

MEQUON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MAKES GRANTS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY EFFORTS



Pam Stark has worked tirelessly as a community volunteer in Mequon, in Ozaukee County and throughout the Greater Milwaukee area for over 25 years. She truly embodies the principles that the Mequon Community Foundation stands for through her enduring commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation had to make

an unfortunate decision to postpone our luncheon this year. The safety of the community is our highest priority and our honoree, Pam Stark, graciously agreed to wait until 2021 to receive her well-deserved award.

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Please watch the Foundation website (www.mcfgives.org) or follow us on Facebook for information and updates on the 2021 Pillars of the Community Luncheon.

OUR MISSION: Serving the Mequon Community to Enhance Our Quality of Life

Due to the continued generosity of the Mequon residents and business owners, the Mequon Community Foundation is able to make grants and provide support to local non-profits and civic programs that support our mission to "enhance the quality of life in Mequon."

Between May 1, 2019 and April 30, 2020, the Mequon Community Foundation was pleased to provide over \$23,000 in support to the following programs and organizations:

Jonathan Clark House Museum Mequon Police Department
K-9 program of Mequon Police Department Mequon Fire Department

IN ADDITION, THE MEQUON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WAS PROUD TO BE A SPONSOR OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL TASTE OF MEQUON EVENT HELD IN THE FALL 2019.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mequon Community Foundation welcomes grant applications from local non-profits and civic organizations throughout the year. We make decisions and grant funds to worthwhile projects in the spring and fall. The grants process and application form are available on our website at www.mcfgives.org.



Are you grateful for the quick response time of our emergency responders? Do you enjoy using the parks for walking, kayaking or playing baseball, softball or soccer? If so, consider making a gift to the Mequon Community Foundation (mcfgives.org) to support the Mequon Police Department, Mequon Fire Department or Mequon Parks Department.

2020 MEQUON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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CAREY BONGARD

Carey earned her business degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been a member of the Dean's Advisory Board for the Wisconsin School of Business since 2014, and has supported United Way, Junior Achievement, Habitat for Humanity and other non-profit organizations over the years. Carey brings more than 30 years of management experience to the Mequon Community Foundation Board, with specialties in human resources, learning & development, and communication.

Carey and her husband, David, have lived in Mequon since 1995. Having built three homes in Mequon they understand what the neighborhoods and community have to offer. You'll find them biking on the interurban trail, walking the Mequon Nature Preserve, enjoying local restaurants, cheering on Wisconsin sports teams, or spending time at the North Shore Country Club.



ROBYN SLATER

Robyn has an MA in communications and a background in corporate and media relations. Prior to joining the Mequon Community Foundation board in 2019, Robyn had many years of volunteer and board experience with a variety of organizations including the Ozaukee Youth Hockey Association and the Mequon-Thiensville schools.

Robyn moved to Mequon 14 years ago with her husband Chip and son, Jack after living in the Northern Virginia area for many years. The family chose to live in Mequon where her husband grew up because of the wide open spaces and strong sense of community. In her spare time, Robyn loves to ski, bike, play hockey and attend her son's sporting events.



TIM VERTZ

Tim Vertz is a longtime Northshore resident and is the founder & CEO of Vertz Marketing, which is headquartered in Mequon. Tim has been deeply involved in the Mequon community for over two decades and also serves on the board of directors of Gathering on the Green, Thiensville-Mequon Rotary and the Bay-Lakes Council for the Boy Scouts of America. Vertz Marketing and Concordia University Wisconsin created the Vertz Marketing Rotary Small Business Innovation Center in 2017 to help Ozaukee County small businesses partner with business students at the University for real-world experience and education. Tim's company has been recognized in the past as 'Business of the Year' and Tim was named the Mequon-Thiensville Citizen of the Year in 2018. Tim's biggest professional passion is helping small businesses in Wisconsin and serving as an advocate for them on the local and state level.

DIRECTOR PROFILES



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**K9
CAPTAIN IRON**

New dog and handler will train alongside current K-9 Officer Iron until anticipated retirement in two years.

“The K-9 program is important to Mequon because it gives the police officers another tool to help keep the community safe. Dogs excel when given a purpose, and Officer Iron’s record of achievement is stellar; he has been an excellent asset to the Mequon Police Department.”

-DONNA DAVIDOFF & MICHAEL HANSEN

**MEQUON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
RAISING FUNDS FOR NEW K-9 OFFICER**

The Mequon Community Foundation raises funds annually for the Mequon Police Department and their K-9 program through generous donations from individuals and groups.

MPD’s current K-9 officer is named Iron. Along with his handler, Sgt. Jake Schiller, Officer Iron works unflaggingly on behalf of the 23,000 residents of Mequon. Officer Iron provides a level of tracking, searching, compliance and relationship-building that cannot be duplicated by a human being. In addition, the team is often called upon to assist the Ozaukee County Sheriff or other local communities.

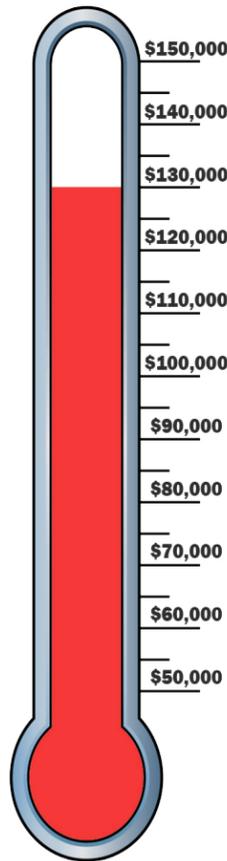
At 7 years old and 5 years of service, Officer Iron is nearing the end of his service career and the time has come to train and ready a new dog to take his place when he retires. An anonymous Mequon resident offered a challenge grant of \$50,000 if the MPD and MCF could raise another \$50,000 – which we have done! To date, we have raised \$130,000 towards the \$150,000 goal to

acquire, equip, train and maintain a second K9 officer and handler during a two-year transition period until Officer Iron’s retirement.

The K9 program has proven to be an integral part of ensuring a low crime rate in Mequon – and one of the lowest in Wisconsin. The impact of the K9 program goes beyond law enforcement requirements toward building community relations. Sgt. Schiller and Officer Iron participated in 15 school events and made 11 public appearances last year in an effort to build rapport between the community and the police force. It is especially important for children to learn that the police officer is approachable and to see Sgt. Schiller and Officer Iron in non-crisis situations.

Please join this community-wide safety effort. You can make your gift online safely and securely at www.mcfgives.org or by check made payable to the Mequon Community Foundation.

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**HELP US REACH OUR
GOAL! MAKE YOUR
GIFT NOW!**

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MCF GENEROUS DONORS

The Mequon Community Foundation is so grateful for the donations received from generous members of our community. The names listed below made a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation between August 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. We apologize for any errors and omissions.

If you need to provide us with a correction, please email us at info@mcfgives.org

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