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Door County Community Foundation Celebrates Generosity, Leadership, and Community Impact at Annual Celebration of Giving

STURGEON BAY, Wis. (June 11, 2026) — The Door County Community Foundation welcomed donors, nonprofit partners, volunteers, and community leaders to its annual **Celebration of Giving** on June 10 at Gordon Lodge in Baileys Harbor.

The afternoon event celebrated the power of philanthropy in Door County, culminating in the presentation of the **Richard D. Egan Philanthropic Leadership Award** to **Steve and Jackie Kane**. The award honors individuals whose vision, generosity, and commitment to community embody the spirit of philanthropy championed by the late Richard D. Egan. The award, previously known as the Philanthropist of the Year Award, began in 2006 and honors those that:

- Lead by serving others,
- Give generously of both their money and time,
- Act on issues and opportunities in the community, and
- Have an enthusiasm for community service

The Foundation also recognized three retiring members of its Board of Directors: **Inge Alverson Bacon, Jeff Ottum, and Vicki Wilson**. Together, they have contributed years of leadership, service, and guidance to the Community Foundation, helping advance its mission and expand its impact throughout Door County.

Through meaningful conversations, shared stories, and expressions of gratitude, the event highlighted the collective effort that makes lasting community impact possible.

“Healthy communities don’t happen by accident. They are built and sustained by people who notice what needs care and accept responsibility for helping,” said Bret Bicoy, President & CEO of Door County Community Foundation. “Steve and Jackie Kane embody that spirit, and through their generosity, Door County is a better place to live, work, and raise a family.”

The Door County Community Foundation extends its sincere thanks to all who attended and to the many people whose generosity continues to enrich the quality of life in Door County.

About Door County Community Foundation

Door County Community Foundation has strengthened this community since 1999, managing charitable funds established by individuals, families, businesses, and organizations — all invested in the current and future good of Door County. Learn more at GiveDoorCounty.org.



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About the Door County Community Foundation

The Door County Community Foundation, Inc. is a collection of separate charitable funds set up by individuals, families, non-profit organizations, private foundations and businesses that are managed, invested and disbursed for the current and future good of Door County. The Community Foundation was launched in 1999, currently administers more than \$75 million in assets, and distributes more than \$10 million to charities every year.

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