





Guided by the Potawatomi heritage, the mission of the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation is to fight poverty, promote economic opportunity and equality in Milwaukee, strengthen communities and provide an example of responsible citizenship by assisting charitable organizations.

The Foundation remains proactive in aggressively seeking organizations that are best able to partner with the Foundation as it works to make a positive difference.

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Foundation

The FCP Foundation has operated in Milwaukee since 1999 with a commitment to provide funding support to charitable organizations for neighborhoods with very low and low income-residents. The Foundation is governed by the Forest County Potawatomi Executive Council and works directly under the supervision of the Executive Council to ensure transparency and maintain its commitment.

The goals of the Foundation are to continue the Potawatomi tradition of sharing while protecting and preserving our cultural heritage; to support and enhance the image of the Potawatomi enterprises and to maintain commitments to the Milwaukee community as outlined in the resolution adopted by the Forest County Potawatomi Community on February 13, 1999.





The Forest County
Potawatomi have
a long and storied history
in Wisconsin. For centuries
we have called this area our
home, and generations of
our people have lived and
thrived among the forests
and river valleys of this
beautiful land. One way to
honor and remember this
heritage is to continuously
build the communities we
now share so our future can
be even stronger than our
past.

Achieving this future of prosperity and cooperation will not be easy, but we can build it together by addressing the problems of the present. The Forest County Potawatomi

Foundation is committed to supporting our communities by assisting and enabling their efforts towards selfimprovement. Through education, health services, youth outreach, cultural enrichment and more we can build a better future for everyone in our community.

The Forest County
Potawatomi believe we have
a responsibility and duty to
give dignity, opportunity and
hope to everyone. Greater
Milwaukee and Forest
County have been very good
to us, and it is a privilege
to be able to serve these
communities in return.

These investments in our future, in a shared prosperity for all the diverse peoples of

Wisconsin, are the ultimate honor we can bestow on those who came before us. Improving our communities, honoring our heritage, bridging divides, and leading through action have long been core principles of the Forest County Potawatomi and will continue to be our focus as we strive for a better tomorrow for future generations.

Respectfully,

Doubl & Frank

Harold "Gus" Frank
Chairman
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Forest County Potawatomi Community



Arts & Culture



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Arts At Large

Arts At Large engages
K through 12th grade students
in experiential learning that
inspires knowledge and
transforms education. Their
nationally-recognized program
uses the arts to cultivate vibrant,

inclusive, innovative school communities where students excel and grow. Schools are accepted into the three-year program that provides multiple resources, including 120 long-term artist residencies each year

with 100 local artists. Programs provided to schools and families are at no cost. Arts At Large implements four cornerstone initiatives focused on: Eco-Literacy, Peacemaking, Civil Rights and Creativity.



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Indian Summer, Inc.

Indian Summer, Inc., has provided an American Indian educational and cultural experience not found elsewhere since 1985, and has worked to deliver their mission to educate, preserve and promote American Indian cultures, showcase diversity that exists with tribal cultures, provide economic opportunities to our people and strengthen communication and understanding. Indian Summer is an urban ambassador for tribes and an urban outpost for off-reservation Native people, not members of a tribe, by providing a connection to the heritage, culture, teachings and traditions of their ancestors.



True Skool Urban Arts Program annually serves over 150 youth between the ages of 14-19 who live in the City of Milwaukee through an after-school and summer program. Programing is offered at no financial cost to participants, but youth are required to complete 10 hours of community service each session as their "fee". The arts curriculum is in line with Milwaukee Public School's Learning Targets for the Arts and National Standards for Arts Education. The arts are the "hook" to engage youth in programming that infuses humanities and social justice through workshops and community service opportunities.

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Community



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The Sharing Center

The Sharing Center was established in 1983 as a grassroots food pantry and emergency housing provider. It has grown into the larger of two food pantries and is also a resource and crisis provider for western Kenosha County residents. One-hundred percent of clientele served are in poverty; 48% are female; 52% are male; 60% are children; 88% are white; 8% are Hispanic; 3% are African American and 1% Asian. The Food Reclamation & Redistribution Program continues to provide highly nutritious food to struggling families on an as-needed basis via the Emergency Food Pantry.



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Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity (MHFH) was established in 1984 to provide simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with families in need. MHFH provides a "hand up" not a "hand out" to hardworking families who contribute hundreds of "sweat equity" hours, including construction, financial education, and community engagement, to ensure the success of their combined effort. Through these programs, Habitat families gain the skills they need to thrive as homeowners.





St Vincent DePaul Society of Milwaukee

St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP) Society of Milwaukee, is an organization dedicated to the elimination of poverty and hunger in our community. The SVDP Meal Program of Milwaukee serves economically disadvantaged individuals and families who are represented by the working poor, the unemployed, the elderly, and the homeless. They

live in the central city of Milwaukee near the areas of 10th and Madison on the south side, and MLK Drive and Center St. on the north side. Many of the guests who access the Meal Program struggle with mental illness, drug and alcohol addiction, and some are illegal immigrants.

Economic Development

Forward Service Corporation

Forward Service Corporation provides a framework of support services and job training for low-income Wisconsin residents who are climbing out of poverty. Since 1979, Forward Service has devoted themselves to helping people become self-sufficient. They have a reputation for quality, cost-effective programming that gets results for their customers. Stable work provides more than money; it gives individuals a sense of pride and builds families and communities. The Forward Service Corporation is very proud of its TrANS program which helps women and minorities prepare for work in the construction industry and find a high-paying position that they can happily call their career.



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Urban Economic Development Association of Wisconsin

Urban Economic Development Association (UEDA) of Wisconsin is an organization dedicated to the professional development of individuals and groups working in economic and community development in Wisconsin. Since 1997, UEDA's work has focused on housing, economic development and job creation, with an emphasis on building and supporting collaborations in the areas of regional transportation, foreclosure mitigation, small business support, sustainable homeownership and the local food economy.



Photo courtesy of Leslie Spencer Herrera.

Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership

Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP) BIG STEP is an innovative and nationally recognized industry-led, worker-centered and community-focused workforce development intermediary located on 38th and Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee. WRTP and BIG STEP was initially created in the 1970s to renew the traditional industrial base in Milwaukee by diversifying the

construction, manufacturing and emerging workforces. The WRTP and BIG STEP model is now a nationally recognized gold-standard in workforce development and the industries are growing. In 2014, WRTP/BIG STEP merged its boards of directors to enhance its ability to develop proven solutions for advancing low-income people to family supporting career pathways.

Education

Hmong American Peace Academy

Hmong American Peace Academy (HAPA) was founded in 2004. It is a college and career preparatory K4 through 12th grade charter school committed to excellence in education and to providing the Hmong community in Milwaukee with educational resources necessary for its success. HAPA is Milwaukee's fastest-growing charter school with a tremendous success story. Ninety-eight percent of the total student population speaks another language other than English. Over 40% of the student body is made up of newly arrived refugees. The heart and soul of HAPA is to take the under-served Hmong students faced with economic challenges to and through college. As refugees, they know a good education will move their scholars and families out of poverty.



Photo courtesy of Melinda Yang.

Neighborhood House of Milwaukee

Neighborhood House (NH) of Milwaukee is located in one of Milwaukee's poorest areas and has been a stabilizing organization, empowering generations to reach their full potential since 1945. Their mission is to build a strong community by strengthening individuals, families and the neighborhood. NH's target populations are low-income children, families and individuals. Over 95% of the children they serve qualify for school-based free and reduced price meals, an indicator of poverty. NH programs include educational enrichment for children ages 6 weeks to 19 years, family programming, community health initiatives, recreational activities and environmental education.



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The Foundation of the Wisconsin Auto & Truck Dealers
Association was instituted 22 years ago to assist association
members in furtherance of technical education through
scholarships and support. The scholarship awards process grew
into a program for career development, teacher education and
participating school support. The job retention rate of recipients
is impressive. Fifty-plus percent stay with their original sponsoring
dealer for at least five years. Eighty percent of all recipients in this
scholarship program are still working in Wisconsin's transportation
industry today. Six of the scholarship recipients have gone on to
earn their education bachelor's degree and are now instructors in
transportation education programs throughout the state.



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Elderly

American Indian Center

American Indian Center has provided direct hunger relief to low and very low-income Native Americans and their impoverished neighbors in the Uptown neighborhood since 1953. Uptown has the highest rate of unmet hunger needs of any of Chicago's north side communities. There are nine, 183 food-insecure people in Uptown; 5,680 of them are seniors. Very low-income elders are the target population for our senior lunch program. Senior lunch represents 80% of the meals served in the hot meals program. The senior lunch menu is designed to meet elders' health needs (high rates of type II diabetes and cardiovascular disease.) Nutritious, culturally appropriate meals are made on-site from scratch for the elders. These vulnerable, impoverished seniors also comprise nearly half of our food pantry clients.



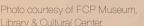
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Alzheimer's Association

Alzheimer's Association responds to the needs of an ever-increasing number of people and families impacted by Alzheimer's and related dementias in communities across the country. They have grown to be the leading agency dedicated to Alzheimer care, support, and research in the world. Caregivers assume physical and emotional burdens when caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. They also incur significant health care costs. The Alzheimer's Association evidence-based caregiver interventions ease caregiver burden, reduce health complications, and delay institutional placement. Services for family caregivers are offered at no cost to those they serve.



Photo courtesy of Patrick Dear





Milwaukee Christian Center

Milwaukee Christian Center (MCC) is a multi-faceted social service and neighborhood development agency that serves a diverse population of all faiths, ethnicities and ages on Milwaukee's south side. MCC's senior program specializes in meeting the physical, social, and recreational needs of Hmong and Lao seniors who make up 72% of the

program's 112 participants and an underserved population of Caucasian, African American, and Hispanic men living in neighborhood transitional housing who make up 16%, 7%, and 5% of participants respectively. With a median age of 74, 64% of the participants suffer from chronic illness; 100% live at or below the poverty level.





Environmental



Photo courtesy of GWC staff.

Gathering Waters Conservancy

Gathering Waters Conservancy's mission is to help land trusts, landowners and communities protect the places that make Wisconsin special and grow healthy communities. Gathering Waters is a statewide service center for Wisconsin's land trust community. Unlike any other

organization, they accomplish their mission by promoting private, voluntary conservation action and strengthening Wisconsin land trust through direct services and consulting, government relations and outreach.



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Mequon Nature Preserve

Mequon Nature Preserve (MNP) provides an outdoor classroom to thousands of area students to learn and play in nature where creativity is encouraged and exploration rewarded. MNP provides high-quality, environmental education to give students an experience in a natural setting. Their focus is to serve students from under-served areas, primarily the city of Milwaukee and make the preserve accessible with no fees for field trips and transportation for City of Milwaukee schools.



UEC/MVP Project Inc. was formed by the Urban Ecology Center and the Menomonee Valley Partners to implement "From the Ground Up" in order to address interconnected economic, ecological, educational, environmental and public health, and community needs. From the Ground Up includes interconnected projects that are weaving the Menomonee Valley back into the community and adding key assets essential to job accessibility, science education,

environmental and public health, and neighborhood vitality. Projects include: building connections to new jobs and recreation in and around the valley; transformation of a 24-acre brownfield and undeveloped parcel into a park and outdoor classroom along the Hank Aaron State Trail; and establishing a third branch of the Urban Ecology Center to expand a proven community-based educational model.

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Asha Family Services

Asha Family Services have been an important part of the community for over 27 years. Asha employs culturally specific services for low-income, central city victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence and sex trafficking and their children. Cultural competence and trauma informed practices, in the African American community in particular, along with a visceral connection to the population, is a critical dynamic that Asha brings to the field of family violence prevention. Dedicated staff and volunteers continue to provide crisis intervention, counseling, case management, healing activity and systems advocacy.



Photo courtesy of HTF staff

Hunger Task Force

Hunger Task Force was founded in 1974 by a group of community advocates who were fighting for a school breakfast program in Milwaukee Public Schools. Hunger Task Force fights hunger on all fronts. The food bank provides emergency food free-of-charge to 80 local food pantries and meal programs. Their 208-acre farm annually grows and distributes hundreds of thousands of pounds of fresh produce into their food bank's supply while advocating for better public policies and nutrition programs that feed families.





Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic

Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic (WCCDC) was established in 2007 by the Waukesha County Dental Coalition to address a serious gap in access to affordable dental care for low-income families. WCCDC is the only full-time dental facility in Waukesha County that serves low-income, uninsured and under-insured children and adults. Since its inception, WCCDC has provided more than \$9.5 million in dental care to 10,000 patients.

Mative American

American Indian College Fund

American Indian College Fund is the nation's largest provider of private scholarships for American Indian and Alaskan Native Students and supports the 34-member tribal colleges and universities (TCU). During its first 25 years, the college fund disbursed over 100,000 scholarships. The college fund also garners resources for capital projects, operating support, and capacity-building efforts at TCUs in addition to providing scholarship support for Natives attending mainstream institutions. The college fund also creates, seeks funding for, and administers programs that support American Indians from cradle to employment, including but not limited to, student success and leadership, early childhood education, faculty development, cultural restoration and preservation, and internships.



Photo courtesy of Jamie Schwartz.

Milwaukee Indian Education Committee

Milwaukee Indian Education Committee was founded in 1971 and is a volunteer-based committee in the Milwaukee metro area comprised of members of Native organizations and the community. This allows them to accomplish their goals through the cooperation and collaboration of community members and organizations. Yearly, they organize a school supply drive to Native children in need. Additionally, they organize an all-city graduation event to honor Native American graduates of Milwaukee.



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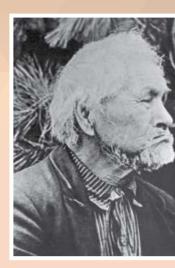


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Native American Educational Technologies

Native American Educational
Technologies (NAET) is a rural non-profit
professional broadcast organization,
based on the Lac Courte Oreilles
Reservation in Sawyer County that
documents Native ways. They have
hundreds of hours of footage to be
produced and new footage yet to
gather. Their broadcasts teach respect

for traditional ways and preservation of Native homelands often threatened by industrial pollution. NAET has actively worked to raise awareness of mining of the Penokee Hills, headwaters of the Kakagon wild rice sloughs on the Bad River Reservation directly downstream from a proposed mine.



Veterans

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI) provides formerly homeless veterans with everything they need to set up housekeeping when they get a place to live including items from furniture, linens, household goods and toiletries to groceries and kitchenware. Since 2009, MHVI has moved in more than 1,300 veterans, providing them with goods (almost all donated) valued at more than \$1 million. MHVI also conducts outreach to find veterans in need, an emergency food pantry for veterans and families in crisis, a wellness assessment program to follow up with veterans, and the Women Veterans Initiative to help the growing and under-served population of female veterans.

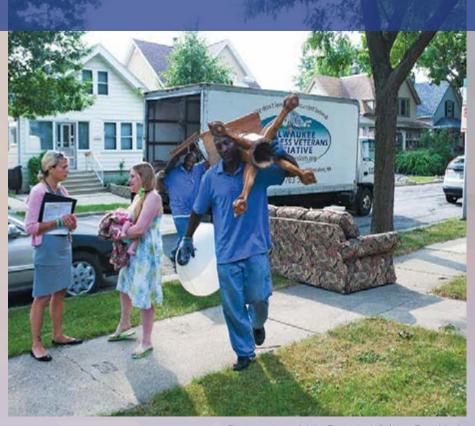


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Rock Valley Community Program

Rock Valley Community
Program renovated a wing to
open a veterans transitional
shelter for homeless veterans
in the Veteran Integrated
Services Network 12.
Housing4OurVets has 24
double occupancy rooms with
kitchenettes and bathrooms
and can accommodate 48
veterans at one time. Veterans
can stay for up to 24 months

and are assigned a case manager upon arrival. Their case managers will assist them in finding employment, housing, enrolling in school, accessing their VA benefits, etc. Everything that the veteran needs is provided on-site, including a cafeteria serving three meals a day, a hygiene closet, a clothing closet, and transportation.



Photo courtesy of Marcia Galvan







Express Yourself Milwankee

Express Yourself Milwaukee (EYM) immerses young people in the arts, where they find a powerful tool for self-expression, uncover inner strength, and deepen connection with others. EYM facilitates out-of-school multi-arts programming that focuses on providing quality, productive, healthy and nurturing interventions for after-school hour risk behaviors of children. EYM

participants receive ongoing support, encouragement, and transformative experiences to guide them through transitional care, education, and behavioral health services. The EYM model is built upon arts education practices and is designed to help youth acquire knowledge and skills while collaborating with other youth in a variety of art experiences.



Photo courtesy of Jessie Kushne

Forward Learning Youth and Young Adults

Forward Learning Youth and Young Adults (FLYY) combines value forming wilderness expeditions, parent skill development and support groups, and community-based aftercare. In order to respond to root causes of issues faced by teens and families, FLYY uses an experiential education framework, handson and culturally-relevant teaching methods, small-group learning environments, and time for focused reflection and discussion. Expeditions are multi-element experiential learning and development process in which the student takes on increasing responsibility for self and team over the progression of the course. Expeditions develop the capacity for students to care about their lives, their families, their communities, the environment, and the world around them.



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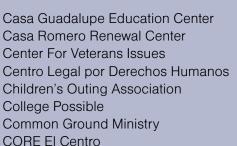
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Operation Dream, Inc.

Operation Dream, Inc. guides African
American men living in Milwaukee who are
plagued by a myriad of adverse conditions
including poverty, high juvenile detention
and recidivism, dismal high school
graduation rates, and sharply declining
employment rates. Rodney Bourrage
initiated Operation Dream in 2006 as a
comprehensive program that teaches

discipline, respect, education, appreciation and mentoring to young African American men. After witnessing the successful character development of young men in the program, it became readily apparent that the young men needed practical knowledge of employment opportunities, the skills required for successful employment and productive work ethics.





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Milwaukee Christian Center
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative
Milwaukee Immediate Care Center

Milwaukee Indian Education Committee Milwaukee Urban League My Home, Your Home

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National Indian Education Association
Native American Educational Technology
Neighborhood House of Milwaukee
New Beginnings Are Possible
New Concept Self Development
New Horizon Center
New Threads of Hope

Operation Dream
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Outreach Community Health Centers

Pathfinders Milwaukee Pearls for Teen Girls Philippine Cultural & Civic Center

Racine Youth Sports
Rawhide
Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Indians
River Revitalization
Rock Valley Community Programs
Running Rebels Community Organization

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Salvation Army Services
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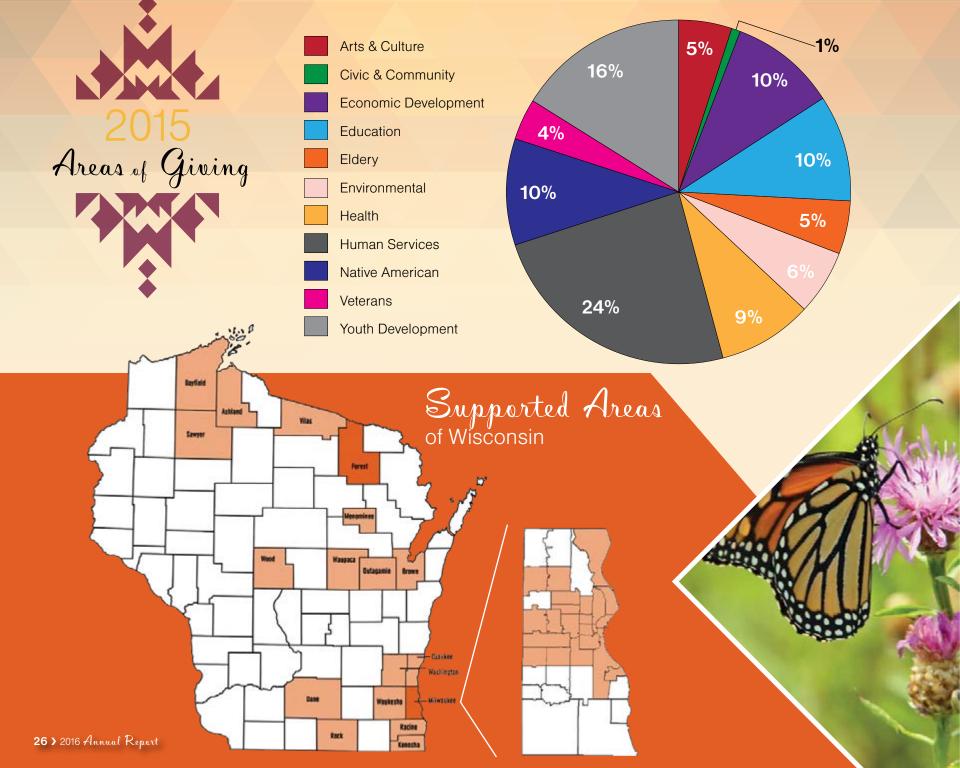
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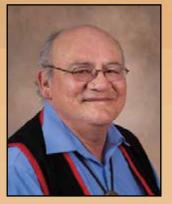




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The Advisory Committee of the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation provides advice and counsel on matters important to help the Foundation meet its mission by assisting in the evaluation of grant requests to help determine those requests that appear to most merit support and assist in developing the standard for grants. Members of the Advisory Committee have attained prominence in their respective careers and were chosen because of their value in providing sound advice and counsel.

