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## CCF ADVISORY BOARD

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Term ends 2026

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## Grants Work in Our Community

Submitted by Jen Gigliotti

It's been an exciting year of inaugural projects in Chisholm, two of which had their ribbon cuttings this past summer and were recipients of CCF grants. The Bruce Mine Headframe Park and Trailhead, hosted by the Chisholm Beautification Association (CBA), honors the immigrant miners that forged Iron Range communities. The CBA has applied for and received four grants totaling over \$52,000 over the past several years leading up to the completion of the park. According to the CBA, the headframe was built in 1926 by the Harvester Company. The steel structure was used to take miners into the underground mine, and then haul iron ore up to the rail cars. It would go over 700 feet down. The headframe park serves as a commemoration of the history of the site, as well as a resting spot and launching point for Mesabi Trail riders to enjoy all of the history. Dave Pessenda, Vice Chair of the Chisholm Beautification Association, notes that "the Bruce Mine Park project will help to preserve and remember the past and all the immigrants who came to this country and developed it into what it is today. Without the CCF, we would've struggled more to meet our financial goal. We very much appreciate the grant awards we received and thank the CCF for all they do for the community".



The Chisholm Splash Pad is a legacy project for the Chisholm Kiwanis Club in commemoration with its 100th anniversary in 2020. The Club was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Kiwanis International Legacy of Play competition to kickstart the project. The competition involved public online voting, in which the Chisholm project received the most votes! Later in 2022, the CCF awarded \$30,000 toward the project.



The remainder of funding secured for the roughly \$190,000 addition to the park is a combination of other grants, donations and proceeds from fundraisers, according to Club President Shannon Kishel-Roche. "The Chisholm Kiwanis Club hopes that the Splash Pad, our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project, will be enjoyed by all residents and visitors for many years to come. This project serves as a visual reminder of the cooperation and support of area businesses and organizations in our community," noted Kishel-Roche. Both projects were designed by Architectural Resources, Inc. of Hibbing.

### 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.*

# News from the CCF Chair

*Together we can do so much...*

## Greetings Fellow Investors!

As we head into this fall season, I can't help but marvel at the change in the scenery around town. I am reminded of nature's inevitable transitions, allowing for a reflection on the summer we had, as well as looking ahead to the season that is to come. Reflection. Gratitude. Transitions. Progress. Those words come to mind, not only as I look out my window at the leaves falling off the trees, but also as I transition in my role from board member to board chair of the Chisholm Community Foundation. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, as well as what I love so very much about the Chisholm Community Foundation.



*Jen Gigliotti  
CCF Chair*

My name is Jen Gigliotti, and I have lived in Chisholm for just shy of 10 years. I am a self-proclaimed "import" to the area, hailing from southeast Wisconsin, but I like to think I have successfully assimilated into this Chisholm community. I have come to love so many things about this very special town and its people - the pride, the support, and the connection its citizens feel toward the town and one another. My husband Nick and I have three young children who are the light of our lives, and we both work as physical therapists at the Big Stone Therapies clinic at Heritage Manor in Chisholm and Guardian Angels in Hibbing. We have also been blessed with opportunities to step into the role of entrepreneurship in downtown Chisholm by purchasing a corner lot on Lake Street and cultivating that space into a local fitness center, 30West Fitness & Recreation. There have been other exciting growth opportunities that have evolved from this, and it has been quite the ride!

One thing I have come to learn and love about living in a small town is that even when just a few people come together with an idea or a dream, the possibilities are endless. It has been very encouraging to witness people rallying around the CCF's cause and participating in events! I am in awe of the pride and ownership people take in the rich history of our town and the entire Iron Range.

As the youngest person to serve as board chair on the CCF, I am very humbled by this opportunity and hope to navigate it in the very best way possible. I'm looking forward to bringing my leadership experience and connections to the table. I aim to facilitate a board environment that fosters an appreciation for the Foundation's accomplishments, as well as creating a platform for new ideas, with a continued mindset toward progress. I hope to help make these next couple of years exceptional for the CCF.

Being on the Chisholm Community Foundation has given me a deeper lens into the fabric of this community, so that we can mindfully support and provide opportunities for wonderful projects, programs, grants, and scholarships for our future leaders. Planning and attending our events and fundraisers has been a highlight of mine, as it has been so much fun to meet and connect with a wide array of people who all make up the identity of the Chisholm community.

I sincerely want to thank you for your contributions, as well as for the trust and support you have shown in the CCF, as we continue to respect Chisholm's unique history and invest in our community's future. Truly, we can do so much more when we do it together!

Best regards,

*Jen Gigliotti, CCF Chair*

**Upcoming CCF Events**

**Mark your calendars for the following events!**

*Keyboard Liquor Holiday Festival. Friday, December 1, 2023. 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.*  
Valentini's Supper Club.

*Polar Bear Days Fundraiser—February 2024.* More info to follow.

*28th Annual Golf Outing. Monday, July 29, 2024.* Mesaba Country Club, Hibbing. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Start-time—Noon.



## INVESTORS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Abraham, Paula	Shoreview, MN	Tom & Jerry's	Chisholm
Alberg., Allan	Silver Bay, MN	Tomassoni, Dick & Jane Gleason	Shoreview
Arola, Jeff	Chisholm	Tomassoni, John & Nancy	Mt. Holly, NC
Backman, Kevin & Janet	Chisholm	Vake, Travis	Chisholm
Benz, Dawn & Raymond	Marietta, GA	Valentini's Supper Club	Chisholm
Brumwell, Jean	Elk Grove Village, IL	Varichak, Jim & Jill	Side Lake
Buzzie, Mary & Jim	Bluffton, SC	Viavattine, May & Joe	Vadnais Heights, MN
Charter, Rita Costanzi	Hibbing	Waters, Mary Jean & Ed	Chisholm
CHS Class of 1974	Chisholm	Watson, Sandy Selinski	Blaine, MN
Ciatti, George	Chisholm	White, Nancy Jo	Hibbing
City of Chisholm	Chisholm	Yuretich, Kim	Chisholm
Corradi, Greg & Shelley	Chisholm		
Council 65 AFSCME Retiree Chapter	Nashwauk		
Dalhoff, Jill & Thomas	White Bear Township, MN		
Fink, Terry	Chisholm		
Gongoll, Nancy	Elk River, MN		
Gornick, Tom & Terri	Chisholm		
Gornick, Vicki & Bob Perkovich	Chisholm		
Hage, Payton & Judi	Lakeville, MN		
Hanegmon, William & Patricia	Hibbing		
Hebaus, Janis & Mark	Lino Lakes, MN		
Hendrickson, Henry	San Jose, CA		
Hooper, Doug & Nancy	Chisholm		
Hultman, Ron	Chisholm		
Janezich, Richard & Gail	Minneapolis		
Janezich, Tina & Cory	Chisholm		
Jensen, Stephanie	Chisholm		
Johnson, Roger & Gloria	Chisholm		
Johnson, Tim & Barb	Chisholm		
Johnston, Greg & Deanne	Mukilteo, WA		
Jordan, Jerry & Marcia	Chisholm		
Jubilee Foods	Chisholm		
Kealy, Ron & Peggy	Frostburg, MD		
Keyboard Liquor	Chisholm		
Kilen, Kari & Steve Platt	Nashwauk		
Lindgren, Darrell & Marybeth	Lake Nebagamon, WI		
Marturano, Joe & Deb	Side Lake		
Maturi, Jon & Noreen	Grand Rapids		
Milner, Donna	Hibbing		
Moscattelli, Jerry	Chisholm		
Moscattelli, Jim & Bernadine	Stockton, CA		
Nehiba, Cindy & Steve	Mt. Iron		
Nelson, Cindi & Aaron	Chisholm		
Newbauer, MJ & Rich	Chisholm		
Nosie, Brian & Elizabeth	Side Lake		
Park State Bank	Chisholm		
Pascuzzi, Tom & Janet	Chisholm		
Pervenanze, Jim & Patty	Chisholm		
Pessenda, Marisa	Chisholm		
Petron, Mary	Hibbing		
Phillips, Cleone	Iron, MN		
Prebil, Marianne	Ellicott City, MD		
Radotich, Jeanne	Anoka, MN		
Roberts, Gail & Ed	Yuma, AZ		
Rodean, Gertrude	Webster, NY		
Russ, Charlotte & Jim	Hibbing		
Ruthgeerts, Marie	Hibbing		
Samsa, Lois	Chisholm		
Schowalter, Jennifer	Chisholm		
Scott, Judi & Bill	Chisholm		
Seline, Jean	Chisholm		
Simon, Jackie Corradi	Chisholm		
Simons, Nancy	Chisholm		
Stoddard, Robert & Cynthia	Chisholm		
Swanovich, DiAnne	Castle Rock, CO		
	Minneapolis		

## MEMORIALS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Abraham, Jon	Shoreview, MN
Adamic, Bette	Winchester, CA
Alberg, Sylvia	Chisholm
Anderson, Jim	Chisholm
Beconovich, John	Apple Valley, MN
Biondi, Joe	Warroad, MN
Boyle, Sandy	Chisholm
Brumwell, Jim	Elk Grove Village, IL
Chutich, Miriam	Marietta, GA
Ciatti, Pat	Chisholm
Corradi, Dianne	Chisholm
Doesken, Warren	Chisholm
Duncan, Candy	Side Lake
Ekar, Clyde	Lake Nebagamon, WI
Fryckman, Helen	Chisholm
Gongoll, Dick	Elk River, MN
Hill, Marty	Hudson, WI
Hultman, Marianne	Chisholm
Kne, Mary	Blaine, MN
Loushine, Bill & Rita	Chisholm
Malkovich, Kenneth	Hibbing
Moscattelli, Evy	Chisholm
Newbauer, John	Chisholm
Novak, Judy	Hibbing
Ostendorf, Nancy	Hibbing
Phillips, Mark	Tower, MN
Renzaglia, Marilyn	Chisholm
Rupar, Bob	Forest Lake, MN
Samsa, Ruth	Chisholm
Sellars, Jenna	Chisholm
Smoltz, Richard	Side Lake
Taramelli, Jean	Duluth
Tiburzi McDonald, Carol	Buhl
Tomassoni, Chet & Helen	Chisholm
Tomassoni, David	Chisholm
Vovk, Anita	Golden Valley, MN
Waite, William	Chisholm
Workman, Joyce	Chisholm
Young, Kathy	Ottertail, MN
Zaloker, Anna	Chisholm

*What better way to perpetuate the memory  
of a loved one, family member or friend,  
than by giving a memorial to the Chisholm  
Community Foundation*



# CCF Hosts 27th Annual Golf Outing

The Chisholm Community Foundation held its 27th annual golf tournament on July 24, 2023 at the Mesaba Country Club, where 121 golfers participated in a great day on the course. A delicious buffet dinner was held at Valenti's Super Club after the tourney.

Thank you to all of our corporate partners, hole sponsors, golfers, businesses and individuals who donated prizes, and all the volunteers who gave their time to assist throughout the day and evening. With your help, we raised almost \$15,000.00. Special thanks go out to the Chisholm Area Chamber of Commerce for conducting the raffles at the event and donating the proceeds to benefit the CCF and to the City of Chisholm for sponsoring the lunches. *Join us next year on Monday, July 29, 2024 for a fun-filled day on the links!*



Team Soni won the tourney this year with a score of 57. Pictured left to right are Dante Tomassoni, Danny Tomassoni, Mike Modich, Jeff Gornick & Bill Olson. Congrats Guys!





## 27TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING CORPORATE PARTNERS, HOLE SPONSORS & PRIZE DONORS

Thank you to all of our corporate partners, hole sponsors and prize donors who helped to make our 27th annual golf outing a success. Your support is very much appreciated. Listed below are the corporate partners, hole sponsors and prize donors (corporate partners in all caps):

American Legion  
Bark Design  
Bechthold Jensen Eye Care  
Shaun & John Briski  
Chisholm Area Chamber of Commerce  
Cherry Greenhouse  
Chisholm Curling Club  
Chisholm Kiwanis Club  
Chisholm Tribune Press  
Dalheimer Beverage  
Emerging Business Systems  
**FAIRVIEW RANGE**  
Fort & Co.  
Furin & Shea Welding & Fabricators  
Hibbing Co-Op Credit Union  
Iron Range Carpet Cleaning  
Ivanca Insurance Agency  
Jim's Sports Club  
**KEYBOARD LIQUOR**  
L&M Supply–Grand Rapids, Hibbing  
Leustek Sand & Gravel  
Joel Maturi  
**CAROL TIBURZI MCDONALD**  
Mesaba Country Club  
Minnesota Discovery Center  
Minnesota Twins  
Owens Family Charitable Foundation  
Pam Kne Joffe  
**PARK STATE BANK**  
**RADOTICH ENTERPRISES LLC**  
Range Regional Airport  
**RUPP FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE**  
SAFE-T Electric  
Sammy's Pizza  
Security State Bank  
Shine Salon & Day Spa  
Snickers Pizza  
Sunrise Bakery  
**TOM & JERRY'S**  
Senator David Tomassoni Family  
Trenti Law Firm  
Travis Vake  
**VALENTINI'S SUPPER CLUB**  
Ken Waschke Auto Plaza  
30 West Fitness

Architectural Resources Inc.  
Baron's Pharmacy  
Biondi, Jeff & Carol  
Casey Drug  
Rita Charter  
Chisholm Class of 1978  
Chisholm Dental Service  
Chisholm Public Schools  
**CITY OF CHISHOLM**  
Eagle River Golf Course  
Excel Business Systems  
Fairway IMC – Bobbi Jo Amic  
Fortune Bay Resort Casino  
Hibbing Chrysler Center  
**INDEPENDENT ELECTRIC**  
Iron Range Tire Service  
JPJ Engineering Inc.  
**JUBILEE FOODS**  
Kitzville Body Shop  
L&M Radiator  
Mary's Lake Street Floral  
Max Gray Construction  
Medallion Management  
Midwest Communications  
Minnesota Industries  
**NHS-NORTHSTAR**  
Palmer's Tavern  
Papa Murphy's  
Radko Iron & Supply  
Radotich Inc.  
Rice, Cindy  
Rupp Furniture  
Romell & Scott Salner  
Judi & Bill Scott  
Sertich Plumbing & Heating  
David Simonson (NY Life)  
Sterle & Co.  
Starkovich Distributing  
Chet & Helen Tomassoni Family  
Trendz Hair Studio  
Twin Ports Dermatology  
Robert Valentini  
**VAN BAAK AGENCY**  
Wolf Ridge Golf Course  
CCF Board

***WE SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!***



## 2023 Grant Awards—2nd Cycle

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The Chisholm Community Foundation is proud to announce that we awarded \$32,347 in grants for the second cycle of 2023. Listed below are the grant recipients:

- ♦ **Chisholm Public Schools—\$1,400.** Freelap Timing System for CHS Athletes.
- ♦ **Chisholm Public Schools—\$3,000.** Crescendo Season 24 FRC-FIRST Robotics Competition.
- ♦ **City of Chisholm—\$10,000.** Chisholm EDA Storefront Improvement Project.
- ♦ **City of Chisholm—\$15,000.** Memorial Park Splash Pad—Phase II.
- ♦ **Hibbing-Chisholm Youth Hockey Association—\$2,447.** New Hockey Nets for the Chet Tomassoni Memorial Arena.
- ♦ **Project Care Free Clinic—\$500.** Pasta feed fundraiser to help fund medical supplies, purchase of medicines, etc.

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 \$1.7 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!***

***Deadline for the next round of grant applications is March 31, 2024. The CCF will offer a second cycle of grants in the fall of 2024 if funding allows. That deadline is September 30th.***

## Meet our New Board Members

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**Tina Janezich.** I was born and raised in Chisholm and graduated from Chisholm High School in 1999. I attended Hibbing Community College, St. Cloud State University, and Bemidji State University and earned a degree in Elementary Education. Family is very important to me, so I was very fortunate to move back to Chisholm when I started my own family. My husband, Cory, and I have three children, Genae, Drew and Allie, all graduates of Chisholm High School too! I have worked at Heritage Manor for over 20 years and love my job, my team, the residents, and their families. It is truly a gift to work in geriatrics. As a busy mom of three kids, I was very involved in extra-curricular activities while they were growing up. I was member of the Chisholm Skating Club Board of Directors for over 15 years and served as Club President for most of those years. In my free time, I enjoy being outdoors, taking walks, snowshoeing, hiking, golfing, spending time at the lake, and traveling. Now that my children are all in college, I wanted to find a meaningful way to invest my time and energy by giving back to this wonderful community and the opportunity to join the Chisholm Community Foundation Board felt like the perfect fit.



**Gina Vitali-Rasanen.** Gina was born and raised in Chisholm and is a proud graduate of the CHS Class of 1984. After graduating from the College of St. Thomas in 1988, she spent her career in higher education administration and global humanitarian service with the University of Minnesota Medical School, Smile Network International, and Mayo Clinic School of Medicine. Now happily retired, with a total of eight children and four grandchildren in the U.S. and Finland, Gina and her husband, Jukka, now call Chisholm home. Since returning to the area, Gina has sought to be involved in her community as an Election Judge for Balkan Township and a clarinetist with the Hibbing City Band and Crescendo Symphony Orchestra, and now as a new board member of the Chisholm Community Foundation. When she's not busy practicing her clarinet, Gina enjoys reading, traveling, gardening, and cooking for her family and friends. She looks forward to this opportunity to give back and support the vibrant community of Chisholm.







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

I hereby pledge the amount of:

Payment:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Bill me as follows

As an investment \_\_\_\_\_ As a memorial for \_\_\_\_\_

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(please include maiden name) (if applicable)

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Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
(please include maiden name) (if applicable)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Chisholm Community Foundation, 4 S.W. 3rd Avenue,  
Chisholm, MN 55719**

**\*\*Make checks payable to Chisholm Veterans Memorial Association, 4 S.W. 3rd Avenue,  
Chisholm, MN 55719\*\***

Please check the fund(s) you would like to donate to:

- ☐ Chisholm Community Foundation
- ☐ Chisholm Community Foundation Scholarship Fund
- ☐ Chisholm Public School Foundation
- ☐ \*\*Chisholm Veterans Memorial Association \*\*
- ☐ Robert Jon Corradi Memorial Scholarship Fund
- ☐ Catherine Cox Family Fund
- ☐ Philip Falcone Family Fund
- ☐ Rudy & Mayme Gazvoda Family Fund
- ☐ Ron & Carole Gornick Family Fund
- ☐ Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund
- ☐ Marturano Family Fund
- ☐ NHS-Northstar Specialized Services Scholarship Fund
- ☐ Dr. Ben Owens Fund
- ☐ David J. Tomassoni Legacy Fund

## 2023 CPSF News



Greetings from the Chisholm Public Schools. We are off and running at the start of another school year. For those of you who don't know me, this is my 11th year with the Chisholm Schools, but my first year as Superintendent. I've served in several different administrative roles here as Activities Director and Principal. I'm looking forward to the new role as we have a lot of new things happening in the district.

I want to recognize the Chisholm Community Foundation and its board. They have been a great asset to the community and, specifically, the schools. Over the years, the CCF has supported our classroom teachers, activities and assisted many students with scholarship opportunities. The Chisholm Community Foundation deserves a big thank you from us.

I want to take a moment to update you on some things happening at the Chisholm Schools. It's not a secret, but our building project will be getting underway in 2024. I would encourage you to watch the July 25th school board meeting on Youtube to get a glance of the proposed footprint of the new building. At the high school, Mr. Boehm will start teaching a broadcast journalism class. Newsroom equipment was installed in August. Elementary students will continue to work in the STEM lab for the second year. Robotics will also continue to provide students with a great hands-on experience.

I mention these examples because without grant and community support, we may not have been able to give students these opportunities. We will continue to promote new and innovative opportunities to learn to provide a well-rounded education to our students.



## CCF Classified Ads

### **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!

### **WINE & SPIRITS TASTERS**

**WANTED:** Join us for the 15th Annual Keyboard Liquor Holiday Festival on Friday, December 1, 2023 at Valentini's. Good wine & spirits, good food, good people & lotsa fun! Tickets will be available at Keyboard Liquor & Valentini's Supper Club.

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

## Keyboard Liquor Holiday Festival

Paul and Suzi Ruper, owners of the Keyboard Liquor Store, will be hosting their 15th Annual Holiday Festival on Friday, December 1, 2023 at Valentini's Supper Club beginning at 6:00 p.m. Numerous wines and spirits will be available for you to sample. **Tickets will need to be purchased in advance this year. Tickets are available at Keyboard Liquor and Valentini's Supper Club. Cost is \$50.00 per person in advance; \$60.00 at the door.**

Last year, approximately 105 people attended the event and sampled over 50 different wines and spirits. People were able to purchase their favorite beverages and receive them 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 (\$3,850). CCF Advisory Board Members assisted in planning and helping with the event. **Thanks so much for your support throughout the years, Paul & Suzi!**



**Join us in celebrating this very festive occasion!** Call Keyboard Liquor at 218-254-7271 or the Mary Jo at 218-966-3223 if you have questions or need additional information. Hope to see you all there!



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The Chisholm Community Foundation  
would like to extend our sincere thanks  
to our Corporate Partners.

Your generosity and commitment of \$1,000  
per year emphasizes your feelings toward  
the CCF and Chisholm.

***We truly appreciate your support!***

