



SHAPING
OUR COMMUNITY.
FOR GOOD.



GIVING TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



Since 1974, the Mankato Area Foundation has been dedicated to building a community of individuals that believe in the strength of giving. We continue today to shape Greater Mankato through connecting acts of giving with our community's needs. As a permanent, trusted resource, donors look to the Mankato Area Foundation to help them make their charitable giving more effective. The Mankato Area Foundation is impacting the individuals in our community now and for generations to come by providing the expertise to help donors nurture their philanthropic dreams and shape their legacy.



Semi-annually, the Foundation makes grants from its Community Fund in response to applications based on our five core areas of giving to help build a vibrant, strong and interconnected community.

EDUCATION

A program, seminar or project that educates and enlightens area citizens.

CULTURE

Projects that enhance the cultural infrastructure of the community.

RECREATION

Useful and visible improvements to area parks or recreational activities that impact a large number of people.

AESTHETICS

Landscaping, restoration or remodeling of a community site.

CIVICS

Efforts that produce empowered, active, competent citizens to meet community needs.

In addition, the Mankato Area Foundation distributes grants from designated and donor advised funds established by donors who either wish to advise the Foundation on grants from their funds or who wish their funds to be distributed to a specific organization or purpose. In this way, donors can ensure that their personal fields of interest are supported.



FLEXIBILITY FOR YOU.

The Mankato Area Foundation knows the issues facing our community and we're committed to shaping it for good. As a local partner, we're here to help you create a giving program that works for you, your assets, your wishes and your goals. We take the work out of giving by handling the administration, offering expert advice and management of the investment products.

There are many easy ways to give such as:

MANKATO AREA COMMUNITY FUND

First, you can contribute directly to our unrestricted Community Fund. This fund addresses specific issues facing Greater Mankato through its semi-annual, grant making process. This unrestricted fund provides the greatest flexibility to shape our community for good—now and for the future.

DESIGNATED FUND

Second, you can create a designated fund to provide ongoing support to organizations or purposes specified by you or educational opportunities through scholarships.

PLANNED GIVING

Third, the Foundation offers a wide range of planned giving/deferred gift options such as bequests, charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities and charitable lead trusts.

For more ways to give, visit www.mankatoareafoundation.com.

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The Mankato Area Foundation believes that people working together can make a difference for individuals and for our community as a whole. Gifts received by the Mankato Area Foundation are invested for growth to make an impact long after the gift is made through grant making, scholarships and funding of critical needs. As with all community foundations, the Mankato Area Foundation operates in perpetuity with gifts continuing to grow and provide benefits to our community forever.

The Mankato Area Foundation provides a medium for people to make a difference by offering annual, lifetime and planned giving opportunities. After 35 years, the Mankato Area Foundation continues to help individuals and organizations achieve their charitable goals by offering a variety of giving strategies and funds. As donors, you have the opportunity to shape your donation by choosing from flexible funding vehicles such as designated, unrestricted or donor advised funds. The Mankato Area Foundation currently manages funds that can provide donors with the benefits similar to a private foundation without the burden of start up/management and brings to life their passions and charitable dreams.

PAST GRANTS INCLUDE

- Open Door Health Clinic** – Dental equipment
- Camp Sweet Life Adventures** – Youth Diabetes Camp
- City of North Mankato** – Storybook Park
- The Miracle League of North Mankato** –
Fallenstein Field
- City of Mankato** – Sibley Park Farm
- Special Olympics** – Program Support
- City Center Partnership** –
CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour
- Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans** –
Services to Veterans
- YWCA** – Walking in Two Worlds
- Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota** –
Feasibility Study
- Mankato Area Symphony Orchestra** –
Performance Support
- One Bright Star** – Star Journal
- Blue Earth County Historical Society** –
The Front Street Project
- Greater Mankato Early Learning Initiative** –
READY! for Kindergarten
- Habitat for Humanity** – Restore
- Kids Against Hunger** – Volunteer Program Support
- VINE Faith in Action** –
Summit Senior Leadership Academy
- Greater Mankato Diversity Council** –
Prejudice Reduction Workshops
- Red Jacket Trail** – Project Funding

To view additional information about the foundation
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