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Grand Haven Area Community Foundation | 2023



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The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF or Foundation) was incorporated in 1971 when 12 community members each gave \$100 to create a collective means for people to perpetually care for our community. We do this by encouraging philanthropy with individuals, families, corporations, and organizations, and serve as a steward of their charitable funds and legacies. In addition to awarding grants, the Foundation offers technical support to nonprofits (for-impact organizations), convenes community leaders on issues of importance, and advocates for the nonprofit sector.

During the first ten years, the GHACF had no paid staff or physical office location, and the board members were responsible for handling all activities of the Foundation.

Soon after, the GHACF rented space in downtown Grand Haven and hired its first employee, before settling in a new office at 1 S. Harbor Drive in 1985. This remained the home of the GHACF for nearly 40 years, with multiple suites occupied and owned by the Foundation over the years.

With a commitment to growth and increased impact on the community, 2023 provided a unique

opportunity for the GHACF to purchase the historic and iconic building at 6 Sherman Avenue. After completing a small renovation, the GHACF moved into the new space near the end of the year. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to help make this possible and honored to announce the named spaces within the facility.

A new brick and paver walkway serves as the entryway to the building, allowing community members to show their support for the GHACF, today and into the future.

Upper Level

L.J. "Midge" Verplank Leadership Offices
George & Thomas Jackoboice Families Rooftop Deck

Main Level

Ed & Nancy Hanenburg Reception Area
Loutit Foundation Conference Room
Boer Family Conference Room
Doss Family Conference Room
Mart & Dottie Johnson Courtyard Garden

Lower Level

M.A. Sherwood Family Boardroom

A Letter to the Community

Looking back, we both joined the GHACF in 2018, as President and Board Member, respectively. The Board had recently engaged with Northern Trust to manage its investments and approved a new Strategic Plan. The Foundation had nine employees and net assets were just over \$118M.

As we reflect on this past year, as well as our tenure with the GHACF, we are incredibly proud of how the Foundation has served our community. In addition to the dedication of our trustees and the commitment of our team, it's important to also acknowledge the hard work of our for-impact partners and the generosity of our donors. We don't do anything alone.

In addition to continuing our daily work, the team remained focused on the Strategic Plan. We simplified it to be the three areas we refer to today: Inspire Philanthropy, Manage Investments, and Impact Community. All three are important and influence the others. In 2022, we made a very slight, yet incredibly transformative, change to rotate everything so that we now refer to the three strategies as: Impact Community, Inspire Philanthropy, and Manage Investments.

At its founding, the GHACF had to raise funds in order to create impact in the community. Now, we impact the community to further inspire philanthropy and continue to manage our investments.

Since 2018, some highlights outside of our day-to-day responsibilities include:

- Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, granting over \$2 million to local organizations responding to the immediate and long-term impacts of the pandemic.

- Assisting the County in the deployment of nearly \$57 million in ARPA funds.
- Celebrating our 50th Anniversary with year-long activities engaging the community. "Look at what we've done. Imagine what we can do, together."
- Creating our Impact Investment Strategy and deploying \$4.5 million in Impact Investments, recognizing that both Robinson Landing and the Ottawa County Housing Revolving Loan Fund were a direct result of these investments.
- Completing a full software and database conversion to better support our work and serve our donors and partners.

We ended 2023 with assets over \$186 million and a staff size of 15. It was our largest grant year ever, with over \$10.8 million awarded in grant funding.

As we look ahead, work continues on our three key strategic areas.

We are grateful to those who put their trust in us to serve the community and for our incredibly talented team that works tirelessly, knowing our roles are both a responsibility as well as a privilege. We are here... for **good**, for **all**, forever.

Hadley Streng
President

Cindy Anderson
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.

Time | Convener, Introducer, Guide

Talent | Genuine Listener, Shared Community, Knowledge Center, Innovator

Treasure | Inviter, Steward, Funder, Educator, Legacy Creator

Ties | Cross-Sector Partner, Capacity, Builder, Problem Solver

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

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



At a Glance

Impact Community

Pages 06-23

\$10,812,347
and 1,495 total grants went back to our community from all funds. (page 07)



\$1,924,399
Total granted through responsive, impact-driven grantmaking. (page 06-19)

\$663,795
Total awarded in scholarships to 220 students. (page 21)

\$11,838,034 2023 Gifts Received to all funds and 1,937 total gifts.

375
Legacy Society Members (page 35-39)

699
Total Funds (page 24-34)

211 Donor & Corp. Advised

150 Organizational

142 Scholarship

- 94 Designated
- 46 Greatest Needs
- 43 Field of Interest
- 13 Community Service
- 12 Internal Funds

Inspire Philanthropy

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Manage Investments

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Total assets include the Allendale Community Foundation (ACF), Coopersville Area Community Foundation (CACF), the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF), and Supporting Organizations.

\$186,682,277
Net Assets as of 12/31/23. (page 41)

8%
10-Year Average Rate of Return

4.5
million Impact Investments

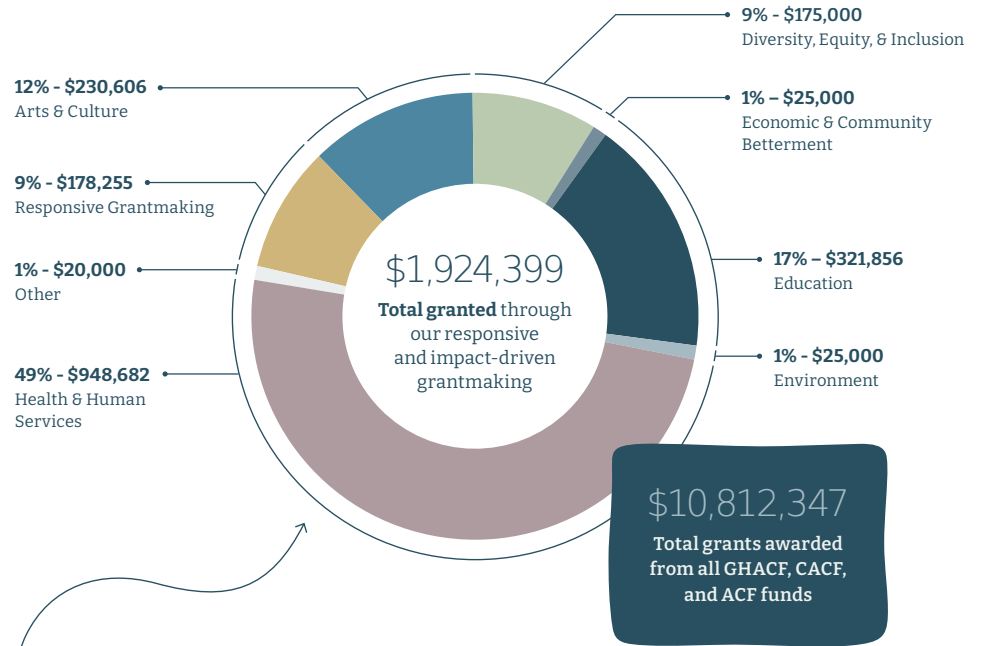
Supporting Stewardship

The Foundation's Community Impact Grant Program supports those seeking to enhance the quality of life and promote a healthy, inclusive, collaborative, and diverse community throughout West Michigan. 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: Arts & Culture; Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion; Economic & Community Betterment; Education; Environment; and Health & Human Services. Reviewed quarterly and available in multi-year form, these impact-driven grants are awarded to organizations that are a government, educational institution, place of worship, or have a current 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service.

By supporting those who in turn support community advancement and the well-being of our region, we are creating the best places to live, learn, work, give, and engage, together.

Granting for Impact

In 2023, a total of **\$10,812,347** went back to our community from all funds, and of that **\$1,924,399** was awarded from our Greatest Needs Funds and Field of Interest Funds.



Amount Granted From

Donor Advised Funds	\$6,240,767
Community Impact Grant Program	\$1,924,399
Community Service Funds	\$71,280
Organizational/Agency plus Non FASB	\$1,112,453
Scholarship Funds - Awarded	\$663,795
Designated Funds	\$617,668
GHACF Youth Fund	\$110,643
Affiliate Competitive Grant Program	\$54,841
CACF Youth Fund	\$16,500
Total	\$10,812,347

The following pages feature **grant impact stories** from 2023.

For more information on the **Affiliate Funds**, please see pages 44 & 45.



Arts & Culture

Spring Lake District Library: Refresh Project

The **Spring Lake District Library (SLDL)** provides residents of Spring Lake Village and Spring Lake and Crockery Townships with access to information, resources, and high-quality programming for all ages. The current building was opened in 2003 and serves as one of the only accessible, temperature-regulated spaces open to people of all ages year-round with no admission fees. A highly accessed and utilized space, 83,000 individuals visited the library and 7,800 individuals, including 4,250 children and teens, participated in scheduled programming in 2022. SLDL is also a community resource for job interviews, supervised visitations, and after-school tutoring.

Impact Award

A grant was awarded to the Library Refresh Project, a capital campaign, to renovate its existing building to meet the current and future needs of the community. Over 520 community members,

including children and teens, completed a survey to weigh in on the needs. As the first major renovation since construction, it incorporates inclusive universal design principles, establishes additional meeting rooms and quiet study areas, and relocates the teen and children's sections to better accommodate children and families.

“Thank you to the GHACF for their support. Improvements to our library are not just about upgrading buildings or collections; they are investments in education, community, and opportunity. They open doors to knowledge, empower individuals, and enrich the fabric of our neighborhoods.”

Gordan Gallagher - Board President, SLDL, and Spring Lake Township Manager

“The GHACF Community Impact grant was a significant endorsement showcasing public support for our Library Refresh Project. This validation enabled us to garner additional support from community stakeholders and amplify our project's visibility and impact. Thanks to the generosity of GHACF, the Spring Lake District Library is poised to reopen in late spring with updated and flexible spaces, so we can continue serving our changing and growing community.”

Maggie McKeithan - Executive Director, SLDL



\$230,606

Total awarded in Arts & Culture grants



Arts & Culture

The GHACF prioritizes grants to programs that bring regional and national art and cultural opportunities to the community. The Foundation supports programs that deliver arts and cultural experiences to underserved populations of the community and support the collaboration and growth of local arts and cultural organizations within the community.

Additional Community Impact Grants:

Loutit District Library | A grant was awarded to develop the Brooks Media Center, a new space designed to purposefully serve seniors and community members without internet access. This area of the library is complete with a 3,000+ collection of vinyl albums, computers for public use, and a private office for digital help and video calls.

Ric VanWeelden Music Fund | A grant was awarded to support Grand Haven's Free Friday Night Concerts at the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium during the summer of 2023.

Tri-Cities Broadcasting Foundation (103.5 WAWL) | A grant was awarded to restore equipment and support continued operations of free 24-hour local public radio with community-centered programming.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Tri-Cities Puentes Initiative: Executive Director Position

Tri-Cities Puentes Initiative (TCPI) builds connections (bridges/puentes) between Latin American residents and the broader lakeshore community, including Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Ferrysburg. Under the guidance of a volunteer board of directors, they effectively established and formalized opportunities for celebrating Latin American culture and empowering individuals of Latin American descent to lead, collaborate, serve, and thrive.

TCPI offers a range of programs such as the Grand Haven Hispanic Heritage Fiesta, the LEADeres Lakeshore non-credit leadership lab designed for Latinx professionals, and the Lakeshore Latinas multi-racial affinity group.

Impact Award

Grant funds were awarded to support TCPI's first part-time employee, an Executive Director, who oversees daily operations, leads the organization's strategic growth, and ultimately increases the organization's impact throughout the community. This position will enable them to capitalize on their achievements and establish a foundation for long-term sustainability.

“We are thankful to the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation for this generous grant and their continued support, especially for programs of diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community.”

Reyna Masko - Co-Chair, TCPI

“This grant will allow Tri-Cities Puentes Initiative to more effectively fulfill our mission and vision of building bridges of cultural understanding in our community, as well as grow and support our programs which will directly impact the Tri-Cities area on many levels.”

Rev. Dr. Jared Cramer - Co-Chair, TCPI

Moving Forward

John Gonzalez was named Executive Director in 2023. His skills and talent in communication and marketing have created increased awareness of TCPI and its programs across the region. In partnership with the board, greater strength has been provided to core organization structures

and operating procedures and they look forward to creating greater access to equitable, affordable, high-quality programming for Latinos now and in the future.



\$175,000

Total awarded in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion grants



Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

The GHACF prioritizes grants to organizations that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the community, involve and empower the inherent worth and dignity of all people, and promote and sustain a sense of belonging within the community.

Additional Community Impact Grants:

Camp Blodgett | A grant was awarded to support Camp Blodgett's partnership with the Epicenter to implement a pilot program called the Empowerment Experience. This program was centered around mindfulness, positive identity development, and confidence-building experiential education.

Community Foundation for Muskegon County | A grant was awarded to expand Muskegon Community College's Office

of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programming to leaders, educators, residents, and students in Northern Ottawa County.

Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance | Grant funds were awarded to support the Welcoming Ottawa initiative, a welcoming infrastructure where every person, including immigrants, can fully contribute to and shape Ottawa County's shared prosperity.



Economic & Community Betterment

Community Foundation for Muskegon County: FARM Support

Ottawa County has a robust agricultural industry that includes over 170,000 acres of land and produces \$534 million in products annually. Food processing is critical to this region and industry.

The **Food, Agriculture, Research and Manufacturing Center (FARM)**, developed by the West Michigan Food Processing Association in partnership with the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, Michigan State University, and Muskegon Community College, is a food processing incubator and accelerator that works to address challenges facing the industry.

Impact Award

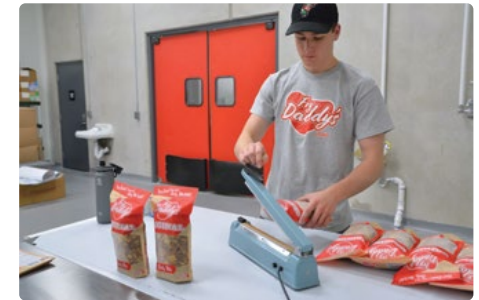
This year, the GHACF granted funding to support the operations of the FARM Manager. The FARM

Manager provides management and support for tenants, collaborates with local businesses to advance sustainable and healthy food options, and promotes educational opportunities for area students. These initiatives will address the need for additional food processors and the workforce necessary to support and grow the industry.



“Collaboration and community philanthropy don’t start or stop at the border of a town, county, or region. We are proud to partner with the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation in establishing FARM, a critical regional agribusiness incubator. Run by Michigan State University’s Food Product Center and MSU Extension Services, FARM is an important resource to entrepreneurs along the lakeshore.”

Todd Jacobs - President,
Community Foundation for Muskegon County



\$25,000
Total awarded in
Economic & Community
Betterment grants

Economic & Community Betterment

The GHACF prioritizes grants to organizations that support cooperation among municipalities, especially in recreation, transportation, and consolidated planning. We support programs that promote the revitalization and beautification of regional areas of commerce.





Education

West Michigan Symphony: Link Up Beginner Music Program

In its 20th season, the **West Michigan Symphony's** free Link Up Beginner Music Education Program, a collaboration with Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute, pairs the orchestra with local schools.

Students in grades three to five acquire skills in recorder playing, music reading, and develop an understanding of orchestral repertoire.

About the Program

Students benefit from regular contact with Music Mentors: WMS musicians who visit classrooms, work with students and prepare them for attending the symphony and performing on their recorders. The program culminates with a concert at the Frauenthal Center where students perform with the Symphony.

Impact Award

The West Michigan Symphony received a three-year grant to support the return to three celebratory concerts for the first time since 2019.



“Children learn in different ways and for many, music and the arts are the key that unlocks the door to creativity, motivation, discipline and problem solving. Link Up provides educators with a ready-made platform straight from Carnegie Hall for beginner music education. The Foundation's strong support has been a catalyst for Link Up's establishment throughout the regional school system over the past two decades, and especially for rebuilding since the pandemic.”

Andy Buelow - CEO, West Michigan Symphony



\$321,856
Total awarded in
Education grants



Education

The GHACF prioritizes education projects that address barriers preventing students from pursuing post-secondary education opportunities and improve student access to the necessary academic, social, and emotional resources required to reach their full potential. The Foundation supports programs that open access to, and participation in, quality preschool programs, particularly those in underserved populations.

Additional Community Impact Grants:

GHACF Tri-Cities College Access Network (TCAN) | A three-year grant was awarded to support TCAN's support of a post-secondary education culture within Northwest Ottawa County school systems and launch a new pilot program, Pyramid Practices, within the Preschool Roundtable network.

Grand Haven Area Public Schools | A grant was awarded to implement a new reading curriculum "The Science of Reading," and acquire additional decodable books for K-6 students. The goal of this project is for students to demonstrate progress in reading proficiency and achieve grade-level reading competence.

Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes | A grant was awarded to support a new, permanent education staff position to deliver impactful K-12 learning experiences in partnership with area schools along the lakeshore.

Opportunity Thrive | A grant was awarded to implement the Educator Wellness Coaching at participating Northwest Ottawa County schools. The program provides participants with support in navigating the stress and complexities of the education system, incorporating wellness inventories and individual coaching opportunities.



Environment

City of Grand Haven: Community Energy Plan

In 2022, the City of Grand Haven was awarded a “silver designation” by the Michigan Green Community Challenge, marking the beginning of a twenty-year endeavor to improve energy efficiency in Northwest Ottawa County.

They established a Sustainability and Energy Commission and pledged to develop a **Community Energy Plan**. Baseline environmental research and data collection will enable residents to understand current energy consumption levels and explore strategies for reducing costs and enhancing environmental conditions. Community strategies aimed at fostering economic competitiveness, ensuring access to dependable and cost-effective energy, and protecting the environment will be researched and presented for review and potential implementation.

Impact Award

A grant was awarded to contribute to the selection and hiring of a community energy planning consultant that will ultimately support the facilitation and development of a Community Energy Plan. A comprehensive, well-developed plan will provide community consensus regarding personal and community energy practices and long-term goals.

“With the help of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, the City has been able to embark on a collaborative journey to establish its first-ever Community Energy Plan. It will drastically improve energy literacy and demand efficiency in the area; ultimately resulting in financial savings to our residents. A unified energy plan of this nature will add significant value to the region and make Grand Haven a more attractive place to live, work and play.”

Ashley Latsch - Grand Haven City Manager



\$25,000
Total awarded
in Environment
grants



Environment

The GHACF prioritizes grants to projects that center on the preservation of natural green space and “smart land use” planning and address critical water quality issues including nearshore health, wetland sustainability, and non-source pollutants. Lake Michigan, the Grand River Watershed, Spring Lake, and local creeks and streams are of special concern. The Foundation supports organizations that promote environmental sustainability through alternative energy initiatives and recycling projects.



Health & Human Services

Tri-Cities Family YMCA: A Capital Improvement Project to Honor Our Legacy and Build Our Future

The Tri-Cities Family YMCA (YMCA) is a longstanding community partner of the Foundation and one of five organizations that each received a \$200 grant in the very first grant round more than 50 years ago. Today, the YMCA continues to serve as a vital resource for over 10,000 community members. The YMCA provides community programs and services to children and adults including early childhood care and education, fitness programs, sports leagues, free meal distribution, and more.

Impact Award

The YMCA's capital improvement project will expand and enhance the early childhood education program, update its facility to improve access for all, enhance its multigenerational health and wellness

“We are thrilled to have the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation continue as a partner as we steward the YMCA for the next generation. They were with us in the beginning and have provided crucial support throughout our history. Their commitment as a community partner is unwavering and for that we are grateful. The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation truly is here for good and forever.”

Greg Coil - CEO, Tri-Cities Family YMCA



programs and complete essential repairs to its infrastructure ensuring the YMCA thrives for generations to come.

Moving Forward

To address the critical childcare shortage in Ottawa County, the YMCA's improvements will expand childcare and preschool capacity by 40% and offer second shift care for working parents and guardians.

\$948,682
Total awarded in Health & Human Services grants



Health & Human Services

GHACF prioritizes grants to programs that support access to physical and mental health services; promote healthy lifestyles and relationships for all; and address priorities based on data gathered through Community Needs Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans. The Foundation also awards grants to organizations supporting local health initiatives that are endorsed by multi-sector collaborations and address human needs for underserved populations.

Additional Community Impact Grants:

Grand Haven Township | A grant was awarded for the continued development of six soccer fields, with 10 new portable goals at Schmidt Heritage Park.

Hand2Hand | A matching grant was awarded to purchase a refrigerated box truck that will increase Hand2Hand's capacity and deliver nutritious food to an additional 12,000 students aged 3-18 across West Michigan on weekends and extended school breaks. This expansion brings the program's total reach to 22,000 students.

Housing Next | A grant was awarded to support their leadership of West Michigan's Regional Hub Partnership, facilitate the creation of the regional strategy for Michigan's first state-wide housing plan, and support Northwest Ottawa County's affordable housing initiatives and development.

Lakeshore Housing Alliance (LHA) | A grant was awarded to support LHA's Coordinator and Homeless Management Information System Administrator. LHA continues to serve over 1,500 individuals annually.

Momentum Center | A grant was awarded to the capital campaign to secure a new building, make necessary improvements, and complete their move, which will support their growth in programming and service to the community.

Mosaic Counseling | A grant was awarded to enhance the intake experience for clients who are seeking mental health services.

Muskegon YMCA | A grant was awarded to the Camp Pentalouan 100-Year Anniversary Campaign to reinvest in infrastructure, making the facilities and programming more inclusive and accessible.

Women's Resource Center | A grant was awarded to launch the New Beginnings for Justice-involved Women program in Ottawa County, which helps women secure meaningful employment and return to their community after incarceration.

Community Initiatives

The Foundation is always looking for new ways to actively support and positively impact the community.

The following initiative was a highlight of 2023:



Partnering with the Chamber on "Envisioning our Community's Future" Speaker Series

Leaning into a core value of collaboration, GHACF awarded a grant to the Northwest Ottawa County Chamber Foundation, and partnered with the Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg, to create a 6-part speaker series focusing on key issues impacting Northwest Ottawa County. The forum, held on select Tuesday mornings over breakfast February through May, provided area businesses, local leaders, and community members an opportunity to learn, discuss, and strategically plan for a shared future with a thriving community.

The Foundation's Youth Advisory Council also participated, along with other community youth, to ensure voices of all ages were heard and varying perspectives considered. Nationally recognized speakers – ranging from a published author and professor to a Michigan Supreme Court Justice – provided valuable insights, different viewpoints, and inspirational stories that sparked conversations on everything from growth, safety, and leadership to inclusion, housing, and the power of coming together for a common cause. Each forum was facilitated by a professional leadership coach and strategic planner who wrapped up the series with a roundtable discussion, reflecting on the 5 previous

sessions and how lessons from each could be applied toward community betterment. By providing this space to foster learning, appreciate different points of view, and hold respectful conversations, our hope was that this speaker series would inspire the 250+ attendees to not only envision our community's future, but also take a more active role in making sure that the future is bright.

Together we can do great things, and already there is evidence of more work being planned for the next year! Inspired by this first series, the Chamber and Foundation furthered community discussion with a two-part forum on fostering welcoming environments and combatting implicit bias to create inclusive workplaces as well as continued conversation on affordable housing. These continued insights and strategies will go a long way toward growing a strong community where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

A special thank you to our "Envisioning our Community's Future" speakers:

- 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*
- Karen McPhee, Leadership Coach and Strategic Planner – *Envisioning our Community's Future: What have we learned?*

Building the Future Through Scholarships

Thanks to our generous donors, 220 area students received \$663,795 in scholarships in 2023 through the GHACF, ACF, and CACF competitive scholarship program and funds held by the Foundation. This includes recipients earning a one-time or multi-year award in 2023 and renewal installments approved for scholarships awarded in previous years.

<p>18 Scholarship recipients were awarded a multi-year scholarship</p>	<p>346 Student applications received</p>	<p>220 Students awarded a scholarship</p>	<p>\$663,795 Total awarded in scholarships</p>
	<p>\$2,790 Average award package <small>(awards range from \$166-\$10,000)</small></p>	<p>86% Of recipients were high school seniors</p>	<p>13% Of recipients were currently in college</p>

2023 Multi-Year Scholarships

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Renewable for 2 years | Renewable for 4 years

82%

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

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

“This scholarship will be such a blessing as I make my way through college, and will ease so many of my worries regarding tuition costs and student loans. Thank you for having confidence in my academic future. I cannot express the impact it has had on me and the rest of my family.”

- Scholarship Recipient



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 History

YAC was established in 1989 thanks to a challenge grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Since then, hundreds of students have served on YAC, and the Youth Fund has generated over \$3 million in assets. More importantly, since its inception, the program has had the privilege to grant over \$2.1 million to programs that address relevant, pressing issues that face area youth.

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.



“Being a member of YAC has aided me tremendously in learning how to lead, utilize my resources, and be confident in myself. While growing as a person on YAC, I’ve also had the privilege to help the Grand Haven community thrive. For me, YAC has been the experience of a lifetime and it will forever hold a special place in my heart.”

Brigit Vanderkolk - 2023-24 YAC Chair

\$110,643
13 Total Grants
awarded by the Youth
Advisory Council



2023 GHACF Youth Fund Grants

Community & Cultural Well-Being

- Gracious Grounds** | The Fusion Project
- Grand Haven Area Public Schools (GHAPS)** | Extension Opportunities for Pay It Forward
- Latin Americans United for Progress** | LAUP Program Expansion into Grand Haven Schools
- Loutit District Library** | Black History 101
- Spring Lake District Library** | Teen Area - Library Refresh Project

Mental & Emotional Well-Being

- Arbor Circle** | Peer Refusal Skills
- Dunegrass Healing** | Dunegrass Healing's Nature-Based Therapy
- Kids Hope USA** | Mentoring Elementary and Middle School Students in Northwest Ottawa County
- Momentum Center** | Mental Health and Wellbeing School Programs
- Spring Lake Public Schools** | Peer Up: Improving Mental and Emotional Well-Being

Physical Well-Being

- Grand Haven Area Public Schools** | All Kids Bike Grand Haven
- Outdoor Discovery Center** | "How to Eat a Rainbow" Healthy Snack Summer Program
- Tri-Cities Family YMCA** | Summer Safety Around Water Drowning Prevention for 4 to 16-year olds

Giving for Good

Many individual acts of giving combine to make a big difference, powerfully and positively impacting our community. The grants outlined previously, and additional grants not mentioned in this report, are the result of ongoing and generous community support which helps ensure our local for-impact partners can continue doing their important work.

Whether donor or committee advised, designated or unrestricted, new or longstanding, endowed or non-endowed, our funds reflect the vast interests of our fund holders and donors. They also demonstrate the spirit and generosity of the individuals, families, corporations, and organizations seeking to make a positive difference in our community. Their gifts make an impact today, tomorrow, and forever. The following pages tell inspiring stories of our new funds as well as include 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 advisors, 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.

Types of Funds

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Greatest Needs Funds

\$5,000 minimum to open all funds, except Scholarship funds, which require \$25,000.

Enable the GHACF to remain proactive, responsive, and flexible to our community's most critical needs.

43
Field of Interest Funds

Organizational Funds*

Provide income streams to support programs and operations at for-impact organizations.

211
Donor & Corporate Advised Funds

Connect personal values to high-impact opportunities. Allow individuals to target gifts addressing area needs.

Designated Funds

Support the mission of 501(c)3 organizations by designating them as beneficiaries of the fund.

13
Community Service Funds

Enable collective giving to a singular fund that supports a community project. Typically open 1-3 years.

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Scholarship Funds

Invest in the next generation with post-secondary education assistance. Build a foundation for a brighter tomorrow.



Greatest Needs Fund

Van Burgel Family Greatest Needs Fund

Nancy Van Burgel, as trustee of the Robert and Edith Van Burgel Trust, established this fund in memory of her father and mother, Robert and Edith and her sister Ruth. Bob was born in Spring Lake and Edith moved to Spring Lake from Muskegon after they married. Ruth attended Spring Lake schools and graduated from Central Michigan University. Nancy set up this fund to honor their memories in a way that represents their commitment to those around them. Bob and Edith's compassion for others was reflected in the work they did at their church, North Ottawa Community Hospital and with their friends, family and neighbors. Ruth's love for others was witnessed in her work as a home health care nurse caring for children suffering from cancer. This newly established unrestricted fund provides a means to enhance the well-being of the Grand Haven area community by addressing the most critical needs of the community in a responsive and effective manner.



Donor & Corporate Advised Fund

Christine Burns Memorial Fund

The Christine Burns Memorial Fund was created by Bill Burns, the husband of Christine Burns, former Spring Lake Village Manager. Chris was passionate about mentoring students, particularly women who were pursuing public administration as a career. She held several leadership positions in the field including President of the Michigan Municipal Executives, President of the West Michigan Local Government Management Association, and Chairperson of Michigan Municipal League's Workers' Compensation Board. Chris was an avid traveler, seeing over 25 countries and organizing many group trips with family and friends.



Donor & Corporate Advised Fund

Tom & Michelle Creswell Family Fund

Tom and Michelle Creswell have been active supporters of the community and the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation for many years. In addition to being donors, Tom has also served as past board chair, board member, and a volunteer on several GHACF committees. This past year, Tom and Michelle opened a new donor advised fund to assist them with charitable giving to causes personal to them and their family. This new fund will help them efficiently and effectively maximize their charitable impact.



Donor & Corporate Advised Fund

Marcus & Lisa W. Lee Family Fund

32 years ago, the Lee Family put down roots in Spring Lake to raise their children. Their lives have been enriched through friendships, education and employment opportunities, the natural beauty of the lakeshore and the overall quality of life in West Michigan. The partnership with the GHACF provides a path for the Lee Family to demonstrate their gratitude by investing in local organizations that support causes that are especially meaningful to them – including mental health, enhanced food security for young families, mentoring programs and environmental sustainability. As a family fund, their children and grandchildren will also participate in the spirit and act of philanthropy that supports the common good in our community.



Donor & Corporate Advised Fund

Robert & Cynthia Peel Family Fund

A current member of the GHACF Board of Trustees, Rob began his involvement with the Foundation as an advisor to a fund at an early age and has remained active throughout his career, serving on several committees. Rob and Cindy opened this new fund to assist them with their charitable giving to the causes that are meaningful to them and their family.



Organizational Fund

Coopersville Area Historical Society Fund

The Coopersville Area Historical Society established this non-endowed fund at the Coopersville Area Community Foundation to support their mission and specifically aid in the current fundraising effort to help enclose the Merlin Interurban Train Car located next to The Coopersville Historical Museum.



Community Service Fund

Save our Forests Fund

This Community Service Fund was created by the City of Grand Haven's Sustainability and Energy Commission to implement the City approved Forest Management Plan for Duncan Park, Mulligan's Hollow, and Lake Forest Cemetery.



Scholarship Fund

Kate Olsen Scholarship Fund

The Kate Olsen Scholarship Fund was created by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 28 in memory of Kathryn “Kate” M. Olsen, who was a charter member. Kate Olsen joined the Auxiliary in 1920 via the service of her husband, George L. Olsen, who saw extensive service in Europe during WWI. Kate was elected the first President of Unit 28 on November 8, 1920, to lead the Auxiliary membership in 1921. During her three years in office, she took charge of many activities in support of veterans. After 45 years of Auxiliary service, Kate was presented with a gold-plated lifetime membership card and pin in 1965. This scholarship will be awarded to students who embody Kate’s philosophy of “Service, Not Self.”



Scholarship Fund

Lupita Reyes Scholarship Fund

Growing up in Holland, Michigan, life certainly wasn’t always easy for Lupita Reyes. At an early age, she was placed in a class along with developmentally delayed students because she didn’t speak fluent English. After graduating high school, she struggled to find affordable housing. Instead of listening to those naysayers, Lupita chose to live a life of passion and purpose dedicated to improving the lives of the Latin American community in Ottawa County. She would go on to earn a bachelor’s degree and advanced degrees in social work. She founded numerous organizations, including being one of the key founders of Latin Americans United for Progress, the founder of the radio show Alegria Latina, and played a key role in establishing the Community Action House. Reyes also joined with others to win passage of the bilingual education legislation in Michigan.



Scholarship Fund

Norna Verplank & Tom Knight Performing Arts Scholarship Fund and the Norna Verplank & Tom Knight Swimming & Diving Scholarship Fund

Tom Knight enjoyed his years of leading, directing, mentoring and coaching hundreds of students at Spring Lake Public Schools. His mother, Norna, enjoyed being Coach Knight’s mom and was regularly in attendance watching performances and cheering on swimming and diving teams over the years. Tom and Norna established these scholarship funds to help SLPS graduates interested in furthering their performing arts or swimming and diving careers.

Greatest Needs Funds

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Field of Interest Funds

Edith Mae & William Alt Family Fund
 Richard E & Eleanor Carlson Babcock Memorial Fund
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 Youth Fund of the Coopersville Area Foundation
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 GHACF Environment Fund
 GHACF Family & Children Fund
 Technical Assistance Fund
 Youth Fund
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 North Ottawa Area Community Coalition Fund
 Lola M & Harry C Olsen Field of Interest Fund
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 Tri-Cities Chautauqua Field of Interest Fund
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 Children's Advocacy Center Endowment Fund

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City of Coopersville

Coopersville Area Historical Museum Building Fund
 Coopersville Area Historical Museum Fund
 Michael's Gift
 Roundabout Non-Endowed Fund

City of Ferrysburg

Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Fund
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City of Grand Haven

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 Grand Haven Memorial Airport Immediate Needs Fund
 City of Grand Haven Asset Protection Fund
 Grand Haven Boardwalk 25th Anniversary Fund
 Boardwalk Maintenance Endowed Fund
 Catwalk Maintenance Fund
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 Grand Haven Central Park Fountain Endowed Fund
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Grand Haven Area Public Schools

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Humanity for Prisoners Endowment Fund
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Midwest Miniature Museum Non-Endowed Fund

Muskegon Museum of Art
Muskegon Museum of Art Capital Campaign Fund
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Ottawa Area Intermediate School District
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Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association Immediate Needs Fund

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 Randal & Marilyn Mergener Scholarship Fund
 David James Merkle Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Kyle Moreland Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Melissa Skiera Myers Scholarship Fund

Nelson Family Scholarship Fund
 North Bank Scholarship Fund
 North Ottawa Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Fund
 Alyssa Olafson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Charles A Conklin American Legion Auxiliary Unit #28
Kate Olsen Scholarship Fund
 Lola M. & Harry C. Olsen Scholarship Fund
 Roy & Joyce Overway Family Fund
 Marvin R. & Pearl E. Patterson Family Scholarship Fund
 P.E.O. Chapter DS Scholarship Fund
 Dr Larry Poel Field of Medicine Scholarship Fund
 Edward & Barbara Post Family Scholarship Fund
 Terry Linda Potter Scholarship Fund
 David & Mary Race Vocational/Technical Scholarship Fund
 Richard & Barbara Race Scholarship Fund
 David A. Reeves Scholarship Fund
 Frances Claire Reinecke Scholarship Fund
 Jacob L. Reinecke Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Daniel L. Reiss Memorial Scholarship Fund
Tri-Cities Puentes Initiative
Lupita Reyes Scholarship Fund
 Harold & Eleanor Ringelberg Scholarship Fund
 Charles Robertson Scholarship Fund for Education
 Runschke Family Scholarship Fund
 Charles & Eleanor Rycenga Education Fund
 Millicent Mary Schaffner Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund
 David & Jinny Schultz Family Fund
 David & Sharon Seaver Family Scholarship Fund in Memory of Tim D. Seaver
 Del Shannon Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Ken & Sandy Sharkey Family Scholarship Fund
 Susan Shattuck Scholarship for Future Nurses
 Lynne Sherwood Scholarship Fund
 Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Business Scholarship Fund
 Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Current College Scholarship Fund
 Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Education Scholarship Fund
 Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Engineering Scholarship Fund
 Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Medical Scholarship Fund

Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Michigan College Alliance Scholarship Fund
 Miller G. Sherwood Family Scholarship Fund
 Spartanwill Scholarship Fund
 Spring Lake High School Social Studies Scholarship Fund
Spring Lake Public Schools Foundation
 Anonymous Alumnus of Spring Lake High School Scholarship Fund
 Mitz Hammond Hessmer Scholarship Fund
 Maryadele Sparks Scholarship Fund
 Lorraine VanBeukering Scholarship Fund
 Paul Wolbrink Scholarship Fund
 St. John's Lutheran Church & School Scholarship Fund
 St. Patrick's & St. Anthony's Church Scholarship Fund
 Frank & Virginia Such Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Edward P. Suchecki Family Scholarship Fund
 Henry D. & Ruth G. Swartz Family Fund
 Clifford & Hope Taylor Scholarship Fund
 Grace Thatcher Scholarship Fund
 H. Wayne VanAgtmael Cosmetology Scholarship Fund
 Marv VandenBosch Scholarship Fund
 Connie Van Schelven Memorial Scholarship Fund
Norna Verplank & Tom Knight Performing Arts Scholarship Fund
Norna Verplank & Tom Knight Swimming & Diving Scholarship Fund
 VFW Post 2326 Ward-Goff Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Arlyn J. Walt Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Bob Warren & Carole Curry-Warren Scholarship Fund
 Waters' Family Scholarship Fund
 Valerie Watson Scholarship Fund
 West Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association Scholarship Fund
 Westra Bye Memorial & Art Educators Scholarship Fund
 Louise Wachter Wickham Scholarship Fund
 Mary E. Wilsberg Scholarship Fund
 Women's Club of Grand Haven Scholarship Fund
 Daryn Renee Worpel Scholarship Fund
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Leaving a Legacy

Beginning with 59 members in 2003, the Legacy Society has grown to more than 370 individuals. It is because of their generous gifts that Northern Ottawa County is a wonderful place to live, work, and play – and will remain so for future generations. We thank all those who have chosen the Foundation as a way to support the causes they are most passionate about and enhance the community through a planned gift that makes a lasting impact.

On the following pages, we honor and appreciate those legacies who have been realized over the past year (April 2023-December 2023), as well as recognize the recent passing of the following Legacy Society Members: Carroll Bennink, Thomas Pegg, and Curtis Whiting. Because of their incredible support and generosity, their legacies will live on forever.



Charles Bassett

Charles “Charlie” Bassett cultivated our community’s future through our youth. As a coach, teacher, and mentor at Spring Lake High School, his students and players learned essential life lessons alongside their schoolwork and athletics. He saw his work as a privilege – providing patience, guidance, and kindness to everyone he met. Charlie instilled the value of a positive outlook which motivated and inspired many within the community. His dedicated support can be seen through his lifelong investment in Spring Lake High School and its tennis program was honored by the establishment of a scholarship fund in 2007 in his honor by students and their families. His kindness will live on through the actions of countless individuals.



Carolyn Casemier-Rotz

Carolyn Casemier-Rotz brought beauty into the world in many forms, with her proudest being her family. She was intelligent and loved getting to know the world around her through books, travel, and art. Her passion for drawing and structures can be seen through her accomplishments as an architectural designer. She loved the Grand Haven area and was proud of her family’s role as the owners of a local store chain. This support for our area is further seen in her family’s generosity and support of local programs and preservation projects. Her spirit will continue through the love of her family and friends and the passion she imbued into her designs.



David DeBlaey

David “Dave” DeBlaey held a deep appreciation for life and its beauty. He was steadfast in his love and loyalty to both family and community. His decades of service in various roles in his church embodied his commitment to his community and his convictions. Dave knew the value of hard work, patience, and kindness. His cherished hobby of wildlife photography took dedication to get the perfect shot. Though quiet, Dave was pleasant and memorable as he went through life with purpose and good humor. The prior establishment of both a scholarship and a greatest needs fund by him and his wife Carol forever preserves his love for our community and hope for the future.



James Kelley

James “Jack” Kelley spent his life preserving and improving his community, while supporting others through his work as an industrial designer and his dedication to our community. He was an avid supporter of local campaigns to preserve our history and natural resources. Jack held memberships on various boards and supported the Grand River Sailing Club. He was always available to others to help, advise, and teach. His deep sense of community and loyalty resonates within every individual and organization he impacted, allowing his legacy to live on.



Mark Kleist

Mark Kleist found fulfillment and joy in actively serving his community. He served in various roles for numerous local organizations and projects, including the Coast Guard Festival, the Chamber of Commerce and its Leadership Connect, as a board member for the GHACE, and the building of both Imagination Stations. His most important relationship was the one with his family, and he was always present for them. Everyone who met him saw that he provided invaluable insight and thought-provoking conversation. Mark’s dry wit and humor, combined with his intelligence and respect for other’s feelings and opinions, inspired others and helped forge lifelong relationships. The legacy of Mark lives on in the actions of others.



Nancy MacLachlan

Nancy MacLachlan lived a life of compassion, grace, and inspiration. Her dedication to her community is evident in her decades-long tenure as a nurse, especially her work in creating the Parish Nurse role at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. She was known for her sensible advice, humor, and unflappability. As an artist, her work encapsulated her love for others and our area and expressed her spirituality and appreciation for nature. She also supported local projects that promoted public recreation and environmental preservation. Nancy saw the value of area programs that provide access to healthcare and promoted public recreation and environmental preservation. Nancy’s love and courageous spirit lives on within her family and everyone who knew her.



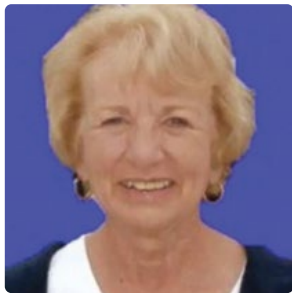
Jinny Schultz

Jinny Schultz was an individual who loved and loved well. She provided a sense of belonging and welcome for others, supporting them in their endeavors and passions. Jinny’s entire demeanor allowed anyone who met her to find peace and a friend to talk to. Jinny also saw the importance of cultivating and preserving the future. She supported local restoration campaigns, including the Grand Haven Catwalk, and showed patience and dedication through the horses she raised. Jinny was intelligent and saw the value in access to education. She and her husband, David, established a scholarship to promote access to education to allow others to succeed in life. Jinny’s love continues through everyone she met.



Edith Van Burgel

Edith Van Burgel found joy in every moment and through every person she met. Her presence radiated love and compassion, felt by anyone who interacted with her. These gifts were evident in her work at the county court system, clerk's office, and when she volunteered at the hospital. She was also active in her church and showed her compassion for others by providing meals to those in need, knitting prayer shawls, and providing support for many other organizations that helped the underserved. Edith's legacy of kindness and thoughtfulness will continue to be felt by the community through the Van Burgel Family Greatest Needs Fund.



Patricia Walborn

Patricia "Pat" Walborn loved her role as an educator and saw value in supporting our community through our students and our local organizations. As a teacher at Lake Hills Elementary School for 25 years, she impacted countless students. Pat brought much joy to those who knew her. She participated in many local events and organizations, including the Grand Haven Quilt Guild, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Muskegon. Her philanthropy supported local environmental, humanitarian, and educational organizations, including the Spring Lake District Library. Pat's love for others continues within her students, family, and friends' hearts and will continue to grow through her previously established fund's work.



Paul Withun

Paul Withun loved our community and his family. He devoted much of his time to his family and supporting various local organizations and projects. Paul, along with his wife Leslie, were proud supporters of the Tri-Cities Family YMCA, the Grand Haven Rotary, and the Grand Haven Schools Foundation. Paul was fun to be around, with a friendly attitude and always open to conversation. He was knowledgeable, dedicated to his passions and work, and endearing to anyone who met him. His love of community is evident in his continuous support of his birthplace. His work, philanthropy, and relationships contribute to the lasting legacy of devotion and love he created.



Legacy Society Members

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

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| Dr. Tom Alguire | Ralph DeYoung | Jeff & Kelli Jullie | Dr. Donald Moss | Julie Smydra |
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Investing for Impact

Stewardship is of great importance to the Foundation – we take pride in and work hard to manage the resources entrusted to us responsibly. Our aim is 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 making an impact in the community. As an endowment organization, our investment timeline is forever, which calls for a long-term investment strategy. Overseen by the Board, Investment Committee, and our investment advisors at Northern Trust, all funds are invested in the same pool and, since 1996, have been in an 80/20 asset allocation – 80% equities and 20% fixed. This approach helps us to achieve a rate of return that meets or exceeds our spending rate, with a 20-year average just shy of 8%! Our long and successful investment history has resulted in favorable long-term portfolio growth, as well as lasting community impact. We are honored by the trust and confidence given to us and are committed to ensuring our investment success continues into the future.

Audited Financial Statement

Through December 31, 2023

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

ASSETS

Cash & Equivalents	\$3,296,642
Investments	\$175,733,675
Programmatic Investments	\$3,000,000
Notes Receivable	\$236,630
Other Assets	\$253,317
Property & Equipment	\$4,162,013

Total Assets	\$186,682,277
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$122,983
Grants Payable	\$249,723
Charitable Gift Annuities Payable	\$81,557
Funds Held as Agency	\$12,325,747

Total Liabilities	\$12,780,010
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Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$173,902,267
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Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$186,682,277
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Teaming Together

The GHACF is honored to be affiliated with the Allendale and Coopersville Area Community Foundations. While we each serve the unique needs of our respective communities in Northern Ottawa County, together, we collaborate to learn, brainstorm, and address challenges and opportunities collectively.

The following section recognizes the incredible work accomplished by our affiliates at both Allendale Community Foundation and the Coopersville Area Community Foundation throughout 2023. It also highlights the amazing volunteers who serve on various GHACF committees, the GHACF board, and those who make up the tireless GHACF team.

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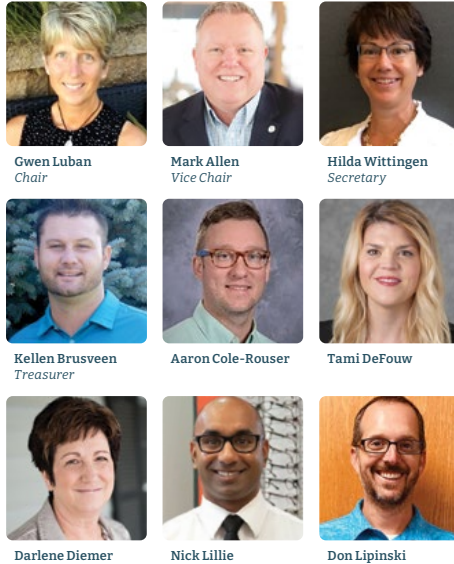
James Doss
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Allendale Community Foundation



2023 - 2024 Allendale Advisory Board



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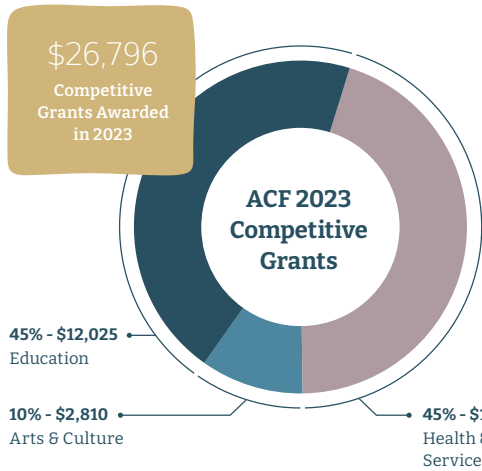
Darlene Diemer

Nick Lillie

Don Lipinski

Amount Granted From

Donor Advised Funds	\$5,550
Community Service Funds	\$5,659
Organizational/Agency plus Non FASB	\$71,136
Affiliate Competitive Grant Program	\$26,796
Scholarship Funds	\$11,168
Designated Funds	\$9,098
Total	\$129,407



\$3,938,393 Assets (as of 12/31/23)	44 Total Funds (including FASB funds)
\$2,750 Awarded to 11 Teacher Mini-Grants	41 Total Funds (excluding FASB funds)



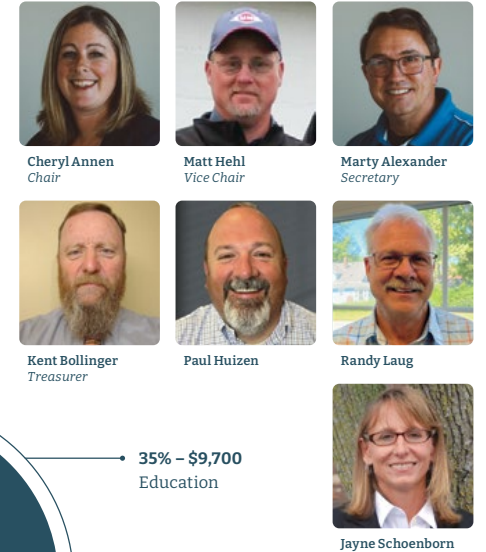
Teacher Mini-Grants

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.

Coopersville Area Community Foundation



2023 - 2024 Coopersville Advisory Board



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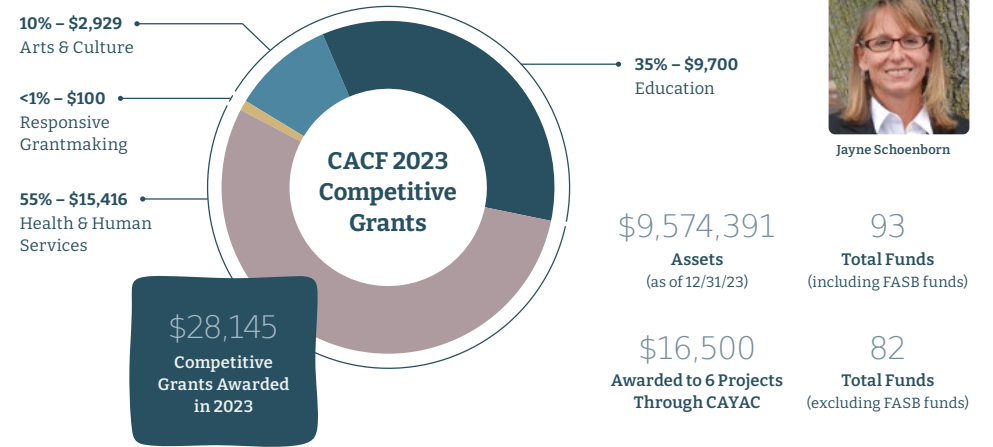
Paul Huizen

Randy Laug

Jayne Schoenborn

Amount Granted From

Donor Advised Funds	\$193,509
Organizational/Agency plus Non FASB	\$103,917
Affiliate Competitive Grant Program	\$28,145
Scholarship Funds	\$34,476
Designated Funds	\$69,551
CAYAC Youth Fund	\$16,500
Total	\$446,098



\$9,574,391 Assets (as of 12/31/23)	93 Total Funds (including FASB funds)
\$16,500 Awarded to 6 Projects Through CAYAC	82 Total Funds (excluding FASB funds)



CAYAC

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**

Board of Trustees



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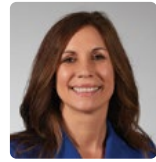
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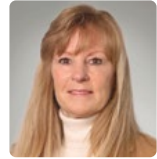
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Welcoming board members

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, Pete Haines and Cindy Moe, we'd like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing board members, Cindy Anderson and Pat VerDuin.



Pete Haines



Cindy Moe

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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.

For **good**. For **all**. Forever.



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