

For the arts.
For economic opportunity.
For education.
For the environment.
For future generations.
For health & wellness.
For housing.
For human services.
For community.

For McHenry County. Forever.



The
**Community
Foundation**
for McHenry County

A Jake Arndt Memorial Scholarship donors and recipients at the 2025 Awards Breakfast, celebrating higher education and scholarship recipients.

B Community Listening Session convened by The Community Foundation, bringing together residents, nonprofits, and local and state leaders to share McHenry County's needs.

C 2nd Annual Día de los Muertos Celebration in Harvard, honoring Mexican heritage. The Community Foundation was a proud sponsor and holds a charitable fund for the Harvard Parks Foundation.



D 2025 Give360 grant recipient Girls on the Run NW Illinois, providing life-changing experiential learning programs for girls ages 8 to 13.

E *The Bridge*, a Kids in Need store providing clothing, toys, and essential items to local families in need, free of charge, was supported in 2025 with a grant from the James and Karlen Cooney Family Fund.

ON THE COVER: A Black Swallowtail butterfly at Boloria Meadows, a nature preserve of The Land Conservancy of McHenry County, which is supported through a \$100,000 endowed fund from The Community Foundation.

OUR MISSION

To philanthropically address the needs of McHenry County by providing leadership, granting resources, stewarding assets, and fostering awareness.

A Letter from Leadership

At The Community Foundation for McHenry County, everything we do is rooted in a deep appreciation for our local area and the people who call it home. McHenry County is special. From our vibrant small-town downtowns and close-knit neighborhoods to our family farms and preserved open spaces, there is a spirit of community that makes our county unique.

As local needs continue to evolve, we work alongside nonprofit partners, donors, and community leaders who understand this community and care deeply about its future. Together, we invest charitable dollars right here at home, strengthening local organizations, responding to emerging needs, and spearheading initiatives that help our neighbors and communities thrive. The Community Foundation has a central leadership role in nurturing and sustaining that community spirit.

Our continued growth reflects the trust placed in us by individuals, families, and businesses who are committed to enhancing the quality of life in McHenry County. Through endowed funds, legacy gifts, and meaningful engagement in local priorities, donors have powerful, place-based philanthropy opportunities to create a lasting impact, now and for generations to come.

As we celebrate our 25th year, we are deeply grateful to everyone who makes this work possible. Your generosity, partnership, and love for McHenry County inspire us every day. Thank you for being part of this community and for advancing our collective mission.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Hernon".

Amy Hernon
Executive Director



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chip Yager".

Charles (Chip) Yager
2025 Board Chair

FOUNDATION ASSETS OVERVIEW

Guided by integrity and service, we strategically manage assets honoring each gift's intent to create lasting impact and ensuring today's generosity shapes McHenry County for generations to come. The Community Foundation managed \$55.3 million in assets across 108 charitable funds in FY 2025. Of those assets:

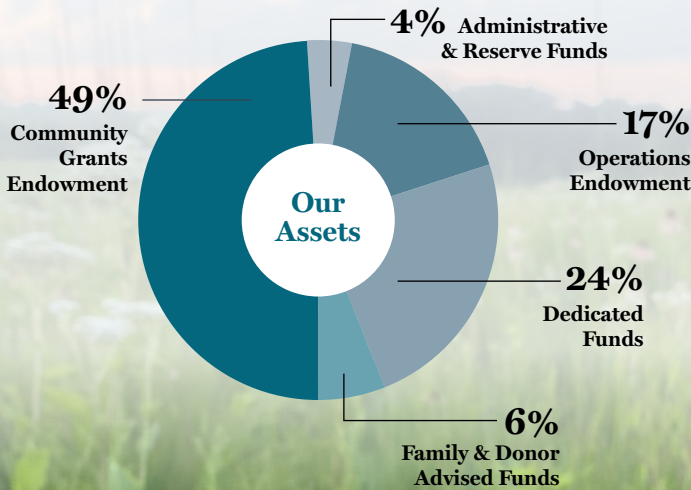
\$26.8 M in our **Community Grants Endowment**, providing annual funding for local non profits and community initiatives.

\$9.6 M in our **Operations Endowment**.

\$2.2 M in **administrative & reserve funds**, sustaining our mission, forever.

\$13.5 M in **Funds** dedicated to specific causes and nonprofit partners.

\$3.2 M in **family & donor advised funds**, empowering individuals and families to make grants that reflect their values and charitable interests.



Coneflowers located on the 25,800 acres of public land managed by the McHenry County Conservation District, which receives grant funding from *The Community Foundation*.

\$55.3M

Total Assets

88%

Assets Endowed

16%

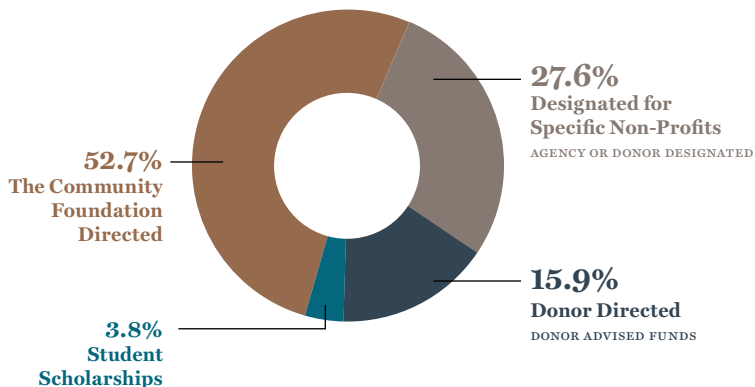
Average 3 Year Return

OUR FUNDS AT WORK

TOTAL GRANTMAKING

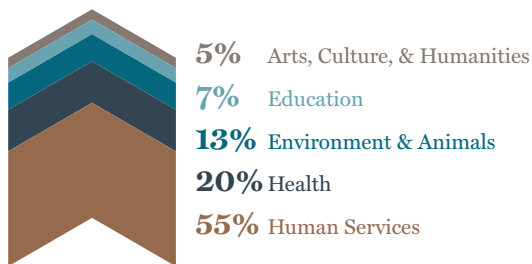
Total grantmaking shows The Community Foundation's charitable support to local nonprofits, programs, and initiatives. Bringing donor generosity to life in McHenry County. In FY 2025, The Community Foundation granted \$1.3 million through 168 unique grants and scholarships.

GRANTS by Fund Type



We are a permanent community resource built by & for the people of McHenry County.

GRANTS by Supported Area



Inaugural grant from the Women's Fund Endowment to support the EmpowHER financial literacy program with Consumer Credit Counseling.

To explore the full list of organizations supported through our grants, visit our website.



\$663.4K
New Donations

168
Unique Awards

\$1.3M
Grants & Scholarships

AT THE CENTER OF LOCAL PHILANTHROPY

CONNECTING PEOPLE, RESOURCES, & OPPORTUNITY
TO STRENGTHEN MCHENRY COUNTY, TODAY AND FOREVER.

For 25 years, The Community Foundation for McHenry County has served as the trusted home for local philanthropy. We sit at the intersection of generosity and need, aligning charitable resources with the priorities that shape our community's future.

Trusted Philanthropic Partner

We are the source for philanthropy in McHenry County, guiding everyone from first-time donors to legacy planners with personalized charitable solutions, tax-smart strategies, and expert guidance—making local giving simple, meaningful, and impactful.

Stewards of Permanent Impact

We hold and grow charitable funds, mostly endowed and dedicated to McHenry County, ensuring resources stay local to support our community today and for generations to come.

Community Leadership

We connect donors, nonprofits, and civic leaders to address emerging challenges and seize opportunities. With deep local knowledge and ongoing engagement, we guide strategic, coordinated investments that strengthen McHenry County and drive meaningful, community-wide impact.

Strengthening Nonprofit Capacity

We invest in the organizations that serve McHenry County through grants, leadership development, and collaborative initiatives, helping them thrive.

A Foundation for the Entire Community

We are a permanent community resource built by and for the people of McHenry County, not a single-issue organization.

Ribbon cutting at Woodstock's intergenerational playground, a recipient of a Community Foundation community grant.



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THANK YOU

At the heart of local philanthropy, our work is powered by the collective generosity of our donors, partners, and community.

We are proud to serve as a trusted partner, today and for generations to come, remaining deeply committed to McHenry County.

Thank you to all who make this work possible.

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