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Local Donors Establish New Fund to Honor Pat McGinnis for his Years of Leadership and Service

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. (June 16, 2022) – The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) announced today the opening of a new fund to honor Pat McGinnis for his leadership and service as City Manager at the City of Grand Haven since 2003.

The Pat McGinnis Recognition of Service Greatest Needs Fund is an unrestricted and endowed fund that will benefit our community in perpetuity. Greatest Needs Funds enable the GHACF to remain proactive, responsive, and flexible to our community's most critical needs.

"I'm humbled and speechless," said McGinnis. "I could never give back to this community what this community has given to me and my family. Grand Haven is and always will be in good hands."

"We are grateful to the individual who came forward with the idea and for the generous donors who provided the initial donations to honor Pat for his nearly two decades of leadership and service to our community," said Hadley Streng, President of the GHACF. "We are pleased to help establish this fund and facilitate contributions from the broader community to honor Pat. Under Pat's leadership, the City of Grand Haven has partnered with the GHACF on several projects including saving the catwalk, revitalizing Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, preserving Duncan Park, improving the Boardwalk, enhancing the Lighthouse and the Musical Fountain, and many more," added Streng.

Community members who are interested in donating to the fund are welcomed and may do so easily by:

- 1. Giving online at <u>www.ghacf.org/donate/</u> and selecting the fund name from the drop down or typing in McGinnis.
- 2. Writing a check to the GHACF, mailing it to One South Harbor Drive, Grand Haven, MI 49417, and adding McGinnis to the memo line.

For additional information, please feel free to call 616.842.6378.

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ABOUT THE GHACF

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation is a public, charitable organization serving the Northwest Ottawa County community since 1971. GHACF is regularly recognized as a top 100 Community Foundation in the nation and is the 8th largest community foundation in the State of Michigan. It inspires philanthropy by individuals, families, corporations, and organizations, and serves as a steward of their charitable funds and legacies. It addition to awarding grants, the Foundation offers technical support to nonprofits, convenes community leaders on issues of importance, and advocates for the nonprofit sector. For more information, visit ghacf.org.