

Community Foundation grants distributed to county nonprofits

WAUKESHA — The Waukesha County Community Foundation has awarded \$134,000 this month to local nonprofits through a competitive community grant process.

The foundation announced the selected recipients at the annual Giving Forward breakfast on Oct. 11 at Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha. This year's recipients include: ABLE: Audio and Braille Literacy Enhancement; Addiction Resource Council; Association for the Rights of Citizens with handicaps; Blessings in a Backpack; Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation; Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County; Community Memorial Foundation; Easter Seals; ERAs Senior Network; Generations Against Bullying; Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County; Hope Center; Ice Age Trail Alliance; Independence

First; Junior Achievement; Lutheran Social Services; Prevent Blindness; ProHealth Foundation; Student Alliance for Equality – Waukesha North High School; Salvation Army; St.

Joseph's Medical Clinic; Waukesha String Academie; Waukesha Community Arts Project; Wisconsin Historical Foundation; The Women's Center; Workforce Development; Your Choice.

Grants are not given to individuals or for religious, governmental or political purposes. Recipients are chosen based on their programs that benefit Waukesha County in the areas of arts, culture, health and human services, education, environment and conservation, community development and historic preservation.

The foundation pools endowment funds from charitable donors in order to provide support to nonprofits in the county and has distributed nearly \$30 million since 1999, according to a press release.

“In 2017 we are on track to award over \$3 million in total grants,” Foundation President Shelli Marquardt said. “Historically, nearly 80 percent of those dollars will benefit programs and services right here in Waukesha County.”

Visit the foundation website at www.waukeshafoundation.org or call 262-513-1861 for more information.

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