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## **Wispect Foundation Awards Over \$1.5 Million to Wisconsin Nonprofits**

MADISON, WI (November 25, 2025) — In its fifth year of supporting nonprofits that serve people with disabilities across Wisconsin, the Wispect Foundation proudly awarded a record \$1,510,344 in total funding. This includes 175 grants to nonprofit organizations including the launch of a new scholarship initiative that will support 10 organizations through a yearlong capacity-building cohort in 2026.

Wispect Legacy Grants, ranging from \$600 to \$10,000, support initiatives that promote the well-being of people with disabilities in areas such as mental and physical health, housing, transportation, education, and recreation. The 2025 grantees represent a wide geographic and demographic spectrum of Wisconsin, spanning communities across Wisconsin's urban and rural communities.

"The Wispect Foundation's most recent grant cycle represents the growth of not only our capacity for community impact but the commitment of our staff and Board of Directors to support the evolving needs of nonprofits and specifically disability services," said Eric DeGroot, Foundation Director of Wispect, Inc. "And our new capacity-building cohort program strengthens the nonprofit sector by investing in the long-term growth and sustainability of organizations serving people with disabilities."

Established in 2021 and managed by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, the Wispect Foundation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wispect, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides pooled and community special needs trusts (SNT). Since its inception in 2003, Wispect Inc. has grown to serve over 4,000 beneficiaries, making it one of the largest SNT administrators in the United States.

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### **2025 Grant Recipients**

Above and Beyond Children's Museum  
Access to Independence, Inc.  
ADPA WI (American Parkinson Disease Association)  
ARTS & LITERATURE LABORATORY INC  
ARTS for ALL Wisconsin  
Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement  
Autism Society of Greater Wisconsin  
Balance Inc  
Betty Brinn Children's Museum  
Bloom 360 Learning Center  
Blossom IDD  
Blue Lotus Center  
Board of the Regents UW - Green Bay  
Broadscope  
Casa Guadalupe Multicultural Center Inc.  
Catholic Charities Diocese of Madison  
Cedar Springs Therapeutic Ranch  
Center for Deaf-Blind Persons, Inc.  
Center for Ind. Living for Western WI, Inc

Centers for Independence  
Cerebral Palsy Inc  
Chileda Inst., Inc. - Chileda Learning Menasha  
Community Living Connections  
Community Smiles Dental  
Community Support Network  
Couleecap, Inc.  
Covey  
Create Wisconsin  
Creative Community Living Services, Inc.  
Crohns & Colitis Foundation  
Curative Connections  
Disability:IN Wisconsin  
Discovery Education Station Inc.  
Diverse Options Inc.  
Dogs in Vests  
Donna Lexa Arts Centers  
Door Tran  
Down Syndrom Association of Wisconsin  
EasterSeals of Southeast Wisconsin

Edgewood University  
Elsie Shaw  
Embark Supported Employment  
Epilepsy Foundation of Wisconsin  
Ex Fabula  
Exceptional Equestrians Company  
Family Voices  
First Stage  
Forte Theatre Company  
Friends of Appleton Library  
Friendship Circle  
Goodwill Industries of SW WI  
GPS Education Partners  
HIR Wellness Institute, Inc.  
Howard Fire FC  
In Control WI  
Independence First  
Innovative Services, Inc  
IP Ministries/ The Creator's Cottage  
Islands of Brilliance  
Jeremiah's Crossing, Inc.  
Jewish Family Services  
Journey 21  
Journeys Lutheran School  
KANDU Industries, Inc.  
Kettle Moraine YMCA  
Life Navigators  
LifeStriders, Inc.  
Living our Visions Inclusively (LOV Inc.)  
Logans Heart and Smiles  
Lutherdale Bible Camp Inc  
Madison Area Rehabilitation Centers (MARC, inc.)  
Marcus Performing Arts Center  
Marshfield Area Respite Care Center, Inc. ("MARCC")  
Matthias Academy Corporation  
McKenzie's Mission AFH Inc.  
Mels Charities  
Mequon Nature Preserve  
Midstate Independent Living Choices, Inc.  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL INC  
Milwaukee Repertory Theater  
Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra  
Monroe Street Arts Center  
Morgans Caring Connection  
Natures Edge Therapy Center, Inc.  
Neighborhood House Community Center  
Neville Public Museum Foundation  
Old World Wisconsin Foundation  
Opportunities Development Inc  
Options for Independent Living, Inc.  
Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Pawtism Inc.  
People First Wisconsin  
Pink Umbrella  
Portal Inc.  
Racine Theatre Guild  
Reach Inc.  
Renaissance Theaterworks (RTW)  
Revitalize Milwaukee  
Rides and Reins TEC, Inc.  
Riveredge Nature Center  
Royal Family Kids -Racine  
Shepherds College  
Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi  
Skylight Music Theatre Group  
Society's Assets  
Special Olympics  
St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, Inc  
St. Coletta of Wisconsin, Inc.  
St. Francis Children's Center  
St. Marcus School  
St. Monica's Senior Living  
STRYV 365  
Sun Prairie Civic Theater  
The Ability Center  
The Arc of Racine County  
The Arc of the United States dba The Arc WI  
The Florentine Opera  
The Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center  
Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Foundation  
Trinity Lutheran Schools - Freistadt  
United Training Foundation  
University of Wisconsin Foundation  
Valley Packaging Industries  
VIP Services, Inc.  
Vision Forward  
Washington Island Community Health  
Wheels and Heels

WI FACETS  
Wisconsin Adaptive Sports Association  
Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service, Inc.  
Wisconsin Parkinson Association  
Yahara House  
YMCA of Fox Cities  
You Belong  
Wispatch Inc. Scholarship Program