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# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

CELEBRATING OUR PAST  
AND A TRANSFORMATIONAL FUTURE

# BOARD MEMBERS

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Dear Friends of the Winona Community Foundation,

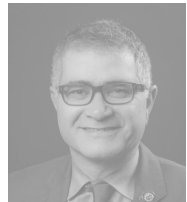
Celebrating our past and a transformational future was the “unofficial theme” of the Winona Community Foundation in 2019. At the beginning of 2019, the Foundation board of directors was in the process of hiring a new executive director. With this task in front of us, the board chose the opportunity to envision a stronger, more prominent role for the Foundation. In hiring Nancy Brown as President/CEO, we have already seen changes that will help us accomplish that.

We are grateful to our donors and fund advisors for trusting us with their philanthropy. Together, with the local nonprofit community, their contributions had wide-reaching impact on the quality of life in Winona and the surrounding region. Finally, on behalf of the entire board, I extend our gratitude to our outgoing board chair, Hamid Akbari, who championed the transformational path we are on. I also want to thank outgoing board members, Fred Fletcher, Kelley Olson, and Tom Wynn for their service and counsel.

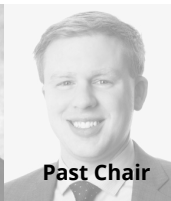
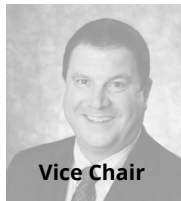


Beau Van Beek  
Past-chair, 2019

## HAMID ABKARI, CHAIR



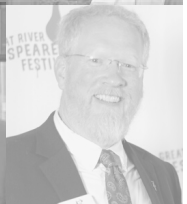
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CRIGLER  
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AMANDA HEDLUND  
DENISE MCDOWELL



KELLEY OLSON  
JERRY PAPENFUSS  
TOM WYNN  
AARON YOUNG



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2019	2018
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	71,698	59,099
Investments	14,855,974	12,628,121
Other Prepays	4,058	5,945
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>14,931,730</b>	<b>12,693,167</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	11,231	9,588
Grants Payable	0	0
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>11,231</b>	<b>9,588</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
General	1,617,485	1,233,182
Restricted or Designated	13,303,014	11,450,398
Total net assets	14,920,499	12,683,580
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>14,931,730</b>	<b>12,693,168</b>
<b>SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>		
Contributions	1,932,663	\$1,480,797
Investment Earnings (losses)	2,428,672	(788,007)
Other Revenue	235,427	241,439
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>4,596,762</b>	<b>\$934,229</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Community Grants	108,615	80,000
Advised Grants	1,200,693	1,477,799
<b>Total grants</b>	<b>1,309,308</b>	<b>1,557,799</b>
Operations and investment Expense	1,027,289	803,570
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>2,336,597</b>	<b>2,361,369</b>
<b>Excess of Revenue (expenditures)</b>	<b>2,260,165</b>	<b>(1,427,140)</b>
<b>Net Assets at beginning of the year</b>	<b>12,683,580</b>	<b>14,110,720</b>
<b>Net Assets at end of year</b>	<b>14,931,730</b>	<b>12,683,580</b>



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The above limited financial information is un-audited.  
Contact the Foundation office for complete audited financial statements.

# WHERE WE ARE NOW

message from the President/CEO, Nancy Brown, CFRE

I frequently hear that the Winona area is a giving community. And nowhere is that more evident than the Winona Community Foundation. I am humbled by the generous spirit of our many donors and fund holders and am inspired by their desire to make the Winona community a place where all have the opportunity to thrive.

In 2019, the Foundation awarded more than \$1.3 million to nonprofits in all areas of need and interest. Fund holders supported human services, arts and culture, youth and education, the outdoors, animal welfare, and so much more. Ninety-two percent of these gifts remained in the Winona area.

The Foundation's Community Grant program invested \$70,615 in local nonprofits to help address critical issues like trauma support for our first-responders, employment opportunities for our disabled community, art exposure for children and adults, and a warm bed for those experiencing homelessness.

When I joined the Foundation in May 2019, I knew the Foundation played an important role in the community. Today, it is imperative that the Foundation grow its assets to expand its ability to address the rapidly changing and growing needs of our community.

Fortunately, the Foundation is well-positioned to do so because of the hard work of those who came before me and currently work alongside me. This includes an extraordinary volunteer board of directors and talented staff, and of course, an amazing community with a generous heart.

I am pleased to submit this annual impact report to you and the community we serve.



Nancy M. Brown, CFRE  
President/CEO



Foundation Staff:  
Mandi Olson, Nancy Brown, Sara Brandon



## RAMONA L. JEZEWSKI ENGLISH FUND

A surprise legacy gift from a  
person known for her giving heart

Ramona L. (Ladewig) Jezewski English lived a lifetime in the Winona area and traveled widely, leaving her mark not only on people in Winona, but all around the world. Because of a gift designated in her will to the Winona Community Foundation, she will be giving back to Winona, and the people she loved, way beyond her lifetime.

Ramona grew up on her family farm in Stockton where her family raised cows for milk and beef. In 1958, her family started a fish farm known as the Stockton Trout Farm.

Ramona had a waitressing career at Wally's Restaurant in Fountain City, Wisconsin, where she met many Winonans including her first husband, Henry Jezewski. After Henry died, she married another Winonan and a Wally's patron, Bud English. Together Bud and Ramona lived near West Lake Park and in retirement, they enjoyed traveling internationally and domestically, always appreciating the people they met along the way.

### **Why did she give to the Winona Community Foundation?**

Ramona knew that the Foundation meets the needs of the ever-changing community in a lasting way. As Bud shared, "she knew the Foundation isn't a place where you donate once and then it's gone." She gave no instruction with her gift, nor did we expect the gift when it arrived in 2019, so the Board of Directors took the responsibility of stewarding this gift seriously. After learning she had a strong love for animals, it was decided to create a quasi-endowment and each year give \$5,000 to the Winona Area Humane Society, while using the other earnings for the competitive Community Grant program. The Community Grant program flexes to meet immediate program and project needs for local non-profits, which the Board felt would honor the reason why she gave to the Foundation in the first place.

Ramona will forever be known for her hardworking values, her giving heart, and love for family and animals. And now with the **Ramona L. Jezewski English Fund**, she will not be forgotten and her giving heart will live on.

# FOUNDATION FUNDS

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Anonymous Funds (1)	Masonic Temple Restoration
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Nordic Ski Club of Winona
BK5K Youth	Ready Set School
Clara Barton Red Cross	Rushes Wilderness Foundation
Community Fund	Randy Schenkat Human Development Fund
Jack and Sue Cornwell Memorial	St Charles Area Hospice Volunteers Endowment
Dive and Rescue of Winona	Steamboat Days of Winona
Early Childhood Initiative	Winona Area Hospice Endowment
Founders Fund	Winona Area Toys for Kids
Friends and Deborah Miller Kanabar Library	Winona Area Track & Field Project
Friends of the Drug Court of Winona County	Winona County Developmental Achievement Center
Goodfellows	Winona Nonprofit Alliance*
Homer Civic Association	Winona Park Development
Ramona L Jezewski Fund	Winona Park Development - Dog Park
Jean Knutzen Special Purpose Fund	Winona Park Development - East End Project
Pete Kuklinski Jr Golf	Winona Park Development - Every Child's Dream
Thomas H. Laken - Admin Endowment	Winona Senior Friendship Center
Landon We-no-nah Fountain	Winona Sister Cities
Wilmer L and Beverly A Larson	Winona Volunteer Services - Endowment
Live at the Levee	Winona Volunteer Services - Invested
Margaret Simpson House dba Family & Children Center	

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*When we cast our bread upon the waters,  
we can presume that someone downstream  
whose face we will never know will benefit  
from our action.*

**-MAYA ANGELOU**

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## DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

James and Barbara Allaire  
Ancius Family  
Anonymous Funds (2)  
Daniel and Jennifer Arnold Family  
Dave and Muriel Arnold Family  
Ted and Patti Biesanz Family  
Steven and Ann Blue^  
Brosnahan Family  
James R and Nancy M Brown\*  
Mike and Linda Cichanowski  
Gerry Cichanowski Family  
John and Margaret Cross Memorial  
The Cyrus Family\*  
Dahl Automotive  
William and Judith Davis Family  
Tom and Annmarie DeMarais\*  
Mark Deter Memorial  
John and Susan Eddy Family  
Chuck and Laura Eddy Family  
Phil Feiten Family  
Hahn Charitable  
Helen Leaf Haun Family  
Harland P and Pauline G Knight Family  
Jean Knutzen

Dale E and Linda K Kukowski  
Bob & Debbie Leaf Family  
Leonard Lopez Memorial  
Gabriel & Cecilia Manrique Family  
Mia Martin  
Elmer & Louise Mattila Family  
Leone J. & Thomas E. D.D.S.  
Mauszycki Cultural and Civic Fund  
Jeremy and Janel Miller Family  
Ken and Sally Mogren^  
Mr. Morris' Extra Chance  
Jerry and Patricia Papenfuss Family  
JC and Arlene Pfeiffer  
R.E.A.C.H.  
John and Betsy Rowekamp  
Dan and Pat Rukavina Family  
Marilyn Schwab Family  
Stephen and Barbara Slaggie Family  
Charles and Marie Smith^  
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Dan and Shelley Trainor III  
WA Group  
Joyce Woodworth  
Thomas and Barbara Wynn

## FIELD OF INTEREST

Connect People to Nature  
Dental Access  
Donna Helble Fund  
Emergency Assistance  
Flatlander Speed Society  
Lyndon and Jennie L Pierce  
Educational

## SCHOLARSHIP

Gomez Montessori Scholarship  
Bruce McNally Family Scholarship^  
Morrie Miller Memorial Scholarship  
Jack Radar Scholarship Fund  
Rotary Ambassadorial Visitor  
Rottinghaus Company Scholarship  
Brianna Grace Vitek Scholarship

\*Fund opened in 2019 ^Fund closed in 2019

Dr. Hamid Akbari and Azar Khounani  
Donald and Gwendolyn Anderson  
Art and Sol  
Scott and Jane Biesanz  
Ted and Patti Biesanz  
Sara and Jeff Brandon  
Nancy and Jim Brown  
Dr. Frank and Ruth Bures  
Brian and Sandra Burke  
Celanese Foundation  
Dr. David and Kathleen Christenson  
Gayla Clemons\*  
Bob and Marg Deter  
Barbara Dufresne  
Greg and Terri Evans  
Leslie Foote  
Mike and Sue Hauser  
Amanda and Matt Hedlund  
Carol Heyl  
Robert and Suzanne Hoodecheck  
Ramona Jezewski Trust  
Mark and Nancy Kristensen  
Margaret Lambert  
Laurie Lucas  
Cynthia Marek and Doug Lofthus  
Dr. Denise and James McDowell  
John and Shelly Milek

## DONORS

*We are grateful to those who choose to invest in the Winona Community Foundation's mission through their contributions to our operations and community grant program. This list represents gifts made between January 1 and December 31, 2019. While we make every effort to ensure the accuracy of this list, and regret any errors or omissions. If you find one, please contact us in order to allow us to make corrections.*

Dr. John and Marlene Mulrooney  
Dr. Dennis and Patricia Nolan  
Kelley and Dr. Scott Olson  
Mandi and Todd Olson  
Jerry and Patricia Papenfuss Family Fund  
Capt. Donald and Donna Peterson  
JC and Arlene Pfeiffer Fund  
Dick and Sandy Pope  
Polly Renk  
John and Betsy Rowekamp Fund  
Marilyn Schwab Family Fund  
Dr. Charles and Judith Shepard  
Steve and Barb Slaggie  
Ronald and Diane Stevens  
Dr. Scott and Kathleen Turner  
Venables Foundation  
Jim and Joan Vondrasek  
Nancy Wiltgen  
Tom and Barbara Wynn  
Aaron and Kristen Young



# MINDFULNESS MATTERS

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First responders experience unavoidable stress and traumatic events in the course of their vocation. Each day the challenges of being a first responder can take a serious toll on health, well-being and performance.

If these challenges are not dealt with in a productive manner, they may lead to emotional and behavioral health problems. This not only puts the individual at risk but those around them and the community they seek to serve. Resilience training teaches thinking and coping skills that can be employed on the job as well as at home and in other circumstances.

A \$10,000 grant awarded to Paul Stern and Trish Johnson, of Manitou Center, along with mental health counselor Erica Thibodeaux, and police investigator, Anne Scharmach allowed them to develop and deliver a pilot program to provide resilience and mindfulness training to first responders.

“First responders face some of the most challenging and unavoidable occupational stressors of our time,” explains Erica Thibodeaux, a mental health counselor who is trained to teach Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR). She went on to explain, “We know that mindfulness reduces stress, and we know that first responders have occupational stress. It just makes sense.”

In early 2020, nineteen first responders attended the first series of training. Participants reported high satisfaction and changes in their well-being. They are also looking for ways to broaden access to the training through establishing peer leaders, additional training opportunities, and more. Manitou Center is a public charity dedicated to building a compassionate, healthy, and safe world. Individually and collectively.



# COMMUNITY GRANTS

The goal of the Community Grant program is to strengthen our community through philanthropy by making grants to projects and causes that address both the needs and the opportunities present in the community. Funds to support the Community Grant program are made possible in part through gifts made through wills from; Ramona L. Jezewski English and Wilmer & Beverly Larson. Community grants are also supported by individual donors and a percentage of the General Trust fund of the Winona Community Foundation.

## **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE COULEE REGION**

**\$7,805**

To incorporate emotional wellness programming with their matches through informational workshops for youth, mentors and families.

## **WINONA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**\$2,970**

To create "The Cube," a hands-on activity area for preschool visitors related to exhibits in the museum.

## **GREAT RIVER SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**

**\$5,000**

To create an event where actors from GRSF have guided conversations with community members about issues facing today's society.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WINONA- FILLMORE COUNTIES**

**\$8,340**

To purchase five AED machines and safety equipment to increase worksite safety for volunteers, staff and homeowners.

## **MANITOU CENTER**

**\$10,000**

To provide resiliency training for local first responders designed to reduce negative health outcomes from work related emotional stress.

## **APPLE TREE DENTAL**

**\$10,000**

To purchase mobile dental care equipment to serve clients at Home and Community Options and other vulnerable residents with barriers to dental care.

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
OF SOUTHERN  
MINNESOTA**

**\$5,000**

To double the overnight capacity at the Winona Community Warming Center from ten to twenty people.

**FROZEN RIVER  
FILM FESTIVAL**

**\$3,500**

Awarded to further its mission to engage, educate and activate citizens through the art of documentary film-making.

**WINONA ORC**

**\$3,500**

To purchase a commercial crosscut shredder to create jobs for people with disabilities and expand shredding services for the greater community.

**MID WEST MUSIC FEST**

**\$7,500**

To support the 2019 festival which provides community building through music.

**ELDER NETWORK**

**\$2,000**

Grant dollars were awarded to assess the needs of seniors, recruit and train volunteers and companions, and provide caregiver support in Winona County.

**RIVER ARTS ALLIANCE**

**\$4,000**

To support the 2019 Family Art Day after an unexpected loss in funding. This event promotes community exploration of visual arts, music and performance in a physically accessible location.

**TOTAL 2019 GRANTS:  
\$70,615**



In January 2020, we moved from the Exchange building to the Riverfront building. We look forward to welcoming you at our street-level entrance. The front of the annual report depicts the Exchange building with our old logo, turning into our new logo.

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