



Dear Viroqua Area Community Friends,

Being a part of a small town, we share a passion with all of you to encourage and empower one another to build a strong and vibrant community here in Viroqua. That's why Artists and Friends, Inc. operates The Commons, an all volunteer organization committed to that very purpose. We host classes, meetings, shared studio spaces, wellness activities, dance, theater, writing, singing, concerts, recording projects, visual art displays and other creative and educational activities. Our licensed kitchen enables community meals, the on-site Free Store provides helpful resources for children and adults alike. Here at the Commons, the unique and creative space is available for all to enjoy.

It's a great time to become involved at The Commons as a Foundational Member, a volunteer, a Board member, a performer, a teacher or simply as a participant in our diversified calendar of events and classes. Our working, managing Board takes a very active role in leading volunteer-based committees that support the maintenance of our 150-year-old building and operation of our programs.

We want to let you in on our plan. The entire baseline operating costs of The Commons can be met by people from the community pledging Foundational Memberships at \$60 a year (or payable at just \$5 per month!). This allows us to offer our spaces for low usage fees and many of our events for free. Other revenue and grants can then go toward developing more programming, equipment purchases, and capital improvements. Foundational Members receive discounts on ticketed events and facility usage fees in appreciation of your support.

Together, we create a broad base of support and engagement that helps The Commons secure more grant funding. People are already signing up. **You can be next**, and help us reach our goal by becoming Foundational Members.

We, the Board Members and Core Volunteers of Artists & Friends, Inc. really love this community and The Commons. We enjoy collaborating and working hard to bring people together. **We appreciate your contribution to our modest request to make The Commons sustainable.**

Thank you!

Chris Roberts, Board Chair

Ian Baird, Board Secretary

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KJ Jakobson, Core Volunteer

Amy Petrozzini, Core Volunteer

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HELP SECURE THE COMMONS

Become a Foundational Member



FOUNDATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

\$5/MONTH OR \$60/YEAR

- Donate online: bit.ly/thecommonsviroqua
- Mail your donation to 401 E. Jefferson St, Viroqua, WI 54665. Checks payable to Artists & Friends Inc.
- Call to set up a direct bank transfer or make an appointment to drop off a donation.

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