



Watch Them Grow Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST To support charitable programs and projects that improve the lives, development, and well-being of children and youth.

SPENDABLE BALANCE
\$5,579.07

TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$5,500.00

BALANCE REMAINING
\$79.07

Staff recommendation: Fund all three projects

1. Menomonie Public Library | **RECOMMENDED: \$2,000**

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Project: Purchase books, participant folders, stickers, and paper for reading logs. Children who have not yet entered kindergarten receive a new book for every 100 books read, building a home library of up to 10 books while developing early literacy skills.

Fund fit: The free program helps young children develop vocabulary, print awareness, narrative skills, and a lifelong love of reading. Since 2015, the library has distributed more than 3,000 books through the program.

2. Mission Restoring Hope, Inc. | **RECOMMENDED: \$1,000**

Snow Pants for Children

Project: Purchase approximately 220 pairs of snow pants for distribution to children from low-income families through the organization's free clothing giveaway.

Fund fit: Warm winter clothing protects children's health, supports regular school attendance and outdoor activity, and relieves a necessary seasonal expense for families with limited incomes.

3. Colfax Splash Pad and Playground Project | **RECOMMENDED: \$2,500**

Splash Pad and Playground Development

Project: Support development of the Colfax splash pad and playground, creating a free and accessible outdoor recreation space for children and families. CFDC serves as fiscal sponsor and holds the project's pass-through fund.

Fund fit: The project will provide children with opportunities for active play, social connection, and healthy outdoor recreation. The grant can be transferred directly to the existing CFDC project fund.

SUGGESTED MOTION: Approve grants of \$2,000 to Menomonie Public Library, \$1,000 to Mission Restoring Hope, Inc., and \$2,500 to the Colfax Splash Pad and Playground Project from the Watch Them Grow Fund, for total distributions of \$5,500.