



2020 **Richfield Foundation Annual Report**

Board Chair's Message:

2020 was certainly a year that we will never forget. A year that, despite the turbulence and uncertainty, made me so proud to be in service to the Richfield community. I am sure this sentiment is true not only for me, but for the rest of our dedicated Board of Directors.

When COVID-19 plunged us all into an intersection of community crisis, the Foundation stayed aware of opportunities to support those in need in our community. What emerged was an opportunity to secure re-granting funds from the Minnesota Disaster Relief Fund. This funding program was implemented by the Minnesota Council on Foundations, and the funds were accumulated from a network of Minnesota funders who wanted local networks to grant directly in ways that would have the most immediate impact. As you will see from the grants section of this report, Richfield Foundation was able to re-grant \$20,000 from this fund, as well as additional funds that we asked our community to bring together, resulting in \$27,010 in disaster relief grants!

The Foundation had to pivot with its fundraising efforts this year as well. The result was a fun week-long campaign called Giving Gratitude. This event allowed us to continue our annual grant making in the fall of 2020, at which time we awarded \$21,755 to non-profits serving Richfield. For the first time, our Foundation embraced meetings on Zoom, which allowed us to continue from the safety of our own homes.

Thank you for supporting the Richfield Foundation, and helping to advocate for those in need in our community. Richfield is a truly special place that came together in an unprecedented year.

Sincerely,

Joanna Schnedler
2020 Board Chair

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About the Richfield Foundation

The Richfield Foundation partners with non-profit and neighborhood organizations seeking to change lives for the better in Richfield. A grassroots organization that is close to the community, the Richfield Foundation works with smaller, local projects that are often overlooked by larger agencies that work on a more regional basis. The Richfield Foundation is truly in tune with the heartbeat of the Richfield community.

The Richfield Foundation was created in December 1988. It is an all-volunteer organization that operates with no salaries and low overhead. Through the years, the foundation has given out nearly a quarter of a million dollars to local non-profit organizations and programs that strive to make Richfield a great place to live and work.



Grants

Grant Report

In Summer of 2020, Richfield Foundation received funding from the Minnesota Disaster Relief Fund to implement a special grant round specific to COVID-19 pandemic relief activities. 13 grants were awarded during this grant round, which was open to nonprofits, small local businesses, and other community organizations. The selection process was virtually the same as our annual grant selection process.

During September and October 2020, the Foundation Board solicited major grant requests through mailings and the web site. The Chair of the Grants Committee collected and submitted them to the Foundation Board members for their review. In November 2020, the Foundation Board members gathered to discuss and ultimately vote on the merits of each proposal. This process was led by an impartial Richfield resident who is not a voting member of the Richfield Foundation. Grant awards were recognized at a Richfield City Council meeting.

The following is a list of grants awarded in 2020. The total amount awarded was \$48,765. \$27,010 was awarded for the MDRF grants in the summer and \$21,755 for the major Grants in the fall.

Susan Rosenberg, Chair, Grants Committee, Richfield Foundation

Summer 2020 Minnesota Disaster Relief Fund Grant Program

Children's Dental Services - Dental services for low-income families. *Granted: \$2,000*

Crossroads Panorama - A creative approach to trauma and anxiety. *Granted: \$1,000*

Fraser School- A tele-health program. *Granted: \$1,000*

La Casita Family Childcare - Summer program curriculum and supplies *Granted: \$810*

Loaves and Fishes - Supplies for takeaway meal service *Granted: \$500*

Local Roots - Costs related to shifting to curbside pick-up *Granted: \$2,000*

Meals on Wheels - Frozen meals for safe pandemic deliveries *Granted: \$700*

Partnership Academy - Emergency funds for family expenses *Granted: \$6,500*

Posters on Board - Production of PPE *Granted: \$1,000*

Grants

Summer 2020 Minnesota Disaster Relief Fund Grant Program (Continued)

Senior Community Services - PPE for staff and volunteers. *Granted: \$1,000*

Sheridan Story - Weekend summer food program. *Granted: \$3,000*

Tapestry - Transportation for food delivery. *Granted: \$1,000*

VEAP - Food pantry, food delivery services and rental assistance grants *Granted: \$6,500*

Fall 2020 Annual Grants

Aeon - Nutritious meals and a friendly visit delivered by a volunteer. *Granted: \$2,000*

Assistance League - Clothes for Kids, Our School Reads, Links to Learning, and Smart Start programs *Granted: \$2,000*

Cornerstone - Shelter upgrades for children & infants: *Granted: \$755*

Crossroads Panorama - Supplies for anti-bullying program. *Granted: \$2,500*

Friends of Woodlake Nature Center - 26-30 pairs of youth snowshoes *Granted: \$2,000*

Loaves and Fishes- Free, nutritious meals at two locations *Granted: \$2,000*

Meals on Wheels - Frozen meals, safe for pandemic deliveries *Granted: \$1,000*

Oasis for Youth - Traveling program providing resources to homeless youth *Granted: \$1,500*

Parntership Academy - An engagement motivation program for distance learning students *Granted: \$2,000*

People with Capes - Emergency basic needs expenses for participants *Granted: \$2,000*

Portico Healthcare - Health insurance enrollment services *Granted: \$2,000*

Senior Community Services In-home chore and maintenance services for low-income seniors *Granted: \$2,000*

Financials

The Richfield Foundation funds are secured in several accounts through BMO Harris Bank. Cash deposits are in a checking account and the endowment fund is administered by the BMO Harris financial advisors.

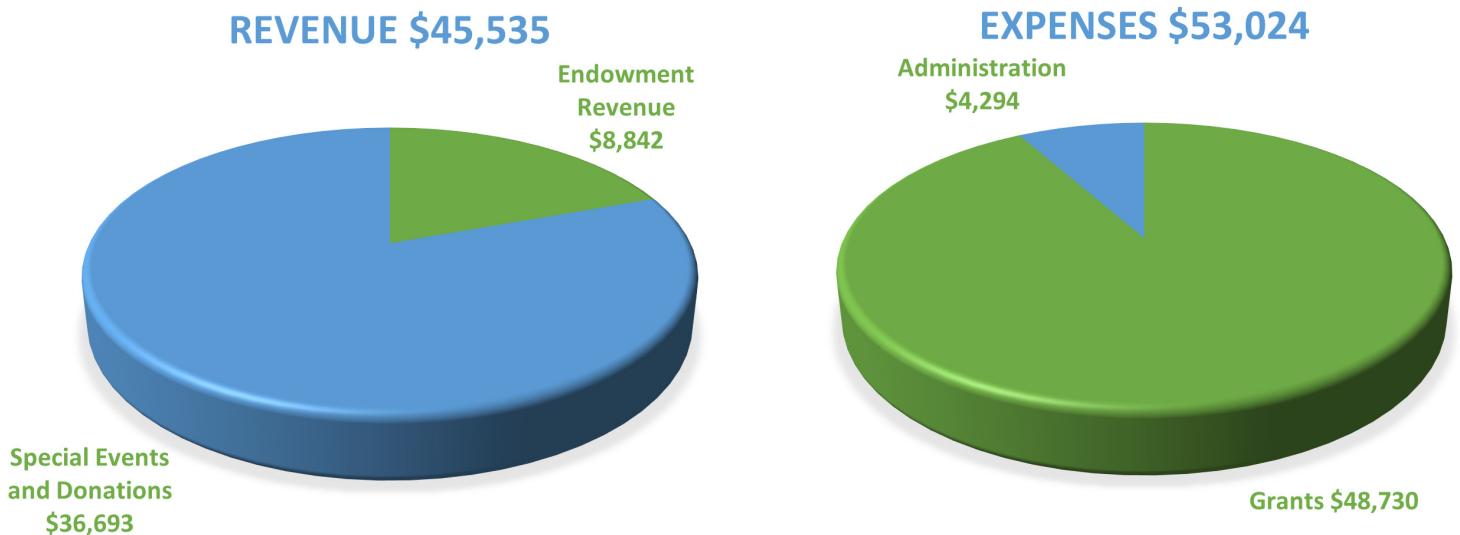
The Richfield Foundation is supported in a variety of ways: Monetary donations by individuals and businesses, special fund raising events, administrative revenue from services as a fiscal sponsor and in-kind contributions. Additional investment revenue is generated for the endowment fund and the Lakewinds investment, which concluded this year.

2020 Assets as of 12/31/20

BMO Harris Checking Account \$13,079

BMO Harris Investment Fund \$260,566

Total Assets \$273,645



Richfield Foundation Legacy Society

It is easy to make the Richfield Foundation a beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement account plan or life insurance policy. The Richfield Foundation's Federal Tax ID number is 41-1634223.

Please consider informing the Foundation of your plans, and we can include your name in the Legacy Society list in future Annual Reports, recognizing your dedication to help the Richfield Foundation continue its tradition of working for the good of Richfield and its residents. Please let us know your plans, or reach out to discuss at info@richfieldfoundationmn.org

Support

Giving Gratitude

Given the realities of the pandemic, an in-person wine tasting fundraiser was not in the cards in 2020. Knowing that we would still need to raise funds for our grant program, the Foundation Board pivoted to Giving Gratitude, a week long campaign with online activities.

Giving Gratitude featured testimonials from grant-funded programs, Board member profiles, and a virtual wine tasting event with live-streamed music.

We also hosted an online silent auction. With donations from businesses across the community, we had 20 auction offerings. **Giving Gratitude activities brought in almost \$15,000!**

Thank you to our sponsors and auction donors. This event would not be possible without their generous support!

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