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The mission of Leadership Fond du Lac County to assist in the preparation of a strong, diverse group of leaders qualified to represent our communities and willing to make responsible decisions affecting both the public and private sectors.



More than \$700,000,000 in community improvement initiatives has been gifted back to Fond du Lac through the Leadership Fond du Lac community projects since the program's inception in 1999.



The process of working as a team is as important as the finished project. Class members gain experience in team building, community problem-solving, and issue resolution, while at the same time, making a significant contribution to the quality of life in the greater Fond du Lac area.



The employers listed within this document indicate each participant's place of employment while enrolled in the Leadership Fond du Lac program.

Fond du Lac County Youth Advocate Survey, 1999

Team Members:

DeAnn Thurmer, Waupun Memorial Hospital; Jim Neumann, RB Royal Industries; Karen Kiel- Rosser, Agnesian HealthCare; Karen Mathes, Coldwell Banker The Real Estate Group, Inc.; Kathy Wollersheim, Fond du Lac Festivals, Inc.; Todd Steffes, Matthews Tire & Auto Service Center

This team supported the Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County in its efforts to coordinate a survey for America's Promise Alliance, which helps provide at-risk youth access with resources critical to their development, including effective education and volunteer opportunities. The goal of this project was to reach 1,153 youth volunteers by the year 2000 through this survey and provide the Fond du Lac County Volunteer Center with the results.

Leaders for Fond du Lac (A group of Leadership Fond du Lac Alumni), 1999

Team Members:

Darlene Hansen-Dobner, Alcohol/Drug Abuse Resource Center; James Thomas, Society Insurance; Michelle Thomsen, Aurora Health Center; Randy Mittelstaedt, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Scott Wittchow, Action Advertising, Inc.

The goal of this project was to create an ongoing group to assist in the recruitment of new Leadership Fond du Lac participants. This group was made up on past participants of the class (alumni) and will work to increase awareness of and participation in the Leadership Fond du Lac program in forthcoming years.

Intergenerational Event, 2000

Team Members:

Bill McGee, Marian University; Christine Mazis, Cable & Wireless USA; Cindi Tiede, Moraine Park Technical College; Dale Paczkowski, City of Fond du Lac; Jill Kawulok, Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County, Inc.; Patty Murphy, Agnesian HealthCare; Stefanie Gutermann, ARMR, Inc.; Steven Michels, Bank One Wisconsin

This team planned and executed an intergenerational event involving Fond du Lac area youth and nursing home or assisted living center residents on April 14, 2000. Approximately 220 elderly and disabled residents attended from 14 residential and nursing facilities and 90 students from area high schools gathered at Harbor Haven Nursing Center for refreshments, bingo, checkers, cards and other board games, as well as student-led entertainment such as music and poetry readings.



Fond du Lac County Youth Volunteer Awards, 2000

Team Members:

George Anderson, Fond du Lac School District; Jo Ann Bauer, Family Resource Center; Kim Hodgkinson, Agnesian HealthCare/Waupun Memorial Hospital; Lisa McArthur, J.F. Ahern Co.; Mark Rasner, American Express Financial Advisors; Mary Schmidt, Coldwell Banker - The Real Estate Group; Paul Osterholm, Marian University; Paula Starr, The ARC of Fond du Lac

The goal of this project was to foster the spirit of volunteerism in the local community through the development of a nomination application and promotion of the Youth Volunteer Awards, which recognized Fond du Lac County youth and their community involvement. A total of six youth volunteers in the elementary, junior high and high school age groups (two winners from each group) were recognized at a formal ceremony held at The Arc of Fond du Lac on May 16, 2000 and received prizes donated by local organizations and businesses. Similarly, a donation was made to each winner's favorite charity in their name.

Renovation of the Fond du Lac School District Outdoor Classroom Located in the Eldorado Marsh, 2000

Team Members:

Barbara Senn, Bethany House; Georgia Davis, Aurora Health Center; Jed Keller, American Bank; Lindee Kimball, The Salvation Army; Miracle Stokes, ADVOCAP, Inc.; Phil Braker, Marine Credit Union; Thomas Onan, Agnesian HealthCare

This team renovated the Eldorado Marsh Outdoor Classroom making it available to the public, as well as the Fond du Lac School District and nature groups, for hands-on learning including ecology, life science, environmental studies, and ecosystems. The outdoor classroom was utilized for 30 years before being closed from 1997-2000 due to unsafe conditions. Renovations were completed by volunteers from the Fond du Lac School District, parents, and other community members interested in preserving the classroom for future generations, and included replacing the walls, insulation, lighting, ventilation, doors, windows, roof, and landscaping of the building.

Welcome to Fond du Lac Community Information Electronic Sign Business Plan, 2001

Team Members:

Dave Thornburg, Brook Industries, Inc.; Erin Gerred, City of Fond du Lac Police Department; Jane Hyde, Agnesian HealthCare/St. Agnes Hospital Foundation; Jean Busker, American Red Cross; Lisa Halbach, Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin; Margaret Karius; Rick Gregory, Roberts Elementary School; Stacey Akey, Marian University

The goal of this team was to prepare a comprehensive business plan detailing the installation of an attractive electronic information sign at the intersection of Hwy 23 and 41 to welcome visitors and announce community events. This project was ultimately cancelled.

Wild Goose Walking and Biking Trail Enhancement (Fond du Lac Entrance), 2001

Team Members:

Anne Pierce, Bank One Wisconsin; James Mugan, Agnesian HealthCare; Jennifer Walters, Aurora Health Care; Joel Lamonska, ADVOCAP, Inc.; Mike Schutte, Pick 'n Save; Teresa Draves, Fond du Lac Abstract Co., LTD; Vickie Huck, RB Royal Industries

This team enhanced the entrance of the Wild Goose Walking and Bike Trail in Fond du Lac to promote and increase usage of the trailhead. Enhancements included refurbishing the existing shelter, replacing the Plexiglas on the existing bulletin board, donating a bike rack, and planting an additional seven trees in accordance with the landscaping plan.



Welcome To Fond du Lac Packet, 2001

Team Members:

Deborah Walgenbach, Guaranty Title Services, Inc.; Isaac Mueller, Firststar Bank, N.A.; Margarita Garfias-Lopez, ADVOCAP, Inc.; Marjory Bastian, Action Printing; Richard Carpenter, Agnesian HealthCare; Sandy Leske, Marian University; Steve Schouten, WFDL.WTCX

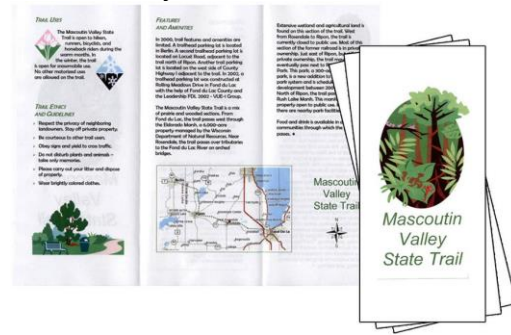
The goal of this team was to prepare a comprehensive business plan detailing the installation of an attractive electronic information sign at the intersection of Hwy 23 and 41 to welcome visitors and announce community events. This project was ultimately cancelled.

Mascoutin Valley Trail Enhancement Project, 2002

Team Members:

Christa Williams, Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County; Joseph Hoffmann, City of Fond du Lac Fire Department; Marcia Snyder, Associated Bank; Mary Council-Austin, Marian University; Scott Basler, Grant Thornton, LLP; Sherry Behnke, Kimberly-Clark Corp.; Tom Winninghoff, Saturn of Fond du Lac

This team enhanced the Mascoutin Valley Trail, located between the areas of Rolling Meadows Drive and County Road I in Fond du Lac. (Note: This paved trail starts at Rolling Meadows Drive (to the east) and when complete, will extend from Fond du Lac to Berlin, passing through Eldorado, Rosendale and Ripon.) Enhancements included the addition of a kiosk, parking lot and benches, as well as the development of an informational brochure.



Uniting Neighborhoods Day, 2002

Team Members

Barbara Carmichael, First Presbyterian Church; Becky Johnson, Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County, Inc.; Eric Fought, WFDL/WTCX; Mark Holzman, Lakeshore Elementary; Mary Jaeger, Hierl Insurance, Inc.; Rita Riendeau, American Bank; Tracie Lenz, Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin

This team brought residents of the city of Fond du Lac together through a grassroots effort of encouraging various social activities on May 18, 2002, called Uniting Neighbors Day. City residents were provided with information on neighborhood watch programs, how to organize a block party, and the "10 Best Ways to Get to Know Your Neighbor," and encouraged to interact with one another.

The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac, 2002

Team Members:

Carol Hyland, Consultants Laboratory of Wisconsin, LLC.; Claudia Vopal, US Bank; Donald Mueller, Holy Family Catholic Parish; Eric Tillich, Marian University; Lewis Rosser, ADVOCAP, Inc.; Marilyn Zangl, Mercury Marine; Mary Jo Merwin, Aurora Health Center

This group established The Children's Museum in downtown Fond du Lac, which is meant to engage children and parents in a partnership of learning through interactive exhibits and educational programs. The Children's Museum's mission is to create extraordinary learning experiences with transformative power in the lives of children, parents, and visitors to the Fond du Lac area. To ensure the continuation of the project after the group's completion of the Leadership Fond du Lac program, an Advisory Group was formed to collaborate with the Windhover Center for the Arts. The Grand Opening of the Children's Museum of Fond du Lac was held on June 1 and 2, 2002 at the Windhover Center for the Arts.

Hobbs Woods, 2002

Team Members:

Janet Wimmer, Family Resource Center of Fond du Lac County; John Scheuerell, Society Insurance; Kevin Lemke, City of Fond du Lac Police Department; Kim Mooney, Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services; Lisa Mader, M&I Bank; Paige Reynolds, ADVOCAP, Inc.; Patti Cobb, Agnesian HealthCare



This team renovated areas of Hobbs Woods, a 60-acre park located just south of Fond du Lac. Enhancements of Hobbs Woods included the installation of six benches along the trails, two picnic tables at the entrance of the park, and a variety of bird and bat houses within the woods. Additionally, signage was renovated and a brief history with a pictorial overview of park foliage was added, along with additional boundary markers placed throughout the parameter of the woods, and new wood chips laid throughout the trail system. An online copy of the trail book for the woods was also developed.

Dog Exercise Area, 2003

Team Members:

Bark Piechowski, Mercury Marine; Bill Ricketts, Wells Manufacturing Corp.; Doug Trost, Agnesian HealthCare - St. Francis Home; Julie Budde, Moraine Park Technical College; Lynnette RouvolaBouta, Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes; Nicole Popovich, Blue Cross & Blue Shield; Will Deppisse, Associated Bank

This team developed a safe, legal, and accessible community area where dogs can exercise off-leash within the city of Fond du Lac. The vision of this project was to provide a self-sustaining dog exercise area that facilitates opportunities for recreation and community interaction, while serving as an attraction to the Fond du Lac community. This project was completed in Lakeside Park – West through enclosing a 3-1/2 acre area with fencing, providing picnic tables, benches, signs, and landscaping (as approved by the Fond du Lac City Council in March of 2003). The groundbreaking ceremony for this dog exercise area took place in the summer of 2003.



Confidential Cab Fare Program, 2003

Team Members

Deb Cruz, Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Kim Iley, Huberty & Associates, S.C.; Ron Johnson, M&I Bank; Paula Stettbacher, Aurora Health Center; Terry Tomkowiak, Mercury Marine; Tracy Qualmann, Marian University

The Confidential Cab Fare Program was developed to reduce the number of DUI incidents during Fond du Lac's annual Walleye Weekend. Through partnership with area cab companies, rides were provided from Walleye Weekend directly to the patron's residence free of charge.

Senior Center Beautification Project, 2003

Team Members:

Bradley Korkow, Society Insurance; Dorothy Garcia, Agnesian HealthCare; Marv Siefers, International Paper; Mike Arnold, Brook Industries; Rhonda Bird, Marian University; Rosie Hermanns, American Bank; Sara Kottke, Mercury Marine

This team enhanced the landscaping surrounding the Fond du Lac Senior Center (in time for their open house scheduled for May 2, 2003). The Senior Center Beautification Project was achieved through planning the location of plants and identifying which plants to use, fundraising, and collecting donations for the project, and completing the planting and landscaping.

Baseball Bleachers, 2004

Team Members:

Hans Neumann, Mercury Marine; Joseph Braun, Fond du Lac Area Foundation; Pam Warren, Marian University; Pete Wettstein, American Bank; Rebecca Redman, Seek, Inc.; Tonia Nebl, Citizens for Tom Petri

This group assisted Fond du Lac Baseball, Inc. by funding, donating, and erecting multiple sets of bleachers for the two recently built youth baseball diamonds located in the Woodworth Baseball Complex.



Free S.P.I.R.I.T. Riders Horse Shelters, 2004

Team Members:

Bill Makowski, City of Fond du Lac Police Department; Cathy Mathweg, Marian University; Chris Rockweit, Fond du Lac Credit Union; Steve Little, Agnesian HealthCare; Sue Schnorr, Fond du Lac School District; Terri Scheffler, U.S. Bank

This team purchased and installed two permanent lean-to sheds at the Free S.P.I.R.I.T. Riders (FSR) facility in Fond du Lac. Free S.P.I.R.I.T. Riders is a nonprofit organization committed to enriching the lives of children and adults with disabilities through safe therapeutic interaction with horses. Additionally, this project assisted in the funding of a replacement for the shelter mounting ramp in order to meet ADA specifications.



Strike Up the Band, 2004

Team Members

Denise Mayhew, M&I Bank; Gina DeBoer, Aurora Health Care; Greg Giles, Fond du Lac Family YMCA; Julie Pieper, Moraine Park Technical College; Mary Gerlach, Beacon House; Ned Storer, Society Insurance

This team created a program to provide local youth with the opportunity to be involved in music activities by supplying them with gently used musical instruments from the Fond du Lac community. A music-based fundraising event was held to raise money for repairs and maintenance of the donated instruments, as well as promote the need to keep music in the lives of local youth.



Samaritan Free Clinic, 2004

Team Members:

Andy Land, Agnesian HealthCare; Darlene Fyvie, Mercury Marine; Deb Kaiser, Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Wisconsin; Kris Towne, Wisconsin Title, Inc.; Mat Mueller, City of Fond du Lac Police Department; Wanda Galligan, Bank One Wisconsin

Team WMAK-D2 identified the critical medical needs of the less fortunate in the local community and developed opportunities for business and community support of the Samaritan Free Clinic, which provides accessible healthcare for all in Fond du Lac and Dodge counties through Agnesian HealthCare.

Volunteer Awareness Campaign, 2005

Team Members:

Beth Myers-Landbo, Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation; Darren LaLuzerne, Marian University; Fay Boelk, Fay's Fun 'N Learning; Joe Clow, City of Fond du Lac Fire Department; Matt Funk, Society Insurance; Michelle Bloedorn, Blue Cross & Blue Shield

This team developed a multifaceted marketing program to assist the Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac in increasing their number of volunteers, ultimately promoting volunteerism within the Fond du Lac community. The program resulted in 117 new volunteers registering with the Volunteer Center, and a monthly volunteer update in the Fond du Lac Reporter was developed and continues to appear as a way of fostering volunteerism.

USA Playground Maps, 2005

Team Members:

Connie Lentz, Moraine Park Technical College; Jeremy Thiesfeldt, Winnebago Lutheran Academy; Joe Fortunato, Mercury Marine; Kim Schmitz, Associated Bank; Larry Ruedinger, Charter; Lynn Gilles, City of Fond du Lac/Fond du Lac Transit

The goal of this project was to provide a dynamic teaching tool to local students by refurbishing existing United States of America maps located on elementary school playgrounds and providing said maps at schools where none existed. In all, 3 schools had maps that were refurbished, and 11 schools were provided with new maps.

Interactive CD – for Young Professionals, 2005

Team Members:

Adam Stone, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Anna Schultz, Aurora Health Care; Carolyn Schultz, Marian University; Norma Tirado, Agnesian HealthCare; Scott Louks, Mercury Marine; Steve Klein, City of Fond du Lac Police Department

This team developed an interactive CD through collaboration with the Young Professionals of Fond du Lac (YPF) to attract young professionals to the Fond du Lac area. The CD was created to hit key areas of interest for the target audience to enhance recruitment efforts for area employers, as well as provide an easy to use, convenient format for young professionals to find specific information about the Fond du Lac area.

Partners in Education, 2005

Team Members

James Cleveland, American Bank; Gloria Schmidt, Fond du Lac School District; Kathy Twohig, Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County, Inc.; Mark Radmer, Lutheran Homes and Health Services, Inc.; Missy Tate, Agnesian HealthCare; Mitch Greenfield, U.S. Bank

The goal of this team was to develop a collaborative relationship between schools in the Fond du Lac School District and local businesses. Partners in Education (PIE) was established to enhance communications and develop relationships between these public and private sectors in order to create a greater understanding of the challenges facing both within the community.



Winnebago Viewing Scope, 2006

Team Members:

Bruce Williams, M&I Bank; David Carlson, City of Fond du Lac; Dennis Wilson, Mercury Marine; Kevin Wondra, Society Insurance; Linda Patin, Blue Cross & Blue Shield; Lucy Mathers, Fond du Lac Humane Society; Richard Woodruff, City of Fond du Lac Police Department



The Winnebago Viewing Scope was installed on the observation deck of the lighthouse at Lakeside Park to magnify the views of Lake Winnebago and the surrounding shorelines. This addition encourages visitors and residents of Fond du Lac to enjoy the beauty of the area from the Lighthouse and grow in the understanding that Lakeside Park is a place where family and friends alike can enjoy what the southern tip of Lake Winnebago has to offer.

Hispanic Information Fair, 2006

Team Members:

Eric Peterson, Marian University; Jason Gerken, Saturn of Fond du Lac; Jill Grung, Schenck Business Solutions; John Duffy, City of Fond du Lac Fire Department; Laura Schwartzburg, Bethany House; Todd Lisowe, Chase

This team planned and executed a Hispanic Information Fair on May 6, 2006, to distribute information and provide the target population with an opportunity to meet organizations that provide varying degrees of social services in and around the Fond du Lac area.

Mural Marauders, 2006

Team Members

Jayce Commo, Action Printing; Jeff Gerner, Charter; Joe Kindt, J.F. Ahern Co.; Kathleen Korb, Grandee Cheese Co.; Kristeen Christian, Moraine Park Technical College; Paul Murphy, U.S. Bank

The goal of this project was to beautify and provide a historical work of art depicting the growth and transformation of Fond du Lac. The mural would illustrate some of the milestones and figures that have influenced the Fond du Lac community for 150+ years. This project was ultimately cancelled.

Youth Leadership Project, 2006

Team Members:

Amy Goeden, Promotions with Pizzazz, LLC; Jeff Reader, The Reporter; Jim Denomme, Mercury Marine; LuAnn Bird, ADVOCAP, Inc.; Marcus Oksa, Agnesian HealthCare; Steve Leaman, Associated Bank

This team created the Youth Leadership Fond du Lac program (YLF), which allows high school juniors in the area to experience firsthand what Fond du Lac is all about. YLF was designed to stimulate and promote community leadership in emerging youth leaders by expanding their knowledge of the value and strength of the Fond du Lac area as a viable career destination.



Galloway House and Village – Audio Equipment, 2006

Team Members:

Barb Asmus, American Bank; Jenny Drake, Grande Cheese Co.; Mike Hert, Aurora Health Care; Nate Haupt, Schreiner's Restaurant; Todd Mountjob, UW-Fond du Lac

This team provided audio equipment for eight locations within the grounds of the Galloway House and Village to assist in facilitating an educational experience for visitors and better utilize volunteer staff. This addition offered a means of preserving the historical narrative by incorporating voices of the past 45 years.

Honoring Our Heroes Memorial, 2007

Team Members:

Brad Nielsen, Grande Cheese Co.; Daisy Frazier; Dean Rasmussen, Charter; Jill Burdette, CitizensFirst Credit Union; Julie Koenig, City of Fond du Lac Police Department; Sandi Hardie, Mahala's Hope

This team planned, funded, and constructed an Emergency Services Memorial in Fond du Lac's Hamilton Park. The memorial acknowledges the job that the City of Fond du Lac's emergency services personnel do on a daily basis to keep the community safe, and honors those who have fallen in the line of duty.

Barrier-free Playground in Lakeside Park, 2007

Team Members:

Cathy Christensen, Hierl Insurance; Jamie Haack, American Red Cross - Fond du Lac County; Janet McCord, Marian University; Kurt Petik, M&I Bank; Laurie Krasin, UW-Fond du Lac; Patrick McKeough, City of Fond du Lac Police Department; Rick Parks, Society Insurance

This team planned, funded and constructed a barrier-free playground in Fond du Lac's Lakeside Park that allows access for children with physical and cognitive disabilities as well as able-bodied children.



Genesee Cemetery Enhancements, 2007

Team Members

Allan Wilcox, Mercury Marine; Carla Schommer, Marian University; Donna Whitty, Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department, Joe Lange, Charter; Katherine Vergos, Aurora Health Care; Larry Wunsch, City of Fond du Lac Fire Department; Wendy Koepp, Grande Cheese, Co.

This team enhanced the grounds of the Genesee Cemetery in the Town of Byron by clearing overgrown brush, installing signage, parking directions and fencing, and laying gravel at the cemetery entrance.



Booster Seat Booster Project, 2007

Team Members:

Chris Amadon, Blue Cross & Blue Shield; Denise Shaffer, The Salvation Army; Jim LaRonge, Grant Thornton, LLP; Lori Burgess, Fond du Lac Public Library; Nick Leonard, Village of North Fond du Lac; Sara McCallum, Fond du Lac Surgery Center; Todd Karasek, Mercury Marine

This team established a public awareness campaign that provided information about the law change requiring children under the age of eight years or under 80 pounds to ride in a booster seat. The campaign featured a "Safety Seat Check Day" in partnership with Stark Motors and others. The Family Resource Center in Fond du Lac provided booster seats to families that qualified financially.

Rain Garden, 2007

Team Members:

David Thiel, US Bank; Dean Will, Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department; Georgiann Froemke, Lifeline Services; Kathy Scharf, City of Fond du Lac; Lori Garbish, Lutheran Homes and Health Services; Terri Manthey, American Bank



This team constructed a rain garden and educated the public on runoff rainwater and the impact of rain gardens, which can be located on commercial sites or in a residential backyard.

Ernie Schneider Baseball Diamond Upgrade, 2008

Team Members:

Dan Dring, Mercury Marine; Eileen Rottscholl, Moraine Park Technical College; Jasen Wise, Marian University; Nancy Birschbach, Agnesian HealthCare; Sandy Krueger, Charter; Terry Dietzel, Fond du Lac Planning Department

Team Bullriders renovated the Ernie Schneider Youth Baseball Diamond used for youth baseball practices, games, and tournaments. New bleachers, signs and repaired dugouts now provide safe seating and visible signage for family and friends, as well as the teams and coaching staff.



Permanent Drug Disposal Box, 2008

Team Members:

Becky Kohlman, Charter; Jodi Whitt, Aurora Health Center; Katie Rusch, The Goldsmith; R. Scott Blamey, BrownBoots Interactive, Inc.; Rick Goding, City of Fond du Lac; Sue Nelson, Marian University

Team: Change Reactors constructed and installed a permanent drug disposal box providing the residents of Fond du Lac County with a safe, legal, and environmentally appropriate way to dispose of any and all unwanted and unused prescription drugs. This safe disposal method removes prescription drugs from the hands of criminals, lowers the potential for accidental overdoses by children or elderly, and keeps our waters safe.

Solutions Center Property Enhancement, 2008

Team Members

Barbara Jansky, American Bank; Jon Gutzmann, City of Fond du Lac Police Department; Karyn Merkel, Charter; Linda Berlin, Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation; Richard Schneider, Buechel Stone Corporation; Sue Strands, City of Fond du Lac

Team Fond du Lac Today enhanced the security and privacy of the clients served by the Solutions Center Shelter through improvements made to the landscaping and fence surrounding the back yard, including adding a section of wood fencing. A new electric strike lock was installed on the main door to provide more secure and convenient access for clients and staff.



Galloway House Caboose Restoration, 2008

Team Members:

Amy Collett, Society Insurance; David Erickson, Alliant Energy; David Gerritson, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Jackie Braatz, City of Fond du Lac; John Williams, Fond du Lac School District; Vicki Woschnick, U.S. Bank

Team Greenlight restored the SOO Line Caboose located at the Galloway House and Village. This caboose is one of only two of its kind left in the nation and highlights the importance of railroading to the Fond du Lac and North Fond du Lac area.

Kiekhaefer Park, 2008

Team Members:

Andrew Shultz, UW-Fond du Lac; Bonnie Schmitz, Agnesian HealthCare; Lori Binner, City of Fond du Lac Police Department; Patricia Sabel, Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services; Robert Van Kirk, M&I Bank; Sara Andrews, Andrew Law Offices, S.C.

Team Fond du Laugh enhanced the aesthetic appeal of Kiekhaefer Park, located on the east shore of Lake Winnebago in the Town of Taycheedah, through a beautification project that included planting flowers and installing a park entry sign. Similarly, this project incorporated the park history and amenities on a website, ultimately increasing awareness of and pride in the park.

ARC Building Improvements, 2009

Team Members:

Ashly Garner, Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac County/AmeriCorps VISTA; Brian Costello, Alliant Energy; Dan Shea, Shea Electric & Communication; Erin Zimmerman, Charter; Margaret Brill, American Red Cross - Fond du Lac County; Netti Jenkins, Flight for Life - Fond du Lac

Team 1st on the Lake enhanced the Arc of Fond du Lac's property through interior and exterior building improvements, which in turn enhanced the clientele experience and promoted energy efficiency.

E-Cycling Day, 2009

Team Members:

Jim Ronayne, Aramark Education; Kathy Reitz, Mid-States Aluminum; Kimberly Pickart, Aurora Health Center; Peggy Perdue, CitizensFirst Credit Union; Ryan Waldschmidt, Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department; Wally Meyer, Charter

Team Green facilitated a Community Drop Day for the proper disposal and recycling of used electronic equipment. This project partnered with a local waste management company to collect, sort, and properly recycle said waste and keep it out of landfills. By promoting e-waste recycling in a safe, convenient, and cost-effective manner, an awareness of environmental stewardship in the Fond du Lac community occurred.

Restore Bus Shelter, 2009

Team Members

Daryl Rogers, Fond du Lac Public Library; Donna Woods, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management; Holly Lifke, Society Insurance; Jason Brenner, J.F. Ahern Co.; Nick Waldschmidt, City of Fond du Lac

The goal of Team Green Stop was to make utilization of Fond du Lac public transportation more appealing and convenient, while promoting recycling by reusing existing materials. Team members chose to refurbish a bus shelter and install it at a bus stop located on Main Street in Fond du Lac. They also refurbished and installed two bicycle racks in the central transfer zone. This project provided patrons with protection from the elements at high traffic stops and made it more convenient for riders to use their bicycles to get to the central transfer zone.

Picnic Shelter, 2009

Team Members:

Angela Scherg, Marian University; Courtney Zitlow, Grande Cheese Co.; Gary Thorpe, Lutheran Homes & Health Services, Inc.; Jim Sutton, Mercury Marine; Kate Thone, American Bank; Mary Steberg, Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department

Team Lagoon Lounge constructed a picnic shelter, improving the shelter options available to families using the east playground at Lakeside Park. By incorporating a fish cleaning station in a portion of the shelter, the project ultimately provided a facility that is available to families, organizations, and fishing enthusiasts alike, enhancing Lakeside Park and the Fond du Lac experience for years to come.

ADA Compliant Pier, 2009

Team Members:

Amy Hansen, Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership; Jackie Morgan, UW-Fond du Lac; Kathryn Luedtke, Agnesian HealthCare; Penny Kottke, J.F. Ahern Co.; Steve Beer, City of Fond du Lac Fire Department

The goal of Team Pier 6 was to create an ADA compliant pier in Lakeside Park to accommodate handicap accessibility for community members. The project replaced Pier 6 in Lakeside Park West with an ADA compliant pier, including making it wide enough for wheelchair accessibility.

Team Quattro, 2010

Team Members:

Cathi McGowna, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Dave Oughton, Mercury Marine; Lori Agnew, City of Fond du Lac; Renee Schuster, Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department; Tom Wilhelms, American Legion Foxhole Bar & Grill

Team 1st on the Lake enhanced the Arc of Fond du Lac's property through interior and exterior building improvements, which in turn enhanced the clientele experience and promoted energy efficiency.

Team SWEET (Storm Water Environment Education Training), 2010

Team Members:

Brandon Beard, Mercury Marine; Julie Woznick, Charter; Kathy Livieri, Society Insurance; Liv Moyer, Set-Ink; Tony Lang, city of Fond du Lac

Team SWEET developed and presented storm-water runoff educational materials to high school students, as well as worked with high school volunteers to clean Hass Pond and restore the habitat by planting more than 1,200 wetland plants.



Team Secret Servants, 2010

Team Members

Aaron Goldstein, City of Fond du Lac Police Department; Dave Wildner, Mercury Marine; Dee Dee Schneider, Charter; Eric Serrano, SEBS WI, LLC; Lori Stephans, CitizensFirst Credit Union

Team Secret Servants redesigned the Salvation Army's former childcare facility to create a larger food pantry with a grocery store-like atmosphere and layout. The team designed and built a reception area, storage and shelving, painted walls, and installed a new double door to allow for deliveries of large donations. The overall effect was an improved atmosphere, with a spacious, clean and friendly environment. Additionally, the team conducted a food drive to stock the shelves; more than 20,000 pounds of food were collected.

Team YOUth Should Vote/Vote with Confidence, 2010

Team Members:

Lee Zuelsdorf, Charter; Margaret Hefter, City of Fond du Lac; Melissa Luedtke, UW-Fond du Lac; Mike Feudner, Agnesian HealthCare; Peggy Zickert, American Bank

Team YOUth Should Vote orchestrated several voter registration drives at local high schools and colleges in advance of municipal elections. Their goal through these drives was to promote the importance of voting to 18–24-year-olds and increase voter registration and turnout.

Team Sandboxers, 2010

Team Members:

Jason Hermes, M&I Bank; Renee Wagner, Fond du Lac Recreation Department; Shannon LaLuzerne, Marian University; Tim Lakin, Commonwealth Companies

Team Sandboxers designed and installed a 12-foot-square sandbox on Softball Island in Lakeside Park and made a commitment to maintain the sandbox for three years. The Softball Island playground provides a safe place for kids to play during baseball games, keeping them away from the nearby lagoons and rocks.

Team Reflections, 2011

Team Members:

Ben Duke, Mercury Marine; Deb Hoffmann, City of Fond du Lac; Jessica Pickett, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Ken Stephani, Society Insurance; Lisa Freiberg, Fond du Lac County; Mary Bartelt, Lutheran Home and Health Services

Team Reflections developed a "basic needs" closet for Boys and Girls Club members called the "Suds Club" (Note: 1,400 families are members of the club, 70% are at poverty level and do not have the resources to obtain personal hygiene items for kids). Numerous collection sites were established throughout the community in order to obtain more than 1,000 items, such as shampoo, conditioner, lotions, toothpaste and soap. The staff of the Boys and Girls Club agreed to maintain the closet.

Team Diverse Energy, 2011

Team Members:

Ann Sinisi, First Weber; Barbara Faber, Agnesian HealthCare; Ben Thome, Associated Bank; Elba Carbajal, UW-Fond du Lac; Mary Denzin, Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce; Meagan Parker, Fond du Lac Public Library; Tonny James, Charter

Team Diverse Energy created a mentorship program focused on life skills for students attending Fondy Central to better prepare them for life after graduation. The 9-month curriculum consisted of job readiness, healthy living, housing needs, personal finance, education, and community involvement.

Team Lakeside Rescue, 2011

Team Members

Geoff Murry, Kristmas Kringle Shoppe; Kim Reilly, Charter; Lisa Pollard, Moraine Park Technical College; Sarah Harbridge, City of Fond du Lac; Steph Vinz, M&I Bank; Zach Pits, Agnesian HealthCare

Team Lakeside Rescue remodeled and updated bathrooms at the Lakeside Park Pavilion, including painting walls, ceiling and bathroom stalls, restoring stained sinks, improving lighting fixtures, and installing infant changing stations in the bathrooms. Additionally, the group painted murals on the bathroom and stage walls.

Team S.P.L.A.T.T. (Supporting People Long After Today into Tomorrow), 2011

Team Members:

Beau Gellings, Grande Cheese Co.; Carrie Pierquet, CMP Consulting; John Morris, Marian University; Kathy Wolf, CitizensFirst Credit Union; Kathi Rose, Family Resource Center; Rob Hyland, Mercury Marine

Team S.P.L.A.T.T. revamped the playground area at the Solutions Center by expanding and reconfiguring the space to provide adequate room for a playground system. The enhancement included an added seating area for moms to safely watch their children, adding equipment for children 6-24 months old, and cleaning up undesirable areas by removing brush and old landscaping.



Team Horizon, 2011

Team Members:

Jeff Butz, Fond du Lac Area Business on Health; Jen Ganz, Mercury Marine; Julie Henry, Aurora Healthcare; Lind Schmitz, Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office; Ryan Scheel, Boys and Girls Club of Fond du Lac; Sandra Karst, Action Advertising

Team Horizon established a low-vision center within the assisted living facility of Lutheran Homes and Health Services. The team provided a CCTV, computer with iZoom computer screen magnification software, varying handheld magnifiers, max TV viewing spectacles, and various recreational devices such as large print playing cards, BINGO, a needle threader, and more.

Additionally, the team partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of Fond du Lac to establish a social mentoring program in which area teens offer reading assistance and companionship to residents of Lutheran Homes.

Team Fond du Lac Connections, 2012

Team Members:

Amy Sebert, Aurora Health Center; Dave Schecher, Mercury Marine; Laurice Freeman, Fond du Lac School District; Mike Gauthier, City of Fond du Lac; Sara Sippel, Hometown Bank; Tracy Schneider, Society Insurance

Team Fond du Lac Connections identified businesses to partner with the Beacon House, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing compassionate, professional help to women recovering from alcoholism and/or chemical dependency, to provide volunteer work or jobs for the women who graduated from its therapy program. The results of this project were presented and provided to the Beacon House in the spring of 2012.

Team Marina Rescue, 2012

Team Members

Barbara Janiak, Companion Animal Care; Jacob Crowe, Sadoff & Rudoy Industries; Jan Rupnick, ManorCare Health Services; Jim McNabb, Fond du Lac County; Jodie Schneider, Moraine Park Technical College; Patty Birschbach, Consultants Laboratory of Wisconsin

Team Marina Rescue installed 12 rescue ladders at Lakeside Marina to ensure the safety of all visitors, as it is a highly used area for boaters, recreational activities, and events. The project also included the creation of an aerial marina map that depicts the locations of all ladders, which is available electronically from the City of Fond du Lac, the Fond du Lac Harbormaster, and the Fond du Lac Yacht Club.



Team Wilson, 2012

Team Members:

Dyann Benson, City of Fond du Lac; Greta Kostac, Marian University; Jeanna Race, M&I - BMO Harris Bank; Mark Otterstatter, Mercury Marine; Michele Hlvacak, Charter

Team Wilson researched and developed a brochure identifying a Historic Walking Tour of Downtown Fond du Lac. The tour includes properties listed on the National Register and/or local designation, as well as those that are potentially eligible for designation. Brochures are available at the Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce and the Fond du Lac Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Team CommUNITY, 2012

Team Members:

Kathy Hahn, Action Printing; Kelly Flood, J.F. Ahern Company; Paul Monfils, CitizensFirst Credit Union; Rhonda Schelvan, Charter; Shelly Habermann, Agnesian HealthCare; Steve Thiry, City of Fond du Lac Police Department

Team CommUNITY created a "Texting While Driving Awareness" campaign and toolkit in an effort to reduce the amount of traffic crashes caused by inattentive driving. In addition to creating and providing toolkits to the Fond du Lac area schools, traffic safety, and Ries Driving School, the message was extended in the development of public service announcements through local cable as a means to bring awareness to more people in the Fond du Lac and surrounding areas.

Team Rock Fond du Lac, 2012

Team Members:

Charlene Wiese, City of Fond du Lac; Kelly Schellinger, Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department; Kirsten Quam, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Mary May, Clarity Care; Nancy Chikowski, Grande Cheese Co.; Ross Steward, Mercury Marine

Team Rock Fond du Lac organized and completed a drive to collect new or gently used sporting equipment and art supplies for the YMCA and Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac.

Each of these local organizations provides a positive, structured environment for community members, and promotes healthy activities to the community. With increased activities, larger quantities of equipment or supplies are needed and replacing the worn or damaged equipment/supplies is never ending.



A Team, 2013

Team Members

Bobbi Hicken, Fond du Lac County; Dan Hebel, Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac; Dee Harmsen, Marian University; Karri Klemm, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Sue Edminster, Agnesian HealthCare; Travis Moser, J.F. Ahern Co.

A Team developed a short-term mentorship program that involves volunteer professionals working with high school juniors and seniors in filling out the necessary paperwork for college applications, ACT forms, grant applications, and financial aid forms. Mentors work directly with identified students to assist them in understanding and completing paperwork and are trained in the FAFSA and TIP process. Additionally, A Team developed training materials for future mentors.



Team Jump, 2013

Team Members:

Deanna Paris, Charter Communications; Jennifer Schoonover, Moraine Park Technical College; Jordan Skiff, City of Fond du Lac; Kelly Jo McClanathan, C.D. Smith Construction, Inc.; Sommer Joslin, Society Insurance; William Wuske, CitizensFirst Credit Union

Team Jump designed and constructed an Exploratory Nature Area located next to The Children's Museum. The nature area includes natural grasses, trees and plant life that are native to the area. The goal of this project is to reinvigorate the blighted area to be more visually appealing and attract visitors to the museum while utilizing the space as an outdoor exhibit entitled: "Exploring Our Backyard."



Team Rock Solid, 2013

Team Members:

Ellen Mielke, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Linda Ahrens, Aurora Health Center; Megan Stahmann, Habitat for Humanity; Mike Schumacher, Valders Stone and Marble; Pam VandeBerg, Mercury Marine; Robb Duvencek, City of Fond du Lac Police Department



Team Rock Solid designed and installed bicycle racks for Main Street Fond du Lac to encourage bike and pedestrian patronization of downtown. Adding bike racks to the area was meant to provide a fun and aesthetically pleasing look while promoting bicycling and exercising for a healthier life and community.

Team Square 1, 2013

Team Members:

Barb Moser, Dental Associates; Chris Hopf, Shea Electric; Jill Mondloch, M&I BMO Harris Bank; Melody Masteller, Grande Cheese Co.; Nicole Gill, Agnesian HealthCare

Team Square 1 developed a campaign to create community awareness of the daily hygiene and clothing needs of babies and toddlers in the Fond du Lac area and promote the Family Resource Center (FRC) and its available services. By partnering with the FRC, items for a "Baby Care Closet" were received through a community baby shower, the first annual event of its kind. Additionally, the team designed and constructed the FRC Baby Care Closet for use by the center and those in need.



Team 100 Watt, 2013

Team Members

Bob Pinter, Charter Communications; Brad Lasky, Sadoff Iron & Metal Co.; Meredith Schneider, Moraine Park Technical College; Misty Snyder, Associated Bank; Sara Hathaway, BrownBoots Interactive, Inc.; Tony Steffen, City of Fond du Lac

Team 100 Watt developed and implemented a technology expo called "SAMPLING-Technology for the Mature Palate," aimed primarily at individuals ages 45-65. Attendees had the opportunity to expand their knowledge on current technologies, get one-on-one assistance for using personal devices and applications, and attend breakout sessions covering more in-depth topics at length.



Team Community Cares, 2014

Team Members:

Jay Bucholtz, Kondex Corporation; Melissa Castillo, BMO Harris Bank; Sara Meyer, Marian University

Team Community Cares created marketing material for the Fond du Lac Senior Center's Adopt a Facility program; specifically, through the creation of the 6-1-1-1 theme and branding initiative. The Senior Center is in need of companies and service clubs to adopt a facility and provide: 6 volunteers (at least) to visit a facility for one hour, one time a month, for one year.

Anyone interested in adopting a facility for the recommended 6-1-1-1-time frame should contact the Fond du Lac Senior Center at (920) 322-3630.

Team Compass, 2014

Team Members:

Caryn Cleveland-Short; Dina Schultz, Society Insurance; Jillian Faber, Hometown Bank; Kent Englund, K Electric, LLC; Sarah Newton, Fond du Lac Public Library

Team Compass designed an interactive, life-skills education and mentoring program to point at-risk youth in the right direction, deterring them from re-entering the criminal justice system. In partnership with the Fond du Lac Social Services Department, the program provides positive reinforcement opportunities with hands-on instruction by community professionals who want to make a difference in a young person's life. The Compass Point Program consists of six sessions including communications, health and wellness, financial and life planning, education and career goals and final recognition celebration. Courses give youth an opportunity to express themselves through theater, drama, art, musical drum circles and hands-on activities. The program will be sustained under the direction of UW-Fond du Lac students.



Team Fresh Start, 2014

Team Members:

Caron Daugherty, Moraine Park Technical College; Marcus Butts, CitizensFirst Credit Union; Patricia Breister, Charter; Sue Toll, Aurora Health Center; Travis Van Dyn Hoven, American Family Insurance

Team Fresh Start developed a program to provide soon-to-be college graduates with the professional wear they need as they enter into the recruiting, interviewing, or job fair process. The Revolving Career Closet allows professionals in the greater Fond du Lac area to donate gently used professional wear such as suits, pants, dress shirts, and ties. The inaugural drive took place at Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC) and resulted in a four-day clothing drive with 1,004 pieces of clothing donated with a value of \$13,164 in professional attire given to students to use for interviews, serving 189 students from Marian University, UW-Fond du Lac and MPTC. The closet is to be open each spring (during the job fair season).

Team Grow, Gather, Give, 2014

Team Members

Joynell Schultz, Agnesian HealthCare; Kelly Norton, St. Mary's Springs Academy; Melissa Ryan, Sadoff Iron & Metal Co.; Polly Nachreiner, J.F. Ahern Co.

Team Grow, Gather, Give developed a program to get healthy foods into the hands that need it. In partnership with the Fond du Lac YMCA and Boys and Girls Club of Fond du Lac, the Grow-Gather-Give project was created to ensure that families in need have access to healthy food options during the summer months. The program will provide 20-30 families with six weeks of healthy produce. The community can participate in three ways: (1) corporations/civic groups/etc. can pledge to provide food from their own corporate garden, (2) solicit overflow produce from employee gardens or (3) donate money to support a purchase from an area farmers market.

Team Vision, 2014

Team Members:

Christine Serres, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Dawn Gadicke, Grande Cheese Co.; Holly Brenner, Agnesian HealthCare; Jamie Cleland, Manowske Welding Corp.; Kimberly Mueller, Fond du Lac County Health Department; Scott Brutosky, Mercury Marine

Team Vision facilitated the development of a community-wide vision for the greater Fond du Lac area with the goal of answering the question: What will Fond du Lac look like in the future? A three-stage community visioning process was established to (1) assess the current state of Fond du Lac, (2) identify future needs and (3) create an actionable plan. Completed tasks included the identification of visioning partners, the creation of a selection committee of community leaders for oversight of the visioning process, the review of proposals to identify the top visioning consultants and the development of a finance and management structure from which the community will fund and manage the visioning process. Continued action items include engagement and community outreach, development of vision statement and action plan and implementation guidance.

Team 3, 2015

Team Members:

Jennifer Neibauer, Charter Communications; Joey Kunde, City of Fond du Lac Transit; Laurie Develice, Agnesian HealthCare; Patrick Rose, BrownBoots Interactive; Wendy Brockert, Fond du Lac School District

Team 3 purchased and installed mile markers and map signage along the Fond du Lac Loop to show the entirety of the bike trail. The signage allows Loop users to estimate distances to the next access or exit point, restrooms, bike fix-it stations, and bus stops. The maps provide alternative paths and the downtown path. The goal of Team 3 was to help improve health and wellness in the Fond du Lac community and allow Loop travelers that need assistance to direct emergency personnel to more specific points on the trail, which improves safety for the community.

Team Five Moving Fondy Forward, 2015

Team Members:

Barbara Bossenbroek, Mercury Marine; Brett Hunt, Shea Electric & Communications; Jason Laridaen, Fond du Lac Police Department; Melissa Will, Aurora Health Center; Natasha Fye, Family Resource Center

Team Five Moving Fondy Forward installed two strategically located one-stop bike repair stations and a water fountain along the Fond du Lac Loop. The repair stations are located at the Johnson Street Crossing area by Festival Foods and on Martin Road by the water tower. By providing the necessary tools (with instructions) to perform basic bike repairs, these additions have created a safe and convenient biking and walking environment for the entire Fond du Lac community. Additionally, having a quality source of water allows for extended activity and overall, these enhancements have made a positive impact on driving healthy lifestyles in Fond du Lac.

Team Fondy Five, 2015

Team Members

Jill Wendt, Society Insurance; Jodi Dietzel, Agnesian HealthCare; John Cavey, Mercury Marine; Mary Musack, Fond du Lac County; Robert Olson, Verve, a Credit Union

Team Fondy Five developed an educational campaign to raise awareness for clean water and water conservation, helping to keep Lake Winnebago free of pollutants. As part of the project, a video, brochure and website were developed to share information with Fond du Lac residents. The campaign also promoted easy, do-it-yourself, conservation strategies that residents can implement starting in their own backyard.

Team Kickstarters, 2015

Team Members:

Amber Kilawee, Fond du Lac Area United Way; Carrie Lauersdorf, Kondex Corporation; Karen Befus, Action Reporter Media; Kim Spartz, Moraine Park Technical College; Luke Wacek, Johnsonville Sausage

Team Kickstarters installed two Buddy Benches at area grade schools in an effort to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. Each bench is meant to be a tool for students to empower themselves to seek friends and to develop a healthy self-concept.

Team SAP (Substance Abuse Prevention), 2015

Team Members:

Joelene Yeskie, Charter Communications; Nancy Hyland, Agnesian Pharmacy; Terri Fritz, Grande Cheese Co.; Tiffany Heim, Boys and Girls Club of Fond du Lac; Tim Lamers, Fox Valley Savings Bank

Team SAP developed and implemented a Drug Abuse Video Contest for area seventh grade students with the theme "If You Care You Will Not Share," to help teach students about the dangers of sharing and misusing prescription medications.

Team Just Keep Making Progress, 2016

Team Members:

Jeff Noren, Shea Electric & Communications; Jesse Te Stroete, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Karissa Schneider, Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac; Kelly Roberts, Society Insurance; Mark Donovan, Aurora Health Care; Paul Tollard, Fond du Lac County

Team Just Keep Making Progress focused on community education about dementia in an effort to make Fond du Lac dementia friendly. The team held a Dementia Summit (April 7, 2016) at Community Church and had 142 people in attendance. One of the outcomes of the Dementia Summit is having a Dementia Care Network continue working on dementia initiatives in our community.

Team Looking Back, Moving Forward, 2016

Team Members:

Albert Curl, Hometown Bank; Katie Kramer-Thanos, Mercury Marine; Kevin Lastres, Ullenberg Law; Marie Schumacher, Charter Communications; Scott Dell, Marian University

With over 50,000 unique visitors each year, the Lighthouse is not only an image on a postcard or sign, but also the experience that many participate in during their Fond du Lac activities. Team Looking Back, Moving Forward enhanced the interior of the Lighthouse by cleaning and painting walls, developing and installing historical posters, purchasing a WiFi accessible weather station, and adding a guest book for visitors to sign.

Team 5 Star, 2016

Team Members

Anne Deacy, St. Agnes Hospital; Gabe Deer, Society Insurance; Jim Borgen, Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department; Josh Pedersen, Charter Communications; Melissa Schmidt, TNT Adventure, LLC.

Team 5 Star installed 2 ADA 5-point harnesses Freedom swings, one ADA sand digger which allows children to approach the sand digger from a wheelchair or standing position, and smaller monkey bars for children ages 5 to 12 at Lakeside Park. The goal of the project was to promote greater inclusivity while promoting physical play for the enjoyment of all children in the Fond du Lac community and visitors to Lakeside Park. *This project was added to the barrier-free playground developed by a Leadership Fond du Lac team in 2007.

Team Venture Forward, 2016

Team Members:

Anders Bjork, Moraine Park Technical College; Donna VanBuren, Agnesian HealthCare; Jeff Hannemann, Verve, a Credit Union; Kristi Thurke, American Bank; Kristine Berg, Charter Communications; Mark Rommelfanger, Mercury Marine

Team Venture Forward developed a video addressing the opioid and heroin epidemic in our community. The mission was to provide awareness around warning signs, paraphernalia, addiction information, treatment options, and HOPE for those suffering from addiction or those who have a loved one that may need treatment. The video will be a tool provided through local employers, the public health department, and social media to both start the conversation around this staggering issue and as a stepping stone down the path that can lead those in need to help.

Team Con-du-It, 2017

Team Members:

Kimberly Klaetsch, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Lisa Hayes, Anthem; Mike Owens, Charter; Ryan Zitlow, Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department; Stacey Buchholtz, Fond du Lac School District - Parkside Elementary

Team Con-du-it created brochures and posters to help the city of Fond du Lac create sound awareness regarding the emerald ash borer and protecting local land from devastation.

Team Fondy First, 2017

Team Members:

Jenna Floberg, St. Francis Home; Lindsay Pansier, Horicon Bank; Mary Fortney, Fond du Lac County; Shauna Frohrip, Aurora Health Center; Travis Kloetzke, City of Fond du Lac

Team Fondy First commissioned a 10ft x 40ft mural honoring veterans from each branch of service. This mural will raise awareness about this specific population in our community and help to beautify Fond du Lac's downtown area. Overall, the team's goal was to pay tribute to veterans, embrace the arts within the community by hiring a local artist, and spark interest within the community for future endeavors involving veterans.



Hand Painted Mural
Size 8' x 35'



Team #Fondy, 2017

Team Members:

Angela Boehning, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Katie Reinke, Agnesian HealthCare; Kris Bosio, Mercury Marine; Shelby Kapitanski, Fond du Lac County; Troy Riehl, Habitat for Humanity – ReStore

Team #Fondy held a car seat take back event in the Habitat for Humanity Restore Parking Lot. Donators utilized a drive through station to assist with removal and acceptance of unwanted car seats, which were then disassembled, sorted, and properly disposed of.

Team PHOENIX, 2017

Team Members:

Brian Smith, Grande Cheese Co.; Danielle Van Egtern, Charter Communications; Melissa Schofield, City of Fond du Lac Police Department; Michelle Braun, Verve, a Credit Union; Mike Schreiber, Moraine Park Technical College

Team PHOENIX held a donation drive for the the Aging and Disability Resource Center's Music & Memory program. The team collected items such as iPods, wireless speakers, chargers, headphones, iTunes gift cards, Legos, puzzles, and accepted cash donations to purchase new equipment for the program including fidget cubes and items for memory boards.

Team Second Chances, 2017

Team Members:

Bob Wothe, Society Insurance; Cassie Higgins, The ARC Fond du Lac; Jena Slesarik, Mercury Marine; Tammy Pinno-Supple, Fond du Lac County; Teresa Jaeger, Smucker's

Team Second Chances created a "Tack Room" for Mahala's Hope, a nonprofit that offers substance abuse and training programs through equine (horse) therapy. Mahala's Hope provided Team Second Chances with a blue print, estimated cost, and the space to complete the project; the Tack Room will be used to store and organize their horse supplies.

Team Dumpster Divers, 2018

Team Members:

Amanda Duval, Marian University; Gene Olig, City of Fond du Lac; Kerry Murphy, Horicon Bank; Trevor Schwartz, Mercury Marine

Team Dumpster Divers provided a means to recycle in the City of Fond du Lac's park system by adding recycling bins in each of our parks. The team worked with the city park superintendent on the logistics for managing and maintaining these bins into perpetuity. Additionally, collaboration with Waste Management was important to ensure that project needs were met and workflows were conducive to success.

Team Memory Garden Always Remembered, 2018

Team Members:

Amy Schlicht, Aurora Health Center; Erind Qerimi, Chater Communications (Spectrum); Jessica Bublitz, Verve, a Credit Union; Matt Straveler, Anthem; Paige Edwards, Badgerland Youth for Christ

Team Memory Garden Always Remembered worked with the City of Fond du Lac and the City of Fond du Lac Police Department to create a memorial that will allow the city to identify past fallen officers by name and have any future names added.

Team Fondy Kayakers, 2018

Team Members:

Desmond Vincent, Shea Electric & Communications; Heather Sullivan, Agnesian HealthCare; Jessica Lehman, Fox Valley Savings Bank; John Faeh, Moraine Park Technical College; Mike Rosenau, Society Insurance

Team Fondy Kayaks provided one kayak launch within the city of Fond du Lac that has access to the river and Lake Winnebago.

Team Ride and Read, 2018

Team Members:

Broch Thomas, Charter Spectrum; Daniel Hanson, Agnesian HealthCare; Nicole Kubichka, The ARC of Fond du Lac; Shawna Verges, Charter Spectrum; Tammy Pflum, Fond du Lac County Child Support Agency

Team Ride and Read procured and deployed a chartered Little Free Library on seven Fond du Lac Public Transit buses. Each bus was furnished with a minimum of 10 books, geared towards a variety of ages and interests. The team deployed 16-20 fruit bearing trees among Fond du Lac Bus Stops.

Team Rock the Change, 2019

Team Members:

Chris Durkin, Fond du Lac Area United Way; Christina Nussbaum, Sadoff Iron & Metal, Co.; Jessica Kimbal, The ARC of Fond du Lac; Nicki Hau, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Sadie Parafiniuk, Congressman Glenn Grothman; Stephanie Williams, Society Insurance

Team Rock the Change worked with The Children's Museum to identify opportunities to strengthen, supplement, and promote their service and support children with sensory processing disorders. This team created additional signage and information communicating to the families the tools available upon first arriving at the museum, labeled designated quiet spaces with signage, created sensory bins based on best practices to use in classrooms and at the front desk of the museum, updated Social Storybook to help introduce children to the museum updated Pic for PECS sets to help children plan their time at the museum, and helped with promotion of a new sensory-friendly Round Up event.

Team Trailblazers, 2019

Team Members:

Grace Bruins, Horican Bank; Lacey Lakin Marian University; Mike Gerlach, Fond du Lac School District; Paul Torres, Fond du Lac Police Department; Rhoda Hinz, Fond du Lac County; Sara Halverson, Aurora Health Center

Team Trailblazers developed a one-mile multi-use trail in Lakeside Park West, the uses may include: hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and other outdoor recreation.

Team Including the Future, 2019

Team Members:

Ali Klimko, City of Fond du Lac; Audra Hoffman, Agnesian HealthCare; Becky Guseck, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Brian Mand, Aramark; Carly Cline, Lutheran Homes & Health Services Melissa Miekle, Mid-States Aluminum Corp.; Sarah Spang, envision Greater Fond du Lac

Team Including the Future created a mural competition that involved students in 6th-12th grade to come up with a design answering the question, "What does inclusion in Fond du Lac mean to you?" The winning mural was designed by a Horace Mann High School student and is located in the Portland Street parking ramp in the city of Fond du Lac.

Team 2 Legit 2 Hit, 2020

Team Members:

Dan Flatau, Mercury Marine; Kendell Rashid, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Krista Arnhoelter, Society Insurance; Kyle Goebel, 5G Benefits; Travis Polodna, Marine Credit Union

Team 2 Legit 2 Hit will update the volleyball courts at Lakeside Park. This enhancement will refresh the courts with new sand, ladders, benches, rakes, nets, volleyballs, lockbox with lock and eyelets for the net. They will also be putting up signage on the lockbox stating how to access the equipment.

Team Mighty Double Loopers, 2020

Team Members:

Janel Konkell, St. Francis Home; Luke Schmidt, Moraine Park Technical College; Maranda Abitz, Marian University; Rob Rublee, Mid-States Aluminum Corp.; Teri Wall, National Exchange Bank & Trust

Team Mighty Double Loopers' goal was to create more awareness and public usage of the Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum. The team created informational and directional signage to allow the public to self-guide and educate through the Prairie and map on the north side of the Prairie.

Team Trail Blazers, 2020

Team Members:

Brittany Dixon, Open Road Harley Davidson; Chris Badtke, C.D. Smith Construction; Craig Much, Horicon Bank; JJ Raflick, Fond du Lac Family YMCA

Team Trail Blazers developed an outdoors installation of "The Hive" exhibit at the Children's Museum, including educational signage.

Team The Chargers, 2020

Team Members:

Adam Kennedy, Spectrum; Jamie Seyfert, Alliant Energy (started program with Mercury Marine); Jerry Stevens, Spectrum; Tom Schuettelz, National Exchange Bank & Trust

The Chargers will install public mobile device charging stations at the Fond du Lac Public Library and Fond du Lac Senior Center.

Team 5493Five Leaders, 2021

Team Members:

Sara Wright, C.D. Smith Construction; Julie Stigler, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Jason Porter, J.F. Ahern Co.; Erik Johnson, Grande Cheese; Kelsey Beine, Marian University

Team 5493Five Leaders partnered with the Fond du Lac School District to create an outdoor learning space for Fondy Central. Located on Prairie Road and adjacent to Lakeshore Elementary School, Fondy Central is an alternative high school whose staff work with at-risk juniors and seniors in need of additional support to graduate. The outdoor space will consist of two sit-about tables, an extended-top table for chair-bound persons, and a trash receptacle. Concrete, landscaping, furniture, and labor is all locally sourced.

Team Stars and Stripes, 2021

Team Members:

Kevin Ruby, Mid-States Aluminum; Maeghan Greeno, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Cynthia Thorpe, Society Insurance; Joseph Ware, Lakeland Care, Inc.

The goal for team Stars and Stripes was to increase awareness towards the United States flag and patriotism in the Fond du Lac area. The team worked with veteran, Sam Floyd, owner of Operation Coffee in Campbellsport, and the American Legion in Fond du Lac. Both locations were the beneficiaries of new flagpoles, and other improvements to the front of their buildings. Of special note, the cannon at the American Legion was repainted and stenciled, and their existing flagpole was moved from the parking lot to the front of the building to make it more noticeable. Team Stars and Stripes also held a dedication ceremony at the American Legion and had veterans and scouts share flag history and teach proper flag etiquette. Each family in attendance received a brochure with that information to keep for personal use.

Team Empowerment, 2021

Team Members:

Kristen Theisen, City of Fond du Lac; Rob Kratoska, SSM Health; Emily Trusk, Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts; Raina Jeffery, Blue Door Coffee Co.

Team Empowerment serviced Fond du Lac's Women's Empowerment Series by renovating one of their office spaces into a place where participants can safely read, apply for jobs, receive mentorship, or simply "just be." The team converted another office space into a library for program where program participants and volunteers alike can check out books and use them for WES programming.

Team Positive Impact, 2021

Team Members:

Brad Witt, Mercury Marine; Kelly Collien, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Sara Benzel, Charter Communications; Jordan Bernien, Saputo Cheese USA, Inc.; Laura Lavey, O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing, S.C.

Team Positive Impact planned a Youth Development Day focusing on the importance of mental and physical health for children transitioning into Middle School. Their goal was to educate and empower those students and help them cultivate necessary life skills by providing guidance and training in 4 key topic areas, including: Emotional Intelligence and Mindfulness, Inspiring Self Confidence through Hobbies, Importance of Healthy Eating/Nutrition, and Maintaining an Active Lifestyle.

Team Turf for Tails, 2022

Team Members: Heather Boyer, Society Insurance; Ian Stepleton, Fond du Lac Public Library, Do Desiderio, Moraine Park Technical College; Joel Padovano, Spectrum; Mercedes Tucker, C.D. Smith Construction; Mollie Petrie, Integrity Saw & Tool

Tails for Life, a Fond du Lac based, non-profit organization that trains service dogs for children with special needs, had an artificial turf training field that had reached the end of its useful life and needed to be replaced. Team Turf For Tails raised \$11,500 to replace the turf, covering purchase, shipping, disposal of old turf, and installation of new turf. Team members also provided labor for the removal of the existing turf.

Team Learning Leaders, 2022

Team Members: Jeffrey Becker, Mercury Marine; Stephanie Harter, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Kristel Lougher, Fond du Lac Family YMCA; Jason Mayer, Fox Valley Savings Bank; Nicole Noonan, Fond du Lac School District; Natalie Schmitz, Horicon Bank

Team Learning Leaders collaborated with the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter to provide learning focused materials for the children's playroom. Literacy is a building block skill to further learning, therefore, the team focused on providing books, games and toys that will support the literacy development of the children living at the shelter. Team Learning Leaders worked with childhood literacy experts to select materials that are effective, diverse and engaging. Additionally, the team helped outfit the playroom to make it a welcoming and enjoyable space for children and their caregivers.

Team 10-12, 2022

Team Members: Zachary Blomstrom, Mid-States Aluminum; Neil Gaertig, SSM Health; Morgan Gaffner, Hometown Bank; Joe Miller, Fond du Lac Credit Union; Melissa Monroe, Mercury Marine, Brenda Stueber, Marian University

Team 10-12 partnered with community leaders to improve the lobby space within the Fond du Lac Police Department and display the history of the FDLPD, educate the public about what the police department does for the community and create an opportunity for positive community interactions. The team accomplished the project through the completion of custom cabinetry for the Police Department to fill with historic artifacts, multiple enlarged photos and memorabilia.

Team Lost in the Weeds, 2022

Team Members: Randi Green, J.F. Ahern, Co.; Kyle Jefferson, Aurora Health Care; Dallas Kissinger, Wells Vehicle Electronics; David Lisk, City of Fond du Lac; Pam Sippel, Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac

Team Lost in the Weeds developed additional resources for Marsh Haven Nature Center located in Fond du Lac County. The team created a coloring book to get children excited about nature and the animals in the Marsh. Additionally, a traveling wingspan banner was created to take along to classrooms so children of all ages can spread their arms to see how they stack up to the wings of local birds.

Team Trail Heads, 2022

Team Members: Joshua Cowles, Fond du Lac Public Library; Rebecca Gurno, Lakeland Care Inc.; Ashley Klaes, Sophia Transformative Partners; Gabriel McDonald, Saputo Cheese USA, Inc.; Jen Rabideaux, Spectrum; Anthony Stepp, SSM Health

Team Trail Heads, with the support of Fond du Lac County 's Land Information Department, designed Trail Head signs for the Old Plank Road Trail at the County G and County UU Park and Ride locations. The Old Plank Road trail was extended along the Highway 23 expansion from Sheboygan County to Fond du Lac's Prairie Trail. The sign locations included installation of native plant life to enhance the project.

Team Change Makers, 2023

Team Members: Elizabeth Wustrack, Destination Lake Winnebago Region; Jolene Schatzinger, The Cathedral of St. Paul & Broken Break Food Pantry; Stephanie Fell, National Exchange Bank & Trust; Mike Titel, Mid-States Aluminum Corp.; Danny Pierce, EP-Direct

Change Makers worked with county bike shops to put three bike repair stations throughout the community. Bike repair stations were installed at the Fond du Lac Family YMCA, near the Mascoutin Valley Trail in Campbellsport, and in Ripon. Stations were strategically placed near trail heads in heavily trafficked areas to provide a quick fix to bike problems.

Team Fantastic Four, 2023

Team Members: Jeff Bischoff, Wells Vehicle Electronics; Stephanie Dahlke, Fond du Lac County; Diana Dehnel, J.F. Ahern Co.; Hiram Rabadan-Torres, Hiram's Auto Repair LLC

Team Fantastic Four hosted a fundraiser event for NAMI Fond du Lac called Night Out with NAMI. Area businesses and community members were invited to play bingo, listen to live music, and participate in raffles while learning about the resources NAMI has to offer. The goal of the event was not only to fundraise to support NAMI, but spread awareness of their signature programming and support NAMI can offer the business community.



Team FIVES (Females Improving Valued Empowering Services), 2023

Team Members: Jillian Saiberlich, Envision Greater Fond du Lac; Teri Passow, Marian University; Mary Beine, Horicon Bank; Lexi Wiese, Spectrum; Kirsten Schuchardt, Grande

Team FIVES worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters to enhance their community room, and created a yearly calendar that highlights area organizations willing to sponsor monthly activities for Bigs and Littles.

Team Hope, 2023

Team Members: Alex Berg, SSM Health; Erick Gerritson, City of Fond du Lac Fire Rescue; Debbie Kapp, Advocate Aurora Health; Mandy Kimes, Ripon Chamber of Commerce; Brad Leonhard, Marian University/NAMI Fond du Lac

In partnership with Hope on the Block, Team Hope created two community pantries. The pantries contain physical resources for people in need as well as a list of resources that can help them on a more permanent basis. Each box will be available 24/7 and contain items such as toiletries, feminine hygiene products, oral hygiene products, diapers, wipes, gloves, and socks. The Ripon box is located outside of the Traded Treasures & Community Food Pantry and the North Fond Du Lac box is located outside the Spillman Library.

Team Mission Imagination, 2023

Team Members: Emily Hoepfner, SSM Health; Gina Pfalzgraf, Society Insurance; Chris Livieri, Mercury Marine; Jennifer Matteson, Moraine Park Technical College; Tina Duehring, Lakeland Care, Inc.

Mission Imagination worked with The Arc Fond du Lac to acquire and install play panels in the Arc's courtyard. The panels engage users in stimulating activities that help encourage developmental skills, provide educational opportunities and enhance the area.

Team Sign of Freedom, 2023

Team Members: Chris Johnson, City of Fond du Lac; Jeff Greeno, C.D. Smith Construction, Inc.; Jen Memmel, Fond du Lac Family YMCA; Nick Runde, Saputo Cheese USA, Inc.; Adam Schultz, Mercury Marine

The American Legion in Fond du Lac operates primarily on volunteer labor and funds generated by events they host and their establishment within the building. The signage on their front lawn was 40-50 years old and did not function in a way that added significant value to their mission or properly identified the organization. Team Sign of Freedom provided a new, updated digital outdoor sign that is more visible and engaging.





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