



The River Falls Community Foundation was created in 1999 to advance the quality of life in River Falls.

Managed by a 100% volunteer board, The Foundation is a community trust – ensuring gifts donated today will be wisely used to enhance the future well-being of the River Falls community.



The River Falls Community Foundation is an affiliate of the St. Croix Valley Foundation

Meyer Middle School Character Education Grant

Meyer Middle School has been awarded a St. Croix Valley Vibrant Community Grant for \$6000.

The grant will expand the school's already recognized character education program. After two years of COVID's impact on student mental health and well-being, school counselors Samantha Dusek and Jordan Seifert looked for ways to support all students in the school. They found a solution in the CharacterStrong Curriculum.

This curriculum helps create an environment where teachers can proactively teach social and emotional learning skills to all students, while building strong classroom relationships.

~Samantha Dusek, School Counselor

The RFCF is an affiliate of the St. Croix Valley Foundation which contributes to the Vibrant Communities grant that paid for the staff training and purchase of this program.

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Thanks for a great 2022! to learn more
visit us online to see our look back video.
RiverFallsCommunityFoundation.org



Your Grant Success Stories

Adoray's Treasures from the Heart, 2021

The Big Idea Grant from RFCF has allowed Adoray's Treasures From The Heart to purchase three industrial-grade sewing machines. These machines allow creative volunteers to re-purpose unwanted clothing, coats and denim, into fashionable purses, bags and creative aprons. Proceeds from sales benefit programs at Adoray's Home Health & Hospice.

Stop in at Treasures on Main Street for one-of-a-kind, environmentally friendly products.

Big Fun Lab, 2019

Our 2019 Big Idea Grant winner was "The Big Fun Lab". A learning and activity area located in the River Falls Public Library and operated by library staff. It is open during the cold winter months to provide an activity space for children.

The Big Fun Lab is gearing up to open again from mid-January to late March 2023. Formerly located in the lower level gallery, it has moved to the more visible first floor meeting room. Small motor skill activities and STEM activities will be added when it reopens in January.



2022 Year in Review



Hello Friends and Neighbors. I'm Judie Foster Babcock, the River Falls Community Foundation Board (RFCF) Chair. This community trust ensures gifts donated today will be wisely used for the future well-being of the River Falls community.

Our Forever Fund is the primary way we invest in our community through grants both large and small that benefit local non-profit organizations and schools. The impact of your donation is multiplied when combined with the donations of your neighbors and friends in River Falls.

Will generosity be part of your legacy to impact current and future generations of friends and neighbors? Any way that you give to the Forever Fund is an investment that will continue to improve our community FOREVER.

-Judie Foster Babcock, RFCF Chair



Meet our current Board of Volunteers

Chair: Judie Babcock
Vice Chair: Alex Burian
Treasurer: Dennis Ireland
Secretary: Cheryl Ross

Elaine Baumann	Jennifer O'Neil
Jamie Benson	Dan Ross
John Harsdorf	Natasha Schaefer
Cindy Kleven	Scot Simpson
Terry McKay	

Want to join our board?
 Visit RiverFallsCommunityFoundation.org



Generously Giving Back to our Community

Donations to the River Falls Community Foundation are fully tax deductible, whether directed to the Forever Fund where donations grow in perpetuity or through Donor Advised Funds. Contributions to the RFCF stay in our community through grants both large, like our Big Idea Grant, or smaller grants which help other non-profit organizations. The impact of your donation is multiplied when combined with the donations of your neighbors and friends in River Falls.

Is generosity part of your legacy? RFCF is the perfect place for making a qualified charitable distribution from a retirement account. Your Forever Fund gift will be a part of a legacy that will continue to improve our community FOREVER. Thank you!

Are you ready to give back? Learn more about doing good in your community.
RiverFallsCommunityFoundation.org/community

Looking back at 2022

Amount granted back
into our community

\$956K

\$24K

Raised from donors like you

Awarded grants worth
impacting **6** River Falls projects

\$16K



Do you have a Big Idea?

Our Big Idea Grant Program is open to qualified non-profit organizations with an end of April 2023 grant application deadline.

Learn more about grants and apply online.
RiverFallsCommunityFoundation.org

2022 Donors, Leaving a Lasting Legacy in River Falls

Since February 2021

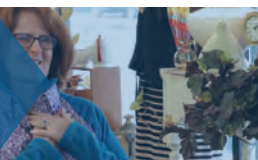
Alice Lindquist Charitable Trust
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Anderson, Steven E. and Bobbie A.
Andrews, Holly and Todd
Anonymous
Arneson, Jennifer M.
Ayres, Bud and Jo
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First National Bank of River Falls
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Hammond, Roger and Sonia
Hanson, Grant and Nancy
Healy, Steven J. and Janice L.
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Johnson, Jeff and Lori
Kenney, Joanne F.
Kleven, Cindy F.
Knott, Kathy
Kolb, Dr. Melissa
Krey, De An M. and Robert D.
Kusilek, Kim T. and Tom T.
Kuss, Ruth
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What's your Legacy?

\$100



\$500



\$1,000



Any monthly or annual gift to the River Falls Community Foundation goes back into our community through our Forever Fund.

Special Gifts and Donations

Did you know that RFCF accepts qualified charitable distributions from a retirement account?

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Join us as we work towards
being able to grant
\$25,000/year by our 25th
anniversary

Our Forever Fund was designed to leave a lasting impact on the River Falls community.

As we look ahead to our 25th anniversary we are in a position to build the Forever Fund value to \$500,000, which would allow us to grant \$25,000 per year to local causes Forever!

Please help us reach this goal so we can increase our annual grant making, and the impact we make here in River Falls forever!



Secure Donation Options

Use attached self-addressed envelope

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