

HENRY J. PREDOLIN FOUNDATION AWARDS UNITED WAY A \$1.1 MILLION GRANT

This most recent grant builds on 14 years of their support of United Way of Dane County

Madison, WI (November 1, 2022) – United Way of Dane County is excited to announce that Henry J. Predolin Foundation has awarded us a grant of \$1.1 million to support two of our housing programs and three food programs in Dane County. The largest grant ever received from them, these dollars add to their 14 years of support of our organization, totaling \$12.4 million.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Henry J. Predolin Foundation Trustees for this transformational gift,” said Renee Moe, President & CEO of United Way of Dane County. “Their commitment to improving the lives of Dane County’s most vulnerable children and families has been a true inspiration – and their ongoing support has enabled us to make a real difference for thousands of kids across the community. Thank you for being steadfast partners in change!”

In 2009, Predolin Foundation’s gift to United Way launched our Housing First initiative – a collaboration between United Way, YWCA of Madison, The Road Home of Dane County and The Salvation Army of Dane County that aims to expand the capacity of housing for homeless families and connect these families to community-wide resources to help stabilize them. Since that time, 1,624 kids in 728 families have been served.

Additionally, their dedication to providing access to healthy, nutritional food has met children and families where they are – in rural settings, at Kids Cafes and at home on the weekends – reaching an average of 1,500 kids each year, helping them to lead healthy, thriving lives. The Predolin Foundation food grants have also helped fund the purchase of two refrigerated food delivery trucks and support programs in partnership with Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin, Second Harvest Foodbank and Sun Prairie Emergency Food Pantry.

“Predolin Foundation congratulates United Way of Dane County on its Centennial,” says Bob Chritton, President of Henry J. Predolin Foundation. “United Way and its partner agencies have been incredibly successful in using Predolin Foundation funding to reduce housing and food insecurity for Dane County’s poorest children. Their ability to ‘move the needle’ on reducing housing and food insecurity for these children is why Predolin Foundation has funded these programs since 2008, including the 2022 all-time high grant amount of \$1,110,000. We look forward to our continued collaboration with United Way as they launch into their next century.”

As we continue to celebrate our Centennial year, we’re highlighting individuals, families, organizations and groups that have had a remarkable impact, shaping our organization and work over the past 100 years. And it’s no doubt that Henry J. Predolin Foundation fits that bill. We’re pleased to recognize them with a Centennial Community Builder Award! And look forward to the impact our partnership continues to make as we launch into the next century.

To learn more about our work and how we’re celebrating our Centennial, visit www.unitedwaydanecounty.org. For media inquiries and interview requests, please contact Ashley Manthei, Director of Communications, United Way of Dane County at (608) 416-0401 or Ashley.manthei@uwdc.org.

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About United Way of Dane County:

For 100 years, United Way of Dane County has mobilized the caring power of our community to create lasting change for multiple generations. With a mission to unite the community to achieve measurable results that change lives, we are committed to being a catalyst for inclusion and systemic change – working collaboratively with local nonprofits, businesses, community leaders, donors, volunteers and families to solve big-picture issues no one person or organization can address alone. Together, we are The Power of Many. Working for All. And we invite every Dane County resident to be a part of the change we all wish to see. Visit www.unitedwaydanecounty.org to learn more.

About Henry J. Predolin Foundation

Henry Predolin came from the small town of Zadar on the Dalmatian coast of Croatia. Born into an entrepreneurial family, he learned the value of strong ethics, honesty and hard work from his father. He came to America in his twenties to start a new life after World War II. Starting from the bottom, he built a substantial business empire. His philanthropy started early in life and grew with his success. He did not seek recognition for himself. The tragic loss of his only son to childhood leukemia affected him deeply. He established a private foundation and dedicated it to the memory of his son, Henry J. Predolin. He intended this foundation to benefit children, higher education and the research of leukemia and its cure.