



A newsletter of the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation

# FoundationTimes

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## Longtime Falls Family Joins Founders Society

Ties to the Falls run deep: the Newman family immigrated from Ireland to this area in the 1800s before Menomonee Falls became a Village. They have a rich history of active involvement and giving back to the community. The tradition of giving and service was passed down through each generation — one that Randy and Danielle Newman have carried on in their lives.

As part of their service and giving back, Randy and Danielle have joined the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation Founders Society to support community needs now and in the future. They are pleased to join fellow founders like the Beckers, Pollards, Tietzes, and others who have been lifelong members of the Menomonee Falls community and have given so generously to continue to make Menomonee Falls great.

Randy and Danielle had decided to support the GMFF because of its focus on local giving. They trust the board members to vet that grant recipients are working to improve the quality of life in the Falls. Instead of giving to multiple non-profit organizations directly, the Newmans liked the convenience of one-stop giving to the GMFF, which in turn supports many area organizations.

“In the 1950s–1960s, my parents’ generation worked to expand the Village from 1 square mile to 33 square miles, built the Hospital, created the YMCA, and put us on a path to create a caring and wonderful community. From small to large donations, all pitched in to improve the Falls. The citizens of Menomonee Falls have a rich history of looking out for one another and investing their time, talents, and treasure to improve the Falls area,” Randy shared.

They hope their donation will inspire others from theirs and future generations to give back. They are confident that the GMFF board will be good



*Randy and Danielle Newman pictured in the Colorado Rockies.*

stewards of their donation and will provide grants to small and large charitable organizations that will support the culture, infrastructure, and well-being of our community.

### ABOUT RANDY AND DANIELLE

Randy was born and raised in the Falls with his twelve brothers and sisters. While attending the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Randy met Danielle, originally from Wauwatosa. They earned accounting degrees and became certified public accountants. In addition to their accounting careers, they co-own Shelley’s Hallmark with his sister’s family.

Menomonee Falls is home: they raised their three sons, Alex, Isaac, and Jacob here, worked locally, and volunteered extensively. Danielle served on the St. Mary’s athletic board, and volunteered in the schools, while Randy spent time coaching youth sports and also served on St. Mary’s parish council, Downtown Business Improvement District Board, and most recently as Menomonee Falls Village President.

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**Charitable  
Giving.  
Lasting  
Legacy.**

*Ensure grant  
funding for  
Menomonee Falls  
non-profits for  
years to come.*

# Announcing 2022 Grant Recipients

Eight area non-profit organizations will receive \$20,730 in grant funds from the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation. With 2022 funds, the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation has awarded \$200,000 in grants in the last ten years. Ongoing charitable giving truly leaves a lasting legacy in our community.

## GRANTS SUPPORTING COMMUNITY

The [Menomonee Falls Historical Society](#) will use grant funding at Old Falls Village for restoring the Depot from 1890. Part of the Milwaukee, Menomonee Falls, and Western Railroad, the Depot was a busy place in its day, supporting traffic from four passenger trains and numerous freight trains.

## GRANTS SUPPORTING YOUTH

Four organizations work to directly benefit youth programs.

[ARCh](#), Association for the Rights of Citizens with handicaps, Inc. looks forward to welcoming back campers to Camp Pow Wow in Menomonee Park. Grant funding will add an accessible sand and water table and increase access to hand sanitizers.



Bonnie Bauer and Sylvia Zimmer  
Menomonee Falls  
Community League Civic  
Families Co-Chairs stand  
by the holiday baskets  
they created to support  
local families.



*Accompany of Kids doing what they do best: singing and dancing in a show from several years ago.*

[Accompany of Kids](#) will use grant funding for wireless headset microphone kits, which helps improve sound quality. They are excited to return to performing in the area.

[GPS Education Partners](#) will use grant funding to support its Manufacturing Youth Apprenticeship Program at the Bradley Corp. Education Center in Menomonee Falls.

[Variety](#) – The Children’s Charity of Wisconsin partners with Brent Emery of Emery’s Bicycles to build custom adaptive bicycles for children in the community.

## GRANTS SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Many families will be positively impacted by the following grant funded projects.

The [Community League](#) Civic Families Committee provides several local families in need with clothing, hygiene products, holiday gift baskets, and grocery store gift cards.

[HOPE Network for Single Mothers](#) will provide personal care kits to mothers and families in need.

Lastly, [The Women’s Center](#) supports Menomonee Falls area survivors of domestic and sexual violence through its emergency shelter program.

NEWMAN, from cover



Since retiring, Randy and Danielle have continued to stay active with volunteer activities. Randy is chair of the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation and a member of the MF Kiwanis Club. Danielle is entering her second year of volunteering to manage the Menomonee Falls Farmers Market. She continues to be involved with Shelley's Hallmark and works at the polls for elections.



### JOIN THE FOUNDERS SOCIETY

A Founder is a donor who makes a contribution of \$10,000 or more towards building the Foundation. Donors to this fund may make their contributions over three years. Founders will be recognized in promotional materials.

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# How to Double your Donation

Does your company have an employee matching gift program? Over 26 million people work for companies that do, and an estimated \$2-\$3 billion is donated through matching gift programs annually.

While over 90% of companies match at a 1:1 ratio, others may match donations at a 0.5:1 or sometimes a higher rate of 2:1. Any match is a way to make your donation dollar further increase giving to your community.



## Founders Society

- Richard & Jayne Becker
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Join our Founders Society by making a total contribution of \$10,000 within a 3-year period.



### Support the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation

Ensure grant funding for Menomonee Falls non-profits for years to come – donate today to help build our endowment. Use the enclosed envelope or donate online at [fallsfoundation.org](http://fallsfoundation.org)



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THAT KEEP THE MENOMONEE FALLS AREA  
STRONG AND VIBRANT.

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Join us as we honor award recipients who have volunteered countless hours to the community and present grants to area non-profits. For more information contact Robin Manke at 262-255-6196 or email [info@fallsfoundation.org](mailto:info@fallsfoundation.org). Look for your invitation coming at the end of summer.