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CCF New Corporate Partnership Program

In the spirit of harnessing positive change, the Chisholm Community Foundation foresees big things happening right here in our corner of the Iron Range. We are hard at work lining up new projects that will help further our aspirations, and of course, part of that work requires steady funding.

The Chisholm Community Foundation is excited to introduce our new corporate sponsorship tiers. With the restructuring of our Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designations and incentives, we hope to entice participation and continued support. These new levels of sponsorships will be a step forward in our commitment to create and build new corporate relationships and we are confident that these partnerships will help further our goals for the Foundation.

We are looking for businesses or individuals to participate in our corporate partnership program. All office operations costs are covered by proceeds from fundraising events and corporate partner contributions. This allows all monies contributed by investors to go directly into our general and/or family funds, which increases our granting capabilities. Our Foundation stands as a beacon among small community foundations in our state – and the support of our corporate partners and investors is what makes us successful.

Businesses or individuals interested in helping the CCF meet our operational funding needs can become a part of our corporate partnership program by calling the CCF office at 218-254-1101 or Mary Jo at 218-966-3223. Sponsor Recognition Levels are listed below.

	BRONZE \$250-499	SILVER \$500-999	GOLD \$1000-\$4999	PLATINUM \$5000+
Website & Newsletter Recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social Media		✓	✓	✓
Banner Logo			✓	✓
Annual Golf Outing Hole Sponsor			✓	✓
4 Tickets to Annual Golf Outing				✓
2 Tickets to CCF Fall Event				✓

*Annual sponsorship helps to support the operating fund of the Chisholm Community Foundation.

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

Greetings Fellow Investors!

“...together we can do so much.”

With this fall season now in full swing, we are seeing an emergence in activity in our wonderful town of Chisholm. From festivities to football games, concerts to mountain bike races, our peace bridge transitions into a bustling downtown filled with lined-up cars and a mix of both local citizens and folks from out-of-town. Two words that come to mind as I see more and more happening in our quaint, friendly town: welcoming host. Chisholm’s central location on the Iron Range, mixed with its welcoming community and wonderful amenities, makes it a prime location for cultivating many notable events and causes. Many will even say that Chisholm is the true “heartbeat of the Range.”



Jen Gigliotti
CCF Chair

Let’s paint the picture on how the Chisholm Community Foundation fits into this. Here at the CCF, our board of directors takes great pride and due diligence in ensuring that our investors’ donations are being utilized in a way that is productive and transformative in our community. This past year, our grant committee sat down to further vet and revise our grant bylaws, specifically laying out more current foundation focus areas for grants: 1) Arts & Culture, 2) Community Revitalization, 3) Economic Development, 4) Education, 5) Historic Preservation, 6) Environmental Conservation, and 7) Public Health & Safety Initiatives.

As I reflect on many of our most recent grants, I see that Chisholm is at the pinnacle of a larger story that ripples beyond our city’s borders. I’d like to highlight the first and last focus areas mentioned above and how they related to our growing identity as a “welcoming host” of a town. The first is Arts & Culture. This past summer, Chisholm welcomed talented world-renowned artists and musicians who were performing for the Northern Lights Music Festival at our historic Chisholm High School auditorium. During their performance tour on the Range, they stayed in Chisholm at the Senator David J. Tomassoni building and were able to enjoy the many local amenities of our town. An opera singer I met this summer said, “Chisholm is such a charming town. I can walk everywhere and everyone seems so friendly!” The Northern Lights Music Festival also happened to be a grant recipient of the CCF this past year. Yet another realm of Arts & Culture hit the streets of Chisholm this summer: the Hollywood film industry. Local downtown business owner and filmmaker, Robert Enriquez, produced a film right here in Chisholm, fostering an opportunity to allow Chisholm as not only the backdrop, but as the host for the film crew during their month’s stay here. Not only did this production bring in notable talent, it also featured more than a few local, familiar faces. The Sunscreen Film Festival North had its inaugural debut last month right here in Chisholm, led by Enriquez and thanks to a grant proudly awarded by our foundation. This grant was the first of its kind for our foundation, and we are excited to see how the arts and culture scene in our town will grow if we continue to support it!

While Public Health & Safety Initiatives may not sound like the forefront words for community growth and expansion, the CCF has been able to see just how supporting these causes can continue to not only provide benefit to our local community, but also help showcase to our visitors just how forward-thinking of a community we are. Redhead Mountain Bike Park hosted the statewide high school mountain bike championship last month, touting around 3,000-4,000 riders and families in just one weekend. Our grant to the City of Chisholm for a specialized EMS trailer for the trails, as well

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On-Line Giving

If you would like to donate online, you can do so to any of the three funds listed below. Simply scan one of the QR codes below and you will be directed to the fund you wish to donate to.

Chisholm Community Foundation
General Fund



Chisholm Public School
Foundation Fund



Chisholm Community Foundation
Operating Fund



INVESTORS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Bombardier, Don & Marlene	Cottonwood, AZ	Moscattelli, Jim & Bernadine	Stockton, CA
Borich, Dennis & Carol	Chisholm	Nelson, Cindi & Aaron	Chisholm
Bovitz, Lisa	Chisholm	Newbauer, MJ & Rich	Chisholm
Bresnik, Kathy & Barry	Chisholm	Nosie, Brian & Betsy	Side Lake
Bugliosi, Joanne	Hibbing	Pascuzzi, Tom & Janet	Chisholm
Campbell, Tracy	Chisholm	Paskvan, Dorothy	St. Cloud, MN
Casey, Kendra	Chisholm	Pervanenze, Jim & Patty	Side Lake
Charter, Rita Costanzi	Hibbing	Pessenda, Marisa	Chisholm
Class of 1974	Chisholm	Petron, Mary	Hibbing
Cook, Susie & Steve	Chisholm	Puhek, Donna & Rick	Chisholm
Corradi, Greg & Shelley	Chisholm	Radotich Enterprises, LLC	Chisholm
Dobson, Barb & Roy	Chisholm	Radotich, Jeanne	Anoka, MN
Fink, Terry	Chisholm	Range Center	Chisholm
Gentilini, Marina	Washington, DC	Rasanen, Gina Vitali	Chisholm
Gongoll, Nancy	Elk River, MN	Roberts, Dan & Candi	Hibbing
Harding, Bernard & Julie	Lago Vista, TX	Samsa, Lois	Chisholm
Heck, Mike & Karen	Chisholm	Schowalter, Jennifer	Chisholm
Hoag, Clyde & LaVerne	Eveleth	Seieroe, Mary & Bill	Muskegon, MI
Hooper, Doug	Chisholm	Simons, Nancy	Chisholm
Jackola, Glenn & Liz	Chisholm	Sterle, Lynn & Paul Stevens	Chisholm
Jensen, Stephanie	Chisholm	Stoddard, Robert & Cynthia	Castle Rock, CO
Johnson, Tim & Barb	Chisholm	Tom & Jerry's	Chisholm
Jordan, Jerry & Marcia	Chisholm	Tomassoni, Dick & Jane Gleason	Shoreview
Jubilee Foods	Chisholm	Vake, Travis	Chisholm
Kayfes, Joan	Buhl	Valentini's Supper Club	Chisholm
Macynski, Ellen & John	Chisholm	Varichak, Jim & Jill	Side Lake
McDonald, Paul & Tracy	Ely	Waters, Mary Jean & Ed	Chisholm
Milner, Donna	Hibbing	White, Nancy Jo	Hibbing
Morgal, Gary	Spirit Lake, IA	Yuretech, Kim	Chisholm

MEMORIALS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Butorac, Elaine	Cold Spring, MN	McDonald, Bob & Darlene	Chisholm
Cardinal, Debbie	Chisholm	Moscattelli, Evy	Chisholm
Ciatti, George	Chisholm	Paskvan, Barbara	Chisholm
Culliton, Don	Chisholm	Perpich, Irene Kosiak	Shoreview, MN
Gornick, Carole	Chisholm	Petrack, Ken	San Francisco, CA
Hemphill, Terri	Chisholm	Quadri, Diana Fiorini	LaManzinilla, Mexico
Hendrickson, Stan	Chisholm	Quirk, Virginia	Chisholm
Hinkley, Kathleen "Tissy"	Hibbing	Salminen, Linda	Chisholm
Hooper, Nancy	Chisholm	Samsa, James	Chisholm
Jacobson, Veronica	Chisholm	Tomasetti, Ione	Chisholm
Kalef, Barbara Ladin	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	Tomassoni, Chet & Helen	Chisholm
Kinzel, Bob	Baxter, MN	Tomassoni, David	Chisholm
Kuzma, Sharon	Chisholm	Utto, Jeff	Minneapolis
Lake, Rebecca	Side Lake	Wangensteen, Charlie	Chisholm
Lawrence, Jerry	Mt. Iron	Yachwak, John	Hibbing

Each year, the Chisholm Community Foundation board has the privilege of selecting a Grand Marshal for the Doc Graham Days Parade. This year, the CCF board was delighted when Tim Larson answered the call to be the Grand Marshal. Tim is a previous owner of NHS Northstar, an avid volunteer of the Chisholm Food Shelf and past board member and Chair of the Chisholm Community Foundation. Tim is pictured with Bill Scott, who is driving his really cool red car. Calvin Wangenstein and Sean Fleming, CCF scholarship recipients, volunteered to carry the banner this year!



CCF Hosts 28th Annual Golf Outing

The Chisholm Community Foundation held its 28th annual golf tournament on July 29, 2024 at the Mesaba Country Club, where 118 golfers participated in a great day on the course. A delicious buffet dinner was held at Valentini's Supper 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 \$18,000.00. 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 28, 2025 for a fun-filled day on the links!***



Team Yaroscak won the tourney this year with a score of 56. Pictured left to right are Nick Belich, Mike Yaroscak, Ryan Hanegmon, Adam Shafer & Anthony Kanipes. Congrats Guys!



28th CCF GOLF TOURNEY

Corporate Partners, Hole Sponsors & Prize Donors

Thank you to all of our corporate partners, hole sponsors and prize donors who helped make our 28th annual golf outing a success. Your support is very much appreciated! A special shout out goes to Chisholm Area Chamber of Commerce for conducting the raffles and donating the proceeds to the CCF, and to the City of Chisholm for sponsoring the lunches at the event! And thanks to all the golfers who support this event each year – we couldn't do it without you!

*****HOLE SPONSORS*****

30 West Fitness & Recreation	Heritage Manor	New York Life
American Legion	Hibbing Chrysler Center	North Country GM
Bark Design	Hibbing Coop Credit Union	NorthRidge Community Credit Union
Bechthold Eye Care	Hibbing Taconite	Owens Family Charitable Foundation
Big Stone Therapies	Iracore International Inc.	Palmers Tavern
Black Bear Bakery	Iron Range Carpet Cleaning	Radko Iron & Supply
Blue Moon Appliances	Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation	Radotich Inc.
Bougalis Inc.	Ivanca Insurance Agency	Range Inspections LLC
Carol & Jeff Biondi	Jennie Samsa Family	Range Regional Airport
Casey Drug	Jim's Sports Club	Robert Valentini
Champion Charter	Johnson Hometown Realty	Romell & Scott Salner
Chisholm Area Chamber of Commerce	JPJ Engineering Inc.	Rupp Furniture
Chisholm Curling Club	Judi & Bill Scott	SAFE-T Electric
Chisholm Dental Service	Junction Car Wash	Seppi Bros. Concrete
Chisholm Kiwanis Club	Ken Waschke Auto Plaza	Sertich Plumbing & Heating
Chisholm Public Schools	Kitzville Body Shop	Shaun & John Briski
Chisholm Tire	L&M Fleet Supply	Starkovich Distributing
Chisholm Tribune Press	L&M Radiator	Sterle & Co.
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*****PRIZE DONORS*****

30 West Fitness & Recreation	Park State Bank
CCF Board	Range Sports
C&L Distributing	Sammy's Pizza
Edward Jones	Snickers Pizza
Fortune Bay Resort Casino	Starkovich Distributing
Johnson Bros.	Sunrise Bakery
Jubilee Foods	Tom & Jerry's
Junction Car Wash	Twins Port Dermatology
Keyboard Liquor	University of Minnesota – Joel Maturi
Komatsu – Pete Waselk	Valentini's Supper Club
Mesaba Country Club	Valentini's – The Bistro
Midwest Communications	Gina Vitali-Rasanen
Minnesota Twins	

*****CORPORATE PARTNERS*****

City of Chisholm
Fairview
Independent Electric
Jubilee Foods
Keyboard Liquor
NHS Northstar
Park State Bank
Radotich Enterprises LLC
Rupp Funeral Home & Cremation Service
Tom & Jerry's
Valentini's Supper Club
Van Baak Agency

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

News from the CCF Chair (continued from page 2)

grants to IROC (Iron Range Off-road Cyclists) for trail maintenance equipment all help ensure that Chisholm is capable of hosting an event of that magnitude in a safe and effective manner. The Chisholm Food Shelf, a 2018, 2020 and 2024 grant recipient, has been opening its doors to those in need in our local community, and being recognized as one of the most easily accessible and equitable food shelves on the Range. The growing Angel Fund is a new 2024 recipient of CCF grant monies for supporting individuals in Chisholm and Balkan that have been diagnosed with cancer. On top of this, Chisholm is host to one of the Angel Fund's largest charity events, Pink Night. Valentini's Supper Club hosts Pink Night each October and this year donated over \$100,600 toward the cause! Job well done, Val's!!

The Chisholm Splash Pad grant has been a shining star for Community Revitalization! Our partnership and support of the Chisholm EDA with its Storefront Improvement Project is a slam dunk for Economic Development, with businesses such as 30West utilizing these funds to spruce up the face of its building. Our Education grants continue to grow in number each year, such as a start-up robotics program, auditorium and musical equipment, and athletic safety equipment, just to name a few. Back in 2022, we helped bring the Wall that Heals to Chisholm through the United Way as a traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This year we are excited to continue supporting historical preservation with a grant awarded to the United Way's United for Veterans Oral History Project, a project based on giving veterans a voice to story tell in a way that preserves those stories in the manner they deserve.

You can see that the increasing diversity in the grant applications that come to the CCF is a reflection of the evolution of our community; one which is adaptable and dynamic, yet holds true to it's roots and identity. And with that growing identity, we are seeing opportunities abound to not only invest in our community and its people, but to also open our doors and showcase what our small, but mighty town has to offer. Won't you join me in being a part of this incredible story we are continuing to write? Without your generosity, our foundation is unable to keep this mission going. As we are nearing year-end, now is the perfect opportunity to take action in bridging the success of our past to the promise of our future. *Thank you!*

Jen Gigliotti, CCF Chair

2024 Grant Awards

The Chisholm Community Foundation is proud to announce that we awarded \$8,973.00 in grants for the second cycle of 2024. Listed below are the grant recipients:

- ♦ **Chisholm Football Quarterback Club—\$1,200.** Guardian Caps for CHS Football Team Helmets.
- ♦ **Chisholm Public Schools—\$2,773.** Spirit Station & Travel Tent for Chisholm Athletics.
- ♦ **Chisholm Public Schools—\$3,000.** Robotics Team—Reefscape: Explore the Future Competition.
- ♦ **St. Louis County Agricultural Fair Association—\$2,000.** Roofing for Three Kiosks at the St. Louis County Fairgrounds.

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 \$1.8 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!***

Our next grant cycle will be open in January. Deadline for grant applications is March 31, 2025.

Meet Our New Board Member

Amanda Pihlaja. I was born and raised in Duluth, MN and graduated from Duluth Central High School. After graduating from the University of Minnesota Crookston in 2013 with my Bachelors of Business, I took on an adventure and moved to Mackinac Island, Michigan. Going on adventures is something that I have always been intrigued by. Shortly after returning from my adventure I started a career at Sherwin Williams and that is how I fell in love with Chisholm. I have been grateful to call Chisholm my home for the last nine years. I have worked for Park State Bank for eight years and throughout my time at Park State Bank I have grown a passion for being a part of my community and volunteering. I serve as treasurer for Northern Traxx ATV Club, a board member for the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, I currently hold a position on the Chisholm Economic Development Authority and am now proud to be a board member for the Chisholm Community Foundation. I look forward to serving on the Chisholm Community Foundation to help give back to the community that has given so much to me.





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

I hereby pledge the amount of:

Payment:

\$ _____

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As an investment _____ As a memorial for _____

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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 Scholarship Fund
- ☐ Dr. Ben Owens Fund
- ☐ David Tomassoni Legacy Fund

2024 Chisholm Public Schools News

Fall is here and with that brings the start of another school year to Chisholm students and families. It's always an exciting time hearing the hallways and classrooms bustling with students. With the new year comes some new faces the community may see. The high school added more support in reading and math by adding Title I for 7th and 8th grade students. We have received funding from the state to add an attendance coordinator. The Chisholm Police Department is once again able to support us with a full-time School Resource Officer. We also have several new teachers that you may see throughout the year. Our dedicated staff continues to work diligently to provide a great educational experience for our kids.

One can't help but notice the commotion of the Pre K-6 Elementary School Building project. Despite a slight permitting delay in June, the project is moving along quickly. Walls are expected to be up by the end of October and a roof on in January of 2025. On behalf of the district, we'd like to thank the City of Chisholm for their flexibility in many aspects of this project, including parking. We also appreciate the tolerance of our neighbors, as this is no small project in the middle of town. It's refreshing to see all the support!

Please visit our website (<http://chisholm.k12.mn.us>) for information, schedules and events, or stop in and visit!



Mark Morrison,
CHS Superintendent

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: Part-time Administrative Assistant for the CCF. Applicants must be computer & social media proficient. Apply online at spmcf.org.

SWINGERS WANTED: Registrations are now being taken for the 29th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, July 28, 2025 at the Mesaba Country Club in Hibbing. Space is limited so sign up soon. Registration fee is \$125. 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 \$100. Call 218-254-1101.



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A Bit of News from MJ

(Mary Jo Newbauer—CCF Administrative Assistant)

Hello CCF Investors!

Just a note to let you all know that I will be retiring at the end of January 2025. I've been with the CCF for over 22 years and it's been a great ride! Over the years, I've learned a lot, met loads of incredible people, worked with a number of great organizations and, basically, just had a lot of fun!

I have great appreciation for each and every one of you who have supported the CCF throughout the years. Your dedication to our mission of helping to make Chisholm a better place to live, work and raise families is second to none. Thank you so much for that!

I'd also like to give a great big shout-out to all the board members I've worked with all these years. Your belief in me and the support you gave me during my time with the CCF made my job easier, enjoyable and fulfilling. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I'll sign off with something my dear brother, David, used to say:

"Ciao for now!"



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!



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