

THE 2025 DEPOT UNITED CAMPAIGN



You are Invited!

2025 Depot United Campaign
Kickoff

Tuesday, September 30

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Depot Great Hall

Free food, drinks, and entertainment

In memory of Cheng-Khee Chee, the 2025 Depot United Campaign is celebrating one of his many amazing contributions to our community. We are featuring one of his rare, early prints of the Depot titled "Gateway Bridge". All donors will receive a 4x6 print. Donors \$250 and above will receive an 8x10 to enjoy.

EVERY GIFT TO THE DEPOT UNITED CAMPAIGN EQUALLY SUPPORTS 6 AMAZING ORGANIZATIONS.

LYRIC
OPERA
OF THE
NORTH

Lyric Opera of
the North



Duluth Superior
Symphony Orchestra



St. Louis County
Historical Society



Lake Superior
Railroad Museum



Depot Foundation

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION



Jason Young
Executive Director

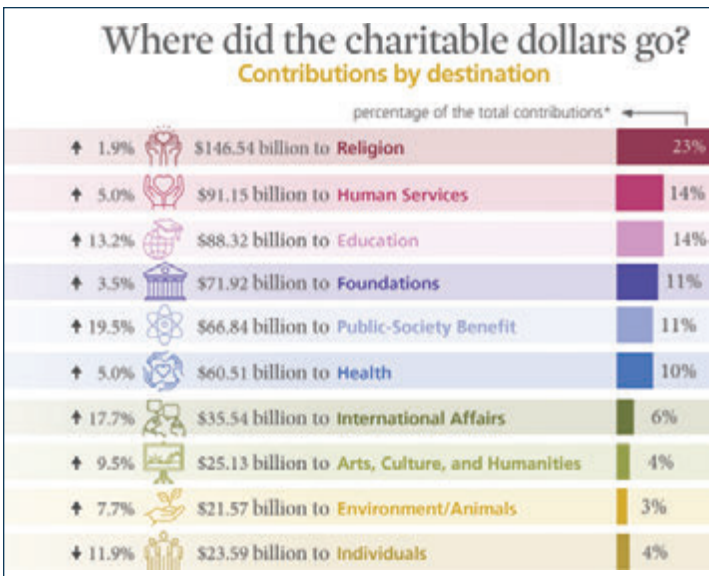
It feels good to give.

Simply stated and straight to the point. When you give a gift to a group or organization that you respect, admire, or love, it feels good.

Sadly, donations by individuals in the United States has been dropping steadily. According to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, in 2024, over \$592 billion was given to charities in the United States, 66% of this giving was by individuals like you. Going way back to 1984, 82% of total giving was by individuals and in 2004, it was 78%. Giving by individuals still remains the driving force in philanthropy, albeit a smaller piece of the overall giving pie.

Here's another challenge, art and culture organizations, like the Depot Foundation, rank 8 out of 10 when it comes to donors' choice of giving. This makes it even more important for us to continuously communicate the good work we do.

What can you do to help? Give a gift to a wonderful group you support and help spread the news of the good work that they do.



What can we do? Earn your trust as a wonderful public charity that creates a vibrant community for us all to enjoy and communicate to you the amazing programs and projects we will always support.

We appreciate all gifts, and we appreciate you. Enjoy the Magic. Support the Spirit. **Thank you.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Dennis Lamkin

After nine years on the Depot Foundation and three years on the Depot Advisory Board, my tenure is drawing to a close. I'll miss the connection to the Foundation but feel good leaving knowing that our current Board of Directors is strong, committed and dedicated to preserving the Depot as a vibrant center for history, culture and the arts.

It is interesting how when one becomes involved in the preservation of our architectural heritage, that you get tapped to work with other similar groups. I have been on the board and served on committees at Glensheen for decades, serving as President for some of that time. I am also on the Kitchi Gammi Foundation which works to preserve that magnificent building and have been called upon by many friends to help restore the Tweed,

Sinclair Lewis, Cavour Hartley, George Crosby, William French, McCabe and our own Silberstein mansion as well as a host of others my aging mind cannot recall off the top. I feel I have helped preserve some of Duluth's architectural fabric.

Over the past years, the Depot Foundation has funded many worthwhile projects which help preserve the Depot and, perhaps even more importantly, St. Louis County has assumed a vital role in the operations with an onsite staff of professionals and the funding to back that commitment up. I am sure you have noticed how many wonderful events have been held at the building lately.

Funding of historic and arts related projects is becoming more and more difficult to obtain from the federal government, so it is important, now more than ever, for those of us who appreciate those endeavors to step up with donations now or as a part of our estate. The Depot Foundation has been truly blessed with estate gifts in the past and it is because of those

gifts that we can offer the Arts for All Scholarship as well as the ongoing grants to the organizations housed within the building and pick up a portion of the costs for improvements benefiting the tenants of the building.

At our recent Circle of Friends event attendees went to see the new projector screen, lighting and stage while sitting

in comfortable chairs all made possible by grants from the Depot Foundation.

Just recently congress pulled back funds already appropriated for public television and radio stations and deny future funding of these worthwhile media outlets... **what is next?**



SUBMIT YOUR NOMINEE FOR OUR SILVER ANNIVERSARY CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Do you know a local art and culture superstar? Nominate them for our 25th annual Circle of Friends, to be held in Spring 2026. We present 6 amazing awards. Go to our website, depotfoundation.org, and enter their information. It is easy to do!

1. Artist Award

This recognizes an artist that has burst onto the arts scene and/or whose distinguished career has made significant contributions to the development of both artists and the arts.

2. Historical Preservation Award

This recognizes an individual, organization or project that has made a substantial impact on historic preservation and/or interpretation in the region.

3. Community Enrichment Award

This recognizes bold steps taken to strengthen the arts and culture of our region.

4. Initiative Award

This recognizes those individuals or organizations demonstrating exemplary initiative in creating opportunities in, or expanding access to, the arts and culture of our region.

5. Lifetime Artist Award

This recognizes a regional artist whose lifetime artistic excellence, dedication and vision have made a positive impact on our community.

6. Lifetime Achievement Award

This recognizes an individual or organization for lifetime contribution to the arts and culture of our region.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AMY KURONEN & DENNIS LAMKIN!



Amy Kuronen
2019-2025



Dennis Lamkin
2016-2025

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

GIVE SMARTER.
SAVE TAXES!

Qualified Charitable Distributions Continue their Popularity!

Whether you are at the age of a Required Mandatory Distribution (RMD) or not, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) may be just what you are looking for. Three core reasons QCDs are powerful (credit: Fidelity):

1. You get to help a public charity like the Depot Foundation. We have seen several of these gifts over the past few years, and they are extremely helpful in supporting our mission.
2. If you have a RMD, a QCD to the Depot Foundation may help with your annual IRS requirement.
3. A QCD reduces your taxable income, which could mean savings to you.

Donor Advised Funds, DAFs, are one of the fastest charitable vehicles in the country today. They are easy to set up, you get an immediate tax deduction, your money can be invested for tax free growth, and you control your giving. Donations from DAFs have supported the Depot Foundation with many of our current mission centered programs and projects, growing in popularity in recent years.

These giving opportunities have grown dramatically, both nationally and at the Depot Foundation, accounting for approximately 10% of our total gifts.

LEARN MORE SMART WAYS TO DONATE
AT [DEPOTFOUNDATION.ORG](https://depotfoundation.org)
OR CONTACT JASON YOUNG AT
[JASON@DEPOTFOUNDATION.ORG](mailto:jason@depotfoundation.org)
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THE DEPOT FOUNDATION
A foundation you can trust!

SUPPORT THE DEPOT FOUNDATION TODAY!

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Check: Depot Foundation
506 W. Michigan St.
Duluth, MN 55802



OR SCAN OUR QR CODE!

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DEPOT PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND CHARTER DONATION SOCIETY

Our newest fund! All donors \$25 and above to the Depot Preservation and Enhancement Fund, through December 31, 2025, will be recognized on a new donor “wall of appreciation”, located near The Depot’s main entrance.



Your name
in here!

Donate to the new
Depot Preservation and
Enhancement Fund now
through December 31.

Donor Level	Donation Amount
Preservation	\$1,000+
Enhancement	\$500+
Heritage	\$250+
Community	\$25+



SPOTLIGHT

“This opportunity has sparked a LOVE for the arts. We are thankful for the opportunity you guys gifted her with this year. She does not want to stop learning!”

“Dancing gives her the self-esteem and confidence she hasn't found anywhere else. She also sings and plays the piano.”

“We typically would be able to afford classes. We have moved to the area suddenly and have been having a very hard time catching our breaths financially. We would be grateful for even a partial scholarship.”

The Arts for All Scholarship continues to be in high demand! This opportunity would not happen if it wasn't for generous donations from friends like you and our local businesses and service organizations. There are few opportunities in our area for art and culture support like this. The Arts for All Scholarship is awarded year-round and strengthens financial opportunities for youth and young adults pursuing art and culture activities. Support the Arts for All Scholarship online today at depotfoundation.org. **Thank you all!**

58 Scholarships
Awarded this past year

\$19,000+ in Awards
\$330 Average Scholarship

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS* OF THE DEPOT FOUNDATION

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be held on:

Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Lake Superior Railroad Museum Center Square (Depot Train Museum).

The purpose of this meeting will be to elect new and continuing Directors. RSVP is requested to info@depotfoundation.org
Light refreshments and appetizers will be served. Thank you for your generous support.

***Members include persons with cumulative donations of at least \$1,000**



ART PRINT SPOTLIGHT

We have wonderful and unique art prints available for select donations. View our entire collection online at depotfoundation.org

Please contact us directly if you are interested.

Julie Newell Marshall
DESERT RED

20x17

Framed, double-mat
\$620 donation
\$300 tax deductible

