



Meet the West Allis Community Improvement Foundation

The City of West Allis organized and established the West Allis Community Improvement Foundation (WACIF), a not-for-profit organization with the goal, to enhance the economic and social well-being of the citizens of West Allis. WACIF organizes and supports cultural, educational, recreational, civic and public improvement programs for the betterment of the West Allis community.

WACIF hosts two major fundraising events each year:

Community Charity Gala

An evening featuring a gourmet meal, entertainment and silent auction, funds raised by the Gala are donated to a different and deserving West Allis-based beneficiary each year. Interested beneficiaries apply in the fall of the year prior and are selected by the WACIF board to serve as recipients. Members of the selected beneficiary's organization will assist with planning and executing the Gala. In turn, the current year's beneficiary will assist the next year's beneficiary in planning and executing their Gala event. The Gala encourages the community to come together and "pay it forward" as the beneficiaries support one another, and the community

supports the beneficiaries. The 2020 Charity Gala Beneficiary application deadline is Sept. 20, 2019. Visit westallisfoundation.org to apply.

Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving

Held annually on the Monday prior to Thanksgiving, the Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving raises funds and collects non-perishable food items for donation to local food pantries. In the giving spirit of the holiday season, the breakfast unites West Allis community members over food and fellowship. The Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving has raised over \$25,000 in the past ten years for local food pantries. Tickets will go on sale on the WACIF website for the Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving in the early fall.

Where Does My Donation Go?

In addition to its two annual fundraisers, WACIF supports numerous non-profit organizations and community events in West Allis.

Recent activities include:

- Aurora Health Care Foundation Evening of Promise, benefiting the enhancement of neonatal intensive care parent and family rooms at Aurora West Allis Medical Center: donations totaled \$1,750 from 2013–2018.
- West Allis Historical Society & Historical Commission's Settlers Weekend 2018: \$3,000 donation.
- Crime Stoppers: \$1,500 donation in 2017.
- MACC Fund: \$200 donation in 2017 and 2018.
- West Allis Central and Nathan Hale High Schools: donation of \$200 to Hale in 2018 and \$100 to Central in 2016 for school fundraising efforts.
- WAWM Heroin/Opiate Task Force: \$250 donation to Task Force Resource Fair in 2016.
- Joyce Ann Radtke Skate Park: opened in 2014 at 84th St. and

National Ave., the City's skate park is funded and maintained in part by donations made to WACIF.

Donate

Your tax-deductible donation can be made securely online at westallisfoundation.org.

You can also support the Foundation when you shop Amazon® through the AmazonSmile® program. Visit smile.amazon.com to learn more.

Volunteer

Volunteers are needed for our two annual events. The Charity Gala requires the most assistance, although the majority of work is handled by the Gala Planning Committee and beneficiary group. Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving volunteers assist with sorting, packing and delivery of donated non-perishables. Apply to be a volunteer at westallisfoundation.org.

Join

WACIF appoints its own members subject to the West Allis Common Council's approval. Members serve three-year terms, which expire in September. Foundation members attend meetings as called and assist with planning the Charity Gala and Community Breakfast of Thanks & Giving. Members are asked to participate, donate and volunteer at the events and assist with planning, such as soliciting donations, donating auction items, or other activities required to make these events a success.

If you are interested in joining WACIF, visit westallisfoundation.org.

**Thank you to all who
attended the 2019
Community Charity Gala.
With your help, we raised
over \$14,000 in support of
the West Allis Dog Park!**