



Mission

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.

What is the Cottage Grove Community Foundation?

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization serving the community of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. EIN: 84-3454997

What does a nonprofit community foundation do?

The purpose of a community foundation is to match donors with opportunities to make a positive impact in a local area. A foundation has local expertise and can appropriately direct funds for the broad-based benefit of local residents.

- **Manage financial resources.** Many foundations grow and manage an endowment that will continually benefit its defined geographic area.
- **Work with donors.** Foundations help individuals and families accomplish their charitable goals, by providing the structure to accept gifts; offering tax planning advice; and customizing plans based on personal interests.
- **Award local grants and scholarships.** A foundation can provide funding to fill the gaps not covered by government or other groups, and support community service projects, improvements, and education/training needs.

Why does Cottage Grove need a community foundation?

Many towns and villages operate a community foundation to ensure their residents continue to thrive. Tax exempt activities allow more of the donors' resources to stay local. Community foundations are classified as publicly supported charities, with tax advantages not enjoyed by private foundations.

Who can get involved?

Anyone who currently lives or works in Cottage Grove, grew up in this area, or simply wants to support this community is encouraged to get involved now!

- Follow the CGCF Facebook page and share our posts.
- Join a committee and help plan activities to raise awareness.
- Apply for a grant from CGCF to support a local project you want to tackle.
- Participate in our community fundraisers and events.
- Donate funds, property, or real estate. The CGCF is able to accept gifts in any amount. Please contact us if you are interested in establishing a donor-advised fund or would like to plan an estate bequest or legacy gift.

CGCF Milestones

November 2019

Nonprofit status approved by IRS

January 2020

Strategic plan completed

Spring 2020

Bank accounts opened
Logo created

Summer 2020

Committees established

October 2020

Annual meeting conducted
Grant application published

December 2020

First fundraiser conducted
First grant awarded

Donors

CGCF is grateful to receive gifts in any amount. Gifts received through December 2021 qualify for 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

Board of Directors

Volunteer positions elected to two-year terms. Nonpaid executive director:

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