Our Mission
The Cook County Community Fund will enhance the quality of life in Cook County by empowering local non-profits through philanthropy, education and collaboration.

About
The Cook County Community Fund was created in 2003 to enhance the quality of life for people in Cook County by attracting charitable gifts, making philanthropic grants, and providing responsible financial stewardship and community leadership. Since that time, the fund has granted out more than $100,000 for programs in the Cook County area.

How Can I Give?
The Cook County Community Fund accepts and encourages all types of giving—both in time, through volunteering, and in money. Some of the most common ways to give include:

• UNRESTRICTED GIFT: A gift to our unrestricted endowment fund is a permanent investment that will help the Community Foundation address the community’s ever-changing needs.

• OPERATING FUND: A gift to our CCCF Operating Fund provides the resources necessary to grow permanently endowed funds through the judicious use of spendable monies.

• DESIGNATED FUND: Choose to support a particular organization or create a scholarship fund to help local students.

• DONOR ADVISED FUND: Allows donors to take an active role in philanthropy by providing opportunities for the donor to make grant recommendations to charitable organizations.

What Can I Give?
The Community Foundation accepts a wide array of assets including:

• Cash, Check, and Credit Card
• Real Estate
• Stocks and Bonds
• Bequests
• Charitable Trusts
• Life Insurance

If you, your professional advisor, or lawyer would like additional information about any of these options, please contact the Community Foundation office or any Advisory Board member.

Donations can be given at:
218-726-0232
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PO Box 763, Grand Marais, MN 55604

Benefits of Giving
The Community Foundation brings the people of Cook County who require assistance together with people who are in a position to give. By partnering with us, you can experience giving that is:

• PERMANENT: Gifts to the Cook County Community Fund benefit the community forever. Earnings on permanently endowed funds create charitable capital to improve the region’s quality of life.

• FLEXIBLE: We work with you one-on-one to fund what matters to you. Whether it is a particular field of interest, specific organization, scholarship or supporting the mission of the CCCF with an unrestricted gift—we’ll work with you to meet your giving goals.

• SIMPLE: One gift with us can address multiple needs in our region—saving you time and money in investigating requests, monitoring programs, and keeping records.

AS A DONOR, YOU’LL ALSO ENJOY:

• PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT: The Cook County Community Fund pools multiple gifts for investment purposes, providing sound investment management of your gift at minimal cost, while providing the greatest impact in your community both now and in the future.

• PEACE OF MIND: Each year, we report to the community through our annual report.

• TAX BENEFITS: As a public charity, donors enjoy the maximum tax advantages for income, capital gains, gift, and estate tax purposes.

• ANONYMITY: While allowing us to acknowledge our donors’ generosity often inspires others to give, you can choose to give anonymously.
Cook County Community Fund, our main fund, enhances the quality of life of Cook County residents by providing grants to area nonprofits and public entities. Because the funds are not designated for a particular purpose, they can adapt to the needs of the community over time.

The following funds, under the umbrella of the CCCF, address the changing needs of the county and its residents:

- **Mike and Nancy Carlson Family Fund**
- **Surbaugh Family Fund**

Additional CCCF funds address specific area needs:

- **Cook County Community Operating Fund**
  - Supports the activities of the Cook County Community Fund.
- **Birch Grove Foundation Fund**
  - Supports programs in the west end of the Cook County.
- **Cook County Higher Education Fund**
  - Provides higher education resources for residents of Cook County.
- **Frank G. DeMaio Fund**
  - Provides instruction of less commonly taught languages to Cook County elementary schools.
- **Grand Marais Public Library Fund**
  - Supports the continued operations of the Grand Marais Public Library.
- **Harris Family Fund**
  - Provides support to nine nonprofit organizations designated by the donors.
- **Scott Hawkins Fund**
  - Allows the donor to participate actively in the grant making process.
- **North House Folk School Endowment Fund**
  - Ensures the school’s financial viability, making the campus a dynamic place to learn.
- **Daniel Patrick Riley Memorial Scholarship**
  - Provides support to CHS graduates who wish to pursue an education in Liberal Arts.
- **Tofte Historical Society Fund**
  - Supports the continued operations of the Tofte Historical Society.
- **Beverly R. Uhrhammer Memorial Library Fund**
  - Provides funds to the Grand Marais Public Library for purchasing children’s books.
- **Violence Prevention Center Fund**
  - Supports the Center’s mission of eliminating domestic and sexual violence against Cook County residents.
- **WTIP Community Radio Fund**
  - Supports the station’s mission to foster community connections, educate and inform the public, and provide entertainment.

### 2016 Grant Recipients

**Birch Grove Foundation**
- Care Partners of Cook County
- Coldwater Foundation
- North House Folk School
- North Shore Collaborative
- North Shore Health Care Foundation
- North Shore Music Association
- North Shore Visitation Center

**Grand Marais Playhouse**
- Care Partners of Cook County
- Gunflint Trail Historical Society

**Anonymous Gift**
- Katherine Backlund
- Beth’s Fudge & Gifts
- Birch bark Books & Gift Gallery
- Ms. Kaitlyn Bohlin
- John and Barb Bottger
- Burns Family Foundation
- Myron Bursheim
- Jeff and Sue Cadwell
- Pat Campmanaro and Stan Tull
- Mike Carlson
- Mr. Vallen Cook
- Robert Murphy and Ellen Cooke
- Heidi Doo-Kirk
- Jane Flueckiger
- Grand Marais State Bank
- Don and Gerry Grant
- David and Virginia Hahn
- Karen Halbersleben and Jack Miller
- Mark and Wendy Hansen
- Peter and Carol Harris
- Sandy Jacobsen and Dean Hedstrom
- Howard and Bonnie Gay Hedstrom
- Jack and Gail Hedstrom
- Alyssa and Jonathan Hedstrom
- Anne and Peter Heegaard
- Brian and Jan Johnson
- Bruce and Sue Kerfoot
- Greg and Coralyn Koschinski
- Karen Kritta and David Saethre
- Layne and Rolf Lindquist
- Jean Ljungkull
- Bill Lutton
- Lutsen Mountains Corporation
- Lutsen Resort Company
- Roger A. MacDonald
- Leigh and Greg Mathison
- Dick McFarland
- Dave and Jody Nonnemacher
- North Shore Federal Credit Union
- North Shore Oil and Propane, Inc.
- Craig A. and Dianne K. Peterson
- Ben and Mary Petz
- Zinon C. and Mary P ossis Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation
- Robert Pranis and Veronica Weadock
- Patricia Ratelle
- Sue Riley
- Ann and Wayne Russ
- Holly C. Sampson
- Dan and Clare Shirley - Sawbill Outfitters
- David and Nancy Seaton
- Liz Sivertson and John Gruber
- Charles and Audrey Skinner
- Patrick Smyth
- Wm. T. and Pamela S. Sutherland
- Terry and Rebecca Tofte
- David and Barbara Tuttle
- The James and Ruthanne Vos Community Foundation
- Voyager Brewing Company
- Thomas and Jodi Yuhasey

**2017 Grant Recipients**

**North Shore Health Care Foundation — Oral Health Task Force**
- Care Partners of Cook County
- Cook County Local Energy Project
- Gunflint Trail Historical Society

**Thank you 2016 Donors!**

The following individuals and groups contributed to the Cook County Community Fund and other unrestricted funds in 2016:

- **Anonymous Gift**
- **Birch Grove Foundation**
- **Grand Marais Playhouse**
- **Care Partners of Cook County**
- **Coldwater Foundation**
- **North House Folk School**
- **North Shore Collaborative**
- **North Shore Health Care Foundation**
- **North Shore Music Association**
- **North Shore Visitation Center**

### Financial Status

**2016** | **2015**
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**Public Support and Revenue** | 44,767 | 33,600
**Contributions** | 41 | 269
**Donated services** | 28,445 | 22,745
**Interest of dividends** | 48,598 | (60,784)
**Net realized & unrealized gain** | - | -
**Refunds of grants** | 121,851 | (4,170)
**Total public support & revenue** | - | -
**Grants, Fees & Operating Expenses** | 41,548 | 48,447
**Grants & scholarships** | 2,648 | 3,627
**Investment management fees** | - | -
**Functional expenses** | - | -
**Program services** | 123 | 122
**Fund raising** | 5,009 | 456
**Public education** | 11,875 | 16,398
**Management & general** | 116 | 496
**Total functional expenses** | 17,123 | 17,472
**Total grants, fees & operating expenses** | 61,319 | 69,546
**Change in net assets** | 60,532 | (73,716)
**Net assets, beginning of year** | 1,343,089 | 1,416,805
**Net assets, end of year** | 1,403,621 | 1,343,089

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