

MCF Announces 2021 Community Impact Grants, continued

- **\$25,000 to the Friends of San Damiano** to begin the conceptual planning process to develop the San Damiano property on Lake Monona into a sustainable public asset.
- **\$45,000 to Groundswell Conservancy** to build a Conservation Graduate Crew, in collaboration with Operation Fresh Start, to help overcome some of the barriers of entry into the conservation field for people of color.
- **\$30,000 to Kanopy Dance Theatre** to help fund the Kanopy Center for Modern and Contemporary Dance, which will incorporate state of the art equipment to support virtual learning, collaboration and performances.
- **\$50,000 to the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens** to purchase the 15-acre Pope Farm Homestead, which will double its growing capacity and allow it to provide Dane County food pantries with high-demand, specialty produce.
- **\$15,000 to Madison Ballet** to expand opportunities for choreographers of color.
- **\$60,000 to Madison Children's Museum** to expand the Wonderground outdoor playground to include more complex play experiences for older children and additional accessible experiences for visitors with limited mobility.
- **\$30,000 to Madison Parks Foundation** to add three accessible playgrounds with ramps, wheelchair swings and poured-in-place rubber surfacing at Madison-area parks.
- **\$150,000 to Nehemiah** to expand the program to employees of school districts, police departments and judicial leaders across the county.
- **\$40,000 to the Oregon Public Library** for building a larger library to better serve the needs of a growing community.
- **\$50,000 to REAP Food Group** to increase its development capacity by training board members to actively participate in donor stewardship and fundraising and hiring a grant writer.
- **\$30,000 to the Simpson Street Free Press**, which will celebrate its 30th anniversary by hiring six additional teen editors.
- **\$60,000 to the Vera Court Neighborhood Center** to create a new Youth Program Director position to expand current youth programming and run new programs for the Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center in preparation for a major capital campaign.
- **\$100,000 to the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra** for its capital campaign to construct a new 40,000 square foot youth music center on East Washington Avenue. Half of this grant is for capital costs and half is a 1:2 endowment challenge match.



View from the San Damiano property on Lake Monona. Photo courtesy of Mike Kurh

Welcome



Welcome to Our New Board Members

MCF welcomes three new members to the Board of Governors this month:

- Anna Burish,
- Eugenia Podestá, and
- Gloria Ladson-Billings.

Anna, Eugenia and Gloria bring a wealth of experience and a knowledge of Madison and its nonprofits to MCF.

Anna is the Associate Director at The Burrish Group of UBS, and has served on MCF's Investment Committee since 2021. Eugenia is the Senior Director of Economic Empowerment & Entrepreneurship at Vital Voices Global Partnership, and has served on MCF's Grantmaking Committee since 2019. And Gloria is the former Kellner Family Distinguished Professor of Urban Education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and has served on the MCF Grantmaking Committee since 2021.

You can learn more about all of our Board members on our website at www.madisongives.org/meet-our-board.



Many Thanks to our Outgoing Board Members

MCF's Board of Governors represents the greater Madison community in setting the foundation's mission, vision, values and priorities. Volunteer board members work to guide MCF and ensure the foundation uses its resources efficiently and effectively.

We would like to thank our outgoing Board members for their generous support over the past several years. Their guidance has been valuable beyond measure.

Enid Glenn, who retired in 2017 as Deputy Administrator for the Department of Workforce Development's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, served as Chair of the Board of Governors from 2019 to 2021. She also served on the Donor Engagement Committee, and is a past member of the Executive Committee of A Fund for Women.

Blaine Renfert is General Counsel with Sub-Zero Group, and is a graduate of Leadership Greater Madison. He has been on the Board of Governors since 2012, and served as Chair from 2015 to 2017. Blaine also has served on MCF's Investment Committee, a role in which he will continue to serve after stepping down from the Board.

"We are so grateful to Enid and Blaine for their time, effort and commitment to MCF," Bob Sorge, President and CEO of MCF shared. "Each brought something unique and valuable to the role as stewards of the community's foundation. Thank you!"



New Stock Delivery Instructions Coming

Are you planning to make a stock gift this year? Due to the acquisition of MCF's trustee and custodian, Wells Fargo Bank, by Principal Financial Group, instructions for stock delivery and cash wires will be changing. The existing instructions remain in effect through Friday, February 18. You can find more information about making stock gifts at www.madisongives.org/waystogive.



TOWARD A STRONGER NONPROFIT SECTOR: Addressing Capacity Building Needs in Dane County

Andy Davey, Madison Community Foundation

Sharon Lezbert, UW-Madison Extension Dane County

Research Results: Toward a Stronger Nonprofit Sector

Nonprofit organizations have become an essential component of community wellbeing and play a critical role in addressing societal changes here in Dane County. But how are the nonprofits themselves sustained and strengthened?

In the past, nonprofit organizational capacity – strong leadership, sound finances, the ability to collaborate, and the development, execution and evaluation of new strategies – was often ignored or devalued by funders, donors and observers of the nonprofit sector. Despite increased attention and resources being devoted in recent years, critical capacity building resources are still lacking.

Our recently published white paper highlights research done by Madison Community Foundation and UW-Madison Extension Dane County and identifies the most important needs and determine how funders, educational institutions and other organizations serving nonprofits could better contribute to stronger organizations and a stronger nonprofit sector.

Our research involved in-depth small group conversations with nonprofit leaders in each of MCF's grantmaking focus areas: Arts and Culture, Community Development, Environment, and Out-of-School Time.

You can read the paper and information from the small-group conversations with nonprofit leaders at www.madisongives.org/strongernonprofits.

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Great Performance Fund Grant Applications Due

Grants to support professional theater produced and presented in Madison's Overture Center for the Arts. [Learn more.](#)

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Madison Gives Annual Dinner and Celebration

Our annual dinner and celebration of philanthropy will be back at Monona Terrace. Stay tuned for more details.

Last Word

As the community's foundation, MCF works to help community members achieve their philanthropic goals, allowing them to tap into MCF's expertise in charitable giving, deep knowledge of the community, and commitment to permanent, sustainable philanthropy.

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