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2020 Annual Charity Golf Outing

Turning Inspiration Into Action

Supporting the Sonnentag Foundation Ltd.

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Within these pages, we are proud to share touching, emotional stories from people who are benefitting from the contributions made to County Materials' Charity Golf Outing. With your gift and sponsorship, you are helping to change people's lives for the better and build stronger communities.

Because of you, we have been able to do the most good to date! This year, your generosity has helped individuals in four key service areas: Hunger & Homelessness Support, Military Personnel & Veteran Support, Sexual Abuse & Domestic Assault Services, and Youth Mentoring & Skills Building.

Your participation in our outing is <u>Turning Inspiration Into Action!</u>

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Turning Inspiration Into Action!

Salvation Army Grace Place

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Supporting the Path Towards Independence

Based in the St. Croix River Valley, Grace Place Emergency Shelter assists over 350 individuals each year as they face some of the most challenging times of their life. The shelter remains open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to welcome new residents and assess their situations, helping to provide the best service and care possible. Upon arrival, individuals are matched with a case manager who works alongside them to develop and accomplish goals, such as finding employment, attending mental or physical health appointments, ensuring resources are applied for, and helping them find safe long-term housing. Grace Place case managers approach the path to healing and independence in a way that makes sense for each unique resident and their family.

With the community's support, Grace Place added a new position to their team last year, a Housing Navigator responsible for finding and securing safe, reliable housing for residents leaving Grace Place. With the addition of this position, Grace Place has established new partnerships with landlords across the St. Croix River Valley who are dedicated to assisting residents as they transition into a life of independence.

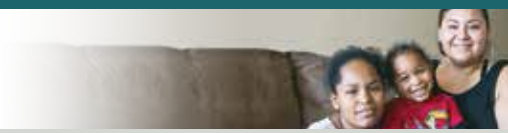
Your Giving in Action!

Katie's Story

After losing her home and custody of her child, Katie became homeless and increasingly hopeless. Without a sense of stability in her life or financial support to get help, Katie's debilitating medical conditions worsened. She felt stuck without an end in sight and knew it was time to get help.

Katie came to Grace Place, where she received a safe, comfortable place to sleep each night and a case manager dedicated to helping her get back on her feet. She came to the shelter with two goals: finding permanent housing and regaining custody of her daughter. Because Katie had been homeless for an extended period of time and faced additional adversities, her case manager was able to put her on the state's list for specialized housing. Grace Place helped Katie get into an apartment of her own, completely paid for through the Permanent Support Housing program, which has an open-ended timeline, so Katie can stay there as long as it takes. With a place to call home and support from her case manager, Katie regained custody of her daughter. "The day I got the call, I didn't believe it was true. Getting into an apartment was the last piece I needed to get my daughter back. I'm so grateful for Grace Place and all of their help," reflects Katie.

Lake Cares Food Pantry



Mount Dora, Eustis, Tavares, and Paisley, FL • lakecares.org

Feeding the Body, Educating the Mind, and Lifting the Spirit

Lake Cares, a community food pantry based in Lake County, Florida, served over 51,750 individuals in 2019. The organization is committed to providing food security to individuals and families in need as they navigate their current hardships. Lake Cares staff and volunteers empower the people they serve by treating them with dignity and compassion while providing a sense of stability. Many things have changed in light of COVID-19; however, the need for food pantries has not. In an effort to adapt to current circumstances, Lake Cares organized a mobile food drop with Lake Sumter State College to help those facing additional hardships. Over 1,300 students and families were provided with non-perishable food alongside fresh fruit, vegetables, and eggs.

Your Giving in Action!

Angela's Story

When a local church volunteered to serve breakfast during morning distribution, one volunteer in particular, a woman named Angela, was eager to help out and give back to Lake Cares and those who rely on its services. Angela shared that five years earlier, she was facing one of the most challenging periods of her life. At that time, she relied heavily on the food and support Lake Cares provided her; it was that help that got her back on her feet. She now works at a local bank and no longer needs the help of the food pantry. Lake Cares changed Angela's life, and now she is in a position to spread the good to others.

Salvation Army Florida Division

Leesburg, FL • salvationarmyflorida.org

Here to Serve Lake and Sumter Counties

The Salvation Army Florida Division is dedicated to doing the most good by educating youth, serving families on their journey to self-sufficiency, and providing community members with emergency and disaster relief. As these needs continued to grow through the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization has adopted new response methods to ensure these vulnerable communities continue to receive the resources and support they need to meet their needs. In 2019, the Florida Division served over 5,100 meals as part of their emergency food assistance and an additional 4,800 meals to children on Mondays and Tuesdays after school, while they received homework assistance and tutoring.

Your Giving in Action!

Joe's Story

Joe, a single father of two young children, was living in a small motel room after being evicted from his apartment several months earlier after his wife of nine years passed away. He is a hardworking and loving father; however, he seemed to have lost hope and direction. Joe was welcomed into the Salvation Army's Pathway of Hope initiative, where they focused on his strengths. Together, Joe worked with mentors on budgeting, life skills, and how to build hope. Joe began to make real progress and worked with the Salvation Army to find a permanent home for him and his family. After a few months of searching, Joe and his children moved into a safe home that met all of their needs. Joe is incredibly thankful for the Salvation Army and the work they've done to help him find direction in a time of confusion and loss. Through this experience, he has gotten closer with his children and his faith. The future looks bright for Joe.

Shelter House

Iowa City, IA • shelterhouseiowa.org

Providing More Than a Roof and a Bed

Shelter House is a non-profit organization that provides housing and supportive services to people experiencing homelessness in the Iowa City, IA area. The organization seeks to serve beyond offering a roof and a bed and strives to be a catalyst and a voice for systemic community change in pursuit of ending homelessness. When guests arrive at Shelter House, they can expect to be met with a wide variety of services, spanning from emergency shelter and daily food service to case management and housing and employment placement and retention. Shelter House caters to guests of all backgrounds and abilities and provides inclusive services, like transitional housing for individuals with chronic mental illness. The organization believes housing is the greatest social determinant of health and it is both a need and an essential right.

Cross Park Place (CPP) serves as a demonstration project for the state of Iowa, as housing first interventions are more commonly found on the coasts rather than the Midwest. The 24-unit apartment building caters to the chronically homeless in the community. Many of these individuals have habitually cycled through community services, including frequent use of emergency rooms, ambulance services, inpatient psychiatric services, treatment facilities, and experienced a significant decrease in medical costs.

Your Giving in Action!

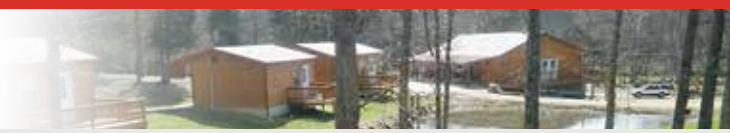
Shelter House
More than a roof and a bed

Ron's Story

When Ron returned home after his service, his transition to civilian life was anything but easy. Adopting a new lifestyle proved challenging enough, but on top of that, Ron had PTSD. His illness made him feel like an entirely different person. Feeling lost and overwhelmed, he quit his job and eventually lost his home. With lack of resources, support, and shelter, Ron felt hopeless. He didn't see a positive ending in sight. For several years, he slept on the streets or in makeshift tents on the better nights. Winters were hard. During the day, Ron constantly walked to keep warm, and at night, he prayed he would stay warm enough to make it to the next day.

Ron's close friend, who he met on the streets, passed away one night in his sleep from the cold. Ron realized that could soon be his reality if he did not find shelter. He found Shelter Place, where he has resided for the past year, while working on his PTSD. With reliable shelter and assistance programs, Ron is once again hopeful that he can work through his illness and return to civilian life the way he had intended all those years ago. Ron is thankful for Shelter House for giving him a second chance at life. He said, "There are a lot of good people out on the streets. They're just down on their luck in hard time," he continued, "Those are the people who need a place like this. Because of Shelter House, there are less people sleeping on the street or under underpasses."

Camp Hope



Farmington, MO • camphopeusa.org

Honor the Fallen by Helping the Wounded

Camp Hope serves as a getaway for many wounded military veterans. Founders, William "Mike" and Galia White opened Camp Hope after their son Christopher passed away while serving in Iraq in 2006. The White family uses Camp Hope to keep Chris's spirit alive through serving veterans with disabilities and spreading his passion for the outdoors. While at camp, veterans feel at home with social gatherings and opportunities to explore the nearby streams, creeks, and trails. Camp Hope covers all expenses for veterans wounded in combat including travel, ADA-compliant cabins, food and supplies, and an attentive all-volunteer staff who are trained to work with veterans of all abilities.

Your Giving in Action!

Joe was one of the first veterans wounded in combat to visit newly founded Camp Hope in 2007. After returning home from his service legally blind, Joe was looking for a sense of community and place; he found it at Camp Hope. For the past decade, Joe has remained a loyal supporter and has remained involved with camp through volunteering and serving on Camp Hope's Board of Directors. Joe's experience at Camp Hope has changed his life in many ways. He says, "I have a new sense of independence down here; I got part of my old self back. I healed in ways I didn't know I needed to... I advocate for Camp Hope because it heals." - Joe Bogart

Custom Canines Service Dog Academy

Sun Prairie, WI • customcanines.org

Heroes for Heroes

Custom Canines is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and supporting lasting partnerships between highly skilled service dogs and individuals with diverse disabilities and impairments who rely on their companion to enhance their quality of life.

Through its Heroes for Heroes program, Custom Canines pairs trained service dogs with veterans to aid them in their journey to healing and wellness after serving our country. Upon returning home, many veterans experience symptoms of anxiety, depression, PTSD, and other debilitating mental health diagnoses. Service dogs help these individuals by providing stability and emotional support during times of heightened emotions. Matches are selected based on the owner's capabilities, lifestyle, mobility, personality, and psychological needs. For veterans who have a dog at home, owner training services are available to assist the dog in taking on a larger, more significant role in their owner's life.

CUSTOM CANINES
SERVICE DOG ACADEMY

Your Giving in Action!

Bob's Story

Bob will never forget the Friday his friend approached him and asked him to raise Anke and teach her guide work. As a veteran, he was subject to the same scrutiny as the other participants in the Custom Canines program. His analysis revealed he had PTSD. Bob wasn't surprised by the results, as he had often experienced a range of emotions he could never come to terms with.

With the tools the program gave him and the continued support from his fellow brothers and sisters, Bob began the healing process. Although he was grateful for this new start, he couldn't shake the feeling that something was missing. Despite his progress and passion for training dogs, things that made him feel alive and in control of his destiny, Bob was alone and continued to face challenges that he did not see resolving on their own. He grew frustrated.

Working with Anke, Bob realized what he needed – it was Anke. Others observed how the pair interacted and how she empowered Bob. Custom Canines saw the perfect opportunity to give back to someone who has dedicated the past 40 years of his life to helping fellow veterans and their service dogs. When Bob came to the academy one day, he was given the most incredible gift he had ever received – Custom Canines and his friend gave him Anke as a full-time service dog. "She is my guardian angel, always having my back," Bob explains.

Easterseals Crossroads

Indianapolis, IN • eastersealscrossroads.org

Promoting Dignity, Independence, and Growth

Easterseals Crossroads is working to change the way the world defines and views disabilities by making profound positive differences in people's lives every day. The organization caters to children and adults with disabilities by providing top-quality innovated services tailored to each individual's needs. In 2019, Easterseals Crossroads helped 8,800 people gain newfound independence, 3,500 of which were veterans. Through the organization, veterans have access to personal career coaching, resume development assistance, networking opportunities, and job search assistance, all of which are designed to help them reintegrate into their communities after returning from deployment.

Your Giving in Action!

Mr. R.D.'s Story

As an Army Combat Medic, Mr. R.D. served our country in several deployments. At the end of his career, he returned home to his wife, riddled with PTSD. Regardless of his best efforts, he wasn't able to address his PTSD. Each day, he was presented with a new challenge and it began to wear on his marriage. A short while later, he found himself divorced. Feeling completely defeated, Mr. R.D. shut himself off from the world and found comfort in alcohol. Without family nearby, it was seemingly impossible to reach out for help. Mr. R.D. felt like a bother and thought it best not to reach out to his family and friends. Suddenly, reality hit. Mr. R.D. found an eviction notice on his door after missing two months' rent. It was time for him to get the help he needed. He called Easterseals Crossroads.

To Mr. R.D.'s surprise, the staff member who answered his call is an Army Veteran Combat Engineer who could relate to what Mr. R.D. was going through. Although Easterseals Crossroads does not have funding to assist with housing, the staff member was able to connect Mr. R.D. to an organization that helped him pay his overdue rent, as well as his next two months' rent. With some of his financial concerns addressed, it was time for Mr. R.D. to focus on improving his mental health and defeating his alcohol addiction. Mr. R.D. was committed to changing his life for the better. Once he started treatment, he began to feel hopeful again. He regained the confidence he needed to begin his job search. Easterseals Crossroads worked with Mr. R.D. and helped him polish his resume, practice interview questions, and research job leads.

When considering careers, truck driving stood out to Mr. R.D. He began looking for jobs and finally found one that seemed to be the perfect fit. With the help of Easterseals Crossroads, he applied for the job and nailed the interview. He was offered the job! Not only was the pay outstanding and would help him get back on his feet again, but it was a job he could take pride in and feel confident that he would be successful. When Mr. R.D. told his staff at Easterseals Crossroads about the job, he was glowing with excitement. There was only one roadblock in his way, he needed gas money to make the 50-mile roundtrip commute until he received his first paycheck. Easterseals gladly offered Mr. R.D. gas money, so he could begin this important next stage of his life. Healthy, happy, and employed, Mr. R.D. thanks Easterseals Crossroads for helping him through the most challenging part of his life.

Ketchum's Got Your Six

Madison, WI • ketchumsgotyoursix.com

We've Got Your Back

Ketchum's Got Your Six, a veteran fundraising organization in honor of Marine Brandon Ketchum, promotes awareness and provides assistance to Wisconsin veterans suffering from PTSD. The organization utilizes online auctions, an annual charitable bike ride, and chili dinners at the local VFW to provide assistance to veterans who need it most through the use of service dogs. Ketchum's Got Your Six partners with Custom Canines to ensure each veteran suffering from PTSD or mobility issues has access to a companion that will enhance their life.

Marine Brandon Ketchum spent his entire career in the military. He served two tours in Iraq and his third and final tour in Afghanistan. During his last tour, he sustained emotional and physical injuries that he found hard to remedy. On July 9, 2016, Brandon became 1 of 22 veterans that die by suicide each day. Ketchum's Got Your Six was established to remind veterans they are not alone and to grant access to resources capable of making significant positive change in their lives. Since opening its doors, the organization has been able to serve dozens of heroes across Wisconsin.

Your Giving in Action!

With the help of Ketchum's Got Your Six and the generous community members who support its mission, dozens of veterans have been paired with guide companions from Custom Canines Service Dog Academy.

Meet Mary –

Mary, a U.S. Army Veteran, returned home from her service with PTSD and mobility issues that warranted a significant lifestyle change. To help her adjust to a new normal, she was paired with Titan, a friendly service dog from Custom Canines. Titan helps Mary work through her PTSD while assisting her as she moves around her home and community. (Onalaska, WI)

Meet Kevin –

Kevin, a Marine Corps Desert Storm Veteran, was able to train his dog, Abby through the Custom Canine's Owner Training Academy with the financial support of Ketchum's Got Your Six. Abby learned how to accommodate Kevin with his PTSD and mobility concerns. Although Abby has always been there to support Kevin, she now has the tools to make a significant difference in his quality of life.

The meaning of the phrase "Got your six" –

"I am watching your back, making sure you stay safe. I will warn you of incoming threats and I will help you deal with the problem."

Patriot K9s of Wisconsin

Wausau, WI • patriotk9s.com

Ready for change. Ready for growth. Ready to reclaim their lives.

Patriot K9s of Wisconsin trains shelter dogs to give them a second chance at life as a service dog for veterans. Each day, an average of 20 U.S. military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) take their own lives. Patriot K9s of Wisconsin is trying to change this statistic for veterans of Central Wisconsin by providing them with a supportive companion that can grow alongside them.

Since 2017, Patriot K9s has trained qualified military veterans and shelter dogs, at no cost to veterans, to create certified service dog teams, specifically addressing the effects of PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury & Military Sexual Trauma. By working together, pairs help each other readjust to daily life by managing stress and anxiety factors that otherwise barricade individuals from living healthy, fulfilling lives.

Your Giving in Action!

When Alicia returned home from her tour overseas, she began to seclude herself. She did whatever she could to avoid going out in public. She quickly realized she was becoming a very different person than who she was before her deployment. Ready to seek help and regain control of her life, she reached out to Patriot K9s of Wisconsin, where she was paired with Molly, a reliable companion that helps Alicia break barriers. Since the pair completed their training course, Alicia has been getting out of the house more. Now, when Alicia feels anxious in a crowded areas, Molly leans up against her legs and uses pressure therapy to help Alicia feel more secure. Together, the pair has made huge strides and Alicia says, "The quality of my life has improved immensely with Molly by my side."

Alternatives, Inc.

Anderson, IN • alternativesdv.org

Supporting Survivors

Alternatives, Inc. supported over 2,500 women and children last year as they fled abusive relationships at home. The Central Indiana organization is driven to eradicate domestic and sexual violence through education, prevention, and intervention. Trained staff work with survivors to draft safety plans, arrange temporary housing, and provide the support and resources needed to successfully escape cyclical abuse. Alternatives, Inc. offers programming for children, both preschool-aged and school-aged, that focuses on establishing high self-esteem, increasing school performance, and educating on healthy relationship skills. The organization also offers professional training, community education sessions, employment training, dating violence prevention, and workshops catered to both survivors and supporters.

Your Giving in Action!

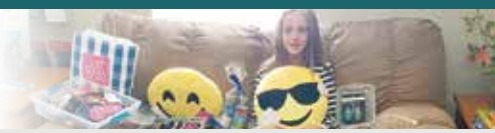
Briana is celebrating!

It has been one year since she broke free from the cycle of violence. She started to notice red flags when her abuser began blaming her for the abuse and accusing her of being the violent one. She would often face physical "punishment" when she tried to stand up for herself. The abuse got worse every time. She says, "He got to know my weaknesses and my strengths to use them against me in every way he could." Under her abuser's control, she was not allowed to work or reach out to her family. "He had me right where he wanted me – isolated, hopeless."

She knew it was time to break free when her children started showing concerns for her safety. Once they were able to make their escape, they were determined to leave forever. Briana reflects, "All we left with that day were the clothes on our backs and borrowed time."

Briana was connected with Alternatives Incorporated's Outreach Program. Their advocate helped her assess the danger of her situation, plan for her safety, and file a protective order. They helped with supportive services, and assisted Briana in navigating the justice system and other community resources. Briana now holds a management position. She and her children are doing very well and are about to move into a new home that will have a confidential address. Briana wants others to know that she "made the impossible possible" and "there is help and there is hope."

The Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center

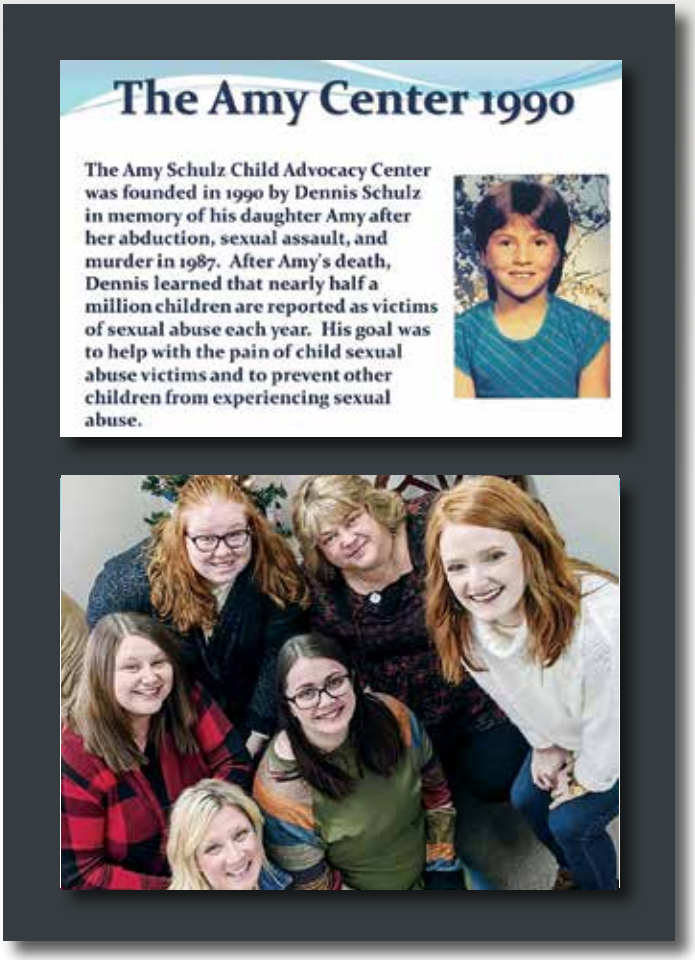


Mount Vernon, IL • amycenter.mvn.net/

Educated Children are Empowered Children

Founded in 1990, The Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center or "The Amy Center" and their partners serve as front-line responders to reports of physical and sexual abuse against children. The organization's primary goal is to provide a safe place for survivors to share their story in their own words with experts who will listen to them, protect them, and help them heal. The Amy Center's professional, trained staff work together to provide intervention, prevention, education, and advocacy services in the best interest of children who have experienced abuse.

The Amy Schulz Advocacy Center was founded in 1990 by Dennis Schulz in memory of his daughter Amy after her abduction, sexual assault, and murder in 1987. After Amy's death, Dennis learned that nearly half a million children are reported sexually assaulted each year. His goal was to help ease the pain of child abuse survivors and to prevent other children from experiencing sexual and physical abuse.



Your Giving in Action!

In 2019, the Sonnentag Foundation helped The Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center:

- *Serve 300 clients and their non-offending family members*
- *Conduct 228 forensic interviews*
- *Educate 7,800 children, 458 teens, and 508 on Body Boundaries*
- *Expand and build a new office in Nashville, TN*

Body Boundaries

Designed to teach children about patterns of abuse, how to avoid unwelcomed attention, and give practical instruction for those who are being targeting, "Body Boundaries" is a presentation that caters to different age groups and levels of understanding. The goal is to help children identify signs of physical and sexual abuse, who they can talk to if they need help, and how to get to safety. The Amy Schulz Advocacy Center firmly believes educated children are empowered children.

HOPE of East Central Illinois

Charleston, IL • hope-eci.org

Giving Survivors HOPE

Through educational outreach efforts in local schools to referrals and counseling designed to empower survivors to lead self-sufficient, safe, successful, lives, HOPE of ECI serves seven rural counties in Illinois, including Coles, Clark, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties. Given the desolate geography, individuals experiencing physical and sexual abuse in the region lack adequate access to resources and support. For these 700 individuals, HOPE of ECI is a ray of hope for an independent, violence-free life. The organization provides shelter, legal advocacy, counseling, and additional resources to help clients to a better life.

For individuals who need immediate assistance, HOPE of ECI offers an emergency shelter, which houses up to 24 women and children, as well as a 24-hour, 7-day a week, 365-day a year crisis hotline, providing support, intervention, information, and referrals to anyone seeking information about domestic violence interventions. All services provided by HOPE of ECI are free of charge and available to anyone in need.

Your Giving in Action!

HOPE
COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Our Assistance allows HOPE of ECI to continue to provide crucial services to survivors and their families, further promoting the organization's mission of empowering people to live independent, non-violent lives through the provisions of housing, outreach, prevention, and education. Most clients arrive at the center with just the clothes on their backs and a few personal items. HOPE of ECI provides these individuals with grocery gift cards, gas cards, phone cards, personal hygiene products, clothing, and other essentials they may need to start a new life free from violence.

Sojourner Family Peace Center

Milwaukee, WI • familypeacecenter.org

Safety, Justice and Well-being

Sojourner Family Peace Center is the largest nonprofit provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving over 11,800 clients annually. The center allows individuals and families escaping from abuse access to crisis housing, governmental and non-governmental services, and individual support. The center aims to help families affected by domestic violence achieve safety, justice, and well-being.

Your Giving in Action!

Natalie's Story

Natalie came to Sojourner after she left her husband for what she promised would be the last time. After years of being shut off from the world, Natalie felt she had nowhere to go and no one to listen to her, until she found Sojourner. At the center, she heard staff using the language of "survivors" rather than "victims" and began to adopt the language herself; it made her feel strong and in control of her future. Natalie began to find peace through programming at the center, counseling, and gathering with her church community. Her newfound support system gave her the confidence the find her voice again. She says, "I'm grateful for the support I found here; it's what keeps me coming back."

SOJOURNER

The Women's Center

Waukesha, WI • twcwaukesha.org

Ensuring, Protecting & Healing

For over 40 years, The Women's Center has remained Waukesha County's only agency of its kind, providing women, children, and men impacted by domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse, and trafficking with a safe place to heal and build a future free from violence. The organization provides a plethora of services, such as emergency shelter, support groups, workshops, parenting support, legal advocacy, transitional living, domestic violence and abuse support, employment counseling services, and violence prevention and education. In 2019, The Women's Center served 17,566 survivors, remaining true to their philosophy of ensuring that the needs of survivors are met, that children are protected, and that families heal.

Your Giving in Action!

The need for organizations and programs like The Women's Center has continued to increase during the pandemic, as individuals experiencing abuse are at home with their abuser for longer periods of time, more often. The Women's Center continues to provide emergency shelter and 24-hour hotline access for those who need a safe place to turn to. In an effort to provide additional support and expand their reach, the center created a podcast, Wednesday Workshop Podcast, which offers helpful insight for survivors, service providers, and community members alike.

Quotes from shelter residents:

"This place saved my LIFE! I would not be where I am today or believe in myself at all without The Women's Center! Thank you."

"The facility and their services have been more of a help to me during the most difficult time of my life than I can say. I'm deeply grateful."

The Women's Community, Inc.

Wausau, WI • womenscommunity.org

Educating to Save Lives

The Women's Community provides specialized services and resources for people affected by sexual assault and domestic violence in Central Wisconsin. Last year, The Women's Community empowered over 1,600 survivors who faced the effects of cyclical violence and oppression through quality programming, caring staff advocacy, and educational resources. Financial barriers should not affect a person's ability to receive the help they need. At the Women's Community, survivors have access to free confidential shelter, food, and clothing, counseling, services for abused youth and teens, support groups, and domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy.

Your Giving in Action!

Dani's Story

Dani was a happy, adventurous teen. She loved going on camping trips with her adoring family, participating in school sports, and earning good grades. When she turned 13 and began dating, Dani's life began to change. Her mother began to notice signs that Dani was in an unhealthy relationship. She began lying and leaving behind some of her best friends. Because Dani wasn't considered an "at-risk" teen and did not have a presence in "the system", she could not get the help she needed. Eventually, Dani passed away from an accidental overdose.

Since Dani's untimely death, her family advocates for change, doing everything in their power to prevent an incident like this from occurring again. They want a way to educate youth, parents, and community members on teen dating violence and ways to develop healthy coping strategies. With the help of The Women's Community, the Dani's Journey Fund was created to educate teens and their parents on the warning signs of teen dating violence and related mental health challenges.

Dani's Father on Dani's Journey Fund – "They don't teach this in schools. They teach all these other things, but not how to recognize healthy relationships. This is something The Women's Community has been striving to change through prevention education seminars in high schools."

Turningpoint

River Falls, WI • turningpoint-wi.org

A Second Chance for Survivors

In 2019, Turningpoint gave 800 survivors a chance at a second life free of abuse. The organization began almost 40 years ago as a crisis line and has since developed into a 21-bed facility with the resources to guide survivors to safety and freedom. In addition to facilitating support groups, Turningpoint provides safety, support, and strength through legal system support, violence prevention education, youth services, survivor services, and family service. While some shelters exclusively support women and children, Turningpoint extends its services to men whom faced sexual assault, violence, or stalking. Often an underserved population, nearly 1 in 10 men will experience sexual or domestic abuse in their lifetime.

In addition to its abuse and assault services, Turningpoint operates Second Chances Thrift Store, to provide the Pierce County and the St. Croix County communities with access to affordable clothing, furniture, and household goods. Clients are offered thrift store vouchers to assist them in starting their second chance at living a life free from abuse and violence. Second Chances Thrift Store is staffed on a volunteer-basis and comprises of 20 percent of Turningpoint's annual budget.

Your Giving in Action!

With the help of the Sonnentag Foundation, Turningpoint has:

- *Answered 1,126 crisis calls*
- *Housed 92 clients in shelters*
- *Prepared 17,615 meals for survivors*

Hannah's Story

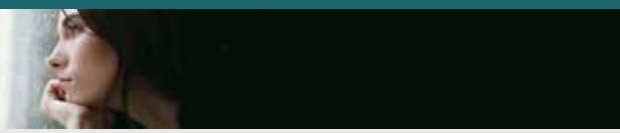
Hannah came to Turningpoint with the help of local law enforcement after she was brutally beaten by her husband. Feeling overwhelmed and frightened, Turningpoint's Client Service Coordinator Maggie met with Hannah and walked her through her husband's criminal charges and all of her options moving forward. At Hannah's request, Maggie discussed potential restraining order options and how to file for divorce.

With learning disabilities, physical disabilities and lack of a support system, Hannah did not have a means of transportation to get to and from her appointments that will help her transition into this new stage of life. Turningpoint worked with Hannah to arrange safe, reliable transportation to ensure she would have access to the resources she needs to help her move forward.

Since Hannah first came to Turningpoint, her life has changed in many positive ways, and she has undergone tremendous personal growth. Through the program, Hannah received emotional support, safety planning services, legal system support, and information and referral services. Today, Hannah has filed for divorce and is in the process of moving out of her home. She is safe and continues to work with Turningpoint to navigate life after leaving an unhealthy relationship.

Turningpoint FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

YWCA of Rock County



Janesville, WI • ywcarockcounty.org

Helping Domestic Violence Survivors and Their Children

Dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all, YWCA of Rock County transforms lives and communities through education and action to empower women and dismantle racism. YWCA understands it takes a community's support to help individuals rebuild self-confidence, regain self-respect, and become role models. With the help of partnering organizations and donors, the organization provides childcare, Alternatives to Violence programing, Transitions programing, CARE House shelter space, and racial justice and immigrant outreach.

Alternatives to Violence is a program that assists domestic violence survivors in crisis with a 33-bed shelter and case management services. The shelter helps those fleeing domestic abuse and provides beds, linens, food, clothing, and personal care items to clients. Transitions provides domestic violence survivors with a place to stay for 12-18 months, as they work with case managers through extensive case management. The program helps survivors and their children safely return to independence with access to resources and the support to utilize them. In addition to the two domestic abuse programs, YWCA operates a 24-hour crisis hotline. In 2019, the hotline helped 95 women seek shelter and 160 children flee abusive households.

Your Giving in Action!

ywca

Heidi's Story

Fleeing from an abusive boyfriend, Heidi and her three young sons moved in with family members in Milwaukee. Not long after, Heidi started to notice bruises on her youngest child, bruises put there by a family member and family friend, people Heidi thought she could trust. "I was lost for awhile there. I was around a bad crowd, and I didn't have faith in how my situation was going to turn out," Heidi recalled.

Heidi knew she needed to take action to protect her children and keep them safe. She searched for a place to go, bearing in mind she could very well end up homeless. Heidi stumbled upon YWCA Rock County; it was the only shelter in Wisconsin for a family of four at the time. Heidi connected with YWCA staff and arranged her placement in the Transitions program.

Transitions not only provides apartment housing for families, but it also assists in skills building, job training, and domestic violence recovery services. The program is designed to help families transition to an independent life free from abuse. With the help of YWCA, Heidi is graduating from Transitions and just received her Section 8 housing voucher, which she hopes to use to find a house with a yard for her children. Heidi is also working towards her High School Equivalency Diploma to pursue her dream of going to culinary school.

Since graduating the program, Heidi says she feels ready to work on her personal and family goals. She says that includes starting new traditions and making new, positive memories with her family. Heidi reflects on leaving her abusive relationship and starting fresh in the Transitions program, "Being a single mom is hard in general, but you have to take your own steps and do the work."

Community Action, Inc.

Beloit, WI • *community-action.org*

PREPping Youth for Successful Futures

Community Action's mission is to prevent and reduce poverty within the community. Through childcare, at-risk youth services, emergency food assistance, and affordable housing resources, the organization seeks to provide access and opportunity through innovative programs that eliminate barriers and establish pathways to economic self-reliance.

Rated the first in the state for positive outcomes, Community Action's PREP (Personal Responsibility Education Program) Summer Camp empowers youth 11-19 years of age to make positive choices that will set them up for successful futures. Over the course of the summer, PREP teens learn about building healthy relationships, reproductive healthcare, financial literacy, and increasing self-efficacy. In addition to education services, the summer camp provides free meals and unique field trip opportunities.

Your Giving in Action!

Mike's Story

Last summer, staff noticed a PREP program teen who came to the community center several hours early each day. Mike would sit outside of the center, keeping to himself, until PREP started. Even in programming, he didn't go out of his way to make new friends. To staff, it was clear that Mike needed additional support to help him let his guard down to his peers and enjoy daily programming. Staff started to arrive to the center earlier to meet with him and get to know him. They learned that his single mother worked first shift and relied on him to take his little brother to daycare. After dropping him off, Mike walked to the center to avoid being home alone.

With each conversation, Mike grew more comfortable in his surroundings. Towards the end of summer programming, he started to let his true self shine as he actively participated in curriculum and began to make friends. Mike started to talk about the future, in particular, his fears about starting high school in the fall. He wanted to make a new start for himself. In intermediate school, Mike found himself in a cycle of behavior problems. Realizing he needs to make himself, his mother, and his little brother proud, he wanted to turn things around before going down a bad path. By participating in PREP, Mike found the support system he had longed for and established new friendships with his peers and staff members. By the end of the summer, Mike was excited to start high school and begin striving for a future without limits.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

***(*Multiple Chapters)** • bbbs.org*

Big Brothers Big Sisters
North Central Wisconsin Chapter

A Constant Year of Change

Big Brothers Big Sisters chapters have stepped up to keep kids connected and supported through this time of social distancing and school closures. More than ever, one-on-one youth mentoring plays a significant role in maintaining balance and providing support as youth navigate their lives moving forward. Many chapters are providing the families they serve with relief services within their local communities, such as internet access to assist youth in completing online schoolwork and adults work remotely to provide for their families.

A BBBS Northwestern Wisconsin parent recently reflected on her family's experience with BBBS and said, "My son and I are so glad that we have his Big Brother right now. With everything going on and with him not being able to see his friends at school, just knowing there's someone that he can reach out to makes things easier."

With the support of many great community partners, BBBS can achieve its mission of helping children reach their full potential as positive, productive members of society through one-on-one mentoring. Youth with responsible adult mentors are more likely to focus on school, gain confidence, and dream BIG. This year, with the help of the Sonnentag Foundation, over 3,000 youth have a Big to look up to and help prepare them for future full of BIG successes.

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Central Illinois Chapter

Big Brothers Big Sisters.

*BBBS Chapters Represented:

- Johnson County, Iowa City, IA
- Central Indiana, Indianapolis, IN
- Central Illinois – Champaign, Danville, Bloomington, Decatur and Springfield, IL
- Mid-Illinois, Charleston, IL
- South Central Wisconsin, Delavan, WI
- Northwestern Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI
- Northeast Wisconsin, Green Bay, WI
- Seven Rivers Region, La Crosse, WI
- Dane County, Madison, WI
- East Central Wisconsin, Neenah, WI
- Central Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI
- Northcentral Wisconsin, Wausau, WI

Big Brothers Big Sisters
South Central Wisconsin Chapter

Big Brothers Big Sisters
East Central Wisconsin Chapter

Your Giving in Action!

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Central Indiana Chapter

The impacts a Big can have on a Little are immeasurable.

Big Brother Willie and Little Brother Nigel have been matched for five years. Within that time, Willie helped Nigel succeed in school, build his self-confidence, and explore new interests. Nigel graduated high school earlier this year and is continuing his education by pursuing pharmacology. "Willie has impacted my life by giving me a positive male role model who looks like me, encourages me, and strengthens me daily," he said.

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Johnson County, Iowa Chapter

Compass for Kids

Springfield, IL • *compass4kids.org*

Opening Doors and Opportunities for At-Risk Youth

Compass for Kids empowers low-income, at-risk elementary students through innovative schoolyear and summer programming that supports their academic and social-emotional skills. Programs are led by experienced teachers who adapt to each student's unique needs, ensuring they find success within the program. The need for Compass for Kids is great in the Springfield community, as many at-risk children face adversities, such as summer learning loss and food scarcity outside of school and programming.

To reduce the achievement and opportunity gaps between low-income children and their higher-income peers, Compass for Kids offers Camp Compass, where students receive a half day of educational instruction followed by an afternoon of safe play and field trips in an effort to provide the students with memorable summer experiences while advancing their academic skills. Today's Camp Compass students will grow up to graduate high school, move onto a career or college, and become valuable contributors in their neighborhoods.

Your Giving in Action!

COMPASS for Kids

As schools closed their doors and implemented virtual instruction this spring, Lacie's mother grew concerned about Lacie falling behind in math with limited access to one-on-one tutoring and homework help. After speaking with her teachers, Lacie's mother signed her up for virtual Camp Compass, where she would be able to work alongside experienced teachers via Zoom, who keep her on track for her grade-level. Camp Compass provided the family an iPad and a hotspot, so Lacie can work on her programs during the day while her mom is at work. Not having internet at home, Lacie was taken to her grandparents' each day to get her schoolwork done; however, with the help of Compass, she now completes assignments at home. After she's done with her academic programs, Lacie uses her Compass iPad to watch weekly activity videos on Compass' YouTube channel. The first week of summer, Compass dropped off tie-dye materials at her house, so she could make her own shirt! With the support of Compass, Lacie's mom doesn't worry as much about Lacie keeping up with school or staying safe during the day while she's at work.

Courage League Sports

***Tiffin, IA** • courageleaguesports.com*

EveryBODY Deserves to PLAY!!

Courage League Sports is a non-profit adaptive sports and recreation organization that offers year-round programming for children and adults who aren't able to go full speed due to physical, cognitive or emotional disability. By adapting pace, equipment, or nature of activity, CLS provides a safe, accessible environment where participants can go at their own speed.

The need for an organization of this kind was inspired by Jack, who at the age of eight suffered multiple strokes that forever changed his life. Growing up, Jack loved sports and playing with his friends; however, he couldn't play the way he used to. Frustrated by the lack of options for her son, Melissa Clarke-Wharff opened Courage Sports League for those with special needs who love to get out and play. Today, the organization serves nearly 1,000 children and adults each month through its sports leagues and adaptive swimming program.

Your Giving in Action!

In its second year of operation, CLS was able to purchase two sports wheelchairs with the help of the Sonnentag Foundation. These chairs guarantee members in wheelchairs always have someone to play with at their level and allow volunteers to play alongside volunteers who move and play in a wheelchair of their own. The addition of the two chairs ensures everyone is included and able to play in a way that is safe and meaningful to them.

Nine-year-old Lilly, with Congenital Muscular Dystrophy, participates each night in her own wheelchair. She is quiet, yet very social once she warms up to new people. When she found out she could have a buddy play alongside her in a chair, she was thrilled! Having a gym partner at her height allows her soft voice to be heard and helps her feel more confident and welcome when playing at CLS.

Easter Seals Wisconsin

Madison, WI • *eastersealswisconsin.com*

Living Without Limits

For over 90 years, Easter Seals Wisconsin has provided children and adults with disabilities a unique camping experience that allows campers to live without limits during their time at camp. Each year, 2,000 campers, each with a different set of needs and abilities, attend camp to participate in a wide variety of social and recreational activities in a welcoming, accessible environment.

Easter Seals Wisconsin offers two camp experiences that cater to specific needs. Camp Wawbeek welcomes both children and adults who are excited to try new things in a fun, inclusive environment. Wawbeek campers have the opportunity to try high ropes courses and zip lining. Campers gain a sense of independence by trying new activities without limitations. The second camp experience is Respite Camp, where campers with several severe disabilities can go to receive individualized care while enjoying a camp experience mirroring that of their peers. Respite campers enjoy playing on the slip'n'slide and making new friends while allowing their attentive 24-hour caregivers relaxing time away, knowing their loved ones are having fun in a safe, nurturing environment.

Your Giving in Action!

GREAT Memories are Made at Camp Wawbeek!

Each year, over 2,000 campers get the chance to make special memories alongside new and old friends and caring camp staff. Wawbeek camper, Henry attends camp each year. To him, camp is an exciting place full of new adventures including dance parties and camp sleepovers. The people he has met at camp over the years make it really feel like home.

Little Lakes Memories

Irma, WI • *littlelakesmemories.org*

Outdoor Experiences that Empower

Little Lakes Memories seeks to provide outdoor opportunities for people with disabilities. Individuals and their families gather for a weekend-long respite at Little Lakes Lodge, where they are met with caring, experienced hosts who provide an accessible nature experience, allowing caretakers to join in on the fun and temporarily step away from their roles. The organization facilitates year-round hunting and non-hunting adventures that provide visitors with rewarding emotions and instill a feeling of accomplishment. Visitors leave the retreat feeling empowered, realizing they can do things they once thought were impossible with their disabilities. In 2019, the organization hosted nine families and gave them an experience they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Your Giving in Action!

Life changed for Maddy and her family when she was diagnosed with leukemia last June. The family adapted to a new care routine and came to value family time in ways they had never imagined. A few months after the diagnosis, Maddy and her family had the opportunity to visit Little Lakes Lodge, where Maddy was excited to try whitetail hunting. In preparation for her visit, Little Lakes Memories prepped the deer stand and the area surrounding it to meet Maddy's needs and keep her a comfortable temperature, so she could fully enjoy the experience. On the day of the hunt, Maddy went to the stand with the Little Lakes hosts and her family by her side. By the end of the day, she came out of the woods victorious – she had shot her first buck and shared that special moment with her loved ones. Back at the lodge, everyone enjoyed steaks in honor of Maddy's tremendous accomplishment.

Mentor Richland County

Olney, IL • *mentorrichlandcounty.org*

Creating Brighter Futures for Youth

Mentor Richland County strives to create brighter futures for Richland County youth who live in rural areas with limited access to educational resources. Through structured one-on-one mentoring, elementary students get the help they need to earn higher grades, gain self-confidence, and develop a more positive attitude toward school. Each school year, over 60 students are referred to the program, where they are matched with a mentor based on personality and interests. The children in the program often face adversity at home and benefit from a positive role model in their lives, especially when the parent is not present. The match meets once a week for an hour to work on homework, talk, and bond during open gym, playground time, or arts and crafts.

Your Giving in Action!

Our funding allows Mentor Richland County to continue to serve the youth who need us most. The program is run by a case manager, who works full-time recruiting and training volunteers. In addition to accepting referrals, running background checks, and communicating with the mentees' guardians and teachers, the case manager consistently checks in on the matches, ensuring the mentee is receiving the care, support, and encouragement they need. With the help of the Sonnentag Foundation, the case manager receives salary compensation for their significant time contribution to the program.

Shaw Family Playground

Sheboygan, WI • shawfamilyplayground.com

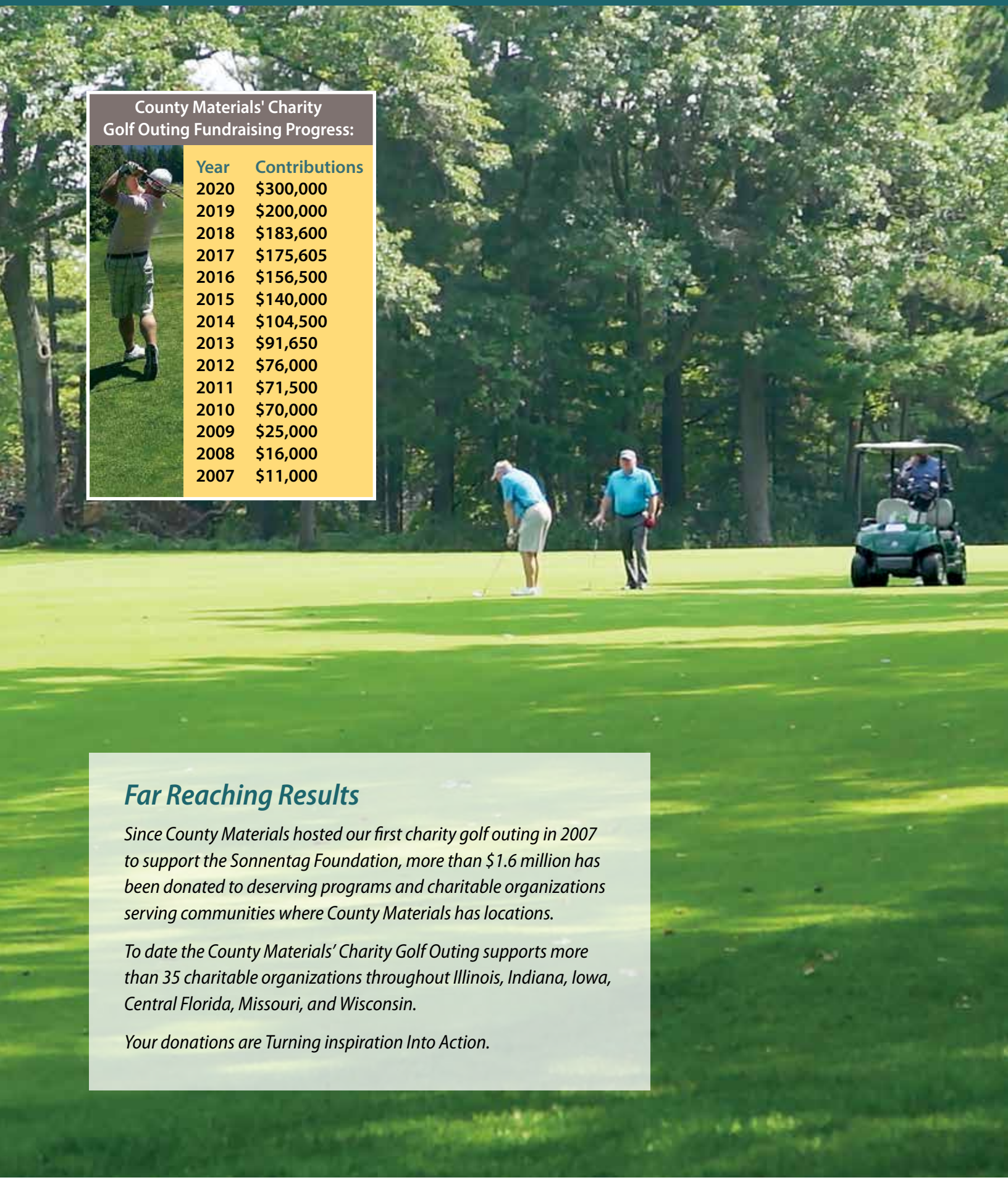
Fun for All!

Shaw Family Playground was the first, and currently only, fully accessible ADA playground in Sheboygan County. The playground was founded by Angie and Ryan Shaw, parents of conjoined twins Mateo and McHale. The twin, who underwent a miracle separation surgery, are the inspiration behind the design and construction of the fully accessible park. The mission of Shaw Family Playground is to remove every barrier possible to allow each and every child the opportunity to experience unorganized, imaginative play alongside their peers on a safe and accessible playground. For many children with disabilities, the park is their first experience with inclusive play and unrestrained fun. Upon the opening of the park, Angie Shaw said, "We are excited to bring this to our community and look forward spending many days as a family at the playground, something we have never done before!"

Your Giving in Action!

In 2018, Shaw Family Playground opened its gates to children and families of all abilities in Sheboygan County. At the time of the grand opening, the playground's shelter and restroom building was under construction, pending financial support. The community began to notice the impact of the park and rallied together to raise the remaining funds to open the shelter and restroom facility. Over the past two years, Shaw Family Playground has created new memories and experiences for thousands of people living with disabilities in Sheboygan County.

The Shaw Family PLAYGROUND
Fun for All! All for Fun!



County Materials' Charity Golf Outing Fundraising Progress:

Year	Contributions
2020	$300,000
2019	$200,000
2018	$183,600
2017	$175,605
2016	$156,500
2015	$140,000
2014	$104,500
2013	$91,650
2012	$76,000
2011	$71,500
2010	$70,000
2009	$25,000
2008	$16,000
2007	$11,000

Far Reaching Results

Since County Materials hosted our first charity golf outing in 2007 to support the Sonnentag Foundation, more than $1.6 million has been donated to deserving programs and charitable organizations serving communities where County Materials has locations.

To date the County Materials' Charity Golf Outing supports more than 35 charitable organizations throughout Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Central Florida, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

Your donations are Turning inspiration Into Action.

Sonnentag Foundation Ltd

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Inspiring the Next Generation

The Sonnentag Foundation is a strong advocate for continuing education. Our goal is to inspire the next generation and encourage young people who want to pursue studies and careers, especially in the construction and landscape industry. We believe scholarships are not only helping to change the lives of deserving students and their families, but also local communities by investing in our future workforce, entrepreneurs and leaders.

The Sonnentag Foundation established our scholarship program in 2000 to assist graduating high school students who plan to continue their education. Students can apply for one $1,500 scholarship to study at an accredited institution and in a field of study of the student's choice. Since its inception, nearly $482,000 in scholarships have been awarded. The program supports a wide range of educational options, including vocational and technical training, and associate and bachelor's degrees.

Local Impact Areas

The Sonnentag Foundation's philanthropic interests are strategically focused on supporting programs and projects that empower and inspire people.

Preference is given to regional construction and landscape oriented projects that serve the broader community in locations where County Materials has major facilities. The following are just a few examples of the many local and regional community projects our Foundation frequently supports:

- Habitat for Humanity homes
- Youth baseball/softball dugouts and structures
- Community gardens and walking trails
- Masonry apprenticeship and building trades courses
- Veteran monuments
- Playground sand
- Park and recreation landscape materials

Ways to Give

Make an impact on people's lives in local communities. 100 percent of your gift goes to support the organizations funded by the Sonnentag Foundation.

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