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## **Fox Communities Credit Union Forms Charitable Foundation**

Fox Communities Credit Union (FCCU) has announced the formation of a foundation designed to manage its philanthropic work in the communities it serves in Northeastern Wisconsin. Fox Cares Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which will enable the credit union to serve other local charitable organizations.

“By establishing a foundation, we are better able to manage the monies we receive through contributions to make an impact on local nonprofits,” said Bruce Kotarek, president of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “On behalf of our members, our goal is to improve the lives of our friends and neighbors in need.”

Funding will be focused on organizations that support ending homelessness; fighting hunger and food insecurity; and cultivating the arts in children and adults.

Members of the foundation’s Board include FCCU employees Bruce Kotarek, president; Amanda Brown, secretary; Cathy Gustavson, and Lynn Marie Hopfensperger. Board members include Zack Pawlosky, Candeo Creative, who will serve as vice president; Jay Totzke, community leader, who was named treasurer; Aaron Hahn, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers; Mark Burwell, Urban Hope; and Mary Harp-Jirschele, community leader.

Grant requests and charitable giving have begun. Further information is available on the foundation’s website [www.foxcares.org](http://www.foxcares.org).

*Fox Communities Credit Union is 80 years strong. Fox started as Combined Locks Credit Union in 1937 with a small office in the Locks Mill to serve the employees by giving them financial opportunities. In 1987 we became Fox Communities Credit Union and opened our charter to serve the community. Since that time we have had various partnerships, and today we serve over 100,000 members in 12 counties with 22 branches in all of those communities.*

*We also put people over profits, by living the People Helping People credit union mantra. We are locally owned and managed and are committed to making significant contributions to the local areas we serve. We also have over 400 employees employed in our communities.*