way the Community Fund can assist donors."



Betty and Peter Rogers recently established a fund that allows them to participate in the grant making process.

Pete is familiar with the advantages of working with a community foundation as he spent his career in financial planning and insurance. "I encouraged many of my clients to set up funds with the Minneapolis Foundation," he explains. "The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund seemed to be the way for us to support this area."

Donor Advised Funds are excellent vehicles for those who wish to participate actively in the grant making process. In establishing a Donor Advised Fund, you retain the right to make grant recommendations for consideration by the Board of Trustees. A Donor Advised fund provides an opportunity for families to participate together in the tradition of philanthropy.

## Eight Projects Receive Grants in 2007

The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund (AIACF) Grants Committee, chaired by Nancy Sandstrom, received applications requesting nearly \$48,000 this year. With \$20,431 in available funding some difficult decisions had to be made. All proposals were thoroughly reviewed against the Grant Guidelines, and all applicants were contacted to further clarify their requests. "We are excited about the projects we were able to fund this year," Sandstrom commented. "And I think this shows clearly the need to grow our grant-making endowments in order to meet more needs in the future."

*The following projects received funding from the AIACF Unrestricted Endowment Fund:*

• **North Coast Community Sailing** – \$2,500 toward a Program Coordinator to supervise certified instructors as well as plan new programming and fund raising efforts. Contact: Dave Locey, 715-779-5275.

• **Town of La Pointe** – \$4,000 for the Alternative Energy Committee's project with Wisconsin Focus on Energy, to determine the potential for wind and/or solar energy. The 12-month study will include potential equipment needs and cost estimates. Contact: Larry Bean, 715-747-2010.

• **Bayfield Regional Conservancy** – \$3,000 toward increasing the Membership Coordinator position from ¼ time. The position is expected to be self sustaining within 2 years. Contact: Ruth Oppedahl, 715-779-5263. www.brland.org

• **CORE Community Resources, Inc.** – \$2,089 to sponsor a series of education programs on aging. Topics will include physical aspects of aging, nutrition, legal and financial concerns. Contact: Shannon Swanstrom, 715-779-3457. www.corect.org

• **New Horizons North** – \$2,000 for the Autism Families Support Project which includes training for families of children with

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## Spring '08 Event Planned

In the past, we have held an public event to announce AIACF grants in September. This popular gathering introduced projects funded and featured accomplishments of past grantees. You didn't miss it! To better serve area non profits, the application deadline was moved to September 1 this year resulting in a November 1 announcement of grant recipients. A public program is being planned for Spring 2008.

## Clock is Ticking on Tax-Free Charitable IRA Transfers



Since 1974, millions of Americans have saved billions of pre-tax dollars in Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). And a substantial share of today's retirees have more money in their IRAs than they'll ever need. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows IRA owners to share the wealth of their retirement savings by giving directly to charity—without first counting it as income—tax free. The law covers gifts made before December 31, 2007.

Holders of traditional and Roth IRAs who are at least 70½ years old can make direct charitable transfers up to \$100,000 per year. As a qualified public charity, the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund, an affiliate of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, can help donors execute the transfers and choose from several charitable fund options for their gift. Donor Advised Funds do not qualify for tax-free IRA transfers.

This really is a limited-time offer. The window is open now, but it will close January 1, 2008. Contact our office (715-779-7021) for additional information to share with your professional advisor. For anyone interested in establishing a permanent legacy, this is the opportunity of a lifetime to make the gift of a lifetime.

## Legacy Circle to Recognize Future Gifts

*Seven individuals lead the way*

For several years we have known that some donors have included the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund in their will or estate plan. We now have The Legacy Circle to recognize the growing number of individuals who have let us know their intentions.

Donors can create a future fund for a specific charitable purpose, create a fund to benefit one or more non profit organizations, or contribute to any of the Community Fund's previously established funds. Endowed funds grow over time, providing a permanent source of funding for causes you care about.

"We chose to call it The Legacy Circle," explains Advisory Board member Beth Meyers, "because a circle can expand to include anyone who makes this important commitment. Our legacy is what we pass on to the next generation."

Individuals can arrange a simple bequest in their will of cash, stock, real estate, life insurance, or a gift in trust to benefit family members during their lives, with the principal conveyed to the Community Fund at their passing.

Because a charitable bequest is flexible and revocable, it is the most common type of deferred gift. Donors can remain anonymous if they wish.

To learn more, request The Legacy Circle information sheet, which includes sample language for a will or other planned gift. Contact us at 715-779-7021. We can send it by mail or email.

*The future depends on what we do in the present.*

— Mahatma Gandhi



*Our Shared Planet, Inc. received a 2006 grant from the Community Fund to support a number of outreach activities over the last year. Managing Director, Jim Ramsdell, promotes environmental awareness programs, for children and adults, through his art.*

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## Your Gift Helps Us Continue to Give Back to the Region—Forever

In this issue of Connections we've featured some great projects, made possible by nearly 200 generous individuals and businesses who have contributed since the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund began in 2000. Yet, requests were more than twice the funds available. As a result, some received partial funding and several good projects were not funded.

It has always been our dream to raise enough endowment to support two grant cycles per year. With only one application deadline, many worthy projects are put on hold or simply never happen.

We invite you to consider joining us with your commitment – present or future. Contributions in any amount can be added to any of our existing funds. Or start an Acorn Fund, which not only grows our grant making but also allows you to name the Fund when it matures. If you have a specific charitable interest, talk to us. Together, we can make a lasting difference!

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