

# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR *from the*



## *The Foundation is grateful for many things:*

- Our communities, friends and neighbors - who support each other in good times and in bad;
- Our youth and education system - who represent our future;
- Our senior citizens - for all they have accomplished, sacrificed, and built;
- The Volunteers and area nonprofit organizations - who support the many events, programs, causes and issues of Clark County;
- *And especially - the Foundation's Donors who continue to support the efforts and programs of the Clark County Community Foundation Inc.*

## *Events and Programs kept us busy in 2016:*

- We established an investment account with Associated Trust Co. to manage the invested assets of the Foundation;
- Awarded a total of \$1500 in scholarships - to six area high school graduates;
- Held our third Annual Meeting in April 2016;
- Recognized the 1897 Clark County Jail Museum for the Endowment Fund they established (with assets they had received from a bequest made in memory of past Museum President - Mr. Francis Steiner - Granton WI);
- Welcomed new Foundation Board Member - Anne Teska (Abottsford)
- Added a new scholarship fund from gifts received in memory of Erik Pentz - a Clark County native and a graduate of Greenwood High School;
- Concluded the Charter Donor Society membership giving program June 30, 2016 with over \$180,000 in gifts;
- Met with friends and neighbors at the Clark County Fair in August 2016, providing information about the Foundation's activities and programs;
- Held our first Grant Cycle in Oct/Nov 2016 - resulting in a total of \$4,700 in grants being awarded to benefit Clark County area nonprofit organizations; and
- In December, the Board of Directors, along with several of our elected officials and guests, celebrated the "ribbon-cutting" of the Foundation's new office space located within the City of Loyal Municipal Building 301 Main St.

## *We Look Forward to 2017 and Beyond!*

*The Board of Directors, Committees and Volunteers of the Foundation look forward to the priorities of the Future...*

- 2017 Scholarship Cycle- Applications due to the Foundation by March 15, 2017;
- 2017 Grant Cycle - Applications due to the Foundation by November 15, 2017;
- Welcoming new Board and Committee members and Volunteers who will help move the Foundation forward;
- Working with our citizens and communities, and local business leaders as they learn more about the Foundation;
- Working with Donors to help them fulfill their charitable giving goals;
- Offer ways for Donors to honor or give in memory of loved ones or specific events or causes; and
- Above all - help improve the quality of life... here in Clark County Wisconsin!