

# The Greater Cedarburg ... now and forever FOUNDATION

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Greater Cedarburg Foundation President Katie Pipkorn presents Terri Haas with the 23rd Annual Civic Award in Memory of James W. Coutts  
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## Terri Haas receives GCF Civic Award in Memory of James W. Coutts

by Gail Ostermann

On April 29, the Greater Cedarburg Foundation presented the 2026 GCF Civic Award in memory of James W. Coutts to Terri Haas. This award recognizes the significant contribution that Terri has made to the greater Cedarburg community.

“Terri has quietly and consistently been one of the most vital forces behind the success of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation,” said Patty Gallun Hansen, who nominated Haas for the award. “Her years of leadership, service, and ‘can-do’ attitude have touched nearly every aspect of the Foundation’s work

and, by extension, the greater Cedarburg community. She leads with grace, kindness, humor, and humility — never seeking credit but always ensuring success.”

Terri has been an integral part of the GCF, serving on its board from 2011-2017 and then as event coordinator assistant. But her civic involvement goes much further.

She has been active in United Way as a member of the Southern Ozaukee County Community Impact Committee and has served as both president and vice president of the Northern Ozaukee

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## GCF Installs New President

At its annual meeting on June 14, the Greater Cedarburg Foundation welcomed a familiar face back as president. Joe Rintelman began his second term leading the Foundation. Rintelman replaces Katie Pipkorn, who remains on the board as past president.



Joe Rintelman

“It is a genuine honor to be trusted to lead the Foundation for a second term,” Rintelman said. “GCF’s work helps preserve what makes Cedarburg a vibrant and unique place, and I’m excited to continue serving that mission.”

Rintelman thanked Pipkorn for her service. “Katie provided steadfast leadership over the past two years,” he said. “Her deep passion for Cedarburg and attentive nature made her the perfect person to guide us through the final years of our first quarter century, and I’m grateful for the strong foundation she leaves for our next chapter.”

Rintelman is a sixth-generation Cedarburg resident and Cedarburg High School alumnus. He leads Noble Stores LLC, which operates Dairy Queen Treat stores in Illinois. He previously served as a Town of Cedarburg Supervisor and has been active as a community volunteer and leader in many capacities. Joe and his wife, Dr. Jennifer Stevens, live in the town of Cedarburg with their family.

The Foundation also welcomed four new directors: Zach Deming, Ben Haischer, Kelly Livingston, and Mark Roller. ■

Chapter of the American Cancer Society, chairing the Relay for Life for three years.

As a volunteer for Junior Achievement, she was a classroom instructor for nine years, working with students in grades 1 – 8. She also was a member of the Home and School Association for St. Francis Borgia School in Cedarburg and served as its treasurer for the school’s major fundraiser, Auction from the Heart, for six years.

She recently retired from the board of the Ozaukee County Jail Literacy Program after 25 years, which included positions as treasurer, vice president, and secretary. She continues her work with the organization as part of its Family Literacy Program, where she records an inmate reading a book to their child and then sends the book to the child’s legal guardian.

Terri enjoyed a 30-year career with Ozaukee Bank, where she began as an administrative secretary and retired as a vice president when the bank was sold in 2007. “The Bank always encouraged us to be active in our communities, and I think that’s where my love for volunteering began,” she says.

Terri and her husband of 40 years, Dennis, live in rural Saukville where they raised their two sons, Matt and Ben. They now enjoy gardening and helping to care for their four grandchildren. Terri has been active as a volunteer in the Northern Ozaukee School District, where her children (and now her grandchildren) attended school, serving as treasurer of the Booster Club for four years and currently volunteering in classrooms to assist with 4K art and library, kindergarten project prep, and third grade reading assessments.

She has also been a DNR-certified safety instructor with the Buckskin Bowmen Archery Club and coordinates the summer adult league for the club.

“Terri’s tender touch, remarkable professionalism, and unwavering willingness to do whatever is needed have strengthened countless organizations in our community,” said GCF president-elect Joe Rintelman.

Terri directed that the \$1,000 honorarium made in her name as part of the GCF award go to support the Ozaukee County Jail Literacy Program. ■

## Grant Recipient Spotlight: Blossom IDD



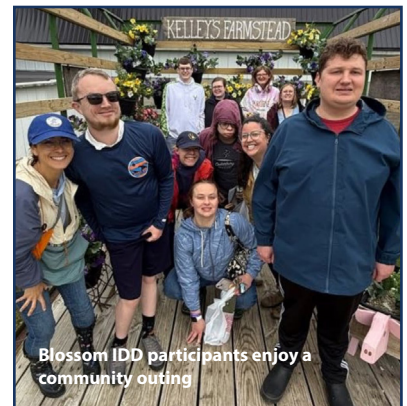
The Greater Cedarburg Foundation is pleased to support Blossom IDD, an organization dedicated to helping adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) build meaningful, connected lives.

Founded in 2021, Blossom IDD provides guidance, community experiences, and opportunities beyond traditional programming. Its work addresses challenges many adults with IDD face, including social isolation, limited employment and educational opportunities, healthcare disparities, housing barriers, and financial strain.

What sets Blossom apart is its community-based approach. Instead of operating from a single location, the organization partners with local businesses, nonprofits, restaurants, and other community spaces, where participants build relationships, develop life skills, and strengthen their sense of belonging.

A recent grant from the Greater Cedarburg Foundation will help expand Blossom's Garden Parties program for highly independent young adults with IDD in the greater Cedarburg area and Ozaukee County. Through partnerships with Happy Place Cooking Space, Missing Links, Chocolate Factory, and Pickleball Superstars, participants enjoy creative, recreational, and skill-building experiences that foster confidence and independence.

Blossom envisions a future where every adult with IDD has access to community, opportunity, and ongoing support. The Greater Cedarburg Foundation is proud to help make that vision a reality. ■



## Grant Recipient Spotlight: Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center, Inc.



Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center

Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center (CAC) gives children impacted by abuse a safe place to be heard while providing coordinated support for their families. Through forensic interviews, advocacy, medical exams, and connections to mental health care, the organization helps reduce trauma, strengthen investigations, and connect children with the services they need to heal.

A grant from the Greater Cedarburg Foundation enabled Lakeshore CAC to upgrade the video conferencing technology in its multipurpose room. The new system makes it easier for multidisciplinary teams to collaborate on child abuse investigations, allowing critical partners to participate regardless of location. This technology is especially valuable in complex cases that cross county, state, and international borders. In one recent case, Lakeshore CAC provided in-person support for a trafficked adolescent while federal and out-of-state investigators joined remotely.

Executive Director Amanda Didier describes Lakeshore CAC as "a safe, steady source of light for children and families during some of their darkest moments." Thank you to Lakeshore CAC for providing the care, protection, and hope that all children deserve. ■



(L-R) Katie Pipkorn, Andrew Struck, Samantha Bear, John Bauer, John Wallus, Sue Schrader, Joana Hemschemeyer, Paul Schultz, Barb Arity, Carole Stuebe, Amanda Didier, Casey Bowe, Mary Ann Velnetske Photo credit: Mark Justesen

## GCF Awards \$200,000 in Grants

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation awarded grants totaling \$200,000 to 12 local nonprofit organizations as part of the annual grant cycle.

“This year’s grant process is especially notable, as it is the largest endowment-funded grant cycle in our Foundation’s 26-year history. These gifts exemplify the generosity of our donors and of our shared commitment to preserving and enhancing all that makes Cedarburg special,” said Joe Rintelman, GCF President-elect at the annual Civic Award event.

Organizations receiving grants for the 2025-2026 GCF grant cycle include:

- **Portal, Inc.** to support transportation and accessibility services that help adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities participate more fully in work, programs, and community life: \$5,000.
- **Cedarburg Music Festivals, Ltd.** to support Summer Sounds, the free summer concert series that has become a beloved Cedarburg tradition, bringing neighbors, families, and visitors together to enjoy live music in the heart of the community: \$5,000.
- **Ozaukee County Historical Society** to update computer workstations at the Hazel Wirth Archives, improving access to Cedarburg-area historical research and records: \$5,000.
- **Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts** to support its 2026 Soft Architectures exhibition, featuring curated artwork, public programs, and artist engagement that will broaden appreciation for fiber arts: \$5,000.
- **Blossom IDD** to support its Garden Parties program, which creates opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to build connections and engage in the community: \$6,000.

- **Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County** to provide wheelchair-accessible transportation and mobility support for older adults and individuals with disabilities: \$9,000.
- **Cedarburg Art Museum** to repair the front porch of the historic Wittenberg-Jochem Mansion, helping preserve a historic landmark in downtown Cedarburg: \$10,000.
- **Family Promise of Ozaukee County** to help families remain safely housed through homeless prevention efforts, including rental assistance and case management services: \$10,000.
- **Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center** to update multimedia equipment that helps create a supportive, trauma-informed environment for conducting child abuse investigations: \$10,000.
- **Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department** to complete flood cleanup and restoration at Covered Bridge County Park following severe flood damage in 2025, restoring damaged walking trails, repairing infrastructure, and planting trees: \$10,000.
- **Cedarburg High School** to transform the current teaching kitchen into a professional culinary lab with commercial-grade equipment, supporting CHS’ commitment to providing Career and Technical Education that prepares students for in-demand careers: \$25,000.
- **Cedarburg Cultural Center** to launch a major rebranding and facility enhancement initiative, creating more functional, welcoming, and flexible spaces for arts, history, and public programming, and strengthening the Center’s long-term sustainability: \$100,000. ■

## Cedarburg: The Legacy Continues to Premiere at Annual GCF Gala

Saturday, October 3, 2026, will mark the premiere of *Cedarburg: The Legacy Continues*, a new community history video that advances Cedarburg's story by highlighting the past three decades of history, preservation, growth, and community spirit.

The original Cedarburg history video was produced in the 1990s and has served for decades as an important record of the community's preservation story. GCF President Joe Rintelman explained why the time was right for a follow-up.

"At our 2023 GCF Gala, we shared the 30-year-old Cedarburg history video at the Rivoli Theatre. Many attendees had never seen it before, and the response was clear — Cedarburg's story needed to continue."

In partnership with the Cedarburg Cultural Center, GCF commissioned Nolan Hurley of NolanVision to produce the new film as a tribute to the Cedarburg community and a way to preserve its more recent history. Hurley described the vision simply: "The film doesn't remake the original video — it updates the story with all Cedarburg has to offer and the people working to make that happen."

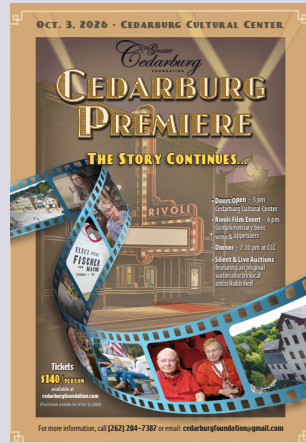
GCF Board Member Patty Gallun Hansen collaborated with Hurley to conduct 30 on-camera interviews that drive the film's narrative. The interviews explore Cedarburg's

architecture, history, preservation efforts, civic pride, and growth as a thriving destination.

Among those interviewed are Jim and Sandy Pape, Don Levy, Mal Hepburn, Paul and Philia Hayes, and many others, including multigenerational business owners, new owners, and people with a deep personal stake in Cedarburg's future.

Both the original Cedarburg history video, *Cedarburg, Wisconsin: Preserving Yesterday's Heritage Today*, and the new film will be screened at the GCF Gala on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at the Rivoli Theatre.

Hurley and GCF hope viewers come away with a renewed appreciation for Cedarburg's past, present, and future. "With all the noise in the world, we hope people pause and reflect on what we have here — a community working to remain a community. Cedarburg's charm is something to cherish, preserve, and carry forward," said Hurley. ■



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Jeff and Christine McLean are interviewed in the dining area of The Washington House Inn. They are the new owners and custodians of the Inn  
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