

EDEN PRAIRIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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2025 Impact REPORT



Dear Friends of the Foundation,

When I joined this Foundation in February, I walked into something already in motion, a community that had been quietly, generously, and consistently showing up for one another. What I found was not a Foundation waiting to make an impact. It was one already making it, every single day, because of supporters like you.

I am proud to share that the fiscal year July 2024–June 2025 was another record year in grantmaking for the Eden Prairie Community Foundation. That milestone belongs to this community; To the donors, volunteers, nonprofit partners, and neighbors who make Eden Prairie a place where all who live and work here can truly flourish.

This year, your generosity reached people where they needed it most. Families found food security through PROP, Every Meal, and Good in the 'Hood. Survivors of domestic violence found safety and advocacy through Sojourner Project and Maria's Voice. Young people discovered their potential through programs like Kaleidoscope Teens' Teen Voices Book Project and youth leadership training at the New American Development Center. Seniors stayed in their homes with support from Senior Community Services, and individuals with disabilities gained access to music therapy, adaptive recreation, and community connection. Our community itself grew stronger through investments in local journalism, park stewardship, and the arts.

Impact is more than a dollar figure. It is a teenager holding a book she wrote. It is a senior staying in the home she loves. It is a family that made it through a hard season because help and support were there. You will find two of these stories inside this annual report, and throughout the year we will be sharing more through nonprofit spotlights in our monthly eNewsletter and on social media. If you aren't already subscribed, we'd love to have you join! We recently launched a new CRM with updated email offerings, and it's a great way to stay connected to the work you make possible.

I am grateful to have joined a team that is talented, passionate, and deeply committed to this community. This record year belongs to all of us, and I can't wait to see what we build together next.



Warmest wishes,

Emily Orr

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EPCF LEADERSHIP

EPCF is led by a board of directors and officers who volunteer their time, as well as an Executive Director. Board members and officers are leaders who know EP well and bring special skills to the Foundation.

Interested in serving as a volunteer leader of the Foundation? Contact Emily Orr at (952) 949-8499 or emilyorr@epcommunityfoundation.org.

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EDEN PRAIRIE, MN

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

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Part of our mission is to provide financial support for local nonprofits and community initiatives that help Eden Prairie residents. We do this by holding funds for scholarships, grants, and various community organizations that make Eden Prairie a better place for all.

Donating to EPCF or making a direct donation to a fund helps keep these programs going strong. Scan the QR code below to make a contribution.



EPCF Funds

EPCF Unrestricted Fund

Grants Fund

Endowment Fund

Dr. Jean Harris Scholarship Fund

Community Impact Funds

Eden Prairie Local News Fund

Eden Prairie Housing Alliance Fund

Eden Prairie Professionals in Aging Fund

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Marilyn's TWOcan Fund

Metro Nonprofit News Network

PROP Youth Scholarships Fund



IMPACT GRANT SPOTLIGHT:

YMCA OF THE NORTH



YMCA of the North strives to be community-centered, bring people together, nurture potential, and maintain a local presence. They accomplish this mission through numerous programs including the **Neighborhood Centers program at Briarhill Apartments** right here in Eden Prairie. This program connects young people to caring adults, friends, and support systems.

The Neighborhood Center is a safe space where youth thrive academically, socially, and emotionally and delivers programming to youth after school, on school release days, and during summer break.

During the 2025 holiday season, the **Neighborhood Center** became a place of celebration, connection, and relief for families who were carrying heavy financial stress. Through meaningful partnerships, every registered youth at our **Neighborhood Center** was able to receive two to three holiday gifts, helping to ease the pressure many caregivers felt during an already challenging time of year.

Families came together for holiday parties that created a sense of belonging and joy. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as children participated in activities and built memories that extended beyond the holiday season.



One parent shared that attending the holiday party made them feel supported and remembered during a difficult season in their life. For many families, the Neighborhood Centers didn't just provide gifts, they provided hope, dignity, and reassurance that their community sees them, cares for them, and stands alongside them when it matters most.

IMPACT GRANTS

YOUR DONATION DOLLARS AT WORK

Each year we support the Eden Prairie community through our direct Impact Grants, Community Agency funds and scholarships.

\$200,000+

TOTAL AWARDED FROM ALL SOURCES IN 2025

Our direct Impact Grants fund important programs that address housing instability, domestic violence, hunger, arts & culture, youth enrichment, and so much more.

IMPACT GRANTS BY CATEGORY



*This chart is weighted as many organizations have overlap between categories

GRANTMAKING FROM ALL SOURCES

As you may know, Impact Grants are just one way we help fund community initiatives. In addition to the competitive Impact Grant process, we also provide support through our Community Impact Funds and scholarship program.

IMPACT GRANTS BY THE NUMBERS

We receive numerous applications from community groups and students each year. In 2025, we were able to provide **26 grants & 9 scholarships** through our competitive grantmaking process.

2025 has been our biggest year to date for grantmaking, and we couldn't have done it without your support.

Impact Grants are used to fund various charitable projects all throughout the community. Because we support such a wide range of organizations, chances are that every EP resident has felt the effects of our programs, whether they realize it or not!

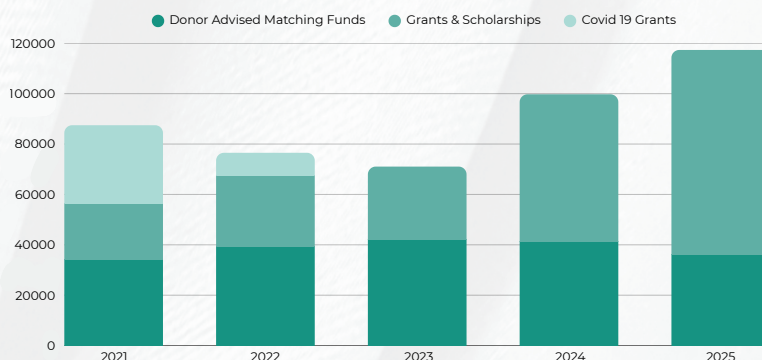
\$117,350

AWARDED

35 GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

9.1k+ RESIDENTS DIRECTLY IMPACTED *

*Based on cumulative estimates of program reach provided by 2025 Impact Grant applicants.



The chart above shows how we've distributed grants, scholarships, and donor-advised matching funds over the past five years. 2025 has been our biggest year yet for awarding grants & scholarships.

EXPENSES & REVENUE

We work hard to be a fiscally responsible organization with the greatest possible impact on the community. The majority of our revenue is spent on community-focused initiatives, including grant-making for local organizations and events that bring our neighbors together.

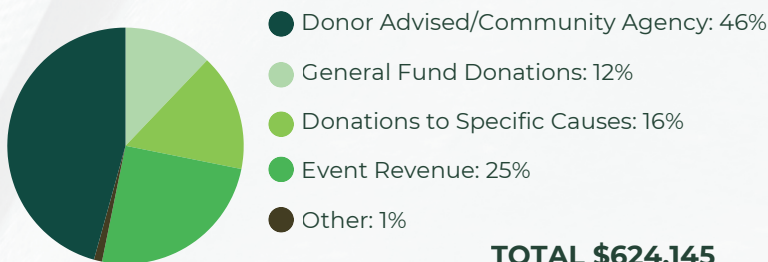
65% of our expenses went to community support in the form of grants, scholarships, and other initiatives that directly impact the community. Another 12% went towards events such as Prairie Brewfest and our EP Gives Gala, which are wonderful events for neighbors to connect and raise money for community causes.

EXPENSES BY CATEGORY



TOTAL \$449,640

REVENUE BY CATEGORY



TOTAL \$624,145

IMPACT GRANT SPOTLIGHT: HELPING PAWS



Helping Paws exists to further people's independence and quality of life through the use of assistance dogs.

This goal is accomplished through a few programs including dog breeding, assistance dog training, graduate placement and more. **Helping Paws** serves veterans, first responders, and individuals with physical disabilities and are located within Eden Prairie, serving members of its community.

This year, Helping Paws provided ongoing follow-up care for 23 assistance dog teams. This ensures long-term success, stability and responsiveness to evolving client needs. HP successfully placed 14 assistance dogs, supported 48 dogs in active training and delivered 100+ structured training classes. Additionally, 10-12 puppies participate weekly in the Herman Puppy Enrichment Center, building skills for long term success.

One example of Helping Paws impact is graduate Jack and his service dog, Zara. Jack's medical conditions affect fine motor control and daily functioning, making detailed woodworking difficult and sometimes unsafe. With Zara's assistance, particularly retrieving dropped tools, Jack regained the ability to work independently and safely.

Jack credits Zara and HP's training with enabling him to operate Carlos Family Woodworks and become a small business owner selling his goods at local events.



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WAYS TO DONATE TO EPCF

Making a donation is a great way to support EPCF and all the important work we do for the Eden Prairie community. Here are a few ways to donate and make a difference:

Scan to make a donation today!



✓ **Donate Online**

Visit epcommunityfoundation.org/donate to support EPCF or our community partners.



✓ **Make an IRA Gift**

If you're 70 1/2 or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA.



✓ **Mail a Check**

Write a check to EPCF and mail it to:
8080 Mitchell Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55344



✓ **Set up a Donor Advised Fund**

Participate directly in grant-making by using a Donor Advised Fund to donate cash, stock, or other assets.

THANK YOU TO OUR FY2025 DONORS!

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2024-25 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Events like the **EP Gives Gala** and **Prairie Wine & Brewfest** bring the community together and help us make connections with our neighbors. Best of all, proceeds from ticket sales support local community groups working to prevent hunger, help seniors, educate youth, prevent domestic violence, promote art and culture, preserve nature, and so much more.

We're so grateful for every attendee and volunteer who makes these events possible.

As we look at the year ahead, we're excited for our **46th Annual EP Gives Gala coming up on Thursday, April 30th** and our **12th Annual Prairie Brewfest** happening Saturday, September 12th, 2026.

Tickets are available for the gala now at www.epgives.org and you can check our website for Brewfest tickets this summer!



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EP Gives

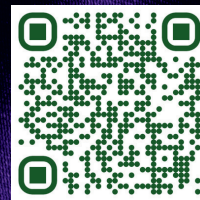
Join us for an unforgettable evening supporting the charitable work of the Eden Prairie Community Foundation!

Thursday April 30, 2026



Purchase your tickets today:

www.epgives.org



Join us for the first **Eden Prairie Icon Awards!** This will be presented to individuals who have made a tremendous impact on the Foundation and our community.

This year, we will be honoring **Roy Terwilliger & Dave Lindahl!**

Enriching our community through philanthropy, collaboration and leadership.



Learn more about our mission: epcommunityfoundation.org

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