

The Greater Cedarburg ... now and forever FOUNDATION

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“A Stroll Down Center Street” – Fall 2022 Gala Success!

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation’s 2022 Community Gala, themed “A Stroll Down Center Street,” was an enormous success, raising funds to support projects and programs that enhance the quality of life in the greater Cedarburg community. More than 140 guests explored the Interurban Railway Depot and Cedarburg Public Library on Center Street, before riding the trolley back to the Cedarburg Cultural Center for a festive evening of dinner and cocktails, live music as well as silent and live auctions.

“The gala was a beautiful evening celebrating all that is good about Cedarburg,” said GCF Board President Joe Rintelman. “With merriment, exploration and camaraderie, the memorable event successfully raised more than \$70,000 to support GCF’s mission of enhancing the Cedarburg experience. We are extraordinarily grateful to all attendees, sponsors and donors for their generosity.”

One highlight of the evening was the warm welcome by the Ozaukee County Historical Society to guests visiting the Interurban Railway Depot. For many longtime Cedarburg residents, this was a first-time exposure to the depot. At the library, even seasoned patrons learned more about what the Cedarburg Public Library has to offer the community, with one guest commenting, “I didn’t know the library has a radio station... that’s pretty cool!”



Cedarburg Cultural Center. Photo credit: Mark Justesen, News Graphic



Cedarburg Public Library. Photo credit: Mark Justesen, News Graphic

The live auction included an original painting by local artist Robb Helf, locally known for capturing beloved Cedarburg scenes. This year’s painting, entitled “Factory of Love,” featured poignant vignettes of love spanning multiple generations, set against the backdrop of local dining favorite, The Chocolate Factory. Explained Robb, “Central to our city is the ever popular and iconic Chocolate Factory, where multitudes of folks of all ages are

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Annual Fund Drive

GCF’s Annual Fund Drive is a fantastic opportunity each year to thank our donors for the impact you are making in our community. When you give to the Greater Cedarburg Foundation, you are giving to local organizations that serve our neighbors, preserve our heritage and enhance our quality of life.

For example, this year your gifts helped:

- Equip families and individuals to succeed through programming, workshops and individual support
- Provide a playground for children of all ages and abilities
- Furnish a room in an emergency shelter for individuals at risk for homelessness
- Repair Cedarburg’s historic art museum, ensuring preservation of local and Wisconsin art
- Increase accessibility for children and families to explore our natural surroundings
- Enable a historic downtown museum to become a more vibrant and lively gathering place

“We are fortunate to reside in a place as unique as Cedarburg. The vision of our forebears and efforts of many have made that possible. Continuing this legacy and ensuring that Cedarburg’s distinctiveness persists requires sustained commitment. Please consider a year-end donation to help GCF support organizations and projects which enhance our home,” said GCF Board President Joe Rintelman.

For more information, please see the enclosed letter. Or visit www.cedarburgfoundation.com. ■



Interurban Railway Depot. Photo credit: Laura Bruederle



(L-R) Mark Tegge, Wade Knopf, Judy Tegge, Chris Heezen, Monica Janza, Jeff Janza, Mona Knopf. Photo credit: Kip Kinzel

Fall 2022 Gala (from pg. 1)

drawn throughout the year. Instead of capturing random people partaking in a quick summer treat at dusk, I asked citizens that I know to pose for a storied illustration...the result is three generations comprising a "Triangle of ice cream love."

Other auction items included a Private Dinner for 10; River Wildlife Hunt; Private Pickleball Lessons; Golf Outing at Hidden Glen; Whiskeys & Bourbons; Bucks and Packers tickets; and Date Night for a Year, featuring 15 gift certificates from local eateries. Surprisingly popular this year were four driving range signs from Baehmann's Golf Center, matted and framed to preserve a slice of Baehmann's 60-year history in Cedarburg.

The GCF would like to offer sincere thanks to our sponsors, all of whom made this special evening possible. A full listing of sponsors can be found below.

The Community Gala is a major fundraiser for the Greater Cedarburg Foundation, 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. Since 2001, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling more than \$1.8 million to community organizations and projects that make our community so special.

Please consider making a year-end donation to GCF at www.cedarburgfoundation.org.



(L-R) Gail Ostermann, Bob Uhren, Kay and Bud Beverung. Photo credit: Laura Bruederle



(L-R) Andrea Herkowski, Jennifer Stevens, Lacey Nye, Casey Tokarz. Photo credit: Laura Bruederle

Many thanks to the following sponsors of the 2022 Greater Cedarburg Foundation Community Gala

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Upgrading the Historic Kuhfuss House Museum



For more than 35 years, the Cedarburg Cultural Center has been the premier center where arts, culture and history thrive. It serves not only citizens of Cedarburg but tourists, artists, performers and history seekers who use the Center to celebrate the arts and history.

The Cedarburg Cultural Center also owns the Kuhfuss House Museum in the heart of Cedarburg's downtown historic district, and one of the Center's goals is for the Museum to become a vibrant and lively gathering place in the community. With the help of a grant from the Greater Cedarburg Foundation, upgrades have been made to the Kuhfuss House Museum which will enable community events

and programming, such historic lectures, intimate musical gatherings and art education classes.

According to Executive Director Sue Schrader, "The Cedarburg Cultural Center is grateful to have the continued support of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation. The grant awarded this year allowed us to upgrade the electricity and install proper plumbing on the first level of the home to create a public restroom that is in keeping with the historic aesthetics of the rest of the museum. We were also able to paint the exterior of the house."

The Center is busy getting ready for their first new event utilizing the new upgrades—the Kuhfuss House Holiday Marketplace &



Gathering, which will take place on Friday nights during Cedarburg's Festive Friday Eves. Attendees can browse handcrafted gifts and ornaments created by local artisans, purchase a special Kuhfuss House wine, roast s'mores by the campfire and drink tasty beverages. ■

Connecting People with Each Other in Natural Environment



Riveredge Nature Center connects people to nature. Riveredge

invites visitors to learn about, explore and conserve the natural world with its hundreds of acres of diverse prairies, forests, wetlands, ponds and Milwaukee River banks.

From wandering miles of trails to summer camps for children to hands-on programs and special events, Riveredge provides opportunities

for people to build a deeper connection to the natural world and each other. Riveredge's impact is growing, including a 12% increase last year in the number of people engaged in its education, conservation and community building programming. The organization also recently added 50 acres to its natural sanctuary. These acres are being restored to protect critical native plant and wildlife species, like rare Wisconsin orchids and the federally endangered rusty-patch bumble bee.



"We are grateful to the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's support of our vision to create healthier human and natural communities through environmental education," said Riveredge Executive Director John Rakowski. ■

Furnishing a Room in Emergency Shelter



Family Promise of Ozaukee County serves individuals

and families who are homeless or at imminent danger of losing their primary nighttime residence by providing shelter, homeless prevention and rent assistance programs. Until 2020, Family Promise partnered with 17 local congregations to provide nightly meals and shelter while staff provided mentoring, job and housing search assistance and other services during the day.

The COVID-19 pandemic dismantled the congregation-based model and forced Family Promise to use a motel voucher program. Exacerbated by the pandemic, the demand

for emergency shelter in Ozaukee County has more than doubled since 2019.

In February 2021 Family Promise, in collaboration with Ozaukee County, secured a \$2.3 million Community Development Block Grant to acquire land and build a static shelter. The Portlight Shelter will help prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless, and for those who do, move them from homelessness to safe and stable housing as quickly as possible.

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation awarded Family Promise a grant to purchase furnishings and equipment for the new shelter, items not covered by the CDBG grant.



According to CEO Cori Guerin, "This gift will allow our guests to feel welcome and comfortable while overcoming their current fragile situations. GCF has been a consistent supporter of Family Promise since our humble beginnings in 2015, and we are so grateful for this partnership."

Family Promise looks forward to opening the Portlight Shelter in December 2022. ■



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