

The Greater Cedarburg ... now and forever FOUNDATION

A Newsletter for the Friends of the Cedarburg Foundation

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'Celebrating Cedarburg's Heroes' – Fall 2021 Gala Success!

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation's 2021 Community Gala, "Celebrating Cedarburg's Heroes," proved a resounding success as more than 130 participants enjoyed trolley rides between the Cedarburg Cultural Center (CCC), the Cedarburg Fire Department, and the American Legion Peter Wollner Post 288 before returning to the CCC for further festivities including dinner and refreshments, live music, and silent and live auctions that brought the community together.



More than 130 participants joined to celebrate hometown heroes and raise funds for vital community organizations that make Cedarburg special. Gala proceeds will help advance a spectrum of social, arts, history, and educational programs locally.

Thanks to the great generosity of our attendees and ongoing supporters, the proceeds will support many valued community organizations and projects that make our community so special.

The GCF would like to offer sincere thanks to our sponsors, all of whom made this memorable evening possible:

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A message from GCF President Mark Langholz:

Dear Friends of the Greater
Cedarburg Foundation,

These past two years have been like no other and, true to form, Cedarburg has pulled together – stronger than ever, continuing to look for ways to support, develop and nurture this amazing community we call home. My family and I feel truly grateful to live here, and I'm sure you feel the same.



Mark Langholz

Thanks to terrific community support, we were able to provide funding to help advance a spectrum of social, arts, history, and educational programs locally. We thank everyone who has played a role in contributing to this much-needed support, and we look forward to watching these organizations grow as they continue to make a difference in our communities.

This past March 2021, the Greater Cedarburg Foundation (GCF) awarded nearly \$30,000 to eight area non-profit organizations as part of our annual grant cycle process:

- *Adult Literacy Center of Ozaukee County to support its virtual learning platform*
- *Balance, Inc. to complete home structural repairs including a furnace in its mission to help people with developmental disabilities enhance their quality of life*
- *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County to continue offering virtual*

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Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge – Grant allows year-round use of mobile trailer



necessities such as clothing and hygiene products to the homeless – expanded. Before long, its mobile shower-trailer was now providing a hygienic option for its friends in our surrounding Milwaukee community.

However, with this new service came a challenge: the colder months were not kind to the shower-trailer, as its pipes began to freeze in the arctic Wisconsin winters.

That's when John Arcuri, President of Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, applied for a GCF grant to request an overhead door for its space so the team could drive the trailer inside during the winter months. This would protect the unit from frozen pipes and allow for easy access in preparing the trailer for community service days all year round.

Thanks to the grant, the 12-foot by 14-foot overhead door is now a reality. Ultimately, now Mr. Bob's can continue to offer shower service to the homeless population in multiple counties in Wisconsin – not just Ozaukee County – 12 months of the year.



The GCF provided for a new overhead door that allows the team to drive the mobile trailer inside its space during the winter months, protecting it from frozen pipes.

In July 2019, the vision of Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge – to foster a community of compassion and friendship by providing basic

“This portable trailer provides people with both dignity and options,” says Arcuri. “Our volunteers – many of whom are highly engaged high school students – help us offer this community an act of dignity and an extra aid in basic needs, giving people the opportunity to be clean and healthy.”

Homelessness is different in every community, says Arcuri. “In Ozaukee County, very few people are on the streets – but many are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. These people may have experienced a job loss, unexpected medical bills, or a rent increase they cannot afford. Others may be doubled or tripled up with friends or relatives on a temporary basis. During COVID-19, these risks increased.”

Most counties have resources to help the homeless, he explains, but some people avoid shelters and other places that can get crowded.

“At a time when COVID was shutting down the state, Bob's saw a drastic reduction in contributions – so the need for our services was growing while our resources were shrinking. This grant allowed us to continue to serve our friends in need. We are so grateful to the Greater Cedarburg Foundation for this generosity to our community,” Arcuri concludes. ■



Mr. Bob's offers shower service to the homeless population in multiple nearby counties 12 months of the year.

A message from GCF President (from pg. 1)

mentorship options, create a virtual mentoring manual, develop weekly match/mentoring curriculum, and fund the planning and facilitating of virtual group events

- *Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge to purchase and install an overhead door for its office*
- *Cedarburg Cultural Center to produce up to eight videos that chronicle some of Cedarburg's earliest settlers*
- *Family Promise of Ozaukee County to help with in-depth renovation of the space that was previously used as its day center*

• *Ozaukee County Historical Society to support the final phase of its Train Station renovation, namely the restoration of its original hardwood maple floor for public use*

• *Saukville Community Food Pantry to purchase a second indoor hydroponic garden to produce substantially more fresh food each growing season*

We are proud to help facilitate the strengthening of these community organizations and are grateful to continue to be in a position

to help. The 2022 grant cycle began in October – applications can be found online at cedarburgfoundation.com.

Please help us further the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's mission to preserve the local cultural heritage, enhance artistic endeavors and support educational, social and community-based services in the Greater Cedarburg area.

To donate, visit the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's website at www.cedarburgfoundation.com.

Thank you for your consideration! ■

'Celebrating Cedarburg's Heroes' (from pg. 1)

The live auction included an original painting by artist Robb Helf, locally known for capturing beloved Cedarburg scenes that community members treasure. In a very special moment of the evening, the painting, "Down By The Old Wadham's Pagoda," created the most excitement as the winning bid of \$15,000 raised the most funds for the gala event. As Helf describes the painting, "Everywhere you turn, Cedarburg emanates a historical vibe. The lad in this painting lives and breathes it - the true essence at the heart of our incredible community."

Other auction items included a River Wildlife Hunt; Marco Island Getaway; a Brandywine Event; a Golf Outing at Hidden Glen; Bucks, Badgers, and Packer tickets; and an array of gift

certificates from The Stilt House, The Anvil, LaRosa Landscape Company, and Cedarburg Performing Arts Center.

"This year's Gala marked a return once again to gathering in person to celebrate our community and the people and organizations who make it such an outstanding place to live and work," says GCF President Mark Langholz. "Funds raised will go a long way toward our mission to give back."

Since 2001, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling more than \$1.6 million to many valued community organizations and projects that preserve the local cultural heritage, enhance artistic endeavors and support educational, social and community-based services in the greater Cedarburg area.

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Trolleys at the 2021 GCF Gala transported guests between the Cedarburg Cultural Center, Cedarburg Fire Department, and the American Legion Peter Wollner Post 288.



More than 130 guests enjoyed food, festivities, live music, and silent and live auction fun at the Cedarburg Cultural Center.



The Cedarburg Fire Department is a community volunteer department comprising our neighbors, friends, and relatives. They are committed to providing emergency services and fundraising initiatives that allow the fire department to purchase its equipment and donate it back to Cedarburg.



Mark your calendars: Next year's Gala is set for Saturday, October 1, 2022. Hope to see you there!



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