



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 12, 2018

Contact: Jean C. Tehan, Chief Executive Officer
715.845.9555
jean@cfoncw.org

**RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS
NOVEMBER 12–18, 2018**

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin Participates in National Effort to Highlight Local Impact of Philanthropy

(Wausau, WI) – During the week of November 12-18, 2018, the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will join nearly 800 community foundations across America celebrating *Community Foundation Week*. Community Foundation Week, created in 1989 by former president George H.W. Bush, recognizes the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community opportunities. For 29 years, the effort has raised awareness about the increasingly important role of these philanthropic organizations in fostering local collaboration and innovation to address persistent civic and economic challenges.

During the week, the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will host the Wisconsin Philanthropy Network (WPN) for the “Wisconsin Gives Report Forum” being held November 15, at 10 a.m. at the Dudley Building. WPN will present a dynamic, updated knowledge base on national and regional philanthropy, while deepening the understanding of Wisconsin charitable giving and giving trends. Please register on our website (cfoncw.org). Seating is limited.

“We have seen the impact that community foundations across the country can have on the lives of those in their regions,” said Foundation President, Cari Logemann. “We are more determined than ever to bring our community partners together to find innovative and effective solutions for some of our most challenging social problems and advance the most promising opportunities to benefit our residents.”

Community foundations are independent, public entities that steward philanthropic resources from institutional and individual donors to local nonprofits that are the heart of strong, vibrant communities. Listed below are notable grants gifted in 2018:

- \$12,500 - Town of Rib Mountain: Sandy’s Bark Park
- \$10,000 – Wausau Kayak & Canoe: Phase II Whitewater Improvement Campaign
- \$30,000 – First Presbyterian Church: Free Medical Clinic for the underserved
- \$30,000 – Stable Hands: “Under One Roof” Capital Campaign

Community foundations represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy. Every state in the United States is home to at least one community foundation—large and small, urban and rural—working to advance solutions on a wide range of social issues.

###

For more information about the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, visit www.cfoncw.org