Enhancing the present and ensuring the future of the Kenosha community

Report to the Community
The Kenosha Community Foundation
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A Message from President of the Board and Executive Director

With our Annual Report, we want to share our activities in the 2016 calendar year - explaining how we operate, detailing our recent grant making and scholarship activities, and highlighting our financial performance.

In 2016, with the creation of several new endowment funds, the Kenosha Community Foundation reached a key financial milestone - our total assets now exceed $10 million. These new endowment funds will increase the capacity of the Foundation to support the non-profit organizations working in Kenosha county as well as area students.

Additionally in 2016, we continued to enhance our community outreach efforts, this included:

- Partnering with the Kloss Charitable Trust, the city of Kenosha’s Commission on the Arts and the UW-Madison’s Bolz Center for Arts Administration to facilitate community discussions and develop a framework for Creative Economy Strategic Plan for Kenosha.
- Supporting the Shalom Center’s rehabilitation and development of a new facility at 4314 39th Avenue - including a two-year contribution to the project that the Shalom Center used to leverage and attract other funding for the project.
- Establishing an Annual Foundation Meeting – a public discussion/question-and-answer session about the Foundation’s mission, programs and grant making priorities. We plan to hold the Annual Meeting each January. (In January 2017, the public meeting was held at the Kenosha Public Library’s Southwest Branch.)

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, we established new policies to streamline and focus our grant making. The Foundation now awards grants to non-profit organizations in two cycles: grants from our pool of Unrestricted endowment funds will continue to be awarded in the late spring, while grant awards from our four Field of Interest funds (LaFave Family, OMC Legacy, Women’s and Arts Funds) will occur in January.

For more information on these and other details about Foundation operations, please visit www.kenoshafoundation.org/about-us.

For 2017, we look forward in continuing our community outreach activities, especially through sponsorship of arts and cultural events, including the installation of the 2017-2019 Sculpture Walk HarborPark exhibition.

We hope that you will consider joining with us in our philanthropic efforts to support people and causes in Kenosha County – by volunteering for one of grant committees or through a donation. You can help us continue our commitment to be “Kenosha’s resource for charitable giving” – the focus since our founding 90 years ago.
The Kenosha Community Foundation operates in compliance with the National Standards for Community Foundations as set forth by the Council of Foundations.

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.

**Total Assets of the Foundation**

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**Summary of Activities**

- Total Donations (Contributions and Fundraising): 2015 $303,367, 2016 $3,164,152
- Total Distributions (Grants, Sponsorships and Scholarships): 2015 $302,948, 2016 $278,286

**HOW WE OPERATE**

**WHO WE ARE**

**Named Endowment Funds**

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

- Howard Brown Endowment for the Benefit of the Kenosha Community Foundation
- Advantage Bank Officers and Directors Fund
- Mary Frost Ashley Endowment
- Enroth Family Endowment
- Jessie R. Hof 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 Crophy 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:

- Belmes 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 which were established by a donor or group of donors to benefit Kenosha area non-profit and charitable organizations:

- The Verne and Doris Gantzler 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 Community Youth as Resources
- Kenosha Public Museums Foundation
- Kenosha School of Technology Enhanced Curriculum (KTEC)
- 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 – a 501(c)3 non-profit organization or charity – has an arrangement to allow another group or project (without non-profit status) to use the Foundation’s tax exempt status to accept tax-deductible contributions from donors:

- 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
- Community Expressions

For more information on our family of endowment funds, including how to start one of your own, visit www.kenoshafoundation.org
Field of Interest Funds

The Foundation manages several Field of Interest funds. With these funds, donors instruct the Foundation to contribute all proceeds to 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.

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, 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-profit organizations selected by the Foundation’s Women’s Fund.

The 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.

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 families, individuals and organizations who have all been enriched by Kenosha and 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.
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 Museums
- Get Behind the Arts Studio Tour
- Kemper Center, Inc.
- Kenosha Chamber Choir
- Kenosha Creative Space
- Kenosha Public Museums
- Kenosha Symphony Orchestra
- Lemon Street Gallery and ArtSpace
- M. G. V. Harmonia
- WGTD Public Radio
- Racine Symphony Orchestra

The Foundation continued a commitment to supporting the local music and performance that included a 2016 grant from the LaFave Family Fund to the Fresh Inc. Festival for Emerging Musicians and Composers (held each June at UW-Parkside). We also commissioned a new work – “Idea Rise” - from Wisconsin-born composer (and Fresh Inc. attendee) Zachary Green and asked members of the Kenosha Symphony Orchestra to perform the composition at the city of Kenosha’s Annual Arts Awards.

Health and Human Services

- Aurora Foundation
- Birds of a Feather
- D.A.R.E.
- Easter Seals Society
- ELCA Urban Outreach
- Hospice Alliance
- Kenosha Achievement Center
- Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services, Inc
- Kenosha Literacy Council
- Kenosha Visiting Nurse Association
- Kenosha Youth as Resources
- National Alliance on Mental Illness – Kenosha
- Racine County Food Bank
- Salvation Army of Kenosha
- The Shalom Center of the Interfaith Network
- The Sharing Center
- United Way of Kenosha County
- Women and Children’s Horizons

In 2016, using grant funds from the Foundation’s OMC legacy Fund, the Sharing Center in Salem Lakes worked with seven western Kenosha County public schools to establish garden projects – all to be planted and cultivated by students. The focus of these student gardens was for participants to learn how to grow food as well as lessons in health and nutrition. Some of the student gardens donated their excess harvests back to the Sharing Center for distribution through their food pantry.
Community and Economic Development

- All Saints Catholic School
- City of Kenosha – Kenosha Creative Economy Strategic Plan
- Coalition for Dismantling Racism
- Downtown Kenosha, Inc.
- Goodfellows - Kenosha Christmas Charities
- Habitat for Humanity – Kenosha
- Kenosha Common Markets, Inc.
- Kenosha Rotary Foundation
- Kenosha YMCA
- Milwaukee Urban League
- St. Anthony’s Church
- St. Mary’s Catholic Church
- St. Monica’s Church
- United Way of Kenosha County
- United Way of Greater Kenosha - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- Urban League of Racine and Kenosha

The Foundation supported the city of Kenosha’s effort to develop the Kenosha Creative Economy Strategic Plan, which included the sponsorship of the UW-Madison’s Boltz Center for Arts Administration to facilitate community discussions and develop a framework for the plan.

Education (Including Scholarships)

- Bong Naturalist Association - UW Extension Kenosha County
- Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha
- Carroll University*
- DePaul University*
- Fresh Inc. Music Festival*
- Gateway Technical College*
- Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast
- Indian Trail High School and Academy
- Kenosha County Association for Home and Community Education (Wisconsin Bookworms program)
- Kenosha Unified School District
- Lincoln Middle School
- Marquette University*
- Milliken University*
- Open Wings Learning Center
- Purdue University*
- St. Joseph’s Catholic Academy
- Three Harbors Council Scouting
- University of Illinois*
- University of Kentucky*
- University of New Haven*
- UW Madison*
- UW Milwaukee*
- UW Oshkosh*
- UW Parkside*
- UW Parkside Foundation
- UW Platteville*
- UW Stevens Point*
- UW Stout*
- UW Whitewater*
- Wisconsin Special Olympics

* Indicates scholarships to Kenosha area students

As a result of over five decades of discussions, members of the Mary D. Bradford High School Class of 1961 established a scholarship fund at the Foundation to give back to the future generations of Bradford graduates. In 2017, the Bradford High School Class of ’61 Scholarship Fund will be available to graduating seniors at Bradford High who will be a full-time student pursuing a two-year or four-year degree at an accredited Wisconsin college or university.

Scholarship Committee:
- Joan Wilk
- Peter Johnson
- Virginia Hartley
- Gordon Hess
- Carla Knickrehm
- Tom Targos