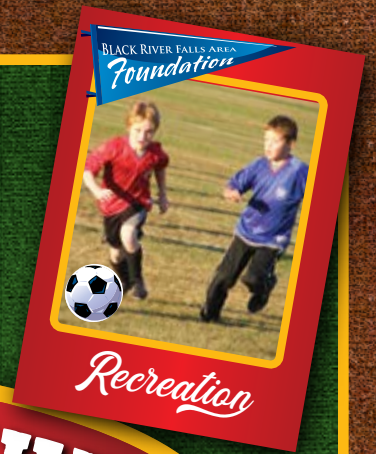




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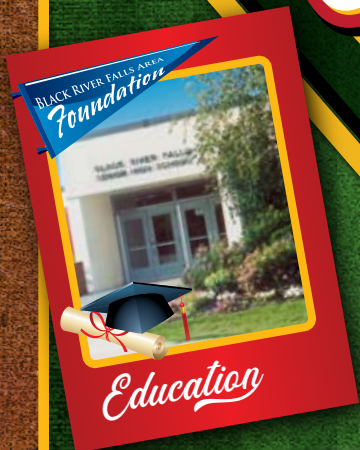
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BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA
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2018 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

From the Foundation Office – Julie Murray, Executive Director

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Black River Falls Area Foundation over the years, and special thanks for your help to our community, through the Foundation, in 2018.

In 2018 the Foundation saw three new funds established by our donors. These funds are:

- The Ann Krohn Peterson Scholarship Fund (See Page 3)
- The Bill Millis Memorial Fund (See Page 3)
- The Disability Association of Jackson County Fund – DAJC (See Page 4)

We are pleased to be able to help these donors achieve their philanthropic goals and appreciate the trust they have shown in our Foundation.

In 2015, the Foundation, in conjunction with the BRF High School, began a project to automate and improve our scholarship application, review, approval, and notification processes. This project has been a Foundation focus for the past several years and is now officially considered complete. 2018 served as the 'maiden voyage' of our automated process as students applied and submitted their applications directly on line. Members of the BRF Scholarship Selection Committee reviewed applications in a digital format, saving much time and paper. Feedback from students, parents, school staff and scholarship donors was very positive. The process was reviewed, a few minor adjustments made, and was officially up and running in 2019. A huge thanks to Foundation Trustee and School District Superintendent Shelly Severson and staff members of the High School Guidance Department, Sue Leadholm and Karen Kutcher, for your dedication to this project. Job well done ladies!

Raising awareness of the need for scholarship funds and increasing the number of scholarships available to our area students, both graduating seniors and alumni, remains a constant goal of the Foundation. 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. This year there were 35 alumni scholarship applicants and each one told an amazing story of our areas' students. Our community can be very proud of the character and determination of these motivated individuals. The fact that all the applications were outstanding made selecting recipients for the 18 available alumni scholarships extremely difficult. The Foundation Trustees felt so

strongly that these individuals should be helped, acknowledged and encouraged, that they voted to contribute an extra \$12,000 toward Alumni Scholarships this year. Doing so allowed us to award an additional six scholarships of \$2,000 each. Unfortunately, there were still nine very deserving applicants we were unable to assist. If you are interested in helping with scholarship needs, please see the options on page 3.

As most of you are aware, the funds the Foundation uses to make grant awards comes from two sources. The first is from the previous years FRIENDS donations, and the second is from earnings on certain portions of the Foundation's investment portfolio. In June of 2018, FRIENDS contributed \$30,850 for grants. December brought a very pleasant surprise when Tim & Kay Finch contributed an additional \$30,000 to FRIENDS, making them our first "Founder Circle" donors. Unfortunately, interest rates, stock performance, and a fading market made 2018 a challenging year and the Foundation's investments did not achieve earnings. However, with the donations from our FRIENDS, including the generous gift from the Finch family, and using excess earnings reserved in previous years, the Foundation was still able to award \$133,000 in grants to local organizations this year. (See Page 12)

We continue to work on the Foundation website. It is very close to being completed (95%), after which we will continue to update it and provide information on current community events and projects. Please check it frequently www.brfareafoundation.org. Thanks to Pearing Solutions for their unwavering support with this undertaking.

The Black River Falls Area Foundation remains committed to helping our area in every way we are able. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or ideas, or if you would like to make a donation, please do not hesitate to contact the Foundation office 715-284-3113; P.O. Box 99, BRF 54615. ExecutiveDirector@brfareafoundation.org

It takes many people to make our Foundation successful, our committed Board of Trustees, our caring and generous donors, and all of the dedicated volunteers working with charitable organizations in our area. None of what we accomplish could be done without each and every one of you. Thank you so much for your continued support!



2018 Grant Recipient - ACHM SD - New Musical Instruments



2018 Grant Recipient - Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers



2018 Grant Recipient - City of BRF Police Department - Community Service Vehicle for patrolling Foundation Trail



2019 Grant Recipient - Small Animal Pens for the 4H at the Jackson County Fairgrounds

BEV MILLIS CALLS THE PLAY

Establishing a Memorial Fund in Husband Bill's Honor

On January 5, 1957, Beverly Frost of Merrilan married her best friend, Bill Millis. Together they raised their eight children here in Black River Falls. In June of 2017, Bev lost her husband of 60 years. Over the course of their married lives Bill and Bev were generous donors to many local projects. Some of Bill's favorites were:

- Skyline Golf Course
- Jackson County Little League
- BRF Hockey and the Ice Arena
- BRF Education Enrichment Fund
- Veterans Projects
- Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

After Bill's passing, Bev knew she wanted to honor him with a memorial gift(s) to the community, but was somewhat overwhelmed by the many worthy projects and needs that exist in our area. Bev discussed the situation with her children and together she and son, Paul, looked to the Foundation for a solution. Establishing a Donor Advised fund in 2018 provided a tax benefit while

still allowing Bev time to consider current community needs before directing any disbursements. By creating a Donor Advised Fund, Bev has the opportunity to direct charitable contributions to all, or any combination of, the organizations Bill felt so strongly about whenever she chooses. Knowing that any organization, need, or project the Foundation disburses to has been fully approved by the Foundation Board of Trustees gives Bev peace of mind. She knows the Foundation will make certain any distributions are used in accordance with her wishes. She can review the status of the fund and its earnings to consider directed disbursements whenever she so desires. Bev also has the flexibility to add to the fund at any time. Donating to the Foundation allows gifts to help many organizations at once. Thank you Bev, we know Bill would be very pleased with your call!



Bill Millis



Bill and Bev Millis on their wedding day, January 5, 1957 and celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on January 5, 1997.

ANN KROHN PETERSON SCORES A RUN

New Scholarship Fund Created

Ann K. Peterson turned 80 on July 7, 2018. In honor of this milestone, a gathering of friends and family took place at the Del Bar in Lake Delton to celebrate. The evening offered a chance for storytelling and the sharing of memories.

Ann's children and their families also decided to give her a very special gift. They created a scholarship in her honor. A scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be given to a graduate of Black River Falls High School who is pursuing a career in early childhood, elementary, or other education-focused fields of study. The intention is to offer this scholarship annually in perpetuity.

The first Ann Krohn Peterson Scholarship was awarded in May of 2019 to Mariah Jessie, a BRF Alumna. (See picture page 13) Upon graduating high school in 2013, Mariah attended the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, majoring in Elementary Education. After a year, she chose to take a break and get a license in cosmetology as a way to help pay her way through college. Mariah worked as a cosmetologist for two years and decided to go back to school for Early Childhood Education at the UW Stout.

Mariah's goal is to graduate with honors in three semesters. Mariah says "I want more than anything to become a teacher and be a factor in making our future a better place and show children that they are extremely valuable."

On behalf of the Foundation, and of Mariah, CONGRATULATIONS TO ANN and THANK YOU to her children for commemorating this wonderful occasion by giving back to our community!



Picture left to right: Daniel Hilliker, Kristin Hilliker, Ann Krohn Peterson, and Mark Hilliker.

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

NEW SCHOLARSHIP DONATION OPTIONS

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

- **Foundation Scholarship Fund-** Donors who desire to help with the rising costs of education may make a donation of \$100 or more at any time to this fund. Please specify a Jackson County school if other than BRF.
- **Specified Term Scholarship-** This fund is designed for 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, or the scholarship may be funded annually. 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 or contact us at:

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(For the years ending December 31, 2017 and 2018)

	Audited 2017	Unaudited 2018
REVENUE		
Contributions	\$ 542,196	\$ 455,801
Investment Return	\$ 633,234	\$ (280,322)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,175,430	\$ 175,479
EXPENDITURES		
Grants	\$ 224,022	\$ 360,350
Scholarships	\$ 127,750	\$ 78,5000
Support Services	\$ 41,573	\$ 45,047
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 393,345	\$ 483,897
Change in Net Assets	\$ 782,085	\$ (308,418)
Net Assets at Beginning	\$ 5,131,426	\$ 5,913,511
NET ASSETS AT YEAR END	\$ 5,913,511	\$ 5,605,093

JACKSON COUNTY TEAM LEADS STATE

With a Long History of Assisting People with Special Needs!

Jackson County can be very proud of what its citizens have accomplished. Beginning in the early 1950s, long before President John F. Kennedy made the rights and treatment of people with cognitive or other disabilities a national issue, a small group of parents and professionals in Jackson County organized to address the rights and needs of disabled children and adults.

In the 1960s, the national organization of ARC developed chapters in every state to advocate for citizens like JFK's sister. Dedicated ARC volunteers from Madison traveled to all Wisconsin counties. They contacted the group of Jackson County citizens already organized and advocating for special needs individuals. This group volunteered to do a county wide survey to determine the number and needs of residents, both children and adults, who were similarly disabled. Eventually in 1966, this original group would become the Jackson County Chapter of ARC.

ARC succeeded in forming chapters in every county in the state of Wisconsin. Parents and concerned community members came together to advocate for services and civil rights of the developmentally disabled. As a chapter of the state ARC organization, they had a voice loud enough to reach legislators with their concerns. As a result, laws were passed and today every county in the State of Wisconsin protects the rights of special needs individuals with community and educational programs.

Consistent with the foresight of our community, Jackson County was one of the first in the state to offer special

education in the school system. When the courts deemed the warehousing of special needs individuals in state institutions, like Northern Colony, to be illegal, we were the second county in the state to retrieve all of our county's residents. Individuals brought back to Jackson County would be sustained in the community with the assistance of state funding. This funding established special housing, day care facilities, and employment for these citizens. All of these things were goals of the ARC organization.

The Jackson County Chapter of ARC relied entirely on donations to provide recreational, social, and educational activities to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities in our community. ARC took members to the Wisconsin Dells for a magic show, Castle Mound for campfires, summer picnics in Lunda Park, fishing on local lakes and rivers, and provided a Christmas party every year. The Jackson County Chapter of ARC found the need for advocating for special needs individuals has substantially diminished in recent years. In addition, the cost of belonging to the state and national ARC organizations has become increasingly expensive, reducing the number of social and recreational events they could provide to their members. Consequently, the Jackson County Chapter of ARC separated from the state and national ARC organizations and is now known as the Disability Association of Jackson County.

The Black River Falls Area Foundation is very pleased to be affiliated with this group and pleased to have been able to help the Disability Association of Jackson County (DAJC) with its organization and

financial structure. DAJC, through the Foundation, will offer as many social and recreational events as volunteerism will allow, and they will continue to bring enjoyment and celebration to special humans who deserve our love and assistance.

Thank you DAJC for allowing the Foundation to assist you and to work with your compassionate organization. As with all Foundation contributions, your donation can be directed to any of our funds, now including the Disability Association of Jackson County. If you would like to make a donation or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Foundation office.



Disability Association of Jackson County provides social events, such as halloween parties, for local people with cognitive and other disabilities.

HALL OF FAME LEADERS

CATCH the change

PLEASE NOTE: The Foundation has changes its email address. The new email address is ExecutiveDirector@brfareafoundation.org. Making this change ties us more closely with our website, and also allows us to shop for the best internet costs and services.

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 executivedirector@brfareafoundation.org or 715-284-3113.

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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FOUNDATION'S 2019 MVP

MARY VAN GORDEN RECEIVES OUR "SPECIAL PEOPLE" AWARD!

Mary was born at home in Black River Falls on January 10, 1930, to Kathleen and J. Bruce Van Gorden. Older sister Jo Ann was already on the scene. Sister Beth followed in 1934. (There was no hospital in Black River until 1932.)



Van Gorden sisters in 1959. "The Three Redheads" (l to r) JoAnn Dougherty, Beth Beier and Mary Van Gorden.

Mary readily expresses appreciation for having grown up in a small town where the whole town was a playground for kids, every season of the year. "We roller skated after school; we played 'Hide & Seek' in the evening; and in winter we went sliding on the Pierce Street hills 'til the street lights came on." Mary's essay "Why I Like My Hometown" won first prize in a national contest sponsored by Scholastic Magazine when she was in high school.

Mary not only enjoyed life in Black River but loved being at the family cottage in Hatfield every summer beginning in 1932. Members of her family were early campers at Hatfield, even before the dam was built and Lake Arbutus was formed in 1908.

Mary's memories of Junior High School include efforts to help fight World War II. "We kids went out every Saturday

collecting scrap metal all over town, and on Mondays we brought our dimes to school to buy War Stamps. We liked to think we helped win that war."

In high school Mary enjoyed all activities involving music. She sang in the mixed chorus and played in the band and orchestra. Most memorable was the swing band the "Blue Baronets," which played at proms and dances all over the area. At one point the band became such competition for other local bands that members were persuaded to join the union. "We carried American Federation of Musicians union cards in high school." Mary also sang in her church choir, which she continues to do today. For her music achievements she was given the "Adele W. Barber Music Award." Many years later Mary helped organize a benefit concert in Black River to raise money for the new Wisconsin Center for Music Education in Waunakee, WI.

Mary was graduated as valedictorian of the Class of 1947 and then went on to study occupational therapy at Milwaukee-Downer College (now a part of Lawrence University). During her college years she spent part of each summer counseling at a camp for underprivileged children, a very revealing experience.

The Korean War was in full force in 1951, and medical personnel of all kinds were being recruited to help. Mary and seven classmates responded and joined the United States Army as Second Lieutenants immediately after



Mary Van Gorden

graduation. Mary spent the next two years at Brooke Army Hospital, Fitzsimons Army Hospital, and Madigan Army Hospital. She was discharged in 1953 as a First Lieutenant and went on to graduate school at New York University, receiving her Master of Science degree in 1954.

After working as an occupational therapist at University Hospitals in Minneapolis, Mary moved to Duluth to help build a new rehabilitation center for the Twin Ports. She served as Executive Director of what became the Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center for 25 years, with the exception of six months spent in Milwaukee as Editor of the American Journal of Occupational Therapy.

Mary loved Duluth and became active in community and professional affairs, including serving on numerous boards and committees at the local, state, and national levels. For her accomplishments she was awarded citations by both the Mayor of Duluth and the Governor of Minnesota.

To be of assistance to her parents Mary moved back to Black River in 1980. Leaving Duluth was not easy, but her deep feelings for her hometown made the move exciting. A friend commented at that time that "chickens always come home to roost."

Because she had spare time Mary became active in volunteer activities, particularly at Black River Memorial Hospital, where she was trained as its first Lifeline installer. She also served on the



1. Roger Heineck, Richard Holder, Mr. Gruetzman, Charles Seifert, Joan Amo, Ardath Schunke, Marion Peterson. 2. Dorothy Faldet, Gavin Upton, Mary Ella Van Gorden, Mary Johnson, Helen Gilbertson, John Krohn.

Blue Baronets Swing Band....1946



Polinsky Medical Rehabilitation Center of Duluth, Minnesota provides specialized outpatient therapy services. They are a regional leader in providing treatment, education, and support to adults and children with disabilities.



Hospital's Board of Directors. In 2003, she chaired the fund drive committee to establish the hospice program and that same year became a member of the Hospital's Building Fund Campaign Committee. She continues today as an active member of Partners.

For 10 years Mary served on Pine View Nursing Home's Board of Directors and helped establish the Pine View Endowment Fund prior to the selling of the facility.

Gil Homstad recruited Mary in 1985 to develop a program for senior customers at the Jackson County Bank. This was the launching of the Prime Time Club, which Mary coordinated for nine years, during which time the membership grew to 1,200. She also was affiliated with the Bank as a member of its board

of directors for 12 years, being a fourth generation member of that board and its first woman director.

United Methodist Church activities have been a priority in Mary's life, and throughout the years she has served in numerous capacities. She was Chairman of the Building Committee when the new sanctuary was built in 1993/94 and also assisted with the capital fund drive.

In 2005, Mary and several friends met at Skyline to initiate plans for a support group for Skyline. Out of their efforts grew Skyline Friends, which was launched officially two years later.



Mary traveled a great deal in years past, sometimes doing family history research as far away as Ireland, England, Germany, and the Netherlands. Genealogy has been her favorite hobby for over 50 years. When a new library was proposed for Black River, Mary offered to help plan and pay for a Jackson County History Room in the Library to make sure the history of our county and its people is preserved, appreciated, and made available. The library and its history room opened in 1995.

To help maintain the history room Mary established an endowment fund with the Black River Falls Area Foundation. She later set up a Charitable Fund with the Foundation to be used for other needs in the area. She also played a role in creating Alma Center's Turtle Pond Park (see article below) and its Alma Center Area Community Fund, the Foundation's first geographic affiliate. Mary's interest in Alma Center stems from having ancestors who homesteaded there in 1854.

When asked about her use of the Foundation she replied, "It's a truly great asset for our community, with admirable goals and management. The Foundation has been a perfect vehicle for my philanthropic goals, allowing me to do what I could not do alone." And when she speaks of "doing things alone," Mary is quick to give credit to her parents for making it possible for her to carry on her charitable work in this community.

Another vital community asset which has been important in Mary's life is the Lunda Charitable Fund, for which Mary has been a board member since its inception in 1988. She considers it a rare privilege to have been involved in the work of this significant fund. Mary has also been proud to be a volunteer for Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers throughout the years and continues to be awed at the many ways this

organization helps make Jackson County a great place to live, for people in all walks of life.

In 1996, Mary received Rotary's "Community Service Award," and in 2000 she was a recipient of the "Jackson County Women in History Award."

While serving on the Jackson County Housing Authority Mary became aware of the need for non-subsidized congregate housing for seniors and in 1995 joined Mike Anderson's group which was making plans to meet this need.

Those plans did not develop but were revived by Mike in 2012, leading to the building of Spaulding Place, which opened in 2015. For her work as a prime mover in making Spaulding Place a reality, Mary was given the "Cooperative Spirit Award" by the Senior Cooperative Foundation at their annual meeting in Bloomington, MN, on May 29, 2019.

When asked what she sees as remaining needs in our community, Mary stressed the fact that our country has an aging population. In Wisconsin the over-65 population is expected to double by 2030, which will present many challenges as we seek ways to care for our deserving senior friends and neighbors, right here in Jackson County.



PREVIOUS "SPECIAL PEOPLE" AWARD RECIPIENTS:

2015	Bee Herzberg
2016	Peter & Jone Hoffman
2017	Bill Millis
2018	Al & Jeanette Lahmayer

Time Out TURTLE POND NEEDS REPAIRS



The Turtle Pond, located on the west side of Alma Center off of Hwy 95, has a long history in Alma Center. Significant dredging and improvements in the late 1990's and early 2000's transformed this once neglected area into a small recreation park and fishing pond for use by community members.

Major features have been the construction of a fishing deck and a system for controlling the water level of the pond. With the addition of fish each Spring the Turtle Pond has been used by the ACHM school district for their summer school fishing classes thereby helping promote

the hobby of fishing for children and their families. In the past year, the water control system has failed causing inadequate water levels and impairing the ponds ability to maintain fish habitat. The water control pipe is in need of replacement.

It is the goal of the Alma Center Area Community Fund to assist with securing the necessary funding and permits, and to work with community partners to restore the Turtle Pond for many continued years of fishing and enjoyment. If you are interested in helping with this project, please call the Foundation office.

HONORING DR. RICHARD HOLDER

Long-time BRF Community Team Physician

When Richard Holder was a young boy two events occurred which would have a profound effect on the rest of his life.

At the age of ten Richard had a terribly sore throat. It was extremely painful and almost impossible for him to swallow. It was even becoming difficult for him to breathe. His mother, Grace, called the Krohn Clinic. Dr. Johnson made a house call and gave him a shot of penicillin. The following morning, young Richard felt almost as good as new. At that very moment Richard decided he wanted to be a doctor, so he could help people the way Dr. Johnson had helped him.

A short time later, as Richard and his fellow 5th-graders enjoyed recess on the playground of Third Street Elementary school (now known as Union Place), he noticed a vehicle pull up to the curb. It was an older Model A with the rumble seat converted to make it similar to a small truck. Painted on the side of the vehicle were the words "Julius Schnur Plastering". As Richard watched, a striking little girl with long, jet black hair jumped from the truck and ran to join the 3rd grade children. Dr. Holder remembers thinking, "she is the prettiest girl in the world". That little girl would become a good friend of Richard's all through school. In college their friendship would continue to grow and deepen. In 1955, two days after graduating from UW Madison, Joanne Schnur would become Mrs. Richard Holder. Dr. Holder shares his amazement and good fortune that Joanne chose him and accepted his proposal. That little black haired girl remains the love of his life to this day.

Following graduation, he with a medical degree and she with a degree in occupational therapy, both were required to do an internship. The newlyweds chose Michigan. Joanne accepted an internship offer from the elite Henry Ford Hospital. Michigan had a minimum wage law and Dr. Holder would be paid \$200 a month, which at that time was a living wage. By comparison, interns at John Hopkins were paid \$15 per month. Dr. Holder also wanted further training in trauma, and felt that opportunity would be available at Detroit Receiving Hospital (the city's charity hospital). This certainly turned out to be true. In 1955 racial tension was increasing in Detroit as were gangs and gang violence. Dr. Holder administered to people suffering from gunshot and knife wounds, along with many other cases of physical violence, and severe accidents.

One year later, when their internships ended, Dr. Holder was immediately called to service. The Korean War had ended and

U.S. involvement in the war in Vietnam would not escalate until 1960, yet the army was in desperate need of doctors. All young doctors were drafted as soon as their educations were complete. Dr. and Mrs. Holder spent the next two years at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Here their first child, Cathy, was born. During his time in the army, Dr. Holder was offered additional training in one of three fields; psychiatry, pediatrics, or radiology. He chose radiology.

In 1958, having fulfilled his obligation to the army, Dr. and Mrs. Holder had decisions to make about their future. Dr. Holder's cousin was John Noble, a physician at Krohn Clinic. He persuaded Richard and Joanne to return to Black River Falls. Dr. Holder joined the Krohn Clinic practice. Richard and Joanne settled in, made their home, and raised their family. Dr. Richard Holder spent the next forty years, until his retirement in 1997, caring for the people of our area.

When talking about his career, Dr. Holder simply beams. He says he enjoyed every day of practicing medicine and in particular delivering babies. While he doesn't have any idea how many babies he delivered, he has a twinkle in his eye as he says, "there were a lot". Dr. Holder reminisces that when he began his practice, the doctors of Krohn Clinic covered all of the community's needs. The Krohn Clinic doctors were the same doctors who attended to the people in the hospital, and the same people who handled emergencies. There were no ambulances and no EMT staff. When a patient needed transportation, the doctors would call one of the local funeral directors and the patient would be transported in a hearse.

Over the course of his career, the Krohn Clinic relied heavily on Dr. Holder's expertise in the field of radiology. As the community and the clinic grew, Dr. Holder was a welcoming face to new doctors and helped them in any way he could. When a doctor named Jerry Kitowski came to town in 1985, his office was directly across the hall from Dr. Holder. As Dr. Holder mentored the young Dr. Kitowski, their mutual respect and admiration developed into a strong friendship, despite the fact that Dr. Holder was known to play the occasional practical joke on his hall-mate. When speaking with Dr. Holder, it is easily apparent that his close bond, and on-going friendship, with Dr. Kitowski brings him tremendous joy.

Dr. Holder has always enjoyed gardening and the outdoors. He shares that had he not become a doctor, he would have been a farmer. Dr. Holder tells a story about



Dr. Holder became a physician at the Krohn Clinic in Black River Falls after completing his service in the army in 1958.

how one year he tried his hand at raising 120 head of beef cattle. When asked how this worked out, Dr. Holder simply smiles and says, "it was a good thing I was getting a paycheck from the clinic".

After Dr. Holder's retirement in 1997, in addition to his gardening, he was able to enjoy hobbies that time had previously not allowed. He devoted many hours to woodworking. He and Joanne also spent time traveling. They went on several cruises to the Bahamas and the Mediterranean. They also visited England, where Dr. Holder's father was born and raised, and Ireland, where his Grandfather grew up. During many of these trips, the Holders enjoyed the company of their very good friends, Dr. Marvin and Helen Hinke.

Dr. Holder smiles brightly as he shares how he met Marvin in medical school. They were in the same lab class and were informed lab partners would be assigned. Dr. Holder was desperately hoping to be assigned "some hot-shot from a big city on the east coast", but fate intervened and the instructor assigned partners alphabetically. He became lab partners with Dr. Marvin Hinke from Stanley, Wisconsin. Dr. Holder chuckles as he says, "imagine my disappointment". Later Marvin revealed he too had been hoping for a "big league" lab partner. Right then and there, sharing a laugh, they each found their life-long best friend. Dr. Holder enjoys telling the story of introducing his best friend to the woman who would become Marvin's future wife. Helen Werner, of Black River Falls, was a good friend of Richard and Joanne. She came to Madison for a visit and Marvin was smitten. Several years later, Marvin and Helen would name their son Richard, to honor the man who had such an impact on their lives.

Several months ago, Dr. Holder and Joanne left their farm and moved to Spaulding Place. They appreciate their beautiful, sunny, new home filled with furniture Dr. Holder made, and enjoy co-operative living with their neighbors. Dr. Holder and Joanne are very proud of their wonderful family. Cathy, Dan, Sara and their families, all live within a few hours

of Black River Falls. Mary Grace and her family live in Fayetteville, Arkansas, but are able to visit frequently. The Holders have been blessed with nine grandchildren. Dr. Holder and Joanne enjoy spending time with their family and friends and do so at every opportunity.

79 years ago two events would set the course of young Richard Holder's life. Thank you Dr. Holder for reacting to those events in the way that you did. Thank you for coming home to raise your family and to fulfill your dream of helping others. You have touched the lives of an immeasurable number of people during your career. You have brought countless new lives into the world. You have comforted and held the hands of many as they left it. You have eased the pain, cured the problem, or simply been there for many, many others. Words simply cannot express how fortunate our community was to be blessed with such a kind, compassionate, and understanding man to care for us for more than forty years.

This year the KROHN CLINIC PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP was given in honor of DR. RICHARD HOLDER and

awarded to Laura Gulso. (See Picture Page 14) Laura graduated from Sparta High School in 1996. She has worked full time at Krohn Clinic since 2011 as well as per diem at Black River Memorial Hospital since 2016. Laura has an Associate degree in Nursing, having graduated from WTC in 2010 with High Honors. Laura then worked at Tomah Memorial Hospital until starting at Krohn Clinic. Prior to beginning a career in nursing, she worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Pine View Care Center, a police dispatcher for the Wisconsin State Patrol, and she was active duty enlisted in the US Army from 1996-2002. Laura has been accepted into UW Madison's 'BSN at Home' program, meant for non-traditional students. The program is anticipated to take two to three years to complete, attending part-time and almost entirely online. After that? Laura fully intends to stay right here in Jackson County and continue working at the Krohn Clinic and Black River Memorial Hospital. Congratulations Laura, we are certain you will make Dr. Holder proud!

If you would like to help a local student and recognize and honor Dr. Holder, or



Dr. Holder retired from the Krohn Clinic in 1997.

any other local medical professional, by donating to this fund, please make your check payable to BRFAF-Krohn Clinic Physicians Scholarship and mail it to the Foundation office.

FOUNDATION HITS A HOME RUN with Impact Scholarships

In 2016, The Black River Falls Area Foundation led an impressive effort to provide Impact Scholarships to working age adults and high school graduates seeking to complete programs at technical colleges in Wisconsin. This new program was started to address two major challenges facing the region. First, there is a significant shortage of workers with technical skills in Wisconsin and many employers are unable to fill available positions. Second, despite historically low unemployment rates, many people are living in or near poverty. Though they are working, they could improve their quality of life by completing a program at a technical college and beginning a skilled career. Since then, dozens of students have used Impact Scholarships to enroll in technical college programs with the goal of improving their lives.

Nichole is a great example of why we started the Impact Scholarships. Because of the scholarships, she will improve the wellbeing of her own family and be a skilled worker for a local employer. In her application, Nichole wrote, "My short term goals are to complete the Medical Lab Technician (MLT) program at Western and pass the MLT boards. My long term goal is to gain employment as an MLT at either Black River Memorial Hospital or Krohn Clinic. I

was born and raised in Black River Falls and am looking forward to having a career here. I have a 10 year old daughter that I'm hoping to help support when she's ready to go to college, so she can also become a contributing member of society."

Austin and Lacey are two of the many students who received Impact Scholarships.

After receiving a scholarship Austin said, "I am very honored to be selected as a recipient of the BRF Area Foundation Jackson County Impact Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity which will allow me to pay my tuition, as well as purchase some of the necessary tools to begin my education at Western Technical College. This donation will help me acquire the skills needed to excel as a technician as I enter into the automotive field."

Lacey expressed her thanks, saying, "Thank you so much for the BRF Area Foundation Jackson County Impact Scholarship. I have never received a scholarship before. Thank you for making it easier to keep my house. I was so worried about how I was going to keep up with bills

and go to school. Now, I can do my best at school and one day give back to this great community. I love this community and plan to make it better after I graduate. Thank you so much for that opportunity. I am beyond thankful."

Its working! The Impact Scholarships are helping meet the demand of businesses for skilled workers. Doing so helps ensure that quality jobs and careers can remain available in our area, which in turn provides both attractive employment opportunities for our current residents, but also helps attract new people to our communities. Additionally, these scholarships are helping local people to acquire the skills that they need to secure a good job, build a career, and improve their lives.

If you are interested in contributing to this scholarship program, please contact the Foundation office. Likewise, if you know a working age adult, or an alumnus of any area high school, residing in Jackson County who would benefit from an Impact Scholarship, please invite them to contact us. We will be happy to assist them with the application process.



Lacey



Austin



BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA Foundation

- * Family added additional funds
 - Individual Donors to Listed Fund
- NEW!** New funds created in 2019

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
- Curtis May: *In Honor of Todd Anderson*
- Kay Brauner Memorial Fund
- Stanley Held Memorial Fund
- Erwin & Thelma Homstad Memorial Fund
- * Bill Millis Memorial Fund **NEW!**
- Grace Webb Memorial Fund
- Gladys Webb
- Katherine Wold Memorial Fund

COMMUNITY FUNDS

- Alma Center Area Community Fund
- Badger Mining Corporation
- Cleary, Mary Jane
- Comstock, Charles & Bonnie
- Davidson, Toni M.:
In Memory of Dawn Larson
- Doud, Beverly:
In Memory of Arnold Doud
- Evenson, Alice
- Fischer, Paul & Angela
- Forsting, Don
- Graff, Lars & Ingrid
- Heller Farm, Inc.
- Holub, Leonard & Judith
- Jacobson, Charles & Barbara
- Jacobson, Ruth:
In Memory of Vernon Jacobson
- Jacobson, Valerie
- Janke, Larry & Betty
- Johnson, Roger L.
- Larson, Richard & Sara:
In Memory of Dawn Larson, Ruby Passow, Vernon Jacobson & Lillian Stetzer

- Laufenberg, Frank & Susan
- Mahan, Michael & Christina
- Massman, Brian & Brianne
- Olson, Gaylord E.
- Prindle, Doris
- Ransom, Gene & Judy:
In Memory of Clyde & Anna Ransom
- Rogers, Delbert & Heather
- Rowekamp, Kathy:
In Memory of Bob Rowekamp
- Ruzic, Rozanne
- Stetzer, Daniel & Carla
- Strandberg, Harold & Virginia
- Strandberg, Hoyt & Jeanine
- Szymanski, Jane
- Van Gorden, Mary
- In Memory of Doc & Sylvia Strandberg*
- Strandberg, Julie R.
- Durni, Jean M.
- Heller, Blake & Janell
- Larson, Richard & Sara
- Strandberg Family
- In Memory of Gary Alexander*
- Alexander, Karen
- Forsting, Don
- Larson, Richard & Sara

Alma Center/Humbird/Merrillan Education Enrichment Fund

- Fischer, Paul & Angela
- Forsting, Don
- Forsting, Michelle Clark
- Hoffman, Jim & Andrea
- Iverson, Patrice A.
- Jacobson, Ruth:
In Memory of Vernon Jacobson
- Share N Share Alike Foundation
- Szymanski, Jane

BRF Area Foundation General Fund

- Homstad, Jon & Maureen:
In Memory of Gay Gardipee
- Jackson County Bank

Black River Area Youth Fund

City of BRF - Public Library Fund

Developmental Disabilities Fund

Disability Association of Jackson County **NEW!**

Incubator Economic Development Fund

Skyline Funds

- Anderson, Todd & Steph
- Antonelli, Darrin & Pamela
- AXA Foundation
- Becker, Bob & Anna
- Black River Area Chamber of Commerce
- Black River Falls Rotary Club
- Black River Country Bank
- Black River Falls Lions Club
- Co-op Credit Union
- Danielson, Helmer & Judy
- Dougherty, Mrs. James
- Drace, John & Julie
- Eckles, Jan J.

- Fox, Chris & Lori
- Gates, Bill & Connie
- Goeman, Glen & Janice
- Gross Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac-GMC
- Hanson, Paul & Barb
- Hoagenson, John & Delone
- Homstad, Richard & Eileen Barrett
- Iverson, Algin & Sherry
- Krohn, Eugene & Janet
- Larkin, Thomas
- Leadholm, Tom & Sue
- Lindow Jr., Creswell & Ann
- Louis, Jack
- Louis, John & Barb Olson-Louis
- Michaelson, Max & Sue
- Mickelson, William M. & Jean
- Mills, Carla
- Naftzger, Dee
- Richards, Dennis
- Rosin, Warren & Priscilla
- Sands, Roger & Mary Kaye
- Scherer, Quenton
- Sequin, Norman & Judy
- Severson, Robert & Linda
- Skyline Friends
- Skyline Men's Association
- Stuart, Marion & Hoefer, Alden
- Tangney, Patrick & Phyllis
- Van Gorden, Mary
- West, Ronnie & Jan
- Zillmer, Ann

LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY SERVICE FUNDS

Black River Memorial Hospital Fund

*Hoffman Construction Fund

Jackson County Bank Fund

MAINTENANCE FUNDS

City of BRF - Field of Honor Fund

Foundation Trail Maintenance Fund

- Black River Memorial Hospital
- Ferris, Robert
- River Country Fitness -
Tammy Strandberg:
In Memory of Francis Heller
- Spegman, Howard & Ruth:
In Honor of Sue Pearson

Hoffman Aquatic Park Maintenance Fund

- David & Marilyn Hoffman

Lunda Community Park Maintenance Fund

Mills Park Maintenance Fund

- Peterson, Ann Krohn
- Krohn, Amy Cortright & Randy Cortright:
In Honor of Gene Krohn's Birthday
- Howard, Mary Alice
In Honor of Nancy Mills Howard

Rotary Skate Park Maintenance Fund

ORGANIZATION FUNDS

Boys & Girls Club Fund

BRF Educational Enrichment Music Fund

BRF Educational Enrichment M.C.Schmallenberg Fund

- Halcyon Habitat
- In Memory of David Harkner**
- Bernette, Stanley & Rita
- Hansen, Mary
- Harkner, Thomas & Judith & Marianne

BRF Educational Enrichment General Fund

- Autumn Ridge Holdings
- Bible, Jim
- BRF Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Chambers, Thomas & Verona
- Collins, Steve & Jill:
In Memory of Ouno & Margaret Mickelson
- Coulee Region Landscape & Design
- DeBoer, Barry & Barbara
- Dugan, Judith:
In Memory of Joel Thomas
- Franke, Clarice:
In Honor of Stuart & Marilyn Hagen 50th Anniversary
- Gross Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac-GMC
- Larkin, Thomas
- Lund, David or Judith
- Mahan, Michael & Christina
- Meyer, Dave/Luane:
In Memory of Philip & Aldena Meyer
- Mickelson, William & Jean:
In Memory of Evan "Tony" Littlegeorge
- Millis Real Estate Leasing, LLC
- Radcliffe, Loren & Mary Jo
- Radke, Douglas & Barbara
- Radke, Douglas & Barbara
- Ransom, Gene and Judy
- Riverside Auto Sales
- Simonson, Leota
- Torkelson, Sherri & Tim
- Torkelson, Troy & Marianne
- Tuesday Club:
In Honor of Virginia Bell
- Yaeger, Aaron & Amy

BRF Rotary Club Fund

Jackson County Humane Society Fund

- Flory Estate, James
- Gilles, Mark & Donna:
In Memory of Tom Gilles
- Hoffman, David & Marilyn:
In Memory of Arlene Frelk
- Howard, John & Nancy
- Jacobson, Ruth:
In Memory of Vernon Jacobson
- Northern Family Farms, The Ahl Family

SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED BY ORGANIZATIONS & BUSINESSES

BRF Alumni Association Scholarship

- Bowen, Duane
- Curtis, Mary and Clarence
- Franke, Clarice:
In Memory of Tom Jessop
- Hagen, Marilyn A. & Stuart:
In Memory of Arlene Nordahl
- Hostrawser, Darlene: *Class of 1956*
- Moseley, Duane & Jean
- Nicolai, Frederick & Barbara
- Radke, Douglas & Barbara
- In Memory of Dorothy Fields**
- Fields, Anne
- Fields, Darcy & Vicki
- Kins, Jack & Mary
- Mohr, Thomas R. & Leslie A.

BRF Area Foundation Scholarship

BRF High School Store Scholarship

Jackson County Bank Foundation Alumni Scholarship

Krohn Clinic Physicians Scholarship

- Holder, Richard & Joanne
- In Honor of Dr. Richard Holder**
- Bowen, Duane
- Dingeldein, Doris
- Dugan, Judith
- Franke, Clarice
- Hansen, Judith
- Hansen, Mary
- Hoagenson, John & Delone
- Hoffman, Peter and Jone
- Holder, Doris
- Jacobson, Hilma
- Kitowski, Jerry & Lori
- Krohn Clinic
- Lahmayer Trust
- Mahan, Michael & Christina
- Murray, Barry & Julie
- Musser, Nyla
- Radcliffe, Judy

Lions/Rotary Scholarship

- BRF Lions Club
- BRF Rotary Club

SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED BY INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

David & Marilyn Hoffman Scholarship

Elizabeth Janssen Nursing Scholarship

Gerald & Nancy Laabs Scholarship

- Laabs, Jay & Katherine

Mary Perry Fine Arts Scholarship

Gene & Judy Ransom Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED IN MEMORIAL

Allen Brenengen Memorial Scholarship - Alma Center Lincoln High School

Don Halverson Memorial Scholarship

Duane & Lavina Hoffman Memorial Scholarship

Alice Homstad Memorial Scholarship

Leland & Jeanette Larson Memorial Scholarship

Ralph & Alice Lund Memorial Scholarship

Kelly Mauck Memorial Scholarship

Philip & Aldena Meyer Memorial Scholarship

- Meyer, Dave/Luane
- Meyer, Marlene A.
- Goens, Mary J.

Rick Millis Memorial Scholarship

Dean Nortman Memorial Scholarship

- Mattson, Margaret A.

Meghan Powell Memorial Scholarship

Lt. Terry Preston Memorial Scholarship

Dustin Rozmenoski Memorial Scholarship

- Frett, Harold D. and Donna L.

Kristin Wood Fine Arts Memorial Scholarship

SPECIFIED TERM SCHOLARSHIPS

Thomas R. Gilles Memorial Scholarship

Richard Hilliker Scholarship

- Hilliker, Mark K.
- Hilliker, Kristin

Robert (Knuckles) Johnson Memorial

- Hoffman Construction Company

James Jr. & Anna Klir Memorial Scholarship

- Klir, Rose Ann

Ann Krohn Peterson Scholarship **NEW!**

- Hilliker, Kristin
- Hilliker, Mark K.
- Lassen, Ron & Susan
- Peterson, Ann

WTC Impact Scholarship Pass Through

- Black River Memorial Hospital
- BRF Rotary Club
- D & S Manufacturing
- Finch, Timothy & Kay
- Gross Chevrolet-Buick-Pontiac-GMC,
- Hoffman, David & Marilyn
- Homstad, Eric & Nomi
- Homstad, Gil
- Homstad, Jon & Maureen
- McDonald, Brian & Heather
- Northern Family Farms, The Ahl Family
- Ransom, Gene & Judy

GRAND SLAM - 2019 GRANT RECIPIENTS

\$100,000 awarded to 19 Local Non-Profit Organizations

Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School District; Jr. & Sr. High Schools: Pickle Ball Equipment for Summer School and then to PE department

Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School District; Elementary School: Book of the Month Club - Enough books so every Lincoln Elementary student can take home one book a month.

Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School District; Elementary School: To create a tool lending library consisting of different seating options, fidgets, task watches, etc.

Boys & Girls Club of Jackson County: Healthy Lifestyles Program Staffing, Supplies and Incentives; Staff Computers; Two-way Radios

City of BRF; Citizens Cemetery Association: Removal, clean up, and stump grinding of almost 200 Ash trees in Riverside Cemetery.

City of BRF; Public Library: to support the Summer Reading Program for youth and the Reading Incentive Program for PreK

Friends Sharing Food: Food Storage

Hatfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue: Purchase of an AED, Traction Splints and a Scoop Backboard to facilitate a higher standard of care.

Jackson County 4H Small Animal Project: Phase II - 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.

Jackson County Division of Public Health; Car Seats: to purchase car seats for low income families and to train JCHHS employees on the proper installation of the car seats.

Jackson County Humane Society: toward construction of a new animal shelter.

Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers: for the new "Time for You" program.

Karner Blue Garden Club: Maintenance of the community flower gardens .

Lunda Community Park: for replacement of the urinal in the boys' bathroom in the Playground Area of the Park.

Millston Area Museum: Installation of an outdoor and indoor sign, Internet installation and creation of a website.

Millston Brookside Cemetery: to construct a display case matching the existing case (which is full) honoring Veterans

Skyline Golf Course: toward maintenance expenses of the Club House which helps meet community needs by providing a facility for more than 325 various events annually.

Together for Jackson County Kids - Strengthening Families Program: for meals, travel and advertising for the twelve-week program.

York-Northfield Sportsmans Club: To rebuild and repair playground and new playground equipment on the club house grounds.



2018 Grant Recipient - Blair Taylor Tech Ed Department



2018 Grant Recipient - City of BRF Public Childrens Library - Lego II Club

2019 KAY BRAUNER MEMORIAL FUND

WTC Emergency Scholarship Fund

- This fund helps students from the BRF area who may leave WTC due to unexpected financial burdens. Emergency funds can be used to assist with things such as housing, meals, childcare, utilities, medical expenses and transportation issues.



2019 FOUNDATION DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

\$17,000 Awarded to Six Recipients

Foundation General Fund - John & Nancy Mills Howard, Donors

- Jackson County Historical Society
- Friends of the Black River
- Alice Homstad Memorial Scholarship Fund
- City of BRF - Public Library - Children's Library
- Mills Park Maintenance Fund

Mary Van Gorden Library Endowment Fund

- BRF Library History Room

Alma Center Area Community Fund

2019 ALMA CENTER AREA COMMUNITY FUND DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

\$6,525 Awarded to Seven Recipients

- Alma Center Fire Dept. Helmet Lights
- Alma Center Improvement Club Turtle Pond Repairs
- ACHM High School Basketball Shoot Away FCCLS blazers Pickle ball equipment
- ACHM Elementary School Book of the Month Zone of Regulation tool (Behavior tools)

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EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT FUND

2019 BRF EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FUND DONOR ADVISED GRANTS

\$9,600 Awarded to Six Recipients

- All BRF Schools Music Department: Clavinova & Cart
- Middle School VEX-IQ Robotics
- Forrest Street Sensory Light Tables for Kindergarten
- Forrest Street & Red Creek BAL-A-VIS-X-Elementary

POWER HITTERS - 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS & RECIPIENTS

A Scholarship Fund created by gifts from individuals, organizations and businesses, awards education grants to selected area students. The following 55 scholarships totaling \$87,000 were awarded in 2019.

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

Sunny Rufsholm

(2018 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending:
Viterbo University
Course of Study: Choral Music Education
Career Path: Vocal Music Director



Black River Falls Area Foundation Annual Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

Channing Manske

(2018 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending:
Waldorf University
Course of Study: Major-Criminal Justice; Minor-Political Science
Career Path: Lawyer



Black River Falls Area Foundation Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

Andrea Peterson

(2018 BRF Graduate)
Merrillan
Attending:
UW Eau Claire
Course of Study: Education
Career Path: Elementary or Special Education Teacher



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

Lauren Harkner

(2015 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending:
Chippewa Valley Technical College
Course of Study: Criminal Justice
Career Path: Police Officer



Black River Falls Area Foundation Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

Hannah Shankey

(2015 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending:
UW Eau Claire
Course of Study: Health Care Administration & Gerontology
Career Path: Nursing Home Administrator



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

Hannah Peterson

Black River Falls
Attending: Western Technical College
Course of Study: Undecided



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

Ann Krohn Peterson Scholarship (\$2,000)

Mariah Jessie

(2013 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending: UW Stout
Course of Study: Early Childhood Education
Career Path: *Teacher (4K-3rd)



Black River Falls Area Foundation Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

Natalie Danielson

(2016 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending: UM Duluth
Course of Study: Major-Music Education; Minor-Theatre
Career Path: K-12 Music Educator



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

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

McKayla Gilbertson

Black River Falls
Attending:
Chippewa Valley Technical College
Course of Study: Business Administration



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

Ryan R. Guenther

(2016 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending:
UW Eau Claire
Course of Study: Exercise Science & Cardiac Rehabilitation
Career Path: Cardiac Rehab Therapist



Black River Falls Area Foundation Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

Jared Laufenberg

(2018 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending:
UW Eau Claire
Course of Study: Business Administration
Career Path: Business



Allan Brenengen Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

Meghan Powell Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

Natalie Fischer

(2018 Lincoln Graduate)
Alma Center
Attending: Winona State University
Course of Study: Elementary Education/Reading Instructionist
Career Path: Teacher



Black River Falls Area Foundation Annual Senior Scholarship (\$2,000)

Noah O'Brien

Black River Falls
Attending: UW Stout
Course of Study:
Human Development & Family Studies
Career Path: Return to BRF to work as a Social Worker at BRMH or JCHHS



Black River Falls Area Foundation Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

Maria Lee

(2013 BRF Graduate - 2017 Graduate of UW La Crosse with a Degree in Exercise & Sports Science Pre-Professional and a minor in Spanish)
Black River Falls
Attending: Graduate School - UW La Crosse
Course of Study: Doctorate Degree
Career Path: Dr. of Physical Therapy



Thomas R. Gilles Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

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

Abigail Ross

Black River Falls
Attending: UW Whitewater
Course of Study: Major-Communication Sciences; Minor-Psychology
Career Path: Speech-Language Pathologist



POWER HITTERS - 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS & RECIPIENTS

Thomas R. Gilles Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

Ethan Bible

Black River Falls
Attending: St. Cloud
State University
Course of Study:
Economics
Career Path: Economist
and/or Investor



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

Lauren Perry

(2018 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending:
UW La Crosse
Course of Study:
Kinesiology
Career Path: Doctorate in
Physical Therapy



Elizabeth Danielson Janssen Nursing Scholarship (\$2,000)

Shelby Heath

Black River Falls
Attending: Western
Technical College
Course of Study:
Registered Nurse
Career Path: Work as an
RN and later specialize
in Obstetrics



Don Halverson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

Nathan Becker

Black River Falls
Attending: Winona State
University
Course of
Study: Business
Administration
Career Path: Business



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

Victoria Mouradian

Black River Falls
Attending: Winona State
University
Course of Study:
English and/or History
Career Path:
To become a Teacher



Robert (Knuckles) Johnson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

Macaid Stanley

Alma Center
Attending: Winona State
University
Course of Study:
Mechanical Composite
Engineering
Career Path:
Composite Engineer



Richard Hilliker Scholarship (\$2,000)

Daniel Forman

(2016 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending: UW Madison
Course of Study:
Kinesiology, Exercise &
Movement Science
Career Path:
Physical Therapist



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

Matthew Bronsdon

(2016 BRF Graduate)
Hixton
Attending: UW Madison
Course of Study:
Double Major-Spanish
and Biology
Career Path:
Medical School



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

Elizabeth Pardoe

(2018 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending: UM Duluth
Course of Study:
Major-Biology; Minor-
Spanish
Career Path: Undecided



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

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

Kimberly Leadholm

(2018 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending: UW Madison
Course of Study:
Journalism
Career Path: Work for a news station to
create video packages



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

Natalie Gawron

(2016 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending:
UW Green Bay
Course of Study: Human
Biology with emphasis
in exercise science
Career Path: Doctorate in
Physical Therapy



Krohn Clinic Physicians Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)

Laura Gulso

(1996 Sparta Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending: UW Madison
Course of Study: BS
Nursing Completion
Program
Career Path: Continue
working at Krohn Clinic
See Honoring Dr. Richard Holder article page 9.



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

Jaymie Potter

(2017 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending:
UW Whitewater
Course of Study:
Accounting
Career Path: Working in a
Public Accounting Firm



Jackson County Bank Foundation Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

Kasey Roskos

(2018 BRF Graduate)
Merrillan
Attending: UW Oshkosh
Course of Study: Business
Career Path: Actuary



Gerald & Nancy Laabs Scholarship (\$2,000)

Emma Bible

Black River Falls
Attending: UW Madison
Course of Study: Business
Management or
Accounting
Career Path: Participate
in family Cranberry
Marsh business



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

Felicity Pooler

Taylor
Attending: University of South Florida, Tampa
Course of Study: Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Career Path: Undeclared



Leland & Jeanette Larson Memorial Rotating Scholarship – 2019 Melrose-Mindoro (\$1,000)

Brett Jeffrey Gerdes

Holmen
Attending: UW LaCrosse
Course of Study: Business
Career Path: Administration



Leland & Jeanette Larson Memorial Rotating Scholarship – 2019 Melrose-Mindoro (\$1,000)

Kealsey Rose Marion Rinartz

Melrose
Attending: UW Eau Claire
Course of Study: Nursing
Career Path: Registered Nurse



Lions/Rotary Scholarship (\$2,000)

Madysen McCormick

Black River Falls
Attending: Saint Mary's University, Winona
Course of Study: Major-Pre-Physician Assistant; Minor-Spanish
Career Path: Physician Assistant



Ralph & Alice Lund Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Margaret Roo

Black River Falls
Attending: North Park University, Chicago
Course of Study: Major-Business; Minor-Spanish
Career Path: Active Army Officer or Business Related Career



Kelly Mauck Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500) Philip & Aldena Meyer Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Karli Hudson

Black River Falls
Attending: UM Rochester
Course of Study: Health Sciences
Career Path: Attend Medical School



Rick Millis Memorial Scholarship Pt. 2 of 2 (\$2,000)

Kaytlin Johnson

(2018 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending: Concordia University of Wisconsin
Course of Study: Radiologic Technician



Rick Millis Memorial Scholarship Pt. 2 of 2 (\$2,000)

June Brown

(2018 Lincoln Graduate)
Alma Center
Attending: UW Oshkosh
Course of Study: Nursing



Rick Millis Memorial Scholarship (\$3,000)

Victoria Johnson

Alma Center
Attending: UW Madison
Course of Study: Pre-Law
Career Path: Lawyer



Rick Millis Memorial Scholarship (\$3,000) Black River Falls Area Foundation Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)

Jake Ramos

(2018 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending: UW Madison
Course of Study: Mathematics
Career Path: Education



Dean Nortman Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

Katlyn Leadholm

(2018 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending: Viterbo
Course of Study: Registered Nursing
Career Path: Emergency Room Nurse



Mary Perry Fine Arts Scholarship (\$1,000) Pearl (Toddy) Porath Memorial Senior Scholarship (\$1,000)

Sydney Sampson-Webb

Black River Falls
Attending: UW Milwaukee
Course of Study: Marketing
Career Path: Marketig Manager or Bakery Owner



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

Zachary Severson

(2016 BRF Graduate)
Black River Falls
Attending: UW River Falls
Course of Study: Major-Broad Field Social Studies; Minor-Economics
Career Path: High School History and Economics Teacher and also coach High School sports



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

Sean Johnson

Black River Falls
Attending: Chippewa Valley Technical College
Course of Study: Criminal Justice
Career Path: Law Enforcement



Gene & Judy Ransom Scholarship (\$2,000)

Reighlynn Larsen

Alma Center
Attending: UW Eau Claire
Course of Study: Kinesiology
Career Path: Physical Therapist



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Course of Study: Ag Business/Dairy Science
Career Path: Field related to Farming, possibly Vet Tech



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