



Northfield Area Foundation

2009 Annual Report



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Dear Friends:

Thank you for joining us in celebrating Northfield Area Foundation's 15th Anniversary. We wanted to take this special opportunity to let the community get to know more about us. On this occasion we want to recognize the achievements of our many grant recipients, the generosity of our donors and the hard work of our founders and advisory board members throughout the years.

The Northfield Area Foundation Board of Advisors has granted money to support more than eighty local programs. The many funds that are part of the Northfield Area Foundation Family of Funds have supported countless more. The grant recipients have provided many innovative and creative ideas that have helped build a better community. They are truly at the heart of what the Northfield Area Foundation is all about.

But we would not have been able to support these wonderful organizations and programs without the generosity of our many donors who made a long-term investment in our community. The funds established by our donors are designed to live on as permanent sources of funding and indeed provide a living legacy for the community. The Board of Advisors current advises on endowment funds worth approximately one million dollars. We hope to help see that endowment increase significantly over the coming years.

And of course, we would not be where we are today without our 55 current and former Board members from the Northfield area community who have dedicated many hours to establishing the Northfield Area Foundation and making it grow into an endowment that meets the needs and interests of the greater Northfield area.

All of our grants recipients, donors, former and current Board members have helped leave an important legacy to our community. What is your legacy?

Karna Halverson, Chair
Northfield Area Foundation Board of Advisors

Advisory Board Members since 1994

Many thanks to all of Northfield Area Foundation's Advisory Board Members since 1994:

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Northfield Area Foundation History

The Northfield Area Foundation was formally established on May 11, 1994, as a part of the Minnesota Foundation (now the Minnesota Community Foundation or MCF) to receive and manage endowment funds and provide grants for the benefit of the greater Northfield community.

The first funds were scholarships for Northfield High School graduates.

Other family funds and organizational funds have been added through the years, nearly all donor-advised funds. These funds appear on the list of NAF funds, but are under the control of the persons or groups that created them.

In 2000, a bequest from the estate of Dorothy and Marston Headley added a fund that is controlled by the NAF Advisory Board.

In 2006, a large contribution from the Ruth Nutting Estate allowed the total assets to climb to more than \$1.2 million. One-third of the Nutting gift is designated for "beautification of Northfield." Grants from these funds have been given to local

organizations each year, beginning in 2001. The total amounts given to date equal \$221,906.

The early Board established policies for the Foundation, setting the stage for the current activities.

The Board is working on plans to increase the amount available for future grants and on alternative means of awarding such grants.

How does it work?

Contributions from individuals, families, businesses and charitable organizations build the endowment, the earnings from which are used to fund community needs and interests. The endowment itself, which continues to grow and yield earnings each year, is managed by the Minnesota Community Foundation, a public charity that manages and administers funds for the benefit of organizations and communities throughout Minnesota.

Northfield Area Foundation provides a way to meet the needs and interests of the greater Northfield area now and far into the future.

Giving Back to the Community

Northfield Area Foundation gives people an opportunity to give something back to their community. The gift is never spent, but is invested. The earnings from the invested gift are used to benefit the community and enhance the quality of life in the Northfield area.

Donors also benefit through giving something back to their community and by receiving significant tax considerations.

Members of the Northfield Area Foundation Committee at the time of NAF's formation:

- Charles Kyte
- Wilmer C. Brosz
- Randall W. Perkins
- Marston Headley
- Eve H. Webster
- Barbara Will
- Susan Garwood-Delong
- Ellie W. Lundblad
- Carol A. Campbell
- Steven B. Edwins
- Andrea Christianson
- Leslie G. Svendsen
- Gregory Carlson

Spotlight on our donors: Marston & Dorothy Headley

Marston Headley was born in Northfield in 1917. He graduated from Northfield High School in 1934.

Marston and Dorothy Headley moved to Northfield in 1965. Marston graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Carleton College in 1938. His father, Leal Headley, was a long-time member of the Carleton faculty. His mother, whose maiden name was Harriet Marston, was a native of San Diego, Calif., where her family had headed a very large department store. One could compare them with the Daytons of Minnesota. She went back to California in her old age when she was a widow and lived well past 100.

Marston went on to Harvard where he earned his master's degree.



Northfield News file photo
Marston Headley graduated from Carleton College in 1938 and went on to Harvard for his master's degree.

His years at Harvard were interrupted with four years of service (1941-1945) in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Later he attended Harvard's law school. But much of his time in the Eastern states he taught political science at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa.

It was at Wilson that he met Dorothy Stone, who was on the college's staff.

A graduate of the University of Connecticut, she had served as a WAVE, women's unit of the U.S. Navy during World War II. She then attended a business school in New York City.

The couple married on Aug. 16, 1953, in Danbury, Conn., Dorothy's hometown.

Marston also taught at Western College for Women and Miami University of Ohio before the couple

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Spotlight on our donors: Ruth Nutting

"They came from a time in Northfield that was marked by Plain Living and High Thinking."

These are the words of Brynhild Rowberg, native Northfielder and friend of the Nutting family. In her growing up years she formed a lifelong friendship with the Nutting sisters, Ruth and Helen. Rowberg's quote helps explain why this family would leave a financial bequest to Northfield that will improve the lives of so many people far into the future.

Plain living meant living modestly and simply, taking the moral high ground, extolling the virtues of truth, hard work, thrift and loyalty to family and friends. They also grew up in the shadow of John Wesley North, who wanted this place to be, "As a beacon on a Hill." Where education, debate of the issues of the day as well as generosity of spirit were the benchmarks of this burgeoning community.

The Nutting family's presence here began with John Claudius

Nutting, who came to Northfield in 1866, intent on entering the banking business.

Nutting was drawn here by North's vision of equality for all and thirst for knowledge. J.C. Nutting was president of the First National Bank from 1873 until his death in 1911. His son, J. D. Nutting (John David) became president of the bank in 1926 and served in that post until 1968.

John and his wife, Elizabeth, had two daughters, the aforementioned Ruth and Helen. Both exemplified the high thinking philosophy in their own lives. Helen became a beloved professor of history at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. Ruth, after serving as an Army nurse, became Head of Nursing at Stanford University Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif.

I repeat this fact to emphasize how closely they were connected to the founding families of Northfield.

It also helps explain why, in September of 1876, they immedi-

ately came together to rescue "their bank." When others might have cowered, they came without pause to aid their brothers and sisters in their time of need.

This was a homogenous community in those years and this was by design, not accident. So it should come as no surprise that one of the descendants of these early settlers has now come to the aid of all of us by leaving a lasting gift to benefit Northfield for years to come.

The Nutting family gift amounts to just over \$900,000. One third of it goes to beautification of Northfield, one third to the Northfield Historical Society and one third an unrestricted gift to be used as the board of advisers of the Northfield Area Foundation sees fit.

This money is invested and managed by the Minnesota Community Foundation and the interest earned is annually dispersed to people and causes deemed worthy by the NAF Board.

— Dan Freeman

The Headleys

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moved to Northfield in 1965 soon after the death of his father.

Marston began work at Northfield's public library in 1968 with the title of assistant librarian. In addition to duties at the public service desk, he was given the responsibility of putting into order the historical material that had been stored in various parts of the library basement.

He soon realized that the library had a collection of great significance as he worked with books, periodicals, letters, journals, photographs, directories, census records, scrapbooks, collections concerning Northfield history that had been left to the library by various individuals.

In 1985, Marston and Dorothy were among the senior citizens sa-

luted on July Fourth, long an annual feature of that holiday. In 1994, the couple was honored by Community National Bank as recipients of the annual Hometown Spirit Award.

In 1988, the Headleys and his mother gave the large family home at 815 E. Second St. to Carleton in behalf of Marston's class of 1938. Marston and Dorothy moved to a smaller house next door.

Marston was a founder of the Northfield Historical Society and later served as president and treasurer. He served on Northfield's Heritage Preservation Commission and on the group restoring the Veblen Homestead.

He was a long-time member of the Rotary Club, served as its president and edited the club's weekly bulletin. Both he and Dorothy worked with Meals on Wheels.

Marston was a life-long member of the First United Church of Christ. He belonged to the Northfield Arts Guild. He worked with Project SIGHT (a teen pregnancy prevention group). Project Friendship, Northfield Human Relations Council that became the Community Action Center, the Hospital Auxiliary and Head Start.

Dorothy worked with Church Women United at local, state and national levels and was state president 1979-1983.

Her fight with breast cancer began in 1991, curtailing her activities, especially after the cancer spread to her lungs. She received hospice care and died at home on Thanksgiving Day in 1996.

Marston also died at home — on April 24, 1999, when he was 81.

—Maggie Lee, Northfield News

Northfield Area Foundation Family of Funds

PROVISIONAL COMMUNITY ADVISED FUNDS

- Northfield Operating Fund

PERMANENT UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITY ADVISED FUNDS

- The Northfield Area Foundation Fund
- Marston Headley & Dorothy Stone Headley Fund – Northfield Area Foundation
- Nutting Family Fund
- Street Family Fund – Northfield Foundation

PERMANENT RESTRICTED COMMUNITY ADVISED COMMUNITY FUNDS

- Nutting Family Beautification Fund

PROVISIONAL to PERMANENT DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- Don & Cindy Anderson Trust Fund
- Helen D. Berwald Charitable Fund
- Gregory A. And Nancy C. Carlson Foundation Fund
- Jeffrey R. and Stacy H. Carlson Foundation Fund

- Pat Lamb and Ele Hansen Foundation Fund
- Jean E. Phillips Charitable Fund
- Sweasy-Donkers ASO Fund
- Donald and Marjorie Tarr Charitable Fund
- Clark F. and Eve M. Webster Fund
- Molly and Bill Woehrlin Charitable Fund

PERMANENT DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- Lucille Dusterhoeft Scholarship Fund
- Darrin Erickson Memorial Educational Fund
- Northfield Alumni Scholarship Fund
- Wayne Richard Stickley and Jennifer Anne Tuma Memorial Scholarship Fund

PERMANENT DESIGNATED FUNDS

- Marston Headley & Dorothy Stone Headley Fund – Northfield Historical Society
- Marston Headley & Dorothy Stone

Headley Fund – Community Action Center of Northfield

PERMANENT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FUNDS

- Friends of the Cannon River Wilderness Area Fund
- Northfield Arts Guild Toni Sostek Memorial Fund
- Northfield City Hospital Auxiliary Fund
- The Northfield Community Action Center Endowment Fund
- Northfield Historical Society Endowment Fund
- Northfield Retirement Center Foundation Endowment Fund
- Northfield Senior Citizens Endowment Fund
- Rotary Club of Northfield Paul Harris Fund
- Rotary Club of Northfield Endowment Fund

COMMUNITY FUNDS

- WINGS: Women's Annual Fund
- WINGS: Women's Endowment Fund

Grants Report for 2008

Each year the Grants Review Committee of NAF has the gratifying task of awarding grants to worthy projects of non-profit groups in the Northfield area. Our main cycle of grants has a Nov. 1 deadline and checks are normally presented early the following year.

On Jan. 28, 2009, we awarded grants for 12 projects from the initial 20 requests. Total requests were for approximately \$65,000, but we could only award a total of \$25,680 as determined by the Minnesota Community Foundation that manages our endowed funds.

Awards went to the following groups/projects:

- **Community Action Center** — \$3,000 for extra-curricular programs for low-income children
- **Community Action Center** — \$1,000 for Thursday's Table
- **Hope Center** — \$3,770 for

six community forums on sexually explicit imagery in the media and its impact on teens

- **Bridgewater Elementary** — \$2,500 for a recycling and composting program
- **Laura Baker School** — \$1,160 to support a group drumming program
- **Northfield High School** — \$5,000 for Service Learning program staff
- **Northfield High School** — \$2,500 for social programming for special needs youth
- **Project ABLE** — \$2,300 for social programming for special needs youth
- **Rice County Steam and Gas Engine Club** — \$650 to replace a chimney on farmhouse
- **Sibley Elementary** — \$1,500 for new playground equipment
- **Northfield Youth Choirs** — \$1,500 for scholarships

- **Northfield Public Library** — \$800 for hosting visiting artists

In April we presented two additional awards from funds designated for beautification projects. These were:

- **Northfield in Bloom** — \$8,200 for floral displays, planters and maintenance
- **Northfield Downtown Development Corporation** — \$2,710 for new holiday decorations

We will soon be considering the next group of grant applications as the new cycle has begun. The present committee includes Chair Anne Mayer, Catherine McBride, Karna Halverson, Craig Ellingboe, and Will Brosz.

Submitted by:
Anne Mayer
Chair, NAF Grants Committee



See how far we've branched out in 15 years

BestPrep

- Scholarships for Minnesota Business Venture

Cannon River Community Land Trust

- Affordable Housing Advertising

Cannon River Watershed

- Cannon River Festival

Carleton College

- ACT Center for Women Circle

Catholic Charities

- Transportation Support
- Weatherization Education Project

Common Bond Communities

- Study Buddies

Dakota County 4H

- Youth Teaching Youth

Dakota Prairie Adult Ed

- ESL Video

Epic Enterprises

- Friendship Connection

Northfield Hospital

- Healthy Community Initiative for Familias en Accion
- Familias en Accion for Family Literacy
- Fun Nights

HealthFinders

HOPE Center

Laura Baker Services

- Integrated Group Drumming

for Therapy

- Volunteers for Baker
- Volunteer Coordinator

Main Street Project

- Northfield Area Latino Leadership Council



Ross Hoffman describes the delicate nature of Spring Brook to city officials and residents Monday night. The stream is one of two on land along Highway 19 and Armstrong Road that could be annexed and developed at some point.

Northfield News photo



Staff and members of the Northfield Union of Youth sit down for a board meeting on Wednesday afternoon in preparation for the Union's 15th anniversary open house.

Northfield News photo

Middle School Youth Activity Center

Northfield Area Family YMCA

- Parents Meeting Parents

Northfield Community Action Center

- Miles of Smiles program
- Activity Scholarships
- Thursday Table
- Las Mujeres Sewing Classes
- Northfield Diversity Coalition for Undoing Racism Training
- Transitional Housing Program and Activity Scholarship Assistance

Northfield Gymnastics Club

- Saturday Open Gym

Northfield Union of Youth

- Writing Workshop
- Team Squared Skill-Building Projects
- Main Street Mentors
- Program to Help Youth Pursue a Secondary Education

Northfield Youth Choirs

- Scholarships
- Iolanthe Production

Northfield Arts Guild

- Vintage Band Music Festival
- El Teatro y Baile Infantil
- Alternative Arts
- Let's Talk About Art
- Discovery Theater
- Video/A Community Mosaic, Part II

Northfield Downtown Development Corporation

- City Holiday Decorations
- America in Bloom

Northfield Garden Club

- Northfield in Bloom

Northfield Historical Society

- History Timeline
- Volunteer Training Program
- Orientation Room Video
- Sesquicentennial Committee
- Harvest Sculpture

Northfield Hospital Auxiliary

Northfield Public Library

- Visiting Artists program
- Historical Performances
- Early Literacy Center

Northfield Public Schools

- 9th Grade respect retreat
- Bridgewater Elementary Kids Who Care
- Green Team
- Sibley Elementary Playground Equipment
- Service Learning Coordinator
- Project ABLE
- Hispanic Family Program for School Success
- Northfield Alternative Learning Center
- Arts Program
- Service Learning Connectedness

Northfield Senior Center

- Bridge Square Popcorn Wagon Repair/Upgrade
- Generational Outreach

People First

Project Friendship

- Enhanced Multicultural Program

Project Sight

- Friends Anonymous
- Youth ski Training
- Jeopardy Wheel
- Double Take Drama Troupe Training
- Father/Son Retreat Initiative

Region 6 Community Action Network

- Northfield Area Assistive Technology Access

Renew Northfield

Rice County Dispute Resolution Program

- Outreach to Spanish-speaking residents

Rice County Social Services

- Northfield Freepops Program for Team Freepops
- Communities Together for Kids for Freepops After School

Rice County Steam & Gas Engine

- Drentlaw House Renovation
- Granary Restoration
- Corn Crib Restoration

Rotary Club of Northfield

- Water Fountain and Garden at Northfield Soccer Complex
- Spring Creek Accessible Playground

Three Links Care Center

- Healthy Spoons Program
- Flourish Partnership in Arts

WomanSafe Center

- Center Capacity Assessment

— Provided by the Northfield Area Foundation



Students at Sibley Elementary School make use of the playground equipment during recess.

Northfield News photo



Don Weed of Dundas pulls the whistle on the 1921 Advance Rumely 50-horse power steam engine at the 2009 Rice County Steam & Gas Engine show in Dundas.

Faribault Daily News photo

Marketing Committee Report — 2008

The Marketing Committee discussed several different proposals during the 2008 year. Among them were: Monthly articles in the Northfield News and interviews on KYMN Radio also on a monthly basis. These were to be performed by various board members.

We also decided that we needed a constant presence on our Website. We decided that a video would be a good way to provide this need. We contacted local video producers and found the \$8,000 price tag to be prohibitive.

Instead we contacted the film department of Carleton College and asked to meet with faculty members Carol Donelan and Paul Hager. They both felt that there were enough talented students to provide us with a worthy product. After an interview process was conducted by the faculty members we decided to engage Alexander Cooney to produce the NAF video.

The video was produced in two months at a cost of \$2,500. It is available on our Website and has been shown to several individuals

and also some non-profits.

Other marketing ideas discussed were give away items for our public appearances. Some of the ideas were magnets, calendars, pens, as well as a banner for annual events. We also thought that a large public relations event should be held each year to promote NAF and the many organizations we benefit each year.

Submitted by:
Dan Freeman
Chair

Treasurer's Report

The NAF oversees six endowment funds highlighted below.

- **Headley Fund — Northfield Area Foundation**
- **Northfield Area Foundation Fund**
- **Nutting Family Beautification Fund**
- **Nutting Family Fund**
- **Northfield Operating Fund**
- **Street Family Fund**

Five NAF funds generate income

distributed to various 501c3 Northfield area charity organizations through an application process. The sixth fund is an operating fund used by NAF for marketing events, advertising, mailing charges and Website management, and is largely funded by board member contributions.

All funds are invested through, and managed by, the Minnesota Community Foundation (MCF).

The economic crisis has had a dra-

matic impact on the fund. Although we have seen a modest recovery from the beginning of the year, we are still down 34 percent from the fund's peak in 2007.

The balance for all of NAF's managed funds was \$788,858 on June 30, 2009.

Because of MCF's policy of a 16-quarter running average, our available-to-grant (ATG) amount has not been as dramatically affected.

2008-09 Fund Summaries

Fund	Balance on 1/1/09	Balance on 6/30/09	Contributions	Gain/Loss Interest	Disbursements	Expenses	ATG 2009
Headley	\$348,030	\$389,238		\$45,414	(\$4,206)		\$17,797
Nutting	\$211,234	\$236,284		\$27,576	(\$2,526)		\$10,802
Nutting B	\$213,355	\$226,024		\$26,069	(\$13,399)		\$10,910
Street	\$5,686	\$6,360		\$742	(\$69)		\$291
NAF	\$940	\$1,020		\$92	(\$11)		\$48
Operating	\$11,098	\$11,207	\$1,735	\$42	(\$199)	(\$1,470)	N/A
Total	\$790,343	\$870,133	\$1,735	\$99,935	(\$20,410)	(\$1,470)	\$39,848

Available to Grant History

2005	2006	2007	2008	June 2009
\$19,596	\$19,044	\$43,824	\$48,346	\$39,848

Fund History

2005	2006	2007	2008	June 2009
\$486,799	\$1,110,645	\$1,203,711	\$790,343	\$870,133

Note: In 2006, proceeds from the Ruth Nutting Estate were added to the fund

Strategic Planning Committee Report

The Strategic Planning Committee was reinstated in 2008. The last time this committee had been engaged was 2005.

Members met to achieve the following objectives:

1. To explore the feasibility of transforming NAF into a full-time organization
2. To establish financial goals
3. To define our role in the com-

munity

The board engaged Pat Allen, of Learning Innovations and past NAF board member, to facilitate the strategic planning process.

In 2009, the board met for a strategic planning retreat, where we evaluated the current mission and vision statement, identified our values and began to describe our preferred future.

As an outcome exercise, each board member was challenged to write a letter to the NAF board — five years into the future — to describe what the NAF had done over those five years.

At the November 2009 board meeting, the Committee will make its goal recommendations.

Grant Summary

2008 Grants

Northfield Historical Society, Harvest Sculpture	\$10,000
Northfield Downton Development Corporation	\$12,667
Community Action Center, extracurricular programs	\$3,000
Community Action Center, Thursday's Table	\$1,000
Hope Center	\$3,770
Bridgewater Elementary School	\$2,500
Laura Baker School	\$1,160
Northfield High School, Service Learning	\$5,000
Northfield High School, 9th Grade Retreat	\$2,500
Project ABLE	\$2,300
Rice County Steam and Gas Engine Club	\$650
Sibley Elementary School	\$1,500
Northfield Youth Choirs	\$1,500
Northfield Public Library	\$800
TOTAL	\$48,347
2007 Grants	
Northfield Rotary, Ruth Nutting Garden	\$11,894
Renew Northfield	\$10,000

2007 Grants (continued)

Community Action Center	\$7,000
Friends Anonymous	\$1,500
Northfield Area Latino Leadership Council	\$1,200
Northfield Community Band	\$1,500
Northfield Public Library	\$1,000
Northfield High School	\$5,000
Northfield Union of Youth	\$720
Project ABLE	\$1,900
Project Sight	\$2,850
Parents Meeting Parents	\$1,025
Sibley Elementary School	\$1,995
Rice County Steam and Gas Engine Club	\$400
TOTAL	\$47,984
2006 Grants	
Catholic Charities, Transportation Support	\$2,100
Community Action Center, Activity Scholarships	\$2,000
Familias en Accion, Family Literacy Fun Nights	\$2,200
Northfield Arts Guild, El teatro y baile infantil	\$1,000

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Grant Summary

2006 Grants (continued)

Northfield Historical Society, Northfield History Timeline	\$2,500
Rotary Club of Northfield, New Water Fountain for Spring Creek Park	\$5,000
Project SIGHT, Jeopardy Wheel	\$865
Rice County Steam & Gas Engines, Granary Restoration	\$850

Three Links Care Center, Healthy Spoons Program	\$1,500
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Vintage Band Music Festival, Retirement Center Performances	\$2,000
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TOTAL	\$20,015
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2005 Grants

HealthFinders, Free clinic for the uninsured	\$10,000
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2004 Grants

Catholic Charities, Weatherization Education Project	\$1,600
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Common Bond Communities, Study Buddies	\$2,000
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Community Action Center, Activity Scholarships	\$2,500
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Dakota County 4H, Youth Teaching Youth	\$2,400
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Healthy Community Initiative, Familias En Accion	\$2,500
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Northfield Community Action Center, Las Mujeres Sewing Class	\$500
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Laura Baker Services, Volunteers for Baker	\$1,000
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Northfield Freepops Program Team Freepops	\$4,000
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Northfield Public Library, Early Literacy Center	\$2,000
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Northfield Senior Citizens, Popcorn Wagon Repair	\$2,000
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Northfield Union of Youth, Writing Workshop	\$1,500
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2004 Grants (continued)

Project Sight, Double Take Drama Troupe Training	\$1,500
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Southern MN Assistive & Rehab. Technology, Northfield Area Assistive Technology Access	\$3,000
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Three Links Care Center, Arts Flourish	\$1,500
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HOPE Center, Center Capacity Assessment	\$3,500
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Carleton College ACT Center, WomenCircle	\$600
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Special grant in 2004 from the Operating Fund to the Northfield Historical Society for the Sesquicentennial project

TOTAL	\$33,100
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2003 Grants

Cannon River Community Land Trust, Advertising	\$1,750
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Cannon River Watershed Partnership, River Festival	\$1,500
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Dakota Prairie Adult Basic Education, ESL Video	\$2,200
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EPIC Enterprises, Inc. Friendship Connection	\$4,000
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Northfield Public Schools, Families in Action	\$2,900
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Northfield Community Action Center, Sewing Project	\$500
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Laura Baker Services, Volunteer Coordinator	\$700
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Faribault Daily News photo
Dr. George Wagner examines a patient at the Little Prairie United Methodist Church as part of HealthFinders.

Grant Summary

2003 Grants (Continued)

Northfield Arts Guild, Alternative Arts	\$1,100
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Northfield Community Action Center, Activity Scholarships	\$1,500
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Northfield Gymnastics Club, Saturday Open Gym	\$4,000
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Northfield Historical Society, Volunteer Training Seminar	\$1,000
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Northfield Union of Youth, Team Squared	\$2,500
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People First, Transportation for Events	\$860
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Spring Creek Accessible Playground	\$3,000
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TOTAL	\$27,510
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2002 Grants

Northfield Arts Guild, Picture Person Program	\$1,000
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Cannon Valley Watershed Partnership, Cannon River Festival	\$2,500
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Northfield Community Action Center, Activity Scholarships	\$1,500
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Northfield Diversity Coalition, Undoing Racism training	\$1,800
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Communities Together for Kids, Freepops Afterschool	\$2,700
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Northfield Historical Society, New Orientation Video	\$1,000
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Middle School Youth Activity Center, Americorps worker	\$4,500
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Northfield News photo
The Northfield Area Foundation helps the Northfield Historical Society with various projects through grant money.



Northfield News photo
Northfield Area Learning Center (ALC) students (from left) Schei McVay, Josh Keppers, Katy Davis and Kaitlyn Kruse deliver holiday gift packages to the neighbors of Longfellow School, where the ALC is located.

Project SIGHT, Father/Son Retreat	\$1,500
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Rice County Dispute Resolution Program	\$3,000
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Northfield Senior Citizens, Intergenerational projects	\$3,000
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Northfield Union of Youth, Adult Mentoring Program	\$2,500
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TOTAL	\$25,000
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2001 Grants

Project Friendship	\$3,000
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Northfield Arts Guild, Discovery Theatre	\$1,950
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Community Video Project	\$1,000
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Northfield Youth Choirs	\$1,000
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Northfield Alternative Learning Center	\$1,000
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Communities Together for Kids (Freepops)	\$1,000
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Northfield Union of Youth	\$1,000
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TOTAL	\$9,950
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EIGHT-YEAR TOTAL	\$221,906
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— Grant summary information provided by the Northfield Area Foundation's Grants Committee, chaired by Anne Meyer

Northfield Area Foundation — Making headlines

Northfield Area Foundation seeking to promote philanthropy

The Northfield Area Foundation has been in existence for two years and is finding both success and recognition in the community. The Northfield Area Foundation (NAF) was founded to promote philanthropy in our community and area. Members of the NAF are interested in engaging community citizens to work...

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when they are withdrawn. Some persons in our community donate the monies in their tax sheltered annuities to a charitable remainder trust using the earnings during retirement and donating the principal back to their favorite charity. The result is that...

from each paycheck to their own foundation. Earnings from their contributions will then be used to help support a whole variety of community activities. This is an example of a whole group of employees becoming philanthropic for the good of their community.

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Northfield Foundation grants now available

NORTHFIELD — The Northfield Area Foundation grants are now available. The grants are available to eligible community organizations in the Northfield area. Applications must be submitted by...

Early literacy center to open at library in June

NORTHFIELD — The Northfield City Council approved grants totaling \$3,500 to the Northfield Area Foundation and TCF to open the First Steps Early Literacy Center which will open June 1 in the Northfield Public Library.



Library Board member Mary Ellen Ross and Northfield Public Library Director Lynne Young attended Monday's Northfield City Council meeting. (News photo by Carol Rockswold)

National Library in June

This week was declared "National Library Week" by the Northfield City Council Monday and Tuesday...

Northfield Area Foundation hosts Philanthropy Day

NORTHFIELD — The Northfield Area Foundation hosted its annual Philanthropy Day on Monday, June 14, at the Northfield Public Library. The day was a success and...

Help out: Make Northfield bloom

NORTHFIELD — The Northfield Area Foundation is seeking volunteers to help with the annual flower sale. The sale is a major fundraiser for the foundation and...

Foundation ready for some business

BY MATT GAFFRON
Staff Writer
It is an eternal struggle. You want to help the community, but you don't want to pay too much in taxes. What do you do? The Northfield Area Foundation is helping to answer that question. Now up and running, the Northfield Area Foundation (NAF) was the brainchild of several concerned community residents who wanted to have a way to give...

"The idea behind it is to put a structure in place allowing people to give back to the community."
— Greg Carlson
NAF member

Northfield Area Foundation awards grants

NORTHFIELD — The Northfield Area Foundation awarded \$27,510 in grants to 21 area organizations during its annual awards luncheon on Monday, June 14, at the Northfield Public Library. The grants were awarded to...

NORTHFIELD — The Board of Directors of the Northfield Area Foundation presented grant recipients with their checks and celebrated their awards during an awards luncheon held Feb. 10 at Otaf College.

NAF seeking applicants for board of directors

NORTHFIELD — The Northfield Area Foundation (NAF) is seeking applicants for its board of directors. The board is responsible for the overall management of the foundation and...

Charitable giving begins at home

THOMAS P. "TIP" O'NEILL, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives during most of the 1980s, once said, "All charitable giving is local." Charitable giving is local. We know the needs in our own community. It might be a child that we see at the bus stop on a cold January morning with no hat or gloves. It might be an elderly person who is alone in their home. Charitable giving is local. It is about helping those in need in our own community. The Northfield Area Foundation is a public charity with assets of over \$76 million in 2001. The Minnesota Community Foundation serves more than 100 communities, like Northfield, throughout the year. Each year, the Northfield Area Foundation awards grants to worthy community organizations. We will be awarding grants totaling nearly \$23,000 this month. Fourteen organizations will be awarded to community organizations in the Northfield Area Foundation. Minnesota is one of many states that face with huge budget deficits. Dollars will be scarce in the near future. Organizations like the Northfield Area Foundation will be essential to fill the gaps. But the foundation also fosters cooperation and collaboration among community organizations to avoid costly duplication. It needs to be a sharing of organizational assets and resources. It also needs to be a proactively seeking future opportunities. The Northfield Area Foundation is to build a better community.



Jayne Hager Dee
Guest columnist

Foundation hosted seminar on charitable giving

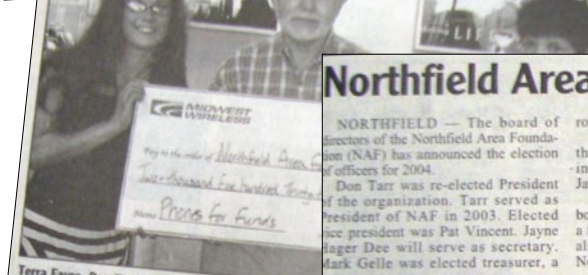
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Area foundation receives largest gift ever

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Northfield Area Foundation elects new officers for 2004

NORTHFIELD — The board of directors of the Northfield Area Foundation (NAF) has announced the election of officers for 2004. Don Tarr was re-elected President of the organization. Tarr served as president of NAF in 2003. Elected vice president was Pat Vincent. Jayne Hager Dee will serve as secretary. Mark Gelle was elected treasurer, a role he has held for three years. Four members were renominated for three-year terms on the board. They include: Craig Redalen, Pat Vincent, Jayne Hager Dee and Susan Sanderson. Elected to her first term on the NAF board is Catherine McBride. McBride is a financial consultant in Northfield. She also serves on the board of Women in Northfield Giving Service (WINGS), the Malby Natural Sciences Learning Center and Nature Preserve and the Girl Scouts of Cannon Valley. She formerly served on the Northfield Healthy Community Initiative board. The Northfield Area Foundation will then work with community organizations to find a way to provide the appropriate structure in the community to utilize the funds donated to carry out the interests and intentions of the donors. I am proud of the work done to-date by the directors of the Northfield Area Foundation. They are a group of prominent and dedicated citizens who are working for the long-term betterment of their community. They have worked hard to finish the foundation and all of its projects. The results, in just two years, have been very gratifying. More than three million dollars has been dedicated to-date for the Northfield Area Foundation. Man...



Terra Favro, Don Tarr and Vicki Gall all were involved with the program. (Submitted photo)

Phones for funds donation

NORTHFIELD — The Northfield Area Foundation received a donation of wireless phones from Midwest Wireless. The phones were donated to help support the foundation's programs. Each Midwest Wireless phone was purchased for \$100. The phones are often updated their wireless service and the result is a very low cost. The phones are being distributed to...

Foundation awards grant

NORTHFIELD — The Northfield Area Foundation awarded a grant to the Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra. The grant was for the purchase of new instruments. The grant was a success and...

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