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 $120,000 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
www.CookCountyCommunityFund.com
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.
The following individuals and groups contributed to the Cook County Community Fund and other unrestricted funds in 2017.

**Dementia Friendly Cook County**

**Director/ Educator Residency**

Program Materials for School/YMCA Group Visits Oral Health Task Force

**Grand Marais Public Library Fund** supports the continued operations of the Grand Marais Public Library. 2006

**North House Folk School Endowment Fund** ensures the school's permanent financial viability and makes the campus an ever more dynamic place to learn. 2006

**Tofte Historical Society Fund** supports the continued operations of the Tofte Historical Society. 2006

**Violence Prevention Center Fund** supports the Center’s mission of eliminating domestic and sexual violence against women, men, children and their families in Cook County. 2004

**WTIP Community Radio Fund** supports an independent public community radio station with a mission to foster and build community connections, educate and inform the public, and provide entertainment through its broadcasts. 2004

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**Daniel Patrick Riley Memorial Scholarship** awarded to Marin Hay (CCHS).

**The Charlotte Ulland Scholarship** awarded to Sarah Tofte (CCHS).

**FOX21 Scholarship** awarded to Emily-Kate Jacobsen (CCHS).

The Scott Scholarship was not awarded in 2017.

**Lutsen Mountains Corporation**

**Lutsen Resort Company**

**Mjoen Construction**

**Jim and Karen Mohr**

**North Shore Federal Credit Union**

**North Shore Oil and Propane, Inc.**

**North Shore Pharmacy**

**North Shore Visitaton Center**

**Craig and Dianne Peterson**

**Ben and Mary Pez**

**Robert Prans and Veronica Weadock**

**Sue Riley**

**Ann and Wayne Russ**

**Milan and Carolyn Schmidt**

**Teresa Schiutt and Keith Wendt**

**David and Nancy Seaton**

**Sivertson Gallery**

**Jan Sivertson**

**Dr. Theresa Smith**

**Dr. Michael Overend**

**Dr. Lucy Grina**

**Dr. John and Barb Bottger**

**Burns Family Foundation**

**Don and Gerry Grant**

**Donation Services**

**Donations to the Community Fund and other unrestricted funds in 2017.**

**Total Assets**

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