

Vesper Area Community Vision:

- Vesper is a safe, family-friendly community which celebrates our small-town characteristics, and we work together to create a positive environment and exciting community events.
- We are a Heritage Village with thriving businesses that celebrate our agricultural background. We offer unique outdoor recreational opportunities and successful community-based events.

The Community Progress Initiative began in 2004 and continues today as a bold program in greater South Wood County to create vibrant communities with prosperous local economies.

Residents of Vesper, Nekoosa, 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.

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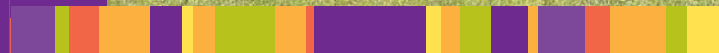
Community Foundation of Greater South Wood County has been building endowed assets to support the changing needs of our community since 1994. With support from the Barker Mead Fund in 2005, the Foundation created seven Progress Funds to build charitable assets at the local level.

The purpose of each permanently endowed fund is to support unique community opportunities as identified by residents of Vesper, Nekoosa, 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!

Vesper Area Progress Fund



make it happen!
**Community
Progress**
INITIATIVE

Plant the Seed... Build a Strong Community!



Vesper Fire Department Brat Fry

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

What is the Vesper Area Progress Fund?

Established in 2005, the Vesper 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 Vesper 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 Vesper Area.

Who can apply for a grant?

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

How are grant distributions determined?

The Vesper 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, 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 Vesper 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:
Vesper 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 Vesper 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 Vesper 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.