



COTTAGE GROVE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2020 Year in Review

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The Cottage Grove Community Foundation is a **501(c)3 Non Profit** serving the community of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin

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The Cottage Grove Community Foundation celebrated its one-year anniversary with a public launch during Fall 2020. Board members hosted a meeting to introduce this new organization to community leaders and interested citizens. Participants heard an overview of the foundation's mission, vision, and goals; received a copy of the application for local grants to be awarded by CGCF; and contributed ideas and suggestions for future enhancements they would like to see in Cottage Grove.

Despite the challenges of operating during the Covid-19 pandemic, monthly board meetings were conducted throughout the year. The board developed policies; opened bank accounts; and established a website, Facebook page, and mailing address.

Volunteers

Community members were recruited to serve on the initial CGCF committees, including:

- Governance
- Marketing
- Communications
- Fundraising
- Finance
- Scholarships

Donors

Also in 2020, the board created donor levels. Gifts received through December 2021 will receive recognition at these levels:

- Bronze: \$300 (\$25/month)
- Silver: \$600 (\$50/month)
- Gold: \$1,200 (\$100/month)
- Platinum: \$3,000 or above (\$250/month)

Corporate Donor Levels:

- Friends of CGCF: \$2,500 - \$4,999
- Supporters of CGCF: \$5,000 - \$9,999
- Advocates of CGCF: \$10,000 and above

Continuity of Leadership

All of the founding board members agreed to continue in their current roles for another year of volunteer service in 2021.

CGCF Milestones

May 2019

Board of directors selected

June 2019

First board meeting held

November 2019

Nonprofit status approved by IRS

January 2020

Strategic plan completed

March 2020

Bank accounts opened

May 2020

Logo created

Summer 2020

Committees established

Relationship established with advisors from SCORE

October 2020

Annual meeting conducted

Grant application published

November 2020

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December 2020

First fundraiser conducted

First grant awarded

Our mission is to improve the quality of life of the people and the community of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin through the promotion and facilitation of charitable giving.