



**Crawford County Community Fund Reinvests in Community**  
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The Crawford County Community Fund presented awards totaling \$16,600 at its annual grant reception held in December.

Four Crawford County non-profit agencies were honored:

- The Mississippi Valley Conservancy received \$1,500 for assistance in preparing a piece of donated land for public use. The grant money will be used to create and place signage on the property, clear and improve trails, remove invasive species from the land, create a brochure, publicize the property for public use, and lead a guided hike for area citizens, teaching them how they can lead future hikes for others.
- The Friends of the Gays Mills Public Library received \$1,100 to create a business startup collection. The funds will be used to purchase print and audio books, software and promotional materials.
- CouleeCap, Inc. received \$12,000 for the purchase of equipment for the Village of Gays Mills Community Park.
- The Gays Mills Public Library received \$2,000 for two computer workstations and accessories.

The awards to CouleeCap and the Gays Mills Public Library were from the 2008 Flood Recovery Fund of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin.

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The Crawford County Community Fund is dedicated to supporting the economic development of Crawford County. The Fund is a component of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. The Community Foundation works with charitable donors in seven southern Wisconsin counties: Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Rock, and Walworth. The Foundation holds 15 community funds and more than 500 additional funds established to match personal philanthropy with community need.

Donations to the Crawford County Community Fund are tax deductible and always welcome. To make an online donation, visit the Community Foundation's website at [www.cfsw.org](http://www.cfsw.org) or contact Sue Conley, executive director, 1-800-995-2379.