FORT ATKINSON
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Impact Report 2025-2026

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

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A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Serving on the Foundation board has been a very rewarding experience. I have had the opportunity to meet so many people who genuinely care about Fort Atkinson and want to see our community become stronger, thrive, and grow. The generosity of the people in our community is truly inspiring. We have accomplished a great deal, but there is still so much more that can be done. I am proud to have been a part of this organization and look forward to seeing the continued progress and positive impact the Foundation will have as we work together to create "A Better Fort Atkinson."

Fort Atkinson is already a great community, and our Foundation is fortunate to be in a unique position to build on that strength in ways both big and small.

In the past fiscal year, 321 generous individuals, families, businesses, and organizations invested in our work, with contributions totaling just over $1.6 million. We are humbled by their trust and take seriously our responsibility as strong local stewards of every one of those dollars. The past fiscal year also saw the addition of five new funds to our portfolio, bringing total Foundation assets to $44.8 million. This is an incredible testament to the generosity of our donors, the work of our investment teams, and the guidance of our board and staff.

Along with tremendous growth in our assets, the Foundation had a record-breaking year of giving, with $4,749,080 distributed in grants and scholarships across Fort Atkinson through community grants, designated fund allocations, donor-advised fund grants, and previously awarded scholarships. Significant distributions also came through the BASE Building Fund and our matching grant for the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry, which generated $102,800 to support the work of their volunteers in addressing food insecurity.

We also said goodbye and expressed our gratitude to Sally Koehler, who proudly served on our board for six years, and we welcomed John Kutz as our newest director in January 2026. I am grateful to have worked alongside such a strong board and capable staff, and I am confident there is much more ahead for our Foundation and our community.

At the end of this report, we've shared information on how you can invest in our local work. Whether through our Burr Oak Legacy Society, establishing a Donor-Advised Fund, supporting a project that aligns with your interests, or one of the many other options available, we hope you'll consider contributing in a way that feels right for you.

I look forward to seeing what the Foundation and our community accomplish in the years ahead.

Jim

JIM SCHULENBURG
Chief Operating Officer, W&A Distribution

2025 Board of Directors



Standing: Whitney Townsend (Director), Robert Cassiday (Secretary), Bonnie Geyer (Treasurer)
Sitting: Sally Koehler (Past Chairman), Lisa Caras (chairman), Jim Schulenburg (Vice Chairman)

2026 Board of Directors



Standing: John Kutz (Director), Whitney Townsend (Secretary), Robert Cassiday (Treasurer)
Sitting: Lisa Caras (Past Chairman), Jim Schulenburg (chairman), Bonnie Geyer (Vice Chairman)

OUR ORGANIZATION & KEY HIGHLIGHTS

We celebrate the generosity of our community. We value being a nimble, responsive organization that helps kind-hearted donors support their passions. We believe in engagement, improvement, integrity, collaboration, lifelong learning, and equal opportunity.

MISSION

Improving the quality of life in Fort Atkinson by inspiring and supporting enduring philanthropy.

VISION

A Better Fort Atkinson

FORT ATKINSON
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

$4,749,080

INVESTED ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY!

$2,341,749
distributed in new local grant support

$1,951,906
distributed in previously awarded grants

$455,425
distributed* in previously awarded scholarships

$477,550
awarded in new scholarships

$44.8 million
in assets across 95 funds

$1,641,094
in gifts received from 321 donors

**distributed in multi-year scholarships awarded in previous fiscal years*

LOCAL GRANT SUPPORT IN ACTION

Community granting is how we best utilize our resources to show up for the people who call Fort Atkinson home. Through our General Fund, Field of Interest Funds, Designated Funds, and Donor-Advised Funds, we provide high-level, impactful support to programs, projects and organizations across our city.

$3,491,557 DISTRIBUTED TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECTS!

BASE FORT ATKINSON

$2,791,557

BASE
The Place to BE When School is Out

Distributed in support of the renovations to BASE's new home at 1233 Janesville Avenue. These funds were issued as part of our foundation's $1.75 million grant and the generous investments of dozens of local businesses, individuals and organizations who contributed donations to the BASE Building Designated Fund held in our portfolio.





In January 2025, BASE officially marked the completion of their Phase 1 work!

ROCK RIVER COMMUNITY CLINIC

$250,000

A previously awarded community grant for $250,000 was distributed in support of RRCC's capital campaign to open a new integrated health clinic in Johnson Creek. In April 2026, they officially began seeing patients at the new location, offering medical, dental & behavioral healthcare for all who need it.







$450,000

In addition to our community grant investment, our foundation was honored to process the distribution of $450,000 in total donor investments to this project - made directly through the Rock River Community Clinic Designated Fund.

LOCAL GRANT SUPPORT IN ACTION

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Our mission to improve the quality of life in Fort Atkinson through philanthropy includes investing grant dollars that support programs, services and activities that encourage well-being and connection through outdoor recreation and activities.



$976

Distributed to the Rockwell Elementary School Student Council for the purchase of materials to build a Gaga Pit for their playground



$28,065

A previously awarded $20,000 community grant was reimbursed to the City of Fort Atkinson upon the completion of the new batting cages at Jones Park, along with $8,065 in donations made to the Fort Atkinson Parks & Recreation Fund in support of this project.

$47,918



Distributed to the Parks & Recreation Department, in partnership with the Fort Atkinson Kiwanis Club, for improvements to the Kiwanis Youth Fields. We provided a $20,000 community grant, and an additional $27,918 was distributed from donor contributions made to the Kiwanis Youth Fields Designated Fund.



$1,200

A $1,200 community grant was issued to Fort Youth Baseball for half the cost to purchase of a portable pitching mound.



$90,000

The Friends of Haumerson's Pond, in partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department, met the goal of a $45,000 matching grant opportunity previously awarded in 2023 and the full $90,000 (including $45,000 in donations to the Friends of Haumerson's Pond Designated Fund) was issued in support of the ongoing project. We look forward to sharing updates when the new storage shed/garage/pavillion is completed!

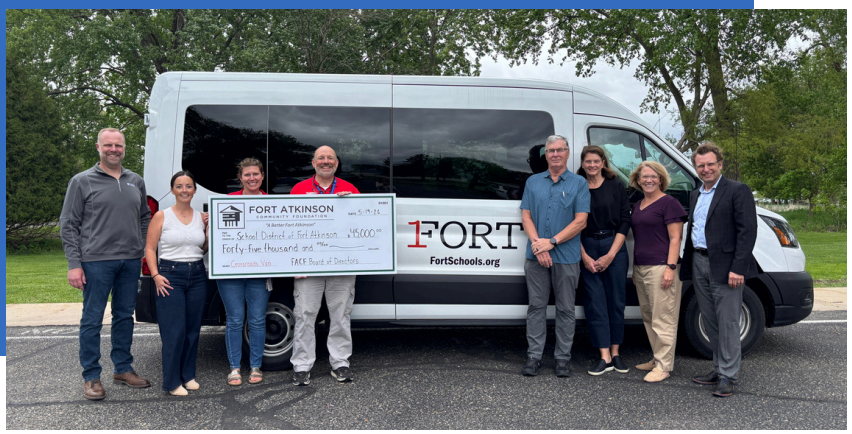
LOCAL GRANT SUPPORT IN ACTION

EDUCATION

In addition to our Scholarship Program and Educator Wish Grants, our foundation is proud to support other educational and extra-curricular efforts in our school district and across our community.

$45,000

Distributed for the purchase of a brand new 12-passgener van for the Crossroads Altenrative Education Program. The grant was funded through $30,000 from our Mary C. Hoard Field of Interest Fund and $15,000 from the Negus Family Donor-Advised Fund.





$41,808.50

Distributed to the Fort Atkinson High School Marching Band for 120 new uniforms to replace the existing 30-year old uniforms. This grant award was approved in July 2024.

$1,500

Awarded to one Fort Atkinson High School Senior through the annual Ed Winiarski Turn Around Award, and one local educator through the Wildermuth Award for Excellence in Education.





$1,820.40

A community grant was awarded to Volunteer Organization Inspiring Choral Education of Students (VOICES) for $1,820.40 in support of the purchase of two new banners for the annual Fort Show Choir Showcase.

LOCAL GRANT SUPPORT IN ACTION

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

$29,336.25

Awarded to the Evergreen Cemetery Association in October 2025 for improvements and landscaping at Soldier's Circle in Evergreen Cemetary.





$1,400

Pledged to the Fort Atkinson Historical Society & Hoard Historical Museum in January 2026 for the purchase of nine pop-up banners as part of a traveling exhibit highlighting the history of Fort Atkinson.

Both of these grant awards will be paid out in our 2026-2027 fiscal year.

$1,200

Distributed in cash prizes to the Ernie Pope Art Show student artist winners. The event is hosted by the School District of Fort Atkinson Art Teachers, supported by the Ernie Pope Memorial Art Fund, and celebrates the talents of dozens of local students.





LIVE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Live Local Development Fund was honored with by BizTimes Milwaukee with the Collaboration Award for Jefferson County. Our foundation invested $1 million in the fund, as a part of our first impact investing initiative. The fund's first project is supporting the new Ridgeview Loft apartment unit in Fort Atkinson (expected to be completed by late 2026), also supported by investments to the fund from Fort HealthCare, PremierBank, and Ixonia Bank.

EXPANDED COMMUNITY PARNTERSHIPS

Partnerships with key community stakeholders are the cornerstone of local community impact work. Our foundation is blessed to work with dozens of community partner organizations, and we are honored to support the critical programs and services they provide our community.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We officially welcomed two families to their new homes through the completed Habitat for Humanity duplex on Schumacher Way in Fort Atkinson. Our foundation previously provided $132,000 in grant support in support of this housing project.





$250,000

In expanded partnership with Habitat for Humanity, and to match an investment from the City of Fort Atkinson, our foundation awarded a grant for $250,000 in support of the implementation of a Critical Home Repair Program in Fort Atkinson.

COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION

Our foundation previously provided a $10,000 grant to support the launch of the Financial Empowerment Center in Jefferson County (the first rural FEC in the US!). That support was followed by an additional $10,000 grant in April 2026 for further local promotion of the FREE service and continued training of the certified FEC financial counselors.





CITY OF FORT ATKINSON

$23,881.56

A community grant was issued to the City of Fort Atkinson for half the cost of two new Rapid Flashing Beacons - one on Janesville Avenue and one on Main Street.

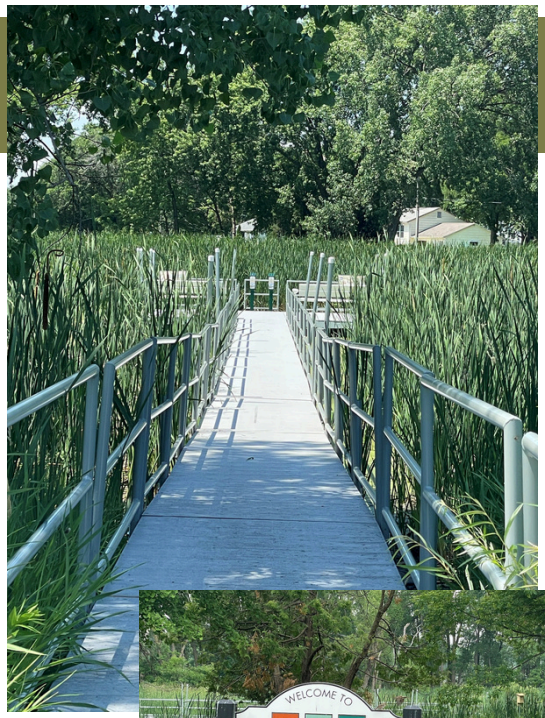
STORY OF COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

In a beautiful story of collaboration between our foundation, the School District of Fort Atkinson, and Project LEAD (through the Fort Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce), this year saw significant work on the revitalization project at the Brietzke Educational Wetland. The educational space space honors the memory and legacy of Dr. Rick Brietzke, former principal at Purdy Elementary School

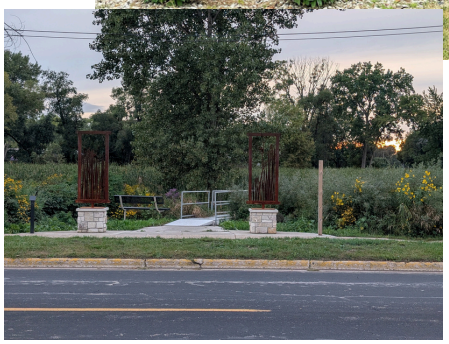
$113,083.60

A total of $113,083.60 has been distributed thus far in support of the project. A $97,213.60 grant was awarded (and reimbursed) to the School District of Fort Atkinson for the installation of the new, ADA-accessible floating pier.

An additional $15,870 has been utilized for the installation of two audio boards on the pier (English & Spanish), bilingual educational signage, new seating, StoryWalk signage, a bike rack, and more.







A COMMUNITY EFFORT - 2026 REVITALIZATION
ROOTED IN GENEROSITY AND COLLABORATION

KEY PARTNERS & TOP DONORS:

FORT ATKINSON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION · 1FORT School District of Fort Atkinson · PROJECT LEAD FORT ATKINSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE · Lightning · Purdy Panthers · FORT ATKINSON WISCONSERVATION CLUB

SPONSORS:

Kiwanis FORT ATKINSON, WI · JM Carpets Flooring Design Center · Spacesaver · POPE FAMILY · VANCE FAMILY · FCCU · MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE · Fort HealthCare For Health · Rotary Club of Fort Atkinson · GB · PremierBank Here. For You. Always. · unity PROJECT · HEART CITY

Rock River Dental - Visiting Angels - Optimist Club of Fort Atkinson - Sue & Jude Hartwick - Greg Klug
Stebbins Family - Megan & Sam Hartwick - Tammy Schwartz - Sue & Mark Johnson

A special thank you to the Brietzke Family for their generous investments and belief in the importance of providing inclusive, outdoor learning opportunities for our community.

Support future projects and maintenance with a donation to the Brietzke Wetland Fund held at the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation:



Pictured here are Sarah Brietzke, wife of the late Dr. Brietzke, and Brady Lueck, local metalwork artist who completed the creation and installation of two custom art pieces at the new entrance.

While work is still ongoing, the full scope of the revitalization project is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

DESIGNATED & DONOR-ADVISED GRANTS

$122,812 DISTRIBUTED FROM ENDOWED DESIGNATED FUNDS!

Our endowed, designated funds provide an opportunity for local organizations to request support for projects, programs, operations, etc. They also have the opportunity to take year-end distribution funding.



BASE Fort Atkinson

Dwight Foster Public Library Fund

Fort Atkinson Club Community Center

Fort Atkinson Food Pantry

Fort Atkinson Historical Society

Friends of Lorine Niedecker

Friends of McCoy Park

Police Department DARE fund

$36,700 DISTRIBUTED IN DONOR-ADVISED GRANTS!

Our Donor-Advised Funds can make recommendations to our foundation's Board of Directors for support they would like issued from their fund for local organizations' operations, capital campaigns, projects, and more. In this fiscal year, five DAFs distributed support to four organizations.

Elizabeth Jones Chisholm Fund

Negus Family Fund

Hartwick Family Fund

Schafer Family Fund

Tuttle Family Fund



BASE

PROJECT LEAD
FORT ATKINSON AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Rainbow Community Care
At your side with compassion, commitment and comfort

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS & EFFORTS

In September 2025, we hosted our 5th Biennial Making Fort Special celebration, honoring three local champions in our community - Debbie Kutz, Kari Johnson and John Kutz - for all they have done to positively contribute to our city.

Debbie was recognized for her tireless efforts as the volunteer manager of the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry, Kari for her work with community inclusion & Paddy's Paws, and John for his extensive volunteer work with Kiwanis and Project LEAD.





In honor of their contributions to our community, our foundation made the following local distributions on their behalf:

$700 each

- Fort Atkinson Food Pantry Smartie Packs Program
- Multilingual Family Connections Program
- Kiwanis Youth Fields Project Fund

In response to a temporary change in SNAP benefits in October 2025, our foundation saw an opportunity to motivate local giving and provide critical support for those facing food insecurity in our community. We offered to match all donations to the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry Designated Fund in the month of November, up to $50,000. A total of $52,800 was received through 95 donations.



$102,800

Added to the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry Designated Fund

$10,500

Also distributed to two other local organizations providing support for food insecure individuals

SECOND HARVEST FOODBANK OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

Feed your Soul

Thank you to all who gave so generously to this effort!

EDUCATOR WISH GRANTS

Educators Wish Grants provide small grant awards to local educators to support a project, program, or needed materials/equipment for the school year. Our foundation is honored to support the learning needs and environments of our community's students through this unique funding opportunity.

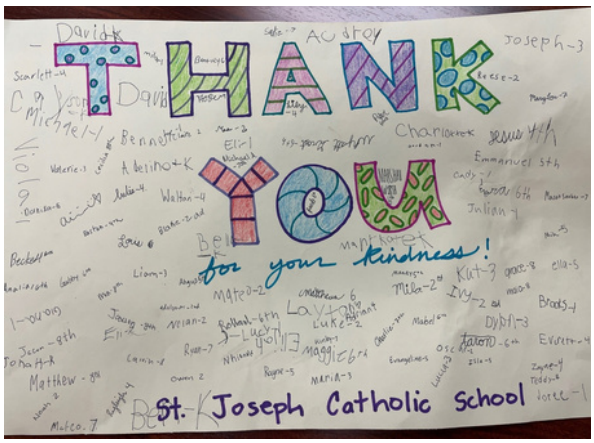
$5,237.41 AWARDED IN NEW GRANTS TO 14 LOCAL EDUCATORS IN SIX LOCAL SCHOOLS!

"Because of your generosity, I was able to purchase high-quality math games that support the development of spatial visualization, problem-solving, and executive functioning skills for students in grades 3–5 at Rockwell School. Both students and teachers have enjoyed learning and playing these new games. They provide engaging opportunities for students to strengthen important skills such as flexible thinking, planning, working memory, and self-control while building confidence in their mathematical thinking."

Lori Held, Math Interventionist
Rockwell Elementary School













"I send my sincerest thank you for funding my grant request last fall to purchase sensory materials for my therapy room at Luther. The students are loving the new swing and squishy tiles! They have been wonderful to incorporate into therapy sessions and are helping with student engagement and regulation. Thank you so much for supporting our schools and classrooms!"

Katie Fortney, Occupational Therapist
Luther Elementary School

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

With a scholarship portfolio that holds 52 funds, we are able to provide incredibly impactful support for the continuing education of dozens of Fort Atkinson students each year. We are so grateful to the generous donors who invest in this incredible program, providing us the privilege of investing in local education.

$455,425 DISTRIBUTED IN PREVIOUSLY AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS



"It means so much to me to have this support! This award makes paying for my education far less stressful and really helps me focus on my engineering studies. I will make sure to keep working hard for the semesters to come. Thank you again for your generosity."

Ethan Larson, 2023 FAHS Graduate
Recipient of the 2025 Jim & Lee Vance Scholarship

$477,550 AWARDED IN 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

In May 2026, our foundation awarded $477,550 across 127 scholarships to 80 total students.

FAHS Seniors: $297,450:	**70 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 49 STUDENTS**
Undergraduates: $117,100:	**37 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 22 STUDENTS**
Graduates: $63,000:	**20 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 9 STUDENTS**









"Your generosity has inspired me to give back to a community that has already given me so much. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."

Hannah Baldry, 2026 FAHS Graduate
Recipient of the James & Frances Luther, Don Gruber Memorial Athletic, Dr. James Russell Athletic, and Maurice & Clara B. Staller Scholarships



2025-2026 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For full audited financials, please visit our website at https://www.fortfoundation.org/investments-financials or scan the QR code here

Assets	Jun 30, 2026
Cash & Cash Equivalents	$1,019,958
Investments	$43,759,536
Pledges Receivable	$0
Operating lease right-of-use	$11,362
Total Assets	**$44,800,773**

Liabilities	Jun 30, 2026
Grants Payable	$170,903
Scholarships Payable	$571,800
Accrued Payroll	$4,709
Operating Lease Liability	$3,605
Long-term Liabilities	$266,282
Total Liabilities	**$1,017,299**

Net Assets	Jun 30, 2026
Without donor restriction	$6,493,047
With donor restriction	$37,290,427
Total Net Assets	**$44,800,773**

The Statement of Activities is on a cash basis for clarity of cash flow. The Statement of Financial position is presented on an accrual basis for clarity of future commitments.

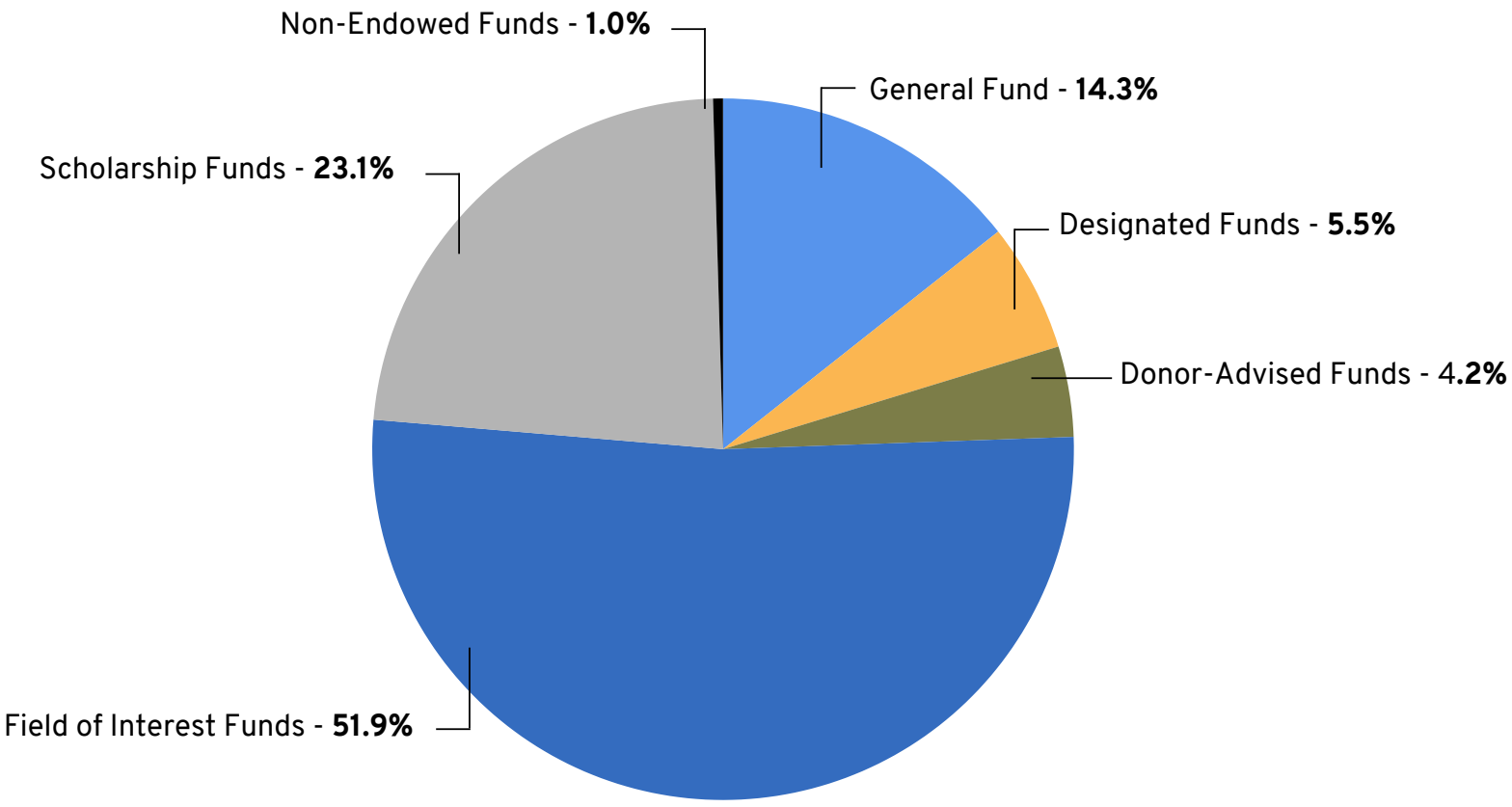
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Revenue	Jun 30, 2026
Contributions	$1,641,094
Investment return (net)	$6,163,824
Total Revenue	**$7,804,936**

Expenses	Jun 30, 2026
Grants	$2,342,598
Scholarships	$491,550
Administrative/Operating	$173,238
Total Expenses	**$3,007,386**

ASSETS BY FUND TYPE



FOUNDATION FUND LISTING

In 2025/26 our portfolio grew to 95 funds - an incredible testament to the caring power of our community!

FIVE NEW FUNDS!

Thank you to these generous donors/fund advisors!

- **Tom & Kathleen Krause Beane Memorial Scholarship Fund**
  - *Established July 2025*
- **Rock River Community Clinic Non-Endowed Designated Fund**
  - *Established November 2025*
- **Glenn & Barbara Lepley Memorial Scholarship Fund**
  - *Established November 2025*
- **Michael & Donna Bender Donor-Advised Fund**
  - *Established February 2026*
- ***Barbara Rohland Donor-Advised Fund***
  - *Established June 2026*

General Fund

Designated Funds:
BASE Club Fund
BASE Community Building Fund*
Brietzke Educational Wetland Fund*
Dwight Foster Public Library Fund
Educator Wish Grant Fund
Fort Atkinson Club Fund
Fort Atkinson Food Pantry Fund
Fort Atkinson Historical Society Fund
Fort Atkinson Parks & Recreation Fund*
Fort Tree Fund*
Friends of Haumerson's Pond Fund*
Friends of McCoy Park Fund*
Hoard Curtis Scout Camp Fund
Kiwanis Youth Fields Fund*
Lorine Niedecker Fund
Police Department DARE Fund*
Police Department K9 Unit Fund
Project Lead Fund*
Rock River Community Clinic Fund*
Seasonal Display Fund*
Senior Center Fund
Water Tower Fund*

Donor-Advised Funds:
Barbara Rohland Fund
Elizabeth Jones Chisholm Fund
Gordon F. Day Family Fund
Hartwick Family Fund
Kerschensteiner Family Fund
Michael & Donna Bender Fund
Negus Family Fund
Schafer Family Fund
Vance Family Fund
Robert J. Vincent Fund
Tuttle Family Fund
Ward Knox Family Fund

Field of Interest Funds:
Beautification Fund
Bertha & Marilyn Kuhl Fund
Carol Liddle Fund
Doris Highsmith Social Services Fund
Mabel Schumacher Fund
Mary C. Hoard Fund
Phyllis & Bob Ziemen Fund
Pope Memorial Art Fund

Scholarship Funds:
AAUW Grants for Gals Fund
AAUW Second Chance Fund
Ardell Wiederhoeft Legacy Fund
Barrie School Fund*
Ben & Ada Hake Agriculture Fund
Denice Jones Medical Fields Fund
Don Gruber Memorial Athletic Fund
Dr. Jim & Therese Fitzpatrick Educator Fund
Dr. James Russell Athletic Fund
Dr. Sydney H. Weidemann Fund
Ed Karrels Computer Science Fund*
Eileen Harrison Education Fund
Fireside Theatre Fund
FA Thrift Shop/Jean Reich Memorial Fund
Fred & Helen Rose Inspire-a-Dream Fund
Gary & Bonnie Hamm Fund
Gene Halker Memorial Fund
Glenn & Barbara Lepley Memorial Fund
Hannah Church Memorial Fund
Isabelle Matthews Education Fund
Jake Meinert Memorial Fund*
James & Frances Luther Fund
James Rossing Adversity Fund
Jane Knox AAUW Fund
Jason Dahnert Memorial Fund
Jerome Hake Engineering Fund
Jim & Lee Vance Fund
Jones Dairy Farm Industrial & Culinary Fund
Juanita Schreiner Memorial Fund
Kathleen Grabil Thorndike Fund
Lloyd Hake Endowed Fund
Lloyd Hake Fund*
Luther School Fund*
Make a Difference Fund
Maurice & Clara Staller Fund
Medical Careers Fund
Orrin & Margaret Bull Family Fund
Pay It Forward Fund
Phyllis Ziemen Fund
Purdy School Fund*
Ralph & Clara Rutledge Memorial Fund
Richard Noel Bingham Memorial Fund
Robert & Judith Knapp Fund
Rockwell School Fund*
Science Matters Fund
Terry Beck Protective Services Fund
Theodore W. Batterman Family Fund
Tom & Kathleen Krause Beane Memorial
V.C. & Blanche Helgren Martin Fund
Victor & Ruth Johnson Fund
Wallace Scouting Fund
Walter & Louise Buell Fund

Denotes a Non-Endowed Fund

YOUR PATH TO LOCAL IMPACT!

At the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation, we pride ourselves on our strong donor stewardship. We take the time to listen to our donors and learn about what is most important to them - what inspires them - so we can best connect them to investment opportunities that will align with their values and desired impact.

As your local partner, we help you give wisely, ensuring your investments will have a lasting, local impact!

How can you give?



Where can you give?

GENERAL FUND: Support our only unrestricted fund and the source of grant support for applications that do not fit one of our field of interest funds! Our General Fund is critical to maintaining our status as a community foundation.

DESIGNATED FUND: Support a local nonprofit organization/community project through a contribution to a designated fund.

Minimum to establish: *$15,000 (endowed), $1,000 (non-endowed)*

DONOR-ADVISED FUND: Play a role in your giving! A tax-smart way to recommend grants to projects/organizations you care about.

Minimum to establish: $15,000 (endowed)

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND: Identify areas of interest that are meaningful to you and rely on the FACF Board of Directors to fund projects aligned with those focuses/causes.

Minimum to establish: $15,000 (endowed)

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Support education through financial assistance to local students based on specific criteria and requirements you help structure along with FACF staff.

Minimum to establish: $20,000 (endowed)

ACORN FUND: Make a small investment today and have five years to meet the required threshold for your fund to become a mature endowed fund type based on your philanthropic interests.

Minimum to establish: $1,500 (non-endowed)

There is NO minimum contribution required for donations made to existing funds. All investments are impactful, appreciated, and help create "A Better Fort Atkinson."

WITH APPRECIATION

Bur Oak Legacy Society

Thank you to the donors who have bequeathed a gift to the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation in their will, trust or estate plan.

Theodore & Marilyn Batterman* – Ellen Bogner – Doug & Marianna Dexter*
Megan & Sam Hartwick - Sue & Jude Hartwick – Barbara Rohland – Helen Rose
Mabel Schumacher - Verna June Simpson* – John G. Slater*
Jim & Lee Vance* – Janice Zastrow*

**denotes bequest realized*

What a year of impact we had here at the Fort Atkinson Community Foundation. Impact that would not have been possible without the commitment of our Board of Directors, the trust of our donors, and the collaborative spirit of our community partners.

I have always been proud to be from Fort Atkinson, and that pride only grew this past year as I saw how this community showed up to fight for those facing food insecurity, lent support for an outdoor learning project in memory of a wonderful educator, and invested in a new integrated clinic aimed at expanded equitable access to healthcare.

Fort Atkinson is a community that cares, and it is the honor of my career to be leading an organization that can rally that caring power and compound it through investments of time, money, and partnership.

And we're not slowing down on those investments. As we look ahead, we are more excited than ever about the growth our organization has seen, and the opportunity that growth provides us to have a lasting impact throughout Fort Atkinson - in ways big, small, and everything in between.

I look so forward to continuing to work with our community partners, residents, organizations, business leaders, and incredible Board of Directors to further our work to improve the quality of life in Fort Atkinson by inspiring and supporting enduring philanthropy.

It is a privilege to serve this community!

With gratitude,
Megan



Megan Hartwick
Executive Director

COMING SOON

Launching on December 1, 2026, our NEW Foundant Scholarship Lifecycle Manager online scholarship application site will bring a streamlined way for students to apply for scholarships from both our foundation and those offered through the Fort Atkinson High School. We are excited about this further investment in the incredible scholarship program available to students with a connection to Fort Atkinson!

Connect with us!

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