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A Newsletter for the Friends of the Cedarburg Foundation

Thirty-second Edition — December 2018

Guests Enjoy a Perfect Night at the Cedarburg Museums!

"A Night at the Cedarburg Museums," the theme of the 2018 Community Gala hosted by the Greater Cedarburg Foundation (GCF) on Saturday, September 22, was a resounding success.



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Guests of the 2018 GCF Community Gala board the trolley to visit the Cedarburg museums before heading to the Cedarburg Cultural Center

Starting at the Cedarburg Cultural Center, trolleys

transported 200 guests to the Cedarburg Art Museum, the Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts and the Cedarburg History Museum for tours before regrouping at the Cultural Center for dinner, cocktails, an auction and entertainment.

"We were thrilled to highlight Cedarburg venues that the Greater Cedarburg Foundation has supported over the years," said John Cordio, GCF president. "It was an opportunity for folks to discover and revisit these local treasures while enjoying an evening with friends and meeting new people."

To prepare for the evening, guests also received complimentary tickets to an afternoon showing of the original movie, "A Night at the Museum," at the Rivoli Theater.

Original paintings by local artists Tom Kubala and Robb Helf brought in nearly \$7,000 for the Foundation during the live auction. Other auction items included a private dinner

for eight people at Brandywine restaurant, a hunt for four people at River Wildlife at Kohler, a wine fridge stocked with 25 bottles of wine, a party for 50 people with Yellow Bellies Food Truck, and a catered Beatles-themed party for 10.

Businesses providing financial support for the evening included:

- **Signature Sponsors:** Answerport, BMO Harris Bank, Commerce State Bank, Partnership Bank and Port Washington State Bank
- **Patron Sponsors:** Levy & Levy, Husch Blackwell, Michael Best & Friedrich, Pioneer Pet Products/Smart Cat, US Bank and Wipfli CPAs and Consultants
- **Trolley Sponsors:** Olsen's Piggly Wiggly and Spectrum Investment Advisors

"A Night at the Cedarburg Museums" was a fundraiser for the GCF, which awards grants for projects that preserve the local cultural heritage, enhance artistic endeavors and support educational, social and community-based services in the Greater Cedarburg area.

Cordio concluded, "It was great to see people having so much fun throughout the evening while raising more than \$50,000 for the Foundation. We are so thankful for the support of our community." ■

Give Now. Your Donation Hits Home!

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation has launched its Annual Fund Drive for 2018. The Foundation uses donations from the fund drive to help provide financial support for projects undertaken by local non-profit organizations.

2018 has already been an active year for the Foundation. We provided \$50,000 to the **Peter Wollner American Legion Post 288** to support a remodeling and expansion project. In addition, the GCF awarded grants to 11 other local organizations to help provide services and educational programs in our community.

Those organizations included:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County
- Cedarburg Art Museum
- Cedarburg High School Robotics Team
- Family Promise of Ozaukee County
- Kettle Moraine YMCA
- Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center
- Ozaukee Family Services
- Portal Inc.
- Riveredge Nature Center
- Starting Point of Ozaukee
- Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts

Since 2001, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling more than \$1.5 million to many valued community organizations.

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COMMUNITY GALA

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Mark Justesen, photographer



(Above) GCF President John Cordio and his wife, Amy, greet people at the Cedarburg Cultural Center



(Left) Guests admire the quilts on display at the Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts



David Shaw, Magali Shaw, Pam Helf and Jan Sheridan



(Left) Mal Hepburn, Patty Gallun Hansen and John Katzka



(Above) Lori McGuire, Jack Arnett, Renee Kalies and Pat McGuire



Third stop is the Cedarburg History Museum



(Left) Steve and Heather Cain at the Cedarburg Art Museum



Keyboardist Gary Haseley entertains guests



Larry, the security guard from "A Night at the Museum," keeps order (aka David "Bones" Boyles)



Desserts by Delicately Delicious provided a great way to end the evening



Cedar Creek Park Bandshell Recognized with Mayor's Enhancement Award

The two-year-old bandshell in Cedar Creek Park received a Mayor's Community Enhancement Award at a ceremony at City Hall on October 8.

The bandshell was built primarily with funds provided by the Greater Cedarburg Foundation, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the Cedarburg-Grafton Rotary. Combined, the three organizations provided \$450,000 toward the project. Local businesses and individuals provided the remaining funds with architectural services donated by Groth Design Group. M Squared Engineering donated its services to handle flood-plain issues.

The new structure replaced a 50-year-old bandshell with a substantially larger facility that includes an enlarged stage, an extended roof, storage space for musical equipment and all new electrical service and lighting. Improved landscaping completed the park plan.

In nominating the bandshell for the award, residents John and Tina Carpenter noted that the new bandshell features natural timber and limestone which complements and enhances the surrounding creek, park and nearby pavilion building.

"This impressive and beautiful structure has enriched Cedarburg traditions such as Summer Sounds, the Drama in the Park series, and Cedar Creek Park itself," the Carpenters wrote.

The Mayor's Community Enhancement Awards acknowledges residents, organizations and businesses that have made an effort to beautify properties in extraordinary ways. ■

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Watch for exciting details to come for these
Greater Cedarburg Foundation events next year:
Civic Event: May 2019
GCF Gala 2019 Saturday, September 21, 2019

Big Brothers Big Sisters: A Lasting Impact Across Generations

Susie is 74 years old; Madeline is just a fraction of her age. When they spend time together, there is a “sparkle in their eyes and smiles on their faces,” according to Nicole Bulow, the executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Ozaukee County.

A grant from the Greater Cedarburg Foundation helped BBBS launch a Senior Citizen Youth Mentor Recruitment Program this year. The program recruits and engages volunteers over age 55 to help BBBS serve more children and have a cross-generational impact on low-income children and older adults.

Bulow said that national BBBS data indicates that community-based matches with 55-plus



Big Sister Susie with Little Sister Madeline

volunteers have the potential to last longer and be stronger than other matches. Further, she said, the benefits to older adults

may be even more significant than for younger volunteers, impacting cognitive functioning, cardiovascular health and general life satisfaction.

“By engaging this group of volunteers, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County is more deeply invested within many facets of our community,” Bulow said.

The funds have been used to prepare marketing materials and devote more time to targeted speaking engagements at local service organizations, libraries, senior centers and senior communities. Since recruitment began, Bulow said that four older adult volunteers living in Cedarburg have been matched with children who had been on

the BBBS waiting list for an average of eight months.

Pairs such as Susie and Madeline enjoy one-on-one time together and participate in agency group activities that include mini golf, a Valentine’s Party and a special outing at Concordia University.

“Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County is grateful for Greater Cedarburg Foundation’s commitment and partnership to help Cedarburg older residents lead satisfying lives, promote inter-generational health, as well as support youth to achieve success in all areas of their lives,” Bulow said. “Together, we are making a positive impact across the generations and offering long-lasting impact for Ozaukee County youth.” ■

Family Promise of Ozaukee County: Working to End Homelessness

A single mom with two children recently reached out to Family Promise for help. She was homeless and unemployed. Using the program’s resources and services, she found a full-time job, purchased a vehicle and secured an apartment in the area for her family. Family Promise is continuing to support the family with rent assistance for up to a year while she rebuilds her life.

Stories like this are common at Family Promise, says Kathleen Christenson Fisher, CEO of the organization. Last year, Family Promise of Ozaukee County answered 300 calls for help and touched more than 500 lives.

Family Promise is part of a national organization with more

than 200 affiliates across the country. The emergency shelter program uses local congregations to provide meals and overnight shelter for families at risk of homelessness in Ozaukee County. Trained volunteers from each congregation serve one week at a time and offer compassion and hospitality to up to 14 guests in the program. During the day, families in the program spend time at the Promise Center located in Port Washington for access to laundry, showers and case management. Children go to school while moms and dads seek employment and housing.

Critical to the success of the program is transportation. A



New van offers safe transportation for families in need

15-passenger van transports guests to and from the congregation and Promise Center daily. “Family Promise

was blessed in 2018 with a financial gift from the Greater Cedarburg Foundation to purchase a new van,” said Fisher. “The van, driven by paid staff, offers safe travel for guests in the program.”

This year the number of people served by Family Promise has increased by 38%. It currently holds a list of 45 children and families waiting for access to housing services. “These numbers show there is a need for shelter and housing services in Ozaukee County,” Fisher said.

With the grant from the GCF, Fisher said that Family Promise is fortunate to have safe transportation for families in their greatest time of need. ■



*Message from Ellen M. Gilligan, President & CEO,
Greater Milwaukee Foundation*

Greater Milwaukee Foundation: Partnership at the Heart of Community Foundation Success

Community foundations are built on a principle of partnership, so we have significant

reason to celebrate the philanthropic partnership between the Greater Cedarburg Foundation and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

Since 2002, we have worked together to ensure our communities are vibrant and that everyone in our region has the opportunity to thrive. I am grateful for the dedication of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's Board and their efforts to advance the work of nonprofits in the arts, education, human services and many other areas that strengthen the quality of life in Cedarburg and beyond.

Similarly, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation is committed to the health and well-being of Cedarburg and the surrounding community. Last year, GMF provided more than \$2 million in grants to 58 different agencies in Ozaukee County. And that is in addition to the significant

grant funding awarded directly by the Greater Cedarburg Foundation.

Growth enhances impact

You may already know that the Greater Milwaukee Foundation was one of the first community foundations established in the world and has grown to become one of the largest. We are entrusted with well over \$900 million in assets, which includes the Greater Cedarburg Foundation.

While the size of our investments allows for increasing impact, we also have secured a reputation for quality and integrity. In addition to a four-star rating, GMF was recently named by Charity Navigator as one of "America's 10 Best Community Foundations." This is a shared honor that the Greater Cedarburg Foundation and committed donors in the region have helped make possible.

Our regional partnership will continue to bring incredible value and service to the people of Cedarburg and Ozaukee County because it is built to last and have lasting impact. Thank you for making our region greater, together. ■

Annual Fund Drive (from pg. 1)

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 in May 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 Peter Wollner American Legion Post 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."

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 <http://cedarburgfoundation.com/gcf-legacy-society>.

Please review the Annual Fund Drive letter in this newsletter and consider donating to the 2018 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. ■

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