



**Fond du Lac Area
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Ward Donates \$2,000 to Create Matching Gift Campaign

Fond du Lac, Wis. (April 27, 2020): The Fond du Lac Area Foundation announces a matching gift challenge through the generosity of long-time Fond du Lac devotee, Jo Ann Ward.

Long-time Fond du Lac philanthropist, Jo Ann Ward, has recognized need in our community. She has provided a \$1,000 matching gift to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation Disaster Relief Fund to support urgent needs caused by COVID-19 and \$1,000 matching gift to the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Fund to support the increased need for services during Safer at Home. Both funds are managed by the Fond du Lac Area Foundation.

“We are grateful that Jo Ann has given us this opportunity, and for her continued support of the children, families, and businesses we serve through grants to nonprofit organizations,” said Joe Braun, executive director.

Donations made to the Disaster Relief Fund or NAMI Fund by May 9 will be matched dollar-for-dollar. Donations can be made online at <https://fdlareafoundation.com/donate.html> or by mailing a check to Fond du Lac Area Foundation, 384 N. Main Street - Suite 4, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

Jo Ann Ward is known for her deeply rooted passion for Fond du Lac and its citizens. Her giving spirit drives her to create togetherness during times of need. Ward is a past CEO of the Fond du Lac Convention and Visitors Bureau and the founder of Walleye Weekend.

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About The Fond du Lac Area Foundation

The Fond du Lac Area Foundation was established with one fund from a contribution of \$53,000 from the disbanded Fond du Lac Children’s Home in 1975. As of 2020, the Foundation has more than 375 funds and over \$48,000,000 in assets. Each of those funds represent a unique charitable interest, including support for scholarships, churches, youth activities, the arts, the needy, the environment, and more. Those endowment funds are now generating more than \$1,400,000 each year that is being returned to the community in the form of charitable grants and scholarships. The Foundation has one regional affiliate, the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation. To learn more about the Fond du Lac Area Foundation, visit www.fdlareafoundation.com.