

Community Shares of Wisconsin

Many people, many dreams, one community

Community Shares of Wisconsin (CSW) connects you to social and environmental change. Our nonprofits focus on changing the underlying systems that cause social and environmental problems. By changing the systems that create the problems, we can prevent citizens from facing future injustice and environmental and health hazards.

Our nonprofits are members in the truest sense, since each of our 60 groups holds a position on our board of directors. Our donors believe in the power of collaboration and know that, together, we can make our community better for everyone. For over 40 years we have provided funding, training, and other support to strengthen our member groups. And for over 40 years our member groups have been on the front lines, working for positive social change. A few current examples:

- **Working to return Wisconsin to its environmental leadership role...** 8 CSW groups are working on many fronts to educate both the public and lawmakers about the health and environmental impacts from our state's more than 130 frac mines and processing sites (to mine for oil). The mines are under-regulated (using laws written for much smaller gravel pits), they use huge amounts of our state's fresh water, and the silica dust from this type of mining can lodge in the lungs and cause cancer and other lung diseases.
- **Protecting people from domestic violence and sexual assault...** last year the *Rape Crisis Center* answered over 2,000 calls on its 24-hour crisis line and advocates accompanied victims to the hospital or police station over 400 times.
- **Advocating for affordable housing and healthcare coverage...** after tens of thousands of individuals and families in Wisconsin faced terminations of health care through BadgerCare Plus, *ABC for Health* provided legal service, advocacy, and education to help them find health care alternatives.
- **Ensuring that vulnerable people among us are protected and empowered...** Health Literacy Wisconsin, a division of *Wisconsin Literacy*, held "Let's Talk About the Flu" workshops throughout the state providing plain language instruction to more than 900 vulnerable adults in Wisconsin.
- **Working for social and economic justice...** the *Wisconsin Council on Children and Families* published the "Race to Equity Report," which exposed extreme disparities in income, education, health, and incarceration rates in Wisconsin based on race and ethnicity, and has ignited discussion about race and equity in Dane County.
- **Getting more people involved in civic life ...**The *ACLU of Wisconsin Foundation's* recent successful litigation has been focused on overturning Wisconsin's gay marriage ban. And both the *ACLU* and the *League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Network* are working to overturn the Voter ID Law—so that no eligible voters are disenfranchised.



Community GroundWorks Kids' Garden—celebrating the harvest

With Community Shares of Wisconsin, **you** decide where your money goes and **you** decide how it impacts lives.

- You can make one gift to Community Shares to support all of our member groups.
- Or you can direct your gift to the nonprofits of your choice, and be assured that **100% of your donation** is passed on to those nonprofits.