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## Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation Adds Marsh Haven Nature Center to Family of Funds

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**Beaver Dam, Wis. (July 31, 2020):** The Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation has added Marsh Haven Nature Center to their family of funds.

The Marsh Haven Nature Center Non-Endowed Fund and the Marsh Haven Endowment Fund were established through the passion and diligence of Vice President Rick Vant Hoff and Executive Director Renee Wahlen, and with the support of the Marsh Haven Nature Center board of directors.

The funds will ensure the longevity of Marsh Haven Nature Center and its educational programs. Following in the footsteps of founders Larry and Sandy Vine, the funds will carry on the legacy of the Horicon Marsh area and build upon the sweat equity of Marsh Haven Nature Center. The Marsh Haven Nature Center Non-Endowed Fund and the Marsh Haven Endowment Fund provide a unique and easy way for the community to continue their support of the center.

“We are so happy to have Marsh Haven Nature Center establish two funds with the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation. They have created a legacy of volunteerism, and represent the perfect organization to promote environmental education and the love of nature. They are great stewards of our own Horicon Marsh, and we want to help them continue on their trail of success,” said Patrick Lutz, vice president of the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation advisory board.

Marsh Haven Nature Center is on the north end of the Horicon Marsh, three miles east of Waupun, Wisconsin. The center was founded as a grassroots effort in 1984 by Larry and Sandy Vine. At the time, Larry worked for the DNR and took notice that there was no center for visitors to stop and learn about the Horicon Marsh. Through community support, the nonprofit, volunteer-supported center now offers visitors an opportunity to learn more about the history and wildlife of the Horicon Marsh area. Visitors can hike the trails, learn about nature during education programs, attend special weekend events, or camp.

Those interested in supporting Marsh Haven Nature Center’s Non-Endowed Fund or Endowment Fund can learn more about becoming a donor at [www.beaverdamacf.com/becomeadonor](http://www.beaverdamacf.com/becomeadonor) or by contacting Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation President Tom Heffron at (920) 763-2618.

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The Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation maximizes the impact of your charitable giving. We mobilize philanthropic resources to advance quality of life, increase social impact, and champion community engagement. Founded in September 2019 as a regional affiliate of the Fond du Lac Area Foundation, the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation and our donors are invested in providing grants to grow a vibrant region and scholarships that support the development of our community's future leaders. Learn more on our website at [www.beaverdamacf.com](http://www.beaverdamacf.com), and consider a donation to the Community Fund which supports Dodge County's community needs for good, forever.