

Lodi Area Community Endowment
160 S Main Street
Lodi, WI 53555



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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The Lodi Area Community Endowment is a component of the Madison Community Foundation (MCF), a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) community trust, and all donations are fully tax-exempt. 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 and will be provided to any person upon request.

LACE Advisory Committee

- Becky Allen
- Dennis Crow, Treasurer
- Curt Hossman
- Joe Jelinek
- Geoff Lorenz
- Heidi Ness, Secretary
- Lori Statz, Chair

Gifts can be made online at LodiLACE.org
Checks made payable to: MCF/LACE
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OUR
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SPRING 2025



Building a Lasting Legacy for Lodi

In 2024, LACE awarded grants to several outstanding organizations whose projects align with our commitment to education, culture, the environment, and civic engagement. These grants help fund meaningful initiatives that benefit and enhance the lives of residents living in the Lodi School District. Over the years, LACE has distributed more than **\$140,000** in community grants, and our assets have grown to nearly **\$633,000** demonstrating the power of collective giving and investment in our community's future.

Giving to an endowment is a unique and powerful way to support our community. Unlike one-time donations, contributions to LACE are invested, with earnings funding grants year after year. This means that a gift to LACE today will continue making a difference for generations to come. Whether through a one-time donation, a recurring contribution, or legacy giving, every gift helps ensure that our community thrives well into the future.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are investing in a stronger, more vibrant future for Lodi!

- The LACE Advisory Committee
Becky, Dennis, Curt, Joe, Geoff, Heidi, & Lori



As a founding member of LACE, I've had the privilege of watching this endowment grow from an idea into a powerful resource for our community. Over the years, I've seen the difference LACE grants have made—from supporting youth programs to strengthening services for those in need. Giving to LACE is an investment in the future of Lodi, and I encourage others to join in supporting this work that continues to lift our community.

Terri Escher, Founding Member of LACE

2024 LACE Grants Total \$21,618

Nine Area Groups Received Funding



The Lodi chapter of Blessings in a Backpack seeks to provide students in need with nutritional food on weekends to improve their health and wellness and to show the children the community cares about them.

Habitat for Humanity Wisconsin River Area strives for a world where everyone has a decent place to live. This funding was used to address safety concerns in a 110-year-old home, including building a new accessibility ramp and making critical repairs.



The Lake Melvin Yacht Club is a “neighbors helping neighbors in need” program. They will use funding to help assist families in need. Assistance ranges from helping to pay for rent, fuel, electricity, and other day-to-day needs.

Lodi Wrestling Club is committed to helping each wrestler grow as an individual. Funding was used to purchase weights for the weight room at the Lodi Middle School.



Reach Out Lodi provides a welcoming community center where people can gather and a community store that assists those facing challenges in supporting their basic living needs. Funding was used toward “Social Sunday” featuring food and entertainment.



The Friends of Lodi Dog Park are dedicated to managing a play spot for our 4-legged friends. Funds will be used toward a new dog park in Lodi.

Ice Age Nordic maintains the free community ski trails and supports the development of Nordic Skiing grades 1-12. Funds were used for signage and storage building repairs.



The Lodi & Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Foundation will use funding toward a metal sculpture featuring Susie the Duck.

The Okee Bay/Mill Pond Lake Association preserves and protects Okee Bay (Mill Pond) and its surroundings to enhance water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic value. Funds were used to address the invasive aquatic plants within DNR approved treatment areas.



2025 LACE Happenings

April: Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Outreach Newsletter
May: LACE Annual Report
June: Dane Fireman’s Festival
July: Susie the Duck Day

July 1st: Grant Applications Due
August: LACE/Optimist Picnic
August: National Night Out
September: Grant Awards Announced
November: Giving Tuesday

Now Accepting 2025 Grant Applications

In 2025, LACE will award more than **\$23,000** in funding to support nonprofit organizations that serve individuals living within the boundaries of the School District of Lodi. We are proud to fund programs that enrich our community through **educational, cultural, environmental, and civic initiatives**.

Grant applications are due by **July 1st**. For application materials and more information, please visit our website: www.LodiLACE.org.

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/Corporate Matching Donations



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



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



LACE Advisory Committee L-R Dennis Crow, Becky Allen, Lori Statz, Bill Dalrymple, Geoff Lorenz, Heidi Ness, and Joe Jelinek. *Not pictured, Curt Hossman.*

LACE extends heartfelt thanks to Bill Dalrymple for his dedicated service as a past board member. Bill's thoughtful leadership, commitment to community, and steady guidance were a true asset to the Endowment. We're grateful for the time, energy, and care he gave to help strengthen LACE and its mission. Thank you, Bill!

MCF stands for Madison Area Community Endowment