

## Nekoosa Area Community Vision:

- The Nekoosa Area is a positive, progressive community which celebrates our history and family values in a friendly, small-town setting with big-town services.
- We are a business-friendly community that utilizes our unique natural resources to create a thriving community built on manufacturing, tourism, agriculture, and outdoor recreation.

**The Nekoosa Area Progress Fund began in 2004 as part of the Community Progress Initiative in greater South Wood County to create vibrant communities with prosperous local economies.**

Residents of Nekoosa, Vesper, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Rome, Rudolph, and the Wisconsin Rapids/Grand Rapids/Biron areas have come together – creating community vision statements, empowering entrepreneurs, building the area’s human and financial resources, motivating new leaders, fostering collaboration, and inspiring community spirit and pride.

## Phi • lan • thro • py-

(fi lan´ thro pē) From the Greek word, philanthrōpía, meaning **love** for mankind. The **effort** or inclination to increase the **WELL-BEING** of all humankind and creatures through the **giving** of one’s time, talents, or money

FOR THE GREATER

**good.**



**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

GREATER SOUTH WOOD COUNTY

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Plant the seed –  
Build a strong community!

For **good.** For **ever.**™

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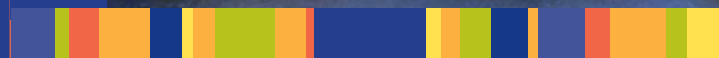
Community Foundation of Greater South Wood County has been building endowed assets to support the changing needs of our community since 1994. With support from the Barker Mead Fund in 2005, the Foundation created seven Progress Funds to build charitable assets at the local level.

The purpose of each permanently endowed fund is to support unique community opportunities as identified by residents of Nekoosa, Vesper, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Rome, Rudolph, and the Wisconsin Rapids/Grand Rapids/Biron areas. To date, Progress Fund committees have granted well over \$20,000 to local projects.

Ongoing fund raising efforts continue today. This type of endowment building allows each local donation to remain local, and future grants are designated to local community improvement projects for generations to come. It’s a grass roots method to ensure that each area is retaining and building its permanent charitable assets for the good of its community – forever.

*Plant the Seed – Build a Strong Community!*

# Nekoosa Area Progress Fund



make it happen!  
**Community  
Progress**  
INITIATIVE

# Plant the Seed... Build a Strong Community!



Grassy Waters Nature Preserve

Community Progress is all about improving our communities, now and for the future. You can help build a strong Nekoosa Area community for many generations to come – by making contributions to the Nekoosa Area Progress Fund.

## What is the Nekoosa Area Progress Fund?

Established in 2004, the Nekoosa Area Progress Fund is an endowment fund in which the total of all combined donations go into a permanent account. These donations are invested for the long-term for a common purpose: **To support unique community improvement opportunities within and around the Nekoosa Area.**

The principal of the fund is never spent; it is "endowed" and available for growth forever. As the fund earns interest and dividends over time, a portion of the earnings is distributed annually in the form of grants that support community improvements for the Nekoosa Area.

## Who can apply for a grant?

Requests for grants that will benefit the Nekoosa Area may be submitted by community groups, local 501c3 organizations, and locally recognized nonprofits.

## How are grant distributions determined?

The Nekoosa Area Progress Fund Committee is made up of local citizens who review applications at regular intervals. Based upon grant guidelines, they determine which grant requests to fund. Grant guidelines are available online at [www.cfswc.org](http://www.cfswc.org), or you may request the guidelines from Community Foundation of Greater South Wood County, (715) 423-3863.

Here is my donation.

**YES,** I want to support the Nekoosa Area Progress Fund.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

My \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please send notification of memorial/honorarium to \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information; please contact me.

**Please make checks payable to:**  
Nekoosa Area Progress Fund

**Mail to:**  
Community Foundation of Greater South Wood County  
478 East Grand Ave.  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

**Thank you for your contribution!**



## How can I help? Where do I donate?

You may help by donating directly to the Nekoosa Area Progress Fund. Common types of contributions are: cash; memorial or honorary gifts; appreciated securities; bequests; life insurance, or 401K funds.

Your contribution to the Nekoosa Area Progress Fund is pooled, professionally invested, and administered by Community Foundation of Greater South Wood County.

Every gift counts, whether large or small, and will be here forever for the betterment of your community. For example, with a principal balance of \$40,000, grant distributions totaling approximately \$2,000 will be available each year for community improvement projects. As time goes on, and the fund's principal balance increases, so will the amount of grant distributions each and every year!

To donate, you may use the attached form, or contribute online at [www.cfswc.org](http://www.cfswc.org).