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THE DULUTH SUPERIOR AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

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Planting ideas and nurturing growth

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It's been an active, challenging and amazing year. Through it all, the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, along with our partners and generous donors, has helped our region grow stronger, healthier and in more innovative ways. The year after two years of the pandemic has been one of cultivating growth and enhancement, all in the name of community. So, **Cultivating Community** is an appropriate title for our annual report. We're also pleased to present the stories of the foundation in a new electronic form this year. We're eager for your feedback—and for your continued support and involvement in the year ahead.

$383,395
Scholarships awarded

260
Grants awarded

235
Students supported by scholarships

400+
Funds managed

$2.5M
Granted

Apostle Islands-Chequamegon Bay Area Community Fund

The Apostle Islands-Chequamegon Bay Area Community Fund supports nonprofits in Bayfield and Ashland Counties of northwest Wisconsin. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in our communities, forever.

Apostle Islands funds provide resources to Red Cliff, Bayfield and the Apostle Islands, including Madeline Island. Chequamegon Bay funds cover work in Washburn, Ashland and Bad River. The Apostle Islands fund started in 2000. The Chequamegon Bay fund started in 2011. They merged governance in 2019 but have separate grant responsibilities and committees covering the two portions of their region.

Thanks to a grant from AICB, transportation was provided for members of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and students from the Ashland School District to the Big Top Chautauqua in 2022.

Big Top Chautauqua

Members of Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and students from the Ashland School District attended Anishinaabe Dibaajimowin: An Ojibwe Story. One Ashland School District student said, "This was the best show I've ever seen!" Ashland High School teacher Phillip Brede told the Ashland Daily Press, "My class came to life through storytelling, and it opened the door to beautiful conversations about personal identity and what it means to be a human," Brede wrote. "It was a true honor to attend and see the power art, culture and language can have on our community and children."

Cook County Community Fund

The Cook County Community Fund has enhanced the quality of life in Cook County since 2003 by attracting charitable gifts, making philanthropic grants and providing community leadership. The fund is honored to work with local nonprofits to address the region's needs, including education, arts, health and human services.

Great lunch

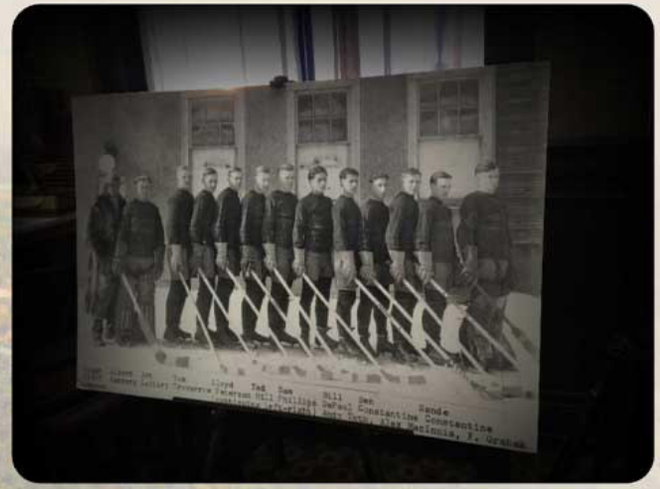
This project reduces food insecurity in Cook County by providing healthy, nutritious meals to all students at the Great Expectations School, regardless of affordability. Great Expectations School is a free public charter school that serves children from kindergarten to eighth grade. The grant supports children's health by providing organic, nutrient-dense meals.

Eveleth Community Foundation Fund

The Eveleth Community Foundation Fund provides a resource for residents to collectively give back and better the community.

The fund began in 2008, serving as a resource for the Eveleth area. Through its advisory board of community leaders, the fund attracts and administers a growing endowment for the area's future. It identifies and effectively responds to changing community needs through strategic grant-making and provides financial stewardship as well as community leadership.

In 2021 it distributed grants totaling $11,000 to four deserving nonprofits. With these awards, the fund has granted $77,000 to 54 recipients since 2011. In 2021, it also awarded scholarships totaling $3,250 to three exceptional Eveleth-Gilbert High School graduates.



Hippodrome centennial

On Jan. 1, 2022, the Hipp celebrated the 100th anniversary of its first hockey game,which saw the Eveleth Reds defeat the Duluth Hornets, 10-6, before a packed house. Dubbed the "Madison Square Garden of the North," the building has hosted a century of community events. The Eveleth Community Foundation Fund filled Eveleth Auditorium with featured memorabilia from the Hipp, including trophies, jerseys and photos. The night featured food, fellowship and guest speakers, who shared stories and memories of the beloved Hipp.

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Two Harbors Area Fund

Two Harbors is home to the first affiliate fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, a reflection of local residents' care and commitment to their city and surrounding region.

The fund seeks to enhance the quality of life for residents of Two Harbors and the surrounding area. The fund serves as a resource and catalyst for giving, attracts and administers a growing endowment, provides a flexible vehicle for donors and responds to existing and emerging community needs through grantmaking.

Community partners

Finding creative solutions that improve the quality of life for elders is the goal of Community Partners in Two Harbors. Now, with the help of a grant from the Two Harbors Area Fund, the organization can offer more support, allowing seniors to thrive while continuing to live at home.

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A safe and welcoming place for hope

Recovery and community help people in Ely live healthier lives. Northern Lights Clubhouse is a safe, welcoming place to connect with resources, recovery, mental health and training. The collaborative received grant funding from the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation and is recognized in the 2022 Touchstone Celebration.

2021 financials

Audited numbers, November 2022

Total assets

2021
$108 Million

2020
$93 Million

Grants and scholarships awarded in 2021
$2.9 Million

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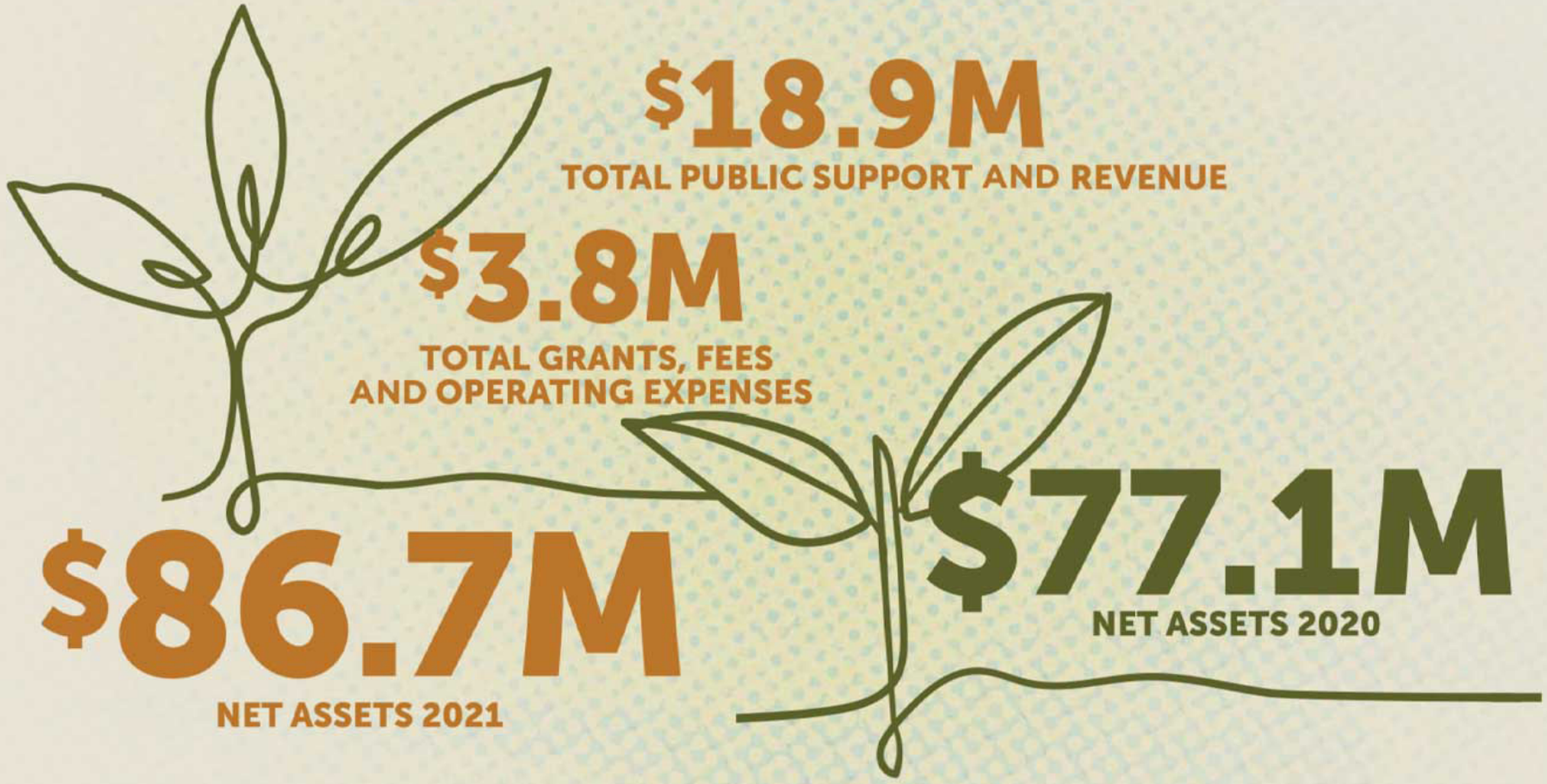

2021 financials

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Fund trends

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NEW FUNDS

Arts Fund for Youth
Community Partners Fund
Cornell Family Scholarship Fund
Darlene Brown – Thorson Family Fund
Host Family Fund for Environmental and Community Stewardship
James J. Hubert Memorial Scholarship Fund
James Robert (Demo) Mayasich Fund
Momentum Fund
Northwoods Educational Opportunities Fund
Northwoods Opportunity Fund
Patricia and Anthony DiLuna Scholarship Fund
Thomas Strewler Dyslexia Fund
Unity Fund

2021 financials

Audited numbers, November 2022

17 COVID-19 response grants awarded in 2021:

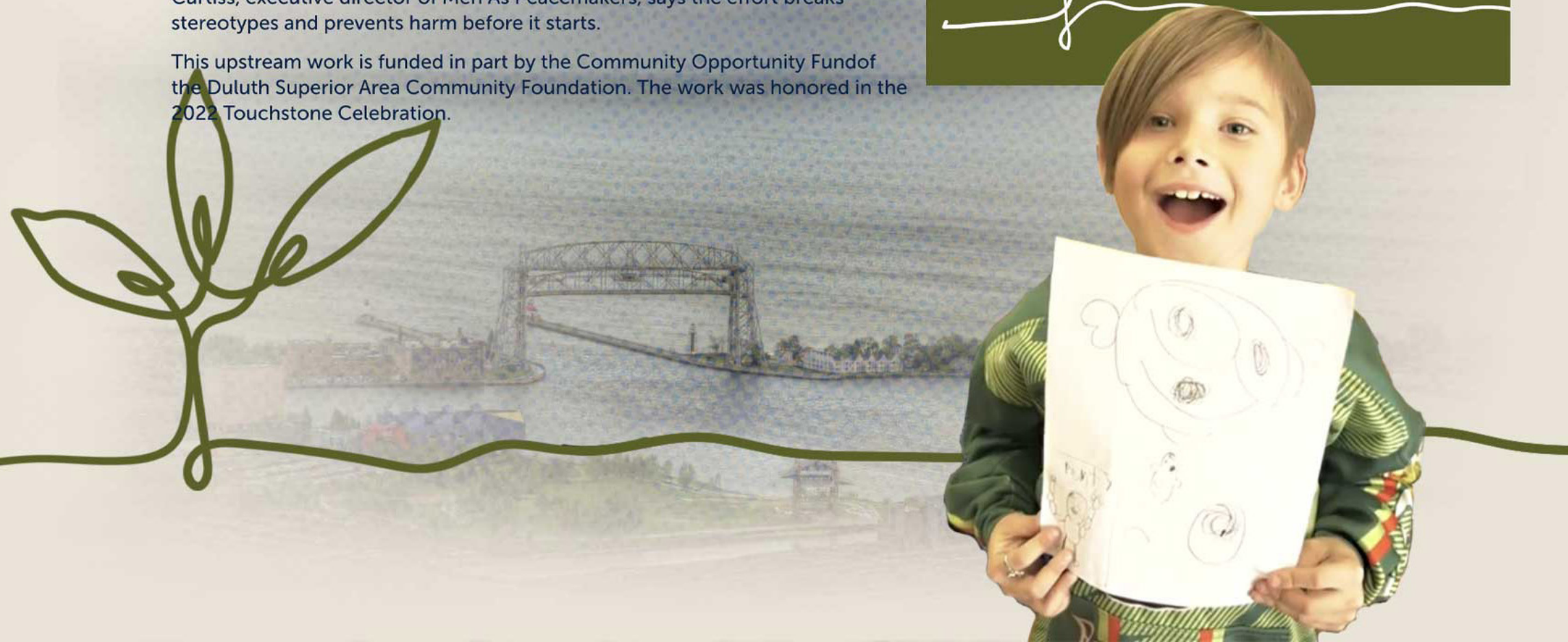
COVID-19 Northeast Minnesota Response Fund	$35,000
COVID-19 Northwest Wisconsin Response Fund	$67,417
Chequama-Care COVID-19 Response Fund	$12,500
Two Harbors COVID-19 Response Fund	$5,000
COVID-19 Knight Foundation Response Fund	$10,000

Total $129,917

Instilling confidence and stopping stereotypes before they start

Youth outreach by the nonprofit Men As Peacemakers brings connection and confidence through Make Equal Genders Awesome. The Make Equal Genders Awesome team visits Duluth schools and works with kids in person. Sarah Curtiss, executive director of Men As Peacemakers, says the effort breaks stereotypes and prevents harm before it starts.

This upstream work is funded in part by the Community Opportunity Fundof the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. The work was honored in the 2022 Touchstone Celebration.



Growing capacity for self-governance based on Indigenous values

Values, history and identity guide the leadership structure of successful native nations. The Grand Portage Tribal Council and others gained new skills and expanded their capacity to chart the future in 2022 through workshops led by the Native Governance Center.

The workshops were supported in part by a grant from the Community Opportunity Fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. The work was honored at the 2022 Touchstone Celebration.

Grand Portage Chippewa

Delicious dreams

Small businesses are growing in northeasten Minnesota through consulting and coaching from the Entrepreneur Fund. Through the fund's Stride program, black and brown entrepreneurs launched and grew food trucks and restaurants in the region, featuring vegan, Japanese, barbecue and soul food.

The Stride Program is supported in part by the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. The program was recognized in the 2022 Touchstone Celebration.

Building green from the ground up

Explore the Evergreen Pilot Project, a net-zero building effort from Green New Deal Housing. The organization offers training in energy efficient design and building techniques with partners at all economic levels of the community.

Green New Deal Housing received a grant from the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation to design the training. They are recognized in the 2022 Touchstone Celebration.

Building skills and confidence outside the box

A project designed by area architects builds future professionals and shares the creative journey by design. Through partnerships at American Indian Community Housing Organization, Duluth Folk School and others, students are gaining much more than design skills.

The project was supported by a grant from the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation and recognized in the 2022 Touchstone Celebration.

Empowerment through the arts

See how the Duluth Art Institute is empowering students to use their voice and make change. The Birkenstein Arts Movement brings lessons and skills to the next generation of engaged citizens.

The program is supported in part by the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation and is recognized in the 2022 Touchstone Celebration.

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