2021 IMPACT REPORT

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EDEN PRAIRIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Mary Jane and Basil Wissner were the embodiment of "joined at the hip" during their 58 years of marriage and their life in Eden Prairie since the 1960s.

They were supporters of just about all things Eden Prairie, including the Eden Prairie Community Foundation and its Dr. Jean L. Harris Scholarship, named in honor of Eden Prairie’s first woman mayor and first Black mayor, who held that office from 1996 until her death from cancer in 2001.

When they passed away in 2020 -- Mary Jane on May 9 and Basil just 23 weeks later -- they left a legacy: a bequest of approximately $250,000 to the Foundation that they wished to be used for the Harris Scholarship.

As a result, the Foundation is expanding its scholarship program to award four students per year instead of just one, and is providing those students annual awards to carry them through school.

The Wissners’ bequest also ensures that the Harris Scholarship will be around for a long, long time.

Has Eden Prairie been good to you? If you have found it to be a good place to live, to raise a family, or to retire, then we encourage you to think about "giving back" to Eden Prairie through the Foundation.

A bequest noted in your will is one way to leave a legacy, but it’s not the only way. You can also start a donor-advised fund and make grants to organizations you are passionate about -- and then allow your children to administer the fund after you have passed.

Or, you could make an outright gift, including the gift of appreciated stock, with instructions for the Foundation to use the donation as it wishes, or toward a dedicated fund that already exists, such as the Endowment Fund.

The Foundation has a number of tools that will help you leave a lasting mark on Eden Prairie, like the Wissners did.

Basil and Mary Jane had no children of their own, but many in Eden Prairie became their extended family. And now, by helping create an expanded Harris Scholarship program, their "children" will include the many students who, years into the future, will be awarded this post-secondary help.

It's the kind of legacy that would make any of us proud.

If you would like more information on how you can make a lasting impact in your community, contact Foundation Executive Director Mark Weber at (952) 949-8499 or mweber@epcommunityfoundation.org. We’d be happy to outline the many options available to you.
Foundation Financials

WHERE THE MONEY IS SPENT

The Foundation is audited annually. Find detailed Financial Statements and our IRS Form 990 on the Foundation website at epcommunityfoundation.org/who-we-are/financials/

The chart at right attempts to show where our money goes. The money directed to grants and scholarships is typically between $150,000 and $350,000, a broad range that depends on the projects and initiatives being tackled at any one time by the Foundation and its fund holders.

HOW MUCH TO PROGRAMS?

Nonprofits have unique accounting and reporting requirements. That includes identifying which expenses are for "support," such as administration and fundraising, and which expenses are for "programs" that deliver on the nonprofit's mission.

While ratios like these aren’t the last word, they do provide transparency. The Foundation has gradually increased the share of dollars spent on mission -- such as grants -- compared to administration and fundraising.
## Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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**Expenses:**

**Program Services:**

|                          |                             |                         |             |
| Community Support        | 267,665                     | -                       | 267,665     |
| Events                   | 32,367                      | -                       | 32,367      |
| **Total Program Expenses** | 300,032                | -                       | 300,032     |

**Supporting Services:**

|                          |                             |                         |             |
| General and Administrative | 42,213                     | -                       | 42,213      |
| Fundraising               | 42,290                      | -                       | 42,290      |
| **Total Support Expenses** | 84,503                      | -                       | 84,503      |

**Total Expenses**

|                          |                             |                         |             |
|                          | 384,535                     | -                       | 384,535     |

**Change in Net Assets**

|                          |                             |                         |             |
|                          | 141,478                     | 478,656                  | 620,134     |

**Net Assets:**

|                          |                             |                         |             |
| Beginning of Year        | 215,374                     | 924,428                 | 1,139,802   |
| End of Year              | $356,852                    | $1,403,084              | $1,759,936  |

For more financial information about the Eden Prairie Community Foundation, please visit www.epcommunityfoundation.org. Under "Who We Are," click "Check Our Financials"
The Strategic Plan the Eden Prairie Community Foundation put into play in 2020 in order to increase its leadership and impact is having an effect.

Here are some of the initiatives that are underway:

- The Foundation has recruited about one-half of the volunteer ambassadors needed to complete what we are calling the "Hub": a sophisticated process of connecting with about 80 nonprofits and civic organizations serving Eden Prairie. This will increase collaboration between these groups, get the word out about the great services to residents that are in place, and help the Foundation understand Eden Prairie's greatest needs.

- To address unemployment and under-employment, the Foundation has partnered with the city, chamber of commerce, and others to hold a Make-It Manufacturing Career Fair on April 12. This will connect local job seekers with the many Eden Prairie manufacturers that have good-paying positions available.

- Work is also underway to bring parties to the table to better understand how to create affordable housing for our new teachers, police officers, low-income persons, and our children and grandchildren.

HELP WITH HARDSHIP
Hunger, homelessness, unemployment, and a lack of affordable housing create roadblocks for families and especially children, leading to school-achievement gaps. We’re aiming for systemic change.

BE A HUB
There is no organization that serves as a connector so that EP’s greatest needs are comprehensively met without duplication and resources or solutions are communicated to residents and businesses. We strive to be that connector.

UNITE ON DIVERSITY
The Foundation will serve as a powerful tool to unite EP by enabling and inspiring our “community of communities” to connect, collaborate, and celebrate, but also work together to address the many challenges that we face.

INCREASE CAPACITY
Making change at levels described here requires resources beyond what currently exist at the Foundation. This ambitious strategic plan hinges on our ability to increase capacity, not just in financial support but also volunteerism.
BOOKS FOR KIDS, AND OTHER GRANT IMPACTS

With 40 years of experience in identifying Eden Prairie needs and issuing grants that address the most urgent of those needs, the Eden Prairie Community Foundation has learned a thing or two about what makes a high-impact grant.

It was obvious to the Foundation, in early 2021, that a grant application submitted by the Eden Prairie Early Childhood Advisory Council, while small in dollar value -- just $1,500 -- could have a big and lasting impact on hundreds of young children in EP.

It turns out the Advisory Council and the Foundation were correct. The $1,500 grant was spent on books so that every 3- to 5-year-old being screened by Eden Prairie Schools for kindergarten readiness and early-intervention needs could take home their own book.

In all, 443 books were purchased and given out as a way to promote childhood literacy. Books on rhyming, because rhyming-centric books teach children how the English language works and helps them build critical pre-reading skills. Books on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), because critical-thinking skills are so important. And, books with diverse characters so young readers would see faces that look like their ever-more-diverse Eden Prairie.

"I let a child pick out a book and they shrieked with excitement that they got to keep the book forever and couldn't wait to go home and read it," one staff member said about the program. "As the child walked out, they said, 'This is the best day!'"

This $1,500 grant was only a small part of the Foundation's granting in 2021. Direct grants awarded in the Foundation's annual grant cycle totaled $60,000, with a substantial amount of that coming from a donor-advised fund holder at the Foundation.

Overall for the year, counting direct grants, other funding through donor-advised funds, and granting through nearly a dozen community-impact funds, the amount of granting flowing through the Foundation was more than $237,000, according to the annual audit of finances.

Grants large and small, awarded every year by the Foundation, are helping our partner nonprofits assist many hundreds of Eden Prairie residents, ensuring that important local needs are being met.
The following list represents 2021 giving to the Foundation and its funds by individuals, families, organizations, foundations, and businesses—both unrestricted giving for operations and restricted giving to specific needs and causes. Thank you to each and every donor! Every effort has been made to ensure that this donor list is accurate. Please accept our sincerest apologies for omissions or errors. If you find a mistake, please contact Executive Director Mark Weber at (952) 949-8499 or mweber@epcommunityfoundation.org so we may correct this report as it exists online.

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