



ST. CROIX VALLEY FOUNDATION

*Engaging communities to build the future*



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# WHAT IS THE ST. CROIX VALLEY FOUNDATION?



## ST. CROIX VALLEY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Front row: Mark Vanasse, Jim Lutiger, David Wettergren, Gretchen Stein, Shannon Hooley Enright, Nate Jackson, Suzann Brown Back row: Ann Brookman, Chris Galvin, Steve Wilcox, Bill Campbell, Gretchen Bell, Andy Kass, David Palmer Not pictured: Charles Arnason, Patty Draxler, Jim Gillespie, Martha Harding, Jeff Heegaard, Michael Johnson, Kathryn Tunheim

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Cover photograph of the St. Croix River courtesy of Matt Thueson

The St. Croix Valley Foundation is a locally governed public trust that enables community members, regardless of their means, to make a lasting difference in the St. Croix Valley. The Foundation’s central purpose is to assist donors in accomplishing their philanthropic goals to enhance this community of communities, now and in the future. As a tax-exempt charitable organization, the Foundation provides flexible, efficient, and tax-effective ways to ensure that each donor’s charitable giving achieves the greatest possible impact.

The St. Croix Valley Foundation is a unique institution available to assist anyone who lives, works, or has roots in the Valley and wants to make charitable contributions that will benefit this area. Founded in 1995 by a group of forward-thinking Valley residents, the Foundation provides a way for donors to leave a legacy of their values and beliefs to future generations, to take full advantage of the tax benefits of an estate, and to advance the quality of life in the beautiful St. Croix Valley.

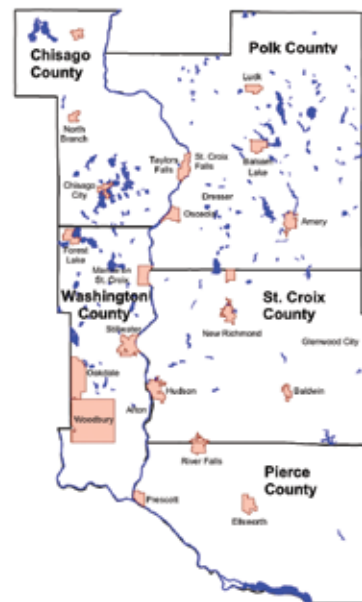
The mission of the St. Croix Valley Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in the St. Croix Valley by:

**Encouraging charitable giving in the Valley** – Building permanent funds that will provide resources for the needs of today and tomorrow.

**Connecting people and programs** – Bringing together people’s charitable interests and the funding needs of programs and organizations.

**Facilitating progressive approaches** – Forming partnerships and providing servant leadership through programs that enhance the quality of life in our region’s distinct communities.

St. Croix Valley Foundation service area of Minnesota and Wisconsin



# LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY


Dear Friends,

What a year this has been! Like all other foundations, the St. Croix Valley Foundation's assets increased, lost value, then gained most of their value back again. But through it all, we continued to serve our donors and make grants to nonprofit organizations, causes and projects throughout the Valley. We brought on three new Board members, Suzann Brown, Andy Kass and Jeff Heegaard, and new committee volunteers, Todd Gillingham, Durand Blanding, and old friends Karen Hansen and Erv Neff; a new Affiliate was formed, the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation, and the Afton Community Foundation joined us later in the year.

We made 401 grants to nonprofit organizations this year, for a total of \$877,806. These grants ranged from endowment-building matching grants to our 19 organizations participating in Partners for the Future Program, to Humane Society grants through the Jon and Metta Belisle Fund. We entered into a closer partnership with the St. Croix River Association, the Scenic Coalition and the National Park Service. We inaugurated three new community art benches, in Prescott, Somerset and Marine on St. Croix. We started a fundraising certification program for nonprofits in order to increase their management capacity, and.... we changed our name!

We are now the St. Croix Valley Foundation. It is a subtle change, but a meaningful one. Our Board wanted to focus on the fact that while our work is Valley-wide, our community Affiliates do the heavy lifting within their own communities. We have established a new Affiliate Council, where Affiliate representatives come together every six months to discuss their work and to learn from each other.

The St. Croix Valley Foundation truly is all about partnerships: partnerships with our donors, with the nonprofit community and with our Affiliate communities throughout the Valley. We are so fortunate to be your partner!



David Wettergren, Chair of the Board of Directors



Jane Hetland Stevenson, President



We make  
a living by  
what we get,  
we make a life  
by what we give.

– Winston Churchill



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Robert M. & Ivine Post

I don't think you  
ever stop giving.  
I really don't.  
I think it's an  
on-going process.  
And it's not just  
about being able  
to write a check.  
It's being able  
to touch  
somebody's life.

—Oprah Winfrey

## TWO GENEROUS PEOPLE: Partners in Business as Well as in Life

On April 20 of this year the St. Croix Valley lost a very special person, Ivine O. Post. She and her husband, Robert, who passed away in 1997, were always very generous, but very quiet in their giving. They never needed recognition or acknowledgement; they believed that giving back to the community was simply the right thing to do.

Ivine O. Erickson was born in Isanti, Minnesota. Robert M. Post was born in Chetek, Wisconsin. Ivine and Bob met while going to high school in Barron, Wisconsin. Later, they attended St. Cloud State majoring in business. Ivine became a commercial teacher, and Bob served in Europe during WWII. They married in 1943. When Bob returned, he went into business with his father-in-law, Ivar Erickson, and established the Erickson Post Ford-Mercury dealership in Stillwater. In time they added the Erickson Post convenience stores and gas stations. Later Bob became the budget director of Northwestern Refining Co. in Newport, Minnesota until it was sold to Ashland Oil in the early 1970s. Through it all, Ivine and Bob collaborated in business as well as life.

Ivine and Bob had two daughters, Ginny and Janet, and enjoyed traveling on family vacations throughout the country. They had a love of the St. Croix River and spent many years boating with family and friends. In retirement, Ivine and Bob developed a fondness for Hawaii, where they spent many winters. They also loved their home near Phoenix, Arizona where they wintered for many wonderful years. They loved golf, playing cards, and entertaining friends, both old and new. Their home was always open to others.

After Bob passed away, Ivine continued to play bridge with the same group of women she had known for over sixty years. She literally played until the day she died. Ivine and Bob had a very wide circle of friends. They were instrumental in raising funds to build the new Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater. Friendly and open people, they were always giving – to special causes, to children and friends. They never had to be asked. And, they usually gave anonymously. Most important of all, they were great parents and grandparents.

Before Ivine passed away, she established a Charitable Remainder Trust with the St. Croix Valley Foundation. Today, there is the Robert M. and Ivine O. Post Donor Advised Fund, advised by their daughters, Virginia Kass and Janet Post. They are carrying out their mother's wishes that grants be made in the areas of music education, battered women and unwed mothers, and to animal humane and rescue organizations. While their parents were quiet philanthropists, their daughters believe that now their parents should be honored for their generosity – because it is simply the right thing to do.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## Partnering in Action

The St. Croix River Valley and surrounding communities are rapidly changing. Each year the St. Croix Valley Foundation (SCVF) works with donors, nonprofit organizations and other partners to protect the river, enhance our local community character and bring positive results to the region's people and scenic landscapes.

**A River Runs Through it.** The St. Croix River is at the heart of our region's natural beauty and integral for its environmental, cultural and economic vitality. This last year SCVF supported the development of the new St. Croix River Association – a watershed-wide river organization to unify advocacy for this wild and scenic river.

River protection begins with the many people that live near and enjoy the riverway. Working with the National Park Service, SCVF is working to build appreciation and understanding of the river, its history and current challenges. This includes spotlighting **North Woods River**, a new book by Eileen McMahon and Ted Karamanski, that draws attention to the river's history and to the National Park in our own back yard. The book will be distributed to local libraries and released in tandem with the Ken Burns documentary, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, aired on PBS.

Three new benches were added to the **Bench Project** – a regional community arts project that engages young people to create a bench, each a work of art, that expresses the unique character of their river town. Through this creative process young people learn about local history, appreciate wildlife and understand their place in the watershed. For the location of all six benches see [www.scvfoundation.org](http://www.scvfoundation.org).

As part of a hands-on activity to learn about river habitats, SCVF hosted 19 community foundations involved in the River Partnership of Community Foundations to learn about the St. Croix and its significance as a tributary of the Mississippi.



Philanthropy is involved with basic innovations that transform society, not simply maintaining the status quo or filling basic social needs that were formerly the province of the public sector.

–David Rockefeller





## PROMOTING VITAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Last November when the economic forecast seemed darkest, SCVF launched a ten-session **fundraising certification program** to help local nonprofits expand and diversify their fundraising strategies. Working with the University of St. Thomas, Center for Business Excellence, this series focused on all facets of fund development – annual campaigns, major gifts, capital campaigns, marketing and more. For our local nonprofits, this series couldn't have been more timely – in the midst of shrinking resources and growing need, the workshops focused on practical fundraising solutions and new and creative ways to communicate impact.

The 19 organizations in the **Partners for the Future** challenge initiative are racing towards the end of a three-year initiative, intent on raising \$1 million by December 31, 2009. For each dollar an organization raises for a permanent or endowed fund at SCVF, the Foundation will match dollar for dollar. The result: \$2 million dedicated to future growth. With a fund that grows and keeps giving, each organization is well positioned to respond to current needs as well as the many changes this region is undergoing.

## GETTING CREATIVE ABOUT SPACE IN STILLWATER-LAKE ELMO

The communities in the lower St. Croix Valley are known for their special charm, their rich cultural organizations and as a home for a bounty of recognized artists. Over the last year SCVF has convened seven cultural organizations to conduct a cultural needs and use assessment to determine the type of cultural facilities local artists and arts organizations need and can support financially in the greater Stillwater area. This study will lay a foundation for future cultural planning to better enhance the region's unique cultural character that sustains a vibrant community, attracts businesses and sparks revenues for the region overall.

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*Photo: Students from Marine Elementary in Marine on St. Croix created this bench inspired by Native American and lumber history as well as the St. Croix River's natural beauty.*

## PARTNERS FOR THE FUTURE CHALLENGE INITIATIVE

LAST CHANCE - Double your impact and help local nonprofits be responsive to local need –each dollar a donor contributes to their fund at SCVF, the Foundation will match dollar for dollar.

### OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
Northwestern Wisconsin  
Carpenter St. Croix Valley  
Nature Center  
Courage St. Croix  
Family Resource Center  
St. Croix Valley  
FamilyMeans  
HSI - Human Services, Inc.  
in Washington County  
Hudson Health Foundation  
Kinship of Polk County  
Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau  
New Richmond Preservation Society  
The Partnership Plan for Stillwater  
Area Schools  
The Phipps Center for the Arts  
Standing Cedars Community  
Land Conservancy  
Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and  
Sexual Violence  
United Way St. Croix Valley  
West CAP  
West Wisconsin Land Trust  
Young Life St. Croix Valley  
Youth Service Bureau

# AFTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

dba/ LOWER ST. CROIX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Afton Community Foundation has been a long-time affiliate of the Saint Paul Foundation but decided this last year that as a city on the banks of the St. Croix River, that it fit best as an affiliate of the St. Croix Valley Foundation. The Board members made the change at the end of this Fiscal Year. The Foundation will soon be changing its name to more completely include not only the community of Afton, but also Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, Lake St. Croix Beach and St. Mary's Point. The current Board members are in the process of reconstituting the Foundation both programmatically and operationally.

The mission of the Afton Community Foundation is to act as a catalyst for improving the well being of our Valley's residents, safeguarding our natural resources and promoting common interests through pro-active citizen involvement, care and compassion.

Its vision is to interweave the unique attributes of each Lower St. Croix Valley city into one fabric of community interaction, care and compassion.

Todd Streeter, Chair  
Jeff Heegaard, Secretary  
Patricia McDonald  
Rick Meierotto

For more information, contact:

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Hudson, WI 54016



Think of  
giving not  
only as a duty  
but as a privilege.

—John D. Rockefeller





No one has  
ever become  
poor by giving.

—Anne Frank

## AMERY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Amery Community Foundation was founded in 1984 by the City of Amery, Amery community organizations, and concerned citizens, as a community trust. Its purpose was to afford individuals the opportunity to make lasting, flexible gifts to meet the needs of residents in the Amery area. It affiliated with the St. Croix Valley Foundation in 2008, but its goals and mission have remained steadfast: to assure donors that gifts made today will be professionally managed, and used wisely and effectively to enhance community well-being in the future.

The Amery Community Foundation currently holds over \$1 million in assets. Recently grants have been made to the following organizations: Amery Centennial Hall, Books for Babies, Interfaith Caregivers, Jorgenson Field, Youth in Harmony, Amery School Scholarships, Polk County Historical Society, Amery Hockey Arena, The Haven, Indianhead Chorus, Skateboard Park, WPCA Radio, Habitat for Humanity, and Amery Area Public Library.

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# CHISAGO LAKES AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The mission of the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation is to establish permanently endowed funds for the Chisago Lakes area that will provide perpetual resources to enhance the quality of life and encourage charitable giving in the Chisago Lakes Area, which includes Almelund, Center City, Chisago City, Chisago Lakes Township, Franconia Township, Lent Township, Lindstrom, Shafer, Shafer Township and Taylors Falls.

These endowed funds will benefit: Education, the Arts, Music, Health, Civic Needs, Human Resources and the Environment.

Currently the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation has three funds:

- The Community Fund
- The Chisago Lakes School Endowment Fund
- Fairview Hospice and Home Care Fund

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A man there was,  
though some did  
count him mad,  
the more he cast  
away, the more  
he had.

–John Bunyan





## HUDSON COMMUNITY FUND

Hudson is a community noted for its high quality of life and its citizens' willingness to seek innovative ways to maintain and further enhance their community's livability. The Hudson Community Fund is a charitable organization, that seeks to attract and develop community and philanthropic assets to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families in the Hudson, Wisconsin area.

The Hudson Community Fund has assets of over \$1 million, and has made grants to local nonprofits of nearly \$100,000 in its ten years of existence.

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The highest use of capital is not to make more money but to make money do more for the betterment of life.

—Henry Ford

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# RIVER FALLS COMMUNITY FUND

The River Falls Community Fund has the purpose of serving the greater River Falls, Wisconsin area by seeking to attract and develop community and philanthropic assets which will enhance the quality of life for individuals and families in the area.

The fund accomplishes its mission by:

- Building a community of donors - encouraging residents and others to invest in the community by contributing towards and establishing endowment funds;
- Offering donors simplicity and flexibility in charitable giving, maximum tax advantages and the knowledge that their gift will benefit our community in perpetuity;
- Accumulating, managing and growing the endowed funds wisely;
- Initiating, promoting and supporting ways that stimulate the further development of our community's livability; and
- Directing the income from the endowments to fund effective programs which maintain and enhance the community's quality of life.

Sandra Smith Wurm, Chair

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I resolved to stop accumulating and begin the infinitely more serious and difficult task of wise distribution.

—Andrew Carnegie



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## COMPETITIVE GRANTS APPLICATIONS

The St. Croix Valley Foundation has several competitive grant programs open for proposal applications:

- Valley Arts Initiative
- Music Education
- Nonprofit Management Assistance
- Health & Wellness (Pending 2010)

Grants are limited to organizations in Washington and Chisago counties in Minnesota, and Polk, Pierce and St. Croix Counties in Wisconsin. Unless otherwise specified, organizations must have their 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. Other limitations may apply.

Details regarding grant guidelines and application processes can be found on the St. Croix Valley Foundation's website at [www.scvfoundation.org](http://www.scvfoundation.org), or by calling (715) 386-9490. Questions from interested applicants are welcome.

To give away money is an easy matter and in any man's power. But to decide to whom to give it and how large and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in every mans power nor an easy matter. As the purse is emptied the heart is filled.

—Victor Hugo

What SCVF does to empower local nonprofits is one of the greatest philanthropic activities in our region. Its grants, staff support and educational opportunities have continued to bear fruit long after the coaching or classes ended for the day. The Foundation is invested as much in our success as it is in our communities.

— Pam Trudeau,  
Good Samaritan Society, Stillwater

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*Photo: Funds from the Hoel Stewart Family Fund went to the Food Resource Center which distributed 205,737 pounds of food to local food shelves last year, the equivalent of 158,259 meals for seniors, families and children.*

# ST. CROIX VALLEY FOUNDATION COMMITTEES

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

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Marty Harding  
Peter Kilde  
Kathy Tunheim



I have found that  
among its other  
benefits, giving  
liberates the soul  
of the giver.

—Maya Angelou





Life begets life.  
Energy becomes  
energy. It is  
by spending  
oneself that one  
becomes rich.

—Sarah Bernhardt

## LEGACY SOCIETY

The gift of a bequest or other planned gift to the Foundation is an ideal way to leave a legacy of giving back to the community. Several people recognized this even during the early years of the Foundation and in recent years, a number of people have notified us that they have made provisions in their estate plans for the Foundation. To recognize these farsighted people, the Board of Directors created the Legacy Society. We acknowledge with appreciation both those listed below and those who wish to have their decisions remain confidential.

Anonymous	Nate and Linda Jackson
John and Nancy Baird	Michael and Janet Johnson
Jon and Metta Belisle	Bill and Rita Lawson
Jim and Jayne Bradshaw	Marie Olsen
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Shannon Hooley Enright	Robert M. and Ivine O. Post*
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Karen C. and Craig Hansen	

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Rod Hofland	John Tunheim
Larry Horsch	Dan Willius

\*Deceased

# FOUNDERS' SOCIETY

A number of individuals, businesses, and private foundations have provided program and operating support to the Foundation since its founding in 1995. We are pleased to recognize those who have contributed and pledged \$5,000 or more to further the mission of the Foundation during its formative years. This list includes all members through June 30, 2009.

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 \* New this year

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## ST. CROIX VALLEY FOUNDATION STAFF

Jane Hetland Stevenson, President, surrounded by from left,  
 Mary Paul, Contract Accountant; Sally Hermann, Program and Administrative Manager;  
 Jill Shannon, Director of Community Partnerships; and Margi Miller, Director of Administration



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## MISSION STATEMENT

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