



Press Release Press Release

To: Area Media

From: The Forward Endowment

Subject: 2019 Grants Awarded

The FORWARD Endowment Gift Committee met February 6th and awarded grants of just under \$8,300 to 6 projects in celebration of its 25th year of giving. The FORWARD Endowment, the Manitowoc County trust established to fund projects focused on hunting, fishing, conservation and related education. It continues the 112-year heritage of conservation stewardship in Manitowoc County that began when Manitowoc County Fish & Game Protective Association was founded in 1907. It is recognized as one of the oldest groups of its kind in the nation.

Five organizations were granted funding for projects in Manitowoc County:

Valder's High School Fishing Club – Equipment & Competition Needs
Pigeon Lake Association – Fish Stocking Program
Bullhead Lake Association – Alum Treatment for Lake Restoration
4H Camp Tapawingo – Geocaching and Navigation Program
Conservation Education Inc. – Snowshoe Program Development
Wisconsin Maritime Museum – Sensory Friendly Nights Education Program

"We are thrilled that we can support great projects like this in the area", said Dean Halverson, Chair of the Gift Committee. "The projects we fund must have public benefit and we love partnering to further education and help develop the next generation of sporting men and women in the area."

FORWARD stands for **Friends Of Resources, Wildlife And Recreational Development**. It was founded in 1993 by The Manitowoc Unit of Manitowoc County Fish & Game and is an independent 501-C3 charitable trust. It is now supported by a combination of funding from area sporting clubs and private donations. Manitowoc County Fish and Game has been a major supporter of the fund and provides a percentage of their Annual Banquet proceeds each year.

The FORWARD Endowment has provided over \$130,000 in grants awarded to projects and groups in Manitowoc County. These represent completed projects in the community. FORWARD donations can make checks payable to The FORWARD Endowment c/o Associated Bank. Michael Wicks is the contact person at the bank. Only interest incomes from the fund are spent so that the fund will continue to grow and be there for future generations. Memorial or estate planning gifts are possible with the fund.

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