



Collaboration

## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

What You Helped the Eden Prairie Community Foundation Achieve



Leadership



# LIFE-CHANGING PHILANTHROPY

The elderly woman who caught her first sunfish and exclaimed, "My father would be so proud!"

The Purple Heart winner from Gen. George Patton's WWII 3rd Army who calmly reeled in one fish after another.

The Somali girls who screamed with delight after catching their first fish, on their first boat ride.

These are just a few of the people served by the growing Eden Prairie chapter of Let's Go Fishing, which has been the recipient of Community Foundation grant funding the past three years.

Over that period, the Foundation has helped pay for a new dock, a boat lift, a storage shed for life jackets and other supplies, and for fishing equipment for the new youth program. All so that senior citizens, military veterans, people with intellectual or physical disabilities, and youngsters can spend some time boating and fishing on Lake Riley.

# COMMUNITY-WIDE COLLABORATION

The monthly drop-in Nonprofit Coffee Klatch organized by the Eden Prairie Community Foundation might, to the uninitiated, look like an excuse to grab a "cuppa joe" and talk about the weather.

But it's really a safe haven for local nonprofit leaders trying to do better in Eden Prairie – a place to trade knowledge, ask hard questions, and occasionally join forces on a community project.

That's a plus for Eden Prairie, because an active and healthy nonprofit community helps make life better for the people who live and work here. And strengthening the nonprofit sector in Eden Prairie is a Foundation goal – one it takes seriously.

"The Nonprofit Coffee Klatch has been a wonderful network for me," said PROP Executive Director Janet Palmer. "Not only am I better connected to what other nonprofits in the area are doing, but I'm also able to share and learn valuable strategies, issues, and solutions to common problems. Rather than reinventing the wheel, often times we can learn what worked for other organizations and share best practices. Sometimes learning little 'tidbits' can save a lot of time and energy."





## BOLD LEADERSHIP

The Foundation believes that its knowledge of Eden Prairie, combined with its ability to get donor dollars to where they are needed most, is a real asset.

One way the Foundation exhibited that bold leadership in 2016 was to be on the front lines of the teen homelessness issue in Eden Prairie.

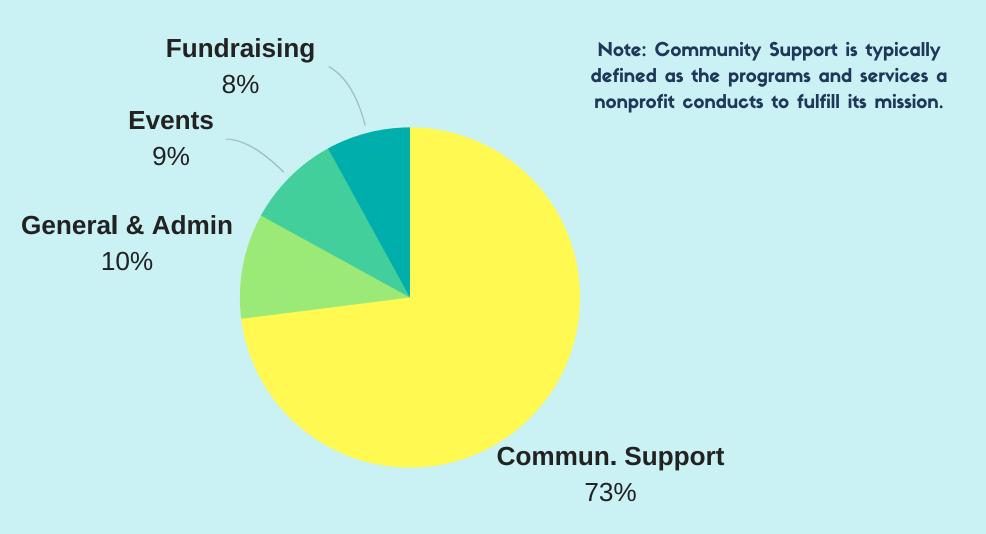
HOMELESS TEEN BACKPACK INITIATIVE
For example, the Foundation was part of the homeless-teen backpack initiative started by PROP.
Using grants from the Foundation and the Eden
Prairie A.M. Rotary Club, PROP stuffed backpacks with some of the essentials that a teenager who is faced with sudden homelessness might need: personal-hygiene products, snacks, bus passes, a PROP coupon for clothes, a gift card for food, etc.

EDEN PRAIRIE YOUTH HOUSING PROJECT
On top of that, the Foundation became involved in the Eden Prairie Youth Housing Project, in which leaders from across the community – including the Foundation's executive director – are working to establish local emergency or transitional housing for homeless young people ages 18-24.

## FINANCIALS

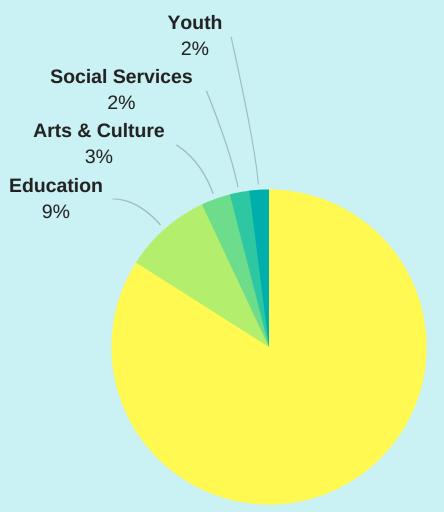
- You can find the complete results of the Foundation's 2015-16 audit including the Financial Statement and IRS Form 990 on the organization's website at www.epcommunityfoundation.org.
- Following are two excerpts from those documents: a snapshot of the Foundation's expenses, by function, and a look at 2016 granting compared to 2015 grants. Figures are for the Foundation's fiscal years, which begin on July 1 and end on June 30.
- Also included in this report are charts showing the increase in contributions and the dollar amount of grants and scholarships dispersed over the last 25 years.

## HOW FOUNDATION MONEY IS SPENT, BY FUNCTION



For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

# WHAT \$278,783 IN GRANT DOLLARS SUPPORTED



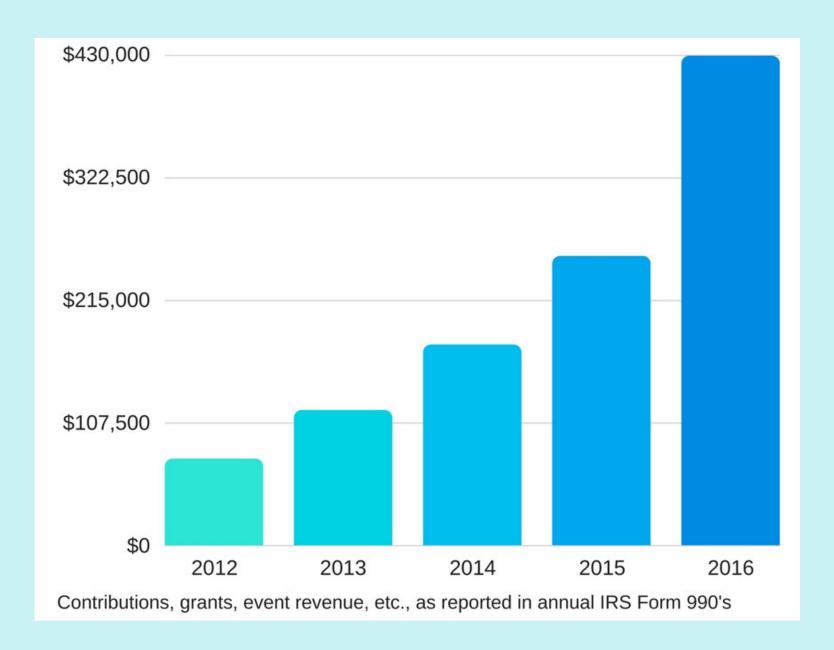
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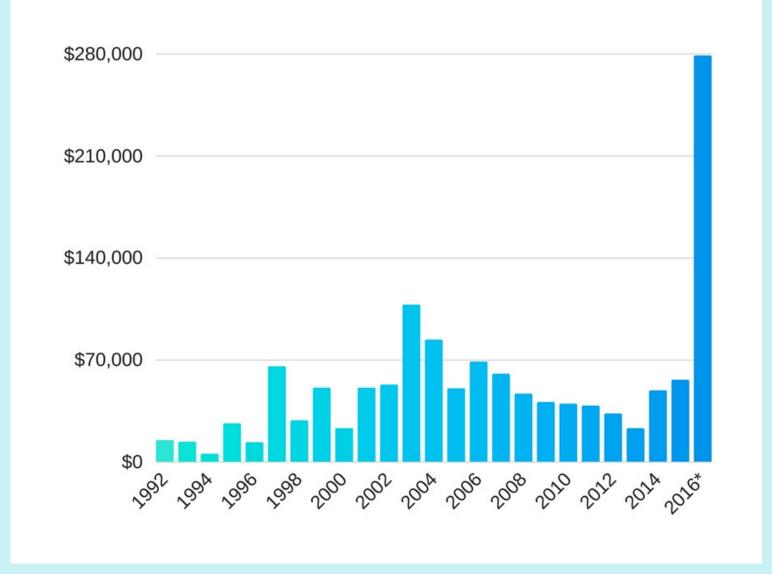
84%

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO EPCF, BY YEAR



### EPCF GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS, BY YEAR



\* About 72% of 2016 grants and scholarships were two large projects: Miracle Field and the Sydney Galleger Memorial Pool..

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