2016 ANNUAL REPORT

BETTER TOGETHER

Private Giving for the Public Good
FROM THE CHAIR

Better Together

Dear Friends,

I have been blessed with being chair of a community fund that has had a long history of amazing leaders and advisory board members. During the past fifteen years we have raised over $4 million dollars; these dollars will stay in the community in perpetuity. Many of your favorite non-profits have benefited from our grants.

During my tenure of the past three years as advisory board chair, my favorite memories involve being at the grant making celebrations and meeting and getting to know many of the incredible people who run our area non-profit organizations. I feel fortunate to have been able to be a steward of the monies you as community members have contributed to help make this special area remain special for future generations.

This year, as we grow, we welcome two new advisory board members, to our “make it happen” team. Kitty Herriott and David McGill are a welcome addition. Their time, commitment to our community, leadership, and amazing talents are much appreciated.

I invite you to join us for one of our Mostly Socials, and, our Annual Grant Making Celebration on Saturday, July 15 (5:30-7:00 p.m.) at Madeline Island Candles. Every year, we celebrate people, programs, and organizations that make our community a great place to live.

With appreciation,

Eric Grutzner
Advisory Board Chair,
Apostle Islands Area Community Fund

2016 ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eric Grutzner, Chair
Colleen Daly, Vice Chair
Gingie Anderson
Lisa Brown Carey
Kitty Herriott
Susan Headley-Keller
David McGill
Max Paap
Chris Roland
Jane Vogt

STAFF

Meghan Dennison,
Affiliate Officer

THE APOSTLE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY FUND

OUR PURPOSE is to garner the financial resources to support our community’s nonprofit organizations, create scholarship opportunities, and encourage philanthropy in the arts, education, environment, social services, and cultural endeavors.

Our community fund is a local branch (called an “affiliate”) of the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation. The foundation provides the administrative, financial, investment, and legal support in accordance with national standards for community foundations. The local community fund is directed by a volunteer advisory board from the Bayfield, Madeline Island, and Red Cliff region.

WE BELIEVE in a vibrant and flourishing future for the Apostle Islands region.

We are a team of caring and committed “make it happen” people.

MISSION
Private Giving for the Public Good

VISION
The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund will be the leading force for improving our region by fostering generosity, civic engagement and inclusiveness.

VALUES

Photos by Don Albrecht on front and back covers as well as on pages 4 and 5—courtesy of the Vogt-Albrecht Family.
Making Life Better Together in the Apostle Islands Region

‘Get Kids and Families Outside’

In 2016, the Ashwabay Outdoor Educational Foundation went on a mission to “Get Kids and Families Outside” during the long winter months. They created a new coordinator position to teach area youth how to use winter outdoor equipment, including snowshoes, nordic, and alpine skis. Additionally, they hosted an animal tracking snowshoe and an ice safety course for area families. Together, the Chequamegon Bay Area and Apostle Islands Area Community Funds and the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation provided the financial resources for this new position as part of...

Our commitment to the education of the young people in our community.

We know our community is Better Together.

When Natural Disaster Strikes

July 11 and 21—Storms hit the region causing flash flooding and blown down trees. There was serious damage to homes and area businesses. The governor called a state of emergency. More than 10 million dollars were needed to repair to washed out roads and bridges. We swiftly responded and raised $76,000 in six weeks for flood relief aid.

With the help of our partner, the Otto Bremer Trust, $25,000 was matched dollar for dollar.

We quickly made grants to local charities that provided food for victims, housing assistance, emergency shelter assistance, and emergency water testing kits.

Every dollar went back to local aid efforts.
In his four decades as a selfless citizen of Bayfield Don Albrecht gave of his time, his effort, his sweat and so much more to his community, again and again. In 2016, writing in his inspirational Caring Bridge blog after being named the city’s Volunteer of the Year, he cited reasons for others to give of their time and labor as well: among many others, to accomplish a specific task for the greater good, to make a difference in the lives of others, to give back to the community you love, to express a passion, to have an impact and to set a good example.

Even as cancer diminished his physical skills Don continued to give, including in the last days before his death in late March. But while celebration of his life that filled the Bayfield Pavilion on April 1 featured many tributes to his volunteer efforts, it did not mark an end to his contributions to Bayfield. Don will continue to express his love for maritime history, to have an impact on Bayfield and set an example for others through the new Don Albrecht Maritime History Endowment Fund, created by Don and his wife Lois in conjunction with museum directors and the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund.
After his retirement from Northland College in 2012 reviving and improving the Bayfield Maritime Museum became the closest thing Don had to a full-time job. With other volunteers and board members, though Don was always first among volunteers, he labored to enhance existing exhibits, create new ways to share Bayfield’s rich fishing and boating heritage and create a boat building program to ensure that proud piece of the region’s maritime history be preserved in a vastly different world. In writing about his award for volunteerism Don said he could name 25 different local volunteer affiliations over his 40 years in Bayfield, but...

"I am proudest of the accomplishments of the Bayfield Maritime Museum."
—Don Albrecht

The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund is honored to be the stewards of an endowment fund which will both honor Don’s immeasurable contributions to the museum, and ensure that funding will be made available for more such efforts going forward. Annual earnings from the fund will be used to develop new exhibits, renovate and update current exhibits, enhance the educational experience of museum visitors and assist in scholarly research on regional maritime history.

Because, as he said, even as his time to contribute was being taken away...

"The work never ends. Let’s roll up our sleeves and get to work."
—Don Albrecht

Did you know you can make a gift to any of our funds online? www.apostleislandscommunityfund.org

Grants are made to nonprofit organizations that serve the Apostle Islands region. Application deadline: March 1. Letters of Intent are encouraged early and due no later than two weeks before the deadline.
Donors

Jennifer E. Albrecht
Don and Lois Albrecht
Terry and Heidi Anderson
Scott Armstrong and Kathy Gang
Anonymous Gift (5)
Dennis and Loreen Aukstik
Mike and Jo Bailey
Bayfield Carnegie Library
Bayfield Community Education Foundation, Inc.
Bayfield Maritime Museum
Bob and Becky Bennett
John and Jo Boll
Boulder Junction Community Foundation
Kari Breunig
Peter and Ellen Brown
Rich Brown and Deb Barber
Mark and Kate Bugher
Wayne and Linda Burggraaff
Arnie and Patty Carver
Rick Charboneau
Joel and Marc Chechik and Families
Dr. Diane Christel
Donald and Betty Christel
Betti and James Collier
Sheila Coyle
William J. Cronon
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Mary Hepner
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Joel and Linda Jackson
Joanne’s Scandinavian Gifts
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David A. and Dianne L. Judd
Art and Martha Kaemmer
Richard Kaufman
Ian Keith
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Joyce and Rolland Kiel
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Gary and Mae Patrice Knowles
Keith Koenning and Patricia Murphy
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Thomas and Kristen Radtke
Wally and Mary Lynn Reinhardt
Mark and Nancy Rogers
Chris and Helen Roland
Keith and Laura Ryskoski
Nick and Nancy Sievers
Liz and Carl Silverman
Steve and Deede Smith
Dave and Judy Sonstegard
Leo and Chris Stern
Janet and Harvey Sternat
Susan L. Streitz
Virginia and Edward Stringer
Robin Trinko-Russell
Peter Tropman and Virginia Graves
Gregory and Mary Van Grinsven
Ron and Roxanne Van Veldhuizen
Steven and Nami Vizanko
Jane Vogt and Mary Scott
Mark and Liz Weller
Kimberly West Rymer
White Birch Village, LLC

2016 HONOR AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

APOTHE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY FUND

In honor of...
Colleen Daly, Attorney at Law
Meghan Dennison
Chere and Terry Gibson
Dr. Eric Grutzner
Janice and Fritz Grutzner
Mary Lou Irvine

In memory of...
Margaret “Peg” Griese
Tom Pugliese

APOTHE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY OPERATING FUND

In honor of...
Carrie Bussey and Josh Simonsen

In memory of...
Margaret “Peg” Griese

AIACF—ALBRECHT-VOGT FAMILY FUND

In honor of...
Don and Lois Albrecht

AIACF—G.R.A.C.E. FUND

In honor of...Al Chechik

GRUTZNER MADELINE ISLAND FUND

In honor of...
Eric and Barbara Grutzner
Fritz Grutzner
Janice and Fritz Grutzner

In memory of...
Sarah Beth Alquist
Terri Butler
Ed Buzicky

Make a Forever-Lasting Gift to Your Community

Start a Family ACORN Fund

“Supporting the Apostle Islands Area Community Foundation is an excellent way to ensure a bright future for this wonderful region.”—The Roland family

Our family has been coming to Madeline Island since the early 90’s. We have always enjoyed the natural beauty of Lake Superior and the lands in and around it. We started an acorn fund (a pledge to donate at least $1,000 a year for ten years) because over the years we started to appreciate the importance of the health and stability of the communities in this incredible area.

Families who make an ACORN FUND pledge will receive this handmade Lake Superior ornament.
## Funds

The Apostle Islands Area Family of Community Funds is for the benefit of Bayfield, Red Cliff, and Madeline Island communities.

### FAMILY FUNDS—ADDRESSING THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE APOSTLE ISLANDS REGION
- Albrecht-Vogt Family Fund
- Bodin Family Fund
- Helen DeHaven Bush Family Fund
- Hartnett-Helm Family Fund
- Kierland-Henry Family Fund
- Ann and Dave Lacey Family Fund
- Dr. Michael and Deanna Asbell Family Fund
- Cleveland Family Fund
- Joanne B. Hadland Family Fund
- Bill and Marilyn Larson Family Fund
- John S. Meier Family Fund
- Edward and Dawn Michael Family Fund
- Jerry and Mary Phillips Family Fund
- Gene and Carol Qualle Family Fund
- Bell Southmayd Lamont Family Fund
- Collins Family Fund
- Tom and Roxanne Frizell Family Fund
- Ole J. Ingeborg Hadland Family Fund
- Walt and Lin Pomeroy Family Fund
- Tom and Liz Purcell Family Fund
- Larry A. Reiten Family Fund
- Robert and Carolyn Sneed Family Fund
- Homeward Bound Fund
- Eric and Barbara Grutzner Family Fund
- Chris and Helen Roland Family Fund*
- G.R.A.C.E. Fund
- Eric and Laurel Lein Family Fund
- Robert Tucker Family Fund
- Vogt Scott Madeline Island Fund*

### FIELD OF INTEREST
- Apostle Islands Area Community Impact Fund
- Gruztner Madeline Island Fund
- Michael Madeline Island Fund
- Miskwaabikaang Fund
- Human Rights Fund
- West Wind Fund

### ORGANIZATION
- Ashwabay Outdoor Educational Foundation Fund
- Bayfield Community Education Foundation Fund
- Bayfield Carnegie Library Fund
- Bayfield Heritage Association Fund
- CORE Endowment Fund
- Don Albrecht Maritime History Endowment Fund*
- Madeline Island/LaPointe Community Clinic Fund
- Madeline Island Public Library Fund

### DONOR DESIGNATED
- Apostle Islands Area Community Operating Fund
- Apostle Islands Area Community Program Services Fund
- Apostle Islands Bremer Operating Fund
- Martin Hanson Conservation Endowment Fund
- Natural Disaster Immediate Response Fund 2016*

### DONOR ADVISED
- Alexandra Smith Fund in Support of Native American Treaty Rights
- Animal Assisted Therapy Fund, in memory of Cordelia Anne Brinton
- Pete M. and Betty W. Rogers Fund

*New in 2016

## Financial Status

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### Public Support and Revenue
- Contributions: 79,233
- Donated services: 111
- Interest and dividends: 46,905
- Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) less investment management fees: 75,732
- Refunds of grants: 1,000
- Transfer from Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation: 4,911

**Total public support and revenue**: 207,892

### Grants, Fees, and Operating Expenses

#### Grants and scholarships: 66,527

#### Miscellaneous—Transfer: – 832

### Functional expenses
- Program services: 5,686
- Fund raising: 14,875
- Public education: 39,920
- Management and general: 962

**Total functional expenses**: 61,443

### Total grants, fees, and operating expenses: 127,970

#### Change in net assets: 79,922

### Net Assets, beginning of year: 2,356,379

### Net Assets, end of year: $2,436,301

**Above photo, “Renewal,” by Bob Jauch**
Did you know you can make a gift to any of our funds online? www.apostleislandscommunityfund.org

Ready to Explore Giving?

Start your adventure today.
Explore our menu of options. Start a family named fund; make a gift to the fund that benefits the community, or your favorite charity. Contact us and we'll help you find the perfect place to make your forever gift.

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...and leave a lasting legacy for tomorrow
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