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Greetings!

We hope you're enjoying the sunshine and staying cool! We've had a busy Spring filled with grant rounds, scholarship awards, committee meetings, and several events. We celebrated graduates and worked with our for-impact partners, volunteers, and community members to continue enhancing the quality of life for all here in Northern Ottawa County. You'll find some of the highlights, news, and updates below.



Welcome to the Team!

We recently welcomed Patti Cummings to our staff as a Program Officer. Patti brings great experience, including over eight years of work in the for-impact sector. She most recently served as Director of Housing Services at Good Samaritan Ministries.

A Warm Hello to our Incoming Board Members...

We recently welcomed two new members to our [Board of Trustees](#): Cindy Moe and Peter Haines who both come to us with great experience and enthusiasm.

[Learn more about our new members here.](#)



... and a Heartfelt Goodbye to our Outgoing Board Members

We also bid a fond farewell to our outgoing board members, Pat VerDuin and Cindy Anderson, who joined our Board of Trustees in 2018. We are grateful for their dedication and contributions while on the board.



Cement Your Support!

Show your lasting support with a gift to the 6 Sherman Capital Campaign and you, your family, and/or your company will be recognized with an engraved paver or brick that will be on display year-round on the GHACF heated entryway.

Qualifying contributions begin at \$5,000 and bricks will be engraved on an annual basis.

For those who donated prior to May 1, thank you! You are now able to see your engraved bricks in our walkway.



For more information, please visit [6 Sherman Capital Campaign](#).

In Legacy Society News...

When the GHACF Legacy Society was created in 2003, there were 59 members. Today, there are over 370 individuals who have made plans for a charitable gift to the Foundation that will impact our community for years to come! We are deeply appreciative of their generosity and financial commitment to leaving a legacy in our community, and recently honored them all with our annual event of appreciation.

If you would like to become a member or make a charitable gift, learn more about the Legacy Society [here](#).



Giving Grants

This last round, we awarded six Community Impact grants, totaling \$288,000!

Recipients include:

The Outdoor Discovery Center – \$68,000 to assist with summer programming in partnership with Grand Haven Area Public Schools.

Trinity Health Grand Haven Hospital – \$40,000 for a telemedicine robot required for their goal of becoming a certified Primary Stroke Center.

Pine Rest Pediatric Center for Behavioral Health – \$100,000 toward the building of the new center to improve access to mental health services for children and adolescents.

Children's Advocacy Center – \$30,000 for their medical exam suite renovation, which will make it as child-friendly, warm, and accessible as possible.

Grand Valley State University – \$50,000 to establish a postdoctoral fellowship program at the Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute to conduct critical research on local aquatic ecosystems.

Celebrating Our Graduates

One of our most favorite events is coming up! This year we will be celebrating 229 graduates with over \$900,000 in total scholarships at our Scholarship Social. We can't wait to celebrate our students' achievements and honor the gifts of our donors!



Three Cheers for This Year's Youth Advisory Council!

Once again, we applaud the extraordinary efforts of our Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and each member's dedication to our community. Their achievements throughout the school year showcase their commitment to creating positive change and empowering future generations. And what better way to celebrate a job well done than by participating in a little pickleball?

We are grateful to each and every member of YAC for their time and hard work, and extend a very special thank you to our graduating class:

Alexandra Bakker
Renee Gerscheire
Sage Jarmosco
Payden Pittman
Ella Rabideau
Emma Radley
Brigit Vanderkolk

We're Clean!

We're proud to share that we've received another clean audit in partnership with Plante Moran. Proof positive that you can count on our dedicated team to work diligently, and with full transparency, to manage our Community's Endowment and the resources entrusted to us responsibly.

Community Wish List

If you're interested in supporting our for-impact partners, please take a few minutes to review our Community Wish List. The list helps connect donors with local charitable giving opportunities. Thank you!

Our office will be closed July 1 - 5 in observance of the July 4th holiday.

We are here for you.
For good. For all. Forever.

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