



CENTRAL
MINNESOTA
Community
Foundation

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Power of Giving Newsletter

\$380K in total
granted to **32**
organizations!

Grant Rounds

Bernick's Beverages and Vending Fund

Central MN Special Needs

Central MN Women's Fund

Julianne Williams Fund

Grant Recipients

Grant amounts vary between \$3K-\$25K.

St. Nicholas Athletic Association

Opportunities in Science, Inc./

DBA Headwaters Science Center

Friends of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, Inc.

Northland Arboretum

Alexandria Youth Baseball Association

New London-Spicer School District 345

City of Renville

City of Regal

Hartley Nature Center

National Loon Center Foundation

Gandy Dancer Pickleball Association Inc.

YWCA Duluth

Village of Almena

WACOSA

ConnectAbility of MN

Options, Inc.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central MN

Lutheran Social Service of MN

Anna Marie's Alliance

Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center

Terebinth Refuge

The Center for Victims of Torture

City of St. Cloud - RSVP

Recovery Community Network

ConnectAbility of MN

City of St. Cloud - Whitney Senior Center

What Would Bri Do

QUEERSPACE Collective

GREAT Theatre

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central MN

Girl Scouts of MN and WI Lakes and Pines

HIKE LEARN BE INC.

2024 ATHENA Award Call for nominations!

Nominations Due By: 2/28/24

Do you know a woman who has an extended history of inspiring others?

To nominate: Scan the QR code or visit communitygiving.org/athenaaward

ATHENA Award recipients are women who, over the lifetime of their careers, meet the following criteria:



- Have achieved the highest level of professional excellence
- Contributes time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community
- Actively assists others, particularly women, in realizing their full leadership potential

The ATHENA Award is sponsored by: Granite Partners

Scholarships



Our scholarship application period is open.
The deadline to apply is March 1. For details visit:

communitygiving.org/apply-for-scholarships



Save the Date!
June 10, 2024

communitygiving.org/wfp24





Supporting Community Through Philanthropy

Tom and Janet Grones

View Tom & Janet's full story by scanning the QR code.

communitygiving.org/legacy-story/tom-and-janet-grones/

“In a very real sense, the community had a heart and reached out to us,” Tom said remembering the couple’s humble beginnings.

Their fund at the Foundation was a way for them to return the favor.

“It is part of what you do,” Tom said.

“You give back to the broader community.”



Starfish
A Program of the Women's Fund
Central MN Community Foundation



To donate: scan the QR code below or visit communitygiving.org/donate



The Starfish Program is a highly successful mentoring and coaching program for women who have experienced domestic violence or sexual assault and empowers them to financial, emotional, intellectual, and physical self-sufficiency.

Stearns Bank Community Challenge Raises \$576K

**\$150,000
match from
Stearns Bank!**

**Hosted in
partnership
with CMCF!**



**Three local food shelves
benefitting:
Catholic Charities (above)
Salvation Army (right)
St. Joseph (left)**



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