



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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Amynda Hadfield

Brainerd Lakes Area Early Childhood Coalition

DEAR FRIENDS,

“What if?” It’s a phrase that’s been on our mind a lot lately. As we celebrate our 30th year in 2016, punctuated by an Oct. 7 event at the River’s Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, we find ourselves asking a lot of “What if?” questions.

What if The McKnight Foundation hadn’t had the foresight to study and invest in the needs of Greater Minnesota in the 1980s by creating the Initiative Foundation and its five sister organizations?

What if, since our inception, we hadn’t built grassroots donor and funding partner relationships that have enabled the Initiative Foundation to award more than 5,000 grants in Central Minnesota totalling \$30 million?

What if our business financing partnerships didn’t exist? What if there were no Central Minnesota organization to meet the growth and expansion needs of the Foundation’s more than 960 loan partners to whom we’ve dispersed \$48 million, leveraging more than \$300 million in private business investments?

As we look to the next three decades, we have a host of “What if?” questions that will drive our work. And we need your partnership your time, talent and resources—to make it happen.

What if the Initiative Foundation had a broader, more grassroots donor base so we could do more good in the communities we serve?

What if we could provide more support to grow existing for-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations?

What if we could help cultivate the next generation of leaders working and living in the region?

What if, together, we could improve the economic status and well-being of financially disadvantaged people?

We’re ready to get to work. Won’t you join us? Thank you, as always, for your past and future support.



LARRY KORF
Board Chair



KATHY GAALSWYK
President

IMPACT & INVESTING

In this, our 2015 annual report, the impact story of the Initiative Foundation and its many donors and partners continues to unfold and to inspire growth and opportunity.

Through your giving spirit, the Foundation and its Turn Key partner funds have awarded more than \$1.9 million in grants throughout the year.

Your generosity is powering everything from early childhood literacy efforts to affordable housing initiatives to workforce enhancement programs throughout the region. At the same time, the Foundation has worked to strengthen and diversify the Central Minnesota economy by providing 31 business finance loans totaling more than \$2 million—economic stimulation that helped to create or retain 280 Central Minnesota jobs while leveraging more than \$12 million in private investment.

2015 ACHIEVEMENTS



ECONOMY

Increase Access to Skilled Workers

280 quality jobs created or retained

816 people with increased workforce skills

2,063 worker wages supported



COMMUNITY

Build a Region to Live, Work, Give & Play

2301 strengthened community entities

18,658 children, parents and other caregiver development supported

10 natural and cultural amenities improved



PHILANTHROPY

Inspire People to Invest in the Region

\$2.5 million in financial resources leveraged for the Initiative Foundation

\$16.8 million in financial resources leveraged for Foundation partners across the region

\$4.1 million worth of volunteer time inspired

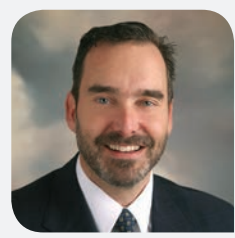


"If we could provide more support to grow existing for-profit and nonprofit businesses, our next generation of workers would have greater employment opportunities, creating more stability in the region." – **Larry Korf**, Chair, Initiative Foundation Board of Trustees

2015 BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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OUR WORK:

Our community, organizational and economic development approach is steeped in the knowledge that economy, community and philanthropy are intertwined. Working with our partners we ...

- Provide loans to businesses that create quality jobs
- Award grants to nonprofits, local governments and schools
- Help generous people give back to their communities
- Publish illuminating information on local trends and solutions



"If the Initiative Foundation had a broader, more grassroots donor base, we could improve our communities at an even greater rate."

– John E. Babcock, Vice Chair, Initiative Foundation Board of Trustees

2015 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Sources of Funds: \$9,373,516

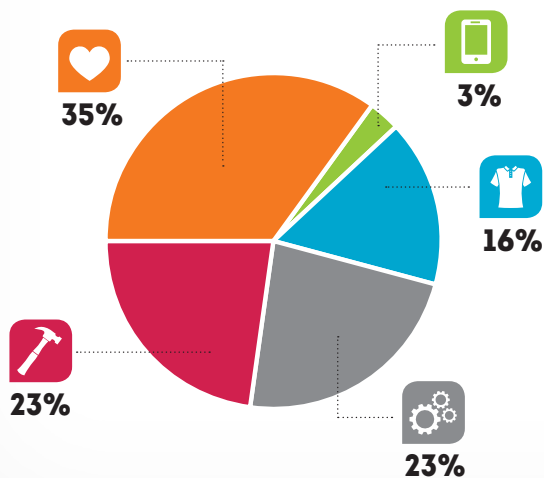
Grants & Contributions	\$ 3,498,912	37%
Investment Income	\$ 3,194,928	34%
Business Financing Revenue & Repayments	\$ 2,358,961	25%
Other Operating Revenue	\$ 320,715	3%

**Excludes unrealized loss on investments of \$3.7 million.*

Economic Development, Business Financing, Investments Inspire Local Ownership, Quality Jobs

Investment Total **\$2,907,588**

♥ Service/Healthcare	\$1,019,200	35%
➤ Manufacturing/Construction	\$ 663,532	23%
⚙ Operations/Technical Assistance	\$ 654,507	23%
👕 Retail/Wholesale	\$ 479,550	16%
📱 Technology/Green	\$ 90,800	3%



Uses of Funds: \$8,240,504

Economic Development, Business Financing, Investments	\$ 2,907,588	35%
Grants, Scholarships	\$2,216,427	27%
Programs	\$ 1,485,365	18%
Foundation Operations	\$ 716,298	9%
Communications & IQ Magazine	\$ 488,407	6%
Fund Development	\$ 426,419	5%

Grants & Scholarships Unlock the Power of People

Investment Total **\$2,216,427**

Turn Key Partner Funds	\$1,074,409	48%
Innovation Fund	\$ 337,683	15%
Healthy Lakes & Rivers	\$ 329,610	15%
Organizational Development	\$ 139,000	6%
Early Childhood/Dental Network	\$ 111,400	5%
Economic Development	\$ 102,250	5%
Scholarships	\$ 82,575	4%
Thriving Communities Initiative	\$ 39,500	2%

Programs Create Thriving Communities

Investment Total **\$1,485,365**

Thriving Communities/Early Childhood	\$ 669,043	45%
Thriving Organizations Partnership	\$ 330,354	22%
Volunteers in Service to America	\$ 279,749	19%
Turn Key Funds/Special Projects	\$ 206,219	14%

Endowment Value
\$42.8 Million

Total Assets
\$61 Million

OUR FRIENDS

Initiative Foundation Program & Endowment Contributors 2012-2015

Our connection with you helps us stay true to the promise of our mission:

“To unlock the power of Central Minnesota people to build and sustain thriving communities.”

Your support of the Initiative Foundation's unrestricted endowment fund is the financial backbone of our long-term success. The endowment provides resources each year for staff to work with local leaders to encourage economic development, help businesses get started or expand, provide workforce and leadership skills and build early childhood programs to help communities thrive.

Crimson \$50,000+

Blandin Foundation
Bush Foundation
Cass County
City of Hanover – Loan Fund Corporation for National & Community Service
Crow Wing County
Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation
Funders Network for Smart Growth & Livable Communities
Granite Equity Partners, LLC
Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
Minnesota Power, an Allete Company
Morgan Family Foundation
Opportunity Finance Network
Otto Bremer Foundation & Trust
Minnesota Dept. of Employment and Economic Development.
The McKnight Foundation
USDA Rural Development

Partner \$30,000+

Connexus Energy
East Central Energy
Morrison County
Stearns County
West Central Telephone
Wright County

Principal \$20,000+

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota
Benton County
Bremer, Saint Cloud
City of Baxter
City of Little Falls
City of Saint Cloud
GNP Company
Isanti County
Mardag Foundation
Pine County
Schlagel, Inc.
Sherburne County
US Bancorp Foundation
Xcel Energy Foundation

Executive \$15,000+

Bremer, Brainerd
CentraCare Health Foundation
Cass County
City of Brainerd
Clow Stamping Company
Stearns Electric Association

Leader \$10,000+

AgStar Fund for Rural America
Anonymous Donor
City of Milaca
City of Mora
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Crow Wing Power
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Kathy & Neal Gaalswyk
Larson Boats, LLC
Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union
Stearns County
Todd County

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Allina Health
Center for Nonprofit Excellence and Social Innovation
Chisago County HRA-EDA
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City of Long Prairie
City of Melrose
City of Monticello
City of Princeton
City of Saint Michael
City of Sartell
City of Sauk Rapids
Manufacturing Fund of Central Minnesota
Medica Foundation

Associate \$5,000+

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Avantech
Bank of the West
Benton Cooperative Telephone Company
Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation
Citizens State Bank of Waverly
City of Cambridge
City of Crosslake
City of Maple Lake
City of Pierz
City of Rockford
City of Sandstone
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Farmers & Merchants State Bank
Lee & Jan Hanson
The Hyduke Foundation of the Saint Paul Foundation on behalf of the Peoples Bank of Commerce
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Jo & Larry Korf
LINDAR Corporation
Little Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
Marco, Inc.
MINPACK, Inc.
Neighborhood National Bank
NOR-SON, Inc.
Pequot Tool & Mfg., Inc.
Pine Country Bank
Schlenner Wenner & Co
Stern Rubber
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Entrepreneur \$2,500+

Atomic Learning, Inc
BankVista
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Central Minnesota Community Foundation
City of Albertville
City of Annandale
City of Becker
City of Big Lake
City of Braham
City of Breezy Point
City of Clarissa
City of Cold Spring
City of East Gull Lake
City of Eden Valley
City of Emily
City of Fifty Lakes
City of Isanti
City of Lake Shore
City of Menahga
City of Nisswa
City of Randall
City of Saint Joseph
City of Sauk Centre
City of Staples
City of Swanville
City of Wadena
City of Waite Park
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Don Hickman & Sandra Kaplan
McDowall Company
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Mille Lacs County
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Wadena State Bank
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Brenny Transportation
Bridges of Hope
Lynn & Darren Bushinger
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City of Freeport
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City of Grey Eagle
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City of Holdingford
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City of Montrose
City of Motley
City of Onamia
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City of Verndale
City of Walker
City of Waverly
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Donlar Construction
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Falls Fabricating
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First State Bank of Wyoming
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Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Minnesota Economic Development Foundation
Minnesota National Bank
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SPEDCO Economic Development Foundation of The Saint Paul Foundation
Jan Tenold
Betty & Jack Thomas
Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative
Unity Bank
The Whitney Foundation
Sharla Williams

what if?

"If together we could enhance kindergarten readiness for children ages 0-5 living in poverty, we could ensure the next generation are 'school ready' and improve the chance of a successful educational foundation for all children entering their school years." —Traci Tapani, Member, Initiative Foundation Board of Trustees

OUR FRIENDS

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Under \$1,000

Kristi & Levi Ackley	City of Chickamaw Beach	Sara E Dahlquist	Anita & Brad Hollenhorst	Municipal Development Group
Alpine Cabinetry, LLC	City of Cokato	Daring Heart Coaching	Jolene Howard	Walter & Adele Munsterman
AmazonSmile	City of Garrison	DeGraff Financial, Inc.	Hunt Utilities Group	National Joint Powers Alliance
Anakkala, Berns & Co PLLP	City of Grasston	William Denny	Catherine E. Jackson	Robert & Marilyn Obermiller
Anderholm Consulting	City of Hackensack	Jeffrey Dobinsky	Len & Lois Kallsen	Dennis A O'Donnell
Duane & Barb Anderson	City of Hanover	Barb Downs & David Wood	KDV, Ltd.	Onanegozie RC&D Council, Inc.
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Automotive Parts Headquarters	City of Ironton	Alison Edgerton	Michou F Kokodoko	Region Five Development Commission
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Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce	City of Pease	Glenn Metalcraft	Paul & Patricia Ludwig	Eric Stommes
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	City of Saint Martin	Harvest Bank	Minnesota Dental Foundation	Amanda & Scott Whittemore
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	City of Wyoming			
	City of Zimmerman			
	Core Value Consulting, LLC			



INITIATIVE FOUNDATION 30-YEAR HISTORY

- 1986:** Incorporated as Central Minnesota Initiative Fund; 1st McKnight grant received
- 1987:** Started business financing program
- 1995:** Launched Community Partners grants and training
- 1996:** 10-year anniversary—total assets \$13.9 million; 10 employees
- 1997:** Certified by the U.S. Treasury Department as a Certified Development Financing Institution (CDFI)
- 1999:** Changed name to Initiative Foundation; launched Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership program training
- 2000:** Moved to current location at 405 First Street SE, Little Falls
- 2001:** Healthy Organizations Partnership program kick-off event
- 2002:** Began statewide Early Childhood Initiative and became Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA) program sponsor
- 2003:** Began Initiative Quarterly Magazine
- 2006:** 20-year anniversary—total assets \$40.7 million; 25 employees
- 2009:** Launched Inside-Out Connections Initiative for children of incarcerated parents
- 2011:** 25-year anniversary—total assets \$43.1 million; 21 employees
- 2012:** Launched Thriving Communities Initiative program
- 2012:** Launched Financial Resiliency through Social Enterprise
- 2013:** Launched Early Childhood Dental Network
- 2014:** Launched Aquatic Invasive Species program
- 2015:** Launched Emerging Leaders program
- 2016:** 30-year anniversary—\$61 million in assets; 25 employees



"If we work together to improve the economic status of financially disadvantaged people, we could free up resources and reinvest dollars into more programs."

– Steve Shurts, Member, Initiative Foundation Board of Trustees

OUR PARTNERS

Loans & Equity Investments

The Initiative Foundation invested \$2.15 million in 31 locally owned businesses in 2015. Through those loans, 258 quality jobs were secured and \$12.6 million in private investment was leveraged.

5B's LLC, Becker
A.C. Doughboy, LLC, St. Cloud
Adium Oil Company, Inc., Melrose
Automotive Parts Solutions, Inc., Rockville
Branch 2 Properties, LLC, Baxter
Brookside Care Properties, LLC, Walker
C4 Welding, Inc., Sauk Rapids
Cuperus Properties, LLC, Sartell
Eastwood of Minnesota, LLC, Motley
Great Theatre Company, Waite Park
Gullview Technologies, LLC, Baxter
GuyNS, LLC (dba Konrad's), St. Cloud
Holtz's Three, LLC, Big Lake
House Left, LLC, St. Cloud
Impact Development Group, LLC, Mora
J & K Enterprises, LLC, Cold Spring
JenTra, LLC, Backus
Latino Economic Development Center, Minneapolis
Legacy Place, LLC, Sauk Rapids
MelAnna, LLC, Cambridge
MielkeMark, LLC, Melrose
Plug Technologies, Inc, Hanover
River Systems, LLC, Wadena
Rotomolding Enterprise Holdings, Inc., Swanville
Seafood Markets, Ltd., Baxter
Serenity Village (IRP-Rv), Avon
United Cerebral Palsy of Central Minnesota, St. Cloud
VNM, LLC, St. Joseph
Vukelich Oil Company, St. Cloud
Wadena Lodging, LLC, Wadena
Wolf Properties, LLC, Waverly

Turn Key Partner Funds

The Foundation currently hosts 81 Turn Key Partner Funds valued at \$9.6 million. These funds allow donors to focus on charitable needs while leaving the administrative tasks to the Initiative Foundation. This partnership ensures that local needs are addressed and all financial transactions adhere to state and federal guidelines.

Community Funds

Delano Community Foundation
Greater Pine Area Endowment, Pine City
Isle Area Community Foundation
Longville Area Community Foundation Endowment
Morrison County Area Foundation
Rum River Community Foundation, Milaca Area
Staples-Motley Area Community Foundation
Three Rivers Community Foundation, Elk River

Education Funds

Cuyuna Lakes Education Foundation, Crosby-Ironton
Pillager Education Foundation
Sauk Rapids-Rice Education Foundation
The 482 Education Foundation of Little Falls Community Schools

Donor-Advised Funds

Anderson Brothers Family Fund, Brainerd
Bob & Marsha Bunger Endowment Fund, Milaca
Bruce & Diane Gohman Fund, Clearwater
Chuck Christian Community Spirit Fund, Elk River
Edeburn Family Fund, St. Cloud
Gaalswyk Family Fund, Brainerd
Granite Equity Partners Fund, St. Cloud
Hanowski Family Fund, Little Falls
Jane & Patrick Mitchell Foundation, Cold Spring
Jim & HK Stuart Memorial Fund*
John & Bonnie Schlagel Endowment, Cambridge
Josh Richardson Family Fund, Elk River
Julius & Tracy Kurpius Fund, Staples
Loren & Kathy Morey Family Fund, Staples
Mark Wood Foundation, Little Falls
Mel & Jeanette Beaudry Fund, Elk River
Quiet Oaks Hospice House Family Fund

Scholarship Funds

Alternative Sources of Energy Fund, Milaca
Archie & Isabelle Powell Scholarship Fund, Elk River
Betty Ford Menzel Scholarship Fund, Crosby-Ironton
Beverly M. Pantzke Scholarship Fund, Little Falls
Bob & Pauline Johnson Scholarship Fund, Isle
Bob Wright Memorial IFPA Scholarship Fund, Regional
Dorn Family Fund*
Holdingford Scholarship Fund
Little Falls Scholarship Fund
Madden's Pine Beach Scholarship Fund, Pillager
Pillager Scholarship Fund
Shawn Grittner Memorial Scholarship Fund, Little Falls

Staples KoC-Lloyd & Marion Giddings Scholarship Fund
William & Ethel Nelson-Zimmerman Scholarship Fund,
Royalton
ZES Scholarship Fund, Zimmerman

Designated Funds

Lake Region Conservation Club
Scott & Jane Stuart Memorial Park Fund*

Agency Funds

Big Birch Lake Endowment Fund
Conservancy Fund of Big Fish Lake Association Fund
Conservancy Fund of Roosevelt and Lawrence Area Lakes
Association
Central MN CEO Fund, Staples
Fish Trap Lake Endowment Fund
Friends of Sherburne Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Fund
Gull Chain Preservation Endowment Fund
Horizon Health Partnership in Life Fund, Pierz
Land and Waters Preservation Trust, Cass & Crow Wing
Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation
Minnesota Pioneer Park Endowment Fund, Annandale
Paws & Claws Animal Shelter, Hackensack
Sacred Heart-Knights of Columbus Fund, Staples
Wright County Historical Society Fund

Field of Interest Funds

Crow Wing Environment Protection Advised Fund
Delano Emergency Family Fund
Family Farm Fund, Regional
Manufacturing Fund of Central MN, Regional
The Initiators' Fund*
Thrive Fund, Sauk Rapids-Rice
The Lakes Area Medical Development Association Fund*

Special Projects

Hewitt Area Relief Fund
Oakland Cemetery Fund, Little Falls
Sartell Wheel Park Fund
Sartell DOGPAC Fund
Veteran's Art Project Fund, Camp Ripley
Wadena Regional Wellness Center Fund

Business Loan Funds

Menahga Loan Fund
Princeton Economic Development Loan Fund
St. Cloud State University Microlending Fund
Todd-Wadena Economic Development Loan Fund
Wadena Tornado Relief Loan Fund

* Indicates new Turn Key Partner Funds created in 2015

GRANT AWARDS

Nearly \$1.1 million was awarded in 2015 to 151 regional nonprofits in support of their critical services and social enterprise activities. Turn Key Partner Fund and scholarship award listings are available at ifound.org/community/grants/grant-awards.

A Place for You, Pine City
African Women's Alliance, St. Cloud
Albany School District
All Parks Alliance for Change, St. Cloud
Anderson Center, St. Cloud
BestPrep, St. Cloud
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota, St. Cloud
Big Lake Backpack Buddies
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota, St. Cloud
Brainerd Baxter Youth Center
Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
Education Association
Brainerd Lakes Area Economic Development Corp
Brainerd Restoration
Brainerd School District
Bridges of Hope, Brainerd
Cambridge Isanti School District
Camp Vanasek, Inc., Baxter
Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District
Carver County Water Management Organization
Cass County Economic Development Corporation
Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District
Central Lakes College Foundation, Brainerd
Central Minnesota Housing Partnership, St. Cloud
Central Minnesota Jobs & Training, Monticello
Central Minnesota Taskforce on Battered Women,
St. Cloud
Children's Day Montessori, Inc., St. Cloud
Children's Dental Services, Inc., St. Cloud
Chisago County EDA
City of Becker
City of Big Lake
City of Brainerd
City of Cambridge
City of Cold Spring
City of Emily
City of Little Falls
City of Longville
City of Maple Lake
City of Montrose
City of Pine City
City of Rockford
City of Rush City
Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf
Cloverleaf Youth Partnership dba Cyber Cafe, Wadena
Community Aid of Elk River (CAER)
Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation
Community Grassroots Solutions, Waite Park
Cornerstones Center, Inc., St. Cloud
Council on Foundations
Crow River Organization of Water Joint Powers, Buffalo
Crow River Trail Guards, Inc., Paynesville

Crow Wing County
Crow Wing County United Way
Cuyuna Range Youth Center, Crosby
Dreams United/Sueños Unidos, Long Prairie
Economic Development Partnership of Wright County
Eradicating Achievement Gap & Learning
Empowerment, Inc., St. Cloud
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Isanti
Faith In Action for Cass County
Family Pathways, Isle
FamilyWise Services, Isanti
First American Financial Services, Sebeka
GiveMn
Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota, St. Cloud
Great River Arts Association, Little Falls
Great River Family Promise, Elk River
Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation
Greater Twin Cities United Way
Hands Across the World, St. Cloud
Happy Dancing Turtle, Pine River
Heartland Ranch Inc. dba Heartland Girls' Ranch, Benson
Helping Hands Outreach, Holdingford
Higher Ground Church, St. Cloud
HOWA Family Center, Walker
Isanti County, Cambridge
Isanti County Historical Society
Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest, Little Falls
Kandiyo County
Kimball Area School District
Kinship of Morrison County
Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District
Lakes & Pines Community Action Council, Inc., Mora
Lakes Area Interfaith Caregivers, Brainerd
Lakes Area Restorative Justice Project, Brainerd
Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation, Hackensack
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake
Leech Lake Tribal College, Cass Lake
LegalCORPS of St. Cloud
Let's Go Fishing, Little Falls
Little Falls School District
Metropolitan Economic Development Association
Mid-Minnesota Women's Center Inc., Brainerd
Mille Lacs County
Mille Lacs Health System, Onamia
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, St. Cloud
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
Minnesota Council on Foundations
Minnesota Food Association, Staples
Minnesota Women's Consortium
Mora Education Foundation
Morrison County Animal Humane Society
Morrison County Social Services

Morrison County United Way
Northland Foundation
Oasis Central Minnesota, Inc., Little Falls
Open Doors for Youth, Elk River
Paradise Community Theatre Association, Inc., Mora
Paul Bunyan Arboretum, Brainerd
Pearl Crisis Center, Milaca
Perseverancia, St. Cloud
Pine City School District
Pine County
Pine Habilitation and Supported Employment, Inc.,
Sandstone
PORT of Crow Wing County, Inc.
Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, St. Cloud
Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, St. Cloud
Princeton School District
Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota, St. Cloud
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
Resource Training & Solutions, St. Cloud
Rise, Inc., St. Cloud
Rivers of Hope, Monticello
RiverWorks, Rockford
Rotary International, Brainerd
Salem Lutheran Church, Deerwood
Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Inc., Brainerd
Seven County Senior Federation, Mora
Ski Gull, Inc., Nisswa
Soup For The Soul, Inc., Mora
St. Cloud Area School District
St. Cloud Area Somali Salvation Organization
St. Cloud State University
St. Joseph's Medical Center, Brainerd
Stearns County Parks
Todd County Developmental Achievement Center, Inc.,
Browerville
Tool Shed, Inc., Little Falls
Tri-County Action Program, Inc., Waite Park
Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc., Little Falls
Tusen Tack, Brahm
United Cerebral Palsy of Central Minnesota, St. Cloud
United Way of Central Minnesota, St. Cloud
University of Minnesota
University of St. Thomas
Volunteers of America of Minnesota, Isle
Wadena County
Wildlife Forever, Minneapolis
Wright County Health and Human Services
Wright Technical Center

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