



2018

# **Richfield Foundation Annual Report**





## Board Chair's Message: *"Win-Win"*



One of the best parts of being involved with the Richfield Foundation is that we don't hoard success.

When we have a good fundraising year, we have more money to give for grants, and we pass it along to groups doing good work in our community. In turn, they do more to nurture healthy youth, support seniors, bring people together, meet basic needs, and make Richfield a great place to live.

In 2017 we had a good year – our best fundraising year in a long time -- and that helped make 2018 a good year. **We topped \$20,000 in grants distributed for the first time – to be precise, we distributed \$22,000.**

And we didn't stop there. Our sixth annual Wine Event, in October 2018, was the most successful ever, netting more than \$13,000. So we expect that 2019 will be another good year for grantmaking.

**In other words, our work is pretty simple – we get more money, we give out more money.** But that doesn't mean it is easy. When we have a good year, it is the result of many people who give of themselves to make that possible, and I am very grateful for this.

In this report you will get a glimpse of that work – the committees that organize the Wine Event, sort through the grant requests, handle our finances, and more; the businesses and individuals who sponsor and donate to our work. These are the people who make our success possible, and who help us share that success in the broader community.

Fortunately, there are many people who have played a part, and we have had a nice mix of continuity and change in the Board leadership in recent years. I like to make special notice of those individuals who are moving on to other things. **Simon Trautmann** joined the Foundation Board before he won a City Council seat, and is stepping down as the duties of an elected official grow more time-consuming. His legal background has been helpful – he co-led a revision of our bylaws – and he has been an effective recruiter of new voices to include in the Foundation. **Cathy Bender** joined the Board after her husband Jeff had served; we are grateful for the years of work they have provided in our community. Cathy is selfless and willing to help out in many ways; in particular, she has been a valuable recruiter of volunteers and helped organize annual meetings.

Thank you for your attention to this report. **As you read it, I hope you can see a way that you can help us continue this string of success and supporting more good work in Richfield.**

Scott Hvizdos  
Board Chair

## 2018 Board of Directors

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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. Over the past 25 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.



Grant’s Committee Report

The Grant’s Committee received 21 requests for funding in 2018 including 1 for our “Great Idea” Matching Grants program in the summer months and 20 requests for our Major Grants in the fall. The Richfield Foundation Board awarded grants to 14 agencies.

The Great Idea Matching Grants requests are solicited by the Foundation Board and collected by the Chair of the Grants Committee from March through August 2018. They are distributed to the Grants Committee for approval. The Grants Committee has autonomous approval authority sanctioned by the Foundation Board to make these small, matching grants. The Foundation Board sets a total dollar limit on all Great Idea Matching grants and the committee must stay within that limit for their awards.

During September and October 2018, 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 2018, 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. The checks were dispersed at a Richfield City Council Meeting in early December 2018.

The following is a list of grants awarded in 2018. The total amount awarded was \$22,000.00 \$500 was awarded for the Matching-grants in the summer and \$21,500.00 for the major Grants in the fall.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Rosenberg, Chair, Grants Committee, Richfield, Foundation

Summer 2018  
Matching Grant:

**Richfield Girl’s Fastpitch Softball Association** – The funds were used for uniforms and supplies as well as scholarships.  
*Granted: \$500*

Fall 2018 Grant Program:

**People with Capes: Kids at Home – Parent Share – Positive Parenting:** Provide parent education, child/teen and parent communication skills and child/teen and parent social skills training. Funds will be used to offset fees paid to English & Spanish professionals who provide training.  
*Granted: \$2,000*

**VEAP, Bloomington MN:** Food Program including pantry, mobile food deliveries: The program provides fresh fruit & vegetables to an apartment building in Richfield. VEAP bridging the gap between poverty and poor nutrition leading to better health, parenting, handling stress and job performance for participants.  
*Granted: \$2,000*

**Cornerstone - School Based Services:** Facilitation of K-12 primary prevention classroom presentations on topics such as teen dating violence, bullying, harassment, anger awareness, healthy relationships. New initiatives in 2018: Richfield Middle School – Healthy Masculinity, a boy’s group that provides a safe venue and support for boys to embrace non-violent notions of manhood and Sheridan Hills – a pilot project on Bullying and Anger Management geared to elementary students.  
*Granted: \$1,800*

**Human Rights Commission,** Richfield, MN - The program is created to fund a speaker’s bureau on topics that are of interest to residents of Richfield such as development, diversity and housing.  
*Granted: \$1,500*

**Loaves and Fishes –Nutritious Meals in Richfield:** L&F provides free, nutritious meals to those who cannot meet their daily food needs. There are two dining sites in Richfield: Hope Church and Woodlake Lutheran Church. Funds will be used at these two sites. *Granted: \$2,000*

**Oasis for Youth, Bloomington, MN:** Community Based Outreach: Oasis seeks to reach youth as soon as possible when they are at risk for being homeless. Funds will be used for critical supplies needed to support youth contacted in the community. *Granted: \$1,500.00*

**Partnership Academy, Richfield MN:** Partnership Academy is moving into a new building at 6500 Nicollet Avenue for the 2018-2019 school year. With that move they will be able to expand programming to 6th grade and up to 8th grade. The money would be used for program materials.  
*Granted: \$750*

**Richfield Fourth of July Celebrations, Richfield, MN:** The funds will be used for general operations. Since 1980, the mission of the 4th of July committee is to advance and promote the observance of Independence Day in the City of Richfield. Funds will be used for expenses.  
*Granted: \$2,000*

**Richfield Historical Society:** This project is to continue a student friendly program that can be used at the middle school grade level by expanding the program and presenting history in a fun and interactive way. The program will be presented in English and Spanish.  
*Granted: \$1,000*

**Richfield Middle School Parent Advisory Board:** The purpose of this project is to bring in guest speakers to educate, engage, and inspire students and parents in the Richfield Middle School. Speakers will be from the Wetterling Institute to teach students about personal safety.  
*Granted: \$700*

**Tapestry – Spanish and ESL Community Bridge:** Language classes housed in Oak Grove Lutheran Church. 20 people in Spanish Class and 15 in ESL class. Funds will be used for expenses.  
*Granted \$1,500*

**TreeHouse - Bloomington TreeHouse:** This agency is set up to meet the spiritual, social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs of at-risk teens which is housed in Evergreen Church in Bloomington. They offer several groups to meet these needs and reduce at-risk behaviors. Currently 85 Richfield teens attend Bloominton TreeHouse.  
*Granted: \$750*

**Crossroads Panorama – Youth Intergenerational Writers Storytellers Workshop:** Non-profit community-based writers’ workshop for youth 13-25. A three-week workshop will provide participants the opportunity to learn the art of storytelling, creative writing and how to publish their stories.  
*Granted: \$2,000*

**Assistance League – Richfield Education Support Projects:** Sponsor 3 programs in Richfield Schools: 1) Start Smart: Provides clothing and supplies to students in need 2) Our School Reads: Distributes a single book to all 400 sixth graders and teachers to participate in the Global Read Aloud Program. 3) Links to Learning: teacher grants will provide grants up to \$750 to help fund selected projects.  
*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. In addition, the Richfield Foundation made the decision to invest in a community resource in 2014; the Lake Winds Food Cooperative.

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.

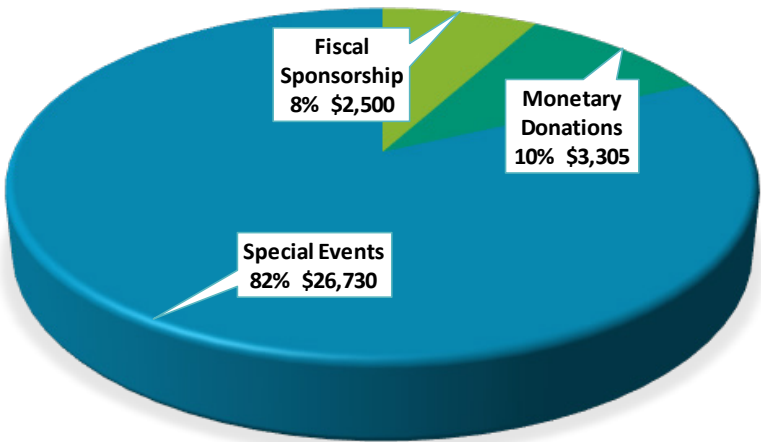
The Richfield Foundation acts in a fiduciary capacity as fiscal sponsor for some donations and grants to the Wood Lake Nature Center, and explores possibilities for additional fiscal sponsorships.

## 2018 Assets as of 12/31/18

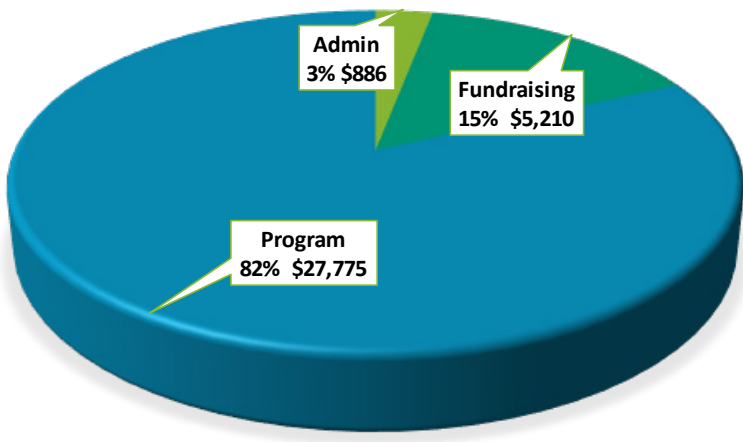
BMO Harris Checking Account \$23,178.06  
BMO Harris Investment Fund \$207,503.53  
Lakewinds Investment \$10,161.16

**Total Assets \$240,842.75**

## Preliminary\* 2018 Revenue - \$32,535



## Preliminary\* 2018 Expenses - \$33,871



*\*Finalized P&L reports will be available at the completion of the Foundation’s annual IRS and state reporting.*

## 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 it’s residents. Please let us know your plans, or reach out to discuss at [info@richfieldfoundationmn.org](mailto:info@richfieldfoundationmn.org)

# Support

## Autumn Wine Tasking Fundraiser

On October 11, 2018 the Richfield Foundation hosted the 6th annual Autumn Wine Tasting Fundraiser. With the support of over 200 attendees, we were able to raise more than \$15,000 to support the Richfield community. This was our best year yet!

Twenty-two vendors sampled over 130 wines (with a few beers and spirits). We shared tasty appetizers from El Tejaban’s Mexican Grill and Houlihan’s Restaurant. Von Hanson’s Meats provided snacks. Photos were provided by Amanda Gahler with a.photography. Music from Denise Boczek with Harp by Denise.

And thank you to our sponsors. This event would not be possible without their generous support!

- Local Roots
- Audi Richfield
- Downtown Eyes
- El Tejaban Mexican Grill
- Dairy Queen (66th Street and Vincent)
- John’s Auto Shop
- Knights of Columbus – Bloomington Event Center
- Patrick’s Bakery and Cafe
- Richfield Bloomington Honda
- The Schneeberger Group
- TCF Bank
- The Pines
- Think Stucco
- Timely Choices
- Von Hanson’s Meat Markets
- Xcel Energy
- Minnesota Magicians
- A1 Travel
- Lakeside at Lyndale Gardens
- Walser
- TCF Home Loans – Dave and Lisa Hintermeister  
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*2018 & 2019 Autumn Wine Tasting Fundraiser Co-Chairs: Claire Plank Gahler & Liz Sanborn invite you to **Save the Date** for the 2019 Autumn Wine Fundraiser on **October 10th, 2019**. Visit [richfieldfoundationmn.org](http://richfieldfoundationmn.org) for more information and to purchase tickets.*

## Thank you to this year’s annual donors!

- Derek Hazeltine
- Scott Hvizdos
- Karen E. Jenkins
- Gregory S. Johnson
- Rose Jost
- Kevin Lin
- Lisa Lurie
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*We apologize for any errors or omissions in the donor or sponsor lists.*



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