

# CHELSEA DANNER

## Philanthropy Coordinator

October-December 2025, part-time  
January-Present, full-time  
Coming up on 10 months in July



# A LITTLE ABOUT MY BACKGROUND

- 2025 UW-Eau Claire graduate
  - Organizational Communications & Advanced Business Communications
  - Advanced Grant Writing certification
  - Ran track & field- was the girls long sprints captain & participated in a few clubs
- Grew up around Milwaukee
- 2 older siblings
- Previously worked at Reach Inc., part of their supported employment program, and hosted their first-ever event, a reverse job fair.



# WHAT I HAVE BEEN UP TO:

- Connecting with professional advisors, donors, and nonprofits
- Creating DAF catalogs, depending on community/nonprofit needs
- Nonprofit Impact Tour and Impact report development
- Currently working with the Chamber to co-host nonprofit networking events. Calling it the “Nonprofit Collective.”
- Go to community/nonprofit events
- Met with Tammy Baldwin's regional rep, Anna Ringstad, to advocate for donors for the IRA Charitable Rollover Facilitation and Enhancement Act of 2026.
  - Make it easier for retirees to give from their IRAs by allowing Qualified Charitable Distributions to be directed through donor-advised funds.
- Developed the rack card with Laura to drop off at professional advisors’ offices or other public spaces
- Meeting with Agency Fund Holders to go over their endowments & seeing how we can provide more support

# ONE PAGE EXAMPLE OF DAF CATALOG & IMPACT REPORTS

## Access/Social Justice:



### Restoring Transportation Services for Youth and Families

Positive Alternatives, which operates a group home for teens and provides community-based services in Menomonie, is seeking assistance with an unexpected \$5,000 auto insurance deductible. Due to challenges securing liability coverage for their work, the organization moved to a high-deductible plan in 2025. In December, a staff member was involved in an accident, resulting in approximately \$9,000 in vehicle repairs (thankfully, no injuries occurred). An insurance claim has been filed, and assistance is needed to cover the deductible so the vehicle can return to service. This vehicle is essential for transporting youth and families to school events, appointments, supervised visitation, and mentoring activities, ensuring these critical services can continue without disruption.

The grant request of \$5,000 will go directly towards the auto-insurance deductible for the vehicle to return to service.



### Enhancing Collaboration Through Space Improvements

The Bridge to Hope, a nonprofit serving Dunn and Pepin Counties, is looking to complete a \$4,428.96 project to improve its conference room and create a more collaborative, trauma-informed space. The upgrades will include a new projector (\$1,400), an Owl 3 conferencing device (\$1,249), cabinetry and countertops (\$684), and additional organizational items. These improvements are designed to create a more organized and flexible meeting environment that better supports services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. As a result, the organization anticipates improved service delivery, stronger collaboration with community partners, increased efficiency, and a more welcoming and professional space that reflects its mission to promote healing and prevent abuse.

The grant request of \$4,428.96 will go towards purchasing a projector (\$1,400) and Owl 3 conferencing device (\$1,249), installing cabinetry and countertops (\$684), and adding organizational items.

## MAKING MORE POSSIBLE

**Morgan Reckon**

**2023 Scholarship Recipient**

**Dr. James M. Ulesich Memorial Scholarship**

*Currently a junior at UW-River Falls  
Majoring in Communication Sciences & Disorders*

Your generosity allowed Morgan to explore her interest in communication sciences & disorders. She was able to discover her dream to become a speech-language pathologist to work with children. She truly enjoys this work and plans to apply for graduate programs this summer. All made possible by your dedication to the students in Dunn County!



### Campus Life & Highlights

- Built meaningful friendships and strong campus connections
- Attended the national championship football game in Canton, Ohio
- Celebrated multiple team successes, including football and women's hockey national championships



*"Thank you again for all you have done to help me throughout my college career! I hope you are doing well!"*

# 2026 NONPROFIT IMPACT TOUR- MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS

- Hoof Beat Therapeutic Healing Center
- Arbor Place
- Wisconsin Milkweed Alliance
- Health Department & Menomonie Free Clinic talked at Menomonie Food Co-op about Health Dunn Right



# SNIPPET OF THE EMAIL INVITE

## More About The Nonprofits



### Hoof Beat Therapeutic Healing Center

At Hoof Beat Therapeutic Healing Center, retired Standardbred racehorses begin a new purpose, helping people heal, grow, and find strength. Every journey is different, but a connection with these horses can change everything.

On the Impact Tour, you will have the chance to **experience a ride in a jog cart** and see firsthand how a previously awarded grant is now in action, supporting this unique experience. See the impact and experience the healing for yourself!



### Arbor Place

Arbor Place is dedicated to providing prevention, treatment, and renewal to individuals, families, and communities impacted by substance use and mental health disorders. Through compassionate care and meaningful support, they walk alongside them on their journey toward healing.

On this Impact Tour, you'll see firsthand what the grants from the Community Foundation have made more possible for Arbor Place and the lives they serve. We may even get to hear more about their exciting new Women and Children's Center!



### Wisconsin Milkweed Alliance

Connect, share, and thrive at the Kaleidoscope Center with the Wisconsin Milkweed Alliance. This is a welcoming space where people can show up as they are, whether facing a current stressor or focusing on emotional wellness. Peer supporters with lived experience in trauma, substance use, and other life challenges are here to offer connection, encouragement, and real support.

You will see how a welcoming space and peer support can create an impact on our community. You may also get a sneak peek at an exciting change coming soon for this amazing organization.

# PART OF THE THANK YOU EMAIL



## Thank You for Joining Us 2026 Impact Tour

As conversations around mental health continue to open up, these nonprofits are creating real opportunities for people to get the help they deserve, build meaningful community, and find a safe space to be themselves.

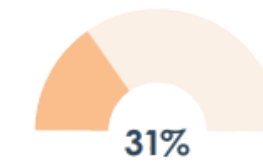


To check out more nonprofits, head to our nonprofit directory at [cfdunncounty.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/directory](http://cfdunncounty.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/directory)

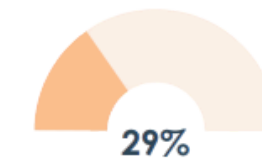
## MENTAL HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY

Statistics below are from the 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment, a joint effort by the Dunn County Health Department, and the United Way.

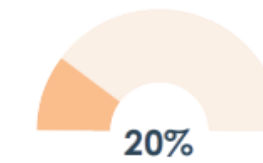
### What People Said on the Community Health Survey...



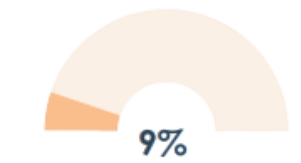
Mental health is related to many of the other issues in the community



It is difficult to get help for mental health issues in the area



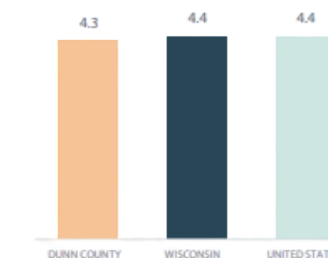
The resources that are available in the county to help with mental health are insufficient



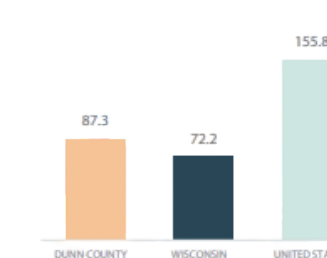
There can be community safety concerns from people being left with untreated mental health conditions

### What The Data Says...

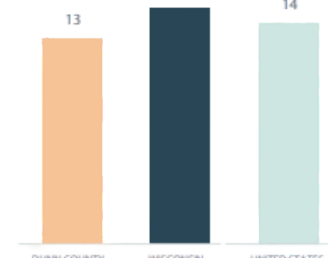
Average number of self-reported mentally unhealthy days in the past 30 days<sup>1</sup>



Rate of self-inflicted Emergency Room visits per 100,000 population<sup>2</sup>



Number of deaths due to suicide per 100,000 population<sup>3</sup>



Thank you for your time, your curiosity, and for making more possible...

# NONPROFIT COLLECTIVE- CO-HOSTING W/ THE CHAMBER

The Nonprofit Collective is going to be a quarterly gathering space for nonprofit leaders and board members to connect, reflect, share resources, and collaborate in a nonjudgmental, community-centered environment.

Each quarter, we bring leaders together around a theme with light conversation starters, a meaningful activity, and a takeaway to carry forward.

- Example:
- Q1: February, Coffee Chat
  - Theme: Growing Impact
  - What program or initiative are you hoping to grow this year?
  - Location: Compass IL, 7:30am-9am
- Conversation starters: Have them on tables, etc.
  - What program or initiative are you hoping to grow this year?, What's one recent success your organization is proud of? What resources or partnerships could help you make a bigger impact?, What's one challenge that, if solved, would allow your organization to do more good?
- The takeaway:
  - Impact Postcard, One side: the program, event, or idea they are growing on one side, then others can add ideas or resources on the back

## COMMITTEES & WHO I WORK WITH MOST

- Events & Marketing
- Community members, agency fund holders, donors, & professional advisors

## WHAT DO I ENJOY MOST ABOUT THE WORK?

- I get the privilege of helping people fulfill their personal missions and visions through philanthropy.

## HOW COULD THE BOARD HELP ME?

Provide **any** feedback, advice, or ideas you have. I appreciate the different perspectives.

# WHY THIS WORK MEANINGFUL TO ME

## CHEMO CARE TOTE BAG -Supply Drive-

*October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.*

With that being said, we would like to make you aware of a local organization that helps people diagnosed with cancer. Tricia's Troops Cancer Connection is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance and other support to cancer patients throughout southeast Wisconsin. One of the many services they provide are Chemo Care Tote Bags. These totes help in providing comfort and relief to new cancer patients facing chemo treatments.

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ANY OF THESE ITEMS (NEW) FOR ADULT MEN AND WOMEN:**

- **Water bottles** (BPA-free) – To help patients stay hydrated (Camelbak, Contigo, Nalgene, Pogo etc.)
- **Fleece blankets** – Patients often get cold during treatment
- **Soft, fuzzy socks for MEN** – For warmth and comfort (We currently have enough women's socks.)
- **Puzzle books** (Crossword, Word Search, Sudoku etc) – To keep the mind engaged and occupied
- **Bags of hard candy** (Peppermint, ginger, root beer or lemon flavors) – For nausea/dry mouth
- **Biotene Dry Mouth Oral Rinse** (8 oz. preferred) – Helps keep mouth sores away
- **Thank you card sets** – To thank people who provide support during a difficult time

*The kick off for collecting items, and monetary donations, will be at the Homecoming Football Game this Friday, October 11th.*

A bin will then be in the PHS Main Office so we can continue to collect items through the end of the month of October.

THANK YOU for your help in supporting this wonderful local organization!!

For more info about Tricia's Troops, please go to their website:

[www.triciastroops.org](http://www.triciastroops.org)



QUESTIONS? Please contact Chelsea Danner!



# FUN FACTS



I ran my first half-marathon this May.



I have a 7-year-old fur son named Hughie.



Went to Glacier National Park and hiked the 2<sup>nd</sup> hardest trail- Highline Trail to Grinnell Glacier Overlook.