



## News Release

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### Nisswa Enrichment Fund Established with BLACF

Brainerd, Minn. – The Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation (BLACF) is pleased to announce that the **Nisswa Enrichment Fund** will join the BLACF family of funds; powered by CommunityGiving. Terri Foster, Executive Director of the BLACF stated, “BLACF is honored to host this fund and excited to see the impact it will have to support a variety of enrichment projects in one of the best small towns in Minnesota! Having the enrichment fund will enable Nisswa to meet emerging needs of the community.”

Tax-deductible donations are now being accepted to grow the fund and support some exciting projects in Nisswa including park improvements and expansion. Jenny Max, Nisswa City Administrator shared, “I’m excited to see how the fund may be utilized to provide an additional funding source to help support city improvements. A big thank you goes to the Nisswa Mayor and City Council for having the vision to initiate this fund to provide our residents, businesses, and visitors a path to support community enrichment by involving our residents. This will be a real game changer to help fund immediate and future needs of the Nisswa community.”

The committee is asking that anyone who is interested in donating do so online through the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundations partner website at: <https://www.communitygiving.org/fund/nisswa-enrichment-fund/> or by mailing it to Community Giving at 101 7th Avenue S. #100, St. Cloud, MN 56401 and should note “Nisswa Enrichment Fund” in the memo line. The Fund Committee would welcome any donations or matching grant dollars to help increase fund growth and requests that you contact either Jenny Max, City Administrator or Amber Moon Peterson, Parks and Recreation Director if interested in providing a matching grant challenge or donation.

BLACF attracts and administers charitable funds for the benefit of supporting your favorite charities and causes. BLACF was founded in 1998 and is excited for not only the growth in fund assets that the foundation hosts – over \$19.26 million, but even more proud of the \$9 million in grant funding provided to nonprofit organizations from BLACF and in-partnership with its fundholders and donors. Those dollars are truly transforming lives and changing our communities! The BLACF is governed by a local board of directors and is a partner of CommunityGiving, a collaborative of community foundations creating efficiencies that maximize donor impact. Collectively, CommunityGiving administers over 1,150 funds, totaling nearly \$230 million. Learn more at [CommunityGiving.org/blacf](https://CommunityGiving.org/blacf).

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