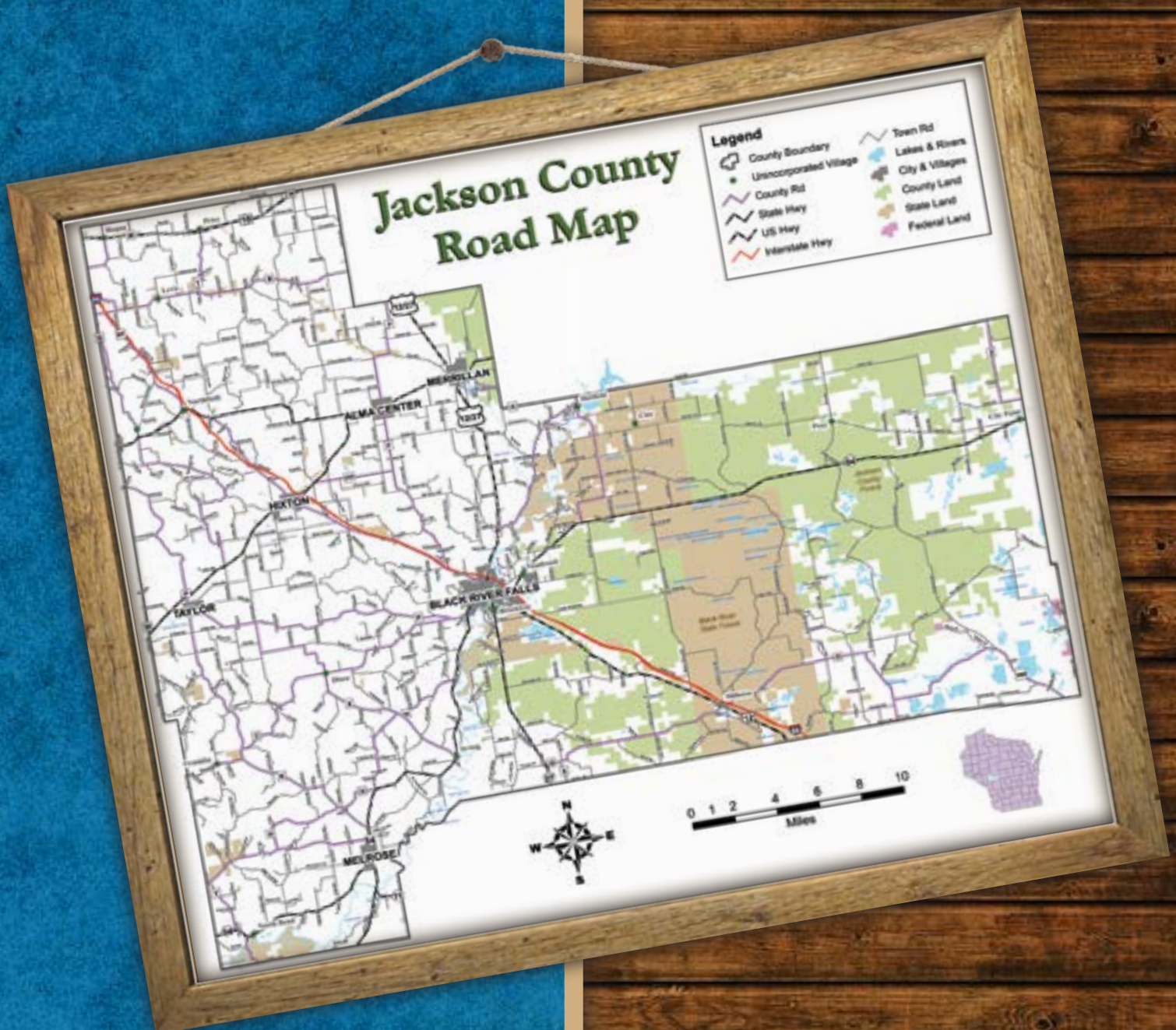


There are  
many routes  
to every  
destination



BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA  
*Foundation*



2016 Annual Report



# Report from the Board of Trustees Chairman, Gil Homstad

## Donor's Contributions to the Black River Falls Area Foundation allowed us to provide the following COMMUNITY SUPPORT in 2016

- **\$81,000** funded grant requests from 19 organizations.
- **\$35,338** funded direct disbursements to 10 local organizations.
- **\$45,250** funded 34 Scholarships for 4-year colleges and 4 scholarships for technical school.
- **\$72,000** for the first 18 two-year Technical School scholarships of \$4,000 each (\$2,000 per year for 2 years). Four Scholarships went to Chippewa Valley Technical College students; the remaining 14 students attend Western Technical College. Two of the 18 students were graduating seniors and an astounding 16 recipients were working age adults going back to school to further their education.
- **\$7,420** was disbursed to the Black River Falls School District to fund grants awarded by the Black River Falls Educational Enrichment Fund.
- **\$3,550** was disbursed from the Alma Center Area Community Fund to cover grants they approved to Alma Center area organizations.
- **\$50,000** donated to the City of Black River Falls, from the Foundation Trail Maintenance Fund, to assist in repair of a washed out area of the Foundation Trail.
- **\$50,000** donated to the City of Black River Falls, from the Skyline Legacy Fund, to assist in maintenance and operating expenses of the city-owned Skyline Golf Course and Community Clubhouse.
- **\$10,000** donated to the City of Black River Falls Public Library from the Mary Van Gorden Endowment Fund for assistance with the operating expenses of the Library History Room.

Making a grant total of **\$354,558** that was provided for community support by the Black River Falls Area Foundation in 2016.

The Black River Falls Area Foundation reached a new milestone when, at the end of 2016, assets exceeded FIVE MILLION dollars! A major source of increased funds came from donors to the Skyline Legacy Fund who recognized that the golf course and the clubhouse (which is utilized annually for hundreds of business and social events) are important community assets.

The major 2016 goal of the Foundation, which will also be the major 2017 goal, was to increase the size and number of scholarships available to current and past high school graduates. The cost of a college education today is becoming unaffordable for many, while at the same time, some college education is a requirement for more and more jobs. Just a few facts summarize the situation.

- Annual tuition and fees at a four-year college are about \$10,000 per year and adding room and board brings the total to around \$20,000 per year. (See chart on page 8)
- Annual tuition and fees at a two-year technical college are about \$5,000 per year.
- 8 million Americans owing 137 billion are over 360 days delinquent on federal student loans!
- A recent study found that of the 10 million new jobs created since 2009, 99% required some college education!

The necessity and increased cost of a college education is a major national crisis. That is why the Foundation, in 2016, partnered with Western Technical College (WTC) of LaCrosse to raise money for technical college scholarships which pay \$2,000 per year for two-year programs. This plan pays \$4,000 of the total \$10,000 two year cost and has proven to be very motivational in getting high school graduates now in the workplace to apply to a technical school to gain a needed skill. 90% of the students awarded this scholarship, who complete the first

semester, will graduate and of those 90% will find a job in their chosen field within 6 months, and those can be well paying jobs!

The Black River Falls Area Foundation embarked on a drive to solicit funds for the scholarships, and the generous people and organizations of Jackson County funded 34 scholarships (of \$2,000 per year for 2 years = \$4,000) totaling \$136,000! While our Trustees were extremely pleased with this result, the response of applicants to two small ads announcing the availability of these scholarships was amazing, and also daunting. We received 25 applicants. 7 were awarded from other WTC scholarships and 18 were awarded by the Foundation. (See side bar on this page) The remaining 16 Foundation scholarships were filled by this year's graduating seniors. While it is gratifying to know that the Foundation is meeting a real need for educational financial assistance, the scope of need is so great that we have already distributed all of the scholarships raised. (See article on page 9) This means we must call on you, the individuals and organizations in our community, to assist our youths by helping fund the education they need to meet job requirements needed for a job paying good wages. We hope all who are able will help meet this need.

In 2017, we will be contacting our current four-year college scholarship fund representatives to discuss increasing their annual scholarship award amounts. A common award amount has been \$1,000 but annual tuition fees having risen to \$10,000 creating a critical need to increase scholarship amounts. Of course higher four-year college costs mean additional new scholarships are also needed to assist more students with their struggles to pay these higher costs.

On another subject, that of finances, investment earnings and assets enabled the Foundation to distribute **\$354,558** in 2016. The categories of distribution are shown in the side bar on this page.



*Skyline Golf Course Clubhouse*



*Foundation Trail*





Bill Millis

The Foundation only exists because of a community of good people – the staff and volunteers of the organizations who productively use the grant funds provided; the generous donors who furnish financial support; the Trustees and staff of the Foundation. Together we are a team, and some of the team who have made a difference in 2016 and prior years are recognized below. The Foundation thanks you all!

- **BILL MILLIS** recognized by the Foundation as a “SPECIAL PERSON” for his generosity to the community over many years. Please see our article honoring him on page 6.
- **JOAN BRENINGEN** who, in 2016, established the Foundation’s Allan Brenengen Memorial Scholarship Fund, additional information on page 9.
- **ASHLEY AHL** co-manages Northern Family Farms, elected as a Foundation Trustee in 2016 and serves on the Foundation’s Scholarship and Finance committees.
- **JIM BIBLE** manages Brockway Cranberry, Inc., elected as a Foundation Trustee in 2016, and member of the Foundation’s Scholarship and Audit committees.
- **JULIE MURRAY** promoted to Executive Director of the Black River Falls Area Foundation, in recognition of her competence and expanded areas of responsibilities.
- **TIM & KAY FINCH** recognized the increasing need for technical college scholarships and led the way in the funding of the 34 new scholarships created in 2016 by donors.
- **THE GLADYS WEBB FAMILY** in appreciation of their contributions to the Grace Webb Memorial School Library Fund, in recognition of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Foundation Fund.
- **TOM LISTER** a co-founder of the Foundation and retiring Trustee, more on page 4.
- **SUSAN LEADHOLM** BRF High School counselor, who processes all scholarship applications and works closely with the Foundation on its scholarships.



Grace Webb Memorial School Library Fund



Grace Webb



Tim and Kay Finch



Susan Leadholm

## Financial Statement

(For the years ending December 31, 2015 and 2016)

REVENUE	2016	2015
Contributions	\$ 381,285	\$ 478,072
Investment Return	\$ 278,718	\$ (72,309)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 660,003</b>	<b>\$ 405,763</b>
EXPENDITURES		
Grants	\$ 236,350	\$ 141,814
Scholarships	\$ 105,250	\$ 41,250
Support Services	\$ 37,847	\$ 36,560
History Book Project	-	\$ 20,467
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 379,447</b>	<b>\$ 240,091</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 280,556	\$ 165,672
Net Assets at Beginning	\$ 4,851,620	\$ 4,685,948
<b>NET ASSETS AT YEAR END</b>	<b>\$ 5,132,176</b>	<b>\$ 4,851,620</b>



## Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Black River Falls Area Foundation. It is responsible for overseeing the investment of donor funds and the distribution of grants in accordance with donors' wishes. Trustees serve without compensation and are selected because of their judgment, integrity, community involvement and understanding of philanthropic needs. They serve a three-year term of office with a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer can serve additional terms.



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Julie Murray,  
*Executive Director*

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Black River Falls Area Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in the Black River Falls Area. We work to realize that goal with the support of individuals, families, businesses and organizations that share this commitment. We achieve this by:

- Providing a vehicle for donors with diverse community interests;
- Protecting donations through prudent investing and stewardship;
- Serving as a resource and catalyst to accomplish community projects;
- Expanding our communities' endowment by encouraging philanthropy.

We address a broad range of community goals rather than focusing on one particular issue. In this way, we are able to meet changing needs and provide support to the people who live and work in the Black River Falls Area.



*The Foundation's History Book is available at no cost. Contact Julie Murray at the Foundation office [brfareafoundation@centurylink.net](mailto:brfareafoundation@centurylink.net) or 715-284-3113.*

## Retiring Trustee Tom Lister

Thank you, Tom, for the donations of your time, your talents, and the ideas and inputs you provided during your nine years as Trustee. Thank you also for your guidance as one of the co-founders of the Foundation who met regularly for two years in 1985 and 1986 to establish the Foundation's mission statement, goals, trust agreement, status as an IRS charitable foundation, and its capital through a community fundraiser. You helped establish an entity which will enhance the community for generations to come!



*Tom Lister  
Nine Year Trustee  
Jan. 2008 to Dec. 2016*

## Former Trustees

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## Current Donor Advised Funds & Scholarship Funds

### Donor Advised Funds

#### FAMILY FUNDS

- James & Carol Dougherty Family Fund
- Tim & Kay Finch Family Fund
- Peter & Jone Hoffman Fund
- Gil & Alice Homstad Fund
- Mary Van Gorden Charitable/Library History Room Funds

#### MEMORIAL FUNDS

- Mike & Mona Anderson Memorial Fund
- Kay Brauner Memorial Fund
- Stanley Held Memorial Fund
- Erwin & Thelma Homstad Memorial Fund
- Grace Webb Memorial Fund
- Katherine Wold Memorial Fund

#### COMMUNITY FUNDS

- Alma Center Area Community Fund
- Black River Area Youth Fund
- City of BRF – Field of Honor Fund
- City of BRF – Public Library Fund
- Developmental Disabilities Fund
- Foundation Trail Maintenance Fund
- Hoffman Aquatic Park Maintenance Fund
- Incubator Economic Development Fund
- Lunda Community Park Maintenance Fund
- Mills Park Maintenance Fund
- Rotary Skate Park Maintenance Fund
- Skyline – Club House/Golf Course/ Legacy Funds

#### ORGANIZATION FUNDS

- Boys & Girls Club Fund
- BRF Educational Enrichment General/ Music/M.C.Schmallenberg Funds
- BRF Rotary Club Fund
- Jackson County Humane Society Fund

#### LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY SERVICE FUNDS

- Black River Memorial Hospital Fund
- Hoffman Construction Fund
- Jackson County Bank Fund

### Scholarship Funds

#### CREATED BY ORGANIZATIONS & BUSINESSES

- BRF Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
- BRF High School Store Scholarship Fund
- Jackson County Bank Scholarship Fund
- Krohn Clinic Physicians Scholarship Fund
- Lions/Rotary Scholarship Fund

#### CREATED BY INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

- David & Marilyn Hoffman Scholarship Fund
- Mary Perry Fine Arts Scholarship Fund
- Elizabeth Janssen Nursing Scholarship Fund
- Gene & Judy Ransom Scholarship Fund

#### MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Allan Brenengen Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Thomas R. Gilles Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Don Halverson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Duane & Lavina Hoffman Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Alice Homstad Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Leland & Jeanette Larson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Ralph & Alice Lund Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Kelly Mauck Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Philip & Aldena Meyer Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Rick Millis Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dean Nortman Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Pearl (Toddy) Porath Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Meghan Powell Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Lt. Terry Preston Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Dustin Rozmenoski Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Kristin Wood Fine Arts Memorial Scholarship Fund

## Donors Have Two New Options When Scholarship Donations

In addition to our Traditional Scholarship Fund the Foundation now offers two new scholarship donation options:

**NEW! Foundation Scholarship Fund-** Donors who desire to help with the rising costs of education may make a one-time donation of \$100 or more to this fund. Please specify a Jackson County school if other than BRF.

**NEW! Specified Term Scholarships-** This fund is designed for one-time donations in amounts ranging from \$2,000 to \$24,000. Scholarship amounts are preset at \$2,000 per year and the length of the scholarship term will be determined by the amount of the donation. Donors creating this type of scholarship fund may name the fund, perhaps in honor of a loved one or as a memorial. In addition, donors may be involved in establishing the scholarship's requirements and selection guidelines if they so desire.

Contact the Foundation for more information about these new options.

## Grant Applications

The Black River Falls Area Foundation welcomes grant applications from non-profit organizations serving the Black River Falls Area. The grant application period is from *March 1 through April 15*. The announcement of award recipients and the distribution of funds are done in June.

For information about grants go to [www.brfareafoundation.org](http://www.brfareafoundation.org) or contact us at:

**Black River Falls Area Foundation**  
**PO Box 99**  
**Black River Falls, WI 54615**  
**Telephone: 715-284-3113**

E-mail:  
[brfareafoundation@centurylink.net](mailto:brfareafoundation@centurylink.net)

Or contact any member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.



# BRF Area Foundation SPECIAL PERSON Award

## *Bill Millis – Special Person Award Recipient*

Bill Millis's roots are deeply embedded in Jackson County. Bill's grandfather, Jake Millis, was born in 1877 to pioneer parents, near Morrison Creek. Jake passed on his entrepreneurial drive to his children and grandchildren. Jake's foresight in developing a transport industry paved the way for his sons and for his grandchildren.

Bill's father, Bud Millis, grew up in the Shamrock area. He assisted in the operation of his family's Shamrock General Store. From 1939 to 1944, Bud operated Millis Recreation in Black River Falls, which was a bowling alley owned by his father, Jake. Over the years, Bud was involved in many different business ventures, including dealerships for both Studebaker and Ford, and of course the transport industry.

Millis Transfer as we know it today originally started after prohibition when Jake and his son, Ray, acquired the Old Style distributorship in Black River Falls. Millis Bros. Transfer hauled beer from La Crosse for the wholesale business, as well as freight of all kinds to and from La Crosse. In 1944, Bill's father and his uncle, Mayo, purchased the business from Jake and Ray. In 1962, Bud and Mayo split their businesses, with Mayo retaining the garage and Ford dealership and Bud continuing with the beer business, trucks and warehousing.

As a young man growing up, Bill had the importance of hard work instilled in him by his father and grandfather. Bill worked in the family businesses including his first job which involved riding in the truck with his father as he delivered beer and later on he was employed by Millis Recreation where he reset the bowling pins at the bowling alley – and yes, this was all done by hand! Bill considered joining the Airforce after graduation, however he met the love of his life, Beverly Frost, and they decided they

wanted to raise their family here in Black River Falls. Bill and Beverly have been married for 60 years and have raised eight children in their hometown, Black River Falls. Bill was able to satisfy his desire to serve his country by being a member of the Army National Guard for 16 years and was on active duty from 1961 until 1963, during the Berlin Crisis.

In 1965, Bill purchased shares of Millis Bros. Transfer, his father's business, and drove semi for the company. In 1972, Bill became president of Millis Transfer. Under Bill's leadership, Millis Transfer grew by leaps and bounds. They acquired numerous trucking companies and purchased more equipment to maintain their growth. After Bill's father passed away in 1980, Bill carried the title of not only President, but also chief executive officer and the sole owner of Millis Transfer until his retirement in 1999. Bill has passed the torch on, with one of his sons, David, currently serving as president, and several of his children, their spouses, and his grandchildren working in various positions within the company. Today Millis Transfer's 800 semis travel highways across the U.S. and employ drivers nationwide. Their home office is located in Black River Falls and they have 130 individuals who work in this office, including mechanics, driver managers, payroll, billing and rating, and managers.

Our local newspaper published an article about Bill and his company in 2016. When interviewed, Dave Brown, a long-time employee shared that he had been driving milk truck when he applied for a job with Millis Transfer. Bill interviewed Dave. Dave said "I was a farm kid; Bill gave me a chance. Bill and Bud both drove truck when I first started." Dave went on to say "Bill was very big on family. He was that way with his employees' family, too; he knew my sons



*Bill & Bev Millis*

names, my wife's name. He is just a really good guy."

Bill has used this same work ethic, determination and compassion to help our community. He has served as President of the Jaycees and the Lions Club. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Black River Country Bank and as Chairman of the Board of the bank. Bill was involved in the local snowmobile club for many years. Outside of our area, Bill was a member of the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association and the National Truckload Carriers Association. Bill frequently helps those less fortunate with donations to our local Friends Sharing Food organization. He has used his trucks and his time to haul hay up north for farmers in need and supplies to tornado victims in many states across the country. Bill always honors his fellow Veterans. One of the ways he was able to do so, was by moving the Veteran's Park helicopter across the country to its current Black River Falls location.

Bill has also been very active and supportive of the Skyline Golf Course. He served as President of the Skyline Association and was instrumental in the decision to add the back nine holes. Occasionally, Bill was able to combine his love of operating heavy equipment with helping the community. Such was the case when, in addition to monetary donations, he donated equipment and staff, including himself, to the Skyline expansion project. Bill took particular pleasure in actually helping to shape the ground that would become the new back



*One of the original route trucks used for delivering beer – 1963.*



*The Millis owned trucking company, Millis Transfer, Inc.*



*Bill and Bev Millis on their wedding day – January 5, 1957*





*Bill and Bev Millis celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on January 5, 1997.*

nine, and was always smiling while driving his cat or bulldozer. The Millis family contributed monetarily to the new clubhouse and continues to be one of the Skyline's biggest supporters.

Having raised their eight children here in Black River Falls, Bill and his wife Bev have always been active in supporting children's organizations within the community. Bill and his family have given generously to the Jackson County Little League, most recently for the lighting of the fields. The Millis family also donated funds for the construction of the commons area within the Milt Lunda Ice Arena. Focusing on local education, Bill and his family are frequent donors to the Black River Falls Educational Enrichment Fund. In 2013, Bill, Bev and their children created the Rick Millis Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor Bill and Bev's oldest child, Richard Everett Millis, who lost his life in a car accident at the age of 31. Each year this fund provides scholarship award(s) to local area students who are furthering their educations.

Bill prefers to make his contributions very quietly and in the background, but a couple of local organizations have managed to publicly honor him. He received the Rotary Club "Service Above Self" award and is the Foundation's 2017 "Special Person" award recipient. Bill, Bev and their family



*In 2013, Rick Millis Memorial Scholarship was created by Bill and Bev Millis to honor the memory of their son, Richard Everett Millis June 2, 1957 - October 18, 1988.*



*Millis Family in 2014; back row, left to right; David, Mike, Dan, Paul, Steve; Front Row Left to right Kari Pearson, Bill, Bev, and Kathy Powell.*

have been longtime active supporters of the Black River Falls Area Foundation. Each year they participate in our FRIENDS of the Foundation fundraiser. The Millis Family is the only donor to achieve our "Legends Circle" designation. These generous donations are used to fund our grant awards, thus helping improve the lives of thousands of people in Jackson County. Additionally, Bill's son David has served as a past Trustee, dedicating 9 years of service to the Foundation.

However, Bill's greatest gift to our community is one that cannot be quantified. Bill and Bev have seven adult children, each of whom not only inherited their father's work ethic, but also his love of this community and his generous spirit. They and their spouses have chosen to call Black River Falls home, and the place where they too raised their children. These fourteen individuals continue to contribute in multiple ways to our community. That is a living legacy of which Bill, in his quiet and unassuming way, is certain to be the most proud.

***Thank You, Bill Millis – Special Person!***

#### **Previous "Special Person" Award Recipients:**

<b>2015</b>	<b>Bee Herzberg</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Jone Hoffman</b>



*Costs of constructing the Commons Area of the Milt Lunda Ice Arena were donated by Bill and Bev Millis.*



*Bev, Mike, Kathy, Rick, Bill, Kari and David Millis in 1963 when Bill was stationed at the Fort Lewis State Army base in Washington.*



*Bill while on active duty in 1962 during the Berlin Crisis.*



*Bill fishing in Canada in 1988.*



*Bill at the Daytona 500 cheering for NASCAR drivers driving Ford vehicles.*



*Bill working the dozer while constructing the "Back 9" of the Skyline Golf Course in 1987.*



# Cost of Post-Secondary Education Historical View

	Tuition and Fees in 2016 Dollars						Tuition and Fees and Room and Board in 2016 Dollars			
	Private Nonprofit Four-Year	Five-Year % Change	Public Four-Year	Five-Year % Change	Public Two-Year	Five-Year % Change	Private Nonprofit Four-Year	Five-Year % Change	Public Four-Year	Five-Year % Change
1976-77	\$10,680		\$2,600		\$1,190		\$16,760		\$8,160	
1981-82	\$10,810	1%	\$2,390	-8%	\$1,140	-4%	\$16,630	-1%	\$7,540	-8%
1986-87	\$14,630	35%	\$3,110	30%	\$1,450	27%	\$21,650	30%	\$8,900	18%
1991-92	\$17,340	19%	\$3,720	20%	\$2,070	43%	\$25,070	16%	\$9,630	8%
1996-97	\$19,920	15%	\$4,560	23%	\$2,250	9%	\$28,140	12%	\$10,950	14%
2001-02	\$23,560	18%	\$5,110	12%	\$2,180	-3%	\$32,340	15%	\$12,250	12%
2006-07	\$26,380	12%	\$6,860	34%	\$2,680	23%	\$36,060	12%	\$15,180	24%
2011-12	\$29,700	13%	\$8,820	29%	\$3,170	18%	\$40,450	12%	\$18,270	20%
2016-17	\$33,480	13%	\$9,650	9%	\$3,520	11%	\$45,370	12%	\$20,090	10%

When we consider the rate at which tuition, room and board, and fees, have increased compared with the cost of living increases over that same period of time, it is not surprising that students are graduating with more debt than ever before.

## Notes & Sources

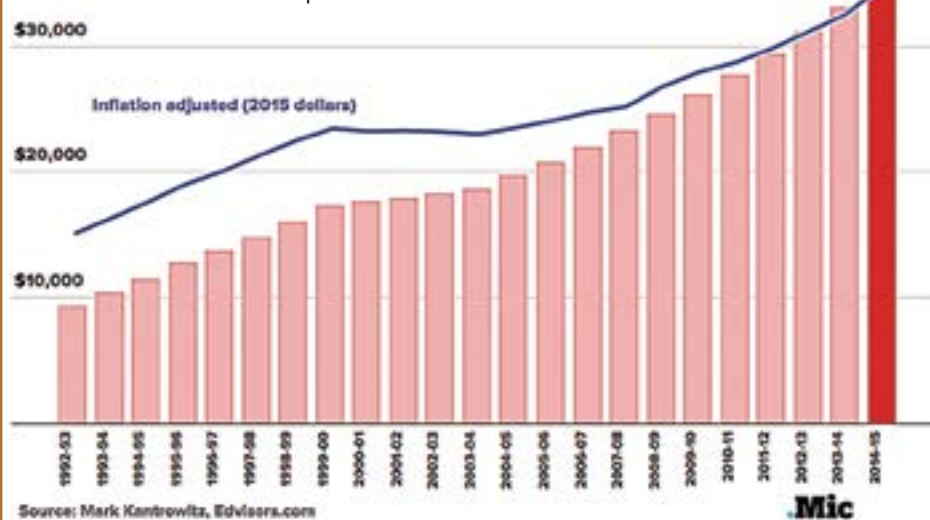
Each bar below shows the average annual rate of growth of published prices in inflation-adjusted dollars over a 10-year period. For example, from 2006-07 to 2016-17, average published tuition and fees at private nonprofit four-year colleges rose by an average of 2.4% per year beyond increases in the Consumer Price Index. Average tuition and fee prices reflect in-district charges for public two-year institutions and in-state charges for public four-year institutions. *Sources: College Board, Annual Survey of Colleges; NCES, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).*

## Key Points

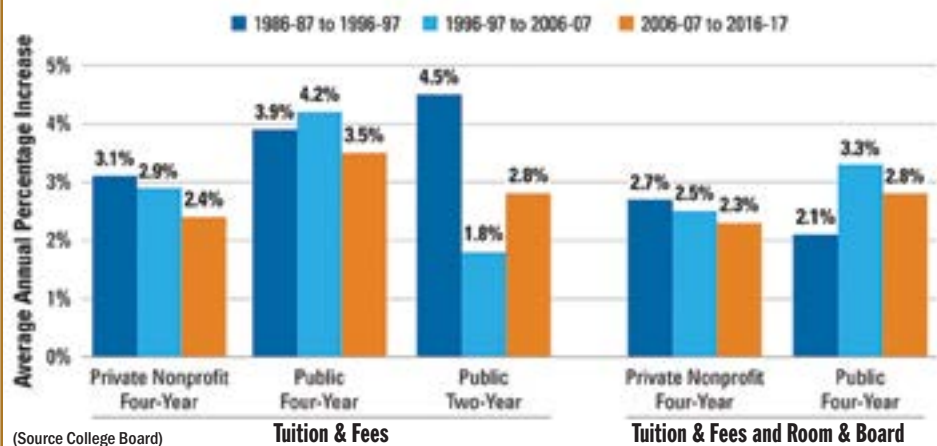
- The 3.5% per year average rate of increase in published tuition and fees in the public four-year sector between 2006-07 and 2016-17 corresponds to an average annual increase of

## The Class of 2015 is the most indebted ever

Average debt per borrower by graduating class.  
Debt includes federal and private education loans.



## Another look at the rate of increases over time:



## Also Important

- Median family income in the United States rose at an average rate of 0.5% per year between 1986 and 1996 and 0.8% per year between 1996 and 2006. Median family income grew at an average rate of 0.4% per year from 2005 to 2015 (after adjusting for inflation) despite declines each year from 2008 to 2012. (*U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 Income Data, Table F-6; calculations by the authors*)

\$280 in 2016 dollars, compared to \$150 per year between 1986-87 and 1996-97 and \$230 per year between 1996-97 and 2006-07. (*online Table 2; calculations by the authors*)

- The average annual rate of increase in published tuition and fees at private nonprofit four-year institutions declined from 3.1% between 1986-87 and 1996-97 to 2.9% over the next decade and to 2.4% between 2006-07 and 2016-17. The average dollar increase rose from \$530 per year to \$650 and to \$710 over these decades. (*online Table 2; calculations by the authors*)
- Room and board charges consistently rise more slowly than tuition and fees, although the gap in growth rates has narrowed over time.



# Impact Scholarships

## *Improve the Lives of Jackson County Residents and Provide a Skilled Workforce*

Many business leaders, professional associations, and economic development organizations are talking about the current and future skilled worker shortage in Wisconsin. The demographic picture in the state is complicating efforts to address this challenge, as many of the skilled workers in the current workforce are nearing retirement age. Combined with low projected population growth in the state, it seems that in the coming years it will continue to be very difficult to meet the needs of employers for skilled workers in Wisconsin.

In 2016, the Black River Falls Area Foundation and the Western Technical College Foundation established a partnership to provide Impact Scholarships to working age adults and high school students from Jackson County who are seeking to complete a program at a technical college in Wisconsin. By working together to make a technical college education more accessible, the partnership is accomplishing two primary goals. First, meeting the demand of businesses for skilled workers helps to ensure that quality jobs and careers can

remain available in our region. Second, the Impact Scholarships are providing opportunities for people to acquire the skills that they need to secure a good job, build a career, and improve their lives.

The Impact Scholarships are significant awards providing up to \$4,000 total, per student, for two years. Depending on the college and specific program, this scholarship pays approximately half of the total tuition and fees for each recipient.

Through the spring term of 2017, 18 students have been awarded Impact Scholarships to assist with their education at Chippewa Valley Technical College and Western Technical College. 16 of these students are working age adults who graduated from high school in the past and are now taking the step to secure post-secondary technical training. Impact Scholarship recipients are studying in a variety of program areas including Nursing, Machine Tool, Accounting, Automotive Technology, Diesel Technician, and more.

We are grateful to the many generous donors who have made Impact Scholarships possible! So far, gifts

have been pledged to provide Impact Scholarships for 34 students! The following businesses, organizations, and individuals are improving the lives of many students:

- **Black River Falls Area Foundation**
- **Black River Memorial Hospital**
- **Black River Falls Rotary Club**
- **D & S Manufacturing**
- **Tim and Kay Finch**
- **David and Marilyn Hoffman**
- **Gil Homstad**
- **Jon and Maureen Homstad**
- **Jackson County Bank**
- **Tom and Sally Lister**
- **Brian and Heather McDonald**
- **Northern Family Farms, The Ahl Family**
- **Gene and Judy Ransom**

If you know a high school student or a working age adult who would benefit from an Impact Scholarship, please invite him or her to contact: Black River Falls Area Foundation at 715-284-3113 or Western Technical College Foundation at 608-785-9487.

## New Scholarships Funds Created — First Award to be Made in 2018

### **Jackson County Bank Foundation Scholarship**

Since 1877, Jackson County Bank and its Board of Directors have been committed to Jackson County and our local communities. Part of that commitment is assisting deserving students with scholarships to help further their education. For over 50 years we have supported local students as they pursue their degrees in higher education.

The Bank has a long standing history of investing in the local communities through donations of time, talent and financial resources. These scholarships recognize students who demonstrate that same commitment and will be available to students attending any post-secondary education starting in their 2nd year.

### **Al Brenengen Memorial Scholarship**

In 2015, Joan Brenengen decided she would like to create a scholarship fund available to Lincoln High School students in memory of her husband, Al who taught at Alma Center Lincoln for many years. Allan Alfred Brenengen, know to his students as “Mr. B” passed away on November 20, 1991. Details of this scholarship will be announced early in 2018.



*Allan and Joan Brenengen*



# 2017 Scholarships and Recipients

A Scholarship Fund created by gifts from individuals, organizations and businesses, awards education grants to selected area students. The following 37 scholarships were awarded in 2017:

## Black River Falls Alumni Scholarship (\$1,500)

**Maria Lee** (2013 BRF Graduate-2017 Graduate of UW LaCrosse with a Degree in Exercise & Sports Science Pre-Professional and a minor in Spanish)

Black River Falls  
Attending: Graduate School, UW LaCrosse  
Course of Study: Physical Therapy  
Career Path: Dr. of Physical Therapy



## David & Marilyn Hoffman Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Black River Falls Alumni Scholarship (\$1,500)**  
**Abbey Johnson** (2014 BRF Graduate)

Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Stevens Point  
Course of Study: Double Major-Business Administration and Interior Architecture  
Career Path: College Professor



## Elizabeth Janssen Scholarship (\$1,000)

**Brittany Hill**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Western Technical College  
Course of Study: Registered Nursing



## Black River Falls Alumni Scholarship (\$1,500)

## David & Marilyn Hoffman Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Hannah Shankey** (2015 BRF Graduate)  
Hixton, WI  
Attending: UW Eau Claire  
Course of Study: Health Care Administration



## David & Marilyn Hoffman Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Matthew Bronsdon** (2016 BRF Graduate)

Hixton, WI  
Attending: UW Madison  
Course of Study: Double Major-Spanish and Biology  
Career Path: Medical Doctor



## Robert (Knuckles) Johnson Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

**Jarod Boyer**  
Alma Center  
Attending: UW LaCrosse  
Course of Study: Nuclear Medicine Technology



## James Jr. and Anna Klir Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

**Black River Falls Alumni Scholarship (\$1,500)**  
**MacKensie Hoeschele** (2014 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Eau Claire  
Course of Study: Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Career Path: Speech Pathology



## Black River Falls High School Store Scholarship (\$500)

## Pearl (Toddy) Porath Memorial Senior Scholarship (\$1,000)

**Jaymie Potter**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Whitewater  
Course of Study: Accounting



## Duane & Lavina Hoffman Scholarship (\$1,500)

**Jacob Markhardt**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee  
Course of Study: History Education



## Alice Homstad Memorial Scholarship-Year 2 of 2 (\$2,500)

**Olivia Lee** (2011 BRF Graduate-2015 Graduate of UW Oshkosh with a Degree in Biochemistry)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: Concordia University School of Pharmacy  
Course of Study: Undergrad-Biomolecular Science/ Spanish Minor  
Career Path: Pharmacist



## Krohn Clinic Physicians Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

**Ryan Guenther** (2016 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UW Eau Claire  
Course of Study: Major-Kinesiology; Minor-Business Administration  
Career Path: Physical Therapist



## Thomas R. Gilles Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

**Brock Zukowski**  
Black River Falls  
Attending: WTC  
Course of Study: Engineering  
Career Path: General courses at WTC then transfer to UW Milwaukee for Engineering degree



## Alice Homstad Memorial Scholarship-Year 1 of 2 (\$2,500)

**Nikolas Pardoe** (2016 BRF Graduate)  
Black River Falls  
Attending: UM Twin Cities - College of Science & Engineering  
Course of Study: Major-Aerospace Engineering; Minor-Computer Science



## Leland & Jeanette Larson Memorial Scholarship - Taylor (\$2,000)

**Ellie Kraemer**  
Blair  
Attending: UW River Falls  
Course of Study: Animal Science



## Don Halverson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

**Jamie Johnson**  
Hixton, WI  
Attending: UW LaCrosse  
Course of Study: Physical Therapy/ Kinesiology





**Leland & Jeanette Larson  
Memorial Scholarship -  
Rotating (\$2,000)**

*Sheena Voge* (2014 BRF  
Graduate)

Merrillan

Attending: Carroll  
University

Course of Study: Major-  
Exercise Science; Minor-Pre-Physical  
Therapy

Career Path: Physical Therapist



**Rick Millis Memorial  
Scholarship (\$3,500)**

*Michael Savage*

Black River Falls

Attending: Western  
Technical College

Course of Study: General  
courses at WTC then  
transfer to 4-YR

college for Computer Science



**Pearl (Toddy) Porath  
Memorial Alumni  
Scholarship (\$1,000)**

*Tyler Leadholm* (2016  
Graduate)

Black River Falls

Attending: UW Eau Claire

Course of Study: Major-  
Elementary Education;  
Minor-Special Education

Career Path: Special Education Teacher with  
ID, EBD, and LD certificates



**Lions/Rotary Scholarship  
(\$1,000)**

*Alisha Quall*

Black River Falls

Attending: UW Madison

Course of Study: Major-  
Spanish; Minor-  
Biology



**Dean Nortman Memorial  
Scholarship (\$500)**

*Kandi Shramek* (2015  
Lincoln Graduate)

Alma Center

Attending: Western  
Technical College

Course of Study: Nursing  
and EMT

Career Path: Flight Nurse



**Meghan Powell Memorial  
Scholarship (\$1,000)**

*Brandon Simmons*

Alma Center

Attending: UW LaCrosse

Course of Study: Major-  
Biology; Minor-  
Biomedical Sciences



**Kelly Mauck Memorial  
Scholarship (\$1,500)**

**Duane & Lavina Hoffman  
Scholarship (\$1,500)**

*Madisen Markee*

Black River Falls

Attending: UW Green Bay

Course of Study: Human  
Biology & Psychology



**Mary Perry Fine Arts  
Scholarship (\$1,000)**

Black River Falls

**High School Store  
Scholarship (\$500)**

*Hunter Hurst*

Black River Falls

Attending: UW Green Bay

Course of Study:  
Elementary Education



**Lt. Terry Preston Memorial  
Scholarship (\$1,000)**

*Allison Sipahioglu*

Black River Falls

Attending: UM Duluth

Course of Study: Major-  
Social Work; Minor-  
Musical Theatre



**Philip & Aldena Meyer  
Memorial Scholarship  
(\$1,000)**

*Jamie Pennekamp*

Black River Falls

Attending: UM Duluth

Course of Study: Biology



**Pearl (Toddy) Porath  
Memorial Senior  
Scholarship (\$1,000)**

*Emily Byrns*

Black River Falls

Attending: UW Platteville

Course of Study:  
Journalism or  
Forensic Investigation



**Gene & Judy Ransom  
Scholarship (\$1,000)**

*Jamie Langan*

Alma Center

Attending: UW Eau Claire

Course of Study:  
Psychology



**Rick Millis Memorial  
Scholarship (\$3,500)**

**Ralph & Alice Lund  
Memorial Scholarship  
(\$750)**

*Callie Durman*

Black River Falls

Attending: UW Eau Claire

Course of Study:  
Actuarial Science



**Pearl (Toddy) Porath  
Memorial Alumni  
Scholarship (\$1,000)**

*Hailey Collins* (2016  
Graduate)

Black River Falls

Attending: Winona State  
University

Course of Study: Public  
Relations/Business Administration  
Career Path: Work in an Advertising Agency  
and continue to grow her photography  
business



**Dustin Rozmenoski  
Memorial Scholarship  
(\$1,000)**

*Samuel Rogstad*

Black River Falls

Attending: Western  
Technical College

Course of Study: Welding





# 2017 Grant Recipients

## Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School

**District:** presentation to students by Author, S.A. Bodeen (Stephanie Bodeen). (See article below) *Fully funded by the Erwin & Thelma Homstad Memorial Donor Advised Fund.*

## Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School

**District:** toward the purchase of metal cutting tools for the High School's welding classes. *Fully funded by the Incubator Development Fund.*

## Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School

**District:** for the purchase of five 3-tier risers for the choral performances by all of the ACHM schools and any community organization using the Lincoln auditorium. *Partially funded by the Mary Van Gorden Charitable Donor Advised Fund.*

## Lincoln Schools provides presentation with grant funds

Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School district used grant funds to bring a presentation by S.A. Bodeen (Stephanie Bodeen) to all their 650 students. Reading books as a child transported Ms. Bodeen outside her small, rural world and helped her realize what other opportunities were available. Her multiple presentations focus on where reading can take you, as well as the process she follows as a writer.



This nationally published, award-winning author, graduated from Lincoln High School, and earned a degree in Secondary Education from UW-River Falls. She joined the Peace Corps with her husband and went to Tanzania, East Africa. Her first picture book, *Elizabeth's Doll* (written as Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen) was published in 1998, followed by six other picture books.

Her first YA novel written as S.A. Bodeen, the award-winning *The Compound*, came out from Feiwel and Friends in 2008. The novel count is up to nine, with the tenth releasing in 2018. She has lived in eight states, two African countries, and an insular possession. Currently, she lives in the Midwest with her husband and two daughters.

**Boys & Girls Club of Jackson County:** to support the summer programs. *Fully funded by the Peter & Jone Hoffman Donor Advised Fund.*

**Black River Area Child Care Services:** for a new commercial dishwasher/sanitizer. *Partially funded by the Jim & Carol Dougherty Family Donor Advised Fund.*

**Black River Falls School District – Girls Swim Team:** toward team transportation costs. *Fully funded by the Tim & Kay Finch Family Donor Advised Fund.*

**City of BRF – Parks & Rec Department:** to replace surveillance camera system at Lunda Park. *Fully funded by the Gil & Alice Homstad Donor Advised Fund.*

**City of BRF – Public Library:** for additional computers and software for youth area and to support the Summer Reading Program for youth. *Fully funded by the Tim & Kay Finch Family Donor Advised Fund.*

**Friends of the Black River Falls Library:** for materials to start an adult literacy program. *Fully funded by the Jackson County Bank Donor Advised Fund.*

**Friends Sharing Food:** toward a new walk-in cooler/freezer for the new Gebhardt School site. *Partially funded by all Donor Advised Funds.*

**Jackson County 4-H – Small Animal Project:** to construct new, safer, more secure pens for those animals in the north end of the Small Animal Barn at the Jackson County Fair, such as the goats and exotic animals. *Fully funded by the Katherine Wold Memorial Fund.*

**Jackson County 4-H – Summer of Science:** to support this summer's educational program. *Fully funded by the Tim & Kay Finch Family Donor Advised Fund.*



2017 Grant Recipient – Town of Brockway/Dale Borreson Field/Jackson County Little League for the construction of a concession stand.



2017 Grant Recipient – Jackson County diabetes Education Alliance of sponsor a prestation featuring “Dr. Humor”.

## Jackson County Diabetes Education

**Alliance:** to sponsor a free presentation by Dr. Stuart Robertshaw, known as Dr. Humor, on a Saturday morning in November at the Lunda Community Center in coordination with National Diabetes month. This year's focus on mental well-being is relevant for all community members as well as an important component of chronic disease (such as diabetes) management. *Fully funded by the Katherine Wold Memorial Fund.*

**Jackson County Division of Public Health:** for car seats for low income families. *Fully funded by the Mary Van Gorden Charitable Donor Advised Fund.*

**Jackson County Farmers Market:** to support the Farmers Market program including purchasing picnic tables to create a social atmosphere for customers at the market. *Fully funded by the Katherine Wold Memorial Fund.*

**Jackson County GreenLifeXpo:** to support the Jackson County 4-H “Kids Green Zone Workshop”. *Fully funded by the Katherine Wold Memorial Fund.*

**Jackson County Historical Society:** direct donation of a projector and screen to help make educational programs to the community. *Equipment donated by Julie Murray, Foundation Executive Director.*



Photo by Dave Meyer

2017 Grant Recipient - Jackson County 4-H to build secure pens in the small animal barn.



**Jackson County Humane Society:** toward construction of a new animal shelter. *Partially funded by the Mary Van Gorden Charitable Donor Advised Fund.*

**Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers:** to support transportation costs by volunteers. *Fully funded by the Stanley Held Fund.*

**Learn & Play Daycare & Pre-School:** for new classroom items to replace items in disrepair. *Partially funded by the Hoffman Construction Donor Advised Fund.*

**Melrose/Mindoro School District – Elementary School:** to purchase exercise balls with legs for seating for students in grades K-2 who learn best by moving and being able to wiggle. *Fully funded by the Katherine Wold Memorial Fund.*

**Skyline Golf Course:** to construct a pole shed to store golf carts during golf season. *Partially funded by the Gil & Alice Homstad Donor Advised Fund.*

**Together for Jackson County Kids – Care Givers Sub-Committee:** for program supplies for two 6-week workshops, Powerful Tools for Caregivers and Powerful Tools for Caregivers of Children with Special Needs. *Partially Funded by the Developmental Disabilities Donor Advised Fund.*

#### **Foundation Donor Advised Funds** **Peter & Jone Hoffman Fund**

- Boys & Girls Club of Jackson County: for operating expenses in Black River Falls.
- BRF United Methodist Church: for general operations.
- Gateway Council - Boy Scouts: for Camp Decorah.
- Hazelden foundation: for admission payments for those in financial need.

#### **Foundation General Fund**

- Jackson County Historical Society: at the request of donors John & Nancy Howard.

#### **Mary Van Gorden Endowment Fund**

- BRF Library History Room: for operating expenses.

#### **Grace Webb Memorial Fund**

- BRF Elementary School Libraries: for materials to enhance children's interest and love of reading.

#### **Together for Jackson County Kids –**

**Jackson in Action:** to construct materials to build 20 bike racks for the Pace & Pedal duathlon. *Fully funded by the Tim & Kay Finch Family Donor Advised Fund.*

**Together for Jackson County Kids, Strengthening Families Program:** for meals, travel and advertising for the twelve-week program. *Fully funded by the Erwin & Thelma Homstad Memorial Donor Advised Fund.*

**Together for Jackson County Kids – Tobacco-Free Coalition:** Conference fees and travel expenses for Tobacco Treatment Specialist to maintain program required certification. *Fully funded by the Peter & Jone Hoffman Donor Advised Fund.*

**Town of Brockway – Dale Borreson Ball Field, Jackson County Little League:** to build a new concession stand. *Partially funded by the Black River Falls Youth Fund.*

**Village of Alma Center:** for Main Street Christmas decorations. *Fully funded by the Mary Van Gorden Charitable Donor Advised Fund.*

**Village of Merrilan – Fire Department:** to upgrade their extraction tools. *Partially funded by the Tim & Kay Finch Family Donor Advised Fund.*

#### **Alma Center Area Community Fund**

**Village of Alma Center, Alma Center First Responders:** new roof for their building.

#### **Lincoln Schools, All Lincoln**

**Students:** presentation by author & Alma Center alumni, S.A. Bodeen.

#### **Alma Center Improvement Club,**

**Turtle Pond Park:** replace fence, repair deck add plants and trees.

#### **Village of Alma Center, Main**

**Street Beautification:** Christmas decorations for Main Street.

#### **Lincoln Jr/Sr High School, Tech Ed**

**Department:** purchase a new metal cutting band saw.

#### **Lincoln High School, Family & Consumer Science Department:**

upgrade kitchen equipment for six high school FCS kitchens.

#### **Village of Alma Center, Fire**

**Department:** purchase new handheld radios.



2017 Grant Recipient – Jackson County Farmers Market



2017 Grant Recipient - Lunda Park for replacement of surveillance camera system.



2017 Grant Recipient – Alma Center Turtle Pond Park to purchase plants and trees and to replace the fence and repair the deck.



2017 Grant Recipient – Jackson County Historical Society a grant of projector and screen equipment.



2017 Grant Recipient – Jackson County Humane Society new animal shelter building project.



# 2017 Grant Recipients

## BRF Educational Enrichment Fund

**High School, Character Strong:** t-shirts for participants in Summer Leadership Institute - Character Strong.

**Red Creek, English/Language Arts:**

levelled books for the book room.

**Middle School, Choir:** three part sheet music for vocal groups.

**Forrest Street, 4K Classrooms:** Social Emotional Foundations - materials for lessons/instruction.

**Forrest Street, Spatial Reasoning/Math:** Picasso Tiles - magnetic building tiles. (Geometry, numbers, measurement, etc.)

**High School, Music:** Piccolo.

**Red Creek, Speech:** Portable Interactive Whiteboards - turns any wall into an interactive board.

**High School, Art:** clay and glaze for Empty Bowls Project.

**High School, Foods:** collaboration with the Empty Bowls Project.

**Forrest Street, First Grade:** iPads - independent learning through technology.

**High School, Science/School Forest:**

Extractigators and Buckthorn Baggies (Tools needed to manage native plants in School Forest.)

**Red Creek, Fourth Grade:** Wobble Chairs

- chairs that provide movement for those students that need it.

**Red Creek, Fifth Grade:** Portable

Interactive Whiteboards - turns any wall into an interactive board.

**Red Creek, Critical Thinking:** Escape

Room Materials - one hour puzzle where participants need to "solve" their way out of the room.

**Red Creek, Special Ed:** Brailier - machine that will create braille materials for students in need.

**High School, Phy Ed:** adaptive recreational biking and scooting equipment for physically disabled students.,

**Forrest Street, Kindergarten:** Sensory Table.

**Forrest Street, Music:** Contra-Bass Xylophone bars.



2017 Grant Recipients – BRF Library to support the Summer Reading Program for youth and Friends of the BRF Library to start an adult literacy program.



2017 Grant Recipient GreenLifeXp to support the JC 4-H Kids Green Zone Workshop.



2017 Grant Recipient – BRF High School Girls Swim Team for transportation costs.

## Fund Donations, (June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017)

### BRF AREA FOUNDATION

#### GENERAL FUND:

- Coldwell Banker – River Valley Realtors (*In Honor of George Schwab's retirement*)
- Ann Peterson

#### DONOR ADVISED FUNDS:

##### Alma Center Area Community Fund

- In 2016 donors gave \$13,915 to the Alma Center Area Community Fund. These donations have been acknowledged directly by the Alma Center Area Community organization. Thank you to all who have and continue to support this worthwhile project.

##### \*NEW- Alma Center/Humbird/Merrillan Educational Enrichment Fund

- In 2016, donors gave \$6,270 to the ACHM Education Enrichment Fund. These donations have been acknowledged directly by the ACHM Education Enrichment organization. Thank you to all who have and continue to support this worthwhile project.

##### BRF-Education Enrichment Funds

- In 2016, donors gave \$52,268 to the three BRF Education Enrichment Funds. These donations have been

acknowledged directly by the BRF Education Enrichment organization. Thank you to all who have and continue to support this worthwhile project.

##### Dougherty Family Fund

- Mrs. James Dougherty

##### Finch Family Fund

- Timothy & Kay Finch

##### Foundation Trail Maintenance Funds

- Black River Memorial Hospital (*Employees Dress Down Day*)
- Randy Cortright & Amy Cortright Krohn
- Timothy M Turk

##### Hoffman Construction Fund

- Hoffman Construction Company

##### Mills Park M&I Fund

- Mary Alice Howard
- Ann Peterson

##### Skyline Funds

- In 2016, donors gave over \$87,000 to the three Skyline Funds. These donations have been acknowledged directly by the Skyline organization. Thank you to all who have and continue to support this worthwhile project.

##### Grace Webb Memorial Fund

- Jane E. Lokken
- Dennis & Kathleen Racki
- Gladys Webb

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### DONATIONS:

#### BRF Alumni Scholarship

- Duane Bowen
- BRF Alumni Banquet Donations
- Clarice Franke (*In Memory of Peter McGillvray Class of 1961*)

#### Alice Homstad Memorial Scholarship

- John & Nancy Howard

#### James, Jr. & Anna Klir Memorial

##### Scholarship

- Rose Ann Klir

#### Krohn Clinic Physicians Memorial Scholarship

- Dr. Michael & Tina Mahan
- Ann Peterson (*In Honor of Dr. Gene Krohn*)

#### Philip & Aldena Meyer Memorial Scholarship

- Mary J. Goens
- Dave & Luane Meyer
- Marlene Meyer
- Clyde & Katherine Smith

#### Dean Nortman Memorial Scholarship Fund

- Margaret A. Mattson (*In Memory of Ron Nortman*)

#### Dustin Rozmenoski Memorial Scholarship

- Harold D. & Donna L. Frett





## BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA Foundation

# Friends of the Foundation Recognition Program

Bronze~\$100 Silver~\$500 Gold~\$2,000

Platinum~\$5,000 Diamond~\$10,000

Leaders Circle~\$15,000

Legends Circle~\$20,000 Founders Circle~\$30,000

*The Foundation has established a permanent Recognition Program for Friends who have donated so generously through the years. The program allows donation amounts to accumulate each year as Friends advance through eight giving levels.*

Friends who have donated to the Foundation, between January 1, 2016 and June 1, 2017, are listed below, together with the level of giving they have thus far achieved.

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Marilyn Ackerson  
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Black River Falls Clinic Pharmacy  
Black River Chiropractic Clinic  
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Eric Homstad  
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Peter Jacobs  
Jordan Chiropractic Clinic  
Jim Kertis  
Bobbi Kitowski  
Karen Stai Koenigs Insurance Agency  
Jean Lee  
Sue Lindahl  
John Lindahl  
Sally (Sarah) Lister  
Tom Lister  
Brad Lobenstein  
Monica Lobenstein  
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### GOLD (\$2,000 & up)

Marilyn Ackerson  
Black River Memorial Hospital  
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Jackson County Bank

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### LEGENDS CIRCLE (\$20,000 & up)

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### FOUNDERS CIRCLE (\$30,000 & up)

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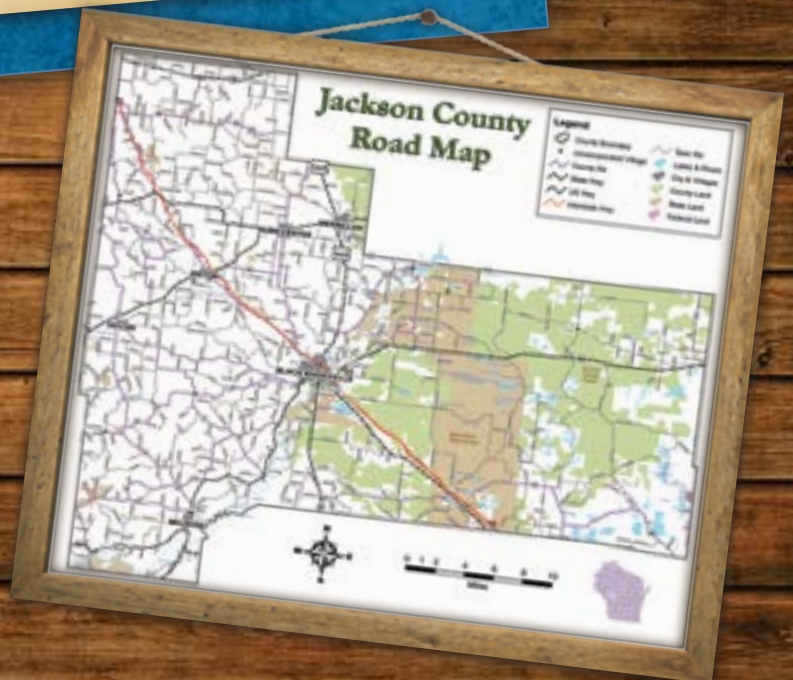


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