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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.

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

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2021 Year in Review

Founded in Fall 2019, the Cottage Grove Community Foundation has proudly completed two years of operation. Despite the challenges of the covid pandemic, CGCF successfully obtained nonprofit status and established infrastructure that enabled the organization to accept gifts and distribute grants and scholarships. To date, the foundation focused on developing partnerships and participating in local community events to increase awareness, interest, and support. Committees that operated in 2021 included: marketing, communications, fundraising, finance, governance, and scholarships. Successful efforts over the past year were achieved through the involvement of talented volunteers.

Notable Accomplishments in 2021

Fundraising events were conducted together with community partners:

- Oakstone Recreational produced a specialty beer and donated proceeds. (Aug. 2021)
- Cottage Grove Chamber and CGCF co-sponsored an ornament sale to decorate the community tree for Christmas in the Grove. (December 2021)

Grant funding was received to support our mission:

- Allstate Foundation awarded CGCF a "Helping Hands" grant, in recognition of the volunteer service hours completed by board member Scott Feit. (Fall 2021)

Funds were awarded to benefit local recipients, including:

- Monona Grove High School scholarship (\$1,000) to a graduating senior pursuing education in a frontline responder/healthcare role (May 2021)
- Cottage Grove Chamber "Marketplace Dayz" event: live music sponsor (July 2021)

Annual Meeting: November 16, 2021

A lively group of 30 community members gathered at The Oaks to review goals and recent activities, and to brainstorm ideas for future enhancements in Cottage Grove.

A highlight of the evening was the announcement of a \$3,100 lead gift from Jeff and Keri Robbins, to launch the CGCF Special Projects Fund.

As Keri explained: "We had saved the final year of my School Board salary, with the intention of doing something special to reinvest it in the community. When the CGCF Board discussed the need for this fund, it felt like exactly the right fit. We've loved being part of this community since 1998 and hope others looking for a way to support the future of Cottage Grove will be inspired to give, too!"



Pictured above, at the 2021 annual meeting: the gift from Jeff and Keri Robbins to launch the Special Projects Fund is received by President Heath Straka and Executive Director Jon Russell.

CGCF Founding Donors

Gifts received through December 2021 are gratefully recognized as Founding Donors.

Corporate Level: Supporter

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Platinum

Keri & Jeff Robbins
Oakstone Recreational

Gold

Jon & Amy Russell
Jeremy Potter / Action Financial Strategies

Silver

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Kim Sale / KMS Tax & Accounting Services
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