

# SHOPKO<sup>®</sup> Foundation

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The Shopko Foundation is happy to announce that it has awarded over \$1.1 million in grants during 2017. Shopko and the Shopko Foundation are proud to have awarded grants totaling over \$33 million in the past 37 years!

### Our Mission

To become well known by Shopko customers & teammates for contributing to the well-being of the communities where we do business.

- Fund charitable initiatives in Green Bay.
- Support charitable events and activities that promote healthy lifestyles and educational opportunities in communities we are privileged to serve.
- Offer service grants to teammates who volunteer their time for a non-profit organization.
- Award scholarship grants to qualified winners in amounts up to \$2,500 for a given academic year.

## Welcome

At the Shopko Foundation, what counts is making a true difference and strengthening our communities by supporting local charitable groups and programs that matter to the people who live and work there. The Shopko Foundation provides grants and scholarship opportunities to enhance the lives of our neighbors in every community we serve. Here are some highlights of the programs, initiatives and events that occur in our communities.

## Tools for Teachers

Shopko recently concluded its first-ever Tools for Teachers contest. Teachers could register via social media to receive a \$500 grant to help stock their classroom with new supplies for the school year. Ten lucky teachers were chosen randomly to receive the grant and one of the ten teachers was selected to win \$5,000 to help stock every classroom in their school during a voting contest on the Shopko Facebook page. Diane Illikainen, AuTrain-Onota Public School in Deerton, MI, was surprised with the grand prize and will use the award to purchase a kiln for the art class and musical instruments for the music class, plus any additional items other teachers may need for their classrooms.



## Big Brothers Big Sisters

The Shopko Foundation is honored to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeastern WI with a \$15,000 grant. This organization professionally matches youth with mentors. Youth mentoring is a preventative program addressing the community need for mentoring youth to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness, resulting in self-sufficiency. Grant funds will help to match an additional 100+ youth from their ready-to-be-matched waiting list. Last year alone, their mentors invested over 76,000 hours of one-to-one time impacting 599 youths in our community.





Shopko recently wrapped up its annual United Way / Shopko Foundation Campaign. We are proud to announce we have raised more than \$121,000 for the United Way and \$33,000 for the Shopko Foundation. Thank you for your generous support!



Questions?  
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## Community Giving

Here is a look at a few of recent recipients....

Toys for Tots – Shopko is excited to once again partner with the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to make the holiday season more enjoyable for less fortunate children across the country. With the help of our dedicated customers, Shopko donates thousands of toys every holiday season to children. This year, the Shopko Foundation has awarded more than \$9,000 in grants to help make this season a little brighter for children in need.



Shop with a Cop – The Shopko Foundation is a proud supporter of “Shop with a Cop” in many of our communities. In addition to giving the children a unique opportunity to shop for presents for their family members with a member of a local police department, this program helps to foster positive community relations between law enforcement and elementary school children. This year the Shopko Foundation has awarded more than \$17,000 in grants to support this program.

Glencoe, MN (Store 732) – The Wheel & Cog Children’s Museum was awarded a \$1,000 grant in support of furthering their goal of helping children in the community and enhancing ways they “live with play”. Funds will specifically be used toward the sponsorship of a “Community Helpers” exhibit.



Two Harbors, MN (Store 628) – Just Kids Dental was awarded a \$1,000 grant in support of “Smiles at School”. They provide dental services and oral health education to low-income uninsured and underinsured children by increasing access to care through services on-site at schools and other community sites.

Eagle River, WI (Store 620) – Eagle River Elementary was awarded a \$1,800 grant to purchase new flexible seating options, including tables that allow for a variety of activities and encourage collaborative learning experience, and chairs that swivel to help improve comfort and attention.

*Dear Shopko Foundation,*

*Words cannot express our deepest gratitude for your friendship and support of JKD. With your help more children, who previously did not have access to care, are now healthy, staying in school, and thriving. We are honored to receive your support, so together we can help the children of our community.*

*Warmly,*

*Just Kids Dental Staff & Volunteers*

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
The 2018 Shopko Foundation Golf Classic will be held Wednesday, July 11th. More details to come.