



RHINELANDER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# 2024 ANNUAL LETTER

**EMPOWERING A BRIGHTER  
TOMORROW FOR THE GREATER  
GOOD OF RHINELANDER**

# TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS AND COMMUNITY,

Thank you, friends! In 2024, we celebrated reaching our \$1 Million in community grants milestone for Rhinelander.

Since 2015, the Rhinelander Community Foundation has proudly awarded grants to support vital community needs. Thanks to our incredible donors, we've strengthened local organizations and enriched lives. Together, we will continue empowering Rhinelander and building a lasting legacy for future generations.

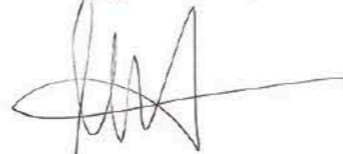
In 2024, we have awarded over \$76,032 to charitable organizations and welcomed a 10% increase in new donors. Since our founding, we've received over \$2.75 million in donations.

We encourage you to visit our website to see how we are addressing community needs through our 17 established funds. Donors can establish a fund now or include one in their estate plan to leave a lasting legacy and honor a cause, name, or loved one. In 2024, we proudly launched six new

permanent funds. We are especially pleased to introduce you to our new endowment fund, the Ron and Elsie Gaber Grants for the Greater Good.

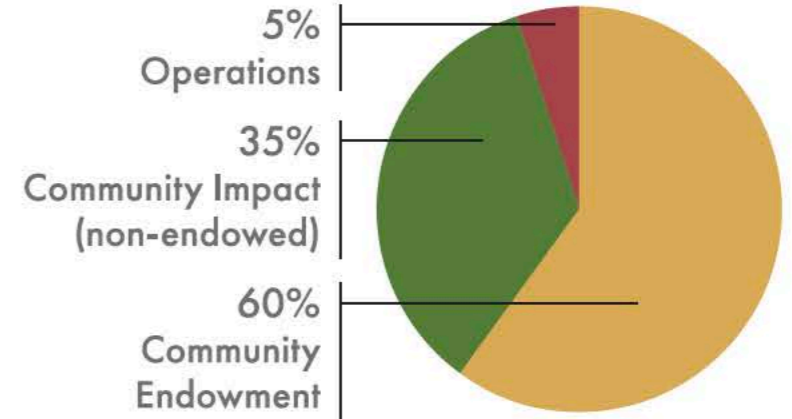
While we are proud to announce that we have reached \$1 Million in grants, our mission is far from complete. Together, we will continue to drive meaningful impact in Rhinelander and build a brighter future for our community.

With gratitude,



Gina Heck  
President

## 2024 UNRESTRICTED GIFT ALLOCATION



## 2024 Grants made possible through the competitive grant process.

Art Start	\$2,500	Teen Experience	Rhineland Area Silent Trails Assoc	\$1,800	RNC Bike trailer and decals
City of Rhineland	\$2,000	PPHC sawmill restoration	Rhineland Area Food Pantry	\$5,000	Hodag Kids program
Crescent Elementary School	\$1,500	Read to succeed program	Rhineland Community Band	\$1,000	Riverwalk Concert Series
Habitat for Humanity	\$2,500	Scaffolding	Rhineland Curling Club	\$1,530	Curling kits
Headwaters	\$3,000	Transition to employment technology	Rhineland District Library	\$4,450	Computer replacements
Junior Achievement of WI (NC)	\$2,000	Youth financial literacy programming	Rhineland High School	\$1,000	Culinary classroom microwaves
Let's Go Fishing	\$2,000	Pontoon seating and renovation	School District of Rhineland	\$1,047	Math racks
Lights of the Northwoods	\$3,000	Holiday lights display	School District of Rhineland	\$3,000	Math department calculators
Master Gardeners of the North	\$1,000	Downtown plantings	Tri-County Council	\$3,360	Security upgrades
NATH	\$6,000	Security and tech upgrades	WXPR	\$3,000	Project North
Oneida County 4-H	\$1,150	Youth summer theater	WXPR	\$2,000	2025 Concert Series
Oneida County Fair Committee	\$2,000	Fair entertainment	YMCA of the Northwoods	\$2,500	Safety around water class
Personal Essentials Pantry	\$1,000	Paper product distribution			

## 2024 Grants made possible through designated gifts, and gifts through established customized funds.

Art Start	\$3,400	Agency endowment grant (annual)	Oneida County Humane Society	\$600	Rhineland facility needs
City of Rhineland	\$480	Gaber Family Endow.: Papermill exhibit	Rhineland Admin	\$939	Endowment grant (annual)
Downtown Rhineland, Inc.	\$400	4 hanging baskets	Rhineland Area Food Pantry	\$601	Endowment grant (annual)
Habitat for Humanity	\$100	Dr Henry Board Service Appreciation	Rhineland High School	\$1,000	UW-Madison Singers
Lights of the Northwoods	\$2,378	Holiday lighting display	Rhineland PIE	\$796	Agency endowment grant (annual)
NAMI	\$2,000	General	School District of Rhineland	\$3,000	Cultural TAP program
Northern Arts Council	\$1,000	Arts competition booklet			



## HODAG KIDS

The Foundation is proud to help the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry (RAFP) fight child hunger with its Hodag Kids program. Its initiatives provide weekend meals, summer lunches, and school-day snacks to children facing food insecurity. In 2024, they expanded their summer program, the Hodag Food Wagon, with RCF funds playing a crucial role in supplying fresh produce to children.



## RHINELANDER CURLING

The Rhinelander Curling Club brings the community together by welcoming curlers of all ages and abilities. With support from the Foundation, new curling kits will add to the experience. Through leagues and “Learn to Curl” events, Hodag Curling fosters camaraderie through its partnership with Rhinelander Ice Arena and the great outdoors.



## SAWMILL RESTORATION

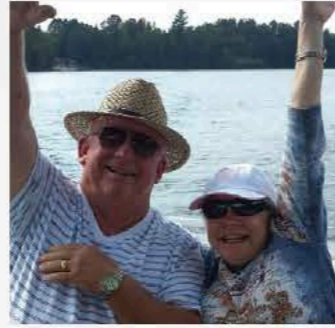
The Rhinelander Pioneer Park Historical Complex will have help from RCF as it undergoes a significant sawmill restoration to preserve its rich logging history. This project aims to restore the sawmill’s structure, showcasing local craftsmanship and offering educational opportunities about the region’s lumber industry.



## LIBRARY TECH UPGRADE

The Rhinelander District Library has upgraded its public computer access with five new, efficient computers thanks to your generosity. This enhancement replaces outdated technology and sets the stage for ongoing improvements. Community members and visitors will enjoy better access to digital resources, boosting opportunities for all.

## RON AND ELSIE GABER GRANTS FOR GREATER GOOD



Ron and Elsie Gaber, driven by their deep love for the Rhinelander community, established the Ron and Elsie Gaber Grants for Greater Good Endowment Fund. This fund embodies their vision of fostering extraordinary and impactful community initiatives that enrich lives. Its mission is to provide financial support for projects, events, and educational endeavors that bring people together through collaborative partnerships. By investing in the dreams and aspirations of the community, the Gabers hope to create a lasting legacy of positivity and growth, making Rhinelander a brighter, more vibrant place for all.

## THANK YOU!



Join us in thanking founding member, Dr. Mike Henry for 10 years of dedicated service to the Foundation. His leadership, insight, and unwavering commitment have left a lasting impact on Rhinelander and the lives of many. As Dr. Henry retires from the board this year, the Foundation is proud to honor his contributions by granting a donation to Habit for Humanity in his name.

# HOW TO MAKE A GIFT OF CASH OR SECURITIES



To make a contribution, please use the remittance envelope. If you would like to designate your donation to a particular fund, such as Rhineland Urban Forestry Fund or another established fund, please include this in your check memo. For information on making a tax-deductible gift of securities, donor recognition or amenities, and other details about the Rhineland Community Foundation visit [rhinelandcommunityfoundation.com](http://rhinelandcommunityfoundation.com), or send a message to [info@rhinelandcommunityfoundation.com](mailto:info@rhinelandcommunityfoundation.com).

## VISION STATEMENT

The Rhineland Community Foundation envisions the Rhineland area realizing its full potential through philanthropy.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Rhineland Community Foundation is to facilitate charitable giving and, together with our donors, enhance the quality of living in the Rhineland community now and for future generations.

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