DOING BETTER FOR OUR KIDS

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

Since 2000, the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund has served the communities of Bayfield, Madeline Island and Red Cliff. Many of you have donated your time on the Advisory Board, at an event or committee, and ultimately helped grow the fund into the vital community asset it is today.

Last year the fund awarded over $30,000 to eleven local organizations. In addition, our family of donor-advised funds also granted to a variety of programs. The fund and your generosity are making a difference in our community. The generosity of donors like you has allowed us to give $640,000 to organizations in our community. During these times of economic downturns and governmental cutbacks we have developed a mechanism to fund positive programs in the area for years to come.

Serving on the Board has been such an honor these past three years. I've really enjoyed becoming familiar with the various nonprofit and philanthropic organizations in the area. As the Chair, I am always looking for individuals who would like to serve our community in a larger capacity. Let me know if you are interested in joining us.

I graciously thank all of you for providing the critical services that make the communities of Bayfield, Madeline Island, and Red Cliff a great place to live.

With gratitude,

– Eric Grutzner, Advisory Board Chair

Cover: Bridger Foster participated in Mt. Ashwabay’s Junior Ski Patrol program, in part funded by the AIACF.
Gingie Anderson and her husband Andrew bought their little patch of heaven on Madeline Island over ten years ago. She has been an architect, full time mother and potter. They first fell in love with the beauty of the Island but it soon became evident that the strongest magnetic pull was the wonderful mix of truly engaged people and its tightly woven community.

Lisa Brown Carey’s parents bought land and built a cabin on the Island in 1961. Lisa works at St. Olaf College in development and previously worked in the environmental non-profit field. She continued her parents’ legacy by joining the AIACF because it helps build an inclusive community and supports dreams.

Colleen Daly (Vice Chair) resides and has had a law practice in Bayfield for over two years. Originally from Minneapolis, she has been coming to the region since the early 90s. She is inspired by the AIACF mission to promote equality, inclusion, economic opportunity, the arts and the environment.

Eric Grutzner, Chair (photo on facing page) has more than 25 years of business management and endodontic experience in the Twin Cities. He has been a lifelong resident and passionate community member of Madeline Island.

Susan Headley Keller comes to the AIACF Board with diverse experience, having worked in development and grant writing in an art museum and as a non-profit consultant. She also worked as a legal editor and served as Executive Director of a voter education program. Susan has a law degree and a Master’s Degree in writing and is a part-time Island resident.

Max Paap is a member of the Red Cliff Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa and resides in Bayfield. He spends a great deal of time on the Island as Executive Director of the Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce. His experience includes leading special events for the Park City Municipal Corporation. He truly represents Red Cliff, Bayfield and Madeline Island.

Chris Roland is a long time resident of Madeline Island and a Minneapolis physician. Chris joined the board to support the community with a particular interest in natural resources and education.

Jane Vogt lives between Madeline Island and Palm Springs and is a retired senior strategic marketing and sales executive for GE and IBM with over 25 years of global leadership experience. Jane and her wife, Mary, have had an Island home for 32 years. Jane’s belief in the people and the power of the lake underpins her commitment to the community and region.
CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF GRANT AWARDS TO AREA NONPROFITS

Since the Fund's inception in 2000, more than $640,000 has been awarded to area nonprofits. In 2015 the AIACF made awards to eleven nonprofits who received a total of $30,302 in grant money to help each organization better life on Madeline Island, in Bayfield and in Red Cliff.

In 2015 the AIACF Advisory Board focused on diverse youth programming for Red Cliff, Bayfield and Madeline Island.

“We are extremely proud to support local nonprofit programs who work to address community problems, focusing on youth and the environment”.
– Eric Grutzner, Chair

MADELINE ISLAND WILDERNESS PRESERVE SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

“We thank the AIACF for funds to pay for speakers for free educational and entertaining lectures on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer.”
– Victoria Erhart, President of the Board of Directors, MIWP

RED CLIFF EARLY CHILDHOOD OUTDOOR FOREST CLASSROOM PROJECT

“Teachers are able to tie traditional practices and teachings into daily lessons and then connect them with child developmental outcomes demonstrating how traditional practices help prepare children as life-long learners.” – Bryan Bainbridge, Tribal Chair, Red Cliff Band
RED CLIFF LIBRARY PROJECT & MINO BI MA DE SE WIN COMMUNITY FARM PROJECT

“Thank you to the community fund for supporting critical Ojibwe programs that enhance the quality of life for children. Through DSACF funding and Northland’s Applied Learning, we hired a summer intern. The Applied Learning Program provides $3 for each hour the intern works at the farm, making DSACF funds go further. In 2016, the focus at the farm is to improve soil health, establish produce sales to the Bayfield School District and the Tribe’s ECC program, and to begin small livestock husbandry of rabbits and laying hens.”
– Bryan Bainbridge, Tribal Chair, Red Cliff Band

WILDERNESS INQUIRY, BAYFIELD SCHOOL LITTLE SAND BAY COLLABORATION

“The grant brought Bayfield school district kids from Madeline Island, Bayfield, and Red Cliff into the outdoors to introduce them to the wonder and beauty of the Apostle Islands. Partial project funding was received from the Pete and Betty Rogers Donor Advised Fund.”
– Greg Lais, Executive Director of Wilderness Inquiry
NORTHLAND COLLEGE - SUMMER CAMPS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH 9TH-12TH GRADE

“We collaborated with tribal members to teach Anishinaabe traditions and cultural medicines, foster leadership skills and empower traditionally at-risk youth through exciting, safe, and cultural camp experiences. Success this summer will guide future programming that strives to both increase local native students on campus, and enhance native youth leadership in our Lake Superior communities.”

– MaryJo Gingras; Northland College Summer Programs Coordinator

LAKE SUPERIOR BIG TOP CHAUTAUQUA - NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CONNECTION SERIES

"Big Top Chautauqua was honored to receive a grant from the CBACF in support of our 2015 Free Family Matinee Series. We were thrilled to present this multi-cultural series “The World on our Stage” to our wider community, featuring Mexican dance, Creole music, African acrobats, Japanese drummers, and Native American music and dance."

– Terry Matier, Executive Director of Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua
ASHWABAY YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

“By receiving the generous support from the AIACF we were able to provide scholarships and programs to school groups, Holiday Education Camps, Family & Youth Learn to Ski, and Board classes. In addition we gave need-based season passes to youth and families in need of creating a change in their lives. Many thanks to the AIACF for helping us build a healthier community by providing outdoor opportunities.” – Carol Fahrenkrog, General Manager AOEF, Inc.

LA POINTE ICE RESCUE OPERATIONS

“These grants are so needed by area nonprofits that provide critical services and make the Apostle Islands area such a great place to live.” – Eric Grutzner, AIACF Advisory Board Chair

ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY FUND

In memory of Cordelia Anne Brinton (Donor Advised Fund). Donor Advisors Demaris Brinton and Theron O’Connor awarded grants to North Country Ride and Horse Spirit for Soldiers.

HOW TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES

Yearly, the Advisory Board hosts events promoting awareness about grant making opportunities for nonprofits and also to fundraise for financial support to grant to community organizations. In 2015, the AIACF Advisory Board hosted the following.

APOSTLE ISLANDS RELAY SWIM (AIRS)

On August 22, 2015, a fundraiser was held with the Bayfield Area Recreation Center: the Apostle Island Relay Swim: a 20-mile swim around Madeline Island. We are grateful to the swimmers and to the volunteers who made it possible:

*At right, top: AIRS volunteers David Rekemeyer, Max Paap, and Brittany Schmidt Bottom: AIRS volunteers*
Jack Beagan, Mel Whiteside, Bob Bruce, Eric Grutzner, Barbara Christel Grutzner, Charles Dahlquist, Henry Harmon, Dee Johnson, Bruce Moore, Donna Woods and Jon Hinrichs, Matt and Marilyn Palazzolo, and the Browns from the North Shore.

We thank La Pointe, EMTs, and the Fire Department for being on alert and the Beach Club for the gathering spot for awards. Barbara Murphy’s spouse, John Murphy and Scott Avery Armstrong did a fantastic job putting safety first and orchestrating the whole show!

ANNUAL GRANT AWARDS ISLAND CELEBRATION

In July, the Advisory Board hosted a celebration honoring nonprofit grant recipients and supporters at Madeline Island Candles.

RECREATION CENTER’S POINT-TO-LA POINTE

Advisory Board members provided volunteer support for the annual swim event which raises funds to support the Center.
ENDOWED GIVING – FOREVER GIFT

The AIACF connects your interests with community needs ... forever! Contact both us and your tax advisor to discuss these options and explore which are right for you. Here are some “tools” we can offer.

**Memorial Funds** are established by donors in honor of a deceased family member, friend, or other person.

**Unrestricted Funds** are the most flexible and responsive, intended to meet changing community needs.

**Acorn Funds** are commitments which will grow into permanently named funds; over a 10-year period.

**Field of Interest Funds** are expressions of donor preferences for one or more areas of support, such as the arts, education, or services to those in need.

**Scholarship Funds** may be used to further the education of graduates of a particular high school, students in a specified field of study, or those enrolled at a chosen institution.

**Donor Advised Funds** preserve the identity and preference of the donor, who participates in the selection of grantees.

**Designated Funds** specify one or more charitable organizations to receive annual income.

LEGACY GIFTS

Explore the many ways you can help meet your financial goals and maximize your philanthropic giving through sound and timely gift planning. Pass on your values by starting your legacy giving plan with the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund today.

NEW FUNDS IN 2015

**Bayfield Carnegie Library Fund**, part of the AIACF family of funds, supports operations for Bayfield’s beloved library. The library’s new Strategic Plan, which established a new mission statement to be the community’s “compass for curious minds,” makes this endowment a priority now and into the future.
FIELD OF INTEREST
The AIACF promotes private giving for the public good of the Apostle Islands area. (2000)

These funds, part of the Apostle Islands area family of funds, address changing regional needs served by the AIACF.

Albrecht-Vogt Family Fund
Bodin Family Fund
Helen DeHaven Bush Family Fund
Hartnett-Helm Family Fund
Kierland-Henry Family Fund
Ann and Dave Locey Family Fund
Dr. Michael and Deanna Asbell Family Fund
Cleveland Family Fund
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Tom and Roxanne Frizzell Family Fund
Ole J. and 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
G.R.A.C.E. Fund
Eric and Laurel Lein Family Fund
Robert Tucker Family Fund

PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED FUNDS

Above and far right: Big Top Chautauqua’s multi-cultural series, “The World On Our Stage”
Middle: Bayfield’s historic Rittenhouse Avenue in the early 1900s
Apostle Islands Area Community Impact Fund (2009), created by an Otto Bremer Foundation matching challenge, is used for operations and/or grantmaking.


Michael Madeline Island Fund (2013) was established to sustain the quality of life on Madeline Island by supporting nonprofit organizations located in or serving Madeline Island.

Miskwaabikaang Fund (Red Cliff Fund, 2012) grants to Red Cliff nonprofits which serve that community with programs and services contributing to traditional values of the Ojibwe way of life through its arts, language, medicinal foods and ceremonies.

West Wind Fund (2014) encourages preservation in Bayfield, Wisconsin by providing grants for preservation projects particularly relating to building or rebuilding/reimagining historic sites and/or protecting historic places on public lands.
**DONOR ADVISED**

*Animal-Assisted Therapy Fund (2013)* allows the donor to participate actively in the grant making process with a focus on animal-assisted therapy for people of all ages with mental, emotional, developmental and psychological challenges. In memory of Cordelia Anne Brinton.

*Peter M. and Betty W. Rogers Fund (2007)* allows the donor to participate actively in the grant making process.

**DESIGNATED**

*Apostle Islands Area Community Operating Fund (2000)* supports activities of the AIACF.

*Apostle Islands Area Community Program Services Fund (2002)* provides direct support for operating costs of the AIACF.

*Apostle Islands Bremer Operating Fund (2009)* supports the AIACF activities.

*Martin Hanson Conservation Endowment Fund (2008)* supports the Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Inc.
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Jennifer E. Albrecht
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Bayfield on the Lake
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Dr. Andrew Doroschak
and Ms. Gingie Anderson
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Victoria A. Erhart

ORGANIZATIONAL ENDOWMENT

Ashwabay Outdoor Educational Foundation
Fund (2007) supports the Foundation’s mission
to provide a quality, affordable outdoor recreation
experience that renews and enhances the lives
of people in the Chequamegan Bay area.

Bayfield Community Education Foundation Fund
(2001) supports the agency’s mission to facilitate
achievement of educational excellence by students
attending schools in the Bayfield School District.

Bayfield Heritage Association Fund (2001)
supports the agency’s mission to promote awareness,
appreciation and preservation of Bayfield’s distinctive
history.

CORE Endowment Fund (2007) brings community
and families together to meet the needs of seniors in
the northern communities of the Bayfield Peninsula.

Madeline Island/La Pointe Community Clinic
Fund (2011) provides assistance to the clinic for
their daily operations.

Madeline Island Public Library Fund (2011)
was established to assist the Library in their services
to Madeline Island residents.

The AIACF is one of six affiliates of the Duluth Superior
Area Community Foundation (DSACF).
Our affiliation benefits from over $62 million in assets.
Thanks to Donors

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2015 HONOR AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

AIACF - G.R.A.C.E. Fund In honor of Chana and Al Chechik
Animal-Assisted Therapy Fund In memory of Malcolm and Miriam Lien
Apostle Islands Area Community Fund In memory of Mervin E. Hites
Apostle Islands Area Community Fund In memory of Bud Brown; Betty W. Rogers. In honor of Colleen Daly, Attorney at Law; Chere and Terry Gibson; Julien Nelson
Apostle Islands Area Community Operating Fund In honor of Chris and Helen Roland
Apostle Islands Area Program Services Endowment In memory of Ham and Sally Ross; In honor of Fritz Grutzner
AIACF - G.R.A.C.E. Bayfield Carnegie Library Fund In memory of Anne Rumsey
Grutzner Madeline Island Fund In memory of Ed Hartig; Lorene Babcock and Carol Smith; Sally Ross. In honor of Eric and Barbara Grutzner; Janice and Fritz Grutzner

WELCOME, MEGHAN DENNISON

Meghan Dennison joined the Foundation staff in March 2016. She brings a diverse background of non-profit management and fundraising experience to the team.

Most recently she served as the Executive Director of a regional environmental non-profit. Meghan has a B.A. degree in Political Science from Western State Colorado University.
She loves to spend her free time outside running, hiking, skiing, and camping. Meghan lives with her husband and daughter in Washburn, Wisconsin.
## APOSTLE ISLANDS AREA COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FUNDS

### FINANCIAL STATUS

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| **TOTAL GRANTS, FEES, AND OPERATING EXPENSES** | 145,598 | 155,343 |

| Change in net assets                 | 17,065   | 268,746  |

| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR         | 2,339,314 | 2,070,568 |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR               | 2,356,379 | 2,339,314 |

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Unaudited Financial Statement
SAVE THE DATES

July 16, 2016: Annual Grant Awards Celebration at Madeline Island Candles

January 11, 2017: Annual Grants Workshop at the NGLVC

March 1: Apostle Islands and Chequamegon Bay Area grant deadline (LOI’s due February 15)

READY TO EXPLORE GIVING?

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