A Letter to the Community

At the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF), we remain committed to fostering positive change and creating lasting impact. In 2022, we laid the foundation for a future legacy of community philanthropy like no other year. We worked alongside donors who gave generously and our for-impact partners who served with passion and purpose. We added staff and envisioned a new facility to support the work that needs to be done. The size of our fund, the capability of our team, and the ongoing support from regional partners reassure us that we can meet the needs of the community for many decades to come.

Throughout the year, we consistently made substantial strides in our strategic focus areas:

- **Impact Community**
  We are grateful for the exceptional efforts of our dedicated for-impact partners who work tirelessly to help our community. As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2022, we are proud to announce that we were able to grant over $9 million back to our community. This impressive figure stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and the impact it can have on our community.
  
  We also believe in the power of education to transform lives. In 2022, over $650,000 in scholarships were awarded to 229 area students. This would not be possible without the generous contributions from our scholarship fund advisors. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for all.

- **Inspire Philanthropy**
  We believe that philanthropy is personal and as unique as each donor. We are pleased to share that collectively almost $12 million was contributed to all funds at the GHACF in 2022. It is these charitable gifts given to the Foundation each year that help ensure that our for-impact partners are able to continue their critically important work.
  
  It is also with great pride, passion and humility that we continue to assist generous individuals, families, companies, and organizations with their philanthropic endeavors and planned giving. We remain in awe at the generosity and support we receive from our donors and inspired by the stories of impact, of selflessness, and of engaging the next generation.

- **Manage Investments**
  We work hard to invest locally and manage all investments to consistently meet or exceed benchmarks of performance of our peers. Our 10-year average rate of return was 8.4%, despite a -17.18% annual rate of return in 2022 which reflected broader stock market conditions. We believe that our low-cost, passively managed, and equity-focused portfolio remains the best long-term approach.

  We partner with Northern Trust, our Investment Advisor, who provides investment management and advisory services. In October, we hosted an event with Northern Trust and our GHACF Organizational Fund Holders. This first-time event offered fund holders insight into the ongoing investment management of the GHACF portfolio and gave them the opportunity to hear the major themes that are expected to play out in the next five years.

  In addition to our focus on our three strategic areas, and continuing our day-to-day work, below are some select highlights that are not featured in this annual report:

  - Received National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Accreditation which represents a community foundation’s commitment to going above and beyond federal and state requirements to demonstrate accountability and excellence to communities, policymakers, and the public.
  - Completed a full software and database conversion to better support our work and serve our donors and partners.
  - Began planning for the Coopersville Area Community Foundation’s 30th Anniversary to be celebrated in 2023.
  - Envisioned and created a six-part speaker series in partnership with The Chamber, focused on Envisioning our Community’s Future which was held in 2023.

Our work is guided by careful reflection on our mission, vision, and values, combined with goals set forth as part of our strategic plan. 2022 brought the opportunity to explore a move to a larger space to increase the capacity of the GHACF and, therefore, the impact on the community. The move to the historic and iconic building at 6 Sherman Ave. will take place in 2023 and will be coordinated with a brand refresh launched in this annual report.

As an endowment organization we will be here forever. We remain focused on creating lasting impact and look forward to continuing to serve the community in new and innovative ways.

For good. For all. For ever.

Best regards,

Hadley Streng
President

Mark Pereira
Chair, Board of Trustees
Strategic Plan
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation 2022 - 2024

Vision
We advance the well-being of our communities by creating the best places to live, learn, work, give, and engage.

Mission
We enhance the quality of life for all by working together to collectively address challenges and opportunities throughout West Michigan.

Values
Stewardship, Exceptional & Empowering Service, Integrity, Entrepreneurial Spirit, Inclusion

What Success Looks Like
• Our for-impact partners and donors are catalysts for greater community and understanding change
• Our broader community is inspired to greater giving that advances our mission
• Our endowment portfolio is stewarded to give, yet also to grow

At a Glance
Impact Community
Pages 06-23

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$11,838,034
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Manage Investments
Pages 44-45

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381
Legacy Society Members

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207
Donor & Corp. Advised

187
Scholarship

137
Organizational

12
Internal Funds

46
Greatest Needs

42
Field of Interest

14
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Impact Community

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation's Community Impact Grant Program awards grants that seek to enhance the quality of life and promote a healthy, inclusive, collaborative, and diverse community throughout West Michigan. To best support our for-impact partners and meet community need throughout the duration of the year, the Community Impact Grant Program considers multi-year grant requests and has a quarterly review cycle. Grants are awarded to organizations that have a current 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service, are a government, a religious or educational institution. Successful applications serve the Northern Ottawa or Greater West Michigan Region and address one or more of the foundation’s grantmaking priorities highlighted in the pages that follow: Health & Human Services; Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion; Education; Economic & Community Betterment; Arts & Culture; Environment. Together, we can advance the well-being of our region by creating the very best places to live, learn, work, give, and engage.

Granting for Impact

In 2022, a total of $9,750,603 went back to our community from all funds, and of that $1,579,634 was awarded from our Greatest Needs Funds and Field of Interest Funds.

Amount Granted From

- Donor Advised Funds: $4,796,742
- Community Impact Grant Program: $1,579,634
- Community Service Funds: $989,223
- Organizational/Agency plus Non FASB: $947,100
- Scholarship Funds - Awarded: $656,873
- Designated Funds: $638,925
- GHACF Youth Fund: $100,000
- Affiliate Competitive Grant Program: $55,996
- CACF Youth Fund: $10,110
- Total: $9,750,603

The following pages feature grant impact stories from 2022.

For more information on the Affiliate Funds, please see pages 48 & 49.
Within Love in Action’s service area, 30% of the population is Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained and Employed (ALICE). The ALICE population represents those who are working with earnings above the Federal Poverty Level but below the minimum required to afford the basics of a “survival budget” including items such as housing, childcare, food, transportation, health care, taxes, and technology. In response, Love in Action (LIA) has designed a Community Co-Op to launch in 2023 - a membership-based cooperative that will provide access to healthy and nutritious food for families in Northwest Ottawa County.

Impact Award
This year, a Community Impact grant was awarded to support the costs associated with the building renovations, and two years of program operations. Membership will be accessible via an income-based monetary fee, volunteer hours, or participation in educational programs. Furthermore, the Co-Op will serve as an access point to additional wrap-around services provided by Love in Action, including home and car repair, household needs, dental care, and health services.

“"The Community Co-Op will improve access to food but also so much more. So often in the battle against food insecurity, the relationships and connections needed to thrive are missed. At Love in Action, we are seeking to create a community that can create better pathways to connection."”

Josh Bytwerk - Executive Director, Love in Action

Health & Human Services
Support access to physical and mental health services; promote healthy lifestyles and relationships for all; address priorities based on data gathered through Community Needs Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans; support local health initiatives that are endorsed by multi-sector collaborations; address human needs for underserved populations.

Additional Community Impact Grants:
- Every Women’s Place (EWP) | SANE Unit at EWP - Grant funds were awarded to create and operate an on-site Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Unit.
- Feeding America West Michigan (FAWM) | Nourish Tomorrow Advancement Campaign - Grant funds were awarded to increase capacity for food and nutrition acquisition services, distribution services, and educational programming.
- Girls Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore | Rebuilding the Grand Haven Little House - Grant funds were awarded to support the costs of fixtures, furnishings, and equipment for a new Grand Haven Little House.
- Gracious Grounds | Life Skills Wraparound Program - Grant funds were awarded to support the Resident Support Coordinator (RSC) as well as technology to support job seeking and the development of education and life skills for their residents with intellectual disabilities.
- Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital | Supporting Children through Recovery: Creating a Pediatric Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Rapids - Grant funds were awarded toward building a pediatric rehabilitation hospital.
- Mediation Services | Mediation Services for Older Adults Seeking Peace - Grant funds were awarded to a partnership with Four Points Center for Successful Aging in Grand Haven to deliver services.

Michigan Community Capital (MCC) | Development Associate Project - Grant funds were awarded to increase the organization’s capacity within their development department through the dedicated support of the internal and external costs associated with property/site evaluation, legal and environmental due diligence, and design.
- Momentum Center | Momentum Center Facility Capital Campaign - Grant funds were awarded as an initial gift to the Momentum Center’s Capital Campaign.
- No One Lives Alone (NOLA) | Support for Individualized Coaching and Empowerment through Education and Mindful Supports - Grant funds were awarded to support NOLA’s focus on women’s sober living by creating a confidential office space and further improve the private coaching sessions.
- Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence | Operations Infrastructure Enhancement Project, Phase 2 - Grant funds were awarded to the second of three phases in Resilience’s Operations Infrastructure Enhancement Project.
- The Little Red House, Inc. | Create and Implement a Strategic Marketing Plan - Grant funds were awarded to support the sustainability and strategy of the organization.
- Tri-Cities Family YMCA | Capital Campaign: Building Our Future - Grant funds were awarded as an initial gift to the Tri-Cities Family YMCA’s Capital Campaign, “Building Our Future,” and will update and expand the facility for future generations.

Moving Forward
The Community Co-Op is designed to serve up to 125 member households a week and 800 unique members a year.

$808,996 Total awarded to Health & Human Services grants

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Competitive Integrated Employment for Adults with Disabilities on the Lake Effect Kitchen Trolley

Eat Well Do Good Inc. (EWDG) is the charitable entity of the local business, Lake Effect Kitchen (LEK). Their mission is to help employers see the many values in hiring individuals with disabilities through educational and wage subsidies. They believe that once employers see how someone from this emerging workforce population contributes to their organization’s success, they will be more than willing to take the employee fully onto their payroll, and perhaps even look to this population to fulfill some of their hiring needs.

Impact Award
The Foundation awarded a multi-year grant to support the initial years of employment and mentoring for people with disabilities through jobs created by the refurbished Harbor Trolley food truck operated by Lake Effect Kitchen. The food truck travels throughout Ottawa County showcasing an authentic, inclusive workspace with people of all abilities working to provide food for the public.

Moving Forward
EWDG plans to hire 18 employees with disabilities over the course of four years for each 12-week season. Additionally, a group of mentors will be hired to assist with training and on-the-job support.

An initial training period of 2-4 weeks will allow the employees and mentors to learn together the process of cooking and safety skills, interacting with and serving customers, running the cash register, and cleanup and proper sanitation. At the end of the summer season, the goal is for employees to either continue working at LEK or use their work experience to pursue other employment in the community.

“It is great to see the pride and confidence that [employees] have as they grow into their jobs and develop new skills. They are learning to challenge themselves, and more importantly, that they are a valuable part of the community in which they live.”

Mark B. - Program Mentor, Lake Effect Kitchen

“He seems to be really happy and enjoying it. I know he’s very proud of himself, that he gets up and rides his bike to work and has some money in his account.”

Father of Eli - Trolley Employee, Lake Effect Kitchen

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
Address diversity, equity, and inclusion within the community. Involve and empower the inherent worth and dignity of all people; Promote and sustain a sense of belonging within the community.

Additional Community Impact Grants:
- BErista Inc. | Kenzie’s BE Café Community Employment and Training - Grant funds were awarded to BErista Inc. which does business as Kenzie’s BE Café, a new coffee shop, located in the historic Crescent Theater in Grand Haven’s Eastown.
- Disability Network Lakeshore | DEIA Training and Accessibility Assessments for the Tri-Cities - Grant funds were awarded to provide diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) training assessments at for-impact organizations throughout Northwest Ottawa County.
- GHACF | Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Field of Interest Fund - Grant funds were awarded to officially open the GHACF Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Field of Interest Fund.
- Migrant Legal Aid, Inc. | Defending Against Hate Program - Grant funds were awarded to expand the “Defending Against Hate Program” into Ottawa County. The program is designed to protect migrant workers and reduce acts of hate directed toward documented and undocumented immigrants.
When schools let out for the summer, many students experience “summer slide,” or a detrimental loss of the learning and skills they acquired during the academic year. In response, Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC) engages young people in reading, science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) activities based in nature.

**Impact Award**

This year, the Foundation awarded a grant to ODC for the ODC Network Summer Connection, which is a nature-based summer education program held in partnership with Grand Haven Area Public Schools and Walden Green Montessori. This program expands on ODC’s previous summer pilot program, Project 180, created to address the learning loss experienced by children in Ottawa County due to the impacts of COVID-19.

**Moving Forward**

ODC seeks to advance relationships between children through shared experiences in nature while providing access to academic support, food security, and parental engagement. ODC also aims to provide a mix of informal and formal learning to help students thrive during the summer. Over 1,000 students participated in Summer Connection at multiple sites in 2022. Fifty educators were trained in nature-based experimental learning. Additionally, ODC employed 25 high school and college students at a living wage rate to help deliver the program.

Following the success of Summer Connection, ODC had the opportunity to apply to the Michigan Department of Education to provide more Out-of-School opportunities to young people in West Michigan.

“My son is enrolled in Lit Camp/Adventure Camp, and it has been the highlight of his summer! Every day he comes home with a new story or a fun fact about something he learned about at camp. He has made new friends and really enjoys his day with all of you. My husband and I love that he is getting outdoors and is having so much fun making new friends! Our son is a very busy kid, and he thrives when he is constantly engaged, which is sometimes a challenge during the summer months, especially when one or both parents have to work.”

Parent of camp participant

ODC Network Summer Connection

**Education**

Address the barriers preventing students from pursuing post-secondary education opportunities; Improve student access to the necessary academic, social, and emotional resources required to reach their full potential; Support access to and participation in quality preschool programs, particularly those in under-served populations.

**Additional Community Impact Grants:**

- Grand Valley State University - Groundswell Grand Haven Area Partnership - Grant funds were awarded to “Groundswell Grand Haven Area Partnership” to help continue the K-12 environmental education program, specifically in the Grand Haven Area Public Schools.
Envisioning Our Future for a Thriving Community

Like many communities, Northwest Ottawa County is facing critical issues that require stakeholders to come together and strategically plan for a shared future that supports a thriving community.

Impact Award

This year, the Foundation awarded a grant to the Northwest Ottawa Chamber Foundation for Envisioning Our Future, a six-part breakfast speaker series, which was organized through a partnership between the Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg and the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. This was a unique opportunity for participants to learn about and discuss the challenges and opportunities at hand.

In addition to residents and community and business leaders, participants included students serving on the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council.

Speaker Series Presenters and Topics:
- Matt Dunsmoor, Simon Sinek master trainer: The Infinite Game
- Justice Richard Bernstein, Michigan Supreme Court Justice: Inclusion: A Healthy Community Imperative
- Jennifer S. Vey, Senior Fellow at Brookings Metro: Transformative Placemaking: Creating Vibrant, Connected, and Inclusive Communities
- Norm Van Eeden Petersman, Director at Strong Towns: Breaking Out of the Housing Trap
- Christine Porath, author of: Mastering Community: Surprising Ways Coming Together Moves Us from Surviving to Thriving

The Outcome

Over 250 individuals took part in the series. They engaged in roundtable discussions about their reactions to the presentations and how they could apply the information to their communities. Karen McPhee, leadership coach and strategic planner, facilitated these discussions as well as the final session that focused on identifying tangible ways to move forward.

“"The partnership with the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation to bring the Tuesday Forum Series to Northwest Ottawa County has created an amazing beginning to providing a safe space and a process for community dialogue among a diverse group of community members, which is the first step in envisioning our future.”

Joy Gaasch - Former President, The Chamber of Commerce of Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg

Economic & Community Betterment

Support cooperation among municipalities, especially in the areas of recreation, transportation, as well as consolidated planning; Support the revitalization and beautification of areas of commerce in our region.

Additional Community Impact Grants:

Council of Michigan Foundations | The Governor’s Office of Foundation Liaison - Grant funds were awarded to the "Governor’s Office of Foundation Liaison," a partnership between the State of Michigan and the Council of Michigan Foundations.
The Ric VanWeelden Fund mission is to promote "music everywhere for everyone" by bringing the arts, small businesses, for-impact organizations, and the community together. This grant made it possible to bring the "Grand Haven Free Friday Night Concert Series" to the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium throughout the summer of 2023.

About the Concert Series
The concert series highlighted talented Michigan musicians representing a variety of musical genres including bluegrass, jazz, country, and rock 'n'roll with six concerts throughout the months of July and August.

Impact Awards
Each concert showcased a business sponsor as well as a for-impact partner. The funds that were raised throughout the summer were dispersed between the following for-impact organizations:

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"At the Ric VanWeelden Music Fund, our passion is bringing the community together through the power of music. Along with the newly founded Grand Haven Free Fridays, we aimed to bring small businesses, nonprofits, and the community together through music with a FREE concert series for our community and visitors. We are immensely grateful to the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation for their support of the Grand Haven Free Fridays and the Ric VanWeelden Music Fund’s vision of music everywhere, for everyone.”

Cheryl Grove - Executive Director, Ric VanWeelden Music Fund

Arts & Culture
Bring regional and national art and cultural experiences and opportunities to the community; Supports programs that deliver arts and cultural experiences to under-served populations of the community; Support the collaboration and growth of local arts and cultural organizations within the community.

Additional Community Impact Grants:
Muskegon Museum of Art | Shaping the Future: Campaign for Museum Expansion - A closing grant was awarded to the "Shaping the Future: Campaign for Museum Expansion." This expansion campaign will create three new galleries, two new classrooms or family activity areas, and more collections storage. This will increase the museum’s capacity to leverage artwork assets and programming for the West Michigan region.
Promoting Environmental Sustainability with Recycling Projects Throughout West Michigan.

Goodwill of West Michigan is partnering with HydroBlox to recycle plastics that would otherwise go to landfills in the West Michigan area.

How it Works

Plastic goods will be diverted from landfills to be used to create high-value products that will aid in storm water drainage. These manufactured pieces are high-strength, porous, and 100% recycled plastic that both filter and direct the flow of water. The products have been accepted for use in Michigan trails, roads, parking lots, train depots, and other landscaping applications to manage storm water, reduce flooding, and move water to its desired location without burdening drainage systems.

Impact Award

This year, the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation awarded a grant to Goodwill’s capital campaign to be used toward the acquisition and development of an 89,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility.

Moving Forward

Goodwill anticipates starting full production of HydroBlox by mid-year of 2023. Plastics will come from Goodwill donations that cannot be sold (such as unusable laundry baskets, toys, and other materials), which is anticipated to amount to 1.5 million pounds from the region. Ultimately, the program has capacity to process 3 to 9 million pounds of plastic every year.

Environment

Center on the preservation of natural green-space and “smart land use” planning; Address critical water quality issues, including nearshore health, the sustainability of wetlands, and non-source pollutants. Lake Michigan, the Grand River Watershed, Spring Lake, and local creeks and streams are of special concern; Promote environmental sustainability through alternative energy initiatives and recycling projects.

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Additional Community Impact Grants:

Michigan’s Edge Mountain Biking Association (MEMBA) | Mosquito Creek Trails Expansion - Grant funds were awarded to expand the year-round, multi-use Mosquito Creek Trails and enhance the trailhead parking area.

West Michigan Environmental Action Council Education Foundation (WMEAC) | Environmental Sustainability in Western Michigan - Grant funds were awarded to support WMEAC’s existing environmental and sustainability initiatives in Grand Haven and Northern Ottawa County.

West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum | Advancing a Circular Economy and Sustainable Business in West Michigan - Grant funds were awarded to encourage the development of local, regional, and state sustainability initiatives.

“We are so grateful for the GHACF and their support of our efforts to address several of our strategic priorities through the launch of a new joint venture with HydroBlox. This project highlights Goodwill’s commitment to our community to not only provide a pathway to meaningful and sustaining work, but to do it through being the best place for the re-use, re-manufacturing, and recycling of unwanted household products and clothing.”

Jeanette Hoyer - CEO, Goodwill of West Michigan
Community Initiatives

The GHACF plays an active role in supporting various community initiatives. The following are highlights from 2022.

GHACF Nationally Recognized with HUD Award

The Council on Foundations, in coordination with The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, awarded the GHACF with the Secretary’s Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships for the Housing Next partnership. The award recognized Housing Next and the partners who have had a hand in its success over the last five years in Ottawa County, as well as the new partnerships that led to the recent expansion of Housing Next as a regional effort. The Secretary’s Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships recognizes excellence in partnerships that have both transformed the relationships between the public and philanthropic sectors and led to measurable benefits in housing and community development, including increased economic development, health, safety, education, workforce development, disaster resilience, inclusivity and cultural opportunities, innovative regional approaches, and/or housing access for low- and moderate-income families. Housing Next’s model of focusing on housing supply, housing stability, and housing subsidies with private sector investment in housing supply at every price point was a highlight of the award. The Housing Next partnership was one of seven partnerships recognized with this award in the United States in 2022.

GHACF Participates on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee

Ottawa County received $57 million through the American Rescue Plan Act to address the economic impacts of the COVID–19 pandemic. Members of the GHACF were chosen to sit on the ARPA Committee, which met regularly over an 18-month period, to help determine where the federal dollars should be distributed. The five areas of highest priority were help determine where the federal dollars should be distributed. The five areas of highest priority were

GHACF Invests in Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund

The Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund was created when Ottawa County committed $10 million of the ARPA funds to establish the fund in partnership with Housing Next and IFF. The Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund is managed by IFF, one of the country’s highest-rated Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI). The funds will be loaned at low-interest rates to developers committed to building affordable homes targeting median-income households.

GHACF Invests in Affordable Housing

The GHACF invested $1.5 million in the Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund to help address the housing need in the county, the third Impact Investment made by the GHACF. In 2021, the GHACF invested an initial $1.5 million in IFF, focusing on developing and expanding for-impact services in Northwestern Ottawa County. The GHACF made a similar investment in 2020 with Michigan Community Capital, which has since completed Robinson Landing, an affordable housing development on Comstock Street in Grand Haven. In total, the GHACF has $4.5 million invested locally through Impact Investments.

Building the Future Through Scholarships

Thanks to our generous donors, a total of 229 area students received $656,873 in scholarships in 2022 through the GHACF, ACF, and CACF competitive scholarship program or through funds held by the Foundation. This includes recipients earning a one-time or multi-year award in 2022 as well as renewal installments approved for scholarships awarded in previous years.

16 Scholarship recipients were awarded a multi-year scholarship

348 Students applied

229 Students were awarded a scholarship

$2,868 Average award package (range from $285-$10,000)

79% Of recipients were high school seniors

21% Of recipients were currently in college

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$656,873 Total awarded in scholarships

“After receiving my scholarships from the community foundation, the storm clouds in my head began to clear and the reality of my life began to settle in...this is what amplifies the importance of your donations. You make our dreams come to fruition. I speak for myself, and for many others when I say that without your support, our paths to success would be far less paved.”

Scholarship Recipient: Elena Yu - Scholarship Fund (and donors): Melissa Skiera Myers Scholarship Fund

25 Students received the next installment of their 2- or 4-year award

80% of first-generation student applicants received scholarships

First-generation students

- Come from a home where neither parent attended college, or their parents attended but didn’t earn a bachelor’s degree
- Tend to enroll in and complete post-secondary credentials at a lower rate than their peers

- Renewable for 2 years
- Renewable for 4 years
Empowering Youth

Making a difference in the lives of area youth

The Community Foundation’s Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is made up of high school students from all around the area. YAC members meet throughout the year to discuss and assess youth issues prevalent in the community, review grant proposals that benefit youth in the community, and look for opportunities to engage and empower youth in Northwest Ottawa County.

Our Vision: A community where all youth have the resources and opportunities available that allow them to succeed.

Our Mission: We aim to set an example for future generations by giving time, talent, and treasure to actively impact the lives of youth in Northwest Ottawa County.

What We Value:
• Empathy: to understand the needs of the youth in our community.
• Integrity: to make equitable decisions for the youth of our community.
• Collaboration: using innovation and teamwork.
• Open-mindedness: through a passionate and diverse group of youth representatives.

Our History

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2022 GHACF Youth Fund Grants

Community & Cultural Well-Being

- West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics | Mural Project
- Tri-Cities Family YMCA | MCA
- Michigan Youth in Government for 7th and 8th graders
- Walk the Beat | Repeat the Beat

Mental & Emotional Well-Being

- Camp Bledget | Mindfulness & Wellbeing in Nature
- Ottawa Area Intermediate School District | Coast Guard Parade Children’s Book Giveaway
- Mosaic Counseling | School Outreach Program
- Grand Haven Area Public Schools | Creating Reading Communities One Day & One Author at a Time

Physical Well-Being

- Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital | Supporting Michigan Children
- City of GR/GH - SL Sewer Authority | East End Basketball Court Improvement

“To me, YAC means opening opportunities for community involvement. YAC teaches students the importance of understanding their community and being involved within it. YAC teaches youth about philanthropy and the nonprofit sector and leads to other opportunities to give back. I am grateful for the opportunities YAC has granted me and I will continue to serve my community for the betterment of its citizens.”

Caroline Henry - YAC 2022-2023 Chair, 2023 Spring Lake High School Graduate
Giving for Impact

It is many individual acts coming together to powerfully and positively impact our community that make a difference. The grants previously featured, and others not included in this report, are the result of ongoing generous community support which helps ensure our local for-impact partners can continue doing their important work.

The funds at the Community Foundation reflect the vast interests of our fund holders and donors. Whether they are donor or committee advised, designated or unrestricted, new or longstanding, endowed or non-endowed, they demonstrate the spirit and generosity of the individuals, families, corporations, and organizations seeking to make a positive impact in our community today, tomorrow, and forever. The following pages tell inspiring stories of our new funds as well as a list of all funds held at the foundation.

Why Give

We believe that philanthropy is unique and personal. We remain focused on, and committed to, listening, learning, and partnering with current and prospective donors, fund holders, and professional advisors to match intent and ensure that each experience is meaningful and impactful. Giving through the foundation doesn’t have to be complicated, nor does it require great wealth. A gift of any size is a valuable contribution that will help make positive, lasting change in Northern Ottawa County.

Where to Give

You may give to an existing fund, establish a new fund, establish a recurring gift, leave a bequest and/or give to our greatest needs.

By giving to the Greatest Needs Fund, you enable the Foundation to address our community’s most pressing needs and promising opportunities, both now and for generations to come, through competitive grants to local, for-impact partners.

If you’re inclined to help the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation with the purchase and necessary renovations to our new building, please consider giving to the GHACF 6 Sherman Fund. This will allow the Foundation to expand and continue meeting the community’s needs as they evolve over time.

What to Give

We facilitate a variety of gifts including cash, stocks, bonds, and mutual funds; closely held stock; real estate; 401K and IRA accounts; life insurance policies; and bequests.

How to Give

To make a one-time or recurring gift, you may:

- **Give online at:** ghacf.org/donate
- **Mail a check to:** Grand Haven Area Community Foundation at 6 Sherman Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417

To transfer funds electronically, donate appreciated stock, or arrange for a planned gift, please contact Chris Riker, VP of Advancement & Donor Services or Patty MacDonald, VP of Finance & Administration, for questions or transfer instructions.

All donations are eligible for Federal Income Tax charitable deduction as allowed by charitable tax law. Please consult with your professional advisor with questions regarding a charitable gift.

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$5,000 minimum to open all funds, except Scholarship funds, which require $25,000.
Greatest Needs Funds

Giving to our Greatest Needs Fund, or establishing a Named Greatest Needs Fund, is a wonderful way to enable the Foundation to remain proactive, responsive, and flexible to our community’s most critical needs. We remain committed to being an impactful funder, forever.

Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest Funds connect personal values to high-impact opportunities and allow donors to target their gift to address needs in a specific area.

Grand Haven Women’s Club Health & Wellness Fund
The Grand Haven Women’s Club was dedicated to enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service since 1891. This organization spearheaded the Carnegie Library (now known as Loutit Library) in Grand Haven, donated the stone gateposts to Duncan Woods, and more recently helped provide funds for free mammograms for uninsured women. When the organization disbanded, they started this fund to improve the physical, emotional, and social aspects that alter the quality of life. Preference is given to programs that support women and their families.

GHACF 6 Sherman Fund
The Foundation opened this new fund to accept donations toward the purchase and renovation of our new building. This historic building will allow the Foundation to expand to meet our community’s growing needs.

Albert & Doris Knuth Memorial Fund for the Environment
Albert & Doris Knuth raised four daughters in Grand Haven (Evelyn, Alice, Charlene, Alberta) and a son (Timothy who passed away shortly after birth). The family wishes to remember their parents’ love for the community, its beauty, and natural resources through this Field of Interest Fund to benefit environmental projects.

Lola M. & Harry C. Olsen Field of Interest Fund
This Field of Interest Fund was created through the estate of Lola M. and Harry C. Olsen. This fund will assist and support individuals in need of supportive services; examples may include services for single parent (mother) households, senior citizens, and those without shelter.

Howie & Tammy Bailey Fund
Supporting youth sports is important to Howie and Tammy Bailey as sports have played an integral part in their lives. With support from local coaches and teams, Howie spent several years playing professional baseball while Tammy was competing in equestrian events. They met at a skeet shooting competition at a local Gun Club. Combining their love of sports with love of community is made possible through their Donor Advised Fund.

Richard A. & Gay Leppink Cole Family Fund
Richard and Gay Leppink Cole have been active supporters of the community and the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation for many years. This past year, Richard and Gay opened a new donor advised fund to assist them with charitable giving to the causes personal to them and their family. This new fund will help maximize their charitable impact.

Donor & Corporate Advised Funds

Donor and Corporate Advised Funds allow an individual, family, or company to establish a charitable fund with a single gift. Donors may add to the fund with additional gifts at any time and may remain anonymous, if desired. Donors enjoy administrative convenience, cost savings and tax advantages, and gain access to the expertise of the Foundation’s staff. Once the fund is established, donors recommend grants and the Foundation’s staff does all the work of administering the grants.
Organizational Funds

Organizational Funds provide income streams to support programs and operations at for-impact organizations. Organizational funds can be a simple and effective way to create long-term financial sustainability. The Foundation holds and invests the assets, providing professional fund management.

Stasiak Family Fund
Ed and Patricia Stasiak opened The Stasiak Family Fund this past year. This new donor advised fund will assist the Stasiak Family with their charitable giving and allow them to direct grants to qualifying programs and organizations that are personal to them.

Arlyn J. & Kathy K. Walt Donor Advised Fund
This donor advised fund was inspired by the life Arlyn Walt lived and the love he gave to his family, land, and community. A third-generation dairy farmer, Arlyn was known for his kindness and generosity. Wanting to continue with this generous spirit, Kathy designed a donor advised fund to honor the memory of Arlyn and his passion for farming, along with their love for the Coopersville Community. This will provide an opportunity for Kathy to give generously to a variety of organizations and programs in his honor.

Linear Park Sculpture Park Designated Fund
This fund was started with a generous donation from a local community member to improve Linear Park. Distributions from this non-endowed designated fund shall be for the purpose of improvements to and maintenance of sculptures and art in the park.

Midwest Miniature Museum Non-Endowed Fund
The Midwest Miniatures Museum is dedicated to preserving and presenting artisan miniatures in a quality environment. They strive to provide the very best experience to each and every guest and to contribute to an inclusive community experience. The organization opened this non-endowed fund as an additional way to support their programs and operations.

ODC Network Non-Endowed Fund
The creation of this organizational fund will allow the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC) Network to continue advancing outdoor education and conservation in West Michigan. The ODC Network has experienced tremendous growth over the last few years and, like all successful for-impact organizations, requires a variety of funding streams. This fund will contribute to supporting their mission.

Designated Funds

Designated Funds support the mission of 501(c)3 organizations by designating them as the beneficiaries of the fund. Designated Funds provide a steady, long-term source of income for one or more for-impact or community initiative. Almost any 501(c)3 organization may be designated to receive support for its mission.

The Patterson Family Foundation Fund
Pearl E. Patterson established a Designated Fund through a legacy gift to support United Methodist Church of the Dunes. Pearl committed herself to our community in a variety of ways. She cared for the community through her church’s activities as well as through the Red Cross. Her attention to the health of our community extended into the natural world, through Pearl’s great love and concern for nature and animals. She was also a Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader.

Community Service Funds

Community Service Funds are typically short-term funds that enable collective giving to a singular fund that supports a community project. These funds are not invested to avoid any risk of market loss/decline.

Musical Fountain Project Fund
This Community Service Fund was created by the City of Grand Haven along with the Friends of the Musical Fountain for the purpose of raising funds for preserving, restoring, enhancing, promoting, and caring for the Musical Fountain in Grand Haven.
Midwest Miniature Museum Community Service Fund
In late 2019, the Midwest Miniatures Museum relocated to Grand Haven. The museum opened this community service fund to hold funds for their capital campaign. The museum is planning to include the installation of an elevator and an additional stairwell to accommodate all four floors of the structure. This will allow for more exhibit space on the second floor, as well as meeting and office areas on the third floor. Eventually, classrooms and a maker space will be added in the lower level. When complete, the Robbins House will more fully meet the museum’s ability to exhibit and expand the Collection, as well as coordinate educational outreach projects and community partnerships.

Spring Lake District Library Renovation Fund
This community service fund holds donations for the Spring Lake District Library Refresh Project. This project will transform the children’s section into a flexible space to inspire imagination and creativity; create more quiet and private spaces for solo work, group work, and smaller meetings; and reorient the front desk so staff can easily welcome patrons as they come in.

Scholarship Funds
Scholarship Funds make educational dreams come true. When you invest in the next generation with post-secondary education assistance through scholarships, you’re building a foundation for a brighter tomorrow.

Lola M. & Harry C. Olsen Scholarship Fund
This scholarship fund was started with an estate gift from Lola M. and Harry C. Olsen. This fund will benefit a Northwest Ottawa County High School Senior with preferential consideration given to students who are furthering their education at a school with a religious affiliation and which places special emphasis on instilling fundamental values in their students.

Connie Van Schelven Memorial Scholarship Fund
This scholarship fund was lovingly started by the friends and family of Connie Van Schelven, a lifetime resident and longtime educator in Grand Haven who passed away in September 2022. This fund will support students graduating from Grand Haven Area Public Schools planning to attend an accredited four-year college, junior college, community college, and/or professional/vocational school. Preference is given to those demonstrating financial need and will recognize the accomplishments of students who have displayed strength and perseverance to overcome academic, personal, or financial challenges to graduate. Academic excellence is not a requirement. Recipients demonstrate both the tenacity to better themselves and a commitment to succeed in life when given appropriate opportunities and support.

Arlyn J. Walt Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kathy Walt opened the Arlyn J. Walt Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of her late husband. Arlyn was active in the Future Farmers of America (FFA). Arlyn was a third-generation dairy farmer who worked hard, a husband who loved his wife and children, and a good neighbor – always willing to help a friend. He was known for his kindness and generosity, his love for God, and his passion for the farm. Arlyn was a member of the Farm Bureau and active in the Michigan Milk Producers Association. With this scholarship, Kathy hopes to continue Arlyn’s legacy and to inspire generations of future farmers to pursue their dream of working in agriculture.

Westra Bye Memorial & Art Educators Scholarship Fund
The Westra Bye Memorial Art Foundation was founded in memory of Donna Westra and Robin Bye, two Grand Haven High School Art teachers beloved by their students and colleagues. This organization, established in 2019 by a volunteer board of art educators and community members, has historically provided financial and educational support for Grand Haven Area Public School students who are pursuing a post-secondary Visual Arts education at an accredited college or university.
Leaving a Legacy

Thank you to those who have chosen the Foundation as a way to enhance the community for future generations through a planned gift. Leaving a gift to the Foundation allows individuals to support the causes that they are most passionate about, forever.

Beginning with 59 members in 2003, the Legacy Society has grown to more than 380 individuals today. It is because of that generosity that Northern Ottawa County remains a wonderful place to live, work, and play – and will remain so for future generations.

We created this special section to honor those legacies that have been realized over the past year (April 2022-March 2023). We would also like to acknowledge the recent passing of the following Legacy Society Members: David DeBlaey, Jack Kelley, Carolyn Casemier Rotz, Jinny Schultz, Edith Van Burgel, Pat Walborn, and Paul Withun. We plan to honor and recognize their legacies in a future publication.

Sue Hinkle Barrett
Sue Hinkle Barrett saw beauty in the world and in our community. She dedicated her life to improving our community both professionally and through her support of various organizations. She worked with community mental health and for the beautification of our area. Her love of nature showed in her passion for gardening, traveling, and support of area conservation. Sue’s legacy will continue on through her scholarship to provide educational opportunities to our youth and her work with the Tri-Cities Garden Club.

Sherman Hecksel
Sherman Hecksel found joy in supporting his community and working with others. His dedication to our community is evident in his local business supporting farmers and involvement in a variety of organizations promoting the growth of Coopersville, through his service with the Michigan Land Improvement Contractors and the Coopersville Area Community Foundation Board. His commitment to Coopersville and the future of our community continues through the S.J. Hecksel Memorial Scholarship, honoring the legacy of his son while creating opportunities for area youth.

Harry C. & Lola Mae Olsen
Harry C. Olsen and his wife, Lola Mae (Rosenau) Olsen recognized the importance of supporting others. Harry was a 1st Lieutenant in the US Army and served in both World War II and the Korean War, earning the Bronze Star Medal. Lola lived in the Spring Lake area for over 35 years, after moving here from the Detroit area and worked for Ford Motor Company until her retirement. They continuously supported organizations that assist underserved populations, recognizing the value of community. Harry and Lola will be remembered through their scholarship which creates opportunities for our local youth and their futures and their field of interest fund that helps provide special assistance to others.

Mark Olafson
Mark Olafson was dedicated to his family and his community of Allendale. He always took time to reach out to others, listening and connecting with them. His presence was uplifting to friends, family, and strangers alike. His positive attitude and love for his family were evident to everyone who met him. His love will continue on through the scholarship fund established in memory of his daughter, Alyssa, as a way to honor the impact she had and support future opportunities for our youth.
Joyce Overway
Joyce Overway lived a full life, supporting her community and lifting up others through her work. Her passion is evident in her work, from leading the Youth Group and teaching Sunday School at Second Reformed Church, membership with the Tri-Cities Women Who Care and Tri-Cities Birthday Club, and volunteer leadership positions with the Grand Haven Area Jaycees, North Ottawa Community Hospital, and Tri-Cities Christian Ministries. Her support of the community extends to our youth’s education and future through her support of our schools and various scholarship initiatives. Joyce’s support of this community and our youth will live on in the memories and lives of those she touched.

Joyce Pellegrin
Joyce Pellegrin went through life with a welcoming smile and a love for others. She committed her life to her teaching career at Grand Haven Area Public Schools and loved to be able to support the future through supporting youth. Her love of the community extended beyond the classroom to her involvement in Counterpoint, the American Legion, Friends of Spring Lake District Library, and numerous education associations. Her charm and energy inspired everyone who met her, and her spirit and sense of joy will live on in the community she dedicated so much of her time to.

Craig Porter
Craig Porter lived a generous and full life. He taught at Grand Haven Area Public Schools for 30 years, helping to educate and cultivate the youth of our community. His care for our community could also be seen in his volunteer hours at North Ottawa Community Hospital and with Four Pointes Center for Successful Aging. His consistent generosity over the years in support of local education and our community’s historical icons shows how much he loved this area. His dedication to sailing was reflected in his numerous races and support of local sailing organizations. Craig’s legacy will continue on through the lives he has touched and his support of our community.

Nancy Dornbos Rhem
Nancy Dornbos Rhem held a great devotion toward her family and her community. Her kindness was evident in her steadfast support of many local initiatives. Her support helped preserve local, historical landmarks; provide educational opportunities; conserve our natural resources and parks; and create and maintain our wonderful community. Nancy will be remembered for her quiet devotion to her family and her community, as well as through her gifts in support of the future needs of our community.

Richard Scholler
Richard Scholler lived a life in service of others. He gave to our community on many levels—from his service in the US Navy to his career in printing and his volunteer position as an usher at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. He was involved in local organizations through membership and individual support, including the Grand Haven Area Jaycees and the Grand Haven Rotary. He loved his family and the community, dedicating time and support to ensure that our future would be cared for. The comforting presence and laughter he instilled creates a lasting legacy in the hearts of everyone who knew him.

Marilyn Sherwood
Marilyn Sherwood lived a rich and full life. She was dedicated to serving her community through her teaching career, her terms on the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners, and as a financial advisor. She also was passionate about her family, always providing advice and wisdom generously and took great pride in them. She invested in the future through her support of youth education and scholarships. Marilyn’s legacy of kindness, community mindedness, and belief in the value of education live on through the numerous individuals and families she met.

Miller Garrod Sherwood, Jr.
Miller Garrod “Gary” Sherwood, Jr. dedicated his life to those he cared about and sharing his passions with others. He cared deeply for others, always doing what he could to provide support and taking the time to reach out. He displayed his love for others through his gifts and service to a variety of individuals and community initiatives. His creativity and skills helped the original Imagination Station playground come into being and he served as a board member for the Little Red House. Gary imbued everything he did with love and passion, inspiring others to kindness and happiness. His warmth, wit, and positive attitude live on within the community he loved so much.

Janice Sluka
Janice Sluka loved life and shared that love with everyone she came into contact with. Janice was patient and caring, supporting others through her work and dedication to the residents of our area. She enjoyed the outdoors, traveling, fishing, and playing tennis. Janice loved our community and being able to support the future of it. This love can be seen in her legacy toward the upkeep of local recreational facilities, leagues, and ensuring that our residents have access to educational opportunities. Janice will be remembered for her love, patience, and spirit.
Marian Stevens
Marian Stevens was devoted to her family and her community. Marian’s commitment to her community showed in a variety of ways. Her articles for the Advance Newspaper and the Muskegon Chronicle helped record and preserve not only the history of our community but the small things that make it unique. Her food column and advice are still used fondly today by family and readers alike. She also deeply supported her church, the Allendale Township Library, education, and volunteered with Love Inc of Northeast Ottawa County. Marian will continue to live on through the lives of those she impacted and in the memories of her loved ones.

Peter Sturrus
Peter Sturrus lived a life of inspiration and service to others. He served our community in a variety of ways. He worked as a Sunday School teacher, was on the board of Grand Haven Christian School, served the Muskegon County Board of Education and served as a school principal. He deeply believed in the value of education, supporting numerous local schools, libraries, and tuition assistance programs at all education levels and expertise. His compassion for others, generosity, and spirit will live on through the people who knew him and his support of our community and its organizations.

Janet Tomhave
Janet Tomhave was devoted to her family and sharing the goodness in life with others. She cared deeply for her friends, family, and Jan’s love for this community can be seen in her almost two decades of work through the Community Foundation and her consistent support of local education and conservation efforts. She particularly saw the beauty of our natural environment with others.

Midge Verplank
Midge Verplank was devoted to her family and community. Her articles for the Muskegon Chronicle helped preserve not only the history of our community but the small things that make it unique. Her food column and advice are still used fondly today by family and readers alike. She also deeply supported her church, the Allendale Township Library, education, and volunteered with Love Inc of Northeast Ottawa County. Marian will continue to live on through the lives of those she impacted and in the memories of her loved ones.

Legacy Society Members
If you would like more information about joining the Legacy Society, please contact Chris Riker or Abby Reeg.

Shirlie Ackerhoff
Kevin Carbary B Carol Alexander
Dr. Tom Algire
Don B Cindy Anderson
Leonard A Donald Anderson
Paula Bess
David Bess
Howe B Tammy Bailey
William B Mary Baker
Steven B Kathleen Bandle
Charles B Mary Jo Bassett
Charles Bassett
Paul Bedtime
William B Carolyn Benez
Carroll B Dottie Bemmink
Patrick B Bong
Jeffrey B Tammy Beward
Mark B Susan Bowerhill
Bill B Kitty Besseling
Mary Jane Bosterich
Jim B Norma B Carolyn Brome
T. Arnold B Lynne Bonaetsk
The Hon. Cevin B Evelyn Bussman
Barbara Boyer
Tom Brackin
Patrick B Beard
Budd B Melinda Brink
James B June Brown
Fred B Boyer
John B Claire Bryan
Nancy B Joan Bucche B Dan Bierch
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Ron Bultje
Cheri Bultje
Dr. Paul B Denise Bowman
Nancy Calico
Cynthia Casmier
Dr. Erline Cankins B Stacey Cassia
Joseph B Cheryl Clark
Margaret Colley
Jane Leonard B John Cook
Michael Cool
Craig Couinier B Valerie Cottus
Gottweis
Harold B Cindy Crane
Dr. Tom B Wendy Crowson
Tom B Michelle Crewek
Scott Curtis
Carole DeBrey
Dr. Terry B Sam B DeGraven
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Denise DeWitt-Gilbert
Keith B Dolly DeWitt
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Jamie B Megan Dru
Joyce Dufell
Dr. Arno B Judith Druker
Deana B Barbara Dryer
Grace Durscher
Myra Dutcher
James B Maria Dykstra
Karen B Keen
David B Mary Eagan
Dr. James Moore B Patricia Edington Moore
Martha B "Marty" Erickson
Janet Ernst
Jon B Brenda Esselman
Steve B Mary Jane Evick
Dr. Wallace B "Wally" B Bewe
Charles B Patricia Fisher
Scott B Virginia Finken
John B Kathryn Foreman
Barbara B Bob Frenker
Patrick B Sunny Frugatto
Edward B "Tom" Gage
Robert B Jill Gileson
Tom Gifford
Edward B Laura Grafom
Michael B Dr Frank Grelle
Kathy B Nampy Gress
Warren B Aaron Boush
Edward B Nancy Gramberg
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Shirley Hipwell
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James B Derick Hughes
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Jim B Mary Keating
Kerby Kerr
J. Greg B Mary Keenan
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Sanford B "Mark" B Kristine Kelley
Barbara Kelso
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Thomas B Richard B Kelley
David B Randy Klaven
Kurt B Jennifer Klaven
Scott Klaven
Mark B Betty Keist
Dr. Raymond B Betty Kory
Keith B Patricia Komerska
Cindy Krahmer
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Ken Lubey
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The GHACF is an endowment organization and therefore the investment timeline is forever. We aim to preserve the principal gifts made by our generous donors, grow those gifts over time, and maintain a spending rate that allows us to continue to make an impact in the community. Our long-term investment strategy, with the oversight of the Board, Investment Committee, and our investment advisors at Northern Trust, helps us to achieve a rate of return that allows us to meet or exceed the spending rate. The equity-oriented asset allocation may increase levels of short-term portfolio volatility but, over the long term, our return rate has exceeded our spending rate and allowed for favorable growth of the portfolio.

Investing for Impact

Audited Financial Statement

Through December 31, 2022

Effective stewardship of philanthropic assets is paramount to building permanent charitable funds that strengthen our community.

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Communities Doing Their Part

The GHACF has two affiliate community foundations, the Allendale and Coopersville Area Community Foundations. Each serves the unique needs of those communities in Northern Ottawa County. Together, we collaborate to address challenges and opportunities collectively.

The following section recognizes the incredible work accomplished by the Allendale Community Foundation and the Coopersville Area Community Foundation in 2022. It also highlights the people who volunteer to serve on various GHACF committees, the GHACF board and those who make up the GHACF team.

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The Coopersville Area Youth Advisory Council (CAYAC) is made up of high school students from the Coopersville area. CAYAC members meet during the school year to discuss and assess youth issues prevalent in the community, as well as to review grant proposals made to benefit youth in the community. Members of CAYAC have the opportunity to make real change by awarding grants to projects which make a positive impact on the community. CAYAC Advisor: Kelly Rupert

Teacher Mini-Grants
The Allendale Community Foundation invites area 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 teachers 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.

ACF 2022 Competitive Grants

- 47% - $12,000 Health & Human Services
- 53% - $13,750 Education
- Total $25,750 Competitive Grants Awarded in 2022

CAYAC Youth Fund
- 49% - $13,000
- Total $10,110

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COMPETITIVE GRANTS

- ACF 2022
  - Total $3,363,796
  - 44 Total Funds (including FASB funds)
  - $2,750 Awarded to 11 Teacher Mini-Grants
  - 41 Total Funds (excluding FASB funds)

- CACF 2022
  - Total $7,907,925
  - 93 Total Funds (including FASB funds)
  - $10,110 Awarded to 6 Projects Through CAYAC

2022 - 2023 Affiliates

- Total Funds (including FASB funds) $392,149
- Total Funds (excluding FASB funds) $386,397

2022 - 2023 Board Members

- Coopersville Foundation
  - Kristi Roelofs
  - Mark Allen
  - Hilda Wittingen
  - Kelly Rupert

- Allendale Community Foundation
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  - Mark Allen
  - Jim Beelen

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AFFILIATES

- Total $116,961
- Donor Advised Funds $4,500
- Organizational/Agency plus Non FASB $69,847
- Affiliate Competitive Grant Program $25,750
- Scholarship Funds $10,209
- Designated Funds $6,655

Acknowledging board members
As a community foundation, we rely on the wisdom and guidance of our Board of Trustees as we work to carry out the mission of our organization. As we welcome our newest board members, Reyna Masko and Dean Reisner, we’d like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing board members, Barb VanHeest and Mark Pereira.

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Thank You for Your Continued Support

We love this community as much you do, and we’re so grateful to our founders, trustees, staff, for-impact partners, and generous donors. We invite all of you to join with us to support the communities we serve.

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