THREE REASONS WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT RIGHT NOW

Every Year, Needs Exceed Funding

This year, the dollars requested by nonprofits were 350% more than the amount of funding EPCF had available.

That’s not unusual. The dollar requests have grown over the years. But, it means that some EP needs will not be addressed unless there is more financial support from people like you.

People Needing Help Are Neighbors

Joe -- not his real name -- is one of a growing number of EP seniors needing food and other support.

When Joe turned to PROP for help, the resources were there -- in part because of a 2021 Foundation grant to PROP. Our funding, to dozens of nonprofits each year, is really your philanthropy helping neighbors.

Your Support Makes a Big Difference

With your help, the Foundation can do much more to make life better for everyone in Eden Prairie.

We have recently created initiatives in affordable housing and unemployment, and we are working hard to connect all nonprofits serving EP so that these 80-plus organizations are collaborating and making a bigger impact. None of this happens without your help and support. Thank you!

PHILANTHROPY AT WORK IN EP

This mid-year fundraising appeal has been conducted by the Eden Prairie Community Foundation since the 1990s, and is essential to our ability to use your philanthropy, your generosity, to tackle Eden Prairie’s needs.

This is philanthropy at work. And, philanthropy is work. It’s about working to create relationships with people like you, so your gifts are used wisely to tackle real needs. And, it’s about working to create relationships with the nonprofits serving Eden Prairie, so that the Foundation can get dollars to where they are needed most. (Hint: work like this takes more than a click of the mouse!)

Eden Prairie has a reputation for being a great place to live, work, and raise a family. A city with good schools and beautiful parks. The reputation is accurate. But it’s also a city where there is food insecurity, domestic violence, homelessness, and other hardships.

That’s where the Foundation has value. When the pandemic took root in March 2020, EPCF was one of the first in the state to start a COVID-19 Response Fund, knowing that there would be extraordinary needs as a result -- including kids not getting the school lunches on which they rely for nutrition. The fund raised $75,000 from people like you to respond to Eden Prairie needs.

The Foundation is at work, keeping EP great. But we need your help! Won’t you help us today with a donation?
RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Expansion of Jean Harris Scholarship
A bequest from the late Basil and Mary Jane Wissner has allowed us to increase the number of Harris Scholarships awarded.

Grants Totaling More Than $237,400
This 2021 total from our recent audit includes granting from EPCF, its donor-advised funds, and its community-impact funds.

New 'Hub' Links EP's Nonprofits
Volunteer ambassadors are now the Foundation's link to more than 80 nonprofits and other groups serving Eden Prairie.

We invite you to visit the Foundation website at www.epcommunityfoundation.org to learn about more accomplishments.

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Please make a donation to support the Foundation's work in Eden Prairie.