



The Year in Review 2023



President & CEO Fran Brolley

comes to SRCCF following a 34-year career at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby. He retired in April 2023 as Executive Director of Community Relations and Development. *"I am so fortunate to join an organization helping build our community through philanthropy."*



Janice Corrigan

was appointed Director of Operations in March. Janice brings a wealth of experience to her new position at SRCCF and will continue her passion for making a positive impact on the lives of all those living in Starved Rock Country.

Starved Rock Country Community Foundation is unwavering in its commitment to improve the quality of life here at home. We strengthen our community by supporting the arts, education, health and human services, the environment and disaster relief across LaSalle, Bureau, and Putnam counties and beyond. We help donors make a lasting impact where it's needed most. And we believe every donation, regardless of size, has the potential to make a difference. Your generosity can change our community forever.

We recently received another major gift from a gentleman who has given liberally through his Donor Advised Fund to local food pantries, homeless shelters, youth services and the Ottawa YMCA capital

campaign. The gentleman does not donate for recognition or glory, but rather to share his good fortune and the fruits of his labor with nonprofits he believes in and charities serving society's most vulnerable.

Another Donor Advised Fund client, a couple, recently informed us of their decision to donate \$50,000 to the Ottawa PADS shelter's building campaign. This comes after they had already given to a dozen or more worthy causes in 2023.

These caring donors are using SRCCF to super charge their philanthropy. In this season of giving, please consider joining them in the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation family and making a meaningful difference in the community we all hold so dear.

Warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season.



SRCCF Board *Front Row:* Sue Schmitt, Janice Corrigan, Pamela Beckett, Deb Anderson, Sharon Schallhorn, Norma Cotner, Tracy Bedeker, Tara Bedei, Fran Brolley. *Middle Row:* Shelly Carey, Robb Hasty, Michael Stutzke, Reed Wilson, Martha Small. *Back Row:* John McCormick, Bob Eschbach, Tom Heitmann, Pierre Alexander.

Make us your first stop for philanthropy.

Connecting people who care

Emily Hardee's Run Today for Tomorrow 5K This Field of Interest Fund was created by Emily Yacko Hardee as a tribute to her cousin, Molly Yacko, who ended her life in 2017. Proceeds from the 5K event total over \$81,000 to date and are used to support

the Molly Lenora Yacko Scholarship and provide grant funding to local mental health organizations offering suicide prevention counseling and services.

Sharon Eschbach Coleman made a \$20,000 donation to SRCCE, a gift that was matched by participants in the 2023 Disco Ball. It is the third major gift she has made to SRCCE. In 2016, she and her late husband Ken donated \$60,000 to establish the Robert M. Eschbach Legacy Endowment Fund.

Giving Away the Farm Karen and Nelson Nussbaum established their Donor Advised Fund to facilitate their philanthropic goals. Utilizing the DAF simplifies their multiple and generous financial contributions to charitable and cultural organizations they so deeply care about.

The Arts of Starved Rock Country awards grants to arts and cultural

organizations and provides a hub that encourages the connection between local artists and the broader arts community.

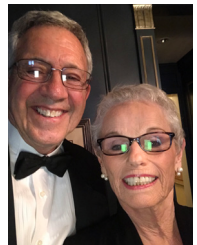
Maitri Path to Wellness Creating this partnership provided Maitri Path to Wellness with the vehicle needed to secure nearly \$1M in state and federal grant funding. The residential extended care treatment center will open in early 2024 to provide residents with a safe place to live among others on the same path to recovery, as well as access to mental health counseling, substance use disorder treatment, and other supportive services.



Women Inspired Network (WIN) A charitable giving circle of local, philanthropic women, awarded over \$11,000 to three nonprofits recently at its Celebration of Giving at Illinois Valley Community College. WIN grant recipients included the LaSalle County Sheriff's Chaplain Division, Safe Journeys, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Seneca. Since its inception in 2016, WIN has awarded nearly \$90,000 to local nonprofits who support and enhance the lives of women and children in the area.



Boyd & Phyllis Palmer Designated Fund After a lifetime of dedication to our community and personal philanthropy, Boyd and Phyllis created a legacy designated fund to provide five specific charities of their choice with generous annual grants, forever.



Fogelberg Foundation Honoring the musical legacy of Dan Fogelberg around the world is the sole purpose of this endowed fund. Annual grants will be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, and to organizations who promote and sustain the Fine Arts.



Transforming Ugandan Farmers

TUF was created in partnership with Joe and Nathalie Schmidt of Ottawa to specifically provide equipment, supplies, and hands-on education to train Ugandan individuals in farming methods, so that they will become a sustainable community. The training program is led by a Ugandan agricultural educator and the results have been remarkable.



Year end is a perfect time to create a Donor Advised Fund. A Donor Advised Fund is the vehicle to make tax-deductible deposits into one fund and use it to make grants to the causes you care about all year long. You only have one tax-deductible receipt to keep track of. Simply call us when you want to make grants to your charities of choice. What could be easier?

Don't overlook a life insurance beneficiary as an effective charitable giving tool to leave a legacy gift to the SRCCE. After providing for family, naming the SRCCE as an additional beneficiary is a solid financial move that helps us continue to create solutions that can change lives for years to come.

with causes that matter.



Flutes for Vets, a nonprofit helping military veterans cope with PTSD and other mental health issues, was awarded a grant from the Captain Thomas John Heitmann Memorial Fund. The program teaches veterans how to play Native American woodwind-style flutes.



Pistol Shrimp Fiscal Sponsorship Provides fiscal management services to the Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp Baseball Club as they develop and grow their organization. Donations enable the Club to provide a variety of goods and services beyond those available within the Pistol Shrimp annual operating budget.



Youth Service Bureau received the first grant check from the Run Today for Tomorrow Field of Interest Fund to support counseling services that address mental health issues, particularly those related to suicide prevention.

Spirit of the Harbor Charitable Fund Heritage Harbor Resort has proudly created the Spirit of the Harbor Charitable Fund, uniting waters of community to create currents of change. The fund is focused on embracing the unity and generosity of the homeowners and boat owners in the HHO community to chart a course for positive community impact.

Ottawa Sunrise Rotary Charitable Fund Our partnership with this group of dedicated Rotarians enables donors to make tax-deductible gifts to the club that are ultimately returned to the community through service projects, goodwill and initiatives that can create lasting change.



Voices in Harmony Created to support music education, grants from this Donor Designated Fund provide stipends for students selected to attend Poco a Poco, an annual summer music camp and festival focused on music training through performance, voice lessons, and vocal coaching.

Camp Tuckabatchee Agency Charitable Fund This Agency Fund provides long-term financial stability for the operations and maintenance of the historic camp, established in 1927, to enrich the lives of children and adults through camping experiences, while maintaining strong traditional ties to the past.

Scholarship applications

begin January 8. On behalf of generous donors, we administer a wide range of scholarships each year. Scholarship season opens January 8 and closes March 1, 2024.

For details and the application packet, visit www.srccf.org/scholarships

- Advantech Internet of Things (IoT) Scholarship
- Carol & Dick Janko Scholarship for Promising Entrepreneurs
- Charles H. Beckett Scholarship for Culinary Arts
- Mac-Aero Scholarship for Aeronautics and Aviation
- Molly Lenora Yacko Memorial Scholarship
- Pie It Forward Scholarship for Hospitality & Culinary Arts
- Rising Star Scholarship
- Robert J. Moore & Ellen G. Moore Scholarship
- Stephen Charles Vogler Memorial Scholarship for Electronics & Communications
- Tucker Tillman Award
- WIN Young Women Leaders Scholarship

Heard of bunching your charitable gifts? You can supercharge your tax benefits and charitable giving. Giving through a Donor Advised Fund may allow you to use a helpful technique called “bunching.” This maximizes your itemized deductions to your favorite causes for the tax year, while still ensuring that you can make charitable gifts in the future.

Make us your first stop for philanthropy.

Support Your Foundation.

Give to the Leadership Fund for NOW

The Leadership Fund for NOW is our core administrative fund. It also provides funds for immediate distribution to area agencies and charitable initiatives. The Fund is created with your unrestricted gifts, earnings on investments and administrative fees.

Give where you live.



Disco Ball – What a Night! The 2023 Disco Ball was a huge success in fundraising, friend-raising, fantastic food and fun! The disco-clad guests danced the night away and thanks to the generosity of our entire caring community, we raised more than \$110,000!



Mailbox Challenge
With over 308 numbered mailboxes in our historic home in LaSalle to choose from, Tony Einhaus picked the winning mailbox, and was awarded a \$5000 check at the 2023 Disco Ball. Congrats, Tony!

Starved Rock Country Community Foundation (SRCCF) partners with donors and organizations to financially support the environment, housing, food, education, health care, childcare, economic development, tourism, conservation, beautification and more. SRCCF, a 501(c)3 non-for-profit organization, was founded in 2015 as one of 850 community foundations in the United States. In a few short years, the foundation has raised over \$5.67 million, created 105 funds and distributed \$1.83 million dedicated to improving the lives of friends and neighbors in LaSalle, Bureau, and Putnam counties and beyond.

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Grants and Scholarships

\$1.83M

Community Investments, Grants, and Scholarships

\$2.31M

Assets Under Management

105

Established Funds



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Charitable giving: don't always default to cash. Many donors think of cash as the preferred source of giving. However, highly-appreciated, long-term assets are often a better gift to create your fund—or add to your existing fund—because you are eligible for a tax deduction at the assets' fair market value. The proceeds from the sale of the assets will flow into your SRCCF Fund free from capital gains tax.

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