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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

#### SEMI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

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#### **CCF ADVISORY BOARD**

Jay Madigan, Chair Term ends 2022

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#### Paradigm Shift: "The Times They are a-Changing" Submitted by Jay Madigan

The new world paradigm includes masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, social distancing, school closings, distance learning, shutdowns, capacity reductions, Zoom meetings and travel restrictions. The list seems endless. The bottom line: Covid-19 has affected everyone in one way or another. Our new reality is living with it until a new vaccine helps us develop herd immunity. Chisholm, like most communities, has not been spared. We are experiencing cases of infection and suffering the subsequent consequences. Even philanthropic organizations such as the Chisholm Community Foundation have been impacted by the loss of annual fundraisers to offset operating costs. This has forced our Board of Directors to "think outside the box" and come up with alternative ways to help the community during these difficult times.

In March, the St. Paul & Minnesota Community Foundation partnered with the Minnesota Council on Foundations to establish the Minnesota Disaster Recovery Fund for Coronavirus. This fund was created to support recovery needs as a result of the pandemic. Grants are intended to support the recovery and resilience of Minnesota's nonprofit sector. The CCF applied for and was awarded a \$20,000 Covid-19 relief grant. Circumventing the normal grant application process, and only requiring a "Letter of Intent", we were able to distribute these much-needed funds to a variety of organizations in a very short period of time. We also instituted a second grant cycle and, before year's end, I anticipate we will award and distribute approximately an additional \$40,000 into our community.

Our goal is to come out of this pandemic stronger than ever. Until immunity is achieved, we all must do our part. We need to help our neighbors, demonstrate patience and observe safety protocols to protect ourselves and others. On behalf of the CCF Board of Directors, we pledge to continue to do our part, providing funds and assistance when called upon and when available. A donation to the Chisholm Community Foundation will go a long way in helping our common cause.

Be safe, stay healthy, keep the faith and before we know it, we will experience another paradigm shift of a much brighter time and future.

#### **CCF** Mission Statement

The CCF's mission is to be a steward of funds for innovative and creative projects that are responsive to community and economic development in the areas of social service, education, arts and culture, conservation and historic and environmental preservation.



Fall 2020

#### Greetings Fellow Investors!

#### "...together we can do so much."

Graduating from Chisholm High School in 1974, leaving Minnesota in 1985 for 30 years, and finally returning after my retirement in 2015, has allowed me to take a renewed look at Chisholm. I am amazed what a community of approximately 5,000 people and a six-mile circumference has to offer its citizens and tourists. Spending an afternoon on a nostalgic tour of Chisholm, I was reminded of the old: the football/track field, the field house and hockey rink, tennis courts, curling club, baseball diamonds, bocce ball courts, basketball courts, the Armory, Minnesota Museum of Mining, Iron Range Interpretative Center (now Minnesota Discovery Center) and the multitude of offerings it provides, the Range Center and the Junior High School Auditorium. The new: Mesabi Trail, Redhead Mountain Bike Trail, Bluestreak Disc Golf Course, the paved walking trail around Longyear Lake, the updated children's park on the north end of Longyear Lake, and our downtown pocket parks.

We can debate the longevity of the iron mining industry, but eventually it will be chronicled in museums, leaving an altered geography with huge mounds of taconite tailings, memories of lunch pails, shift work, and a heritage of incredible work ethic which is a trademark of this area. Trying to envision Chisholm 25 years or longer into the future gives me "goose bumps" with all the potential. Bicycling, whether its extreme dirt biking on the Redhead Mountain Bike Trail or touring the Mesabi Trail, is rapidly becoming a major attraction for Northern Minnesota. Chisholm is poised to be a mega center of this activity and we would all be well served to embrace and support this industry moving forward. With estimates of up to 35,000 visitors annually, we all need to be visionaries to keep visitors and their spending dollars in Chisholm. Thinking outside the box, bringing forth a spirit of entrepreneurship, utilizing the incredible assets listed above, the potential for success is very high.



Jay Madigan, CCF Chair

In the 33 years since its incep-

tion, the Chisholm Community Foundation has grown to manage over \$2,600,000 in endowments and has distributed approximately 300 grants and scholarships totaling more than \$1,400,000. My name is Jay Madigan and I am the current Chairperson of this impressive organization. The last 25 years of my career was selling chemistry to the automotive industry. In sales, I quickly learned failure to "ask for the order" was a mistake made by many who were soon looking for an alternative form of employment. So, with respect and enthusiasm, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I am asking those who have been fortunate in life, please consider donating to our organization with a gift that keeps on giving. For those that have moved away, and those that live in Chisholm, I would suggest you spend time looking at our community, have an open mind, and I promise you will be impressed. Chisholm's potential is unlimited.

Best regards,

Jay Madigan, CCF Chair



#### **INVESTORS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER**

Allison, Rick Anderson Plumbing & Heating Antognozzi, Phyllis Barker, Ralph & Roz Baron, Mike & Cheri Baumgard, Darlene & Dave Blanchard, Janey Bradovich, Bob Bradovich, Lea Bradovich, Tom Breakaway Girls Butorac, Elaine Casey, Kendra Centa, Kathy & Frank Charter, Rita Chisholm Veterans Memorial Association Class of 1966 Corradi, Greg & Shelley Costanzi, Vi Dieter, Mary & Michael Fink, Joe & Shirley Fink, Terry Fink, Tom & Sue Forsline, Carol Forti, Hannah & Paul Godec Family Gongoll, Nancy Goody, Mary & Keith Gornick, Charles & Nancy Gornick, Frank Gornick, Margaret & David Gornick, Ron & Carole Gornick, Tom & Terry Grahek, Ginny Gregorich, Tom & Kathy Harding, Bernard & Julie Heck. Mike & Karen Hendrickson, Henry Iron Range Tire Service Isaacson, Rosie Jackola, Glenn & Liz Jagunich, Cheryl Jenko, Richard & Beverly Jensen, Stephanie Johnson, Judy & Leigh Johnson, Tim & Barb Jordan, Jerry & Marcia Jubilee Foods Kelly, Elizabeth & Andrew Stokes Kelly, Rich & Judy Keyboard Liquor Kne, Iris & Girls Kne, Leonard Kne, Sheila & Jon Knight, Marci Koshere, Linda Koshere, Pat Koshmrl, Paula & Mike Krause, Jack

Chisholm Chisholm Buhl Side Lake Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm Eau Claire, MN Santa Fe, NM Lakeville, MN Chisholm Blaine, MN Chisholm Side Lake Hibbing Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm Battle Ground, WA Roseau Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm Side Lake Chisholm Elk River, MN Battle Ground, WA Eagan, MN Little Elm, TX Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm Hibbing Chisholm Lago Vista, TX Chisholm San Jose, CA Hibbing Minneapolis Chisholm Minnetonka, MN Buhl Chisholm Rochester, MN Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm Hibbing Side Lake Chisholm Minneapolis Coon Rapids, MN Chisholm Virginia Brooklyn Park, MN Chisholm Eden Prairie, MN Riverside, CA

Levasseur, Claire Levasseur, George Madigan, Jay Marturano, Joe & Deb Marturano, Paul David & Cindy Marturano, Tom & Steph McDowell, Cynthia Milner, Donna Moscatelli, Jim & Bernadine Nash, Tom & Charlotte Nehiba, Cindy & Steve Nelson, Cindi Newbauer, MJ & Richard Palmquist, Dorothy Pascuzzi, Tom & Janet Paskvan, Dorothy Perusich. Joe & Sandra Pervenanze, Jim & Patty Pessenda, Dave & Sue Pessenda, Marisa Petron, Mary Quirk, Jeannie & Donny Radotich, Jeanne Range Center Rice, Cindy & Dave Rizzio, Candy & Jan Rizzio, Rebecca Rolle, John & Mary Rom, Mary & Greg Sander, Michael & Jane Schowalter, Jennifer Scott, Judi & Bill Shanks, Carol Petrini Shuster, Tom & Jackie Smoltz, Richard & Barbara Sterle, Lynn Sterle, Rose Stoddard, Robert & Cynthia Tolonen, Marie & Ken Tom & Jerry's Tomasetti, Carol & Ty Tomassoni, David & Charlotte Tomassoni, Dick & Jane Gleason Trigiani, Antonia Ukura, Barbara Bodin Unseth, Charlotte Oddo Vake, Travis Valentini, Dionilla Valentini's Supper Club VanBaak Agency Verlo, Deb Doesken Vodovnik, Raymond & Barbara Vukmonich, Gloria Waters, Mary Jean & Ed Wheelecor, Lorraine Wheelecor, Sue Williams, Custer & Betty Wurdeman, Marilyn Yuretich, Kim

Scottsdale, AZ Side Lake Side Lake Hibbing Chisholm Chisholm Eagle River, AK Hibbing Stockton, CA W. St. Paul, MN Mt. Iron Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm St. Cloud, MN Shakopee, MN Chisholm Angora, MN Chisholm Hibbing Chisholm Anoka, MN Chisholm Chisholm Savage, MN Woodbury, MN Chisholm Maple Grove, MN Thousand Oaks, CA Chisholm Chisholm Anaheim, CA Chisholm Side Lake Chisholm Chisholm Castle Rock, CO Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm Shoreview, MN Bangor, PA Deerwood, MN Hibbing Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm Chisholm Stone Lake, WI The Villages, FL New Hope, MN Chisholm Side Lake Chisholm Chisholm Bloomington, MN Chisholm

#### **INVESTORS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER**

Kruchoski, Gene & Jan LaMusga, Peter D. Lee, Gaynelle Johnson Chanhassen, MN Gheen, MN Montevideo, MN Zakovich, Rich & Collette Zunich, Simone & Pete Chisholm Buhl

#### MEMORIALS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Chisholm Baron, Ron Kne. Ruth Chisholm Berg, Joanne Chisholm Kruchoski, Bob Hibbing Latick, Mary Kay Hot Springs Village, AR Bradovich, John & Rose Chisholm Chisholm Brownell, Joanne Hibbing Liebfried, Anne & Daryl Campbell, Bruce Chisholm Madigan, Shelly Minneapolis Campbell, Judi Chisholm Marino, Tony Angora Casey, Roger Chisholm McDonald, Bob Chisholm Charter, John McDowell, Marian Hibbing Chisholm Christofferson, Marlys Minneapolis Moscatelli, Sam Jr. Chisholm Cichos, Dave Rugby, ND Mulligan, Kathleen W. St. Paul, MN Chisholm Class of 1952 Deceased Members Nosie, Hazel Chisholm Corradi, Gloria Chisholm Palmquist, Alice Soldier Grove, WI Costanzi, Vincent Chisholm Palmquist, Norman Chisholm St. Cloud, MN Parrucci, David Farmington, MN Dropp, David Erickson, Mary Ann Racchini, Tom & Verna Chisholm Chisholm Eskelson, Tim Chisholm Rynes, Tom Chisholm Fagerstrom, Rhoda Chisholm Snyder, Jerry Surprise, AZ Falcone, Paul Sterle, Roger San Antonio, TX Hibbing Sushoreba, Mike Folsom, Beverly Washburn, WI Chisholm Forsline, Bill Chisholm Toldo, Romelle Chisholm Galli, Mary Kay Hibbing Tomasetti, Bobbi Chisholm Gilman, Greg Chisholm Tomassoni, Chet & Helen Chisholm Gornick, Jane Chisholm Trescott, David Brookfield, WI Grahek, Rich Hibbing Verant, Jerry Chisholm Hendrickson, Linda San Jose, Ca Vlasich, Claire Chisholm Hnatko, Jim Nashwauk Vranesh, Mariel Chisholm Howard, Eric Chisholm Walters, Diane Alberg Virginia Klakoski, Ed Chisholm Waters, David Bigfork, MN

### **CCF Achieves Goal!**

In our Spring newsletter, we told you about a \$2,500 matching grant opportunity made possible by the Minnesota Community Foundation. We asked that you help us match that grant by honoring the important people in your life and community members that have inspired you (living or deceased). Through your generous donations, we reached our goal and then some. Listed below are the people who were honored:

Roger Casey John Charter Class of 1952 Deceased Members Vincent Costanzi Bill Forsline Ron Gornick Linda Vitali Hendrickson Jack Krause Daryl & Anne Leibfried Shelly Madigan Tom & Verna Racchini Chet & Helen Tomassoni Jim Vitali

Thank you so much for your tremendous support! Our hats go off to you and all those who continue to help the CCF in making Chisholm a better place to live, work and raise families!

## **MEMORIES....**



## **Meet Our New Board Members**

*Tony Carrillo*. I graduated from Chisholm High School in 2008. I then went on the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where I completed my general education courses and played football. I moved back to Chisholm and got my degree in electrical maintenance and construction from Hibbing Community College. I am currently employed at Minntac Mine as an industrial electrician and am very active with my Local USW union. I reside in Chisholm with my wife, Ashley and her daughter, Mya, and two of the best dogs on the planet, Maggie and Apollo. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, going to McCarthy's Beach, our family cabin on Vermilion, tinkering in my garage and the great variety of offerings our area provides.

*Mary Zahorsky*. Mary graduated from Hibbing High School in 1975. She received her four year degree from St. Ben's. She is employed at Range Regional Health Services as an RN in Same Day Surgery and OB. Mary teaches Clinicals at Hibbing Community College and she is the RN on staff at the Range Center. She belongs to her church choir and has performed in the local theater at Hibbing Community College. She taught prenatal classes for 15 years and Religious Education for seven years. Mary resides in Chisholm with her husband, Jim. They have two children, Jackie and Andy, and three grandchildren. Mary is most proud of serving others – at home, at work and in the community. She says that joining the CCF board is a new opportunity to help those around her and to help keep Chisholm a great place to live.

## 2020 Grant Awards

The Chisholm Community Foundation is proud to announce that we awarded \$103,258 in grants for the year 2020. In addition to the grant awards, \$18,000 in scholarships was awarded that came from Family Funds that are under the umbrella of the CCF. Listed below are the recipients:

- Chisholm Beautification Association \$20,000. New City Entrance Sign.
- Chisholm Food Shelf -\$1,259. Equipment/Facility Enhancements.
- Chisholm KIDS Plus.—\$9,135. Bike Ambassador Program.
- *Chisholm KIDS Plus \$7,500*. History of the Chisholm Curling Club.
- *Chisholm Police Department*—*\$3,140.* Four Intoximeters (portable breath test machines that determine intoxification/blood alcohol levels).
- Chisholm Public Schools \$12,500. New Scoreboard for High School Gym.
- *Chisholm Public Schools*—*\$5,500*. New Football Uniforms.
- *City of Chisholm \$10,000*. New Zamboni for Hockey Arena.
- City of Chisholm \$7,250. Outdoor Skating Rink Warming Shack Foundation.
- *City of Chisholm \$4,400*. New Equipment for Chisholm Ambulance Services.
- Minnesota Discovery Center \$10,000. Heritage Park, Glen Location & Glen Hiking Trail Interpretive Signage.
- *Minnesota Museum of Mining \$3,000*. From Ore to Steel: The Iron Mining Process.
- *Range Center, Inc.*—\$4,574. Updated Security System.
- United Way of Northeastern Minnesota \$5,000. COVID 19 Relief Fund.
- CCF Scholarships—Five scholarships totaling \$12,000.
- Robert Jon Corradi Memorial Scholarship—One \$500 scholarship.
- *Knights of Columbus Scholarships*—Five scholarships totaling \$1,000.
- Marturano Family Fund Scholarships—Three scholarships totaling \$2,500.
- NHS-Northstar Specialized Services Scholarship—One \$2,000 scholarship.

The Chisholm Community Foundation is committed to making our community a better place to live, work and raise families. To-date, the CCF has awarded over \$1.4 million to various organizations in and around our community. The support of the community and our investors is helping to perpetuate a foundation that will give back for many years to come. *WE SINCERELY THANK YOU!* 

## **CCF Creates COVID-19 Relief Fund**

The Chisholm Community Foundation created a fund specifically for COVID-19 Relief. 501c3 organizations were able to apply for a grant from this fund if they needed help with anything related to the pandemic. The CCF is very pleased to be able to help the following organizations during this difficult time:

Chisholm Food Shelf Chisholm Kids Plus Precious Paws Humane Society Range Center, Inc. Salvation Army of Hibbing

Yes, I want to invest in the future of Chisholm!			Please check the fund(s) you would like to donate to:	
I hereby pledge the amount of:	Payment:		Chisholm Community Foundation	
\$	EnclosedBill me as follows		Chisholm Community Foundation Scholarship Fund	
As an investment	As a memorial for		Chisholm Public School Foundation	
Name	Class of		**Chisholm Veterans Memorial Association **	
(please include maiden name) (if applicable)			Robert Jon Corradi Memorial Schol arship Fund	
Address			Catherine Cox Family Fund	
City	StateZip		Philip Falcone Family Fund	
SpouseClass of			Rudy & Mayme Gazvoda Family Fund	
			Ron & Carole Gornick Family Fund	
Phone E-Mail Please make checks payable to: Chisholm Community Foundation, 4 S.W. 3rd Avenue,			Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund	
Chisholm, MN 55719 **Make checks payable to Chisholm Veterans Memorial Association, 4. S.W. 3rd Avenue,			Marturano Family Fund	
"Make checks payable to Unisholm Veterans Memorial Association, 4. S.w. Sru Avenue, Chisholm, MN 55719**			NHS-Northstar Specialized Service Scholarship Fund	
			Dr. Ben Owens Fund	

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## 2020 CPFS News

Submitted by Janey Blanchard

CHISHOLM PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The Chisholm Community Foundation has been a life saver for the Chisholm Public Schools. Over the years the Foundation has enabled the sports of the Bluestreaks to have essential equipment to continue the long legacy of the district. The Foundation recognizes the need to invest in the youth of the community. This investment is paid back by the youth either staying or returning to the community to keep the Chisholm community alive and well. The Chisholm Community Foundation is a cornerstone of helping the city and the school to continue to provide quality education and civic duty.

The Chisholm Public School Foundation is proud to announce that we awarded \$4,469.50 to the following school groups:

- 25 pairs of baseball pants for the CHS baseball team—\$500.00.
- Health studies weekly—\$164.50.
- High School Cheerleading—tumble track—\$3,805.00.

The Chisholm Community Foundation also awarded a grant to the school in the amount of \$12,500 for a new scoreboard in the gym. This scoreboard gives us the updated look that so many of the other schools do not have; it has brought us into the 21st century. They also awarded \$5,500 for much needed new uniforms for the High School football team. The CCF is an excellent resource for the Chisholm schools. The school is grateful for all the CCF has done throughout the years.

The mission of the Chisholm Public School Foundation is to accomplish the donor's charitable objectives which include aiding in the development of intellectual, vocational, physical, creative, cultural and social capabilities of students within the City of Chisholm, Minnesota or its vicinity.

The Chisholm Public School Foundation is always looking for new investors. If you are interested, please send your investment to the Chisholm Community Foundation and note that you would like your donation to go to the Chisholm Public School Foundation. There are no administrative costs associated with this fund so all of the dollars invested go directly to benefit the students.



## Keyboard Liquor Holiday Wine & Cordial Tasting—CANCELLED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Paul and Suzi Ruper, owners of the Keyboard Liquor Store, have cancelled their 13th Annual Holiday Wine & Cordial Tasting which was scheduled to take place on Friday, December 4, 2020 at Valentini's Supper Club.

Last year, over 90 people attended the event and sampled over 50 different wines and spirits. People were able to purchase their favorite wine or liquor and receive it in time for the holidays. Valentini's added their flair with an elegant buffet of hors d'oeuvres. Paul & Suzi donated the proceeds from the



event to the CCF (\$2,900). CCF Advisory Board Members assisted in planning and helping with the event.

#### Thanks so much for your support, Paul & Suzi!

