



Kenosha Community Foundation

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we start a new year, let me first acknowledge and thank the organizers and volunteers involved with the Women's Fund **Power of a Purse** event that took place in November. Once again the event was a popular and financial success – a sellout that raised over \$21,000 for the Women's Fund.

Also, I want to thank our partners at the Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services, Inc. (KAFASI) and the Kenosha Public Museums Foundation for helping us put on the **"Mapping your Future"** breakfast on wealth management, estate planning and **gift annuities**. The event, which was held at the Civil War Museum, was attended by a larger than expected group that was very much engaged in the topics. It was a terrific way to celebrate Community Foundation Week – we hope to organize a similar event focused on an aspect of philanthropy this year.

We look forward to 2012. The start of a new year brings around **Kenosha's Kindness Week** celebrations and once again this year, the Kenosha Community Foundation is proud to be a participating supporter of this initiative.



Kindness Week was launched in 1997 by the late Rev. Olen Arrington Jr. and his congregation at the Second Baptist Church. Today, the weeklong series of events is sponsored by the Coalition for Dismantling Racism – a group of volunteers from across the Kenosha community. Kindness Week includes many community activities and also engages students in the Kenosha Unified School District in learning about tolerance, diversity, and community connections.

The centerpiece event of Kindness Week is the Annual Community Unity Breakfast. This year, the 14th Unity Breakfast will be held Saturday morning, January 14 at Indian Trail Academy. The breakfast, which begins at 8:30 a.m., will include presentations to the late Howard J. Brown, who served on the Kenosha Community Foundation board, and Greta Hansen.

Last year, the Foundation became a participating supporter of Kindness Week through a contribution from the **LaFave Family Fund**. We will do so again this year. The Foundation's board believes that Kindness Week aligns well with the goals and focus of the LaFave Family Fund – specifically, programs that promote understanding, communication and a sense of tolerance between individuals and groups.



Susann LaFave at her retirement.

Kindness Week runs from Jan. 13 through 21.

See the [Kindness Week Facebook page](#) to view a schedule of events.

As always, let me know what you think - contact me at rschneider@kenoshafoundation.org.

Robert Schneider
 Executive Director

The Foundation is now accepting 2012 grant applications.



2012 Grant Proposals due 4 p.m. February 29

Local not-for-profit organizations can now apply for 2012 grants from the Foundation.

The Foundation will make grants from five of the funds it manages. We are seeking proposals to be funded from the following: unrestricted funds, OMC Legacy Fund, the LaFave Family Fund, Women's Fund and Arts Fund.

In previous years, the Foundation awarded grants between \$500 and \$18,000 to area not-for-profit organizations.

In 2011, 24 grants, totaling \$73,000, from these five funds were awarded.

Applications must be received by the Foundation no later than 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

Grant criteria and application forms are available on the Foundation's website – kenoshafoundation.org. [Click here to go to the Grant Information page.](#)

If you have any additional questions, contact us.

MAHONE FUND'S REACHING FOR RAINBOWS DINNER DANCE — MAR. 31

Mark your calendars!

Planning is underway for the **"Reaching for Rainbows" Pursuit of Excellence** dinner dance to benefit the Mary Lou and Arthur F. Mahone Fund, which will take place on Saturday, March 31, at the Todd Wehr Center on the Carthage College campus.



This community celebration recognizes our future leaders and those who contribute to lifting up the community. In addition to the dinner, dance and reception, two awards will be presented: the Signature Award to a deserving institution and the Living Legend Award to honor humanitarians in the Kenosha community.

The highlight of the night will be recognition of our next generation of leaders – select community minded high school seniors will receive the Mahone Youth Scholars Award. Since 2000, 127 scholarships have been granted to help young people "Reach their Rainbow."

Keep checking the [Mahone Fund's Facebook page](#) and [website](#) for details on the event.

NEW SCULPTURE WALK VIDEO ON YOUTUBE

A new video of the **Sculpture Walk – HarborPark** exhibition, produced by Stephen Cascio (member of the Foundation's Arts Fund Committee) - was recently posted on YouTube.

[Click here to view the video.](#)

In addition to the interesting perspectives of the sculptures in the exhibition, the views of Kenosha's harbor area in the video are quite striking.



ACCEPTING GUNDLACH AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

• Herman and Virginia Gundlach Scholarship

The Foundation is now accepting applications from school guidance counselors for the Herman and Virginia Gundlach Scholarships.

These scholarships go to Kenosha public high school students that plan to attend a four-year college or university in Wisconsin as a full time student. Preferred applicants will be minority students with a GPA in their senior year of 3.2 or less.

Applications for the Gundlach scholarship are due to the Foundation from school guidance counselors by March 31. The Foundation will send applications to school guidance counselors for distribution to their students.

• Susan B. Anthony Scholarship

The Foundation is now accepting applications for the Susan B. Anthony Scholarships. The scholarships, offered by the Susan B. Anthony Scholarship Committee and administered by the Foundation's Women's Fund, are available to Kenosha County women with an associate degree who want to pursue a bachelor's degree.

The scholarship is sponsored by the American Association of University Women – Kenosha, Kenosha Women's Alliance, and the Kenosha Women's Network.

Application deadline is February 1, 2012. Applications will be reviewed in February and scholarships will be awarded at the Susan B. Anthony awards dinner in the late winter/early spring. For more information contact the Foundation.

FIFTH HOUSE ENSEMBLE TO PLAY FINE ARTS AT FIRST — FEB. 26

Foundation grantee Fifth House Ensemble will be performing as a part of the free **Fine Arts at First** series on Sunday, Feb. 26, at the First United Methodist Church, 919-60th St., Kenosha.

In 2011, Fifth House Ensemble received a grant from the Foundation's LaFave Family Fund for "One Shot!" – a series of arts-integrated programs at Kenosha Unified K-5 in collaboration with Carthage College students.



Fifth House Ensemble is now planning the **fresh inc festival** that will take place at Carthage College in June 2012.

fresh inc festival is a one-of-a-kind chamber music festival that redefines the training process for emerging musicians. Under the guidance of the Fifth House Ensemble, aspiring composers and instrumentalists from the Chicago/Milwaukee region will spend two weeks creating performance experiences for audiences of all types. An end of festival concert for the public involving festival participants is planned.

The Foundation is pleased to assist the ensemble in connecting with other organizations and businesses in Kenosha in planning the fresh inc festival.

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