



2026
PHILANTHROPY
REVIEW

RADIATING IMPACT





MANKATO AREA
FOUNDATION

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OUR MISSION

The Mankato Area Foundation serves as a trusted catalyst for change, committed to fostering philanthropy, strengthening our region, and enhancing lives.

OUR VISION

We envision a region where collaboration, generosity, and inclusivity flourish, creating opportunities for all to thrive.

OUR TEAM

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AmyJo Lennartson, Community Impact Director
Tricia Lewis, Operations and Governance Director
Sammi Spicer, Finance Director
Nancy Zallek, President and CEO

CFNS
ACCREDITED FOUNDATION

MAF once again earned accreditation through the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, reaffirming our commitment to strong governance, sound financial management, transparency, and stewardship. Accreditation means that charitable assets are managed responsibly, their intentions will be honored, and that MAF is meeting the highest standards in the field.

DEAR FRIENDS IN PHILANTHROPY,

As we began putting together this year's *Philanthropy Review*, I found myself thinking back to when *Minnesota Valley Business Magazine* featured the Mankato Area Foundation on its cover this spring.

It was an unexpected and appreciated gift that made me pause. Reading someone else's perspective on the work of MAF gave me a chance to reflect on all of the stories woven throughout the publication.

While each was different, so many began in a remarkably similar way.

Not with a grant. Not with a fund. Not even with a gift.

They began with someone sharing an idea, a challenge, or a hope for what might be possible.

When I think about the stories featured in the magazine article–and the many more you'll find throughout this *Philanthropy Review*–that's the thread I see woven through all of them:

A donor looking for a meaningful way to give back.
A nonprofit with a vision for serving its community.
Professional advisors helping families create lasting legacies.
People and organizations coming together around something that matters.
Neighbors wanting to leave this corner of the world a little better than they found it.

The stories in these pages belong to many people–thank you for allowing us to help weave them together. And while every story is unique, they all remind me of the same truth: when people share their ideas, resources, and hopes for the future, their impact extends well beyond where it started, radiating through our region.



With gratitude,

Nancy Zallek
President and CEO
Mankato Area Foundation

RADIATING IMPACT



HOW GENEROSITY MOVES THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY

Many donors wonder whether their gift makes a meaningful difference. The answer, of course, is yes! We know this because we're fortunate enough to hear the stories firsthand, from donors who share the joy of giving back and from nonprofits that see lives changed and opportunities created. Time and again, we've seen how generosity strengthens organizations and improves our region.

But it just doesn't seem right for these stories to stay in one place, so we invite you to wander through a cross section of the people, partnerships, and possibilities behind that impact. The pages that follow are just a few examples of generosity at work, radiating through our communities.

Enjoy!





CONNECTION AT EVERY AGE AND STAGE.

AGING WELL, TOGETHER

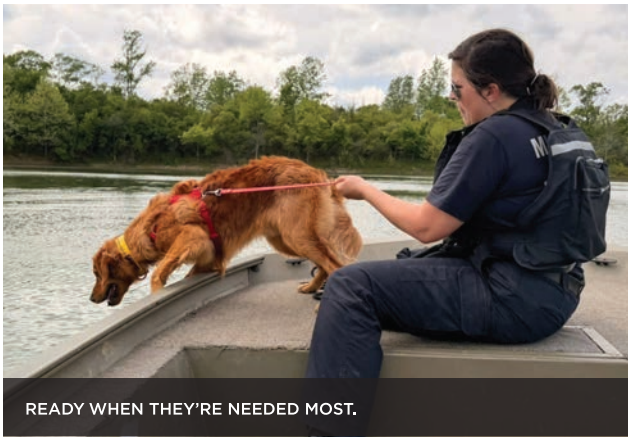
Grant support from MAF to the Mankato/North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's helped bring community members, caregivers, healthcare professionals, students, and researchers together for a Dementia Research Summit focused on the latest developments in brain health and dementia research. MAF has also helped bring partners together around the Age-Friendly Mankato & North Mankato Action Plan, an outgrowth of the Greater Mankato Inclusivity Study. Efforts like these help strengthen social connections, reduce isolation, and improve access to resources so older adults can continue to thrive and feel a sense of belonging in the communities they call home.



CONFIDENCE IN THE CLASSROOM.

EQUIPPING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

For 654 students in St. Peter and rural Nicollet County, having the right school supplies meant starting the academic year prepared and ready to learn. The Friends of Learning Backpack Program, now moving into their 17th year, collects, assembles, and distributes backpacks filled with grade-specific supplies. This initiative, made possible in part through support from a donor advised fund at MAF, not only eased the financial burden of back to school for families, but gave students the confidence and tools to succeed in the classroom.



READY WHEN THEY'RE NEEDED MOST.

TRAINING FOR TOUGH WATERS

A grant from a donor advised fund held at MAF helped Minnesota K9 Search Specialists provide advanced water recovery training and certification for two St. Peter-based handlers and their canine partners. These enhanced skills strengthen the team's ability to safely and effectively assist when local or statewide water-related emergencies occur, providing search and recovery teams to agencies at no cost to the public.



A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT.

WALKING TOGETHER, LIGHTING THE WAY

Through the second annual Mankato/St. Peter Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention, community members came together to honor loved ones, support one another, and build a stronger, more compassionate network around mental health. Supported in part by a donor advised fund at MAF, the event helped raise awareness and provide resources for suicide prevention research, advocacy, and education.



HELPING FAMILIES ADVOCATE.

STRONGER FAMILIES, SAFER SCHOOLS

Through support from the HickoryTech Fund of the Mankato Area Foundation, Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment Through Research (HACER) was able to strengthen and expand its work addressing bullying among Latino families in southern Minnesota. The funding supported parent-centered research, culturally responsive workshops, and the development of practical legal and mental health resources that equipped families to better advocate for their children. The project not only increased knowledge and confidence among participating parents, but also broadened access to these resources through virtual and recorded learning opportunities, helping HACER reach families across the region.

SOME IMPACT HAPPENS QUIETLY, SOME IMPACT SPARKLES



CHANGE CAN BEGIN AROUND A TABLE.


SUPPORT CAN SHOW UP BOLDLY.

BEHIND THE SCENES: ADVANCING LOCAL HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Some of MAF's community work happens quietly, through conversations, partnerships, and bringing people together around shared challenges. Housing and homelessness is one example. Through participation on an advisory committee, MAF helped advance summer shelter funding efforts for people experiencing homelessness, while support from a donor advised fund brought community members together to listen, learn, and share perspectives on housing needs across Greater Mankato. It's one example of how behind-the-scenes work can strengthen collaboration and help move local solutions forward.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: MAKING CANCER SUPPORT SHINE

While some philanthropy happens in the background, through conversations and collaboration, other acts of generosity shine brightly, bringing hundreds of people together in support of a shared cause. This year's "Blingo Bingo" brought together a sold-out crowd and raised more than $60,000 for the Jonathan Zierdt (JZ) Cancer Fund, a designated fund of MAF. With support from local businesses and several donor advised funds, the event balanced celebration and purpose in a way few gatherings can, honoring those whose lives have been touched by cancer while raising support for the JZ Caring Box Program.

I ❤ the nonprofit sector because

I want to be part of the solution!



By investing in organizations and the people who lead them, MAF helps strengthen the nonprofits that our community relies on.

CHAMPIONING A STRONG NONPROFIT SECTOR

You may have noticed yard signs throughout the Greater Mankato area sharing a simple message: "Nonprofits Make an Impact." The signs are part of an awareness campaign led by Advocacy and Community Together (ACT), a nonpartisan coalition of regional nonprofits working to increase understanding of the sector's local impact.



Supported in part through grant funding and partnership from MAF, ACT brings together nonprofit leaders, elected officials, community members, and other stakeholders to share information, strengthen relationships, and foster collaboration.

MAF also provides resources and learning opportunities designed to help nonprofits build skills and strengthen their long-term sustainability. Offerings have included the Navigating Philanthropy workshop series, networking opportunities around emerging and timely issues, access to specialized consulting expertise, and the online Nonprofit Directory, which helps connect donors with local causes.



HELPING GOOD WORK GO FURTHER.



ARTS, CULTURE, AND HISTORY:

MORE THAN WHAT WE SEE

MAF's support of arts, cultural, and historical organizations extends well beyond the events, exhibits, and experiences they create. Through their work, the organizations represented here—and so many more—bring people together, preserve community stories, celebrate diverse perspectives, foster well-being, and boost our local economy.

1. PUBLIC ART: CITYART WALKING SCULPTURE TOUR
2. COMMUNITY TRADITIONS: KIWANIS HOLIDAY LIGHTS
3. CREATIVE PLACEMAKING: UPRIVER ARTS COLLECTIVE
4. CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS: DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS (DAY OF THE DEAD)
5. HANDS-ON CREATIVITY: MANKATO MAKERSPACE
6. LOCAL ART AND HISTORY: MARIAN ANDERSON GALLERY AT BLUE EARTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
7. INCLUSIVE THEATRE: OPEN ARTS MINNESOTA
8. ARTISTS AT WORK: TWIN RIVERS COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

FOOD INSECURITY: AN UPDATE ON A REGION ROOTED IN PARTNERSHIP



TOM POLICH, FOOD RESCUE COORDINATOR, REGION NINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Last year, we shared the story in this publication about "the food rescue guy" and the regional effort to transform excess food into access for families across South Central Minnesota.

The story featured Tom Polich and the work of Region Nine Development Commission in rescuing food that might otherwise have been discarded due to damaged packaging, cosmetic imperfections, or paperwork errors, and rerouting it to food shelves, clinics, and community organizations across the region.

Since then, the need has only become more apparent. Food shelves and nonprofits continue to see demand, while perfectly good food is still being discarded for reasons that have little to do with its quality or safety.

In response, MAF continued its support of this initiative through grant funding to Region Nine. Those funds help support Polich's work and strengthen a growing network of organizations committed to recovering and redistributing food that would otherwise go to waste. Together, these partners are building the relationships, distribution channels, and community connections needed to help more food reach more people.

PALLETS TO PEOPLE

Surplus food that might otherwise go to waste is being rescued, rerouted, and redistributed through a growing network of partners, helping provide nourishment to people across our region. Here's how much was saved, where the food went, and who it helped:

18 MONTHS OF FOOD RESCUE

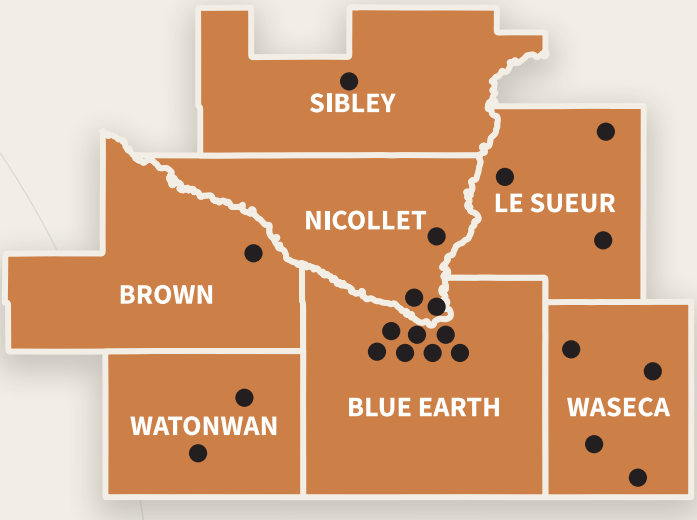
March 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026

- **246** food rescues completed
- **220,475 pounds** of food rescued (896 pounds per rescue, on average)
- **$403,000** in estimated retail value recovered ($1,640 per rescue, on average)

TYPES OF FOOD RESCUED

- **Produce (73%)** including peppers, corn, carrots, bananas, potatoes, broccoli, habaneros, limes, watermelon, onions, salad mixes
- **Meat, dairy and eggs (13%)**
- **Other (14%)**: sauces, condiments, dry goods, packaged items/meals, beverages

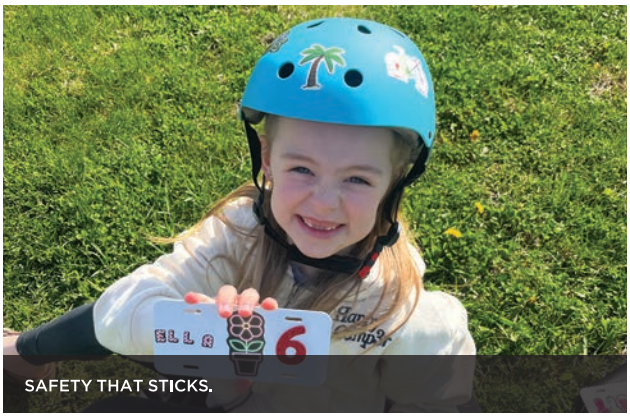
WHERE THE FOOD WENT



Refrigerators at Mankato Clinic locations distributed more than 10,000 pounds of food in just one year. New freezers at Lake Crystal Recreation Center, Partners for Housing and Pride Counseling Services, and emerging collaborations in New Ulm, are extending food access to more communities across the region.







SAFETY THAT STICKS.

BUILDING SAFER HABITS, ONE HELMET AT A TIME

When children gathered for Bike Safety Day at the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, they came ready to learn, ride, and have fun. And, with support from a donor advised fund at MAF, they also left with a free, brand-new, professionally fitted bike helmet and the knowledge to use it safely. Through hands-on activities, children learned about helmet use, traffic awareness, and bicycle safety. Just as importantly, they began to see helmets not as a requirement, but as a natural part of riding.



LISTENING TO THOSE CLOSEST TO THE ISSUE.

COMING TOGETHER TO MEET THE MOMENT

Following immigration enforcement activity in Minnesota during the winter of 2026, MAF chose to feature local organizations serving communities directly impacted at the Women's Giving Circle. Representatives from Wellshare International, COPAL, and the ACLU shared professional insights and personal experiences, underscoring how the fear, uncertainty, and instability many families faced affected schools, workplaces, healthcare, and housing. The Giving Circle brings women together to explore how philanthropy can respond to timely community needs, with topics as varied as literacy, the arts, mental health, and food insecurity.



HELPING GOOD WORK GROW STRONGER.

STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONS, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

At a pivotal stage in its growth, the St. Peter Good Neighbor Diversity Council received support through MAF's Consultant in Residency Program, which provided grant-funded access to work alongside an experienced consultant to strengthen its governance structure. While much of this work happens behind the scenes—creating a framework for long-term sustainability, strategic planning, and improving leadership practices, etc.—its impact is increasingly visible. The Council's community events continue to grow and attract broader participation, and they launched an Emergency Response Fund that has provided critical support to more than 300 local families.



MORE SUPPORT WHERE LEARNING HAPPENS.

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

MAF's grant support of ServeMinnesota's programs helped students across Mankato Area Public Schools build stronger foundations in reading and math through Math Corps and Reading Corps. During the most recent school year, 17 AmeriCorps tutors served 424 students across seven schools, with 93.4 percent of participants demonstrating academic growth and 69.7 percent achieving substantial growth in reading and math. The grant also helped leverage federal AmeriCorps funding, bringing additional resources into the Mankato area and expanding access to the support students need to succeed.

MANY PATHS, SHARED IMPACT

Here's how a few MAF donors are making a difference in a way that reflects their values and vision for the community.



JIM AND NANCY ARMBRUSTER

GIVING WITH INTENTION

For Jim and Nancy Armbruster, giving back is inspired by their faith, and philanthropy is one of the ways they care for the community they call home. Through a designated fund at MAF, they support organizations serving neighbors experiencing food insecurity and homelessness, while also investing in youth programs and camps. By thoughtfully directing their giving over time, they're helping ensure their support continues to reach local people, families, and causes for years to come.



GENE BIEWEN AND NOEL VAN TOL

MANY CAUSES, ONE PURPOSE

Gene Biewen and Noel Van Tol's generosity is a powerful example that philanthropy doesn't have to fit into a single category. Through their partnership and donor advised fund with MAF, they are able to be flexible in their giving, responding to the needs in our community. Recent gifts have included housing, the arts, animal welfare, food insecurity, self-sufficiency of women and their families, and a local youth camp–just to name a few.



JON OLSETH

POWERING PROGRESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

While some donors are drawn to specific causes, others are inspired by ideas. Through collaboration with MAF and Snell Motors, Jon Olseth and the Olseth Family Foundation has helped drive "Thriving with Electrified Lives", a 10-year roadmap focused on expanding economic opportunity, workforce development, and helping households and businesses prepare for an increasingly electrified future. That same commitment also helped the Family Foundation bring "EV: Charge Up!" to the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, a hands-on exhibit that introduces young learners to electric vehicles, energy, and the technology shaping tomorrow.

NONPROFIT DIRECTORY

MANKATO AREA FOUNDATION

BEYOND THE SEARCH

Sometimes generosity starts with a simple question: How can I help?

MAF's online Nonprofit Directory helps community members explore organizations serving Blue Earth and Nicollet counties and discover causes that match their interests and values. The searchable resource makes it easier to learn about local nonprofits, understand the work happening across the region, and identify opportunities to make a difference.

The directory is often a starting point, but MAF knows that meaningful philanthropy goes beyond what can be found through an online search. While anyone can Google a nonprofit, the local knowledge, trusted relationships, and community context that MAF has helps donors better understand both the challenges and opportunities facing our region and the organizations working to address them.

Nonprofit Directory:

Scan the QR code or visit qrco.de/Nonprofit-Directory



GOOD INFORMATION GUIDES GOOD GIVING.

SUPPORTING INFORMED PHILANTHROPY

At a time when public conversations about nonprofits are being shaped by isolated incidents rather than the everyday work of organizations in our communities, MAF's Giving with Confidence: Fraud is a Crime, Not a Sector conversation created space for practical tools and insights to help guide informed philanthropic decisions. Led by the experts from Abdo, and sponsored by Fredrikson & Byron, the event was intentional in bringing stakeholders together to strengthen trust and transparency for greater community impact.



MORE BECOMES POSSIBLE TOGETHER.

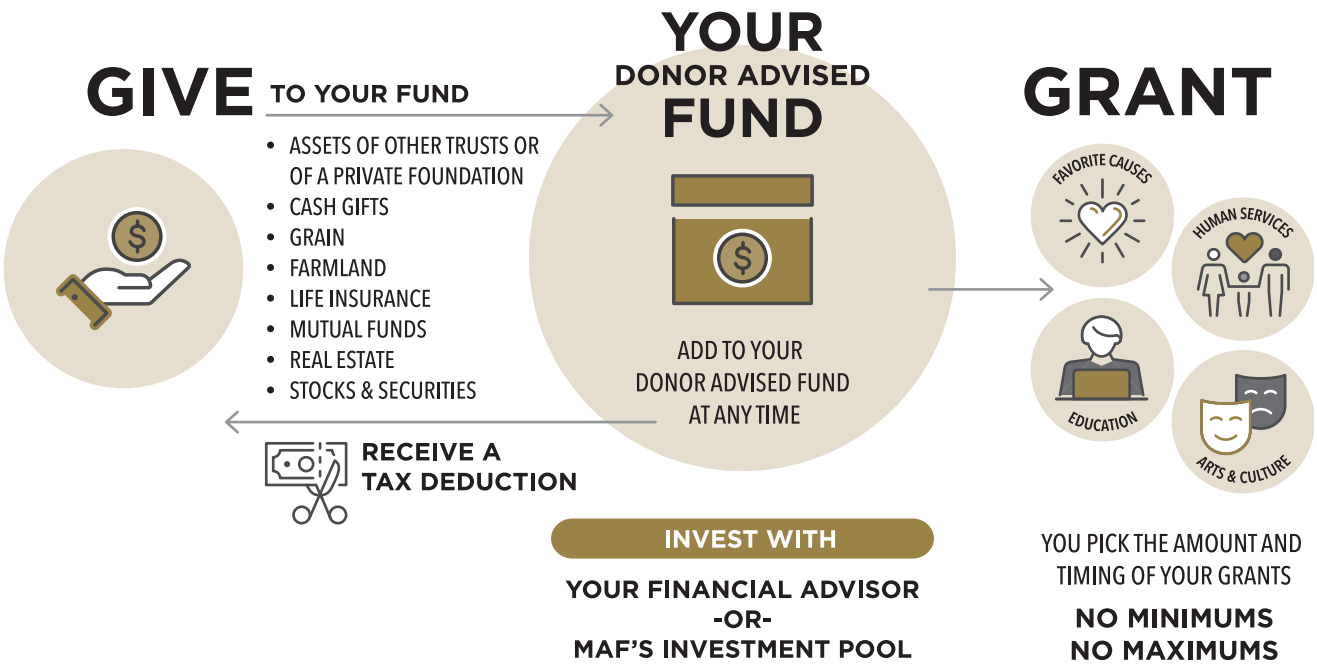
INVESTING IN COMMUNITY, TOGETHER

Many of the grants, initiatives, and connections MAF helps make possible are supported by a growing network of Community Impact Partners. This program is really community at its best: local stakeholders that believe in MAF's mission and choose to invest in our ability to serve the region. MAF is grateful for all of our Community Impact Partners, listed on page 14. This generous support is more than a financial contribution–it's a nod to the confidence they have in future and collective work of building a stronger community together.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS 101

HOW DOES A DONOR ADVISED FUND WORK?

The first step is to meet with the expert staff at the Foundation to determine your current philanthropic approach and charitable goals for the future. You can choose to name a cause or philanthropic interest or have a broad scope of giving. We then work together to shape a grants program that meets those charitable objectives and interests.



WHY A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

10 REASONS WHY THE MANKATO AREA FOUNDATION MAKES SENSE:

1. We are a **local** organization with deep roots in the community.
2. Our professional staff has broad **expertise and understanding** of community issues and needs.
3. We provide highly **personalized services** tailored to each individual charitable and financial interest through a variety of giving options.
4. Our Donor Advised Funds help people invest in the **causes** they care about most.
5. We **accept a wide variety of assets** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
6. We **partner** with professional advisors to tailor giving strategies that align with donors' financial and philanthropic goals.
7. We offer maximum **tax advantages**.
8. We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
9. We build long-term funds that benefit the community forever and help **create personal legacies**.
10. We are a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to **create positive change**.

GRANTS & FINANCIALS

Based on fiscal year data (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026).

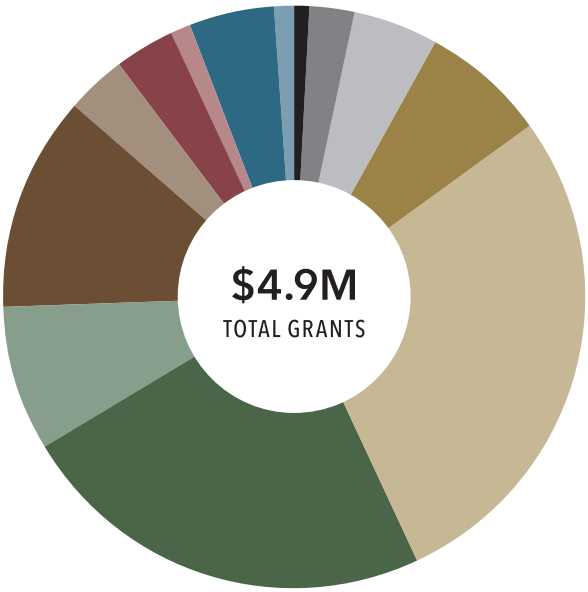
FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

$41M
TOTAL ASSETS

$4.9M
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED IN 2026

761
GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

- **$54,477** ALLIANCE, ADVOCACY & SOCIAL ACTION
- **$117,015** ANIMALS & ENVIRONMENT
- **$229,205** ARTS, CULTURE & HISTORY
- **$348,790** BASIC NEEDS & CRISIS SUPPORT
- **$1,374,657** CHILDREN & YOUTH
- **$1,149,451** COMMUNITY & REGIONAL GOOD
- **$406,058** EDUCATION & WORKFORCE
- **$581,936** FOOD, NUTRITION & AGRICULTURE
- **$170,250** HEALTHY LIVES & WELLNESS
- **$153,300** HOUSING, SAFETY & SUPPORT
- **$56,300** RECREATION, PLAY & SPORTS
- **$232,709** SCHOLARSHIPS
- **$51,550** VETERANS



COMMUNITY IMPACT PARTNERS

These generous donors have made meaningful, multi-year commitments to the Mankato Area Foundation. Their sustained partnership provides vital support for the long-term sustainability and growth of our community-focused initiatives.

MEET OUR PARTNERS

Heidi Boyum
L & N Andreas Foundation
Old National Bank
Olseth Family Foundation
Phil and Margie Slingsby
Noel Van Tol and Gene Biewen

Abdo
BankVista
CBC Fisher Group
Community Bank
Mike and Cathy Brennan
Kathy Sheran and Dean Doyscher
Curt and Debbie Fisher
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Holtmeier Construction
LUXE Quarterlies
Mankato Motors
Pioneer Bank
Robert W. Carlstrom Company
Stifel
Tailwind Group
Wealth Enhancement McKeown Mehia Team
WEB Construction
Kathy Van Tol

Blinds & More
Blue Star Power Systems
DeMars Construction
Factor Property Management
Dennis and Joyce Findley
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Tom and Diane Lentz
Mankato Computer Technology
Meyer & Norland Financial Group
MPI Farms
Pantheon Computers
David and Jennifer Pfeffer
Prairie Senior Cottages
Profinium, Inc.
Rooms and Rest
Dave and Michelle Schooff
Swanson Hinsch & Co.
Snell Motors
Scott Umhoefer
United Prairie Bank
West Bank

FUNDS WE HOLD

The Mankato Area Foundation continues to help individuals and organizations achieve their charitable goals by offering a variety of giving strategies and funds.

THE MANKATO AREA FOUNDATION CURRENTLY MANAGES THESE FUNDS:

AGENCY FUNDS

Arts Center of St. Peter Agency Fund
Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society Agency Fund
Camp Sweet Life Adventures Agency Fund
Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota Agency Fund
Educare Foundation Agency Fund
Feeding Our Communities Partners Agency Fund
Habitat for Humanity South Central Minnesota Agency Fund
LEEP Agency Fund
LEEP Special Olympics Agency Fund
Living Earth Center Agency Fund
Mankato Clinic Foundation Agency Fund
Minnesota Valley Action Council Agency Fund
Partners for Housing Agency Fund
United Way Planned Gift Fund Agency Fund
VINE Faith In Action Agency Fund
YWCA Mankato Women's Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Adela Rindal Foundation Fund
Anderson Family Fund
Andrew Willaert Family Fund
Andy and Christine Nessler Fund
Angel Rudy Fund
Avis and Stephen Woehrle Fund
Be Blessed Fund
Biederman Family Fund
Bob and Linda Sanger Legacy Fund
Bradley and Kathy Brozik Fund
Brandon and Kim Scheel Fund
Brian and Mary Duehring Gifting Fund
Bryan and Tami Paulsen Charitable Fund
Category One Fund
Chris and Aura Austin Fund
Chris Larson and Michelle May Charitable Fund
Coldwell Banker Commercial Fisher Group Fund
Community Bank Fund
Cunningham Family Farm Fund
Curt and Debbie Fisher Donor Advised Fund
Darlene and Allen Weckwerth Charitable Fund
David and Jennifer Pfeffer Family Fund
David Christensen and Jill Evans Fund
Davis Daughters' Fund
Dennis and Sue Hood Fund
Dobson Charitable Fund
Dotson Family Fund
Doyscher/Sheran Fund
Eide Bailly Fund
EJ & Deb Beek Fund
Fredrikson & Byron Foundation Fund
Gahler Charitable Fund
Gary E. Zywotko Family Fund
Gene and Eydie Swanson Charitable Fund
Gene Biewen & Noel Van Tol Fund
Glen A. Taylor Donor Advised Fund
Goebel's Giving Fund
Greg and Donnette Wheelock Fund
Gwesyn and Gloria Griffiths Fund
Harold and Alice Klaseus Weed Charitable Fund
Helen and Eldon Jones Fund
Huebsch Family Fund
James and Shannon Gullickson Fund
Jane and Michael Kearney Fund
Jean and Tim Bye Family Fund
Jeff and Roxi Lang Fund
Jessica and Thomas Bye Fund
Jim and Jackie Weinzetl Opportunity Fund
Jim and Jennie Ward Fund
Jim and Sheri Fedson Fund
John and Carolyn Kanyusik Family Fund
John and Jackie Bauernfeind Fund
John and Wendy Kind Charitable Fund
Joyce and Dennis Findley Charitable Fund
Joyce and Gerald Roust Fund
Judy and Tom Simonsen Charitable Fund
Kay and Lyle Jacobson Family Fund
Kendall and Rod Meyer Fund
Kristine Lindvall Fund
Lawton Family Fund
Little Family Charitable Fund
Luebke Family Fund
Mager-Chadderdon Family Giving Fund
Mara's Light Fund
Marian Anderson Fund
Maridean Adams Fund
Mary Suedbeck Fund for the Encouragement of the Arts
Matt Norland Charitable Fund
Maxwell Family Fund
Moe Family Fund
MRBA Building Our Future Grant Fund
Mulford Family Charitable Fund
Najwa Massad Fund
Naples Family Fund
Nathan and Sarah Kerich Fund
Norm Sieling Memorial Fund
Page Jones Richards Family Fund
Pat and Kristin Duncanson Family Fund
Phil and Margie Slingsby Charitable Fund
Polly and Bill Webster Fund
Prange Family Donor Advised Fund
Reichel Insulation Fund
Resolute Care Community Fund
Rignell Family Fund
Rose Lynn and Chuck Wingert Family Fund
Rstom Family Foundation Fund
Ryan and Jill McKeown Charitable Fund
Ryan McKeown and Danielle Mehia Financial Advisory Team Community Fund
Schooff Community Fund
Schott Family Fund
Steven and JoAnn Curtis Charitable Fund
Sugden Family Fund
Surprenant Family Fund
Tailwind Group Charitable Fund
Ten Haken Charitable Fund
Todd and Kathryn Perkins Family Fund
Tom and Cheryl Vavra Fund
Tom and Diane Lentz Charitable Fund
Troy and Rebecca Anderson Fund
Ulman Family Fund
Van Tol Family Charitable Fund
Voss Family Fund
Warren Wagner and Peggy Kreber Charitable Fund
Weinandt and Trauger Family Fund
West Family Fund
West Scheel Memorial Fund
Zallek Family Charitable Fund
Zierdt Family Charitable Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Agricultural Fund-established by Greg and Donnette Wheelock
Albert Fallenstein Fund
Anne and John Frey Charitable Fund
Betty Todd Troost Memorial Fund
Charles E. Danish and Virginia A. Danish Charitable Fund
Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota
Community Fund for Youth
Consultant in Residency Fund
Curt and Debbie Fisher Fund
Don and Susan Paulson Fund
Floyd Palmer Fund
Harold and Alice Klaseus Weed Charitable Fund
Harvey Andersen Memorial Ski Team Foundation
HickoryTech Fund
High School Music Recognition Fund
Hockey Day Minnesota (HDM) 2022 Grow the Game Fund
In Memory of Jean Lovett
James and Kathryn Vonderharr Fund
Jane and Michael Kearney Fund
Jim and Nancy Armbruster Charitable Fund
Jonathan Zierdt Cancer Fund
Kris and Mike McGuire Fund
Larry & Kelly Johnson Charitable Fund
Lowell and Nadine Andreas Fund
Mankato Community Fund by Greg and Donnette Wheelock
Marie's Fund
Minnesota State University, Mankato Library Scholarship Fund
O.P. and E.A. Confer Fund
Osborne Family Charitable Fund
Palmer Disability Fund
Roca-Lilly Fund
Ronald & Julaine (Jo) Larson Fund
Sally and Roger Coomes Charitable Fund
Thompson Park Enrichment Fund
Virginia L. Carr Fund
Wilson Fund
Women's Giving Circle

ENDOWED FUNDS

Charles Ingman LMA Scholarship Fund
Elks Charitable Endowed Fund
James Nelson Sanford Prizes & Award in Memory of Susan Eleanor Briney Fund
Mankato Symphony Orchestra Fund
Ogden P. Confer
Ogden W. and Jane M. Confer Scholarship Fund
Senior Citizen Endowment Fund
Thin Film Technology Fund

FISCAL SPONSORED FUNDS

Age-Friendly Mankato & North Mankato Coalition Fund
Threshold
Friends of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office K-9 Program
Martin County Prosper Project
Roots, Shoots and Boots Fund
Senior Provider Community Connections Fund
Southcentral Minnesota Clean Energy Council Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund
David and Michelle Schooff Scholarship Fund
Dustin Lemke Memorial Scholarship Fund
Eleanor and Mike Weinzetl Opportunity Scholarship Fund
Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund
Jane and Lee Carlstrom Scholarship Fund
Mankato Elks Lodge #225 Most Valuable Student Scholarship Fund
Marlyn R. Heintz Scholarship Fund
McKeown/Mehia Team - Opportunity Scholarship Fund
Minnesota River Builders Association Scholarship Fund
Roger and Beverly Stoufer Scholarship Fund
Samantha Chase Schaehrer Scholarship Fund
Tailwind Group Employee Appreciation Scholarship Fund
Virginia and Martin Krause Scholarship Fund

Funds that choose to remain anonymous are not listed; some listed funds are part of estate plans and will be activated in the future, in accordance with the donor's wishes.

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Fieldstone Advisory



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Partner, Abdo



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Compeer Financial



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