



Fond du Lac Area Foundation ***2015-2016 Report To The Community***

For over 40 years the Fond du Lac Area Foundation has existed with the sole purpose of improving the Fond du Lac area. We have helped thousands of donors ranging from the ones who only have a few dollars to contribute, to the ones who leave planned gifts in their wills or estate plans that are 6 or 7 figures. Each of these donors is unique with their own special story. We treat every donor the same. All of these valued donors combined enable us to do the special work we do in the community.

We have many donors every year that have minimal dollars to contribute. For that type of donor we have many great options that help them achieve their charitable objectives. Providing dollars to our Pool Pass Fund, Lakeside Park Flowers Fund, and even giving to the Foundation's general fund provide these donors with an avenue to help people in need, improve our community and at the same time receive a nice tax deduction. These funds along with any of the Foundation's funds can be donated to at anytime by anyone.

The Foundation also is a great vehicle for people to give more now and in the future. People can create a named fund for \$10,000. A charitable fund is a great way to allow your name or the name of a loved one to live on forever. They can establish this fund now or in the future with a planned gift from their will or estate plan. This fund can be established in many different ways catered to each donors specific needs and charitable inclinations. These funds can be distributed to any charity or charities of the donor's choice.

If you currently give to a charity or charities, want to find a way to help your family's name live on forever, have a charitable dream that you've always thought about but don't know how to accomplish it, then the Fond du Lac Area Foundation is the organization you are looking for. We exist solely for the good of a community.

***We want people to know that the
Fond du Lac Area Foundation
is where
Charitable Dreams Come True.***

Fond du Lac Area Foundation Honors Henken's & Ward



The Fond du Lac Area Foundation recently held its 12th annual "Celebration of Giving" dinner on September 15, 2016. The event was attended by over 185 people and the Foundation also recognized over 50 people in attendance who have already established funds to benefit the community. Fond du Lac Area Foundation Board Vice Chairman Steve Dilling gave a great speech about how people can give to the Foundation and how simple the process is of creating endowments and allowing your family name to live on forever and be remembered for generations to come. The Foundation also recognized Steve Franke, Tom Herre and Steve Peterson for their 28 years of combined meritorious service to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation Board of Directors.

The "Legacy Awards" for the evening were presented to Willard & Dolores Henken and JoAnn Ward. They were recognized for their significant philanthropic contributions that they have made to help improve the quality of life in our community. This year's event concluded with a special award. A name was drawn from everyone in attendance and the winner received a \$500 grant to donate to the local charity of his or her choice. H. Jack Pollei was the lucky winner this year.

In 2016, 41 years later after our first fund, community members have established over 320 funds and one supporting organization, the Sophia Foundation, Inc., with a combined market value of more than \$33,000,000. Each of those funds represent a unique charitable interest, including support for scholarships, churches, youth activities, the arts, the needy, the environment, etc. Those endowment funds are now generating more than \$850,000 each year that is being returned to the community in the form of charitable grants.

If you would like more information on the Fond du Lac Area Foundation please contact us at (920) 921-2215, like us on Facebook, or visit us at www.fdlareafoundation.com

What We Do...

What's your passion? From churches, neighborhood and educational organizations to children's health, animal welfare, fine arts, and the environment, there is no shortage of causes to support in our community. Making a legacy gift is an opportunity to reflect on your values and passions. Perhaps there is a cause you have felt strongly about through the years, or a local organization that has helped you or a loved one in a time of need. Whatever your inspiration for giving, your legacy gift is an enduring testament to the causes you hold dear.

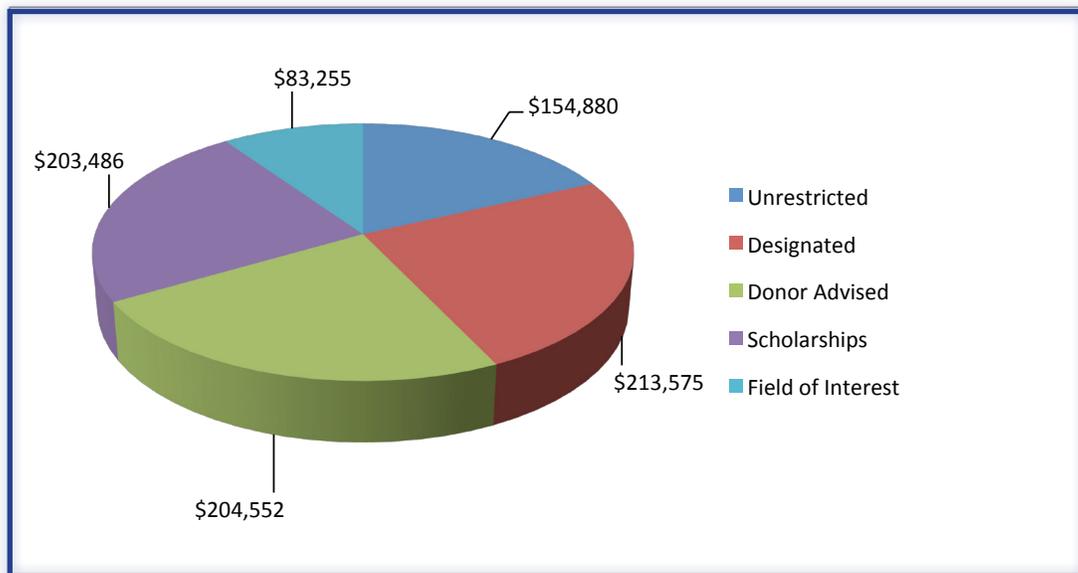
You can become a member of the Legacy Society whether you are a current donor to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation or if you are new to us. Those who plan to remember the Foundation through a will, trust, designation, beneficiary of a life insurance policy or IRA, or other planned gift are invited to join our Legacy Society. Too often, these gifts are unrecognized because they come at the end of donors' lives. The Legacy Society provides a way to recognize and thank donors during their lifetimes and allow them to meet others who have done the same.

An endowment fund can support the charity or charities you currently give to, it can also support a field of interest (Youth, poor and needy, arts, elderly. scholarship, etc), or you can create a fund that is unrestricted. Unrestricted Funds are granted at the discretion of the Fond du Lac Area Foundation's Board of Directors who determine where the most needs are in the community. These endowment funds offer great flexibility in meeting existing and future needs in the community. Endowments are permanent funds in which the principal is preserved and invested, and a percentage of the earnings are then distributed to support charitable works in perpetuity. Just as Albert Einstein once called compounded interest "the most powerful force in the universe," endowments carry an inherent power to provide for community needs through continued growth. Over time, the distributions exceed the original gift, while the fund balance continues to grow.

The Fond du Lac Area Foundation is dedicated to helping people just like you achieve your charitable dreams. Your planned gift will allow you to help your community, support your favorite causes and allow your family name to live on forever. Contact us to find out how to create your own lasting legacy.

2015 Grants by Fund Type

Unrestricted	\$154,880
Designated	\$213,575
Donor Advised	\$204,552
Scholarships	\$203,486
Field of Interest	\$83,255



Since the Fond du Lac Area Foundation was formed it has now invested more than \$16 million back into the community in the form of grants. These grants have helped to make our community a better place to live, work and grow. These grants address needs ranging from Social Services, Health, the Arts, the Environment, Education, Leadership, other non-profit organizations, and various emerging needs that have come up over time. In 2015, the Foundation awarded grants to more than 50 organizations for more \$850,000.

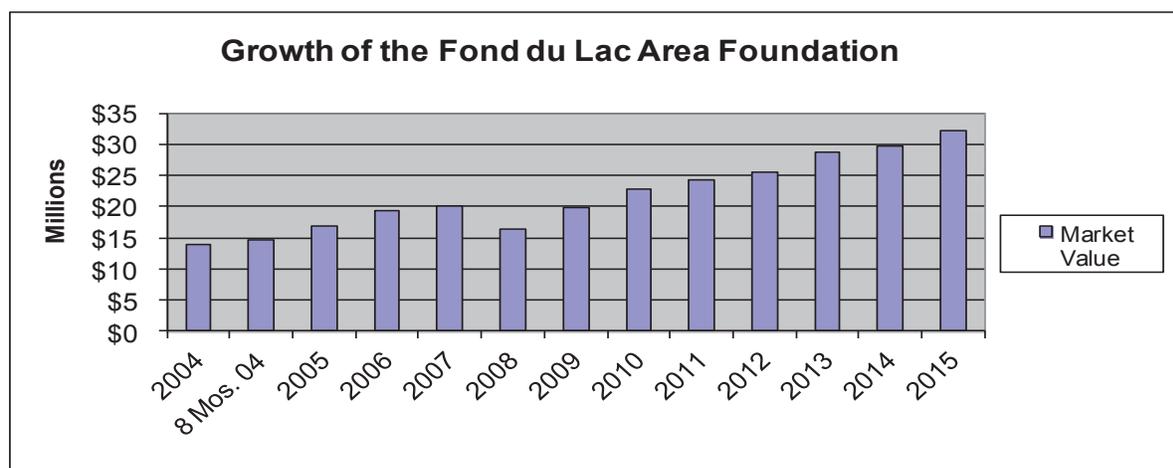
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Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	2014	2015
Income		
Additions to Funds	1,581,207	4,072,077
Investment Income (Loss)	371,156	396,676
Income (loss) on investments	645,532	(912,946)
Other Income	<u>16,606</u>	<u>44,928</u>
Total Revenue and Support	2,614,861	3,600,735
Grants and Expenses		
Grants	1,176,354	848,337
Administrative Expenses	380,554	408,047
Program Related Expenses		200
Other Disbursements	<u>11,413</u>	<u>11412</u>
Total Disbursements	1,568,320	1,267,996
Change in Net Assets	1,046,541	2,332,739
Net Assets - Beginning	27,795,567	28,842,109
Net Assets - Ending	<u>28,842,109</u>	<u>31,174,848</u>
Supporting Organization - Sophia Foundation, Inc.	967,893	879,680
Total Net Assets	<u>29,810,002</u>	<u>32,054,528</u>

The Fond du Lac Area Foundation is governed by an 11-member volunteer board of directors who each are eligible to serve three three-year terms. Current Board Members serving as volunteers to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation are Chairman Jack E. Twohig, Vice-Chairman Steven J. Dilling, Treasurer-Aaron A. Sadoff, Secretary- Carol B. Hyland, Dawn M. Colwin, Stephen M. Cramer, Robert A. Fale, Thomas J. Gross, Therese Massey, Paul W. Rosenfeldt, and Karen A. Wuest.

Foundation Staff: Executive Director: Sandi Roehrig, Scholarship Director and Executive Assistant: Sue Steinbarth, Director of Finance & Development: Joe Braun, and Administrative Assistant Jenny Zacherl have a combined 67 years of community foundation service experience to help serve our valued donors.



Auditors: Huberty CPAs & Trusted Advisors

Trustees: US Bank and National Exchange Bank & Trust

This is a summarized financial statement. The complete audited financial statements and IRS Form 990/990T are available upon request. A reproduction fee may be assessed.