Report from the Chair

During 2012, the Cook County Community Fund (CCCF) was proud to be able to assist six local nonprofit organizations in attaining their goals to benefit the Cook County region; grants totaling $11,427 were awarded to organizations providing art therapy for elders facing memory loss, assisting a local volunteer fire department in their acquisition of an all-season rescue sled and providing summer cinema for the area. (Note: these aren’t all the grants…I’d either list them all, or list these and say, ‘and more’)

Since the inception of the CCCF in 2003, more than $359,000 in gifts and pledges have been received. In 2012 alone, 73 donors gave a total in excess of $76,000.

Over the last eight years, 45 grants have been made totaling $50,571. These grants were given to organizations who serve residents in all of Cook County and have impacted hundreds of people. All this has been made possible thanks to the strong community spirit felt in Cook County and a devoted group of volunteer members of the Cook County Community Fund Advisory Board.

As we all know, the work is never done. In 2013, the Cook County Community Fund Advisory Board is pleased to celebrate our 10th Anniversary year. We’ve only achieved this milestone because of the dedication and support of community members like you.

On behalf of the entire Advisory Board, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you’ve done and continue to do to improve our community.

Howard Hedstrom
2012 Chair, Cook County Community Fund
Advisory Board

Mission

The mission of the Cook County Community Fund is to promote private giving for the public good, and to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Cook County by attracting charitable gifts, making philanthropic grants, and providing responsible financial stewardship and community leadership. The Cook County Community Fund is an affiliate fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation.

Cook County Advisory Board Members
(Those who served during all or part of 2012)

Howard Hedstrom, Chair
Tracy Benson
Michael Carlson
Amy Demmer
Karen Halbersleben
Cindy Hansen
Leigh Mathison
Richard Olson
Mary Petz
Ann Possis
Sue Riley
Cook County Community Fund Grants Awarded in 2012

**Birch Grove Foundation**
The HOBBIT (Hearth Oven Bread Baking Initiative Team) will provide ten scholarship to community members who will spend 5 days in a class building the oven. $1,750.00

**Grand Marais Arts Inc**
Provided support to the Grand Marais Art Colony for the purchase of an LCD projector and laptop computer which will reduce technology rental costs, build the organization's program capacity and better implement the organizations mission. $1,500.00

**Gunflint Trail Volunteer Fire Department**
Provided for the acquisition of an All-Season Rescue Sled equipped with a dome to protect the patient from the elements, a system for securing the patient litter, and a seat for one caregiver. $2,500.00

**Lutsen Junior Alpine Club**
Provide support for the LJAC to provide an effective and efficient youth program through the purchase of Alpine ski race course gates. $2,000.00

**North Shore Health Care Foundation**
Provided for a pilot join art therapy program utilizing a Registered Art Therapist for monthly small group sessions with dementia patients and individual art therapy for clients with memory loss or at end-of-life. $2,000.00

**Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association**
Provided for the purchase of public viewing rights for current nature and environmental issues movies to be shown Friday nights during the summer followed by a naturalist lead discussion about the movie topic. $1,677.00

**HONOR or MEMORIAL GIFTS**
*In Memory of:* Helen Louis Harrington Deveny
*In Honor of:* Cook County Community Fund Advisory Board, Sue Riley

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**Applying for Grant Funding**
We encourage all organizations located in, or serving residents of, Cook County to request and review our Grant Guidelines. Grants from Unrestricted Funds meet the changing needs of our community in the following areas: Arts, Community Development, Education, Environment, Human Services, and Youth. Eligible applicants must be either public agencies or charitable organizations classified as 501(c)(3). For further information, please visit the Grants section of the Cook County Community Foundation website at www.cookcountycommunityfund.com, or, call Jim Filby Williams, Director of Community Philanthropy, at 218-726-0232.

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**Grants Since Inception**

- Arrowhead Regional Development Commission: Helmet Hero–Bicycle Education Program
- Birch Grove Community School ISD#4145: Birch Grove Community School-Summer Smarties
- Birch Grove Foundation: Hearth Oven Bread Baking Initiative Team
- Cook County Amateur Hockey Association: Learn to Skate Program
- Cook County Coalition of Lake Associations: Citizens Workshops
- Cook County Extension: Growing Youth Through Gardening
- Cook County Historical Society: Updating Handicapped Entrance
- Cook County Kids Plus Foundation: Youth Programs
- Cook County North Shore Hospital: Volunteer EMTs Recognition Event for Cook County Ambulance
- Cooperation Station: Above and Beyond for Children
- Grand Marais Arts Inc: Empty Bowls Hunger Awareness Project, Kids Art Program, Programming Technology Support
- Grand Marais Playhouse: Inventory and Storage Organization
- Gunflint Trail Volunteer Fire Department: Acquisition of All-Season Rescue Sled
- Just Kids Dental Health: Sawtooth Elementary Dental Health Clinics, Lake View Memorial Hospital
- Gunflint Trail Historical Society: Software Program Purchase, Maritime Heritage Interpretive Panels
- Lutsen Junior Alpine Club: Transition Into an Independent Organization
- North Shore Health Care Foundation: Development of Hospice/Palliative Care Program for Cook County, Educational Materials, Care Partners Caregiver Support, Art Therapy for Elders Facing Memory Loss or End-of-Life
- North House Folk School: Winterer’s Gathering & Arctic Film Festival
- North Shore Collaborative: LOTS Family Literacy Project, Learning Opportunities Through Stories
- North Shore Music Association: Young Audience Concert/Dance Series, Michael Johnson at Radio Waves Music Festival
- Young Audience Concert/Dance Series
- Schroeder Area Historical Society: Birch Grove School Partnership, Cross River Heritage Center Docent, Cross River Heritage Center Website
- Violence Prevention Center: Violence and Bullying Prevention, Enrichment/Support Groups for Survivors, Family Fun Day
- WTIP North Shore Radio: Volunteer Training, “Historical Memoirs” Program
Ways to Give

Cook County Community Family of Funds

Community Foundations are a collection of many separate endowed funds established by individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit organizations to enhance the quality of life in a specific geographic region. Donors may choose to create a new fund or contribute in any amount to an existing fund. Donors who wish to leave a legacy to the region can establish a Fund by bequest or planned gift and know that their gift will be used to respond to unforeseen community needs.

There are a variety of fund options to meet the donor’s interest:

**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

Unrestricted Funds not earmarked and provide the most flexibility and responsiveness in meeting the changing needs in the Cook County area.

**FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**

You can create a fund to support a specific area of interest such as the arts, education, youth or historic preservation.

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**

You may choose one or more organizations to receive income from your designated fund in perpetuity.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

Scholarships help deserving students pursue an education they might not otherwise receive. You can establish a scholarship fund to benefit graduates from a particular school, those attending a particular school, or, those enrolled in a specific course of study.

**DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS**

A donor-advised fund provides an opportunity for you to take an active role in your philanthropic giving while you participate in the grant making process by making grant recommendations to charitable organizations.

**ACORN FUNDS**

An Acorn Fund allows people from all walks of life to make a difference...a little at a time. An individual or couple makes a pledge to establish an Acorn Fund and begins making periodic contributions that will eventually grow to be a permanently named fund.

**ORGANIZATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

You can create a fund on behalf of an organization. Organizational endowments provide long-term financial stability to a nonprofit, allowing them to concentrate on their mission.

**LEGACY CIRCLE**

Donors can leave a legacy through a simple bequest, a will, a gift of real estate, a charitable lead trust, a charitable remainder trust, or a life insurance policy. Becoming part of the Legacy Circle will benefit the Cook County area and, in some cases, allow you to realize financial benefits during your lifetime and create a charitable fund at a future date.

**Established Funds**

- **Beverly R. Uhrhammer Memorial Library Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will provide funds to the Grand Marais Public Library for purchasing high quality children’s printed books to add to curriculum.

- **Birch Grove Foundation Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will support efforts to sustain community-based elementary education.

- **Cook County Community Fund**, the unrestricted endowment fund, exists to enhance the quality of life in the area.

- **Cook County Community Temporary Fund** supports and promotes the activity of the Cook County Community Fund.

- **Cook County Higher Education Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, was established to support higher education resources for the residents of Cook County.

- **Daniel Patrick Riley Memorial Scholarship Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, provides financial support to high school graduates of Cook County.

- **North House Folk School Endowment Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will support efforts to sustain community-based elementary education.

- **Violence Prevention Center Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will support the Center’s mission of eliminating domestic and sexual violence against women, men, children and their families in Cook County.

- **WTIP Community Radio Fund**, part of the Cook County family of funds, will support this 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.

For more information contact the Community Foundation office.
Yes,

I'd like to support the Cook County Community Fund!

☐ I/we enclose a check for $____________________ as a contribution to the Cook County Community Fund/DSACF.

☐ I/we pledge a total gift of $____________________ to the Cook County Community Fund/DSACF.

I/we plan to pay $___________________ now, and remit the balance in:

☐ quarterly  ☐ annually  ☐ semi-annually

☐ other ____________________________________________ beginning ______________. Please bill me accordingly. Pledges may be paid over 1-5 years.

Name _________________________________________________

☐ I/we wish to remain anonymous

Address  ________________________________________________

______________________________________________________

Signature(s) _____________________________________________

Phone  ________________________________________________

Email _________________________________________________

Please make your gift payable to: Cook County Community Fund/DSACF. Donations can be made online at cookcountycommunityfund.com. Your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

(To make a gift of stock or other securities, have your broker call the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation at 218-726-0232 for instructions.)

MAIL TO:

Cook County Community Fund, PO Box 763, Grand Marais, MN, 55604

Or visit our website: www.cookcountycommunityfund.com
## Financial Status

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