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The 2011 edition of *Foundations in Wisconsin* marks the 30th production of the print directory and the 11th year of the online version (www.wifoundations.org). The directory is designed as a research tool for grantseekers interested in locating information on private, corporate, and community foundations registered in Wisconsin. Each entry in this new edition has been updated or reviewed to provide the most current information available. Most of the data was drawn from IRS 990-PF tax returns filed by the foundations. Additional information was obtained from surveys, foundation Web sites, annual reports, and newsletters.

While the national economic downturn has had a negative effect on Wisconsin foundations the past two years, there are some positive signs of recovery. The total number of active grantmaking foundations increased to a record high 1,324 (with 67 new foundations identified), and the total assets increased by 11% over last year to \$6.2 billion. However, total grants fell to \$458 million, a 3% decrease from last year. The following table illustrates the 10-year financial pattern as documented in *Foundations in Wisconsin*.

Directory Edition	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
2011	1324	\$458,107,578	\$6,260,367,106
2010	1314	\$473,144,467	\$5,623,975,366
2009	1286	\$507,979,753	\$6,871,185,363
2008	1275	\$475,341,193	\$7,271,381,937
2007	1251	\$478,950,513	\$6,241,323,582
2006	1227	\$452,791,755	\$5,549,409,967
2005	1213	\$395,089,700	\$5,254,012,485
2004	1184	\$387,572,449	\$4,772,292,891
2003	1160	\$386,684,708	\$4,700,316,614
2002	1151	\$389,009,152	\$5,018,788,836

The 10 counties listed below account for 85% of total giving by Wisconsin foundations. Milwaukee County once again tops the list with 25% of the total number of foundations and 46% of the total grantmaking.

Foundations by County	Active Foundations	Total Grants Paid	Total Assets
Milwaukee	335	\$212,487,320	\$2,502,872,202
Waukesha	118	\$52,020,974	\$738,099,486
Dane	138	\$40,481,318	\$586,711,505
Outagamie	32	\$17,858,251	\$218,964,006
Brown	83	\$17,121,549	\$243,970,617
Racine	25	\$11,308,040	\$82,338,731
Rock	32	\$10,171,555	\$138,495,395
Winnebago	27	\$9,610,239	\$174,693,360
Ozaukee	51	\$9,056,532	\$94,899,644
Marathon	38	\$7,137,961	\$135,717,184
Total	879	\$387,253,739	\$4,916,762,130

The 50 largest granting foundations in the state (4% of the total number of foundations) account for \$282,691,249 in total giving or 62% of the total grants reported in this edition. For the list of the top 50, please see page vii.

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