Cloquet Educational Foundation News

Supporting Quality Education in Cloquet

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Spring 2026



Bringing Color…Beginning and Ending

The Cloquet Educational Foundation recently funded a grant submitted by art teacher Andrea Cacek entitled, "Bringing Color to the Beginnings and Endings." Through the project, students explored artists who utilize color and light in window-based artwork while examining how community spaces can be transformed to create welcoming, positive environments for those who spend time there each day.

Students developed their ideas through sketches, collaborative compositions, and design planning before recreating their concepts in vinyl to produce finished installations for the entryways at Cloquet Middle School and Cloquet High School. The project not only highlighted student creativity and teamwork but also demonstrated how art can brighten shared spaces and strengthen community connection.



The Cloquet Educational Foundation provides opportunities for academic, artistic, athletic, cultural, and social growth for children and youth in the Cloquet School District by financially supporting programs and activities.

It's Class Reunion Season in Cloquet



The CEF would like to welcome all "Lumberjacks" back home as classmates gather to reconnect, reminisce about high school memories, and catch up on life's adventures. Reunions are a wonderful reminder of the friendships, traditions, and community spirit that make Cloquet so special.

If we missed your reunion in this publication, please contact us and we'll be happy to help share the information on our Facebook page. Be sure to spread the word about these special events and check Facebook to see if your graduating class has a reunion page set up.

55th Reunion Class of 1971 Hank's Bar and Grill Banquet Room	Saturday, August 8 – 5:00 pm Contact: Todd Erickson
50th Reunion Class of 1976 Cloquet Armory Dinner to follow	Saturday, June 27th – 4:00 pm Happy Hour begins Contact: Sandra Morgan
45th Reunion Class of 1981 Northeastern Dunlap Island	Saturday, September 19th –Time TBD Contact Randi Zegan or Shelly Burgau Nelson
40th Reunion Class of 1986 The Jack (Upstairs), Cloquet	Saturday, October 17th – 5:00 pm Contact: Kay Gerlach
35th Reunion Class of 1991 The River Inn, Scanlon dinner	Saturday, July 18th- 5:00 pm Social, 6:00 PM Contact: Deb (Wold) Carter
30th Reunion Class of 1996 The River Inn, Cloquet	Saturday, July 25th-- 5:00 pm Check Facebook for details
20th Reunion Class of 2006 The Jack (Upstairs), Cloquet	Saturday, August 8th- 5:00 pm Social, 6:00 pm Contact: Megan Della Rossa
10th Reunion Class of 2016 The Jack (Upstairs), Cloquet	Saturday, July 11th – 6:00 pm Contact: Joey Gotchnik





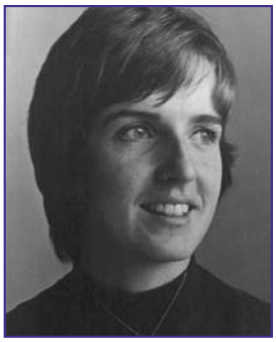
The CEF supports our "littlest learners" by sponsoring a Family Science Night designed to provide developmentally appropriate, hands-on learning experiences for Pre-K students and their families. It was an engaging, fun, and often "messy" night for pre-K students and their families.



Sometimes things start out small. A warm campfire, an emerging seed, lifelong friendships, and a sense of belonging because one educator decided it was important to pay special attention to "the new kid." From time to time, I have the privilege of visiting with friends, donors, and alumni — many of whom are all three — and their stories remind me how small acts can create lasting impact. My friend Ron was once "the new kid" at Washington Elementary decades ago. He often shares how his second-grade teacher made a point to draw him into classroom friendships and nurture his love of learning. He has never forgotten those simple acts of kindness and encouragement. To this day, he credits that teacher for shaping his success in business, his generosity of spirit, and his enduring support for his hometown of Cloquet and the school district that continues to inspire him. Little things matter. Kindness matters. Small moments often grow into something much larger, quietly shaping lives and communities for generations.

Announcing the newest CEF Endowed Fund:

The Cathy (Lewis) Sollom Fund for Academic Excellence for All



Cathy Lewis Sollom was an outstanding member of the Cloquet High School Class of 1968, who remained connected with and supportive of Cloquet schools throughout her life.

Cathy's passion for learning was evident from a young age, as she eagerly participated in school activities and sought opportunities to challenge herself academically. Her dedication to education was matched only by her enthusiasm for helping others, often volunteering her time to tutor classmates and supporting school initiatives.

She spent her early years at Cloquet, where she attended Leach School. Her family moved away for several years, then returned when Cathy was in high school. Cathy threw herself into school life during her junior and senior years, as a cheerleader and as a member of the debate team, the National Forensics League, and numerous clubs and committees. She served on the yearbook staff and as editor of the school newspaper, the *Pine Needle*-a role she infused with attention to detail and a sense of whimsy.

Education defined Cathy's life. After high school she attended Bemidji State University, from which she graduated with a degree in English education. There she met and married her husband Bob, and together they raised three children: Hugh, Claire, and Phil, two of whom also attended Bemidji State.

Cathy's educational path at Bemidji State and beyond reflected her roots in Cloquet. She became a Bemidji State hockey cheerleader; she served as a reporter for the college newspaper, *The Northern Student;* and she coached the debate team at Bagley High School as a student teacher her senior year.

Cathy's role as a member of high school and college cheerleading squads served as a metaphor for the rest of her life. She held herself to high standards in everything she did and, by her example and expectations, encouraged others to rise to their best selves. In her long career as a civilian employee and trainer for the U.S. Marine Corps, she traveled the world, extending her influence on both U.S. Marines and their partners in other countries.

Though she lived far from Cloquet through most of her adulthood, Cathy kept informed about life in Cloquet and remained closely connected with her childhood and high school friends. She frequently contributed to the Cloquet Educational Foundation because she valued the grounding she received in the Cloquet schools and was committed to supporting educational excellence for generations to come.

CEF Grants

The CEF Grants over **$92,000 to 67 programs and initiatives in the Cloquet School District in the 2025-26 school year.**

Every gift makes an impact.

We hold a deep sense of responsibility for every gift entrusted to the CEF. Your generosity represents not just a donation, but a belief in our students and their future. We are committed to caring for these gifts with intention and integrity—nurturing them so they continue to grow and provide opportunities for generations of students to come. It is truly an honor to steward your support in a way that creates lasting impact and keeps your legacy alive in our schools.

Spring grant awards include:

- CAAEP Yearbooks
- 7th Grade Literature Circles
- 8th Grade Celebration
- Flexible Seating for ELL
- Tennis Court Lighting
- After School Enrichment Fall
- SST - Attendance Intervention
- CAAEP Leadership Trip
- Title One/AIE Family Event
- Where Everyone Belongs
- Book Break Author Talks
- CMS Garden
- Tonya Wind Singer
- ROX
- Canoemobile 2026

Working with all 4th grade students at Churchill and Washington Schools, the "Kindness Retreat" helps build skills that support students and their peers by teaching kindness, empathy, and positive social behaviors.



Handheld Microscopes were a "hit" with the 7th grade science classes of Jennifer Gagner. The students were able to look at the outside world a different way.



G-R-E-A-T J-O-B! All English classes in grades 5–8 participated in the first round of the Spelling Bee, with the highest-scoring students advancing through additional rounds. The competition culminated in a school championship round featuring the final 15 students. Two students from our school advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee Competition and represented our school well, though neither advanced to the state competition.



Better than expected! The start-up of the CMS/CHS Girl's Flag Football was very popular with over 38 girls participating in the activity. Coach Lance Horvat remarked that the CEF grant "exceeded expectations and had an overwhelmingly positive impact on the students and school community."



CLOQUET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION DONORS FROM NOVEMBER 2025



CATHY (LEWIS) SOLLOM FUND FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOR ALL:

In Memory of Cathy Sollom given by Frank & Mary Ringquist
Barry & Missy Boyd*
Claire Hoyum**
Bob Sollom****



ROBERT AND ELEANOR PETERSON TECHNICAL & EDUCATIONAL FUND:

In Honor of my Cousin, Tim Johnson and Friends Steve Korby & Dale Ross given by Robert Peterson****
In Memory of Judy (Tario) Korby '73 given by Steve '72 & Jan Salo Korby*



THE GORDY AHLGREN FUTURE FUND:

In Memory of Rosie Manderfeld given by Elaine Ahlgren
In Memory of Rosie Manderfeld given by Jon & Michelle Ahlgren
In Memory of Rosie Manderfeld given by Marla Ahlgren*
In Memory of Rosie Manderfeld given by Jenifer Behrens
In Memory of Rose (Ahlgren) Manderfeld given by Dick & Liz Brenner
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In Memory of Rosie (Ahlgren) Manderfeld (Gordy's big sister) given by Linda Kewith*
In Memory of Rosie Manderfeld given by Sue Morrow
In Memory of Rosie Manderfeld given by Tami (Anderson) Rodd
In Memory of Rosie Manderfeld given by Ronay (Terho) Frank
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In Memory of Scott Rodd given by Peter & Anna Graves
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THE RON AND KATHY AHLGREN EDUCATION FUND:

In Memory of Ron & Kathy Ahlgren given by Tom '72 & Adrianne '70 Luke*
In Memory of Rose Manderfeld given by Tim & Kathy Blais
In Memory of Rose Manderfeld given by Jeries & Shannon Fakhoury
In Memory of Rose Manderfeld given by Karen Epple, Sheila Gore & Amanda Ward*
In Memory of Rose Manderfeld given by Ray & Virginia Hatinen
In Memory of Rose (Ahlgren) Manderfeld (Ronny's twin) given by Linda Kewith*
In Memory of Rosa Manderfeld given by Pete & Tracey Kolar*
In Memory of Rosie Manderfeld given by Robin & Karrie (Anderson) Osvold
In Memory of Rosie Manderfeld given by Tami (Anderson) Rodd
In Memory of Rose (Ahlgren) Manderfeld given by Carmen Rohne*
In Memory of Rose Manderfeld given by Julie Rothmeier
In Memory of Rosie Manderfeld given by Ronay (Terho) Frank



THE BROMME – JOHNSON ENDOWMENT FOR ARTS, ATHLETICS AND EDUCATION:

In Memory of Bob & Carol Bromme given by Bud Hatfield Jana Perkins*
In Memory of Bob Bromme (boyhood neighbor & friend) given by Rev. M. Franklin Pudas* '50



THE DICK AND ELIZABETH BRENNER ENDOWMENT FOR QUALITY EDUCATION:

Dick & Elizabeth Brenner**
In Memory of Archie Chelseth given by Dick & Liz Brenner



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Steven Blomster '68



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In Memory of Jim Nelson given by Del '68 & Penney '77 Prevost
In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Laurie Bennefeld '64
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In Memory of Dorothy Prevost given by Del '68 & Penney '77 Prevost
In Memory of Mary Tomhave given by Laurie Bennefeld '64



JOHN BUYTAERT FAMILY FUND:

In Memory of Susan Atwood given by Lee Ann (Atwood) O'Brien* '71
In Memory of John Buytaert given by Dale & Heidi Buytaert** '91



EDWARD CHINNOCK FAMILY FUND:

Steven Blomster '68

'61 CHS CLASS OF 1961 MEMORIAL FUND:

Roland Crider***
In Honor/Memory of all the Class of 1961 Teachers & Staff given by Terry Nydeen** '61
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In Memory of Don Bodin (Hockey Coach) given by Joe Harmala* '61
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In Memory of Dennis Breitbarth '63 given by Joe Harmala* '61
In Memory of Karen Carlson '61 given by Janet Johnson
In Memory of Karen (Johnson) Carlson '61 given by Terry Nydeen '61
In Memory of Jerry Edman '62 given by Joe Harmala* '61
In Memory of Janice (Moll) Gillmor '61 given by Terry Nydeen '61
In Memory of Nancy (Wennerlund) Swanson '64 given by Mary (Wennerlund) Hallock** '61
In Memory of Bud Watkins '60 given by Joe Harmala* '61

'62 CHS CLASS OF 1962 MEMORIAL FUND:

Karen (Thompson) Dannen*
In Memory of John Stark given by Jim & Shirley Marciniak*
In Memory of Art Wojciehowski given by Bob '62 & Louwanna '64 Johnson*
In Memory of George Zissos given by Bob '62 & Louwanna '64 Johnson*

'63 CHS CLASS OF 1963 MEMORIAL FUND:

In Memory of Susan Allen '65 given by David R. Anderson* '65
In Memory of Susan Allen given by Paul Anderson* '63
Barbara Renshaw '63

CLASS OF 1964 MEMORIAL FUND:

In Memory of John & Florence Ganter given by Bob '62 & Louwanna '64 Johnson*
In Memory of Nancy (Wennerlund) Swanson given by Paul Anderson* '63



ANN & DICK NORDHOLM FAMILY FUND:

Kaarin Hosch
Jim '77 & Jennie Tomhave**
In Memory of Paul Mathers given by David Mathers* '72
In Honor of Ann Nordholm given by Bradford Nordholm**
In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Karen (Nordholm) Anderson**
In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Jenifer Behrens
In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Kathy Blais
In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Ann (Griffin) Bradach* '75
In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Charles & Virginia Buscher
In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Jean Crow
In Memory of Marianne Nordholm given by Paul & Linda DeBruce**
In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Cheryl Donahue
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In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Lynn Gentilini
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In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Sarah & David Iverson
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In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Michael & Diana Torp
In Memory of Ann Nordholm given by Ken Young
In Memory of the Nordholm's given by Christopher & Marilyn Johnson*
In Memory of Richard C. Nordholm given by Joe & Sarah (Nordholm) Davis** '76
In Memory of Richard C. Nordholm given by Marianne (Ann) Nordholm*
In Honor of Nancy (Mathers) Oncley given by David Mathers* '72
In Memory of Mary Tomhave given by Sally Spendler*



SHIRLEY AND GEORGE OAKES FAMILY FUND:

David '76 & Amy Oakes**



RICARD AND BARBARA PUUMALA FAMILY FUND:

Steven Blomster '68
Bruce Gravelle '79
In Memory of Karen Christenson '56 given by Jane Polley* '61
Carol (Luomala) Olson**
Barbara (Riedel) Sheedy '75



RUBE'S STEM AND IA FUND:

In support of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and industrial arts.
Ann Coldwell*
In Memory of Harry & Shirley Berg '55 given by Craig Walters* '65
In Memory of Steven "Jase" Johnson '70 given by Jim '74 & Nancy Johnson*
In Memory of George & Helen Medich given by Mike Medich** '74
Barbara (Riedel) Sheedy '75
Rick '77 & Dana '78 Stowell**



DON AND PAULINE SCHROEDER FAMILY FUND:

Gary Debele* '80
In Memory of Don Schroeder given by the Class of 1979 Madrigals* - Mr. Schroeder's ability to blend voices truly made Christmas a magical time. Thank you for the life-long memories Mr. Schroeder!



SZYMAN FAMILY FUND:

In Memory of Rosa Lee (Ahlgren) Manderfeld '60 given by Peter Szyman*
In Memory of Dennis Modec given by Peter Szyman*
In Honor of Dr. Charles R. Szyman given by Mark Szyman*
In Memory of Deb Schmidt given by Rose Chick '73

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In Memory of Gerald Maslowski given by Bob '62 & Louwanna '64 Johnson*



JIM YORSTON FAMILY FUND:

Derrill & Liz Adatte*
In Memory of Mary Gerlach given by Sandy Yorston

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In Memory and Honor of all my Classmates from 1968 given by Barb Cardinal-Busse*

1972
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1975
In Honor of The Class of 1975 given by Suzan (Setterquist) & Donald Gonzales***
Paul Wolner*

1977
Lynn & John Werner

1988
Joshua Byrne*

THE LAKE LAY BLUE featuring the Belles of La Belle, hosted a house concert with freewill donations benefiting the Cloquet Educational Foundation. James D. Sheetz, Director, presented a check for $475. These funds will help enhance student learning. Thank you for your support!

IN HONOR OF:

Suzan (Setterquist) Gonzales given by Sharon S. Howard*
All of the Fantastic CEF Board Members, Volunteers, and Friends who helped make the 2026 Blue Jean Ball a success given by CEF Director, Jody Acers*
Ardelle Purcell given by Mary Jane '77 & Monty '76 Lundberg

IN MEMORY OF:

Of a generation of Ahlgren Siblings: George, Arnold, Ronald, Gordy, and Bruce Ahlgren, Arlene (Ahlgren) Anderson & Rose (Ahlgren) Manderfeld given by Angela Ahlgren
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Roger F. Davis given by Ron '73 & Donna Davis**
Scott Davis '72 given by Jane M. Schroeder* '74

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Beverly Flankey given by Shawna & Jamie Korva
Beverly Flankey given by Barbara Koster
Beverly Flankey given by Duane & Laura Lahde
Beverly Flankey given by Jean Lewis
Beverly Flankey given by Marty '72 & Juanita (Sunnarborg '75) Lewis
Beverly Flankey given by Margaret & Dick Matyska
Beverly Flankey given by Alicia & Dan Milbridge
Beverly Flankey given by Gary & Mary (Lewis '73) Lippo
Beverly Flankey given by Steve Newberg
Beverly Flankey given by Jim & Kelly Novak
Beverly Flankey given by Kay & Ray VanPatten
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Gene Fulton given by Ken Young
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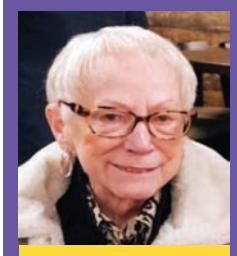
Each gift we receive is meaningful and appreciated, and memorials are a wonderful expression of support for education in Cloquet. We would like to recognize Mary Gerlach, Bernice (Hovis) Enlund, Beverly Flankey, Dennis Modec, Marianne (Ann) Nordholm and their families for selecting the Cloquet Educational Foundation to receive gifts made in their memory.

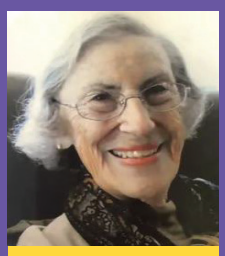
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Although every effort is made to ensure donation information is accurately recorded, please let us know if a correction needs to be made 218-879-3806. We appreciate your generous support.


Rosa (Ahlgren) Manderfeld


Marianne Nordholm


Bernice Enlund


Mary Gerlach

Mary Gerlach was a steadfast believer in the power of education. From her first donation in 1995 to her most recent gift on November 17, 2025, her generosity and commitment never wavered. Over the years, she made an extraordinary 127 donations and memorial contributions, each one reflecting her dedication to supporting students and strengthening educational opportunities in our community. Her legacy is one of compassion, vision, and enduring support for future generations. We are truly honored that you chose the Cloquet Educational Foundation as a way to celebrate and continue her lifelong commitment to education. Please accept our heartfelt thanks during this time. Mary's impact will continue to be felt for years to come through the students and programs she so faithfully supported.

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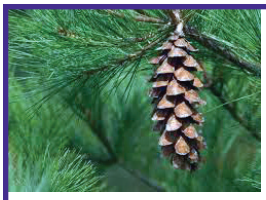
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LEAVE A LEGACY THAT LASTS

We all want to make a difference and leave the world a little better because of what we've done. Members of the **White Pine Legacy** are doing just that—by including the **Cloquet Educational Foundation (CEF)** in their wills or estate plans. Their gifts live on, helping Cloquet students today and for generations to come. One Cloquet graduate shared, "I joined the White Pine Legacy because it's a beautiful way to give back to the schools that shaped who I am."

Why join?

• Your gift will impact students for years to come • It's a meaningful way to honor your Cloquet memories • Your legacy becomes a lasting gift to the community • You may receive tax benefits for your generosity

Even though we are several months away from our next **CEF Blue Jean Ball,** we are still "blown away" by the fun and generosity of our last event in February. Read all about it by clicking on this QR Code.

Mark your calendars for more "fun and merriment" in support of excellent education in Cloquet, Saturday, February 6, 2027!



Space is limited!

23rd Annual CEF Golf Tournament

Monday, August 3, 2026
11:00 a.m.: Registration
Noon: Shotgun Start
$400 per Team (5 players and under)

*Don't miss out! Register by July 1st to be entered in the early bird drawing for a chance to win a $250 certificate to the CCC Pro Shop!

Contact the CEF office at jacers@isd94.org, use the QR code below, or check out our website at https://www.cloquetedfoundation.org/cef-golf-tournament



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Cloquet Educational Foundation would like you to join us for a



RETIREE COFFEE

honoring our retired Cloquet colleagues!

Join us for a morning of reminiscing and celebration:

Monday, September 21, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Cloquet Public Library Meeting Room

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