



Chairperson's Letter

Dear Friends,

We are having another great year and it is an honor to be the Chair of the Allendale Community Foundation. This spring we awarded scholarships to five area high school seniors heading to University of Missouri – Columbia, Hillsdale College, and Grand Valley State University. Inside this newsletter are stories of grants that we've awarded to Remembrance Ranch for their Transform Catering program, as well as other area nonprofits. And we used Transform Catering for our summer picnic in July!

Eleven local, dedicated volunteers serve on our Board, and together we have been making a difference in Allendale for 18 years.

We recently opened a new community service fund that will benefit the Allendale Trail, which is part of a larger project working to connect Grand Rapids to the west Michigan lakeshore. See the back cover for more information and how you can get involved.

We would be honored to have your support. Allendale's future is directly improved by your contributions. All contributions are tax deductible and you can be assured that all support will stay right here in our community.

We are here for good, for ever, for Allendale!

Sincerely,

Rob Bristow, Chair, Allendale Community Foundation



Rob Bristow

Grant & Teacher Mini-Grant Deadline

Are you part of a nonprofit organization, a unit of government, an educational institution, or a church? Or a teacher at a local school? If so, your organization might be eligible to apply for a Community Foundation grant or teacher mini-grant.

**Our next grant deadline is:
September 28, 2018.**

Please send grant inquiries to Holly Cole at hcole@ghacf.org or call 842-6378 if you have any questions.

Greatest Needs Fund

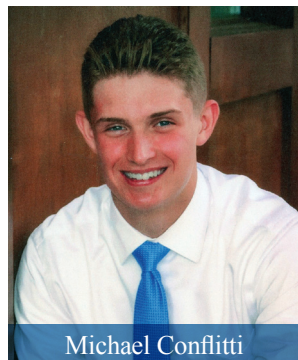
The Greatest Needs Fund allows us to invest in our community in a flexible and impactful way. When you establish or add to an existing Greatest Needs Fund, your gift addresses a broad range of critical needs, including future needs that cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made.

When you are making your giving decisions this year, please consider a gift to this important Allendale fund.

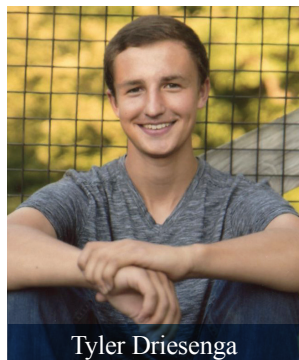
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Foundation Awards Scholarships to Area Youth

Scholarships are awarded to Allendale students to help them further their educational experiences. Thank you to the many donors who have established Funds that support our local students. If you are interested in learning more about how our Scholarship Funds work, please call Chris Riker at 616-842-6378.



Michael Conflitti



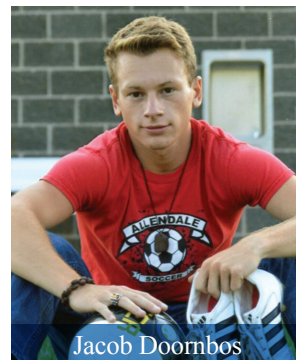
Tyler Driesenga



Amber Mango



Rachel Ramont



Jacob Doornbos

Allendale Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Since 1996, the AACC has been offering a scholarship to a High School Senior within Allendale Township who will be attending Grand Valley State University. The 2018 recipient is **Michael Conflitti**, who is attending Grand Valley State University.

Allendale Community Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the community foundation to support a graduate residing in Allendale Charter Township. The 2018 recipient is **Tyler Driesenga**, who is attending University of Missouri – Columbia.

Alyssa Olafson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by friends and family who loved Alyssa. Awarded to a female graduate of Allendale High School who is pursuing a degree in Health and Human Services. The 2018 recipient of this scholarship is **Amber Mango**, who is attending Hillsdale College.

Detter Family Foundation Education Scholarship

Awarded to a current graduate of Allendale Public Schools planning to attend a Michigan College to pursue a career in education. The 2018 recipient is **Rachel Ramont**.

Detter Family Foundation Leaders in Mathematics & Science Scholarship

Awarded to a current graduate of Allendale Public Schools planning to attend a Michigan College to pursue a career in science or mathematics. The 2018 recipient is **Jacob Doornbos**, who is attending Grand Valley State University.

How to Open a New Fund

Establishing a fund at the Allendale Community Foundation is an easy and effective way to invest in your community. From Greatest Needs Funds – our most flexible fund to meet the changing needs of our community – to Donor Advised Funds – which allow you to recommend grants to causes that you care about – we're here to work with you.

Contrary to what many think, you don't have to be a millionaire to open a fund. It just takes \$5000 today and that can continue to grow and make a difference in our community.

Interested in learning more? Please contact Chris Riker at criker@ghacf.org or 616-842-6378.



Remembrance Ranch Transform Catering

We recently awarded a \$3,000 grant to **Remembrance Ranch Transform Catering** to purchase and provide the items necessary for the program. Transform Catering provides youth that are enrolled in Alternative Education, or GED Programs, an opportunity to learn and develop necessary skills to pursue a career in hospitality.

Remembrance Ranch has a strong partnership with Allendale Public Schools and most of the families and teens they serve are from the Allendale area. Transform Catering provides youth with a 20-week training program, as well as mentors to support participants of the program with resume and interview assistance at the completion of the program.

Other grants include:

Allendale Area Chamber of Commerce

\$2,500 for Art in the Park

Engine House No. 5 Museum

\$1,000 for Explorer Immersion Program

Second Church of Allendale

\$1,200 for Hand2Hand



Annual Picnic

Thank you to everyone who came to the Grand Ravines for an evening of drinks, appetizers, and conversation. Patrick Adams from Transform Catering spoke about the impact of the ACF grant on the program, and trustee Kellen Brusveen shared why his company, Brusveen Chiropractic Center Charitable Fund, started a fund with the foundation in 2013.

To see more photos from the event, visit our facebook page at [Facebook.com/AllendaleCommunityFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/AllendaleCommunityFoundation).



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Supporting the Grand River Greenway

We are excited to announce a new community service fund supporting the Grand River Greenway! We are now accepting donations into the **Allendale Trail Fund – Phase 1 Fund**, a Community Service Fund that supports the construction and enhancements of phase one of the Allendale portion of the Grand River Greenway, a non-motorized path located in Allendale Township. The area includes the section of 60th Avenue from Lincoln south to where the sidewalk begins just north of Lake Michigan Drive.



The goal is to raise \$100,000 over the next three years to demonstrate community support and come alongside the Grand River Greenway project in a very proactive way. We already have donations and pledges from local business owners coming in. The total estimated cost for that section of trail is \$850,000.

Want to help?

To help make this trail a reality, give to the Allendale Trail – Phase 1 Fund. No amount is too small! Visit ghacf.org/allendale/ donation and select the from the drop-down menu. Or simply write the name of the fund on the memo line of your check.

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