2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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Our Mission

The mission of the Social Development Foundation is to generate awareness, identify resources, and secure support to advance the efforts of the Social Development Commission.

Our Vision

The Foundation's vision is to enhance services and broaden awareness of SDC's mission in the community: Empowering Milwaukee County residents with the resources to move beyond poverty.



\$15,000

2017-2018 VITA Support Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation

\$10,000

2017-2018 VITA Support AT&T

\$7,500

2017-2018 VITA Support Wells Fargo Foundation

\$6,000

PARS

Green Bay Packers Foundation

\$5,000

Career Enhancement U.S. Bank Foundation

\$4,100

2016-2017 VITA Support United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County

\$3,000

2017-2018 VITA Support Northwestern Mutual Foundation

\$2,000

GED & HSED Programs We Energies Foundation

\$2,000

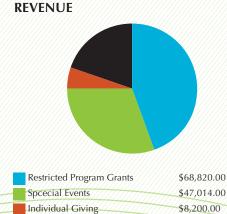
2016-2018 VITA Support Landmark Credit Union

\$500

Senior Companion Program
Direct Supply Inc

Financials

Other



\$30,009.00

Total: \$154,043.00

Fundraising Expenses \$1

Fundraising Expenses

Administrative Expenses

Foundation Giving (Grants)

EXPENSES

\$14,907.00 \$31,089.00 \$96,040.00

Total: \$142,036.00

GENERATING AWARENESS

President's Message



Dear Friends,

What a year this has been! In 2017, the Social Development Foundation stepped up its efforts to generate awareness, identify resources, and secure support to advance the efforts of the Social Development Commission.

In September, the Social Development Foundation expanded its Board of Directors from 9 to 19 directors with the addition of 10 new board members. Each member has demonstrated a strong commitment to our mission, a passion for the fight to eliminate poverty and a willingness to bring forth their wide array of specialized

skills and talents for the benefit of the Social Development Foundation, Social Development Commission (SDC) and the community at large.

The Board of Directors executed a rebranding initiative to generate a greater awareness of the Social Development Foundation to elevate its standing in the community and overall name recognition. To that end, the Social Development Foundation launched a new website, changed the way it abbreviates its name, created a new logo, and approved a new color scheme.

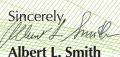
Officially launched in November, the new website, sd-foundation.org, allows the Foundation to better convey its story, independently of the Commission. In addition, the Foundation changed the way the organization's name is abbreviated from SDF to SD Foundation, putting further emphasis on the fact that we are a separate, distinct organization from the Social Development Commission. The new logo, instead of showing SDF, has the entire name of the organization spelled out with an emphasis on the word Foundation. Finally, we changed the colors of the Foundation from blue and orange to blue and green to contrast from that of SDC.

Social Development Foundation's revitalized board of directors has brought forth many new perspectives, ideas and relationships, which has proven instrumental in helping it to identify and acquire new resources for its operations and to finance the programs and services of SDC.

Thanks to efforts put forth by the board of directors last year, the Social Development Foundation has been able to improve its business model allowing it to cultivate many new relationships and to secure new support to help advance the efforts of the Foundation and the Social Development Commission, as a whole. This includes new and increased grant funding, as well as new and increased donations from individuals and corporations.

To this end, I am proud to say that Social Development Foundation has made many strides over the past year with regards to rebranding itself as a mission focused organization, leading the way in the fight to eliminate poverty.

We hope you will continue to support our cause as we work with SDC to move low-income residents out of poverty by Providing Pathways from Poverty to Success.



Interim President



Providing Hope

17-year-old Pedro is on a mission. Case managers removed Pedro from a drug house and after being shuffled from home to home, he relocated to a safe place allowing him to do what most teens do – go to school and prepare for the future.

More than anything, Pedro wants to be able to take care of himself. Fortunately, he was able to turn to a major organization that Social Development Foundation supports. Case managers helped Pedro create a resume, find an internship and employment that allowed him to support himself. And when Pedro, a first-time employee, needs help managing money or filing taxes, The Social Development Foundation is here supporting programs that help with that too.

Pedro is doing all the right things. He graduated from high school. He works a full-time job. And because of the traumatic start in his life, he wants to help other people. Pedro dreams about joining the Navy. Eventually he'd like to become a nurse or fire fighter.

RESOURCES



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

When skilled VITA volunteers review taxes with SDC customers, taxpayers frequently leave with unexpected refunds, sometimes as much as \$20,000. This allows individuals and families to pay down debt, save or invest in their future.

It is the financial boost that helps many people work their way out of poverty. Every year, VITA offers free income tax preparation and filing. It benefits tens of thousands of low-to-mid income households. While the service is free to customers, funding for this important program comes from the community.



Education Programs

The link between poverty and a lack of education is well-documented.

That's why we've made education a priority as we fight to alleviate poverty in Milwaukee County.

Consider these statistics:

"White students in Wisconsin had the third highest graduation rate in the nation during the 2015-16 school year, at 92.7 percent. Meanwhile, their black peers graduated from high school at the second lowest rate in the country, 64.2 percent." * Source: Wisconsin Public Radio, December 18, 2017

We are changing this narrative. We support organizations that address the root issues that contribute to low graduation rates and eventually poverty. By funding initiatives that target these educational gaps we help create a skilled workforce. This allows Milwaukee County residents to successfully compete in a new economy.

As the late Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."



Block Build MKE - Clarke Square

When Revitalize Milwaukee asked volunteers to repair more than 19 homes in the Clarke Square neighborhood, Social Development Foundation volunteers donated more than their time, they sponsored a home.

This financial contribution allowed Revitalize Milwaukee to make major home improvements benefiting a potentially at-risk homeowner while stabilizing a city neighborhood.

It's important.

A lack of affordable housing is frequently associated with homelessness and poverty.

By helping Block Build MKE, the Social Development Foundation is part of a special community where people are helping people.



Kaye Garcia
Executive Director
Forest County
Potawatomi Foundation

VITA Supporter

Our mission statement says it all. We fight poverty, promote economic opportunity, strengthen communities and provide an example of responsible citizenship by assisting charitable organizations.

As a proud supporter of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, we are honored to partner with the Social Development Foundation to help empower low-income families. The VITA program is a powerful tool that helps educate families so they are better able to manage money and enjoy long-term financial success.





M. Beth Straka Senior Vice President Corporate Communications and Investor Relations We Energies

GED Supporter

As a contributor to the Social Development Foundation, the We Energies Foundation is pleased to provide funding for basic adult education in the communities we both serve.

We believe in the important work the Foundation does in concert with the Social Development Commission: To provide Milwaukee County residents with the resources to move beyond poverty.







Lynnea Katz-Petted CEO *Revitalize Milwaukee*

Revitalize Milwaukee Supporter

Milwaukee is a great place to live. And it's because of good people and good organizations.

The Social Development Foundation works diligently to ensure that everyone has access to resources that keep Milwaukee families strong.

As a participating partner and investor in Revitalize Milwaukee's annual "Block Build MKE", the Social Development Foundation helps us make critical home improvements for low-income home owners who are seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.

The Social Development Foundation has a big heart.

And again, it's one reason Milwaukee is a great place to live.



SUPPORTERS Organizations Adventure Rock

Aetna Moving & Storage

Alioto's Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield

AT&T

Aurora Health Care

Betty Brinn Children's Museum

Braeger Chevrolet Breadsmith

Brewers Community Foundation Inc.

Center for Veterans Issues Christopher Law Office, LLC Common Bond Communities

Corne's Coach's LLC Costco UW Campaign

Cream City Medical Society, Wisconsin

Chapter of the National Medical Association

Danceworks, Inc Dick's Pizza Direct Supply Inc. Discovery World **Dunkin Donuts**

Emery's Cycling Triathlon & Fitness

Employ Milwaukee Inc.

Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation

Forward Community Investments

Forward Leasing & Financial Corporation

Gimbel Reilly Guerin Brown LLP

Giving Assistant GMR Marketing

Green Bay Packers Foundation

Greenfire

Gruber Law Offices, LLC Harley-Davidson Museum

Haven, Inc.

Haywood Group, LLC

HellermannTyton Corporation

Housing Authority / City of Milwaukee

Hupy & Abraham

1 Care 4 Rare Foundation

IncrediRoll Skate & Family Fun Center Independent Care Health Plan

Johnson Controls L. Johns Services

Lady Bug Club LLC

Landmark Credit Union

LaVerne's Let's Talk

Maistelman & Associates

Mallory Properties, Inc.

Marcus Center for Performing Arts

Marquette University

Martin Schrieber & Associates Inc.

Medical Society of Milwaukee Foundation, Inc

Mian's Oil Company MillerCoors LLC

Milwaukee Admirals

Milwaukee Bucks

Milwaukee County Parks

Milwaukee County Zoo

Milwaukee Food & City Tours

Individuals

Nakisha Adams **Bob Babisch**

Aisha Barkow Alyssa Blaha

Bonnie Bobot Vincent Bobot

Pinkey Buford Serina Chavez

Gary Christianson Arnold Cifax

Jeremy Cooper-Sperber

Barbara Cotton Kimberly Dawson-Brooks

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Lisa Goodman Gregory Gracz

James Hall Cheryl Hill George Hinton

Rosemary Holley Catherine Horzewski

Karen Hunt

Wagar Hussain Jeffrey Jensen Jeanette Johnson

Pamela Johnson La Toya Jones

Gacoby Jones

David Kappus Lynnea Katz-Petted Nathan Keller Patrick Kirsenlohr Deborah Krukowski

Markeith Lewis Pat Lindsey **Edward McCrary**

Wilburn McKennie Barbara McKillop Evan Mikulsky

Ofelia Mondragon Deborah Moore

Dean Muller **Javier Muniz** Crystina Muniz

Sarah Nelson Tracy Ogle Elysse Olmedo

Ciara Phillips Kitty Phillips Jason Pierzchalski

Karl Rajani Alma Ramirez **Jose Ramirez**

Jennifer Raymond Margaret Reinhold

Viola Rembert Diane Robinson

Joan Ross

Marjorie Rucker Mary Rundle Joe Ruppel Kulwinder Singh

Pat Small Paulette Smith Guy Smith

Alicia Smith Regina Smith Albert Smith

Maria Sosa Glenda Stadler

Janet Stenlund Larry Stephens

Angela Sterling Sonia Summers Richardo Tafoya

Karl Tatum Thomas Thoreson

Michelle Ulma Kurt Wachholz

Ben Weiss Adriane Wilder

Gary Williams Su-Hwa Wu Steve Wysocki

Allison Yanasak Peter Zhren











Milwaukee Police Association Milwaukee Public Museum Milwaukee Repertory Theater Milwaukee World Festival Morning Star Golfers Club Mueller Communications, Inc. My Choice Family Care, Inc. National Christian Foundation Wisconsin, Inc. National Muffler and Brake Neroli Spa and Salon Network For Good Northwestern Mutual Foundation Positive Touch Therapy Massage Potawatomi Bingo Casino Ross Innovative Employment Solutions Schlitz Audubon Nature Center Southwest Airlines Spann & Associates, LLC Summerfest **Superior Foods**

The Aveda Institute of Beauty and Wellness The Marcus Corporation The Point MKE U.S. Bank Foundation United Healthcare Services, Inc. United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County **UWM Athletics** Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church We Energies Foundation Wells Fargo Foundation Wilson Park Youth Baseball, LLC Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. Wisconsin State Fair Park Wisconsin Timber Rattlers YWCA of Southeast Wisconsin







Thank you from SDC

On behalf of the Social Development Commission, thank you.

Poverty is complex. When it comes to solutions, one size doesn't fit all. Without the support of the Social Development Foundation, we would not have the flexibility to effectively deliver services that address poverty in our community.

Federal grants help but we need more financial support if we are to offer the diverse array of services to people in poverty.

We are honored to have you, the Social Development Foundation, as an ally. Your board directors are compassionate and committed community leaders. You give your time and your heart to the people we serve.

Thank you for the support and contributions you made to our organization in 2017.

Sincerely,

George Hinton, CEO

Social Development Commission

THANK YOU

Supporters & Partners: No one said the work would be easy.

When we decided to tackle poverty in our community, we knew that we would need help along the way. Thanks to our donors, funders, and partners, the Social Development Foundation is able to support innovative, research-based projects with measurable outcomes. While there is much work to do, our combined investments are positively impacting our community.

Behind every success story, there's a donor that makes it possible.

Join others in giving, contact our Foundation Manager at 414.906.2823.



Take part in the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty by attending Plated: Eat, Drink & Fight Poverty on October 17. Visit our website for more information.

Learn more about the Social Development Foundation at sd-foundation.org.



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