

United for Waukesha Fund

Wisconsin Organization
Philanthropy Award – 2022
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County Community
Foundation



On November 21, 2021, the unthinkable happened. The Waukesha Christmas Parade became the site of a devastating attack that killed six, injured dozens, and traumatized hundreds. Hours later, the Waukesha County Community Foundation partnered with United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County to create the United for Waukesha Community Fund. The fund provided a charitable vehicle for donors to assist victims and was held at the Foundation, which administered the fund at no fee, as part of their service to the community.

A committed group of leaders volunteered their time as the United for Waukesha Community Fund Committee. Nicole Angresano; Shari Campbell; Paul Farrow; Karin Kultgen, MD; Jim Moore; Shawn Reilly; Jim Sebert, EdD; and Ty Taylor brought their time, talent, and expertise to guide the process of fundraising, applications, and disbursements.

The organizations and individuals who came together to launch and administer the United for Waukesha Community Fund met crisis with caring and commitment. The fund has raised more than \$6.7 million from over 15,000 donors, and gifts came from all 50 U.S. states along with 17 additional countries. To date, \$6.2 million has been distributed to more than 560 victims of this tragic event.