

Strengthening  
OUR  
COMMUNITY

## 2024 ANNUAL report



### Mission

Provide charitable resources that will enrich the greater Lodi Community for present and future generations.

*Resources from LACE are available for cultural, educational, civic, and environmental projects that serve people who reside in the area bounded by the School District of Lodi*

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### Celebrating Growth and Community Impact

The Advisory Committee of the Lodi Area Community Endowment (LACE) is pleased to share highlights from 2024—another year of progress, generosity, and meaningful investment in our local community.

Thanks to the continued support of donors like you, we were able to award more than **\$20,000** in grants this year. These grants provided essential support to local nonprofit organizations working to create opportunities, meet needs, and uplift people across the Lodi area..

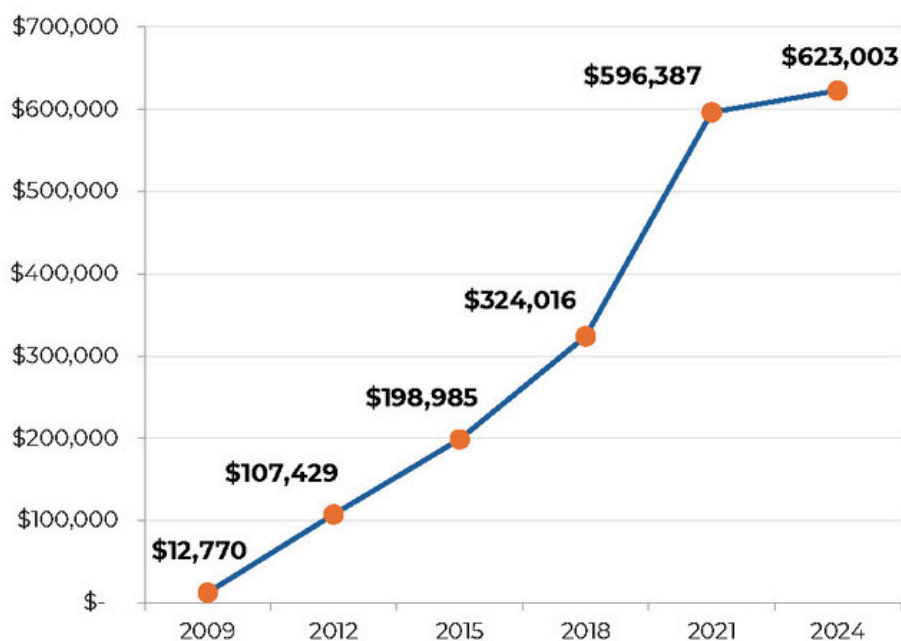
Each grant tells a story of collaboration and local pride—from expanding access to healthy food and outdoor recreation, to supporting youth and

wellness initiatives. These efforts strengthen our community and help create lasting, positive change.

As we reflect on the impact of 2024, we're also looking ahead—with a commitment to growing our endowment and deepening our support for initiatives that make Lodi a stronger, more connected place to live.

Thank you for helping us build a legacy of giving that will benefit our community for generations to come.

## Fund Balance



## Goals for 2025

- Expand public awareness of LACE and its mission.
- Grow and diversify our individual donor base.
- Deepen our impact by supporting more local initiatives and organizations.

You Can Make a Difference



### WHEN YOU SUPPORT THE LODI AREA COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT,

**You** help create a better future that thousands of people will enjoy for generations to come.

**You** are leaving a legacy.

**You** are passing on your values from generation to generation.

Gifts can be made online at [www.LodiLACE.org](http://www.LodiLACE.org)

Checks made payable to: MCF/LACE  
160 South Main Street, Lodi, WI 53555



Fund Summary  
Financial Statement

Endowment Fund

2024 Beginning Balance	\$578,285.65
Contributions	\$12,930.94
Transfers In	\$ 0
Realized Gain (Loss)	\$58,254.31
Distributions	(\$20,418.00)
Trust & Admin Fees	(\$ 6,049.30)
12/31/2024 Ending Balance	\$623,003.60

Passthrough Fund

2024 Beginning Balance	\$1,851.35
Contributions	\$ 0
Distributions	(\$150.00)
12/31/2024 Ending Balance	\$1,701.35

Transforming Our Community

The Lodi Area Community Endowment has been a pillar of support for our community since its inception in 2009. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the LACE endowment has grown to over \$623,000. Over the years, LACE has awarded over \$140,000 to various community projects. In 2024, we supported the following organizations:

**Blessings in a Backpack:** Ensuring children in need have access to nutritious weekend meals.

**Friends of Lodi Dog Park:** Supporting the development of a new community dog park.

**Habitat for Humanity Wisconsin River Area:** Funding ramp repairs for a local family.

**Ice Age Nordic—Lodi Area Ski Club:** Enhancing signage and restoring storage facilities.

**Lake Melvin Yacht Club:** Providing support to local families in times of need.

**Lodi & Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Foundation:** Installing a new metal sculpture featuring Susie the Duck.

**Lodi High School:** Upgrading the weight room to benefit student wellness.

**Okee Bay/Mill Pond Lake Association:** Treating invasive aquatic plants within approved DNR zones.

**Reach Out Lodi:** Combating loneliness by hosting social events for community members.



## Giving That Works for You



### YOU GIVE

You can give to MCF/LACE in many ways:

- Cash
- Mutual Funds or Stocks
- Qualified Charitable Distribution
- Life Insurance Proceeds
- Retirement Plan
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Bequests in a Will or Trust
- Real Estate
- Employee/Employer Matching Donations



### WE INVEST

MCF/LACE invests your gifts to:

- Ensure the fund provides an annual distribution
- Maintain the endowment's "Buying Power" over time
- Provide strong returns in relation to our investment benchmark



### YOU CHOOSE

You choose how involved you want to be in grant decisions:

- Donor-advised funds allow you to recommend grants to specific organizations or programs
- Unrestricted funds allow MCF/LACE to direct funds to the areas of greatest need

## Give Now, or Give Later? Planning Your Giving for Maximum Impact

***"Should I give now, or make a gift through my estate?" This common question arises for those looking to maximize their charitable impact. Fortunately, you don't have to choose one over the other.***

Making a blended gift—combining giving during your lifetime with a legacy gift—allows you to experience the joy of giving today while ensuring your charitable legacy continues. By giving now, you can see the immediate benefits and impact of your generosity. Meanwhile, your legacy gift will provide enduring support securing your philanthropic footprint for generations to come.

This approach not only maximizes your impact but also provides a rewarding and fulfilling giving experience. Consider how a blended gift can align with your philanthropic goals and leave a lasting legacy. Additional information can be found at <https://www.madisongives.org/giving/gift-and-estate-planning>.

*The Lodi Area Community Endowment is a component fund of the Madison Community Foundation, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) community trust. A financial statement of the Madison Community Foundation disclosing assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenue and expenses for the preceding fiscal year is available at [www.madisongives.org/fs](http://www.madisongives.org/fs) and will be provided to any person upon request.*

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