

Community **IMPACT**

Statement

Year In Review
2022-2023 Fiscal Year



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

“Doing good for our community is what the Woodbury Community Foundation (WCF) is all about, particularly by making every member feel welcome and important.”



Matthew Johnson
CHAIR

HELLO NEIGHBORS,

We are so excited about all of the progress this year at the Woodbury Community Foundation.

We have significantly increased the donor pool, recruited a record number of volunteers, and positively impacted more residents of this city than ever before!

Doing good for our community is what the WCF is all about, particularly by making every member feel welcome and important.

I am so grateful for all of the selfless hours of community service that makes this all possible.

Our eyes are turned to the future; what challenges and needs will we face with our growing population and changing economic environment?

The WCF needs you. We are just wrapping up implementation on a robust donor and financial software that will multiply the efforts of our generous residents.

We are so grateful for your time, talent and treasure, which makes our community of Woodbury an AMAZING place to call "Home".

With gratitude,

Matthew Johnson
CHAIR 2023





WHO WE ARE

The Woodbury Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that assures that our city is a premier and caring place to live and work for all. We inspire collaboration by connecting individuals and businesses with causes that matter, making a real impact within our community and producing real, measurable results.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to strengthen our community by connecting people and organizations with causes that matter.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to ensure our community is a premier and caring place to live, work and play.

OUR GREATEST INSPIRATION

The inspired determination of our board members, donors, volunteers, and partners working through innovative collaborations fuels our goal, **the well-being of all residents of Woodbury, Minnesota.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Matthew Johnson
Chair



Christie Denson
Vice Chair



Jim Stevenson
Treasurer



Jacques Peulen
Secretary



John Lehman
Director



Manali Shah
Director

20 YEARS OF COMMUNITY IMPACT

The WCF started in 2003 as "Friends of Woodbury" with a mission to raise funds for a piano in the City's Central Park. After successfully acquiring the piano in 2004, they identified additional community needs, leading to the expansion of their vision to establish a community-focused nonprofit foundation.



YEAR IN REVIEW

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In 2023, WCF celebrated 20 years of community impact.

We have seen tremendous growth in the last 5 years and we have made important investments to ensure we remain a leader of philanthropy in Woodbury. We need charitable giving locally to stay on pace with both the growth and evolving needs in Woodbury. We want to ensure that our community continues to be a place where everyone can thrive.”



Christie Denson
VICE CHAIR

\$172,000

In funds distributed
to Woodbury causes

500+

families facing economic hardship in our
community supported by WCF efforts

68

Community leaders
supported and
trained

7,000+

Volunteering
hours donated
to Woodbury

139%↑

In Community
volunteers
engaged through
Woodbury
Champions
Program

100

Businesses
WCF Actively
Engaged in
Giving Back

28

Partner funds and
philanthropic
programs supported

NINE

New Woodbury-
based initiatives
started



Nine Grant Recipients in 2022-2023

Grant Focus Areas

- Improving community health
- Increasing public safety
- Reducing hunger
- Expanding youth development

This year's Grant Recipients are:



Mary Reimann
Spirit Song Choir Director

"This grant helped us to purchase safe, portable choir risers which will enable us to expand music into the community, especially to our senior living friends."

"This grant was a blessing to our community with which we purchased new patio benches, chairs, pots, and decorations, after our last set was stolen. Our residents look forward to enjoying these after the dark, cold winter."

Kathy Dunleavy
Woodbury Senior Living



Donor-Advised And Agency Funds

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SPIRE has been a longtime supporter of the Woodbury Community Foundation because of their mission and commitment to making a significant impact in our community.



SPIRE
CREDIT UNION

Dan Stoltz
CEO/President of
SPIRE Credit Union

Connecting You to causes that **Matter**

Not only can a one-time or recurring gift to Woodbury Community Foundation make an impact where it's most needed, our donors also support specific funds and projects.

Whether you want to give from an IRA or donor-advised fund—or want to talk about legacy giving options—we'll help you give in the most strategic way for your situation and goals.

Join us in creating change! Visit our website to donate and support our local causes today.

www.woodburyfoundation.org/donations

Our 22 Partner funds impact the following causes in Woodbury:

- Grief & Loss
- Alzheimer's and Caregiver Support
- Eating Disorders & Mental Health
- Public Safety
- Families in Financial Crisis
- Racial Equity
- Historical Preservation
- Military Veterans
- College Scholarships
- Leadership & Volunteerism



Join us in supporting the Woodbury Community Foundation's mission by scanning this QR code and making a donation to help create a lasting impact in our community.



\$150K

from Our Partner Funds have been granted in Woodbury



"WE REMEMBER THEM"

Angel of Hope Memorial Commemoration



*Pictured Lynne Sonnek (left)
and Julie Rageth (right)*

Recently, two Woodbury community residents faced the tragic loss of their children and, in their memory and honor, have established a lasting memorial.

Julie Rageth and Lynne Sonnek came together to create the Angels of Hope Memorial-Woodbury, a tribute to all children, including their beloved daughters, Natalie and Andra, who left us too soon.

The Angel of Hope has garnered national recognition as a memorial site for children worldwide. Currently, there are seven Angel of Hope sites in Minnesota and over 160 in cities across the globe.

The Angels of Hope Memorial fund was established in partnership with the WCF to support this significant initiative.

On August 28th, 2023, a dedication ceremony was held at the Angels of Hope Memorial in Woodbury. The space is open to all residents and visitors in our community.



COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAMS

“I’ve learned so much at Woodbury Community Academy – it’s been an amazing experience”



Joy Coker

Global Data Privacy &
Risk Management
Leader

How to **Get Involved**

As a community foundation committed to making a positive impact in Woodbury, we are dedicated to nurturing and supporting charitable initiatives that enhance the well-being of our community.

Our ultimate goal throughout all of our programs is to promote a thriving community and improve the quality of life for all who call Woodbury home.

Join us in our mission to build a brighter future for Woodbury!



**Youth Engagement
Leadership
Academy**



**Community Grants
Program**



**Woodbury
Racial Equity
Collaborative**



Woodbury Thrives



**Woodbury Community
Academy**



Woodbury Champions

Get involved, support our charitable initiatives, and help us make a positive impact in our community today.



**Non-Profit
Round Table**

Visit our website for a comprehensive list of ALL of our local causes, volunteering opportunities, and ways to contribute.

www.woodburyfoundation.org/how-to-get-involved





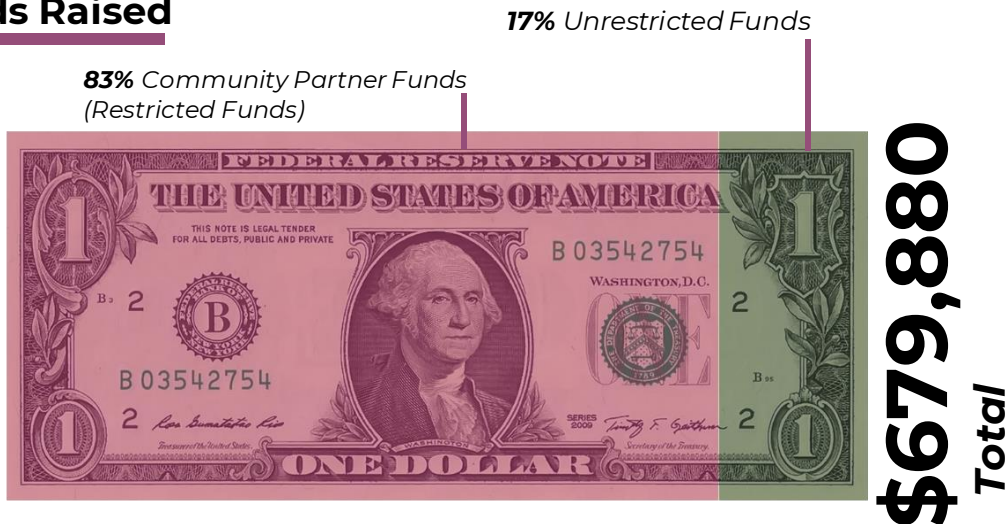
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As a lifelong Woodbury resident, I've seen the impact caring leaders have had on our community and we consider it a privilege to help carry that legacy forward with our support of the Woodbury Community Foundation.



Michael D. Brocker
Legacy Wealth

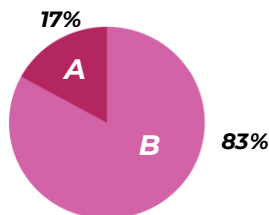
Total Funds Raised



Total Assets Under Management \$1.3M

Income + Expenses, July 2022 through June 2023

Ordinary Income



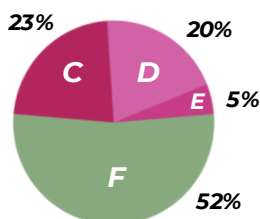
A: Restricted Income
B: Unrestricted Income

\$561,480
\$118,400

Income Total

\$679,880

Expenses



C: Operations Expense \$109,750
D: Initiative Expenses \$94,051
E: Foundation Grants \$22,500
F: Restricted Fund Disbursements \$248,309

Total Expense

\$471,610

Net Income

\$205,270

OUR SPONSORS

THANK YOU SPONSORS

Because of you, we can impact our local community and serve a greater amount of neighbors that need our help the most.

Sponsors & Impact Partners

- Alma Flor Ada
- Angels of Hope
- Anew Real Estate Group
- Ballast Advisors
- Bash for Brains
- Bridgemans
- Christie Denson Communications
- Chick-Fil-A
- City & County Credit Union
- CorTrust Bank
- Dorothy Anne Bakery
- Edward Jones, Eric Rislove
- Fury Motors
- Goddard School
- Goerlitz Law, LLC
- Furber Farm
- Hellmuth & Johnson
- Hiway Credit Union
- Image 360
- Legacy Wealth
- Metro Gravel
- MGM Liquors
- Olsen Group Real Estate
- Phil Thompson
- Portillos
- Serenity Dental
- Spire Credit Union
- Tradition Wealth
- Tom Dunn Photo
- Waveform Wealth



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2022-2023

Board of Directors

Kimberly Alwin, Director
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Margaret Wachholz, Director
Noah Yehalashet, Director

City Liaison

Shelly Schafer

Office & Support Staff:

Norma Lanners, Administrative Assistant
Roberto Munoz, Bookkeeping/Data Systems Coordinator
Simi Patniak, Woodbury Thrives Coordinator

Join Us!

Would you consider a donation to one of our growing programs?

We offer many ways to support causes that matter **to you** whether you're looking to give back with your time, your talent or your treasures.

A great starting point is to [become a Woodbury Community Foundation Champion](#). Champions are members of our volunteer network, are committed to giving back, and take part in community events like social meet-ups and happy hours to develop stronger relationships with our local non-profits and volunteers.

Remember to [save the date for our Friend's Fest Event](#) on the evening of Friday, April 26th, 2024.

You can find more information on these items and so much more at our website.

<https://www.woodburyfoundation.org>

Together, we can build a stronger Woodbury. Donate & view causes by scanning the QR code below or visiting our website.



651.505.7024 ext. 7024



[WoodburyFoundation.org](https://www.woodburyfoundation.org)



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Community Spotlight

Eva Sharma, a student at Valley Crossing Elementary, fulfilled her dream of having a lemonade stand and donated the \$200 proceeds, including her parent's matching contribution, to the WCF during Woodbury Days to help her community. She is pictured with Woodbury's Mayor and Woodbury Community Foundation Champions.



WCF Champions pack bags of essentials for homeless in our local community.

