



Luverne Area Community Foundation



HONOR OUR LEGACY
GROW OUR ROOTS



40th Anniversary
Celebration

April 20, 2024



Welcome

Our Mission

Luverne Area Community Foundation is a leader in connecting people and resources with opportunities to improve Rock County.

Our Vision

Luverne Area Community Foundation is a catalyst for improving the communities and individuals of Rock County in impactful ways.

A Community Foundation is two things:

A community, our friends, family and neighbors connected not only by geography and history but also by our collective interest in our quality of life.

A foundation, a strategic platform that puts charitable dollars to work in effective and efficient ways.



Agenda

I. Social Hour

Appetizers sponsored by Past Board Members

**Barb & Gary Golla ~ *Mary & Harold Tilstra*

II. Raffles for a Reason

Sponsored by Glen & Barb Gust

III. Welcome

Emily Crabtree, Executive Director

IV. Cheers to 40 Years

V. Dinner

Bluestem Catering

VI. Honoring Our Legacy

Emily Crabtree

VII. \$500 Charity Grant

Donors Choice

VIII. Jeff Gould, America's Storyteller

IX. Growing our Roots

Emily Crabtree

X. Raffle Drawings

XI. Closing Remarks

Emily Crabtree

Board Letter

Dear Founders, Donors, Benefactors and Friends,

In 1984 a group of nine local leaders formed an advisory committee to create opportunity for local charitable giving to support the needs of the community hospital. The Luverne Community Healthcare Foundation served in that capacity for 20 years.

In 2004 another group of 12 local leaders realized that if they restructured the bylaws from the work that was started before them, they could broaden the scope of giving to more than just healthcare and renamed itself as the Luverne Area Community Foundation (LACF). The vision continued to include assistance for local non-profits with designated funds becoming the trusted entity to care for Rock County's charitable dollars.

Over the last 20 years the Luverne Area Community Foundation has assisted with seven projects that raised over **\$1 million** each! In addition, LACF has put money back into the county through competitive grants twice per year via the Healthcare Fund and the Community Grant Fund AND supports the non-profit funds with grants provided by their donors.

Being part of the Luverne Area Community Foundation from its start as a healthcare foundation to where it is today is incredibly rewarding. We hope you can see this growth in the information provided in our 40 year timeline. You have been a huge part of this journey. We can't wait to see what the future holds as we "*Honor Our Legacy, Grow Our Roots.*"

Live Generously,

Emily Crabtree

Emily Crabtree

Executive Director

On behalf of all the current and past board members listed here



Celebrating our History

With its beginning as the Luverne Community Healthcare Foundation in 1984, the foundation's primary purpose was to support the Luverne Community Hospital.

In 2004 the foundation realized there was more they could do in the community and expanded into new areas. The foundation organized as the Luverne Area Community Foundation with areas of interest in arts and humanities, community and civic affairs, social and economic growth, environment and beautification, community wellness, and people programs in addition to its original focus of healthcare.

1984 Luverne Community Healthcare Foundation

Advisory Board Members

Bill Beimers	Raymond Nelson
Roger Carlson	John Petersen
Ken Hoime	Larry Rolfs
Oltman Honken	Walter Tofteland
Betty Luethje	<i>Joe McFadden, Hospital Administrator</i>

2024 Board of Directors

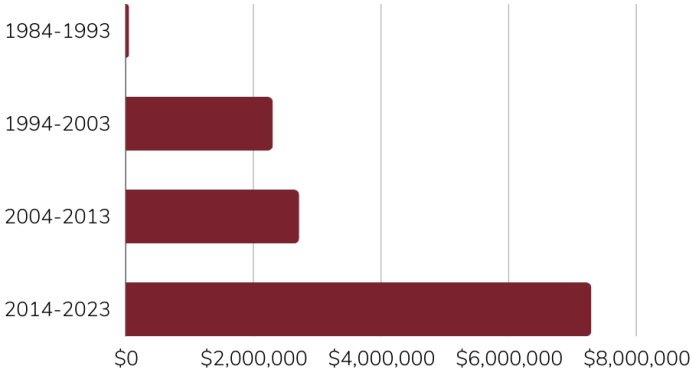
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40 Years of Growth

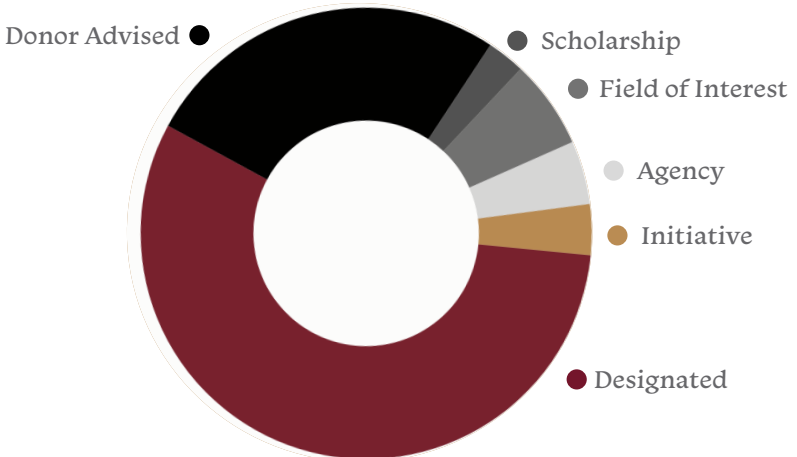
Total Assets

\$7,296,277



Total Funds Since Inception

118 Total Funds



LACF Timeline



*40 Years of being the
Heart of Community*

How it began 1984-1993



Total Assets \$52,781
Funds Established 1

1984 Advisory Committee Created in January

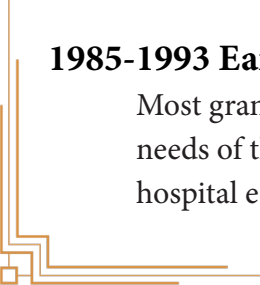
This first committee of nine members formed a non-profit corporation to operate separate of the hospital to receive donations on behalf of the hospital.

1985 \$7000 raised to start the first fund

The goal was to raise \$100,000 to redo the hospital x-ray room

1985-1993 Early Grants

Most grants from the healthcare foundation supported the local needs of the Children's Miracle Network, Life Line, Hospice and hospital equipment



Planting the first seeds 1994-2003

Total Assets \$2,305,987
Funds Established 11

1997 George Conrad Estate Gift

\$1,000,000 gift to the Luverne Community Healthcare Foundation

1998 Hospice Cottage

\$450,000 to build and open a 5-Bed Residential Hospice Cottage

2002-2009 Hired first Employee, Michele VanDyke

2003 Hospital

\$1,000,000 Capital Campaign Project for new Sioux Valley
Luverne Hospital, opened in 2004

2003 Double Heart Logo

Creation of the logo symbolizing Healthcare
and Community



1994-2003 Grants

Most grants continued to support CMN, Life Line, hospital
equipment needs but also added funding for physician recruitment
and the launch of the new hospital capital campaign.

Growing our roots 2004-2013

Total Assets \$2,717,695

Funds Established 21

2004 By-laws Amendment

The change opened grants to more than just healthcare

2006 Foundation Name Change

Luverne Community Healthcare Foundation changed to Luverne Area Community Foundation to offer a broader scope of charitable gifting and granting to Rock County

2007 Healing Garden

\$150,000 developed Healing Garden, Sanford Luverne campus

2007 Palace Theatre

\$1,000,000 project to renovate the Palace Theatre

2009 Tennis Courts

\$50,000 project to create new tennis courts, Luverne School Foundation (now Luverne Education Legacy Fund)

2009 Ordnung Estate Gift

\$4,000,000 gift to the community, \$175,000 to LACF.

“My money was made in Rock County and it makes sense that it should stay in Rock County.” – Allie Ordnung

2010-2012 Peg Adams, Executive Director

2013-present Emily Crabtree, Executive Director

2013 Rock County Historical Society, \$1,000,000

Group buys and remodels new building on Main Street

LACF Building Communities 2014-2023

Total Assets \$7,296,277

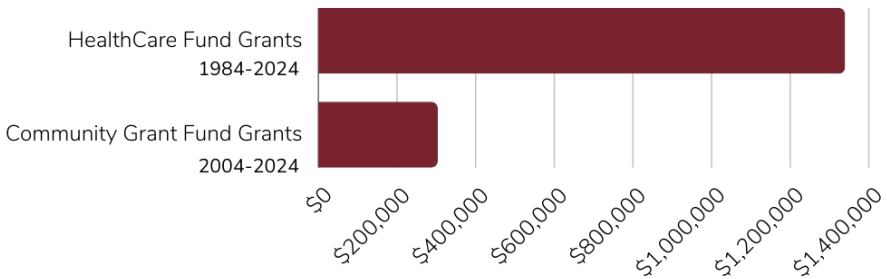
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- 2013 Palace Theatre** \$100,000 project that upgraded Reel-to-Digital
- 2016 1st Annual “Celebration of Philanthropy”**
Recognizing grant outcomes and celebrating donors
- 2017 AED Battery and Pad replacement Fund**
Fund to care for 72 AEDs in Rock County that were sponsored by LACF and Sanford Luverne
- 2019 Rock County Senior Citizens becomes Generations**
Raises \$1,000,000 for new facility
- 2019 Ambulance Garage**
\$350,000 to build on Sanford Luverne Medical campus
- 2020 Community Crisis Fund**
Raised \$50,000 to assist local non-profit needs related to Covid-19
- 2021 Gene and Barb Ashby Memorial Bike Trail**
\$1,000,000 donation in memory of their son Chris Ashby
- 2022 Rock County Food Shelf** \$125,000 to renovate a new building
- 2022 Luverne Education Legacy Fund Alumni Campaign**
Campaign raises \$1,000,000 for campus enhancements
- 2023 Kid’s Rock Daycare** \$1,000,000 Project Opening 2025
(renovation of former Tri-State Insurance Building)
- 2023 First Giving Circle Created, LACF Women’s Fund**



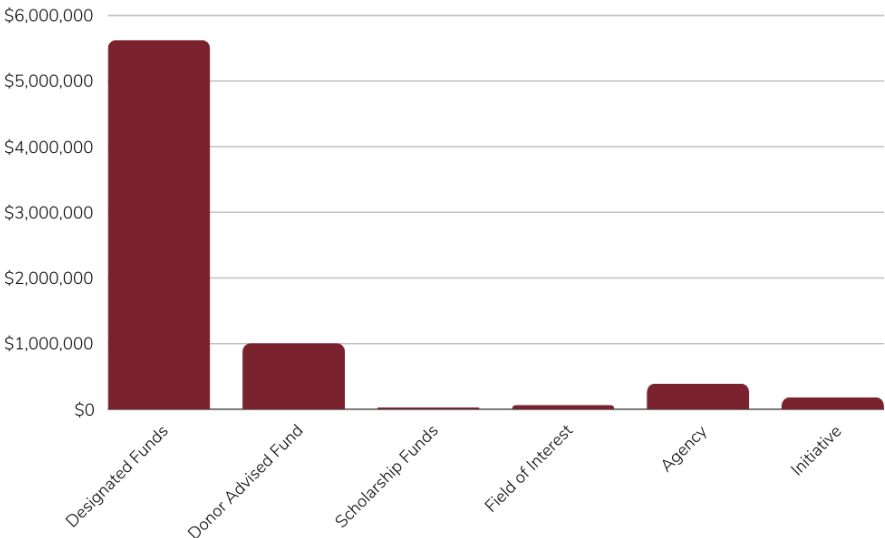
40 Years of Giving

Competitive Grant Awards given in Rock County



2023 Assets by Fund

Total Amount of Assets: \$7,296,277





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40 YEARS – \$40,000 MATCH

It is an honor to care for the charitable dollars entrusted to the Luverne Area Community Foundation. We take our fiduciary responsibility to the donors, funds and long-term impact of gifts given very seriously. We plan to be here to help see these promises into their legacy.

Self-sustainment is something we teach our fund holders so they can have long-term funds to continue the work the fund provides and do right by the individuals who have entrusted the gifts to them.

The programmatic system of LACF is no different. To see the growth we have made in 40 years, the projects that have been supported, the needs that have been met and will continue to be met in our county, we must practice the same discipline of sustainment.

The LACF Sustaining Endowment Fund is currently just shy of \$100,000. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor we have the opportunity to nearly double or exceed that with a \$40,000 match. Every gift designated to our Sustaining Endowment Fund will be matched up to \$40,000. We thank our matching donor; we thank all of you who will consider a gift tonight, this week, sometime this year to our Sustaining Endowment Fund. It is our goal to someday have all of our programmatic expenses covered by this fund. We have a long way to go but look at what our community of givers has already done over 40 years.

As a friend and supporter of the foundation please consider a gift to be matched to our LACF Sustainment Fund. Thank you for being in a relationship with the Luverne Area Community Foundation now and in the future.



Join the LACF Pie Society!

The Pie Society is a community-wide giving society made up of generous donors like you who have promised to leave a portion of their will – or a piece of their pie – to charity. By sharing a piece of your pie with the Luverne Area Community Foundation, you're investing in the next generation. The amount of your gift and the charities are up to you. Support your own fund, support the LACF Community Grant Fund, our Sustainment fund or any other fund we hold at LACF. Then you can be rest assured that your charitable wishes will last forever.

When you include the Luverne Area Community Foundation in your estate plans, you ensure that your charitable goals are met for the betterment of Rock County. We can help you get started. Once you include LACF in your will or trust, please contact us to let us know. We would love to Thank You and Welcome You to the LACF Pie Society.

There is always room for pie!

Create your FREE WILL online here: www.freewill.com/lacf

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Past Board Members

Helping us plant our roots

Diane Arends	Barb Golla*	Mike Reker*
Barb Berghorst	Jeff Hartquist	Nancy Sandager
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Larry Goebel	Karen Radisewitz	Ben Vander Kooi

*Served on both Healthcare Foundation and LACF Boards.

Our apology for any names omitted unknowingly.

Sponsors

Corporate Sponsors \$2,500

First Dakota Wealth and Trust

Sanford Health

Event Sponsors \$1,000

Buffalo Ridge Insurance

Edward Jones – Vickie Buschwitz/ Real Estate Retrievers

First Farmers and Merchants Bank

Minnwest Bank

Security Savings Bank

Sunshine Foods

In-Kind Sponsors

Big Top Events

Generations, Inc.

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Rock County Opportunities

Tollefson Publishing

Quality Printing

A special thanks to:

40th Anniversary Committee

*Luverne High School Peer Helpers, Student Council and
Luverne Education Association members for serving the meal.*



Thank You
for your
Support!

We are thrilled you could join us as we celebrate our first 40 years of strengthening the community!

Every grant starts with a gift from someone like you. We are deeply grateful for the many generous donors who have made a gift to one or more funds at the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

We look forward to our next 40 years promoting philanthropy, collaboration and building endowments.

A BIG thank you to the Board, staff and communities that helped make our 40th Anniversary a success!

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