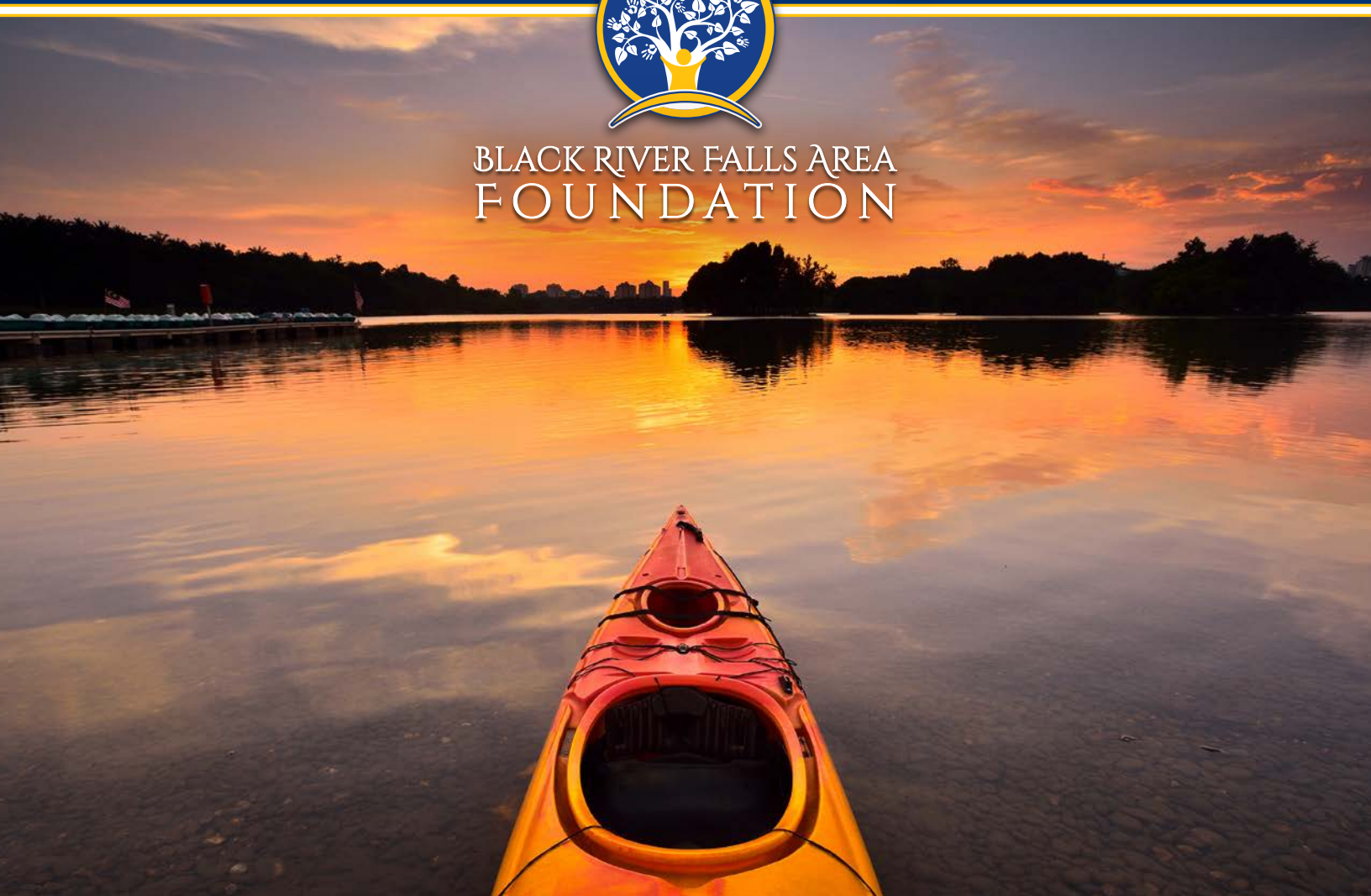


HELPING OUR COMMUNITY  
**SHINE**



BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA  
FOUNDATION



EVERY SUNSET IS ALSO A SUNRISE. ~ IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU STAND.



Dedicated to Trustee  
**KAY FINCH**

ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1 2023 TO 2024 JUNE 30



Over the past thirty-eight years, several challenging economic and social issues have come to the forefront within our community. The following issues come to mind as examples, childcare, homelessness, senior and disabled citizens, the animal shelter, scholarship needs, schools and education, food supplies, library needs and maintenance, creation and improvement of recreational areas. These challenges and concerns have been addressed by numerous local businesses, organizations, and concerned individuals. People have gathered to brainstorm on ways to address, improve, and perhaps alleviate, these concerns for the folks most affected. In turn, these various groups and individuals have approached the Foundation for direction and financial assistance to help their ideas become reality. Each one of our donors empower the success of these various projects. To date the Foundation has awarded more than 825 grants to 128 different, diverse, local non-profit organizations totaling over \$7 million dollars.

It is every individual, organization and business that drives the Foundation's mission and vision of enhancing the quality of life of the citizens in Jackson County. The Foundation's unwavering commitment to our communities for continued growth and enhancements is completely dependent upon those who donate. We achieve our ultimate goals by providing a vehicle for donors to address diverse community interests and expand our community's endowment by encouraging philanthropy and estate planning. By protecting and prudently investing donor funds, the Foundation serves as a resource to accomplish various community projects and to support

those organizations that support our community.

Recently the Foundation received a donation that was given with specific instructions that it be used to upgrade computer hardware and software, and change accounting firms. With this financial help, we were able to implement an industry specific, fully integrated, cloud-based software application. In addition to the many efficiencies and cost savings the software provides, it also allows our Trustees complete live access 24/7 to review and monitor Foundation records and all Foundation activities. Fund advisors now have the same total review access to their funds. The software also allows donors to make contributions to any fund on-line, or via a QR code. These features offer unlimited fund-raising potential for our Affiliate and Designated funds, as well as helping them streamline their accounting and recordkeeping systems. Julie has worked extensively with various organizations and professionals in making all these upgrades come to fruition. Her endless hours of working on converting existing Foundation records and setting up new accounts within the software program has been invaluable in creating amazing reporting capabilities, in particular, concise and streamlined information for year-end closing.

In concert with the Trustees discussions, a long-range strategic plan is being created. This plan prioritizes evaluating our current practices including our donor fund agreements. None of the Foundation's policies and procedures have changed, but the documentation needed updating to conform to current guidelines and regulations. Julie has worked tirelessly on reviewing each Foundation fund agreement and rewriting them to bring

them up to date. She also created several policy and procedural documents, including several that provide needed efficiencies to the Foundation's scholarship committees as we currently have thirty scholarship funds that make awards to approximately sixty-five local students totaling almost \$100,000 annually.

The Foundation also did a thorough review of our administrative fees, (unchanged for thirty-eight years) and determined it was prudent to implement an increase to support our operational costs. All Trustees are extremely conservative and conscientious about the Foundation's operational costs. Charity Watch, which is America's most independent watchdog has developed a rating system and set standards by which all charities can be measured and compared. The Black River Area Foundation consistently earns an A+ rating utilizing this scale.

In closing, it has been an honor and privilege, along with a personally gratifying experience, to have served as trustee for thirteen years and as President and Chairperson for the past three years. I would like to thank Gil Homstad, David Hoffman, and Michael Dougherty along with the executive officer and Board of Trustees for giving me the opportunity to serve with such an outstanding group of community minded people who work diligently to create a gorgeous community and to offer new opportunities for all citizens within Jackson County. Most importantly, I want to thank all our donors, past and present, for your support, not only financially, but also for your kind words of encouragement and for your continued future support of the Foundation.

I remain yours in philanthropy and I thank you.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Black River Falls Area Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in the Black River Falls Area. We work to realize that goal with the support of individuals, families, businesses and organizations that share this commitment. We achieve this by:

- Providing a vehicle for donors with diverse community interests;
- Protecting donations through prudent investing and stewardship;
- Serving as a resource and catalyst to accomplish community projects;
- Expanding our communities' endowment by encouraging philanthropy.

We address a broad range of community goals rather than focusing on one particular issue. In this way, we are able to meet changing needs and provide support to the people who live and work in the Black River Falls Area.

## Financial Statement

Years ending December 31, 2023  
Audited by Baker Tilly, U.S., LLP Milwaukee, WI

### REVENUE

Contributions	\$	571,040
Investment Revenue	\$	543,777
Miscellaneous	\$	1,389
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Other Support</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,116,206</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Grants	\$	320,151
Scholarships	\$	94,000
Operating Costs	\$	78,272
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>492,423</b>

Change in Net Assets	\$	623,783
Net Assets at Beginning	\$	4,746,632
<b>Net Assets At Year End</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,370,415</b>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Foundation office.

# WELCOME NEW TRUSTEES!

Last year the Foundation used its annual FRIENDS luncheon as an opportunity to honor retiring Trustees David Hoffman and Mike Dougherty. A record number of people turned out to acknowledge their accomplishments and dedication to the Foundation and to thank them for their many years of service to our community.

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Foundation announced our newest Trustees, Paul Millis, and Marianne Torkelson and shared our excitement about the experience, insight, and ideas they will bring to our organization. Thank you to Paul and Marianne for their willingness to serve!

Born and raised here, Paul Millis graduated from BRF High School and

received an undergraduate degree in business administration from UW Eau Claire and a juris doctorate, cum laude, from UW Madison. He returned to BRF where he worked as an attorney for twenty years while raising his three children, Andrew, Ryan, and Karyn. Paul feels blessed that he was able to watch his children, and now his first grandchild, grow and mature in the community he loves. Over the years Paul has contributed to our community in a variety of ways, by coaching, supporting school events, working with several area charitable organizations, and he is currently actively involved with Jackson County Crime Stoppers.

Marianne Torkelson is also a lifelong BRF resident. She and her husband

Troy live in the Disco area not far from Troy's family farm. There, they raised their daughter, Besty, and son, Tommy. Marianne graduated from BRF High School and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a Master of Arts in Servant Leadership. Currently she serves as the Chief Development Officer for Co-op Credit Union. Marianne is committed to serving in ways that make our community stronger. She is currently a member of the Servant Led Community, the Jackson County Child Care Network Chair, and is President of the Educational Enrichment Fund. Marianne also served on the Interfaith Caregivers Board of Directors where she served as the President.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Black River Falls Area Foundation. It is responsible for overseeing the investment of donor funds and the distribution of grants in accordance with donors' wishes. Trustees serve without compensation and are selected because of their judgment, integrity, community involvement, and understanding of philanthropic needs. They serve four-year terms. One officer position is up for election each year.



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# ALMA CENTER~HUMBIRD~MERRILLAN AREA COMMUNITY FUND

## Name Change & Expanded Programming

By Kristi Hanson, BRF Area Foundation Secretary and ACHM ACF Liaison

The ACHM ACF would not be possible without its partnership with the Black River Falls Area Foundation. The Foundation is the link for financial and asset management, as well as administrative support which is instrumental in the success of the ACHM ACF. We are incredibly grateful for this partnership!

With the Foundation's help, the Alma Center Area Community Fund (ACACF), was established in 2008 as an affiliate fund of the BRF Area Foundation and has been working to improve the quality of life and create opportunities in Alma Center, the Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan school district, and the surrounding area ever since. While addressing community needs, this fund provides a way for people to invest in the area by giving back to the community that has had an important impact on their lives.

The ACACF has been successful with one of its original primary initiatives which was to provide for long term maintenance of the Turtle Pond Park. The fund has provided monies for a variety of maintenance and improvement projects. Many thanks to the organizations that work hard to maintain the Turtle Pond and park area; Alma Center Improvement Club, Alma Center Lions Club, Village of Alma Center Public Works, and local 4-H club. The history of Turtle Pond Park goes back over 160 years to the 1850's when the area was initially purchased as farmland by the Buckley family, and eventually became the Village of Alma Center. The Turtle Pond and surrounding park area are a beautiful part of that village. With the addition of fish each

spring, the Turtle Pond is enjoyed by community members, families, and the ACHM school district for their summer school fishing classes.

The funds secondary initiative was to eventually issue grants for the benefit of the community. In 2016, enough generous donations had been given to the Fund to achieve this goal and grants were able to be awarded for the first time. Over the past seven years, these grants have resulted in more than \$37,000 being invested in the community through awards to non-profit organizations working for the benefit of the Alma Center area! What an accomplishment!

Now the Alma Center Area Community Fund is excited to announce a name change. Their new name, the Alma Center~Humbird~Merrillan Area Community Fund (ACHM ACF), will better reflect the area served and will allow for expanded opportunities moving forward. Many thanks to the current and past Fund Trustees, Jean Durni, Eric Olson, Dan Stetzer, Jane Szymanski, Sara Larson, Judy DeJong, Dennis Hardwick, Ken Ristow, Don Forsting, Corrine Comstock, Hoyt Strandberg, Gary Alexander, and Kristi Hanson-BRFAF Liaison, who have worked diligently to create and develop the fund, help it grow and prosper, award annual grants, and have now positioned it for future growth and expansion.

Additionally, the ACHM ACF is excited to announce it will be partnering with the Alma Center~Humbird~Merrillan School District regarding management of the permanently endowed, charitable fund to be known as the LINCOLN Educational Enrichment Fund "LINCOLN EEF." This fund will be a sub-fund of the ACHM



ACHF and will be overseen by the newly established LINCOLN EEF Board. Initial funds have been generously donated by the community and beginning in 2025 ACHM School District staff will be able to submit applications for worthy causes that support and enhance the student learning environment in the district. The LINCOLN EEF Board will accept, review and fund approved applications. This will be an exciting opportunity for the ACHM School District and the community!

Many types of gifts, cash, multi-year promises, appreciated property, and life insurance bequest in wills, may be donated. Donors may give a gift that provides a guaranteed income and tax savings through a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust. The ACHM ACF will be launching their annual direct mail campaign in November. There are many ways to contribute, and all gifts are tax deductible. If we miss you with the mailer, feel free to donate on the BRF Area Foundation's website, or simply mail a check to the Foundation with ACHM ACF or LINCOLN EEF written in the memo line.

A sincere thank-you to our donors for their many generous gifts. We look forward to your continued support of the Alma Center- Humbird-Merrillan Area Community Fund. The future is looking bright!

### Alma Center~Humbird~Merrillan Area Community Fund Grants

**A total of \$6,380 was awarded to five Alma Center~Humbird~Merrillan area organizations!**

**Lincoln Elementary School:** Flexible Seating for 6th Grade Classroom

**Alma Center Emergency Medical Services:** Backboard for Patient Transport

**Alma Center Area Community Fire District:** Four Gas Monitors for Hazardous Situations

**Alma Center Improvement Club:** Benches, Small Green House & Plaques for the Dock at the Turtle Pond Park

**Alma Center VFW:** Toward purchase of a Defibrillator for the Legion Hall

### "Special People" Award Recipients

2015: *Bee Herzberg*

2016: *Peter & Jone Hoffman*

2017: *Bill Millis*

2018: *Al & Jeanette Lahmayer*

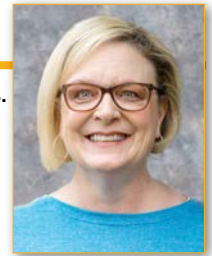
2019: *Mary Van Gorden*

2022: *Gil Homstad*

2023: *David Hoffman and Mike Dougherty*

2024: *Kay Finch*

# BEING GRATEFUL IN 2024 by Julie Murray, Executive Director



Julie Murray,  
Executive Director

Having lived in Black River Falls all my life, it always interests me to know what motivates people to move here and make this area their home. Sometimes it is a job, sometimes it is having family or friends in the area, sometimes this has always been 'home,' and they are returning to enjoy their retirement, but every once in awhile I meet someone who has a different answer to that question.

Such was the case earlier this summer when I met one of our area's newest residents. As we chatted, he shared that he and his wife had purchased property in the Humbird-Fairchild area and would be building a home. When I asked about his family roots, as I was certain there must be some, his answer was 'no roots whatsoever.' He then went on to tell me how he and his wife are active outdoor enthusiasts, enjoying hiking, biking, and camping excursions. Living in Illinois, their adventures in northern Wisconsin and Minnesota brought them through our area many times over the years.

He told me each time they drove through Black River Falls, they would comment on what a beautiful and friendly little community it was. They were impressed with the many wonderful

amenities such as the Skyline Golf Course, the Lunda Community Center, Lunda Park, Hoffman Aquatic Center, and our Library. They recognized that the easy access to the river, creeks, parks, and county land provides opportunities for a variety of outdoor activities in all seasons. They also noticed the feeling of "community" where pride in the community was reflected with beautiful flowers and gardens, a well-maintained downtown area, and several community events from "music in the park" to area festivals and fairs. He said, "I told my wife, someday I would love to retire here" and twenty years later, here they are, two new, welcome additions to our community!

I witness this community spirit each day as I work with the caring, giving, and supportive people who make Jackson County a great place to live and work. Wherever there is a need, you will find an organization and volunteers willing to address the issue. Our community comes together to meet challenges in a variety of ways, from raising money to providing 'elbow grease,' people do what is necessary. Volunteers offer services as fire-fighters, quilt makers, caregivers and companions, animal shelter workers, bed

builders, and gardeners. They work to keep the food pantry stocked and available, provide essential needs for foster children, keep our community looking beautiful with flowers and holiday decorations, and provide many services within our schools, and for our elderly and disabled citizens.

I love sharing stories such as these! It is truly an affirmation that our effort does pay off and that the work done by so many is noticed and appreciated. It encourages us to be proud of our accomplishments and to continually strive to make and keep our community a wonderful place to call home.

Whenever I think of the Black River Falls area community, the following quote comes to mind, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." Keep up the good work Black River Falls, and a hardy welcome to everyone who has decided to join our community!

## FUNDS with July 1 2023 to 2024 June 30 DONATIONS

### AFFILIATE FUNDS

#### Lincoln Educational Enrichment Fund

#### ACHM Area Community Fund

- Alexander, Karen
- ASAP Septic Pumping LLC
- Boynton, Samuel & Nancy
- Carranza, Angela
- Cleary, Mary Jane
- Comstock, Charles & Bonnie
- Comstock, Kevin & Corinne
- Comstock, Larry & Georgia
- Dietzel, Gerald & Susan in memory of Doloris Laverty
- Downer, Betty in memory of Dale Downer
- Finch Family Fund
- Fischer, Paul & Angela
- Giese Farms
- Giese, Michael & Mary
- Graff, Lars & Ingrid
- Hoffman Construction Company
- Hoffman, Jim & Andrea
- Holub, Leonard & Judith
- Jacobson, Barbara
- Jacoby, Ronald & Cynthia
- Janke, Charles D. & Betty
- Janke, Larry & Betty

- Johnson, Roger L.
- June, Carrie
- Kappen, Michael & Leanne
- Kujak, Jo Ann in memory of Marcel Kujak
- Larson, Richard & Sara in memory of Warren Millard
- Laufenberg, Frank & Susan
- Laufenberg, Michael & Nicole in memory of Gerald Laufenberg
- Mahan, Michael & Christina
- Olson II, Gaylord E.
- Prindle, Adam & Amy
- Prindle, Doris
- Prindle, Jacob & Nicole
- Prindle, James & Jane
- Rousey, Donna in memory of Richard Rousey
- Rowekamp, Kathy in memory of Bob Rowekamp
- Ruzic, Vincent & Rozanne in memory of Alice Rae Evenson
- Ruzic, Vincent & Rozanne in memory of Gary Cummings
- Seguin II, Norman
- Skaar-Jahn, Carol
- Strandberg, Hoyt & Jeanine
- Szymanski, Jane
- Van Gorden, Mary

#### BRF Educational Enrichment Fund

- Co-op Credit Union
- Finch Family Fund
- Hansen, Mary J. in memory of Kathy Stetzer
- Radcliffe, Mary Jo in memory of Kathy Stetzer

#### BRF-EEF M.C. Smallenberg Special Education Fund

#### BRF-EEF Music Fund

- Hansen, Mary J. in memory of Margaret Severson

#### BRF EEF Paul Millis Family Business & Legal

- Millis, Paul B.

#### JC Child Care Network

- Baker, Mona Epley
- Bitter, Susan
- Brad Rumsey Construction
- Brown, Casey
- Bue, Perry & Micaela Conlon
- D&S Manufacturing
- Drew, Paula
- Forde, Kristin
- Karen Stai Koenigs Insurance Agency, Inc.

- Martin M.D., Carol
- Massman, Brian & Brianne
- Matthews, Kelly
- McGillivray, Rod
- Mullen, Dan
- Nelson Global
- Pearson, Todd & Kari
- Rewald, Maggie
- Terrien, Daniel A. in memory of Patricia G. Terrien
- Torkelson, Marianne
- Wetzel, Eileen M.

### AGENCY FUNDS

#### City of BRF Public Library Fund

- Mullen, Dan
- Torkelson, Marianne in memory of Margaret Severson
- Turk, Timothy M.
- Van der Vorst, Katharina & Derek in memory of Janet Krohn

#### Jackson County Historical Society

#### Jackson County Humane Society

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# FUNDS with July 1 2023 to 2024 June 30 DONATIONS

## HONORARY-MEMORIAL FUNDS

### David Hoffman Honorarium

- Anderson, Todd
- Button, Larry & Georgia
- Chown, Brad & Lori
- Curtis, Mary
- Danielson, Ron
- Delebo, Donald
- Dougherty, Mike & Cindy
- Galston, Don & Charlene
- Hansen, Judith
- Hansen, Mary J.
- Hoagenson, John
- Hoffman, Marilyn
- Homstad, Jon & Maureen
- Jelinek, Danny & Mary J.
- Kertis, Jim & Jeanette
- Krohn, Joel & Janelle
- Lahmayer, Al
- Lahmayer, Bruce & Barb
- Lee, Dennis & Jean
- Martin M.D., Carol
- Michaelson, Max & Sue
- Murray, Barry & Julie
- Musser, Nyla
- Overman, Jerry & Lynda
- Perry, Mary
- Polzin, Jeff & Susan
- Potter, Bill & Kathy
- Ransom, Gene & Judy
- Richards, Dennis
- Ripp, Paul & Theresa
- Severson, Margaret
- Tamminen, Glen & Jean
- Van Gorden, Mary
- Wester, Mitch & Sue
- White-Jacobs, Peter Jacobs & Mary Beth
- Wiste, Roger
- Young, Dennis & Alice
- Zillmer, Ann

### Fred Stai Memorial Fund

- Anderson Financial
- BankFirst
- Black River Country Bank
- Brauner's Garage
- Co-op Credit Union
- Fourth Generation Trucking
- Gross Motors of Black River Falls
- Hoefler, Alden (Buz)
- Lunda Community Center
- M&M Sports of Black River Falls
- Nortman, Paul
- Pederson, Jacquelyn A.
- Provisor, Susan
- R.S. Amusements
- Rotary Club of BRF
- Rush Well Drilling
- Scholze Ace Home Center

- Security Financial Bank
- Skyline Friends
- Stai, Sarah
- Stuart, Marion
- The WHTL Group
- Timeless Classics
- WWIS Radio
- Zillmer, Ron

### Janet Krohn Memorial Fund

- Anderson, Todd
- Becker, Bob & Anna
- Brink, Kristin E.
- Burnham, Bonnie
- Button, Larry & Georgia
- Cooley, Dave & Mary
- Dingeldein, James & Doris
- Eberhardt, Debbie
- Eckles, Jan J.
- Fossum, David & Joy
- Gjerseth, Karolyn
- Goeman, Glen & Janice
- Grelecki, Charles S
- Hansen, Mary J.
- Hanson, Kristi & Mike
- Hoffman, David & Marilyn
- Hoffman, Jone
- Homstad, Ann
- Homstad, Eric & Nomi
- Jelinek, Danny & Mary J.
- Kitowski, Jerry & Lori
- Krohn, Eugene
- Laabs, Nancy
- Lund, John & Sharon
- Mahan, Michael & Christina
- Mills, Carla
- Mills, Michael
- Murray, Barry & Julie
- Musser, Nyla
- Overman, Jerry & Lynda
- Peterson, Margaret
- Peterson, Mary
- Polzin, Jeff & Susan
- Scott, Kristine A.
- Severson, Margaret
- Sprester, James & Kathleen
- Stai, Sandy J.
- Steine, Greg & Becky
- Tamminen, Glen & Jean
- Torkelson, Troy & Marianne
- Trustpoint, Inc.
- Vlach, Ed & Diane
- White-Jacobs, Mary Beth
- Willette, Amy
- Williamson, Jon & Karen

### Margaret Severson Memorial Fund

- Becker, Bob & Anna
- Button, Larry & Georgia
- Cooley, Dave & Mary
- Dickman, Jim & Annette
- Franke, Clarice Hanson

- Harkner, Thomas & Judith
- Hoffman, David & Marilyn
- Kitowski, Jerry & Lori
- Konkol, Kurt & Karen
- Kral, Gerald Michael & Leslie Ainsworth Nightingale
- Ransom, Gene & Judy
- Severson, Greta

### Mike Dougherty Honorarium

- Button, Larry & Georgia
- Chown, Brad & Lori
- Sahr, Chris & Kiley
- Curtis, Mary
- Danielson, Ron
- Delebo, Donald
- Dougherty, Carol (Jim)
- Dougherty, Cindy
- Dougherty, Jackson & Margaret Bylsma
- Dougherty, Jo Ann
- Galston, Don & Charlene
- Hansen, Judith
- Hansen, Mary J.
- Hoagenson, John
- Jelinek, Danny & Mary J.
- Krohn, Joel & Janelle
- Lahmayer, Al
- Lahmayer, Bruce & Barb
- Lee, Dennis & Jean
- Martin M.D., Carol
- Michaelson, Max & Sue
- Murray, Barry & Julie
- Musser, Nyla
- Overman, Jerry & Lynda
- Perry, Mary
- Polzin, Jeff & Susan
- Potter, Bill & Kathy
- Ransom, Gene & Judy
- Richards, Dennis
- Ripp, Paul & Theresa
- Severson, Margaret
- Tamminen, Glen & Jean
- Van Gorden, Mary
- Wester, Mitch & Sue
- White-Jacobs, Peter Jacobs & Mary Beth
- Wiste, Roger
- Young, Dennis & Alice
- Zillmer, Ann

### Peter John Hoffman Memorial Fund

- Aebly, Brian & Amy
- Anderson, Todd
- Antonelli, Darrin & Pamela
- Bahnhub, Kathryn
- Boucher, Robert
- Brauner, Mike
- Button, Larry & Georgia
- Cash Memorials, Friends & Family
- Castle Hill Supper Club, Inc.
- Caucutt, Ronald C & Diane G.
- Charlesworth, Jeffrey F.

- Chippewa Concrete Services
- Colloton Chrest, Laura
- Cooley, Dave & Mary
- Devendorf, Charles & Marcia
- Dickman, Jim & Annette
- Dougherty, Carol (Jim)
- Dougherty, Jo Ann
- Dougherty, Michael & Cindy
- Eberhardt, Bradley C. & Ann
- Eggen, Jerry
- Eswein, Andrea J.
- Fabick Cat
- Gjerseth, Dennis & Judy
- Gjerseth, Karolyn
- Glasenapp, Donald & Mary
- Goss, Chris
- Hansen, Mary J.
- Hanson, Mike & Kristi
- Haugen, Carol
- Heineck, Roger & Mary Wang
- Helstad, Paul & Connie
- Hoefler, Alden (Buz)
- Hoffman Construction Company
- Hoffman, David & Marilyn
- Holt, James
- Homstad, Gil
- Hostrawser, Jim & Roxie
- James Peterson Sons, Inc.
- Jelinek, Danny & Mary J.
- Kaphengst, Jim & Jill
- Koehler, Greg C. & June M.
- Kral, Gerald Michael & Leslie Ainsworth Nightingale
- Kretz, Casey J. & Heather M.
- Krohn, Amy
- Krohn, Joel
- Laabs, Jay & Katherine
- Laufenberg, Tony
- Lee, Dennis & Jean
- Loomis, Richard & Barbara
- Loveland, Mary
- Lund, John & Sharon
- Lunda, Larry & Anne
- Luttio, Todd & Judy
- Mahan, Michael & Christina
- Maples, Michael J. & Mary G.
- Mashuda Contractors
- McCoy Construction & Forestry, Inc.
- Michaelson, Max & Sue
- Mills, Carla
- Murray, Barry & Julie
- Nichols, Jay Dee & Debbie
- Olson, Bruce & Carol
- Olson, Kurt L. & Louise A.
- Olson, Richard & Lorraine
- Peterson, Margaret
- Peterson, Marilou R.
- Pientok, Gene & Lana
- Quinlan, Arlene R.
- Ransom, Gene & Judy
- Robinson Creek Cranberry, LLC

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- Rozmenoski, Danny & Mary Jo
- Ruzic, Rozanne
- Scholze Ace Home Center
- Schreiber, Steven L.
- Schwab, George & Susan
- Schwenneker, Joseph & Michelle
- Scott, Kristine A.
- Scott, Randy C.
- Severson, Dawn
- Sheppard, Judy
- Slifka, Richard & Marlee
- Steine, Greg & Becky
- Stuart, Marion
- Tomah Environmental Contractors
- Torkelson, Marianne
- Van Gorden, Mary
- Vinton Construction Company
- Willis Towers Watson Midwest
- Ziegler CAT

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### DESIGNATED FUNDS

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#### BRF All Inclusive Playground

#### BRF Field of Honor Maintenance Fund

#### BRF Foundation Trail Maintenance

- Aldach, Steven & Diane
- German, Susan in memory of Janet Krohn
- Mahan, Michael & Christina
- Overman, Jerry & Lynda in memory of Robert "Joe" Wyss & Helmer Danielson
- Turk, Timothy M.

#### BRF Hoffman Aquatic Center Maintenance Fund

- Hoffman, David & Marilyn in honor of David Hoffman - Gifts given to Foundation in honor of Dave's Retirement
- Kral, Gerald Michael & Leslie Ainsworth Nightingale in honor of David Hoffman

#### BRF Lunda Community Park Maintenance Fund

#### BRF Mills Park Maintenance Fund

- Howard, Mary Alice in memory of Nancy Mills Howard
- Gil Homstad's Honor - Gifts given to Foundation in honor of Gil's Retirement
- Taylor, Jack

#### BRF Rotary Skate Park Maintenance Fund

- Mullen, Dan

#### BRF Skyline Cart (Club House) Fund

#### BRF Skyline Course Fund

#### BRF Skyline Legacy Fund

- Co-op Credit Union
- Seguin II, Norman

#### BRF Skyline Projects Fund

- Millis, Tyler
- Northern Family Farms
- Potter, Bill & Kathy
- Young, Dennis & Alice

#### Boys & Girls Club Fund

#### BRF Area Youth Fund

#### Developmental Disabilities Fund

#### Disability Support for Jackson County

- Hansen, Mary J.
- James, Sallymae
- Musser, Nyla
- Waldum, Mary
- Wisconsin State Council - Knights of Columbus

#### Incubator Economic Development Fund

#### Katherine Wold Memorial Fund

#### Mary Van Gorden Library History Room Fund

#### Sam Young Memorial Youth Golf Fund

- Miller, Kristen in memory of Sam Young

#### Swing for Students

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### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

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#### Bill Millis Memorial Fund

#### Erwin & Thelma Homstad Memorial Fund

#### Finch Family Fund

- Tim & Kay Finch Foundation

#### Gil & Alice Homstad Family Fund

#### Herrmann-Higgins Family Fund

- Herrmann, Carl & Joan Higgins

#### Hoffman Construction Community Fund

#### Jay & Katherine Laabs Family Fund

- Laabs, Jay & Katherine

#### Kay Brauner Memorial Fund

#### Mike & Mona Anderson Memorial Fund

#### Northern Family Farms Fund

#### Peter & Jone Hoffman Family Fund

#### Rotary Club of BRF Fund

#### Security Financial Bank Community Fund

#### Warming Hearts Fund

- Heller, Blake & Janell
- Millis, Paul B.
- Mullen, Dan
- Pearson, Todd & Kari
- Powell, James R. & Kathy A.

#### Wilkus Family Fund

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### ENDOWED FUNDS

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#### Grace Webb Memorial Library Fund

- Lokken, John & Jane E.
- Mullen, Dan

#### Jim & Carol Dougherty Family Fund

#### Stanley Held Memorial Fund

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### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

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#### Alice Homstad Memorial

#### Allan Brenengen Memorial

#### Ann Krohn Peterson

- Hilliker, Daniel R.
- Hilliker, Mark K. in honor of of Ann's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!!
- Mahr, Kristin Hilliker

#### BRF Alumni Association

- Arrington, Trudy M.
- Bernette, Rita
- Boyea, Don & Roberta Vandervort
- BRF Alumni Association
- BRF Class of 1953
- BRF Class of 1974
- Brown, Mary Lou Zeman
- Curtis, Mary
- Dvorak, Rosemary
- Eddy, Gary D.
- Fox, Marilyn Hagen
- Franke, Clarice Hanson in memory of Glen Grosskreutz
- Franke, Clarice Hanson in memory of Mary Grace Gearing Burke
- Gomer, Bonnie
- Harvey, Janet
- Heineck, Roger & Mary Wang
- Hoffman, David
- Johnson, Victor C. - Class of 1956
- Laabs, Nancy
- McCleary, Jeffery
- Millis, Randy
- Moseley, Jean M.
- Nordahl, Grace - Class of 1969 - In memory of Glen Grosskreutz
- Peterson, Steve & Kathleen in memory of Jim Larrick; Doug Radke; Donn Johnson
- Radke, Barbara
- Rutherford, Steven & Vickie
- Smetana, Tony & Kathy
- Torkelson, John M.
- Zillmer, Bing & Kathryn

#### • BRF Area Foundation

- Lee, Richard & Judy
- Nelson, Tim & Mindy
- Richwine, Barbara

#### BRF Athletic Scholarship

- Bible, Jim

#### BRF HS Store

#### David & Marilyn Hoffman

#### Dean Nortman Memorial

#### Duane & Lavina Hoffman

#### Dustin Rozmenoski Memorial Scholarship

- Clow, Michael
- Frett, Harold D. & Donna L.
- Medick, David & Luann
- Rozmenoski, Danny & Mary Jo

#### Elizabeth (Betsy) Danielson Janssen Nursing

#### Finch Family

- Tim & Kay Finch Foundation

#### Gene & Judy Ransom

#### Gerald & Nancy Laabs Scholarships

- Laabs, Jay & Katherine

#### Kelly Mauck Memorial

#### Knuckles Johnson Memorial

- Hoffman Construction Company

#### Kristin Wood Memorial

#### Krohn Clinic Physicians

#### Leland & Jeanette Larson Memorial

#### Lions ~ Rotary

- Lions Club of BRF
- Rotary Club of BRF

#### Lt. Terry Preston Memorial

#### Mary Perry Fine Arts

#### Meghan Powell Memorial

#### Paul McNulty Memorial Awards

- Albrecht, Kristin R.

#### Philip & Aldena Meyer Memorial

- Goens, Mary J.

#### Ralph & Alice Lund Memorial

#### Richard Hilliker

#### Rick Millis Memorial

#### Rose Ann Klir Memorial

#### Security Financial Bank ~ Alumni

#### Technical School Impact

## Annual Grant Application Program

**A total of \$65,647 was awarded to 17 local non-profit organizations to assist them in the great work that they do. A HUGE THANK-YOU to all our generous FRIENDS!**

### **Alma Center Lincoln Elementary PIC Program:**

School Supplies for ACHM Elementary Students in need

**Alma Center Lincoln Elementary School:** Integration of a STEAM lab within the school library

**Black River Area Child Care Center:** Remodel Boys Bathroom

**Children's Service Society:** Purchase resource material for children and families

**City of BRF Fire Department:** Components for a UTV wild land fire skid Unit

**City of BRF Public Library:** Children's Summer Reading Program

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner:** Purchase warming containers for food

**Family Promise:** Start up costs for Jackson County Homeless Program

**Friends Sharing Food:** Purchase Food and Essential Needs for insecure families in Jackson County

**Hixton Beautification Committee:** Decorate and Beautify Village of Hixton

**Hixton Volunteer Fire Department:** Replace five Complete Sets of Turnout Gear

**JC DHHS Division of Public Health:** Car Seat Technician Training and Car Seats for those in need

**Interfaith Volunteers:** Gazebo, Sustainable patio furniture, umbrellas for Interfaith outdoor garden

**Melrose Volunteer Fire Department:** Purchase a 40 Watt Ken Wood Radio for Main Fire Engine

**Mighty Table:** Supplies needed to cook and deliver meals once per week to foster families and homeless families

**Salvation Army of Jackson County:** Provide prepaid fuel cards to those in need in Jackson County

**VFW Post 8494 Alma Center:** Toward Purchase of a Defibrillator

## Grant Contributions by Funds

**In addition to the generous donations received from our Foundation FRIENDS in 2023, the following funds contributed their 2023 earnings to the Foundation for use in the 2024 Grant Program:**

- BRF Area Youth Fund
- Developmental Disabilities Fund
- Erwin & Thelma Homstad Memorial Fund
- Finch Family Fund (Excluding 12.28.2023 Donation)
- Gil & Alice Homstad Family Fund (Excluding Grants)
- Incubator Economic Development Fund
- Katherine Wold Memorial Fund
- Mary Van Gorden Charitable Fund
- Mike Dougherty Honorarium Gifts
- Security Financial Bank Community Fund
- Stanley Held Memorial Fund

**THANK YOU for helping to make our 2024 Grants Program a success!**

## Donor Advised Disbursements

**16 Fund Donors directed disbursements to local organizations for 32 different programs/purposes totalling over \$475,000!**

**Thank you to these generous donors!**

### **City of BRF Fire Department**

- Donation by New York Life Insurance In Memory of Andy Whaley

### **David Hoffman Honorarium Gifts**

- Hoffman Aquatic Park Maintenance Fund

### **Field of Honor Maintenance Fund**

- City of BRF ~ 2022 & 2023 Field of Honor Expenses
- Karner Blue Garden Club ~ Field of Honor Park Maintenance

### **Finch Family Fund**

- Alma Center Community Fire District
- Alma Center~Humbird~Merrillan Area Community Fund
- Black River Falls Public Library
- BRF Area Foundation~ To Fund Foundation Accounting and Technology Expenses
- BRF School District~ Angel Fund for Lunches
- BRF School District~ Angel Fund for School Supply Equity
- BRF-EEF ~ Brad Markhardt's class ~ field trips, national conventions, etc.
- Hatfield Fire & Rescue
- Hixton Fire Department
- Interfaith Volunteers ~ Emergency Assistance Fund
- Jackson County Humane Society
- Merrillan Volunteer Fire Department
- Jackson County Schools~ Scholarships for Alumni of any JC School pursuing a degree in Agriculture
- Village of Alma Center ~ New Outdoor Basketball Court

### **Fred Stai Memorial Fund**

- Skyline Golf Course ~ Build New Patio on West Side of Club House

### **Gil & Alice Homstad Family Fund**

- Jackson County Family Promise Program ~ Start-up Costs for Homeless Program

### **Gil Homstad Honorarium Gifts**

- Mills Park Maintenance Fund~New Playground Equipment

### **Herrmann-Higgins Family Fund**

- Toward Defibrillator for Black River Area Child Care Center

### **Grace Webb Memorial Library Fund**

- BRF School District ~ Elementary School Libraries

### **Kay Brauner Memorial Fund**

- WTC ~ Kay Brauner Emergency Scholarship Fund

### **Mike Dougherty Honorarium Gifts**

- BRF Area Foundation 2024 Grant Application Program

### **Mills Park Maintenance Fund**

- City of BRF ~ Mills Park Renovations and New Playground Equipment

### **Skyline Course Fund**

- New Lawn Mower

### **Skyline Project Fund**

- Donation from Tyler Millis for ProShop Renovation
- Donation from Bill & Kathy Potter to Fix Cart Path on Golf Course
- Donation from Dennis & Alice Young to Fix Cart Path on Golf Course

### **Van Gorden Library History Room Fund**

- BRF Public Library History Room

### **Warming Hearts Fund**

- JCDHHS Children & Families Services Division ~ Christmas Gifts for Children in Foster Care

# 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS & RECIPIENTS

A Scholarship Fund created by gifts from individuals, organizations and businesses, awards education grants to selected area students. The following 56 scholarships totaling \$98,000 were awarded from 31 of the Foundation's Scholarship Funds, together with a generous 2024 donation from Kristen Albrecht in memory of her husband, Paul McNulty.

## Alice Homstad Memorial Scholarship-Year 1 of 2 (\$2,500)

**Ryder Brown**  
(2023 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: University of Colorado Boulder  
Course of Study: Aerospace Engineering  
Career Path: Aerospace Engineer



## Alice Homstad Memorial Scholarship-Year 2 of 2 (\$2,500)

**Becca Hudson**  
(2022 BRF Graduate)  
Hixton  
Attending: UW Eau Claire  
Course of Study: Communication Sciences & Disorders  
Career Path: Speech & Language Pathologist for children



## Allan Brenengen Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

**Kloee Staszak**  
Alma Center  
Attending: Chippewa Valley Technical College  
Course of Study: Associate of Arts – University Transfer  
Career Path: Elementary Teacher



## Ann Krohn Peterson Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Jeffrey Dobson**  
(2020 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Eau Claire  
Course of Study: Elementary Education w/Math Minor  
Career Path: Elementary or Middle School Teacher



## Black River Falls Alumni Association Scholarship (\$1,500)

BRF Area Foundation Bonus Alumni Scholarship (\$500)

**Jordyn (Hilts) Miles**  
(2012 BRF Graduate)  
(2016 BA from UW Eau Claire)

Eau Claire  
Attending: Chippewa Valley Technical School  
Course of Study: Associate Degree in Nursing  
Career Path: Registered Nurse



## Black River Falls Alumni Association Scholarship (\$1,500)

BRF Area Foundation Bonus Alumni Scholarship (\$500)

**Elizabeth Pardoe**  
(2018 BRF Graduate)  
(2022 UM Duluth Summa Cum Laude BS in Biology & BA in Biochemistry)

Black River Falls  
Attending: UW LaCrosse Grad School  
Course of Study: Clinical Microbiology  
Career Path: Public Health



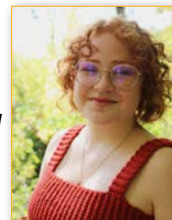
## BRF Area Foundation Annual Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Eleanor Wirtz**  
(2021 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UM Twin Cities  
Course of Study: Major-International Business; Minor-Spanish  
Career Path: Plan to attend Graduate School



## BRF Area Foundation Annual Senior Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Lillian Wirtz**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UM Twin Cities  
Course of Study: Biochemical Engineering  
Career Path: Biomaterial Developer



## BRF High School Senior Athletic Scholarship (\$1,000)

**Zowie Hunter**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Marian University  
Course of Study: Health Science or Exercise Science  
Career Path: Medical Field



## BRF High School Senior Athletic Scholarship (\$1,000)

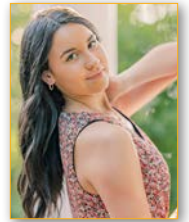
BRF High School Store Scholarship (\$500)  
**Duane & Lavina Hoffman Academic Scholarship (\$1,500)**

**Wyatt Madvig**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UM Twin Cities – Carlson School of Management  
Course of Study: Finance  
Career Path: Investment Banker/Financial Advisor



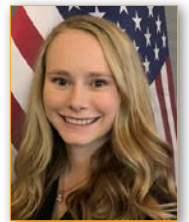
## BRF High School Store Scholarship (\$500)

Krohn Clinic Physicians Scholarship (\$2,000)  
**Kaylee Youngthunder**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Madison  
Course of Study: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)  
Career Path: Healthcare Facility that offers a variety of services



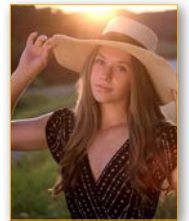
## David & Marilyn Hoffman Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Lauren Perry**  
(2018 BRF Graduate)  
(2022 UW LaCrosse Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW LaCrosse Graduate School  
Course of Study: MS in Physician Assistant Studies  
Career Path: Physician Assistant



## David & Marilyn Hoffman Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Makayla Nortman**  
(2022 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Viterbo University  
Course of Study: Major-Secondary Math Education; Minor-Special Education  
Career Path: High School Math Teacher



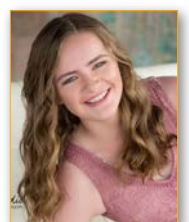
## David & Marilyn Hoffman Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Asher Guenther**  
(2023 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Green Bay  
Course of Study: Double Major - Supply Chain & Business Management  
Career Path: Business Manager in Human Resources or Supply Chain Field



## David & Marilyn Hoffman Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Katelyn Dobson**  
(2021 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Superior  
Course of Study: Major-Exercise Science; Minor-Coaching  
Career Path: Exercise Physiologist



# 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS & RECIPIENTS

## Dean Nortman Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

**Collin Berra**  
Merrillan  
Attending: UW Madison  
Course of Study: Nursing  
Career Path: Continue on to  
Medical School



## Gerald & Nancy Laabs Senior Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Liv Hanson**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Madison  
Course of Study: Undecided  
Career Path: Undecided



## Lt. Terry Preston Memorial Scholarship Lincoln High School (\$1,000)

**Chloe McFarlane**  
Merrillan  
Attending: Rochester  
Community Technical  
College  
Course of Study: Major-  
Criminal Justice  
Career Path: K-9 Officer and/or Detective



## Duane & Lavina Hoffman Education Scholarship (\$1,500)

**Kelly Mauck Memorial  
Scholarship (\$1,500)**  
**Katie Sedelbauer**  
Hixton  
Attending: UM Winona  
Course of Study: Major-  
Elementary Education;  
Minor-Coaching, Spanish  
Career Path: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Elementary Teacher and  
use my minor in Spanish for ELL students



## Robert (Knuckles) Johnson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

**Axel Flood**  
Humbird  
Attending: Chippewa Valley  
Technical College  
Course of Study: Design &  
Drafting Technician  
Career Path: Work from Home  
as a 3D Design Drafter/Modeler



## Mary Perry Fine Arts Scholarship (\$1,000)

**Sophia Reigel**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Penn Foster  
Course of Study: Animal  
Medicine  
Career Path: Veterinary  
Technician



## Dustin Rozmenoski Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

**Hoyt Ewing**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Western  
Technical College  
Course of Study: Criminal  
Justice  
Career Path: Work for DNR



## Leland & Jeanette Larson Memorial Scholarship – Blair-Taylor (\$2,000)

**Anna White**  
Taylor  
Attending: UW River Falls  
Course of Study: Elementary  
Education  
Career Path: Elementary  
Teacher



## Meghan Powell Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

**Isabel Rombalski**  
Alma Center  
Attending: UW Stevens Point  
Course of Study: Early  
Childhood Education &  
Special Education  
Career Path: Early Childhood  
Educator



## Elizabeth Danielson Janssen Nursing Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Ralph & Alice Lund  
Memorial Scholarship  
(\$1,500)**  
**Madyson Schultz**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Viterbo  
University  
Course of Study: Master's  
in Nursing ~ Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia  
(DNAP)  
Career Path: Work in Rochester, MN as a CRNA



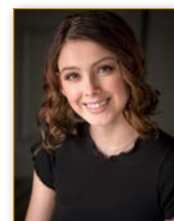
## Leland & Jeanette Larson Memorial Rotating Scholarship – BRF (\$2,000)

**Philip & Aldena Meyer  
Memorial Scholarship  
(\$1,000)**  
**Bradley Wensel**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Madison  
Course of Study: Journalism/  
Marketing  
Career Path: Broadcast Journalist



## Paul McNulty Memorial Senior Scholarship Award (\$2,000)

**Maren Bakken**  
(2021 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: St. Olaf College  
Course of Study: Kinesiology  
Career Path: Doctorate  
degree in Occupational  
Therapy



## Gene & Judy Ransom Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Roman Fronk**  
Alma Center  
Attending: UW Eau Claire  
Course of Study: Major  
Engineering  
Career Path: Engineer



## Lions/Rotary Scholarship (\$2,000)

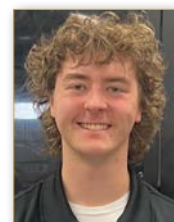
### Rick Millis Memorial Scholarship BRF (\$2,000)

**Nicholas Dutton**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW LaCrosse  
Course of Study: Sports  
Business  
Career Path: Undecided



## Paul McNulty Memorial Alumni Scholarship Award (\$2,000)

**Graham Rockouski**  
(2021 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Platteville  
Course of Study: Mechanical  
Engineering  
Career Path: Continue  
working at Husco



## Gerald & Nancy Laabs Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Kaylee Sweno**  
(2022 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Madison  
Course of Study: Major-  
Kinesiology; Minor-  
Athletic Healthcare  
Career Path: Physician  
Assistant



## Lt. Terry Preston Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

**Noah Kubaskie**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Western  
Technical College  
Course of Study: Associates  
Degree  
Career Path: Police Academy



## Paul McNulty Memorial Alumni Scholarship Award (\$2,000)

**Olivia Rumsey**  
(2023 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Madison  
Course of Study: Psychology,  
Linguistics  
Career Path: Masters  
program ~ Child  
Developmental Psychologist

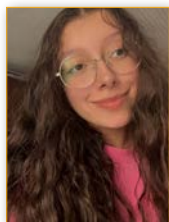


# 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS & RECIPIENTS

## Paul McNulty Memorial Alumni Scholarship Award (\$2,000)

### Patience Sims

(2020 BRF Graduate)  
Alma Center  
Attending: Winona State University  
Course of Study: Bachelors Degree in Psychology  
Career Path: Work as a psychologist at BR Memorial or Gundersen while pursuing my Masters Degree



## Richard Hilliker Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Abigail Hill

(2021 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW River Falls  
Course of Study: Conservation & Environmental Planning  
Career Path: Wildlife Conservation & Management for WI DNR



## Tim & Kay Finch Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Heidi Williams

(2023 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Milwaukee School of Engineering  
Course of Study: Civil & Mechanical Engineering  
Career Path: Architecture



## Peter & Jone Hoffman Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Madison Eberhardt

(2019 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Viterbo University  
Course of Study: Major-Marketing; Minor-Human Resources  
Career Path: Continue working at Walker Media Agency



## Rick Millis Memorial Scholarship Lincoln HS (\$2,000)

### Kaleb Wyss

Alma Center  
Attending: UW Stevens Point  
Course of Study: Management  
Career Path: Project Management or Construction Management



## Tim & Kay Finch Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Cassidy Boerger

(2020 BRF Graduate)  
(2024 UW Eau Claire Grad)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Grad School – Viterbo University  
Course of Study: Communication Sciences & Disorders  
Career Path: Speech & Language Pathologist



## Peter & Jone Hoffman Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Abigail Nelson

(2020 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Milwaukee  
Course of Study: Film  
Career Path: Film Production



## Rose Ann Klir Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Cora Parker

(2019 Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Grand Canyon University  
Course of Study: Associate of Liberal Arts Degree; Bachelor's Degree in Special Education  
Career Path: Special Education Teacher



## Tim & Kay Finch Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Summer Rufsholm

(2022 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW La Crosse  
Course of Study: Major-Business Management; Minor-Communication Studies  
Career Path: Business field related career



## Peter & Jone Hoffman Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Trey Cowley

(2023 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Western Technical College  
Course of Study: Assoc. of Science; Exercise Science B.S.  
Career Path: Personal Trainer



## Security Financial Bank Foundation Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Lucas Cowles

(2022 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: North Central University, Minn., MN  
Course of Study: Major-Marketing; Minor-Accounting  
Career Path: Work as a Data Analyst & Brand Strategist



## Tim & Kay Finch Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Hailey Schmidt

(2023 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Eau Claire  
Course of Study: Communication Sciences & Disorders & Mathematics  
Career Path: Speech & Language Pathologist or Elementary School Math Teacher



## Peter & Jone Hoffman Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Faith Leisgang

(2021 BRF Graduate)  
(2023 CVTC Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Stout  
Course of Study: Hotel Restaurant & Tourism Management  
Career Path: Event Coordinator



## Tim & Kay Finch Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

### Jessica Olson

(2019 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Viterbo University  
Course of Study: Accounting  
Career Path: Career in Accounting



The Foundation's History Book is available at no cost. Contact Julie Murray at the Foundation office



executivedirector@brfareafoundation.org  
or 715-284-3113.

## Grant Applications

The BRF Area Foundation welcomes grant applications from non-profit organizations serving the Black River Falls Area. The grant application period is from March 1 through April 15. The announcement of award recipients and the distribution of funds are done in June. For information about grants go to [www.brfareafoundation.org](http://www.brfareafoundation.org) or contact us at:

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E-mail: [executivedirector@brfareafoundation.org](mailto:executivedirector@brfareafoundation.org) or contact any member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

# FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM



BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA  
FOUNDATION

**Bronze~\$100 Silver~\$500 Gold~\$2,000 Platinum~\$5,000 Diamond~\$10,000  
Leaders Circle~\$15,000 Legends Circle~\$20,000 Founders Circle~\$30,000**

The Foundation has established a permanent Recognition Program for Friends who have donated so generously through the years. The program allows donation amounts to accumulate each year as Friends advance through eight giving levels.

## 2023/2024 FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

are listed below, together with the current level of giving they have achieved.

### BRONZE (\$100 & up)

Bible, Jim .....2024  
Burgau, Stacy .....2023  
Chown, Lori .....2023  
\* Hanson, Terry A. ....2024  
Heineck, Mary Wang.....2024  
Heineck, Roger.....2024  
Laufenberg, Ray .....2023  
Lund, John.....2024  
Nortman, Jordan .....2023  
\* Plote, Daniel .....2024  
River Country Fitness.....2023

### SILVER (\$500 & up)

Anderson, Todd.....2023  
Aptiv .....2024  
Arndt, William.....2024  
Barnes, Allen.....2024  
Brauner, Mike.....2024  
Button, Georgia .....2024  
Button, Larry .....2024  
Chown, Brad.....2024  
Curtis, Mary .....2023  
Dingeldein, Doris .....2023  
Dingeldein, James .....2023  
Fox, Christian .....2024  
Fox, Loretta (Lori) J.....2024  
Hansen, Judith.....2024  
Hanson, Kristi.....2024  
Haugen, Carol .....2024  
Hegna, Dr Steve.....2024  
Hegna, Mary .....2024  
Hoangson, John .....2024  
Hoffman Construction  
Company .....2023  
Homstad, Ann.....2024

Hoonsbeen, David O. ....2023  
Horner, Michael .....2024  
Horner, Michelle .....2024  
Jacobs, Peter.....2024  
Jacobson, Patricia.....2024  
Jelinek, Danny .....2024  
Jelinek, Mary J.....2024  
Kaphengst, Jill.....2024  
Kaphengst, Jim .....2024  
Karen Stai Koenigs Insurance  
Agency, Inc.....2024  
Kertis, Jeanette .....2024  
Kertis, Jim.....2024  
Laabs, Jay .....2023  
Laabs, Katherine .....2023  
Lobenstein, Brad.....2024  
Lobenstein, Monica .....2024  
Louis, Jack (John Sr.) .....2024  
Louis, Jean .....2024  
Lund, Sharon.....2024  
Mack, Dave .....2023  
Martin M.D., Carol .....2024  
Musser, Nyla .....2024  
Nielsen, Carla Drecktrah .....2024  
Overman, Jerry .....2024  
Polzin, Dr. Jeff.....2024  
Polzin, Sue .....2024  
Reid, Arlene .....2023  
Reid, Thomas .....2023  
Ripp Distributing Co., Inc. ....2023  
Ripp, Paul .....2023  
Ripp, Theresa .....2023  
Schwab, George J. ....2023  
Severson, Margaret .....2023  
Simonis, Barbara.....2023  
Torkelson, Sherri.....2024

Torkelson, Tim.....2024  
Turk, Timothy M. ....2024  
Wester, Mitch .....2024  
Wester, Susan.....2024  
White-Jacobs, Mary Beth .....2024  
Young, Dennis .....2024  
Zillmer, Ann .....2024

### GOLD (\$2,000 & up)

Baker, Mona Epley .....2024  
Coldwell Banker River Valley  
Realtors .....2024  
Danielson, Ron .....2023  
Delebo, Donald .....2024  
Dickman, Annette.....2024  
Dickman, Jim .....2024  
Dougherty, Carol (Jim) .....2024  
Dougherty, Cindy.....2024  
Dougherty, Mike.....2024  
Dressler, Axel .....2024  
Gaier Construction  
Corporation .....2024  
Galston, Don .....2024  
Hagenbrock, Jean.....2024  
Hansen, Mary J.....2024  
Hilliker, Richard .....2024  
Hoefler, Alden Buz .....2024  
Hoffman, David.....2024  
Hoffman, Marilyn .....2024  
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