

# The Greater Cedarburg ... now and forever FOUNDATION

A Newsletter for the Friends of the Cedarburg Foundation

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Guests departing from Rivoli Theatre.  
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## “It’s Showtime in Cedarburg!” – 2023 Gala Raises \$77,000

On October 7, 2023, the Greater Cedarburg Foundation held its 17th Annual Community Gala, and it was a great success, raising more than \$77,000 to support projects that enhance the quality of life in Cedarburg. “The annual gala is a wonderful opportunity for people to come together, enjoy themselves and help us raise money for local programs within our community,” said GCF President Joe Rintelman.

This year the gala highlighted the iconic Rivoli Theatre, a beloved Cedarburg destination for many generations. Themed “It’s Showtime in Cedarburg!,” 165 guests gathered at the Cedarburg Cultural Center for refreshments before walking to the Rivoli for a private viewing of a short video about the history

of Cedarburg. Many guests—including long-time residents—commented that they appreciated the opportunity to learn about the founders and heritage of our community.

Another highlight of the evening was the inclusion of eight “Trips of a Lifetime” for bidding. This year GCF partnered with AmFund (the American Fundraising Foundation) to offer eight trips to exciting destinations, including the Scottish Highlands, Greece, Tuscany and Key West. The trips included roundtrip airfare for two people, a dedicated travel specialist, special excursions and are valid for three years without blackout dates. Four out of the eight trips were so popular that they had multiple winners, generating additional funds for GCF.

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## Annual Fund Drive

A person in a wheelchair wanting to enjoy nature. Friends enjoying a Friday night Summer Sounds concert. A visitor wandering through the new Oz Night Market. Young athletes playing baseball and softball. Children experiencing homelessness playing on a playground. Families exploring Cedarburg’s history on the grounds of Pioneer Village. Early learners developing a love for reading. These are just some of the people who have benefited from grants made by the Greater Cedarburg Foundation this year.

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.

This year your gifts helped:

- Re-brand Summer Sounds’ iconic Airstream trailer
- Update childrens’ literacy stations at the Cedarburg Public Library
- Build a playground for children at the Portlight Shelter
- Provide parking lot lighting at the Cedarburg Cultural Center
- Restore a historic caboos at Pioneer Village
- Install wheelchair friendly ramps at Riveredge Nature Center
- Install dugout covers at the Korb Sports Complex

“There are so many attributes, both big and small, that lead to Cedarburg’s specialness. GCF was founded to support projects and programs that enhance the Cedarburg experience, both now and forever. Forwarding this vision requires sustained commitment from generous individuals, families and businesses. Please consider a year-end donation to help GCF support organizations and projects which enhance our home,” said GCF Board President Joe Rintelman. ■

Silent and live auction items this year included a private pickleball experience for eight people with pickleball pro Gina Cilento; Packers, Bucks and Badgers tickets; private wine tasting at the Anvil and private rooftop viewing of the Fourth of July parade at Brunch; Amish Craftsman rocker; and unique carvings by local artist Dan Grunst,

“A sincere thank you to sponsors, volunteers, donors and attendees for making the gala a smashing success,” said Joe Rintelman. “The lifeblood of GCF is generous donations from community members,

families and businesses. Your support is essential, impactful and received with gratitude.”

The Community Gala Event 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 \$1.5 million to community organizations and projects that make our community special. ■



[L-R] Dave Schenker, Pat McGuire, Troy Roberts, Evan McMillen.  
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Joe Rintelman addressing guests at Rivoli Theatre.  
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Cedarburg Cultural Center.  
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## GRANT SPOTLIGHTS ...

### Knowledge and Fun for Early Learners



The Cedarburg Public Library is home to more than 72,000 items, including books, audiobooks, CDs, DVDs, eBooks, eAudiobooks, research databases, magazines and newspapers. For years our local library has welcomed everyone and encouraged the pursuit of knowledge, creativity and connection to people and ideas.

The library provides free digital access to children who do not have access elsewhere. However, some of the computers at the current literacy stations are more than 10 years old, and the software programs are no longer being updated. The Greater Cedarburg Foundation made a grant to purchase two new computers and educational software. The literacy stations, one for early literacy and one for school-age children, provide space for both children



and caregivers to engage in literacy-based activities to supplement classroom learning.

Library Director Linda Eastwood said, “We are grateful to the

Greater Cedarburg Foundation for the purchase of computers and software for two new literacy stations. Knowing that the kids are navigating a safe digital space gives us peace of mind. Plus the games are entertaining and engaging—kids don't even realize they're absorbing knowledge while having fun!” ■

### Building a Playground for Homeless Children



Family Promise has a vision to ensure that every family has a home, livelihood

and chance to build a better future. Since 2015, Family Promise of Ozaukee County has assisted more than 1,000 individuals who are homeless or in imminent danger of losing their primary nighttime residence by providing emergency shelter, homeless prevention/rent assistance programs and other support services.

The Portlight Shelter is Ozaukee County's first homeless shelter, and it is an important resource in moving families and singles from homelessness to safe and stable housing as quickly as possible. At the Portlight Shelter, guests receive meals, shelter and daily support. Recognizing the importance of play and physical activity in a child's development—especially the need to be outdoors to benefit from

fresh air and sunshine—the Family Promise board of directors and staff determined that an outdoor playground would be essential to the physical and mental health of the homeless children staying at the Portlight Shelter.

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation awarded Family Promise a grant to enable the purchase and construction of a much-needed playground area for families and children. According to CEO Cori Guerin, “This grant will allow our families the gift of an outdoor play area to add some normalcy to their lives 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 play area in April 2024. ■

### Making Nature Accessible to All



Riveredge Nature Center is proud to be one of Wisconsin's oldest nature centers. For 55 years, Riveredge has

built healthier human and natural communities by providing nature-based programming that awakens curiosity, engages the body and explores connections to nature for all. Riveredge works to ensure that everyone who comes to Riveredge feels a sense of belonging.

Through its “You Belong Here” campaign, Riveredge seeks to make its 485 acres of nature sanctuary inclusive for all people regardless of background or ability. A grant from the Greater

Cedarburg Foundation enables visitors of all mobility levels to comfortably access the patio of Riveredge's Sugarbush House through the construction of a wheelchair friendly ramp. Riveredge is currently working with a fabricator to add hand railings and a transition from the concrete to the trail.

“Riveredge is grateful for the Greater Cedarburg Foundation's generous gift. The new Sugarbush ramp will ensure that anyone can easily access the benefits of nature and can comfortably attend events like our beloved Pancake Breakfast,” said John Rakowski, Executive Director. ■





## Legacy Society Members

Listed below are members of the Legacy Society – a group of individuals sharing a commitment to support and sustain the many programs and projects that enhance the greater Cedarburg area. If you want to join this club, please print out and complete the Legacy Society membership form found at [www.cedarburgfoundation.com](http://www.cedarburgfoundation.com) and mail to: Greater Cedarburg Foundation, P.O. Box 711, Cedarburg WI 53012. For more info on becoming a Legacy Society member, leave a message with the Greater Cedarburg Foundation at 262-377-7338.

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