



ALLENDALE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2021 SUMMER UPDATE

Chairperson's Letter

Dear Friends,

Summer has finally arrived. I hope you have time to enjoy some of the outdoor activities available in Allendale. The Community Park has a great picnic area, a splash pad, a playground and ball fields and there are County Parks along the Grand River that provide hiking opportunities. A longtime summer tradition, in Allendale, is the 4th of July celebration. I want to thank the Chamber for organizing that very successful event, of which we were proud to be a sponsor.

Inside this newsletter are highlights of this year's scholarship recipients, a farewell to our outgoing board members, a welcome to Don Lipinski, and a note from Lorrain Busman about why she gives to the foundation. And special thank you to Trail Point Brewing Company for including us in your anniversary celebration!

Public support through donations, volunteer time, or even through spreading awareness are all important to the success of our mission. 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.

The Allendale community has continued to demonstrate why we are #AllendaleStrong, and we're proud to be a part of it. If you ever want to learn more, give, or donate your time, please send an email to info@allendafe-cf.org.

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

Sincerely,

Jim Beelen

Chair, Allendale Community Foundation



Jim Beelen

Would you like to learn more about opening a fund or how you can give?

Contact Chris Riker at
cruker@ghacf.org
or 616-842-6378 x102.
Or donate online at
allendale-cf.org.

Thank you, Trail Point Brewing Company!

On Saturday, August 7, Trail Point Brewing Company celebrated their anniversary with a party, but we received the gift. We'd like to extend a huge thank you for donating the proceeds from the dunk tank—over \$650!—to the Allendale Community Foundation. It's partners like you who make this community so special.



Foundation Awards Scholarships to Area Students

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.



Shelby Boelens



Jameson R. Francis



Corin F. Kraai



Anna R. Kuyers



Natalya D. Reister



Mary I. Schooley

Allendale Community Foundation Scholarship: This scholarship was established by the community foundation to support a graduate residing in Allendale Charter Township. The 2021 recipient is **Corin F. Kraai**.

Lindsey Bakale Memorial Scholarship: Established in loving memory of Lindsey Bakale. The 2021 recipient is **Natalya D. Reister**.

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 2021 recipient is **Jameson R. Francis**.

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 2021 recipient is **Mary I. Schooley**.

David James Merkle Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of David, who worked with many special education teachers in the Allendale Public Schools and at Sheldon Pines School. Awarded to students planning to attend Grand Valley State University to pursue careers in special education. The 2021 recipient of this scholarship is **Jesse Handelsman**.

Alyssa Olafson Memorial Scholarship Fund: Established by family and friends who loved Alyssa. Awarded to a female graduate of Allendale High School who is pursuing a degree in Health and Human Services. The 2021 recipient of this scholarship is **Shelby Boelens**.

Herman J. Wyngarden Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Herman J. Wyngarden and awarded to deserving students to further their education beyond high school. The 2021 recipient is **Anna R. Kuyers**.

Not pictured: Jesse Handelsman

New Board Member

Don Lipinski joined the Allendale Community Foundation Board in May. He chaired the Allendale Christian School board for five years, serving as a member for six. He thanks his good friend Ray Statema for getting him involved.

Don has worked at Merchandise Equipment and Supply, a food service equipment, supply and design company for 23 years, and purchased the company 13 years ago with his business partner.

Don and his wife, Crystal, have been married for 15 years and have two kids, Josie and Jackson. In his free time Don loves being outdoors, whether it is working on his current project with the barn door open, camping, working on the tractor, hunting, or just a walk through the woods. "If there is fresh air I am in!"



Don Lipinski

Thank you Gwen and Rob

Thank you to Rob Bristow and Gwen VanTimmeren for their years of service on the Allendale Community Foundation board. Your vision and leadership have made a true difference in our community and your service will be missed.



Rob Bristow



Gwen VanTimmeren

Allendale Community Foundation Grants Program



The Allendale Community Foundation is a place-based charitable grantmaker that supports organizations that are positively impacting Allendale. We care deeply about Allendale and are committed to bringing together the right people and partners to forever care for this place we call home.

Through grants from our Greatest Needs Fund, as well as donor-advised funds, we help support local for-impact organizations whose missions are to help those who live, work, and play in Allendale. This spring, Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence was awarded \$5,000 for “Domestic and Sexual Violence Victim Services.” In addition, Ottawa Community Schools Network received \$1,000 for the printing, publication, and distribution of the one-page “Allendale Community Resources Guide.”

Grants are also awarded in the areas of Arts & Culture, Economic & Community Betterment, Education, Environment, and Health & Human Services.

“Supporting the community we love is at the heart of what we do,” said Jim Beelen, Chair of the Grants Committee. “We encourage for-impact organizations to apply for grants so we can help them continue their missions.”

Each fall, we invite our schools to apply for mini-grant funding to try out a new idea or buy the “extras” for an already great lesson plan or project. Grants of up to \$250 are awarded to educators to enhance their instructional program. Any teacher, counselor, or administrator employed in a public or private school located in the Allendale area is eligible to apply. Grants are limited to one per classroom and one per teacher per school year.

The Allendale Community Foundation works to strengthen our community by enabling people and organizations to support existing funds as well as create charitable funds that address a wide range of interests.

Learn more at allendale-cf.org/grants.

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 24, 2021.**

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.

ghacf.org/allendale/donation

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Why I Give: Lorraine Busman

My parents taught my brother, my sister and me to help others. Being a Christian, I feel that I should help worthwhile programs when I can, especially when they help children.

Since I am a retired Allendale teacher (elementary P.E., middle school and high school computers and math) and coach, I felt that the updated recreational facilities at the park are important for the youth and adults of our community. The Allendale Community Foundation was supporting this worthwhile project, along with many others. They give mini grants to teachers to help them help the students. They give

scholarships to seniors. They also help with many other worthwhile programs in the community.

I hope that they will help make the township park a safe place where the community families with their children can play and be together. I also hope that the older kids can come to have fun and exercise, playing at the various activities. I also hope that the adults in the community will use these facilities to set good examples for the kids.



***“Children are our future.
We should want to keep
them active and healthy.”***

– Lorraine Busman

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