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## NEWSLETTER

## Widespread Effects of Foundation Grants

At our annual Ovation event, the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation awarded \$20,000 in grants to support numerous causes in Menomonee Falls that will benefit residents both young and old. Congratulations to the following 2018 grant recipients:

### Grants Supporting Youth

**Crimestoppers:** \$500 for its Tip Cash Program at the high school to encourage anonymous reporting of information that can help law enforcement with preventing or solving a crime.

**GPS Education Partners:** \$1000 to fund technology improvements for students at the Bradley Education Center.

**Menomonee Falls High School Capital Improvement Campaign:** \$2500 as part of a multi-year grant to install turf on the football field.

**Menomonee Falls Preschool Co-op:** \$1000 to update playground equipment and create a learning garden for their students.

**NAMI-Waukesha:** \$2000 for Ending the Silence Mental Health Education Program at Menomonee Falls High School.

**Shady Lane PTO / Community at Play:** \$2000 to build an all-inclusive, universally designed playground that supports everyone's right to meaningful play!



**Wisconsin Adaptive Sports Association:** \$1000 to purchase two new wheelchairs and replacement tubes for adaptive sports events.

### Grants Supporting Adults

**Community Memorial Hospital - Emergency Department:** \$2000 as part of a multi-year grant to expand and renovate the emergency department to address the needs and acuity levels of patients in critical care.

**ERAs Senior Network:** \$1000 to fund its Pen Pal Program with area elementary students. This helps bring generations together and provide seniors with meaningful volunteer opportunities.



**HOPE Network:** \$1000 to support multiple programs for single mothers and their children.

**Leadership Menomonee Falls:** \$850 scholarship for the leadership development program run by the Menomonee Falls Chamber of Commerce.

### Grants Supporting the Community

**Falls Patio Players:** \$2000 for wireless headsets to improve sound quality and the overall viewing experience for the audience.

**Menomonee Falls Historical Society:** \$1500 to help preserve the 175-year-old Brogan Cabin at Old Falls Village.

**Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic:** \$2000 toward the establishment of a dental clinic in Menomonee Falls for low-income families.

**Wildlife in Need:** \$500 for wildlife rehabilitation for injured, orphaned or sick Wisconsin wildlife and to provide community education programs.



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## Community Leaders Celebrated at Ovation

### AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Recipients have outstanding leadership qualities and must have contributed to the benefit and betterment of Menomonee Falls and its citizens with a long-term community impact.

#### **The Unsung Hero Award**

Awarded to inspirational role models who have contributed significantly to other's quality of life through caring actions.

#### **The Shining Star Award**

A person or members of a local group who have dedicated their time and talent and made a generous commitment to an organization, which makes a significant impact on our community.

#### **The Patriotism Award**

Given to a member of our community who has dedicated service that exemplifies patriotism to our country. This person exhibits the respect and loyalty of this country's greatest treasure: freedom and upholds the belief in the ideals that shaped America. He/She professes the epitome of Americanism and continually promotes the standards of what it means to be an American.

*Know someone deserving  
of an award?*

Help us find the quiet leaders who deserve recognition. Go to [fallsfoundation.org](http://fallsfoundation.org) and visit our awards page to download a nomination form.



Stan Larson, Tim Newman, Harry Stoetzel and Russ Knoth were honored for their contributions to the community at the 2018 Ovation event.

#### **Lifetime Achievement: Tim Newman**

Randy Newman, who nominated his brother for the award described him as, "a cheerleader, advocate, supporter and very active member of the community of Menomonee Falls. He has great enthusiasm to continue to make Menomonee Falls the greatest place to live."

For years, Tim has volunteered for and led many groups: Optimists Club past president, board member, and committee chair; Kiwanis Club, Booster Club, St. Mary's Athletic Board and youth coach. In addition, he has served for more than ten years on both the Menomonee Falls Planning Commission and Community Development Authority.

Tim reflected that he was grateful, honored, and humbled to receive this award. He later added tongue in cheek that he'd like to share this recognition with his wife Terri, but only his name would be on the plaque.

With each award, the foundation donated \$250 to a non-profit organization of the recipient's choice. Tim chose to give \$250 to the Falls / Sussex Leadership Program for high school students.

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## Unsung Hero: Russ Knoth

For more than 28 years, Russ Knoth has served as Chaplain for the Menomonee Falls Police and Fire Departments. He has selflessly given countless hours when he served as pastor at St. Paul's and even today during his retirement. Based on his estimates through the years, Russ has clocked over 163,000 hours of volunteering.

Police Chief Anna Ruzinski, who nominated Russ shared, "The Rev (as we affectionately call him) has helped our officers and firefighters by giving them an outlet to ensure their emotional well-being. He has assisted the department in making death notifications to ensure compassion and assist officers during this difficult duty. He constantly is trying to think of new ways to make sure that our first responders are mentally and emotionally ready to do their jobs in protecting the community. By his actions, it indirectly makes the community a safer place."

Russ chose to give \$250 to Concerns of Police Survivors.

## Shining Star: Harry Stoetzel

Robyn Turtenwald nominated her dear friend Harry "because of his passion for video and commitment to the community itself."

Since 1992 Harry has volunteered with cable access, sharing his video production talents with the community. It all started when Harry offered to put little league games on the local channels. Now with over 200 programs a year, Falls Cable Access has been one of the most prolific and top-rated stations in the entire state. Through the years Falls Cable Access has provided training to students and helped promote non-profit organizations on the air. During his speech, Harry thanked many individuals, especially Paul Wickesburg, the grandfather of cable access television, who inspired him to stay involved.

Harry elected to give \$250 to Busy Beavers 4-H, an organization that he was once part of. He thinks it's important to help teach kids leadership and the importance of giving back to their community at an early age.



*GMFF Board Member Molly Paulus and Ed Schlumpf enjoyed the evening celebrating the honorees.*



*Mary Roberts of the GMFF Founders Society with Ken Frakes of the GMFF Advisory Council.*

## Patriotism: Stan Larson

Andrew Schwichtenberg was honored to introduce Stan "both as a proud military veteran and longtime citizen of Menomonee Falls."

As a veteran of the Korean War, Stan has spoken to numerous community organizations about freedom and has been part of the American Legion for thirty-four years and a VFW member for four years, serving as senior vice commander and adjutant. He was part of the first Korean Veterans Stars and Stripes Honor Flight to Washington D.C. in 2013 and actively fundraises and encourages other veterans to go on honor flights.

During his acceptance speech, Stan spoke passionately about history and the price of freedom. "We share the greatest gift in America – it's our freedom," Stan declared.

Stan chose to give \$250 to the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight.

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Look inside to see what's new with the GMFF!



*Falls Patio Players performed during dinner*



*Rick Kohl, GMFF Board Member at Ovation*



*Learn more about this Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient*

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