

# The Greater Cedarburg ... now and forever FOUNDATION

A Newsletter for the Friends of the Cedarburg Foundation

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## Community Gala Celebrates the Seasons

Nearly 200 people attended the 12th annual Community Gala on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Curling Center at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, netting more than \$60,000 to support the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's mission to enhance the quality of life in the greater Cedarburg community through private funding.

Colorful table decorations reflected the theme of the Gala: "Cedarburg's Legacy: Celebrate the Seasons." The Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts loaned the GCF a number of beautifully crafted quilts that hung on the walls.

The event included entertainment by the Cedarburg Civic Band and keyboardist Gary Haseley, a cocktail hour, an elegant buffet dinner catered by Out & Out and an auction featuring original artwork from two well-known local artists: Mary Ellen Mueller and Susan Hale.

Other verbal auction items included a Summer Sounds party for 12, two tickets to the musical "Hamilton" in Chicago donated by Mark and Mary Jane Baumgartner, a French Forks dinner workshop and wine tasting, a 30" by 40" enlargement from the Harold Dobberpuhl photo collection donated by Steve and Pat Thome, a wine and food tasting from Piggly Wiggly and a golf outing for four at Ozaukee Country Club. More than 40 other items were included in a silent auction including a rocking chair from Amish Craftsmen Guild, an outdoor propane heater from Boehlke Bottled Gas and two tickets to the Packers / Bears game donated by Richard and Barbara Janssen.



GCF President Joe Fazio and his wife, Lisa, greet guests at the 2017 Community Gala

Photo courtesy of Ozaukee County News Graphic: Art Dahlke, photographer

Joe Fazio, GCF board president, was extremely pleased with the results of the Gala. "For this evening to be the success it is requires many people to plan every detail," he said, and praised sponsors, volunteers and a "committed" board of directors for their "great effort."

The presenting sponsor of the Gala was PyraMax Bank. Signature sponsors were BMO Harris Bank, Commerce State Bank, Partnership Bank, Port Washington State Bank and Answerport. Patron sponsors included Bank Mutual, Husch Blackwell, Levy and Levy Attorneys at Law, Michael Best & Friedrich, Olsen's Piggly Wiggly, Pioneer Pet and Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren Attorneys at Law.

The funds raised at the Gala are used to grow the GCF endowment fund and provide grants to non-profit organizations for special programs and projects.

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## Annual Fund Drive Underway

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation has launched its Annual Fund Drive for 2017. Donations received from the fund drive help the Foundation provide financial support for projects undertaken by local non-profit organizations.

2017 has already been an active year for the Foundation. We provided \$85,000 to the **Cedarburg Landmarks Preservation Society, Inc.** and the **Cedarburg Cultural Center** to support the opening of the **Cedarburg History Museum**. In addition, the GCF awarded grants to 11 other local organizations to help provide services and educational programs in our community.

Those organizations included:

- Balance Inc.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County
- Cedarburg High School Robotics Team
- Cedarburg Music Festivals
- Cedarburg Public Library
- Cope Services Inc.
- Family Enrichment Center of Ozaukee Inc.
- Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County
- Portal Inc.
- Starting Point of Ozaukee
- Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts Inc.

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Sue Plater, Jim Myers and Barb and Dick Janssen



The Cedarburg Civic Band entertains guests before dinner

Photos courtesy of Ozaukee County News Graphic: Art Dahlke, photographer

Since 2001, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling over \$1 million to many valued community organizations.

The Foundation's support of projects carried out by non-profit organizations helps preserve the cultural heritage and quality of life in the greater Cedarburg area. The Foundation raises awareness and funds through a semi-annual newsletter, annual fund drive and special events such as the Civic Event

*Want to keep the legacy alive? Consider joining a committed group of people who are part of the GCF's Legacy Society. For more information, go to [cedarburgfoundation.com/gcf-legacy-society](http://cedarburgfoundation.com/gcf-legacy-society).*

in February and President's Event in September. As a result of these efforts, the Foundation's endowment (and power to give) has grown significantly.

Tim Wilkinson, board member and annual fund drive chair, said, "The Cedarburg History Museum is just the latest example of what makes the Greater Cedarburg area a special place. Local residents give generously of their time and money to contribute to our quality of life. The Greater Cedarburg Foundation is fortunate that many very generous members of our community support our efforts, and enable us to respond to funding requests for projects that enhance our community."

Please review the Annual Fund Drive letter in this newsletter and consider donating to the 2017 campaign. We appreciate donations of any size.

For further information on the Foundation's mission or Annual Fund Drive, call 262-377-7338 or go to [cedarburgfoundation.com](http://cedarburgfoundation.com).

## SAVE THE DATE!

Our 2018 President's Event / Community Gala will be a night to remember! On **Saturday, Sept. 22**, we will be treating friends of the GCF to "A Night at the Museums." A trolley will take guests to the Cedarburg Art Museum, the Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, the Cedarburg History Museum and the Cedarburg Cultural Center for an evening of signature cocktails, tours, dinner, an auction and entertainment. You won't want to miss this special evening so put it on your calendar now. Festivities will start at about 5 p.m. with more details to follow in early summer.



# Grant Spotlight ...

This past year, The Greater Cedarburg Foundation awarded grants to 13 area non-profit organizations as part of its annual grant cycle. We asked two of those recipients, Balance Inc. and the Cedarburg Public Library, to tell us how that money has helped them reach their goals.

## Balance Inc.: "Your Grant Is Touching Lives"

Balance's mission for 26 years has been to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities in Ozaukee County by providing a balance of support and independence for each individual.

"Perhaps the most concerning issue for parents of an adult child with a developmental disability is knowing their child will outlive them," said Karen Cohen, director of fund development & communication for Balance. "They spend their life advocating and caring for their child,

but eventually realize they must trust others."

Balance, she said, has strived to become that "second family" so parents have confidence their children will continue to be loved as a family member after they are gone. Balance has addressed this formally by adopting an Aging in Place Program, which includes adult family group living homes.

When the Breeze Cove Adult Family Home in Grafton required a significant bathroom remodel, Balance applied for a grant from GCF. "Everything

was outdated, worn and difficult to properly and safely access," said Cohen. "This critical project was accomplished with the tremendous support of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's gift. The funds provided a complete bathroom remodel that included an ADA accessible shower stall, a vanity with sink and storage, new lighting, flooring and painting.

"Through the incredible support of the GCF, the quality of life for the Breeze Cove residents will forever be substantially impacted."



Residents of The Breeze Cove Adult Family Home in Grafton have a newly remodeled bathroom thanks to a grant from the GCF.

## Cedarburg Public Library: "GCF Funding Kick Started Our Technology Initiatives"

After surveying the community, the Cedarburg Public Library (CPL) identified four technology initiatives that were most desired by the public. The GCF chose to fund two of those programs which support Adobe Creative Cloud software and provide virtual reality equipment.

"We were looking to improve lives in the community by introducing and making available new technology for use by the public," said David Nimmer, assistant library director.

Nimmer said the Adobe Creative Cloud package of programs was launched in the summer of 2017. "We rolled out of a four-part program on InDesign this fall and collaborated with the high school in identifying a student to teach the class. In 2018, we look forward to highlighting

Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop and Premiere (video editing). The Adobe Creative Cloud software is available on three computers in the library for access anytime we are open."

He said the software is being used for the first-ever teen film festival. The Audition (audio editing) function has been used to support and create content for the burgeoning CPL radio station. "Besides our own content we have collaborated with Summer Sounds, Ozaukee County Humane Society and Blueburg Café's open mic program in creating programs and spreading information for broadcast on our radio station and through the podcast format," Nimmer said.

The second initiative, an HTC Vive virtual reality setup, was



Employees of Portal Inc. get a demonstration of the new Virtual Reality equipment at the Cedarburg Public Library secured through a grant from the GCF

launched in September. "The equipment has been very popular," said Nimmer. "We are also currently making available community service hours for high school kids. Not only do they help build our knowledge base about VR by trying out the new programs, but they have also been great walking the public through their first VR experience."

An interesting sidelight? Because of the grant from the GCF, another group stepped forward to fund the other two technology initiatives. "The group was initially hesitant to support the project but stepped right in after learning of the support from the GCF," said Nimmer. "This additional support doubled the initial grant from the Greater Cedarburg Foundation."

# Ozaukee County residents put their ideas “On the Table”



Seizing the opportunity to connect and have meaningful conversations about how best to strengthen the community, residents of Ozaukee County were among more than 5,100 people who took part in the Greater Milwaukee Foundation’s On the Table MKE initiative on Oct. 17.

On the Table was created as a regionwide convening, a platform for all people to voice their ideas around topics and issues they identify as important and take action to build and sustain our communities. People from

every sector of the region stepped forward as On the Table hosts, each inviting small groups to gather, all on the same day, for mealtime conversations focused on topics of mutual interest.

The value of building relationships and finding new ways to apply their passions and knowledge to improving quality of life in the community resonated with many. Based on preliminary feedback, the vast majority of participants met someone new through On the Table, and nearly all felt more motivated to work together on issues facing their community, according to Jeremy Podolski, marketing and communications director at the GMF.

Topics of conversation varied widely; some were focused on specific issues while others addressed the community broadly. Some people engaged with tables through organizations while others took on the role simply as caring community members.

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation played a key role in facilitating conversations among people in Ozaukee County. A large group of residents gathered at the Cedarburg Cultural Center for community conversations. Organizations such as Advocates of Ozaukee, Cedarburg Art Museum, MATC-Mequon Campus and others were hosts in the community.

Mequon Nature preserve, for example, led discussions about better leveraging farm fields in the preserve to help with food insecurity in the area. Local business owner Kurt Baehmann put out an open invitation for the community to join him at Baehmann’s Golf Center in Cedarburg for conversation, where a half dozen people talked about health care, employment and overall quality of life. About 175 people participated in conversations across Ozaukee County.

The Greater Milwaukee Foundation is producing a community report from the feedback provided by hosts and participants to share outcomes and subsequent action steps inspired by On the Table conversations. If you participated in On the Table and would like to share your ideas and next steps or connect to others with similar interests, please contact GMF at [onthetableMKE@greatermilwaukeefoundation.org](mailto:onthetableMKE@greatermilwaukeefoundation.org).

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