Enhancing the present and ensuring the future of the Kenosha Community
Our Mission:

Helping people to enhance the present and ensure the future of the Kenosha Community.

About the Cover

“Free to Fly” at Civic Center Park

In November 2015, Kenosha County artist, Bruce Niemi, aided by crews from the city of Kenosha, installed his “Free to Fly” sculpture in the center of Civic Center Park, filling a space, vacant for more than three years.

The Kenosha Community Foundation, working with the city of Kenosha, the county of Kenosha, the students of Harborside Academy and the Kenosha Public Museums, is proud to sponsor the temporary installation of “Free to Fly” as the centerpiece of this beautiful park.
A Message from the President and the Executive Director

“We strive to provide philanthropic leadership to address the needs of the greater Kenosha area and to enhance its quality of life”.

Kenneth Fellman
President, Board of Directors

One meaning of philanthropy: the power to do good. Here at the Kenosha Community Foundation, our job is helping people and organizations to maximize this power.

With our Annual Report, we want to share with you our activities in the 2015 calendar year that met this objective.

The 2015 Annual Report explains how we operate, highlights our recent grant and scholarship activity and provide a focus on the programs and initiatives that we support – initiatives that seek to advance the outlook for Kenosha.

Together with our donors, we’ve sought to strengthen the work of the area’s non-profit organizations through grants for programs that build the capacity to do even more good. We are proud to have sponsored projects and events that highlight Kenosha’s positives and support programs that address the area’s challenges.

While with $7 million in total assets we are considered a small community foundation, we are proud that with a focused investment of available income, we are able to incubate and seed projects that yield positive impacts to the Kenosha Community.

If you’re like us, you like to know where your money is going and for this reason we are dedicated to the responsible stewardship of every one of our donors.

We thank you for your interest in the Foundation – we hope that you will consider this us as “Kenosha’s resource for charitable giving” and join our philanthropic efforts for Kenosha County – by volunteering for one of our grant committees or through a donation.

Robert Schneider
Executive Director

#GiveLocalKenosha
What we do

Named Endowment Funds

Income from these endowment funds may be distributed to non-profit organizations on advisement of the donor and at the discretion of the Foundation’s Board of Directors:

- Howard Brown Endowment
- Advantage Bank Officers and Directors Fund
- Mary Frost Ashley Endowment
- Enroth Family Endowment
- Jessie R. Hopf Endowment
- Ralph and Frances A. Jaeschke Fund
- A. Allan and Isabel M. Jankus Fund
- Kenosha News Fund
- Orvis Family Endowment
- Kathleen Steumke Legacy Fund
- Charles Vignieri Fund

Scholarship Funds

The Kenosha Community Foundation manages the endowment funds that award scholarships to deserving area students:

- Irene Buri-Nelson Scholarship at St. James Church
- The Foundation’s Cropley Scholarship
- Herman and Virginia Gundlach Scholarships
- The Henry A. Link Scholarship Fund
- The Mary Louise Link Scholarship Fund
- A. Allan and Isabel M. Jankus Scholarship Fund
- Mary Lou and Arthur F. Mahone Fund
- Manny Mitka Fund

Donor Advised Funds

The Kenosha Community Foundation manages the numerous funds established by Kenosha area residents, wherein each fund’s donor – individuals and/or businesses - advises the Foundation on the grantee selection criteria and recommends specific annual award recommendations.

- Balmes Family Fund
- Ben-Ami Chemerow Fund
- Marion Gratz Fund
- Robert Loss Fund
- BMO Harris (formerly M & I) Corporate Fund
- Gene F. Soens Fund
- Elden and Ruth Weiss Fund

Organizational Endowment Funds

The Kenosha Community Foundation manages the following endowments established by donors to benefit Kenosha area non-profit and charitable organizations:

- The Verne and Doris Gantzer Funds
- Brookside Care Center Endowment
- Green Ridge Cemetery
- Habitat for Humanity—Kenosha
- Hospice Alliance Foundation
- Kemper Center, Inc.
- Kemper Center Foundation
- Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services, Inc.
- Kenosha County Youth as Resources
- Kenosha Public Museums
- Kenosha School of Technology Enhanced Curriculum
- Kenosha Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund
- Kenosha Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.
- Library Square School
- Open Wings Learning Center
- Women and Children’s Horizons

Fiscal Sponsorships

With a fiscal sponsorship, the Foundation has an arrangement with the following groups/projects that allow them to use the Foundation’s non-profit status and accept tax-deductible donors’ contributions

- Snap-on Associate and Franchise Disaster Relief Fund
- Development Professionals of SE Wisconsin
- Kenosha Festival of Cartooning
- Expose Kenosha
- Get Behind the Arts
- Kenosha Creative Space

Enhancing Quality of Life
For Good, For Ever
FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

The Foundation manages several Field of Interest funds. With these funds, donors instruct the Foundation to contribute all proceeds to non-profit organizations and charities within a general area of interest, while the Foundation selects the grantees.

The Women’s Fund
Established by the Foundation in the late 1990s, the fund supports programs and organizations that create opportunities for women and children through direct grant and responsive giving. Since it was established in 1998, the Women’s Fund has distributed over $50,000 in grants to Kenosha area non-profit groups such as the Kenosha Literacy Council.

OMC Legacy Fund
Established by the former Outboard Marine Corporation (OMC) Foundation. Grants from this support programs and activities designed to improve the general welfare and enhance the quality of life for youth in the Kenosha community.

The LaFave Family Fund
Established by the estate of Susann LaFave, the fund supports programs that further education—particularly by promoting the humanities, the arts, tolerance and communication.

The Kubasiewicz Family Trust
Established in 2013, income from the Trust is distributed as grants to non-profits organizations selected by the Foundation’s Women’s Fund.

The Kenosha Arts Fund
Grants from this fund support projects that enhance the culture, economy and quality of life in Kenosha and have an impact on the arts and community at large.

2015 Distributions by Sector

- Arts and Culture: 38%
- Health and Human Services: 28%
- Community and Economic Development: 19%
- Education (Includes Scholarships): 15%

About the Foundation’s Grants Committee

The Grants Committee reviews and recommends to the Board of Directors of the Foundation all grant and scholarship applications. The committee, made up of members of the professional, educational, business and non-profit interests in the community, ensures that the Foundation’s grants align with the community’s present needs.

NOTE: Upon receipt of Grant’s Committee’s recommendations, the Board of Directors of the Foundation then makes the final selection of all grants and scholarships awarded.

In 2015, the following members of the Kenosha community served on the Grants Committee:

Jane Harrington-Heide, Chair
Marsha Caporaso
David Geertsen
Adelene Greene
Kristen Guttormsen
Gordon Hess
Kris Kochman
Gina Madrigrano-Friebus
Timothy Mahone
John Milisauskas
Michael Thompson
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Alzheimer’s Association
- Aurora Foundation
- Easter Seals Society
- ELCA Urban Outreach
- Feeding America
- Hospice Alliance
- Jane Cremer Cancer Foundation
- Kenosha Achievement Center
- Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services, Inc.
- Kenosha Literacy Council
- Kenosha Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.
- Kenosha County Youth as Resources
- National Alliance on Mental Illness - Kenosha
- The Shalom Center of the Interfaith Network
- The Sharing Center
- United Way of Greater Kenosha
- Women and Children’s Horizons

“In this project provides the most basic human needs of food and shelter... which allow participants the opportunity to hopefully remain stable for the long term.”

In 2015, the Foundation contributed to Kenosha’s Shalom Center for its Interfaith Network Nightly Shelter (INNS) program that serves homeless single individuals as well as families with minor children.

In addition to providing clients with healthy meals and shelter in a safe, secure environment, the Shalom Center provided help to clients in establishing income, saving money and ultimately obtaining a more permanent housing solution.
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- All Saints Catholic School
- Coalition for Dismantling Racism
- Concerned Citizens Coalition
- Congregation United to Serve Humanity (CUSH)
- Downtown Kenosha, Inc.
- Goodfellows - Kenosha Christmas Charities
- Habitat for Humanity - Kenosha
- Jewish Community Foundation
- Kenosha Common Markets, Inc.
- Kenosha YMCA
- Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network
- St. Anthony’s Church
- St. James Catholic Church
- St. Mary’s Catholic Church
- St. Monica’s Church
- The Sharing Center
- United Way of Greater Kenosha
- United Way of Greater Kenosha - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- Western Kenosha County Senior Citizens Council
- Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corporation

In 2015, the Foundation awarded a grant to Downtown Kenosha, Inc. to help establish a Downtown Ambassador’s program.

The Ambassadors, who answer questions and act as representatives for those visiting here who might need directions or looking for recommendations for shopping or activities, act as strong public advocates for Kenosha’s downtown.

“The Downtown Kenosha Ambassador program was just in its infancy when we were awarded (the Foundation’s grant)...which has allowed (us) to enhance the program...we have doubled the size of our trained volunteer (Downtown Ambassador) pool.”

Christopher Naumann
Executive Director
Downtown Kenosha, INC
WHERE WE GIVE

- 21st Century Preparatory School
- Alabama State University*
- Boy Scouts of America
- Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha
- Carroll University*
- Carthage College
- Drake University*
- Fox Valley Technical College*
- Fresh Inc. Music Festival*
- Gateway Technical College*
- Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast
- Indian Trail High School and Academy
- John A. Logan College*
- Kenosha Junior Women’s Club
- Kenosha Music Teachers Association
- Lawrence University*
- Lincoln Middle School
- Marquette University*
- Milliken University*
- Open Wings Learning Center
- Purdue University*
- Rasmussen College*
- St. Joseph’s Academy
- St. Olaf College (MN)*
- Three Harbors Council Scouting
- University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*
- UW Extension Kenosha County
- UW Madison*
- UW Milwaukee*
- UW Oshkosh*
- UW Parkside*
- UW Parkside Foundation
- UW Stevens Point*
- UW Stout*
- UW Whitewater*
- Wartburg College*
- Wisconsin Special Olympics

* Indicates scholarships to Kenosha area students

EDUCATION

Cropley Scholarships

In 2015, the Foundation awarded over forty scholarships to Kenosha area students, this included four recipients of the Foundation’s Cropley Scholarship.

Established by Ward Cropley, who retired in 1962 after 43 years with the Kenosha News, the scholarship fund provides financial assistance to “needy and worthy students, who are desirous of and ambitious to receive a college, university, or other higher education, and who without financial assistance, would be unable to acquire such college, university or higher education.”

In keeping with Ward Cropley’s intentions, the Foundation’s Board of Directors decided to refocus the scholarship program and provide one-year scholarships to currently enrolled college students in financial need to help them continue and/or complete their education.

In 2015, from 42 impressive applications received, the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee selected the following four talented and enterprising students as recipients of the Cropley Scholarship:

- Samantha Clements of Pleasant Prairie, sophomore at Lawrence University (WI) majoring in Chemistry and Neuroscience
- Arista Flanagan of Kenosha, senior at Carthage College majoring in Elementary Education / Special Education
- Anna Perkins of Kenosha, sophomore at St. Olaf College (MN) majoring in Sociology / Anthropology and Russian
- Nicholas Terrell of Kenosha, junior at UW-Parkside majoring in Communications / Graphic Design
WHERE WE GIVE

ARTS AND CULTURE

- Anderson Arts Center
- Choral Arts Society of Southeastern Wisconsin
- Fine Arts at First
- Fresh Inc. Music Festival
- Friends of the Kenosha Public Library
- Get Behind the Arts Studio Tour
- Kemper Center, Inc.
- Kenosha Art Association for the Citizen Welles Society of Kenosha
- Kenosha Community Media
- Kenosha Performing Arts Association
- Kenosha Public Museums
- Kenosha Symphony Orchestra
- Lakeside Players at the Rhode Center for the Arts
- Lemon Street Gallery and ArtSpace
- M. G. V. Harmonia
- Racine Symphony Orchestra
- Southeast Wisconsin Performing Arts

In addition to receiving a grant from the Foundation’s LaFave Family Fund to support its Youth Concerts for 5th graders in the Kenosha Unified School District, in 2015 the Kenosha Symphony established an endowment fund with the Foundation to help it build a stable and secure financial future.

In the inaugural year of the Kenosha Symphony Orchestra endowment fund, the Foundation issued a challenge match, dollar-for-dollar, up to $75,000, to show on-going support for the 76-year-old community institution and help assure its continued excellence in music performance and educational programs for years to come.

“The Kenosha Community Foundation has been an ardent supporter of the Kenosha Symphony, helping us to expand our reach within the local community, and giving us the financial confidence to evolve in a time when many of this nation’s symphonies are struggling.”

Kenneth Murray—Kenosha Symphony Orchestra Executive
2015 Financial Statements
Statements of Financial Position as of December 31, 2014 and 2015

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Auditors: Tirabassi, Felland & Clark LLC
Note: This is a summarized financial statement. The complete audited financial statements and copies of the Community Foundation’s 990 are available upon request by contacting email@kenoshafoundation.org.

The Kenosha Community Foundation operates in compliance with the National Standards for Community Foundations as set forth by the Council of Foundations.

Summary of Activities

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Why consider the Kenosha Community Foundation as Your Resource for Charitable Giving

The Foundation enables concerned citizens to become a part of the continuing history of philanthropy in the Kenosha community through their gifts. Behind each gift is a story of the families, individuals and organizations who have all been enriched by Kenosha—they have chosen to make a lasting contribution back to the community. The Foundation helps make this happen through grants to organizations that serve and enrich the community and scholarships to aid local students.

Ways to Give

As a 501(c)(3) public charity, the Foundation offers maximum deductibility for income and estate tax purposes. We accept a wide variety of gifts offering donors maximum tax advantages designed to accommodate the special concerns of donors. Ways you can give include:

- **Create your own fund.** When you create a fund, you not only give it a name—you have the opportunity to decide its purpose.
- **Contribute to an existing fund.** Your gift can either be placed in our unrestricted funds or you may designate your gift to one of the Foundation’s existing funds.
- **Make a bequest in your will.** Perpetuate your charitable work in a living memorial (which may create a reduction in estate taxes).
- **Retain income for a charitable gift.** Give assets to the Foundation and receive income for life or a specific period of time (which may yield a tax deduction).
- **Transfer an existing family foundation.** Transferring a family foundation’s assets allows the foundation’s identity to be retained and allows its members to serve as advisors.
Kenosha Sculpture Walk-HarborPark

In September 2015, the Arts Fund installed 11 new works in the 2015-2017 exhibition of Sculpture Walk-HarborPark. Sculpture Walk-HarborPark is funded through private donations.

**Birds of Fire** by Ted Sitting Crow Garner
Sponsored by Dr. Clifton & Gladys Peterson

**Directions** by Paul Bobrowitz
Sponsored by The Kenosha Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

**Figure** by Maureen Gray
Sponsored by Elizabeth Brown

**Flapper** by Ruth Aizuss Migdal
Sponsored by Abatron, Inc.

**Giraffe** by Joe Gagnepain
Sponsored by Snap-on, Inc.

**King of Prairie Town** by Nicole Beck
Sponsored by The Friends of the Arts Fund

**Lost in Space** by Judd Nelson
Sponsored by The Kloss Charitable Trust

**Maelstrom** by Craig Snyder
Sponsored by Kenosha Community Foundation

**Porcine Player** by Paul Bobrowitz
Sponsored by Patricia Petretti

**The Nest** by Bruce Niemi
Sponsored by Mary Tunkieicz

**To Be Set Free** by Bruce Niemi
Sponsored by Richard & Elizabeth Uihlein

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