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12/7/22-present

The Building For Kids

The [Building for Kids Children’s Museum](#) opened in downtown Appleton in 1992 at the site of the former Prange’s building. Thirty years later, the Community Foundation is honored to celebrate being a part of “BFK’s” history! Generous gifts from donors with funds within the Community Foundation have supported the museum over the years.

The museum receives around 120,000 visitors annually from all over the world, and is a cultural gem in the Fox Valley communities. Amy and Carolyn visit the museum to talk about what’s happening now, and how the museum is embracing the future for generations to come:

11/13-12/7

Ending Period Poverty

“Period Poverty” is a startling reality in the Fox Valley. Did you know that a lack of access to menstrual health products can cause students with periods to miss or be late to class, or feel anxious about period care? Menstrual products are expensive in the U.S., which makes it difficult for people, especially teens, to afford period products. Instead, they may rely on what is supplied by school districts and stored within a school clinic or school nurse’s office. The Monthlies Project is a new initiative in the Fox Valley aimed at providing menstrual health products to school-aged students and bringing awareness to the issue of period poverty and the educational inequity it creates

10/30-11/13

Our Diverse Workforce

Today we discuss the Fox Valley’s changing workforce and some new initiatives in the works to make sure we’re building and retaining a thriving and diverse workforce. There are lots of job openings, but we’re learning that not everyone who wants to work is able to access the jobs we know are open right now. Covid has impacted some things, like hybrid office schedules. How do we navigate those, while attracting new talent to our

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area and enticing young people to stick around and not be in a hurry to look outside our communities?

10/16-10/30

Helping Waupaca Thrive

What makes Waupaca a special place to live, work and play? The answer can be found in its people, working together to bring this already thriving community to a whole new level of cultural attractiveness.

The [Waupaca Area Community Foundation](#) recently awarded grants totaling a record \$170,822 to 18 area nonprofit organizations from the Waupaca Area Community Foundation Fund to help enhance the quality of life in the greater Waupaca area. The grants included two significant grants from its Community Enhancement Grant category:

The [Waupaca Area Chamber Foundation](#) received \$25,000 to develop a marketing campaign highlighting Waupaca's economic, cultural, and recreational assets with the goal of attracting newcomers to the greater Waupaca area. And the [Waupaca Community Arts Board](#) received \$25,000 to expand the Waupaca Community Arts Hub by building staff capacity, increasing outreach programs, and adding equipment.

Research shows arts-rich communities stimulate innovative thinking, recruit and retain residents, drive tourism and create an economic engine.

In this episode, we hear from people making a big impact thanks to generous donors.