



2025

Mission in Motion



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MISSION

Fox Cares Foundation strengthens communities by channeling generosity into nonprofit programs that work to end homelessness, fight hunger and expand access to the arts.

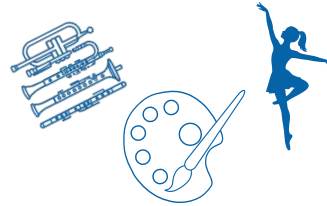
**End
Homelessness**



**Fight
Hunger**



**Expand Access
to the Arts**



PURPOSE

We believe everyone deserves stability, nourishment and the chance to experience and create art. Strong communities grow from these foundations.

Fox Cares Foundation invests in nonprofits that remove barriers and deliver real, measurable change for individuals and families.



OUR STORY

For decades, Fox Communities Credit Union has stood by our neighbors through every high and low, and Fox Cares is how those roots are deepened even further. Fox Cares Foundation was established in 2016 to provide a nonprofit organization through which Fox Communities Credit Union team members could contribute with confidence knowing the funds from their annual holiday party silent auction would be managed responsibly and directed into the community.

The foundation's growth includes receiving registration funds from the credit union's Bike to the Beat event, which in 2025 as pictured to the right, amounted to over \$97,000.

When you choose to give to Fox cares, whether it be through Bike to the Beat, a general donation or through a Fox Cares fundraiser, you're not choosing one cause over another—you're choosing impact itself. Fox Cares Foundation's volunteer board carefully evaluates every request to ensure dollars go where they matter most: directly to programs changing lives. Not to overhead. Not to recognition. Just real help for real people. For you, there is no research, no guesswork. Just confident giving that strengthens communities.

If you believe in the power of community, Fox Cares is the way to put that belief to work.

Since its creation, Fox Cares Foundation has provided over **\$790,000** of support to nonprofit programs.

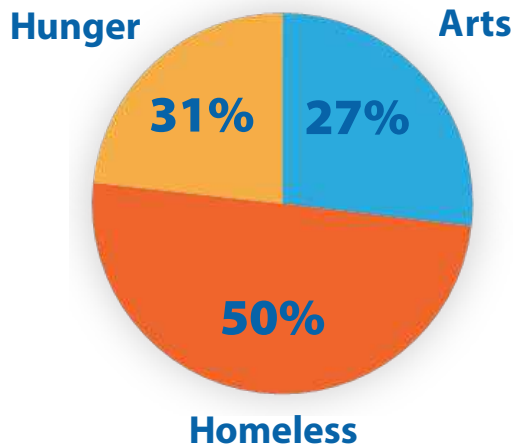
2025 By The Numbers

33 Grants supported

\$4,873 Average grant amount

\$160,666 Total grants paid

\$75,000 Additional gifted support for hunger



\$247,000 Raised through events including Bike to the Beat



NONPROFITS SUPPORTED

- Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County
- Appleton Community Music
- Apricity
- Art Connective Inc
- BEAMING
- Bergstrom-Mahler Museum of Glass
- Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Bay & Lakes Region
- Bridge the Gap for autism
- Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Services
- Clintonville Area Food Pantry
- Compassionate Connection Center
- COTS
- Creative Downtown Appleton
- Day by Day Shelter
- Fox Valley Veterans Council
- Freedom House
- Friendship Place
- HeadsUp Fox Cities
- Hope Clinic and Care Center
- Impact Wisconsin
- Multicultural Coalition
- NeighborWorks Green Bay
- Omro Area Community Center
- Oshkosh Area Community Pantry
- Paul's Pantry
- Pillars
- Salvation Army of Calumet County
- Salvation Army of Greater Green Bay
- Solutions Recovery
- St Joseph Food Program
- Trout Museum of Art
- Valley Academy for the Arts
- Vida
- YouthGo

Ending Homelessness

everyone deserves a place to call **home.**



We can't do it alone. Funding spotlight.

Funding support comes through many events and fundraisers throughout the year.



Silent Auction

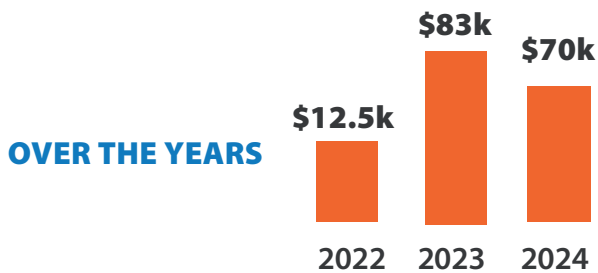
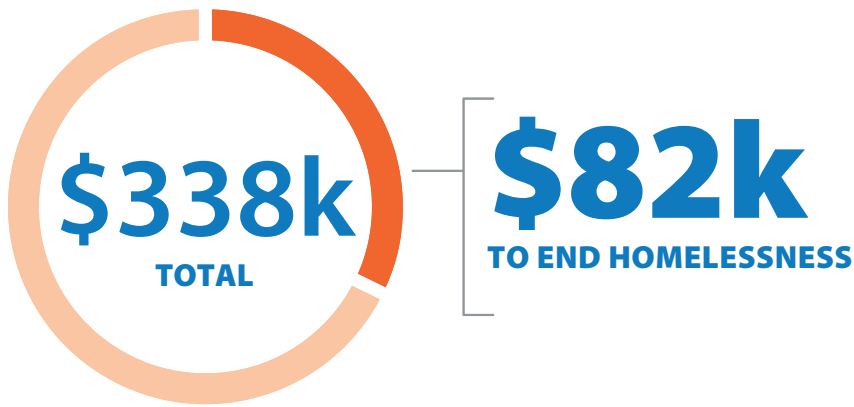
An element of the credit unions holiday party, this organization-wide event allows team members to support Fox Cares by bidding on items donated by community establishments and generous vendors. **Total raised \$35,072.**



\$25,000 Match

Fox Communities Credit Union generously supports a \$25,000 match where Fox team members and members alike are encouraged to donate. **Total raised \$37,034.**

GIVING BY THE NUMBERS



GRANT RECIPIENT SOLUTIONS RECOVERY

In 2025, Fox Cares was proud to support Solutions Recovery with a \$6,000 grant for its sober living program, From Homelessness to Hope. Operating 77 beds in Oshkosh, the program provides safe, structured housing for individuals rebuilding their lives while addressing homelessness and substance use disorder. Our funding helps sustain daily operations and covers the first month of program fees for seven to eight participants—removing a major financial barrier during the most vulnerable stage of recovery.

As Executive Director Megan Edwards shared, *“Even though support dollars help individuals in the sober living recovery program, recovery creates a powerful ripple effect. Just one person being sober for one month can affect 10–15 others and positively influence their choices.”*

Fox Cares is honored to stand alongside Solutions Recovery in creating stability, dignity, and hope for individuals on their recovery journey.

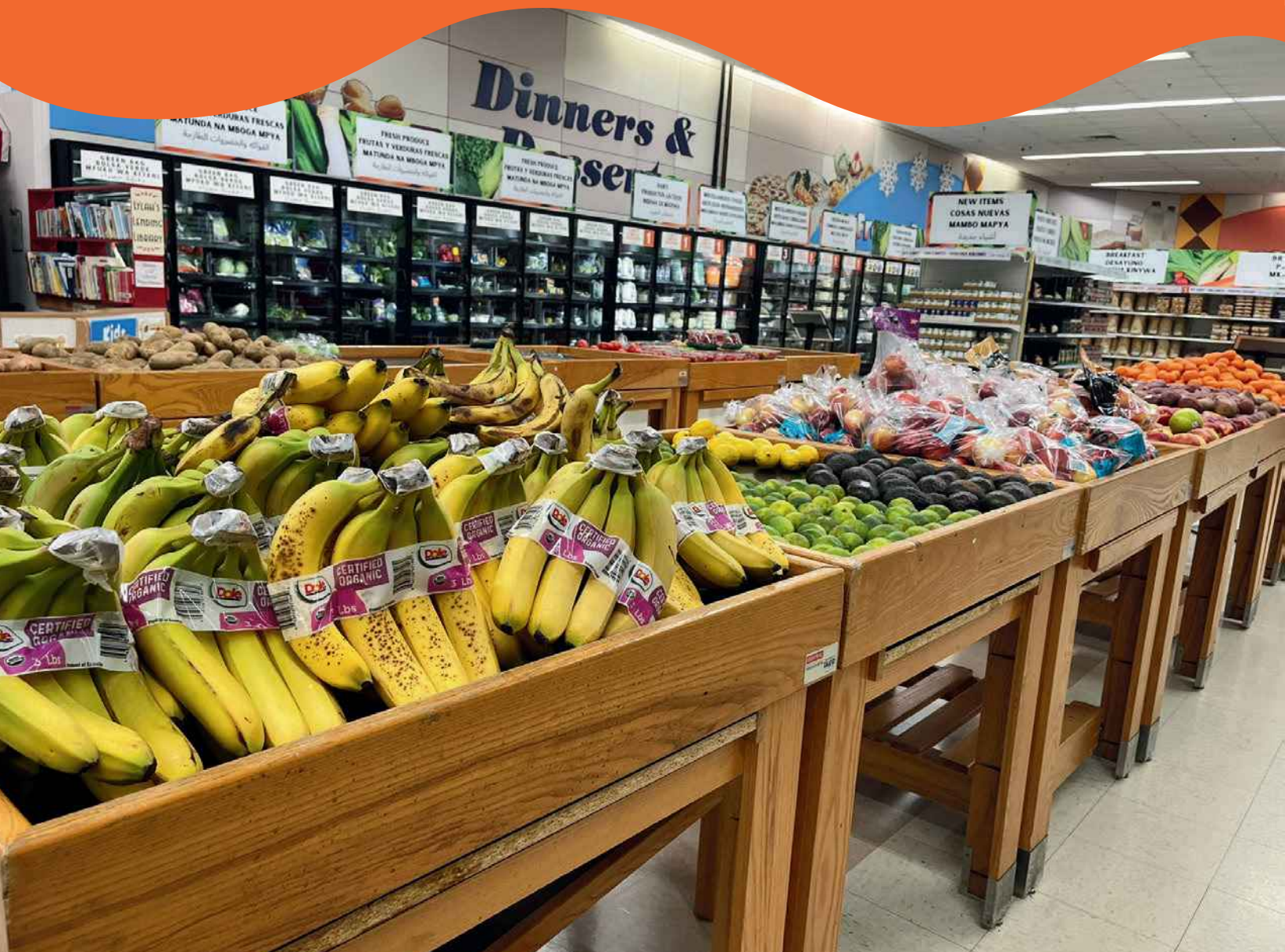


Fighting Hunger

In the Fall of 2025, in response to the growing challenges of food access, our board of directors was compelled to make a big move and made a special gift of \$25,000 each to three of our region's leading food pantries: St. Joseph Food Program, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry and Paul's Pantry.

Ryan Rasmussen, Executive Director of Oshkosh Area Community Pantry shared with us, "Fox Cares Foundation's transformative gift kept our shelves full during a time of high need. Because of this gift, in November and December we were able to distribute over 300,000 pounds of food to 2,358 families."

"People don't want to have to come to a pantry. With everything that is happening with high cost of food, high cost of housing, the high cost of insurance, there are more and more people struggling to make ends meet," said Monica Clare, Executive Director of St. Joseph Food Program. "Thank you to the Fox Cares Foundation and Fox Communities Credit Union ... we appreciate all that they do to get behind us when we're straining to have the resources we need."

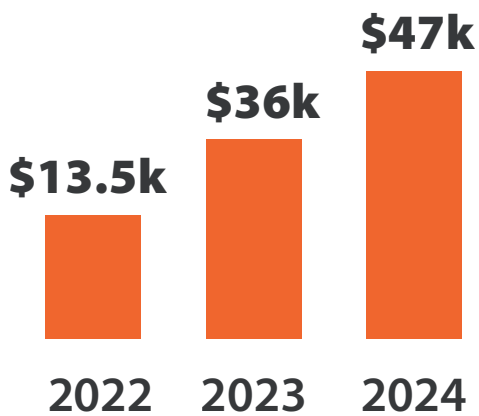


GIVING BY THE NUMBERS



\$108,500
TO FIGHTING HUNGER

OVER THE YEARS





Expanding Access to the Arts

In 2025, Fox Cares Foundation proudly supported Paint the City 4 with a \$4,500 grant to cover essential supplies for this youth-driven mural project in Downtown Appleton. Led by local artist Neo Medina and Creative Downtown Appleton, the initiative empowered 20 Appleton Area School District high school students—most from marginalized or economically challenged backgrounds, to create a 3,000-square-foot public mural over two weeks.

This initiative strongly supports our mission to expand access to the arts for people who face barriers. Students gain hands-on arts education, meaningful mentorship and a chance to build confidence, leadership skills and a sense of belonging. For many, Paint the City is the first time they have felt truly seen, valued and connected to their community. In its first three years, students have consistently reported higher confidence, better well-being and stronger social connections. Some have even gone on to lead their own mural projects, earn internships or pursue further art education.

By funding project supplies, Fox Cares helped ensure this transformative experience remained accessible to all selected students. Paint the City 4 demonstrates the deep, lasting impact that creative opportunities can have when young people are given the tools, mentorship and encouragement to express themselves and shape the world around them.

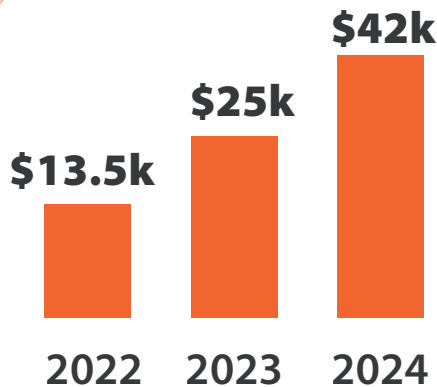
GIVING BY THE NUMBERS

\$44,550

TO EXPAND ACCESS TO THE ARTS



OVER THE YEARS



GRANT RECIPIENT

TROUT MUSEUM OF ART

Set in the heart of Wisconsin's Fox Valley, the Trout Museum of Art is a uniquely community-focused organization committed to inspiring and connecting people through creative experiences and the visual arts.

Fox Cares Foundation has supported SPARK!, their free engagement art program for adults living with memory loss and their care partners. Led by educators trained to work with elderly populations and others experiencing memory loss, SPARK! gives participants a shared visual art experience that engages creativity, heightens mood, and fosters feelings of connection with the world around them. Art projects also give participants a means of communication through self-expression. Additionally, SPARK! benefits caregivers by creating a new level of connection with their loved ones, and creating a source of support from others facing similar challenges.

"So many people that attend SPARK! express how much fun they have and how much they look forward to it each month. Not only are we a safe space for people to interact with each other and art, but we're also connecting caregivers with each other, resources for loved ones and a brief respite from their routine. Living with memory loss is hard, as is being a caregiver for someone with memory loss—creating positive experiences that help people continue being physically present in their community is so important."

-Michelle Sharpe, Trout Museum of Art Educator



SWING FORE FOX SAKE

Charity Golf Outing



Established in 2022, our fourth annual golf outing was once again played at Fox Valley Golf Club in Kaukauna, WI. The event welcomes golfers from throughout the Fox Valley and beyond for a day that includes lunch, 18 holes of golf with a cart, dinner, on-course contests, prizes and more.

TOTAL RAISED **OVER \$18,000**



2nd ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS

Charity Event

This unique fundraising event is a fun afternoon of sporting clay shooting, networking and supporting our communities. Registration includes a sporting clay course fee, shells, ear protection, lunch, sporting clay games and a social hour, including hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.



TOTAL RAISED **OVER \$14,800**

Thank You!



We extend our sincere gratitude to Lynn Peters and John Wanie (pictured on the far right) as they conclude their service following their final board meeting in December; during their tenure, they helped oversee the funding of 123 grants totaling more than \$612,000 to strengthen our communities, and their leadership, dedication, and impact will be felt for years to come.

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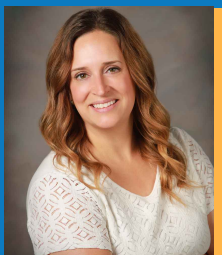
Susan Nagel
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Kevin Wood
NRI (Nomura Research Institute)

Our work allows us to fund non-profits across our footprint in ways that strengthen their missions—and our own. I believe that when each of us contributes what we can, those small efforts create meaningful change. I'm grateful for a board full of passionate community advocates committed to fighting homelessness and hunger and uplifting the arts.

James Kilsdonk | Board President, Member since 2022



Stepping into this role after helping build the Fox Cares Foundation from the very beginning is both humbling and energizing. I'm proud of how far we've come and excited for the growth ahead, because every step forward means stronger, more resilient communities. I'm honored to continue leading this work and advancing the mission that has guided us from day one.

Amanda Brown | Executive Director and Founding Member