

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

SEMI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

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Ron Gornick-Emeritus

Remembering Ron.....

The community of Chisholm lost an icon this year. Ron Gornick passed away on January 17, 2022. Ron was an innovator and long-time Chisholm business man. His passion for the well -being of Chisholm was with him all the days of his life.

I went to church on Easter Sunday and Ron was missing from the second pew on the right where he always sat with his wife, Carole. I decided to stop at the Gornick home after church to ask Carole about Ron's involvement in the CCF. She told me that the idea of a foundation came 35 years ago when Peter & Dolly Santrach, Ron's sister and brother-in-law, attended a Chisholm All Class Reunion. While in town, they suggested that Chisholm start a community foundation. Dolly explained the ins and outs of community foundations to Ron and, thus began the Chisholm 500+ Club. What transpired from that day back in 1987 has been truly amazing.



Ron began contacting friends and alumni of Chisholm High

School, far and wide. He and Carole made personal visits around the country. Carole said, "People asked what a foundation was and if this was another one of Ron's stories or another one of his hairbrained ideas!" Ron's message was simple—people should give back to the community that provided them their start in life. It seemed like a monumental task, but people who cared about the future of Chisholm began to contribute. Soon after, the name was changed to the Chisholm Community Foundation and a board of advisors was appointed. Interested citizens began meeting regularly and Ron's fervor rubbed off on them and the fund began to grow. Other towns, such as Hibbing and Virginia, asked Ron to come and talk to them about how to start up a foundation. Ron explained to them that he believed in the concept of giving back, so he "took the bull by the horns and ran with it" (which was Ron's favorite expression).

Carole went on to say that she was the first foundation "unappointed secretary". She dedicated countless hours to the CCF in the basement of the Gornick home. Carole also said, "When you believe in a mission, you can conquer it. Have an idea, run with it and it will work." Ron's perseverance and commitment through the years certainly made it work!

Mary Jo Newbauer, long-time secretary of the CCF, had this to say about Ron: "I had the honor and privilege of working with Ron the last five years he headed up the CCF. He was an amazing man. I was fortunate to have had many, many conversations with Ron over the years; some were hilarious, some were boisterous and some were heartfelt. I learned just how interesting his life was and heard about the countless experiences he had along the way. Ron also taught me a lot throughout the years, not just about the CCF, but about life as well. He loved Chisholm and his heart and soul was with the CCF. Without Ron's leadership and tireless dedication, the CCF would not be able to do what we do to-day – give back to his beloved community of Chisholm. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the love of his life, Carole. She was by his side, constantly supporting his dream of making Chisholm a better place to live. Rest in peace, my friend. Your spirit is alive and well in our town. You will be missed."

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.



Submitted by Mary Zahorsky

Greetings Fellow Investors!

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

I have served on the Chisholm Community Foundation Advisory Board for the past three years, and I can tell you that it has been a wonderful experience! During this time, my goal has been to raise the awareness and visibility of the Foundation in our community. Our board is comprised of many incredible people who selflessly contribute their time and effort toward the betterment of Chisholm and Balkan Township.

To-date, the CCF has awarded almost \$1.7 million in grants and scholarships to many organizations and causes in and around our community. Over the last three years, the Foundation gave out \$381,706 in grants and scholarships. Considering the pandemic and all the complexities and logistical problems, I am proud of the board and all we were able to accomplish during this trying time. Supporting the Redhead Mountain Bike Park, Chisholm Food Shelf, CHS Band, Chisholm Main Street Economic Development, Chisholm Kids Plus Programs, and new scoreboards for the hockey arena and high school gymnasium, are just some of many examples of the CCF involvement in our community.

My time on the CCF Advisory Board ends in July of 2022. I would be remiss if I didn't thank our many

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benefactors without whom none of this would be possible. So—thank you all for your support throughout the years! In addition, Mary Jo Newbauer (CCF Office Administrator), who works tirelessly to keep this organization on track, is an incredible advocate and asset for the Foundation.



Jay Madigan, CCF Chair

If in the future, if you want to give back to our community, please consider volunteering, serving on the CCF board or contributing financially to the CCF. By investing in the CCF, you are supporting our mission to help make our community a better place to live.

Be well, be safe, and enjoy Chisholm! Thank you!

Trivia Questions

What annul contest, held at the Chisholm tennis courts in Memorial Park, was canceled due to rain in 1963?

Answer: The Twist Contest

What CHS hockey player scored six goals in one game against Mt. Iron in 1981? อบบาทเมชพ piุงชญ เทชส :.เองเรนษ



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All Class Reunion Breakfast Friendraiser



Join us at Jim's on Friday, August 5, 2022

9:00 am—Noon

Cost is \$15.00 per person Kids 5 and under eat free

Breakfast includes eggs, hashbrowns, sausage, pancakes, fresh fruit, choice of coffee, juice or water

Bloody Mary & Mimosa Cash Bar Available

Dine-in or Take-out

All proceeds will be donated to the Chisholm Community Foundation



2022 Grant Awards

The Chisholm Community Foundation is proud to announce that we awarded \$81,260.00 in grants for 2022, which includes \$13,010.00 in scholarships. Listed below are the grant recipients:

- Chisholm All Class Reunion \$5,000. Marketing Campaign.
- *Chisholm Downtown Revitalization Group.*—*\$5,000.* Upgrades to 17 W. Lake Street & 22 W Lake Street Vacant Lots.
- Chisholm Kiwanis Club—\$30,000. Splash Pad in Memorial Park next to Arena.
- *Chisholm Public Schools \$10,000.* New Acoustical Shells for CHS Auditorium.
- *City of Chisholm–\$2,000*. New Scoreboard for Hockey Arena (awarded from the Dr. Ben Owens Memorial Fund).
- Iron Range Off-Road Cyclists—\$8,750. Trail Maintenance Equipment for Red Head Mountain Bike Park.
- *Minnesota Discovery Center*—\$5,000. Iron Range Research Center Critical Equipment Upgrade.
- ♦ United Way of Northeastern Minnesota—\$2,500. The Wall That Heals—Vietnam Veterans Memorial Touring Replica.
- ♦ CCF Scholarships—\$6,900. Scholarships were awarded to Rachel Barney, Torri Castagneri, Mya Pessenda & Nathan Wangensteen.
- Robert Jon Corradi Memorial Scholarship-\$860. Recipient: Torri Castagneri
- *Marturano Family Fund Scholarships*—\$3,250. Recipients: Ava Baumgard, Torri Castagneri, Drew Janezich, Jaclyn Jordan, Mya Pessenda, Jordan Temple, & Nathan Wangensteen.
- NHS Northstar Scholarships—\$2,000. Recipients: Rachel Barney & Torri Castagneri.

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 almost \$1.7 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!*

The CCF awarded a grant to the school in 2021 for "Snowshoes for Little Feet". Pictured below are the kids enjoying the outdoors and their snowshoes! They passed along a thank-you that said they all had a lot of fun!



Keyboard Liquor Hosts Annual Holiday Festival

Paul and Suzi Ruper, owners of the Keyboard Liquor Store, hosted the 13th Annual Holiday Festival on Friday, December 3, 2021 at Valentini's Supper Club.

Approximately 100 people helped celebrate 13 years of this very popular and enjoyable event. People were able to purchase their favorite wine and spirits and receive them in time for the holidays. Valentini's added their flair with an elegant buffet of hors d'oeuvres. Paul & Suzi donated \$3,200 in proceeds to benefit the CCF. CCF Advisory Board Members assisted in planning and helping with the festival.

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who donated for the raffles: CCF Board, Canal Park Brewery, Rita Charter, Corktown Deli, Jubilee Foods, Keyboard Liquor, Judi Scott, Travis Vake, & Mary Zahorsky.

We'd especially like to thank Paul & Suzi for all their support throughout the years! We look forward to next year's event which will be held on Friday, December 2, 2022. *Hope to see you there!*

Yes, I want to invest in the future of Chisholm!

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2022 CPSF–Grant Awards

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 stu-



dents within the City of Chisholm, Minnesota or its vicinity.

The Chisholm Public School Foundation is proud to announce that it awarded \$8,325.00 in grants in 2022. Listed below are the recipients:

- *Myia Paradis, 6th Grade, Chisholm Elementary*—*\$932.25*. Books on Minnesota cultures, their histories and beliefs.
- *Pam Pioske—\$400.00*. New wrestling mat and tape for wrestling class that will be offered to kindergarten through sixth grades.
- *Marisa Pessenda, Chisholm Cheerleading*—*\$3,643.37.* New fleece warm-ups for cheerleaders.
- ◆ *Jennifer Fleming, Chisholm Close-Up—\$360.00*. New popcorn machine for CHS concession stand.
- *Betsy Carroll, CHS Art Department*—*\$1,571.92*. New pugmill machine to extend the life of clay for high school projects.
- *Tara Anderson, Title One Reading Program*—*\$500.00.* Take-home books for kindergarten, first and second grades.
- *Cindi Nelson, Third Grade*—*\$917.46*. Mail and supplies centers, book shelf displays and bins for classroom library organization.

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.

CCF Classified Ads

Please check the fund(s) you would like to

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WANTED: *New Investors*. Please tell your family and friends about our Foundation. Our funds are growing thanks to so many of you who continue to send investments in appreciation for our community and schools and the effect both have had on your lives.

WANTED: Community-minded, doers, donors & door openers to serve on the CCF Advisory Board. Call the CCF office at 218-254-1101 if you are interested in joining our team!

SWINGERS WANTED: Registrations are now being taken for the 26th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, July 25, 2022 at the Mesaba Country Club in Hibbing. Space is limited so sign up soon. Registration fee is \$110. Golf, lunch, dinner, prizes and lots of fun. Call 218-254-1101.

WANTED: *Hole Sponsorships at the Annual CCF Golf Outing.* Sponsorships demonstrate your support of the Foundation and the community—can be businesses or individuals. Sponsorships are \$75. Call 218-254-1101.

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CCF 26th Annual Golf Outing

The Chisholm Community Foundation will be hosting its 26th Annual Golf Outing at the Mesaba Country Club on Monday, July 25, 2022. Registration begins at 11:00 and tee-off is at noon. Cost for the event is \$110 per person and includes green fees, lunch on the course and dinner following the event at Valentini's. Games on the course and many great raffle prizes will be on hand for you to partake in. Once again this year, the Chisholm Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the raffles. Call the CCF office at 218-254-1101 or 218-966-3223 to register. Golf carts are the responsibility of the golfers. Call Gary Yeager at the Country Club at 218-263-4826 to reserve your cart.



Hole sponsorships are also available to purchase. Cost for a hole sponsor is \$75.00 and your business or individual name will be put on a sign and displayed on the course. To sponsor a hole or for more information, call the CCF Office or 218-966-3223.

By supporting the CCF, you are supporting our community! *Please join us for a fun-filled day on the links!*

