



## 2019 Door County Folk Festival – Fundraising Campaign



**Help support the Door County Folk Festival!**

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**To view the full story and contribute online please visit:**

[www.gofundme.com/2019-dcff-fundraiser/](http://www.gofundme.com/2019-dcff-fundraiser/)

**To contribute offline:**

**Mail Donation to DCFE, P.O. Box 25548, Chicago, IL 60625**

**We've initiated a "Go Fund Me Campaign" for the 2019 Door County Folk Festival (DCFF) running from August 18<sup>th</sup> 2019, now extended through October 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 – and here's why...**

- There were moderate increases in expenses, along with a slight decline in full-time preregistered participants
- Simultaneously, there was an increase in on-site and part-time registrants, who purchased individual event tickets instead of Weekend or Daily Passes
- In 2019 there were 12 first-timers and almost 20 returnees who had not attended in recent years. **However there were over 50 participants from 2018 who did not attend in 2019.**

**Thanks to early contributions from 24 donors, we reached 33% of our goal and made our Labor Day payment obligation. Please contribute to help us make our upcoming September 30<sup>th</sup> obligation.**

2019 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of DCFE's presenting memorable extended July weekends of ethnic/folk dance workshops, contra/square dance workshops, singing workshops, dance parties and other activities in Wisconsin's North-East Peninsula (Door County). DCFE provides a congenial, relaxed community atmosphere that enables participants of all levels of experience and ability to:

- learn fascinating and enjoyable forms of dancing and singing
- celebrate and engage in festive dance parties
- socialize, connect and share experiences with old friends and meet new friends

The fundraising campaign's main purposes are to: (1) retire the remaining debt from the 2019 Festival, (2) raise start-up funds for 2020 Festival, (3) take care of the legal work required to obtain 501(c)(3) status for tax exemption, (4) improve our marketing strategy for sustaining the Festival. There are additional reasons online.

We're reaching out to various communities who celebrate and preserve America's diverse cultural heritage, including:

- current and past Festival participants
- members of dance communities who've not yet attended DCFE
- lovers of ethnic/folk dance, contra/square dance, folk music and folk singing
- members of ethnic communities who recognize and appreciate how DCFE works to honor, celebrate and preserve their traditions and cultures
- anyone who has an interest in the success of participatory, user-friendly festivals

**Please consider making a generous donation to help us exceed our fundraising goal!  
Please forward this document to friends and colleagues who might be willing and able to help!**

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