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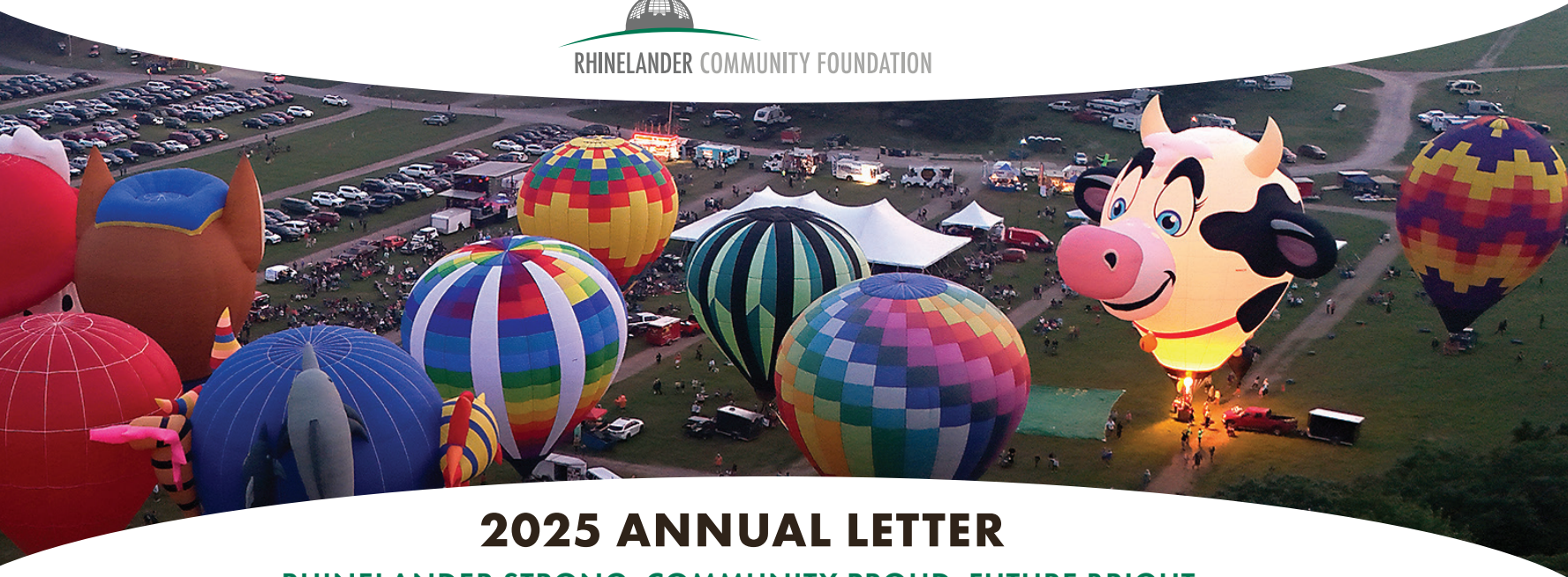


2025 ANNUAL LETTER

RHINELANDER STRONG. COMMUNITY PROUD. FUTURE BRIGHT.

Rising together for what matters most.

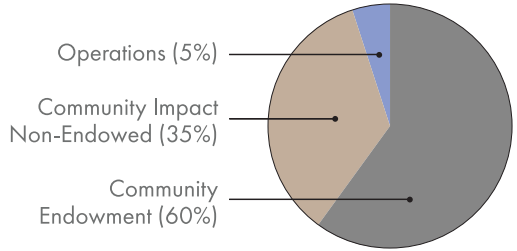
Rhinelander is strongest when people come together with purpose. That spirit continues to guide the Rhinelander Community Foundation and lives in every gift, every fund, and every act of generosity that helps this community thrive.

Since 2017, the Foundation has awarded more than $1.37 million in grants, including $291,000 in 2025, supporting programs that expand opportunity and connection. Our Community Endowment now exceeds $450,000, growing toward a $1 million goal that will ensure $50,000 in annual granting every year, a lasting investment in Rhinelander's future.

This year, we welcomed two new endowment funds and many new donors, each helping strengthen the spirit of giving that defines this community. What we build together continues to lift Rhinelander and keep it growing strong for years to come. Thank you for being part of this work and making this possible.

With gratitude,
Rhinelander Community Foundation

2025 UNRESTRICTED GIFT ALLOCATION



Building Brighter Futures Through the Arts

This summer, Oneida County 4-H filled the stage with laughter, music, and imagination. With support from the Rhinelander Community Foundation, local youth brought the classic tale of Hansel & Gretel to life. It was a week of creativity, teamwork, and growth. The program, produced in partnership with Missoula Children's Theatre, welcomed up to 60 area youth to explore acting, singing, and collaboration while building confidence and lifelong skills. "We are so grateful for the Rhinelander Community Foundation's support," said Anne Williams, Oneida County 4-H Program Educator.

Award Spotlight

Oneida County 4-H honored the Rhinelander Community Foundation with its ***2025 Friend of 4-H Award***, recognizing organizations that go above and beyond to strengthen local youth programs.

Balloon Rally Rises

The Saluting Heroes Balloon Rally brought 27 hot air balloons to Rhinelander, raising nearly $38,000 for local causes. The event honored veterans, first responders, and volunteers while supporting nonprofits like Habitat for Humanity and Camp American Legion, lifting spirits and celebrating community service.

New Funds, Big Impact

This year, two new funds were established. The Natural Wonder Fund, by Stan and Teri Strub (pictured), supports non-motorized outdoor activities in the Northwoods and celebrates quiet exploration. The HSF Legacy Fund strengthens education through the Hodag Schools Foundation and local student grants.

THANK YOU!

Join us in thanking Gina Heck for her years of dedicated leadership as president of the Rhinelander Community Foundation. Her steady vision and care have guided the Foundation's growth and impact. Gina passes the baton to Janet Jamison, who will become president in January 2026. Gina will continue as a member of the board, providing guidance and continuity.

Grants made possible through the competitive grant process.

2025

Headwaters	$2,200	Elevated Excursions
Hodag 4-wheelers	$1,000	Trailwork-groomer equipment
Junior Achievement of WI	$1,350	K-12 financial literacy program
Let's Go Fishing	$1,500	Dock railing
Lights of the Northwoods	$2,000	Holiday lights display
Master Gardeners of the North	$1,200	Downtown garden plantings
Oneida County 4-H	$2,000	Youth summer theater
Oneida County Fair Committee	$2,000	Fair entertainment
Personal Essentials Pantry	$1,000	Paper product distribution
Rhinelander Area Silent Trails Assoc	$2,500	Cassian Trails boardwalk
Rhinelander Area Community Band	$1,500	Band shell sound system
Rhinelander Area Food Pantry	$5,000	Front porch project
Rhinelander District Library	$2,500	Special community programs
Rhinelander PIE	$2,341	RHS/JWMS student career exp.
Salvation Army	$2,500	Emergency services
School District of Rhinelander	$3,000	Cultural tap program
School District of Rhinelander	$850	Science dept gel electrophoresis
We Love Ballooning	$2,000	Balloon Rally event

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

Art Start	$3,371	Agency grant (annual)
City of Rhinelander	$645	Gaber Family Endow.: Papermill exhibit
Lights of the Northwoods	$947	Designated donations
NAMI	$2,000	Designated donations
NATH	$7,500	Donor advised fund
Nativity of Our Lord	$2,800	Designated donations
Northern Arts Council	$1,000	Virtual tours, presenter tickets/comp
Rhinelander Admin	$1,253	Endowment grant (annual)
Rhinelander Area Food Pantry	$608	Friends of RAFP Fund
Rhinelander Area Food Pantry	$2,507	Agency grant (annual)
Rhinelander District Library	$1,039	Bump Art agency grant
Rhinelander District Library	$7,973	Agency grant (annual)
Rhinelander Kiwanis Found.	$220,250	Facilitated through 20+ designated gifts
Rhinelander PIE	$803	Ron & Elsie Gaber Grants for Greater Good endowment grant (annual)
Rhinelander Police Dept.	$2,500	Donor advised fund

VISION STATEMENT

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Join us in building a **stronger** Rhinelander.

To make a contribution, please use the enclosed remittance envelope. If you would like to designate your gift to a specific fund such as the Natural Wonder Fund or HSF Legacy Fund, please note that in the memo line of your check.

For information about making a tax-deductible gift of securities, establishing a fund, recognition opportunities, or other details about the Rhinelander Community Foundation, visit our website or email info@rhinelandercommunityfoundation.com

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