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David J. Tomassoni Bridge of Peace Memorial

Hello supporters of all things Chisholm!

I am pleased to provide an update on the David J. Tomassoni Bridge of Peace Memorial after two years' worth of challenges related to site location. The structural and site drawings are now complete! These documents are being sent to general contractor Lakehead Constructors and the City of Chisholm to put together the bidding process.

Special thanks to Chisholm alumni, Nick Dragisich, who volunteered his services as a structural engineer to help move the project along. He stepped in at a time when we desperately needed a structural engineer's expertise.

The arch will be located at the bottom of Lake Street on the west end of the Bridge of Peace, with the plaza located on the northwest corner of the south side of Longyear Lake, adjacent to the Mesabi Trailhead.

More exciting news! A \$300,000 grant has been awarded from the Taconite Economic Development Fund to the City of Chisholm for the memorial. This money comes from Taconite Production Taxes and was appropriated in the Omnibus Tax Bill passed by the Legislature. This provision was authored by Representative Dave Lislegard and Senator Grant Hauschild. This grant is especially important as inflation and costs to complete the project have increased substantially since the original budget was created two years ago.

Between the funds raised and held in the St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation, IRRRB funding and the Taconite Economic Development Fund, David will be honored and remembered in a way that Chisholm can be proud of.

Article submitted by Shelley Valentini

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.”

As we enter the summer season, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the valuable role you have played in supporting the Chisholm Community Foundation and helping us make a positive impact in our community. Your contributions and dedication have been instrumental in our efforts to enhance the quality of life for all residents in the Chisholm area!

Our philanthropic endowment is at the core of our mission, dedicated to creating lasting benefits for our community by securing, managing, and allocating investments for charitable purposes. We are proud to offer grants for innovative and important projects that benefit the Chisholm community, as well as scholarships to support the education and development of our youth. These investments in our community’s future are a testament to our commitment to creating a better tomorrow for all. To-date, the CCF has proudly awarded over \$1.8 million in grants to a variety of organizations in our community and beyond. Indeed, our foundation serves as a shining example among small community foundations in our state.

In addition to our grant and scholarship programs, we are thrilled to introduce a new online giving platform that will make it easier for supporters to contribute to our cause. This platform provides a convenient and secure way for individuals to make donations and support our ongoing work in the community. At this point in time, there are three funds you can donate to online: the Chisholm Community Foundation Fund (general fund), the CCF Operating Fund, and the Chisholm Public School Foundation Fund. You can simply scan one of the QR codes below and you will be directed to the fund you wish to donate to. The

CCF will also continue to accept checks and cash donations.

Our fundraising efforts are ongoing, and we are always looking for new ways to engage with our supporters and raise funds for our important initiatives. One upcoming event that we are particularly excited about is our annual golf outing, where participants can enjoy a day of golf while supporting a great cause. This year will be the 28th year for the annual golf outing. The event will take place on Monday, July 29, 2024 at the Mesaba Country Club. Call the CCF office at 218-254-1101 if you are interested in registering a team or becoming a hole sponsor!

We are also dedicated to supporting local community events and the initiatives that bring our community together and celebrate our unique spirit. For example, last month, our CCF board took part in the Lions Club Kentucky Derby event in downtown Chisholm, helping set up and run the “hobby horse race” down Lake Street. By working collaboratively and supporting one another, we can continue to make Chisholm a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Once again, thank you to all our supporters, volunteers, and partners for your continued dedication to the Chisholm Community Foundation. Together, we can create a brighter future for our community and all who call it home.

Enjoy your summer!

Jen Gigliotti, CCF Chair



*Jen Gigliotti
CCF Chair*

Chisholm Community Foundation
General Fund



Chisholm Public School
Foundation Fund



Chisholm Community Foundation
Operating Fund



INVESTORS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

American Legion	Chisholm	Loushine, Robert & Sandra	St. Augustine, FL
Anderson, Emily & Erik	Chisholm	Lutz, Mary	Elk River, MN
Anderson, Penny	Arlington, VA	Marino, Rosie & Bill	Chisholm
Baldrice, Barbara	Virginia	Marturano Family	Chisholm
Barker, Ralph & Roz	Side Lake	Marturano, Joe & Deb	Side Lake
Bechthold Eye Care PA	Chisholm	Maturi, Robert & Patricia	Britt, MN
Belluzzo, Bob	Chisholm	McLaughlin, Kim & Paul	Hibbing
Benchina, Pat & Jim	Chisholm	Medallion Management	Side Lake
Biondi, Carol & Jeff	Orr	Miesbauer, Bonnie	St. Paul
Bombardier, Marlene & Don	Cottonwood, AZ	Milner, Donna	Hibbing
Boriin, Patricia	West Chester, OH	Milner, Suzanne	Hibbing
Bresnik, Kathy & Barry	Chisholm	Minnesota Industries, Inc.	Chisholm
Carlstrom, Dave & Geri	Chisholm	Moscatelli, Jim & Bernadine	Stockton, CA
Casey, Edward	Lafayette, CA	Nelson, Cindi & Aaron	Chisholm
Charter, Rita Costanzi	Hibbing	Nevalainen, Tammy & Terry	Chisholm
Cherry Greenhouse	Iron, MN	Newbauer, MJ & Rich	Chisholm
Chisholm Dental Service	Chisholm	NHS Northstar	Chisholm
Chisholm Lunch Bunch	Chisholm	Nosie, Brian & Elizabeth	Side Lake
Chisholm Senior Citizen's Center	Chisholm	Palcich, Louis & Lucille Family	Chisholm
Chisholm Veterans Memorial Association	Chisholm	Park State Bank	Chisholm
Ciatti, Dave	Chisholm	Park State Bank	Chisholm
Ciatti, George	Chisholm	Paschke, Eleanore	Side Lake
City of Chisholm	Chisholm	Pascuzzi, Tom & Janet	Chisholm
Class of 1974	Chisholm	Paskvan, Dorothy	St. Cloud, MN
Cook, Susie & Steve	Chisholm	Pearlman, Marshall Roth	Duluth
Cooper, Marian & Bill	Chisholm	Perusich, Sandra	Shakopee, MN
Corradi, Greg & Shelley	Chisholm	Pessenda, Dave & Sue	Angora
Corradi, Lynn & Terry	Chisholm	Pessenda, Marisa	Chisholm
DeStefano, Joanne	Green Valley, AZ	Petron, Mary	Hibbing
Dobson, Barb & Roy	Chisholm	Pogue, Tom & Bobbie	Chisholm
Dolinar, Charles	Inver Grove Heights, MN	Radotich Enterprises, LLC	Chisholm
Dunda, Elaine & Stephen	Side Lake	Radotich, Jeanne	Anoka, MN
Erbstoesser, Eugene & Maria	Long Beach, CA	Rasanen, Gina Vitali	Chisholm
Fairview Range	Hibbing	Rein, Gilmore	The Villages, FL
Fink, Terry	Chisholm	Rice, Cindy & Dave	Chisholm
Fink, Tom & Sue	Chisholm	Roberts, Dan & Candi	Hibbing
Gongoll, Nancy	Elk River, MN	Roberts, Ed & Gail	Yuma, AZ
Goody, Mary & Keith	Battle Ground, WA	Rom, Mary	Maple Grove, MN
Gregorich, Joe & Kathy	Cape Coral, FL	Rudolph, Bowser & Minnie Family	Chisholm
Gresham, James	Deephaven, MN	Rupp Funeral Home & Cremation Service	Chisholm
Hage, Payton & Judi	Lakeville, MN	Russ, Jim & Charlotte	Hibbing
Haines, Maria Corradi	Duluth	Samsa, Lois	Chisholm
Hanegmon, Carol	Chisholm	Sanborn, Robert & Arlene	Colbert, WA
Hanegmon, William & Patricia	Hibbing	Sander, Michael & Jane	Thousand Oaks, CA
Hebaus, Janis & Mark	Lino Lakes, MN	Schowalter, Jennifer	Chisholm
Hecimovich, Sandy	Hibbing	Scott, Judi & Bill	Chisholm
Hendrickson, Henry	San Jose, CA	Segan, Kathleen & Richard	Minneapolis
Hibbing Co-op Credit Union	Hibbing	Seieore, Mary	Muskegon, MI
Hooper, Doug & Nancy	Chisholm	Simon, Jackie Corradi	Chisholm
Independent Electric	Chisholm	Simons, Nancy	Chisholm
Ivanca, Jennifer	Chisholm	Sportsmen's Restaurant	Hibbing
Jackola, Glenn & Liz	Chisholm	Stoddard, Robert & Cynthia	Castle Rock, CO
Jacobson, Patricia	Suffolk, VA	Svigel, James	Side Lake
Janezich, Jerry & Patty	Side Lake	Thornton, Jeff	Chisholm
Janezich, Lou	Eveleth	Tolonen, Stanley	Bayport, MN
Janezich, Richard & Gail	Minneapolis	Tom & Jerry's	Chisholm
Jensen, Stephanie	Chisholm	Tomassoni, Dick & Jane Gleason	Shoreview
Johnson, Ann & Gary	Chisholm	Trendz Hair Studio	Hibbing
Johnson, Judy & Leigh	Rochester, MN	Trigiani, Antonia	Bangor, PA
Johnson, Roger & Gloria	Chisholm	Ukura, Barbara Bodin	Deerwood, MN
Johnson, Tim & Barb	Chisholm	Vake, Travis	Chisholm
Jolly, Jamie & Pat	St. Paul, MN	Valentini, Dionilla	Chisholm
Jordan, Jerry & Marcia	Chisholm	Valentini's Supper Club	Chisholm
Jubilee Foods	Chisholm	Van Baak Agency	Chisholm
Jugovich, John & Rachel	Hibbing	Varichak, Jim & Jill	Side Lake
Keyboard Liquor	Chisholm	Vodovnik, Ray	Lady Lake, FL
Kimball, Floyd & Eloise	Chisholm	Waters, Mary Jean & Ed	Chisholm
Kne, Jon	Chisholm	Watson, Sandy Selinski	Blaine, MN
Knoff, Kim & Jill	Clive, IA	White, Nancy Jo	Hibbing
Koshere, Pat	Chisholm	Wideth Smith Nolting & Assoc., Inc.	Hibbing
Koshmrl, Paula & Mike	Eden Prairie, MN	Yurelich, Kim	Chisholm
Laurich, Charlotte	Chisholm	Zbacnik, Grace	Hibbing

MEMORIALS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Alberg, Allan	Chisholm	Louser, Anna	Issaquah, WA
Backstrom, Jeff	Chisholm	Loushine, Bill & Rita	Chisholm
Bigelow, Frank	Hibbing	Lyon, Jack	Hibbing
Biondi, Joe	Warroad, MN	Miskulin, Carolyn	Chisholm
Brady, Chet	Scottsdale, AZ	Nyberg, Kathy	Side Lake
Brainard, Kevin, Jr.	Chisholm	Ostrander, Rose & Charlie	Cleveland, OH
Bush, Jim	Chisholm	Peloquin, Carol	Hibbing
Bussey, Ruth	Hibbing	Perusich, Joe	Shakopee, MN
Butorac, Elaine Stish	Cold Spring, MN	Pettinari, John	Chisholm
Ciatti, George	Chisholm	Pogorelc, Gene	Chisholm
Costanzi, John	St. Cloud, MN	Pogorelc, Shirley	Chisholm
Eggers, Carol	Excelsior, MN	Robnik, Richard	Hibbing
Ekar, Clyde	Lake Nebagamon, WI	Rudolph, Bowser & Minnie	Chisholm
Frederick, Wynn	Chisholm	Samsa, Jennie	Chisholm
Gornick, Carole	Chisholm	Samsa, Ruth	Chisholm
Gresham, John & Helen	Minneapolis	Scaia, Gene	Chisholm
Grillo, Barb	Hibbing	Schmidt, Patty	Chisholm
Groshel, Gladys	Chisholm	Scott, Pat	Duluth
Hendrickson, Stan	Chisholm	Sellman, Chanann	Hibbing
Hendrickson, Zelinda	San Jose, CA	Simons, Ed	Chisholm
Hill, David	Side Lake	Simonson, Glenn	Buhl
Hill, Marty	Hudson, WI	Simonson, Ron	Chisholm
Hill, Roger	Hibbing	Smoltz, Richard	Side Lake
Hinkley, Kathleen "Tissy"	Hibbing	Sordi, John	Hibbing
Holland, Andrea	Chisholm	Svigel, Jennie	Chisholm
Hooper, Rick	Chisholm	Tomassoni, Chet & Helen	Chisholm
Isaacson, David	Chisholm	Tomassoni, David	Chisholm
Jacobson, Dave	Chisholm	Ulicini, Bill	Mt. Iron
Johnson, Adam	Hibbing	Vovk, Frank & Anita	Minnetonka, MN
Kalef, Barbara Ladin	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	Vukich, Bill	Side Lake
Kimball, Floyd	Stillwater, MN	Vukich, Tom	Hibbing
Kne, Vera	Chisholm	Yachwak, John	Hibbing
LaLonde, Don	Hibbing	Young, Mary	St. Paul

Chisholm Lunch Bunch

The lovely ladies in the picture below call themselves the Chisholm Lunch Bunch, formerly known as the Chisholm Happy Hatters, which began in 2013. Each month, 25 to 30 women get together for lunch at a local establishment to enjoy each other's company, pool their money and then donate that money to a local group. They took a break during Covid-19 and started up again in 2023 when the Happy Hatters became the Chisholm Lunch Bunch. This month, they donated \$345.00 to the Chisholm Community Foundation, as they have done in the past. As of December 2023, the Chisholm Lunch Bunch has donated over \$25,449 to various local organizations! Job well done, ladies! We appreciate your support of the CCF and the community of Chisholm! Together we can do so much!!!!



Keyboard Liquor Hosts Final Holiday Festival

Paul and Suzi Ruper, owners of the Keyboard Liquor Store, hosted their 15th and final Keyboard Liquor Holiday Festival on Friday, December 1, 2023 at Valentini's Supper Club.

Approximately 100 people helped celebrate 15 years of this very popular and enjoyable event. Valentini's added their flair with an elegant buffet of hors d'oeuvres. Paul & Suzi donated \$4,115 in proceeds to benefit the CCF. CCF Advisory Board Members assisted in planning and helping with the festival.

A very big thank you goes out to the following businesses and individuals who donated for the raffles and silent auction: 30 West Fitness, Black Bear Bakery, CCF Board, Casey Drug, Rita Costanzi Charter, Cathy Gentilini, Jen Gigliotti, Gloria Godec, Healthy Vibes, Tina Janezich, Jim's Sports Club, Jubilee Foods, Keyboard Liquor, Peggy Mehle, Northwoods Acupuncture & Wellness Center, Betsy Nosie, Mary Ann Ruper, Judi Scott, Shine Salon & Day Spa, Snickers Pizza, Sunrise Bakery, Tom & Jerry's, Travis Vake, Valentini's Supper Club, and Gina Vitali-Rasanen.

This year, we held a live auction for a dinner for six. Special thanks go out to Kristin Vake for volunteering to be the auctioneer! Great job, Kristin! Jerry Janezich, in typical Jerry style, outbid everyone in the room! Thanks for your tremendous support, Jer! The dinner was held at Deb Randolph's beautiful home in January. Our culinary expert, Gina Vitali-Rasanen, served a delicious French meal! Everyone in attendance had a really nice evening!

We'd especially like to thank Paul & Suzi for all their support throughout the years! We truly, truly appreciate all you do for the CCF!



2024 Grant Awards

The Chisholm Community Foundation is proud to announce that we awarded \$43,697.50 in grants for the first cycle of 2024, as well as \$9,000.00 in scholarships. Listed below are the grant and scholarship recipients:

- ♦ **AEOA/Chisholm Food Shelf—\$8,000.** Chisholm Food Shelf support.
- ♦ **Angel Fund—\$6,000.** Angels for Chisholm & Balkan program.
- ♦ **Chisholm Public Schools—\$10,350** New tuba for the Chisholm High School band.
- ♦ **City of Chisholm—Chisholm Ambulance—\$2,847.50.** New trailer for Emergency Services side-by-side.
- ♦ **Northern Lights Music Festival—\$4,000.** Musical events in Chisholm.
- ♦ **St. Petersburg-Clearwater Film Society—\$7,500.** Sunscreen Film Festival North to be held in Chisholm.
- ♦ **United Way of Northeastern Minnesota—\$5,000.** United for Veterans Project—Operation: Soldier Stories.
- ♦ **CCF Scholarships—\$5,000.** Scholarships were awarded to Tresa Baumgard, Sean Fleming, Hayden Roche, Benjamin Thompson and Calvin Wangenstein.
- ♦ **Robert Jon Corradi Memorial Scholarship—\$900.** Recipient: Tresa Baumgard.
- ♦ **Marturano Family Fund Scholarships—\$1,900** Recipients: Tresa Baumgard, Sean Fleming, Benjamin Thompson and Calvin Wangenstein.
- ♦ **NHS Northstar Scholarship—\$1,200.** Recipient: Ben Thompson.

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!***

The CCF will be holding a second grant cycle in 2024. Grant deadline for the second cycle is September 30, 2024.

The Chisholm Community Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota for their “United for Veterans Project—Operation: Soldier Stories”. The goal of this project is to encourage healing and build community among local veterans and service members, preserve local histories and veterans’ accounts and to educate and inform others on the past experiences of local veterans. United Way staff and volunteers will be trained to collect histories from up to 50 Northeastern Minnesota veterans who served in all branches from World War II to current day. These oral histories will be recorded, and participants will have the option to choose how their histories are preserved. They can be made available to their families, submitted to local, county, state and/or national archives, and may be used for a potential book project. Thousands of people could potentially be impacted by and learn from these stories in addition to the immediate impact felt by veterans who often experience healing through sharing their stories. Kent Fredeen, pictured below, is the first veteran to complete his oral history!



Pictured L to R: Gina Vitali-Rasanen, Andy Zahorsky, Jen Gigliotti-CCF board members; Michelle Lampton, Erin Shay -United Way; Kent Fredeen, Tina Janezich & Rita Charter-CCF board members.



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

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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

Summer is here and with that comes the beginning of a new look to the Chisholm Schools. This is the culmination of a lot of planning, dedication and commitment from the entire community. I would like to thank the St. Louis County Commissioners and our district rep, Mike Jugovich, for financial support as part of the project. The IRRRB has also been supportive in helping secure legislation for large upgrades to the Chisholm High School as part of this project. The majority of the project, however, is funded locally. The Chisholm community has a long history of supporting our schools. The project is scheduled to start in June with a groundbreaking ceremony having taken place on May 28th. A completion of January 2026 is expected.

The Chisholm Class of 2024 graduated 48 seniors this year. We want to wish them the best of luck in the paths that they have chosen. The graduation ceremony took place on Friday, May 31st in the Chisholm High School auditorium. Congratulations to the seniors and their families.

Lastly, I would like to thank our staff for another successful year. Every staff member is an integral part of what we do and we could not accomplish these things without your dedication. I want to wish students and families a wonderful summer and I'll be looking forward to welcoming students back in the fall.



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: 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 28th Annual Golf Outing on Monday, July 29, 2024 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.



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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*"...together we
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much."*

CCF 28th Annual Golf Outing

The Chisholm Community Foundation will be hosting its 28th Annual Golf Outing at the Mesaba Country Club on Monday, July 29, 2024. Registration begins at 11:00 and tee-off is at noon. Cost for the event is \$125 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. Once again this year, the Chisholm Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the raffles. To register, use the QR code in this article, call the CCF office at 218-254-1101 or call MJ at 218-966-3223. 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 \$100.00 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!*



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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