

## Grants to Organizations June 2017

In June 2017, the Kenosha Community Foundation awarded grants totaling \$58,000, from the Unrestricted Funds that the Foundation manages, to 14 not-for-profit organizations that serve the residents of Kenosha County.



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## About the Kenosha Community Foundation

The Kenosha Community Foundation, organized in 1926 as a tax-exempt public charity, actively manages over \$7.25 million in permanent endowments established by individuals, families and business organizations.

Each year the Community Foundation awards around \$300,000 in grants, scholarships and gifts to Kenosha area non-profit organizations and students.

### About the Foundation's Grants Committee

The Grants Committee reviews, scores and discusses grant applications received and then recommends proposals for funding to the Community Foundation's Board of Directors. Upon receipt of Grant's Committee's recommendations, the Board of Directors makes the final selections.

The Grants Committee is made up of community members who represent various interests. By including members of the professional, educational, business and non-profit interests in the area, the Community Foundation ensures that grants align with the community's present and emerging needs.

The 2016 Grants Committee members: Jane Harrington-Heide, David Geertsen, Marsha Caporaso, Adelene Greene, Kristen Guttormsen, Gordon Hess, Kris Kochman, Gina Madigrano-Friebus, Tim Mahone, John Milisauskas and Michael Thompson.

## List of Grants Awarded June 2017 by the Kenosha Community Foundation

From the Foundation's pool of unrestricted endowment funds, **14 grants** were awarded:

- **Alano Club of Kenosha** – to help replace furnaces that heat the group's downtown Kenosha facility.
- **Birds of a Feather** – to support three Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) support groups that support to those impacted by drug abuse in Kenosha County, with a focus on heroin, opiod, and prescription drug abuse.
- **Congregations United to Serve Humanity (CUSH)** - to produce 3 additional meetings during Kenosha Kindness Week that connects with the community and build a deep understanding about current topics.
- **ELCA Urban Outreach** – to help pay to repair a leaky roof at the Urban Outreach Center.
- **Hope Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse** - to support repairs at two Hope Council properties in need of electrical, roof, painting, carpeting, and flooring needed.
- **Hospice Alliance** – to help purchase mobile device car chargers for clinical field staff.
- **Kenosha Achievement Center (KAC)** – to support the Summer Employment Exploration program that provides students (aged 16-21) with special needs with paid work opportunities.
- **Kenosha County and the University of Wisconsin Extension of Kenosha** – to support the Wilson School Community Garden that offers educational opportunities on healthy eating and self-sufficiency and math and science concepts.
- **Kenosha Creative Space (KCS)** – to support costs of the rehabilitation of the blighted 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue building that will become the permanent home of the KCS.
- **Kenosha Literacy Council** – to support the Creating Literacy Leaders program that aims to help adults improve their English and computer skills to gain employment, and increase their ability to access community resources.
- **Kenosha Symphony Association** – to help fund concerts during the Kenosha Symphony Orchestra's 2017-2018 season.
- **Kenosha YMCA** – to support an educational assistance program that provides Frank Elementary students help to close achievement gaps focused on math and literacy.
- **Sharing Center** – to support programs that provide emergency nutritional support to low income residents via food pantry, senior dining and in-school nutrition program.
- **St. Matthews Lakefront ElderGarten** – to support the lakefront garden for 55+ to benefit the elderly physical, nutritional, and mental health.
- **United Way of Kenosha County** – to support the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provides free income tax preparation and counseling services to low income clients.



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