

The background of the cover is a photograph of a modern building with large glass windows. The windows reflect a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. Several yellow signs are visible on the building, including one with the word 'LOVE' and another with a geometric pattern. The overall color palette is dominated by warm, golden-yellow and greenish tones.

2021 IMPACT REPORT

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WHAT A LEGACY LOOKS LIKE

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



Mary Jane and Basil Wissner passed away in 2020 but left a legacy that lives on in the Dr. Jean L. Harris Scholarship.

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.

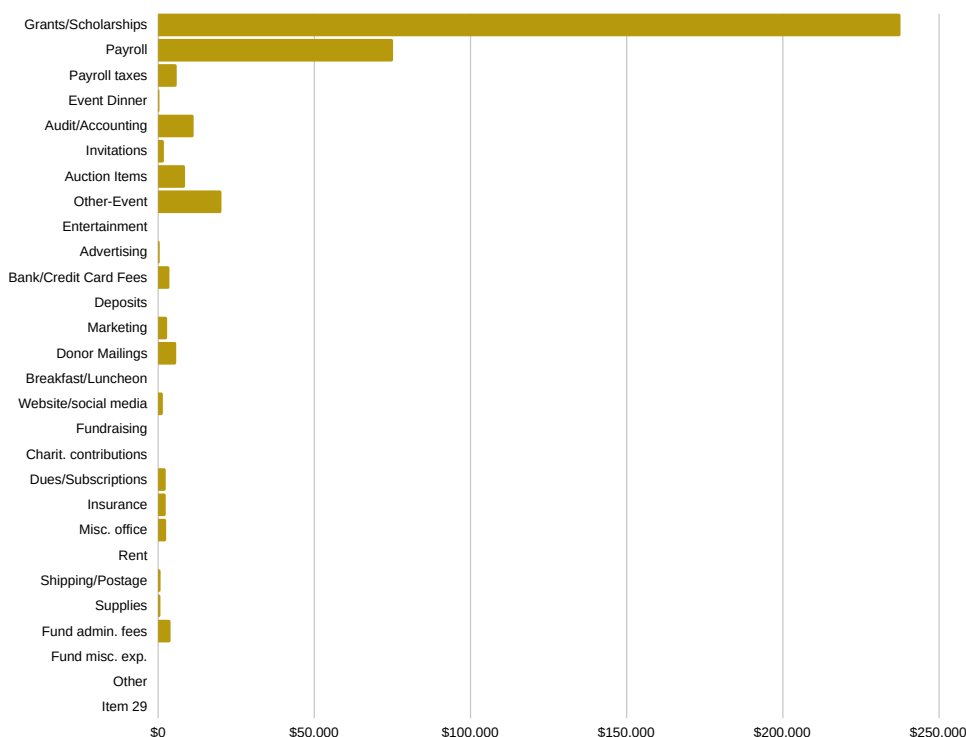
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WHERE THE MONEY IS SPENT

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.

Where the Foundation's Dollars Go



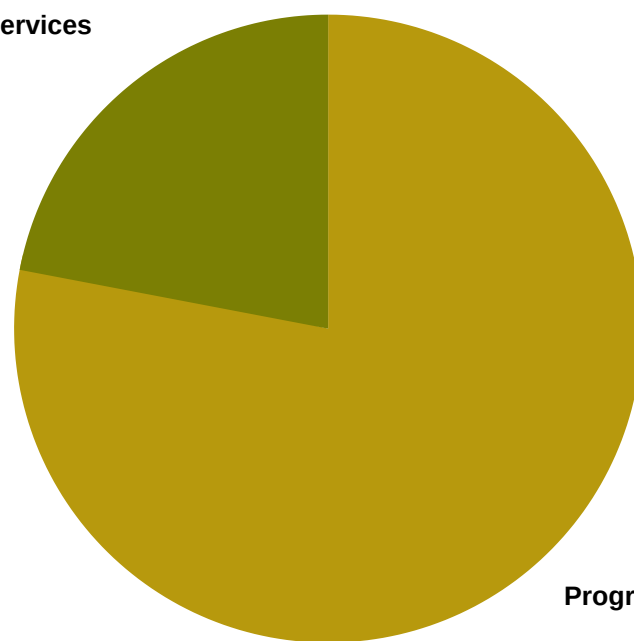
HOW MUCH TO PROGRAMS?

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.

Program Spending vs. Support Spending

Supporting Services
22%



Program Services
78%

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
Support and Revenue			
Century Club	\$9,707	\$ -	\$9,707
Event Receipts	106,080	-	106,080
Donations	90,412	-	90,412
Jean Harris Scholarship	-	249,477	249,477
Society of Founders	-	1,000	1,000
Youth Initiative PROP	-	20	20
Donor Advised Funds	-	100,300	100,300
EP Players	-	1,775	1,775
Endowments	-	41,592	41,592
Grants Fund	-	103	103
EP Reads Program	-	-	-
Interfaith Circle	-	1,600	1,600
Onward Eden Prairie	-	950	950
School Supply Fund	-	360	360
COVID-19 Response Fund	-	16,709	16,709
Marilyn's TwoCAN	-	17,884	17,884
Southwest Pride	-	-	-
Youth Initiative CounterAct	-	103	103
Pass-Through Funds	-	45,790	45,790
Eden Prairie Local News	-	50,780	50,780
Investment Income	111	249,522	249,633
Fiduciary Agent Fee	3,763	-	3,763
PPP Loan Forgiveness	14,500	-	14,500
Other Revenue	2,131	-	2,131
Net Assets Released from Restriction:			
Satisfaction of Donor Restrictions	<u>299,309</u>	<u>(299,309)</u>	-
Total Support and Revenue	<u>526,013</u>	<u>478,656</u>	<u>1,004,669</u>
Expenses:			
Program Services:			
Community Support	267,665	-	267,665
Events	<u>32,367</u>	-	<u>32,367</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>300,032</u>	-	<u>300,032</u>
Supporting Services:			
General and Administrative	42,213	-	42,213
Fundraising	<u>42,290</u>	-	<u>42,290</u>
Total Support Expenses	<u>84,503</u>	-	<u>84,503</u>
Total Expenses	<u>384,535</u>	-	<u>384,535</u>
Change in Net Assets	141,478	478,656	620,134
Net Assets:			
Beginning of Year	<u>215,374</u>	<u>924,428</u>	<u>1,139,802</u>
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"

2021

PROGRESS ON OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

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.

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In 2021, the Foundation held the following community-impact funds for small organizations that used EPCF as their 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, or acquired their own nonprofit status but decided to continue their fund at the Foundation:

COMMUNITY-IMPACT FUNDS

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Eden Prairie Local News Fund
Eden Prairie Reads Fund
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Interfaith Circle Fund



Community-impact funds, such as the Marilyn's TWOcan Fund, which supports bike rides for older adults in senior communities, extend the Foundation's charitable work.

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