

# Catalyst

## Seniors Get Needed Services with Help from Board Rapid Response Fund

For decades, Kosciusko Community Senior Services (KCSS) has helped to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the senior citizens of Kosciusko County, and this year has been no different. In fact, this year their mission has been even more significant, as the elderly are one particular population especially affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. They are more susceptible to serious complications from contracting the virus, and have dealt with the strain of mental health issues, isolation from loved ones, and limited access to resources. KCSS has worked tirelessly to not only ensure that they are able to continue offering as many of their services to seniors as they can, but that the services are offered in the safest way possible. To read more about how a Community Foundation grant is helping KCSS serve seniors during the pandemic, [click here](#).



## Lilly Endowment GIFT VII Grant to Impact the Community

The Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Lilly Endowment Inc. has approved our GIFT VII Large Scale Funding Opportunity proposal in full, and we have received a \$4,346,811 grant. This grant will allow us to implement many needed developments throughout Kosciusko County in the areas of housing, child care, and workforce training and retention over the course of the next five years!

## Important Community Foundation Dates to Remember

As we close the books on 2020, the Community Foundation wants to remind you of some important dates to keep in mind this holiday season. The deadline to donate gifts of stock for this year is Monday, December 21st. All donor advised fund recommendations must be submitted before December 28th in order to be processed in 2020. We will also be closing the office to observe the holidays. Our office will be closed December 24 and 25, for Christmas. We will also be closed January 1<sup>st</sup>, for New Year's Day.

## Happy Holidays from the Community Foundation!

Though holiday celebrations look different this year for most of us, we wanted to wish you all a happy (and safe) holiday! Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or the New Year, do so with joy. We look forward to serving you and working with you to continue to support the community of Kosciusko County in 2021.

## Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) to see a list of special events, application deadlines, and workshop opportunities!

## Leave a Legacy

[In times of uncertainty, a simple plan can provide peace of mind. Learn more here.](#)



**Our Mission:** By bringing caring people and charitable endeavors together, we make donor dreams shine for the good of our community.

**We do this by:**

Serving as the vehicle for donor's charitable dreams	Awarding grants to charitable projects and organizations	Addressing community needs as a catalyst and convener
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