



# EAGAN FOUNDATION

## MISSION STATEMENT

Investing in Eagan's future by providing community connections, grants and scholarships to make Eagan the best place to live, learn, work and play.

## EAGAN FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

**Scholarship Program** – The Eagan Foundation awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors who live in or go to school in Eagan. Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit, school and community activities, financial need and other criteria specified by the scholarship donors. The Foundation's Scholarship Program has awarded over 1,700 scholarships in the past 28 years. In 2019, the Eagan Foundation provided 116 scholarships totaling \$136,450. Scholarships are sponsored by a variety of local businesses, school organizations, family foundations and nonprofits.

**Community Initiatives and Grants Program** – The Foundation has also expanded its reach to support community grants and initiatives, in addition to the scholarship program. The Foundation initiates and sponsors community events to address local needs and bring Eagan residents, businesses and organizations together. Community outreach includes:

- Providing community grants to a variety of Eagan-based organizations including, the Dakota Woodlands, The Open Door, Caponi Art Park, Kids'n Kinship, Eagan Theater, 360 Communities, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon and various Eagan school programs. In 2019, the Eagan Foundation awarded \$16,000 to 21 area nonprofits.
- Providing volunteers and resources for community events such as the Holz Spring Clean Up, July Fourth Parade, and the Halloween Hodgepodge.
- Partnering with the City of Eagan and other community groups to raise funds to build the Eagan Civic Arena,
- "Forever Green" tree planting project, and the Flood Relief programs.
- Sponsoring the Eagan Healthy Families and Community Initiatives forum.
- Participating in the historic move of the Eagan Grandfather Tree in 2001.

**Fiduciary Agent Program** – The Eagan Foundation serves as the fiscal agent for charitable community groups in Eagan who do not have their own IRS tax-exempt status. Donors to the activities of those community groups receive the benefit of receiving a charitable deduction for their contributions, and the Foundation provides donation oversight according to IRS guidelines. Through the fiduciary agent program, the Eagan Foundation has supported Friends of the Eagan Core Greenway, the Eagan 150th Anniversary Board, the Eagan Teen Advisory Board, the Eagan Tribute and Memorial Plaza fund and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.