



For good. For all. Forever.

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation | 2024

Grand Haven Area
Community Foundation





A Letter to the Community

The lighthouse in our logo is a well-recognized and iconic structure in our region. It also symbolizes much of **what we strive to be – a steady, guiding light; a trustworthy source to navigate challenges and opportunities; stability no matter the conditions.** Since 1971, the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation (GHACF) has adapted to change and provided strategic, innovative solutions that keep our community strong, and on course for a thriving future.

Throughout this report you will read the stories of how we Impact Community, Inspire Philanthropy, and Manage Investments.

- As one of our region's largest grant-makers, the Foundation offers technical support to nonprofits (for-impact organizations), convenes community leaders on issues of importance, and advocates for the nonprofit sector.
- With over 700 funds and nearly 250 planned gifts, we serve as a steward and facilitate philanthropy with individuals, families, corporations, and organizations.
- Our goal is to strategically invest the assets entrusted to us for long-term growth to achieve a rate of return that allows us to meet or exceed our spending rate.

Our community counts on the Foundation to remain focused on providing innovative, intentional, responsive guidance to ensure a thriving community for all who live, work and play in Northwest Ottawa County.

A foundation is supportive, solid, and strong, just like a lighthouse. It is fitting, then, that you find the word in our name, just as you find a lighthouse in our logo. Together, they represent GHACF as a steady constant in the community, always here for you. **For good. For all. Forever.**

Hadley Streng
President

Keith Konarska
Chair, Board of Trustees

2024 Key Accomplishments

The GHACF:

- Successfully completed remaining renovations and enhancements at 6 Sherman Avenue; including installing signage, artwork, and our exterior rooftop deck and garden patio.
- Hosted several private tours and celebrated with a capital campaign donor reception in June and an open house and ribbon cutting in August.
- Welcomed multiple partners into our space, allowing for private off-site work sessions for individuals, teams and/or boards.
- Started conversations to more clearly define our role in advocating for our sector, by working with our local legislators and telling stories of work in our community.
- Provided leadership in the non-profit sector and workforce housing initiatives.
- Raised more than \$9.6 million, opened 10 new charitable funds, and welcomed three new members to our Legacy Society.
- Reached an all-time high of over \$12 million in total grants and nearly \$3.2 million for our competitive grantmaking, scholarships, and Youth Advisory Council distributions.
- Successfully navigated the US Department of Education's updated Free Application for Federal Student Aid delays and responded with adjustments that honor and celebrate best practice in both donor intent and scholarship distribution.
- Looked for additional ways to invest in our community through impact investments, which have now reached \$5 million.
- Received another clean audit and take pride in our fiduciary oversight of our endowment.
- Held board retreat focused on further clarifying our values of: Stewardship, Exceptional and Empowering Service, Integrity, Entrepreneurial Sprit and Inclusion; as well as generative discussion on future innovation.

Strategic Plan

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation



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.

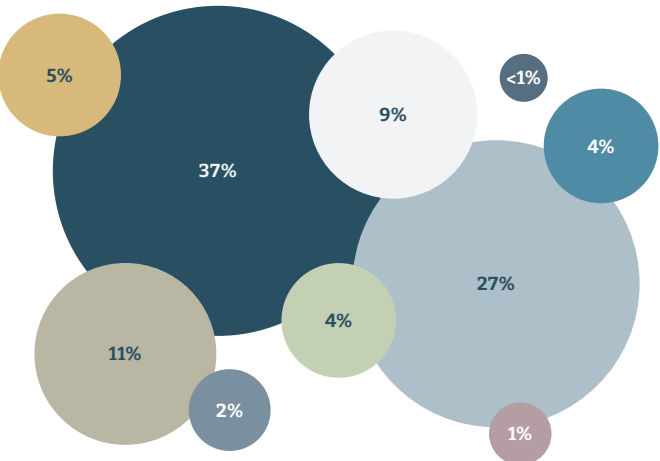
Values

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

At a Glance

Impact Community

Pages 06-23



\$12,068,712 and 1,495 total grants went back to our community from all funds. (page 07)

\$2,018,222
Total granted through responsive, impact-driven grantmaking. (page 06-19)

\$910,815
Total awarded in scholarships to 234 students. (page 21)

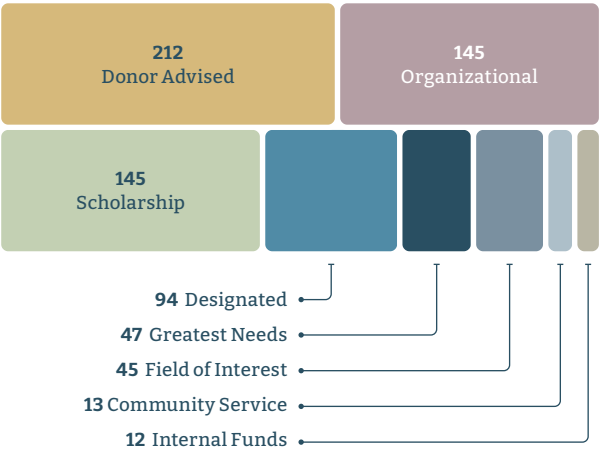
Inspire Philanthropy

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\$9,679,499 2024 Gifts Received to all funds and 1,652 total gifts.

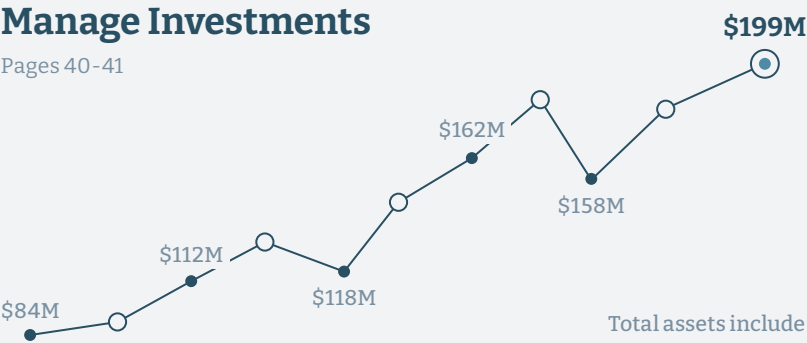
374
Legacy Society Members (page 35-39)

716
Total Funds (page 24-34)



Manage Investments

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\$199,755,627
Net Assets as of 12/31/24. (page 41)

8.2%
10-Year Average Rate of Return

5.0
Million Impact Investments

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

Supporting Stewardship

It is the annual goal of the Foundation’s Community Impact Grant Program to make a positive difference within each of our focus areas of **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 address needs within one or more focus areas and are a government, educational institution, place of worship, or have a current 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service. Thanks to this grantmaking program, we were able to support many wonderful initiatives and projects again this past year throughout our priority areas.

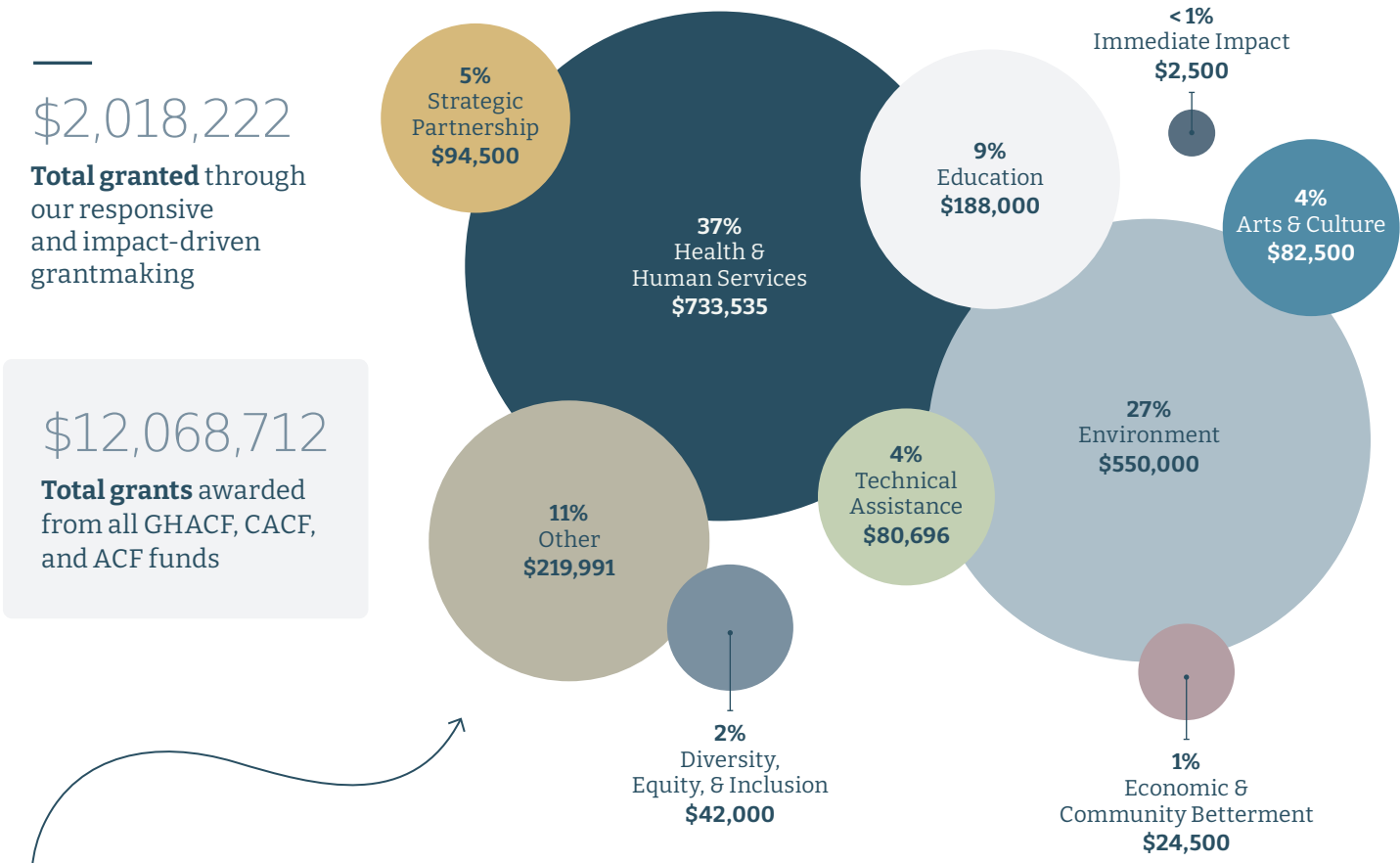
We also worked to improve upon our grantmaking initiatives by evaluating, and updating our Field of Interest grant programs to align with best practices by:

- releasing a full calendar year of applications to support for-impact partners in their planning and development.
- awarding over \$80,000 through our Technical Assistance grant program to support our for-impact partner participation in leadership and professional development programming, software acquisition and training, and feasibility studies so as to build internal capacity and effectiveness and increase the success and impact of their programs.

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

The Community Impact Grant Program supports those seeking to enhance the quality of life and promote a healthy, inclusive, collaborative, and diverse community throughout the Northern Ottawa County and Greater West Michigan Region. **The more we put back into our community, the more positive impacts we can make.** It’s like a ripple effect that grows outward each year! And this year, the effects were again wide-reaching. A total of **\$2,018,222** grants were awarded through the Community Impact Grant Program.



Amount Granted From

Donor Advised Funds	\$5,888,810
Community Impact Grant Program	\$2,018,222
Organizational plus Non-FASB	\$1,971,904
Designated Funds	\$759,769
Scholarship Funds - Granted	\$702,299
Community Service Funds	\$295,607
Supporting Organizations	\$241,773
GHACF Youth Fund	\$116,302
Affiliate Competitive Grant Programs	\$56,551
CACF Youth Fund	\$17,475
Total	\$12,068,712

The following pages feature **grant impact stories** from 2024.

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



Arts & Culture

Helping the Tri-Cities Historical Museum Make Maritime Connections

The mission of the **Tri-Cities Historical Museum** is to create connections with the community, bringing to life the stories of our area's past. Our maritime history, however, had been a missing aspect of the museum's 13 permanent exhibits...but not anymore!

Impact Award

A grant was awarded to support the transformation of the museum's front window space into an interactive maritime history exhibit, showcasing the connection between the Tri-Cities and the surrounding waterways. The existing 'Barn Exhibit' was renovated to reflect our local and

regional maritime history, complete with a new digital touchscreen. The 'Michigan Geology' exhibit was relocated, freeing up space for 'Maritime Exploration' and the creation of a play area featuring a replica of our iconic red lighthouse.



With over 18,000 visitors every year, and nearly 5,000 K-12 students in the 2023-2024 school year, the museum felt it was important to add an exhibit that truly reflects the region's lakes and waterways, as well as the heritage of indigenous communities tied to the lakeshore. We couldn't have done it without the generosity of GHACF."

Erica Layton - Executive Director
Tri-Cities Historical Museum



\$82,500
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, 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:

Foundation for Muskegon Community College (MCC) | A grant was awarded to support the completion of a large, multi-purpose space in MCC's Art and Music Building. The space is designed to

serve as a rehearsal area for collegiate and community music groups and a venue for community events such as K-12 music programs, regional honors choir, band sessions, music competitions, lectures, trainings, and more.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Aiding Muskegon Community College with DEI programming & advancements

In their work toward expanding programs to northern Ottawa County, **Muskegon Community College (MCC)** successfully collaborated with area for-impact organizations, educators, businesses, and youth. From supporting the Momentum Center’s Prom with a Purpose and hosting a Latino Youth Career Conference, to presenting a youth concert and providing 1-on-1 teacher coaching on cultural responsiveness, Muskegon Community College’s Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion continues to make a wide-reaching difference in our local communities, and everyone who is a part of them. The Foundation is happy to support their efforts.

Impact Award

During the 2024 calendar year, MCC’s Office of DEI used a GHACF grant to hold a total of nine programming sessions related to advancing knowledge on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. With approximately 440 attendees, the sessions were such a success, an additional grant was awarded to support continued operations and programming as well as stand-alone community-wide workshops, seminars, or cultural events in the future.

Training Opportunity

The following training program will be offered throughout 2025: **“Navigating Workplace/ Organizational Dynamics.”** During this session, topics will include generational differences, communication, psychological safety, and civility.

“Muskegon Community College is deeply committed to student success and community impact. Community is at the foundation of every interaction, every program, and every initiative. The support from GHACF has been instrumental in helping MCC be present in northern Ottawa County, fostering meaningful connections, advancing awareness, and equipping individuals with the tools to navigate complex workplace and organizational dynamics. We are grateful for GHACF’s continued partnership and for their belief in the transformative power of inclusive programming.”

Ken James - Chief Compliance & Title IX Officer, Muskegon Community College



\$42,000

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.



Economic & Community Betterment

Backing Grand Haven Small Businesses with Northern Initiatives

Northern Initiatives is entering its 30th year of operation supporting entrepreneurs across Michigan through loans, business coaching, and technical assistance.

Impact Award

In support of healthy Grand Haven businesses, a grant was awarded to **Northern Initiatives** to **provide services for at least three entrepreneurs**

in the Grand Haven area, helping them access capital and resources to launch or expand their businesses and ultimately profit and grow.

Offered Services

- Help with ideation and business planning
- Loan application process
- Financial and inventory projections
- Working capital needs
- Purchase of equipment
- System and process set up
- Hiring employees and marketing

“A healthy small business climate provides a community with a uniqueness and identity that provides “salt” or a community flavor. With the help of GHACF, we expect to grow a strong small business ecosystem in the Grand Haven region.”

Elissa Sangalli - Executive Director, Northern Initiatives



Elissa Sangalli
Executive Director



Norma Jazwinski
Commercial Lender



Outlaw Roasted Corn
Food Truck

\$24,500
Total awarded in
Economic & Community
Betterment grants

Economic & Community Betterment

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



Education

Supporting Outdoor Discovery Center Summer Programming

In partnership with Grand Haven Area Public Schools, the **Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC)** expanded its summer programming to complement Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority's (NORA) half-day programming.

Impact Award

A grant was awarded to assist the ODC in offering half-day, nature-based, educational activities to round out each day, ultimately providing a full-day experience in combination with NORA sessions.

Programming was free for those facing academic and/or financial disadvantages, and included a healthy breakfast, snack, and lunch.



“These 6-week programs are instrumental in preventing the learning loss that can often happen during the summer months, while also providing full-day summer childcare for working parents. An additional 120 students and their families were impacted by this GHACF award.”

Bob Wandel - Director,
ODC Education Network



\$188,000
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 also supports programs that open access to, and participation in, quality preschool programs, particularly those in underserved populations.

Additional Community Impact Grants:

Opportunity Thrive | Opportunity Thrive provides personal wellness inventories, one-on-one coaching, and staff culture development at Grand Haven Area Public Schools, Coopersville Area Public Schools, and Spring Lake Public Schools. A grant

was awarded to ensure their Educator Wellness Coaching program continues to support and help retain educational leaders and teachers with a focus on staff resilience, enhancing self-efficacy, and improving emotional regulation with the intention of ultimately supporting students in the classroom.



Environment

Assisting the Ottawa County Parks Foundation with Rosy Mound Expansion

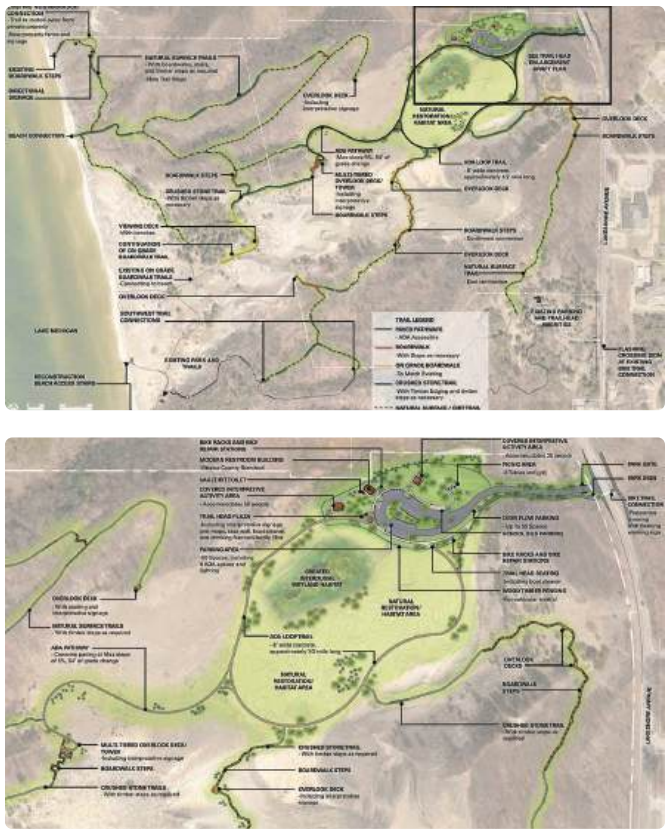
With its 164 acres, including 116 acres of state designated critical dunes, **Rosy Mound Natural Area** has been a valuable natural resource for the community, generating 445,400 visits since 2017, with over half visiting from outside of Ottawa County.

Impact Award

The Ottawa County Parks Foundation purchased an adjacent 127-acre property which includes an additional 108 acres of critical dune, greatly enhancing the experience of this destination park.

“GHACF’s generous grant demonstrates their tremendous commitment to protecting one of the world’s most unique natural resources – Lake Michigan’s freshwater dunes. This grant will help to ensure that one of our most beloved parks – Rosy Mound Natural Area - is expanded in a way that protects its natural features while making it more accessible to people of all abilities. We thank the Foundation for this incredible support.”

Anita Yoder - President,
Ottawa County Parks Foundation



Rosy Mound Expansion Plan Includes:

- 2+ miles of newly designated trail, including a 1/2 mile accessible loop
- Stairs to protect barrier dunes and access to Lake Michigan overlook
- Paved connection to Lakeshore Drive at new north entrance
- Two new public beach access points at northern end of park
- A new scenic overlook

\$550,000

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. The Foundation also supports organizations that promote environmental sustainability through alternative energy initiatives and recycling; as well as projects that 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.

Additional Community Impact Grants:

Grand Valley State University | A grant was awarded to help establish a sustainable postdoctoral fellowship program at the Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute for conducting critical research on the health of local aquatic ecosystems.

Grand Haven Charter Township | A grant was awarded to support Schmidt Heritage Park grounds

and equipment upgrades, including a lawn mower, fencing, trail enhancements, and signage.

Goodwill Industries of West Michigan | A grant was awarded to develop a prototype machine for improving recycling efficiency, converting unusable, donated cotton textile waste into high-value cellulose and nanocellulose materials, in collaboration with Harvest Nano.



Health & Human Services

Making a Difference with Mosaic Counseling Mental Health Services

Mosaic Counseling received a grant in support of their “You Matter Campaign” which focuses on improving mental health services in Ottawa County, increasing youth access, and expanding services.

How it Works

Mosaic aims to do this through affordable outpatient counseling and its School Outreach Program which offers free professional counseling to young people who might not otherwise have access to such support. According to the Ottawa County Community Needs Assessment, the

percentage of Ottawa County residents who identify themselves as having **mild to moderate mental health issues is on the rise, increasing from 17% to 27% in just the past few years.**



“We are extremely grateful to receive a **Community Impact Grant** to help us meet our community’s growing demand for mental health services. This gift will allow us to grow awareness, capacity, and reach so we can serve more people of all ages, especially our youth.”

Sarah Lewakowski - Executive Director, Mosaic Counseling

\$733,535

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:

Children's Advocacy Center | A grant was awarded to support the design and construction of a more child-friendly, warm, and accessible medical exam suite, utilized to perform medical examinations for any child who has allegations or concerns of abuse.

Community Mental Health of Ottawa County | A grant was awarded to extend the Crisis Intervention Team’s coverage by adding a dedicated vehicle, enabling more efficient and prompt response in the northern region of Ottawa County.

Girls on the Run | A grant was awarded to update the core curriculum to ensure it remains relevant to current needs and interests of girls today, with a goal to increase retention and continue to empower young girls through physical activity and life skills development.

Good Samaritan | A grant was awarded to support a fund preventing homelessness by addressing

challenges like reliable transportation, job security, and access to childcare. It will also offer one-time financial assistance to maintain housing stability for those in Northern Ottawa County.

Muskegon YMCA | A grant was awarded to support the 100-Year Anniversary of Camp Pendalouan campaign, featuring updates and renovations to provide a welcoming and genuine environment for all ages and abilities and an inclusive camp experience for everyone.

Pine Rest | A grant was awarded to support the building of the Pine Rest Pediatric Center for Behavioral Health, improving access to mental health services for children and adolescents and providing treatment to an additional 10,000 youth each year.

Trinity Health Grand Haven | A grant was awarded to support the purchase of a telemedicine robot that will provide optimal stroke care along with long-term potential to assist with other specialties.

Community Initiatives

The implementation of Impact Investments is a great example of a new and innovative way to actively support and positively impact the community.

GHACF Impact Investments for Social & Financial Good

Impact investing involves making investments that help create beneficial social or environmental impacts while also generating financial returns. It is a strategic way to use money and investment capital for positive social results. The Foundation’s Impact Investments complement our national and global stock investments, programs, and grantmaking activities. The goal is to align a portion of the Foundation’s endowed assets with our overall mission and goals; create new sources of investment capital in order to provide social benefits to our community; and increase GHACF’s philanthropic impact in our region, keeping money local. We also hope to provide an example that inspires others to leverage their assets for creating greater community impact.

The Foundation’s Impact Investment Funds are intended to function as a revolving fund and support projects that provide measurable social returns as well as a financial return. This includes investing in nonprofits and other organizations who serve and benefit the community. We strive to be proactive and seek out projects that reflect a need as identified by community members. To date, GHACF has invested a total of \$5 million across four different opportunities, including:

Michigan Community Capital:

A \$1.5 million investment in Michigan Community Capital (MCC) was made to help develop workforce housing at a reduced cost for underserved individuals and families in Northwest Ottawa County. The investment resulted in the creation of Robinson Landing, an affordable housing development on Comstock Street in Grand Haven.

IFF (formerly Illinois Facilities Fund)

GHACF made a \$1.5 million investment in IFF, one of the highest-rated Community Development Financial Institutions in the country. The investment will be used to create sustainable, positive, social change; build long-term financial stability and well-being; and help our community continue to thrive. To be used within West Michigan, with a particular interest in Northwest Ottawa County, the investment helped IFF establish an office in Grand Rapids and create the Ottawa County Revolving Loan Fund in partnership with Ottawa County, among other things.

Ottawa County Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund

The Foundation invested \$1.5 million in the Ottawa County Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Fund (AHLRF) to help address growing housing needs in Ottawa County. Funds are loaned at low-interest rates to developers committed to building affordable homes, thus lowering the cost of the capital needed for these projects and making an intentional impact in the community.

Northern Initiatives

In 2024, the Foundation made its most recent investment, investing \$500,000 in Northern Initiatives, a Community Development Financial Institution providing loans and business services to small business owners throughout Michigan. GHACF’s investment, along with a \$20,000 impact grant, will fund loans and technical assistance to Northern Ottawa County area entrepreneurs seeking capital to start or grow their businesses. A business coach will also work with the entrepreneur to ensure their business grows and profits.



Scholarships

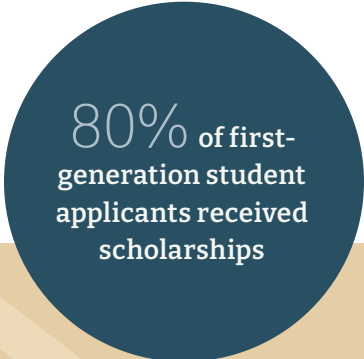
Launching Dreams

In 2024, 234 area students were awarded \$910,815 in scholarships through the GHACF, ACF, and CACF competitive scholarship program and funds held by the Foundation. This includes one-time and multi-year awards, as well as approved renewal installments for scholarships awarded in previous years. Of course, **none of this would be possible without the support of our generous donors – thank you for helping us make dreams come true!**

361	234
Student applications received	Students awarded a scholarship
\$910,815	\$2,987
Total awarded in scholarships	Average award package (awards range from \$172-\$14,000)
71%	11%
Of recipients were high school seniors	Of recipients were currently in college

I would like to deeply thank you for this gift of a lifetime. I was truly frightened that I would not be able to afford a secondary education, but receiving the P.E.O. scholarship has reopened that door for me. Although I am not quite sure where I'm headed next, this award has enabled my hope that I, like the rest of my fellow graduates, can move forward with dignity and high prospects carrying faith that I am not alone on this journey. Thank you so much for this opportunity. You have changed my life."

Adriana Zamarron
Scholarship Recipient



2024 Multi-Year Scholarships

26 scholarship recipients were awarded a multi-year scholarship	22 scholarships were renewable for 2 years
22 students received the next installment of their 2- or 4- year award	4 scholarships were renewable for 4 years

First-generation students

- Enroll in & complete post-secondary credentials at a lower rate than their peers.
- Come from a home where neither parent attended college, or their parents attended college but did not earn a bachelor's degree.

Empowering Youth

Youth making a difference in the lives of their peers.

We *all* want the best for our community, including the youth who live here! That's why **the Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council (YAC)** was established – to ensure our youth could take an active role in securing a bright future and making a difference. The YAC is made up of high school students from all around the area (currently there are 20 members) who gather throughout the year to discuss and assess youth issues prevalent in the community. Together, they review (and award!) grant proposals that address these issues, benefit youth, and provide opportunities to engage and empower youth in Northwest Ottawa County.

YAC History

The 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 \$3.2

million in assets. Since its inception, the program has granted \$2.26 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.



“YAC has been the most meaningful experience of my high school career. I have made some of my best friends who continue to support me through my future career. I got the opportunity to be surrounded by impactful members of the community who inspire me. I have learned the importance of philanthropy and how I’m going to incorporate it into my life moving forward. YAC taught me the importance of community and I’m forever grateful for the opportunities thanks to everyone at the Community Foundation.”

Madeline Meigs
2024 YAC Chair

\$116,302

Total grants
awarded by the Youth
Advisory Council

2024 GHACF Youth Fund Grants

BErista Inc | Kenzie's Be Café Job Training and Growth Project

Children's Advocacy Center | Medical Suite Renovation

City of Grand Haven | Riverview Deck Replacement Project 2025

Grand Rapids Children's Museum | Art and Play in Grand Haven

Mosaic Counseling | Mosaic's School Outreach Program

Northwest Ottawa County Chamber Foundation | Lakeshore Youth Leadership Connect Program

Northwest Ottawa County Recreation Authority | Youth Outdoor Recreation Grant

Ottawa County Parks Foundation | Fulfilling the Rosy Mound Vision Campaign

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services | Youth Advisory Council Community Engagement and Training Coordinator

Tri-Cities Family YMCA | Y For All: A campaign to Honor our Legacy and Build our Future

Giving for Good

Acts of generosity and giving can add up to make a powerful difference in others’ lives and in the community, as evidenced by the grants and gifts highlighted in this report. Ongoing community support for funds held by the Foundation is what fuels the positive impacts we make and what 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 fund holders and donors.** They also demonstrate the spirit and generosity of individuals, families, corporations, and organizations seeking to make a positive difference in our community.

On the pages that follow, you’ll find a list of our existing funds, along with the inspiring stories behind our newest funds and the impacts they are making today, tomorrow, and forever.

Personalized & Impactful Giving

We believe philanthropy is unique and personal, which is why we’re here to help you support the charitable causes that matter to you most. 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.

Ways to Give


There are many different options for giving: You may contribute 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. Whatever you choose, your generosity is appreciated and will surely help make a difference.

How 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.

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. *Please include the intent of your gift.*

If you’d like 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 information and 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

We hold over 700 funds – you can support one that shares your passion, or you can always create your own! \$5,000 is the minimum requirement to open a fund, except for Scholarship Funds which require \$25,000.



*FASB (Federal Accounting Standards Board) funds not included in total number of funds.



Field of Interest Fund

Carroll & Dorothy “Dottie” Bennink Education Fund

Carroll and Dottie Bennink believed that investing in education provides positive community impact. Carroll was an educator at Grand Haven Area Public Schools for 34 years and was a 2012 inductee into the Grand Haven High School Hall of Fame. After his death in January 2024, Dottie opened this field of interest fund to receive donations in his memory. Carroll was a member of the GHACF Legacy Society and Dottie is a current member. The community has been enriched by their many volunteer activities.



Greatest Needs Fund - Unrestricted

Paul Withun & Leslie Cassis-Withun Greatest Needs Fund

Paul Withun and Leslie Cassis-Withun were beloved Grand Haven community leaders, dedicated to their respective professions at Consumers Energy and WGHN Radio. Their shared commitment was embodied in their philosophy of, "leaving it better than we found it," reflecting their lifelong passion for community improvement by supporting local organizations through volunteerism and service including Grand Haven Rotary Club, United Way, Tri-Cities Family YMCA, and Grand Haven Schools Foundation.



Donor Advised Fund

Eudaimonia Fund

Early Greek philosophers used the term “eudaimonia” to describe a human condition of spiritual wellbeing as flourishing, overall fulfillment. It is viewed as the highest of human ambitions and is achieved by living a virtuous life. Ronald Meekhof opened this donor advised fund to support activities which help participants grow spiritually.



Donor Advised Fund

Sharon Yonker Spirit of Giving Fund

In honor of community philanthropist Sharon Yonker’s 80th birthday, her friends raised the money to open this donor advised fund in her honor so that she may make grants to deserving community programs. “Sharon is an ultimate giver of time, talent, and treasure,” says Marcie Lynch, a friend of Sharon who led the fundraising effort.



Designated Fund

Coopersville Area Farm Museum Non-Endowed Fund

For decades, Ed and Nancy Hanenburg have been trailblazers and two of the foundation’s biggest supporters. Driven by a desire to help the community and support education, Ed and Nancy Hanenburg generously established the Coopersville Area Farm Museum Non-Endowed Fund. While the farm museum building is in good condition today, the Hanenburgs recognize that there will be future improvement needs. Over time, the fund will grow to support repairs, maintenance, and other necessary building upgrades.



Designated Fund

Brien Fox SLJSA Directorship Fund

This fund was created by Henry "Happy" Fox and his family in memory of his son Brien Fox who will be remembered as a devoted family man, business owner, and sailor. During his life, Brien was captain of the Notre Dame Sailing Team, commodore of the Spring Lake Yacht Club and International MC Sailing Association, and president of the Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association. This designated fund will support the Spring Lake Junior Sailing program’s director position to benefit future sailors for generations to come.



Organizational/Agency Fund

Lakeshore Pickleball Club Fund

The Lakeshore Pickleball Club - a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization - is dedicated to promoting an active and healthy lifestyle through the sport of pickleball. With a focus on expanding the game in Grand Haven and the Tri-Cities area, the club fosters an inclusive and competitive environment for players of all ages and skill levels. Through regular events, leagues, and activities, the club engages the local community and encourages participation in the sport.



Scholarship Fund

C. Bennett Ainsworth Scholarship Fund

Ben Ainsworth established this scholarship in memory of his grandson, Murphy Ainsworth. Murphy spent many summers and weekends in Ferrysburg. He was loved by everyone, had a constant smile, and loved all sports. He played four sports in high school and his first love was baseball, where he was an All-Conference and All-Area first baseman and pitcher on his 2009 East Grand Rapids High School state championship team. He was a quarterback on two state championship football teams. Murphy’s greatest legacy may be that he was an organ donor. He saved four lives by donating his kidneys and two pediatric babies with the donation of his heart valves. The gift of sight was provided to another individual and his skin and tissue helped 117 individuals throughout nine states and three countries.



Scholarship Funds

Dennis & Carol Dornbush Business Scholarship Fund; Dennis & Carol Dornbush Healthcare Scholarship Fund

The Dornbush family truly understands the value of education. Dennis and Carol established two scholarship funds—one for students pursuing degrees in business or accounting and another for those working toward careers in healthcare—to give a boost to students demonstrating financial need.

Greatest Needs Funds

Thomas & Mary Kay Alguire Family Fund
Allendale Greatest Needs Fund
Janet & Ruth Beukema Fund
BR Fund
Janice Carducci Fund
Andy & Joyce Cawthon Greatest Needs Fund
Coopersville Anniversary Fund
Coopersville Community Action Fund
William & Mary Creason Greatest Needs Fund
David & Carol DeBlaey Fund
Nancy Dornbos Rhem Fund
Howard Dykhous Fund
Dr. Edgar & Gretchen Garrison Family Fund
GHACF 40th Anniversary Greatest Needs Fund
GHACF 50th Anniversary Greatest Needs Fund
Greatest Needs Fund
John P. Harvey Fund
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F. Martin Johnson Greatest Needs Fund
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Amy Lantz Memorial Fund
Lee Family Fund
Paul & Minnie Luytjes Fund
Pat McGinnis Recognition of Service Greatest Needs Fund
Garry L. & Jean Fisher Mesler Family Fund
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Henry Neitring Fund
Dr. Larry Poel Greatest Needs Fund
Judge Jacob & Betty Ponstein Fund
Fred Riplo Family Fund
Eugene "Gene" Rothi Community Fund
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B. P. Sherwood, Jr. Trust Fund
Lynne Sherwood Fund
Marion A & Ruth K Sherwood Greatest Needs Fund
Marion A. Sherwood Family Fund
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James & Mary Teitsma Fund
Robert W. & Mary Ellen Thomas Family Fund
Van Burgel Family Greatest Needs Fund
Kenneth & Audrey VanBeukering Fund

LJ Midge Verplank Greatest Needs Non-Endowed Fund
Ward W. & Jean M. Verseput Fund
Robert P. & Annette Fisher Whitney Fund
Paul Withun & Leslie Cassis-Withun Greatest Needs Fund

Field of Interest Funds

Edith Mae & William Alt Family Fund
Richard E & Eleanor Carlson Babcock Memorial Fund
Emilie Baker Fund for the Environment
William T. & Shirley A. Baker Family Fund
Carroll & Dorothy Bennick Education Fund
College Access Endowed Fund
Youth Fund of the Coopersville Area Foundation
Dr. Elizabeth Curtis Dental Fund for Children in Need
Elmer "Lou" Dense Fund
Elizabeth Davison Kammeraad Dobbie Fund for History
Alyce R. Erickson Field of Interest Fund
Farmland Preserve Fund
Friends of Kandu Endowment Fund

GHACF

GHACF Arts Fund
GHACF Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Fund
GHACF Environment Fund
GHACF Family & Children Fund
Technical Assistance Fund
Youth Fund

Grand Haven Women's Club Health & Wellness Fund
Gene & Sally Harbeck Fund
Healthy Seniors Healthy Youth Endowment Fund
Jerovsek Family Fund
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Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance Endowment Fund
L.E.T. (Love, Enjoy, Teach) Fund
Craig Looman Fund
Fletcher Meekhof Food Fund
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North Bank Communities Fund
North Ottawa Area Community Coalition Fund
Lola M & Harry C Olsen Field of Interest Fund
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Mary Ann Sherwood Families & Children Field of Interest Fund
Tree Replacement Fund
Tri-Cities Chautauqua Field of Interest Fund
Tuesday Musicale Scholarship Fund
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John & Elaine Vander Kooi Family Fund
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Nancy & Warren Wildeman Fund
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Sharon Yonker Spirit of Giving Fund
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Organizational Funds

ABC Coalition Fund
Allendale Charter Township
Allendale Charter Township Parks & Recreation Fund
Veteran's Memorial Fund
Allendale Christian School Endowment Fund
Allendale Historical Society Endowment Fund
Allendale Public School Foundation Fund
Allendale Township Library Endowment Fund
American Red Cross, Ottawa County
Doris Ewing Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund
American Red Cross Founding Fund
American Red Cross of Ottawa County Fund
Bluebird Cancer Retreats
Bluebird Cancer Retreats Endowment Fund
Cynthia Collinge-Golab Volunteer Support Fund
Rosemarie Konopa Cancer Retreat Program Fund
Borculo Christian School Education Foundation Fund
C3/Exchange
C3 West Michigan Inclusive Spiritual Connection Designated Non-Endowed Fund
C3 West Michigan Inclusive Spiritual Connection Endowment Fund
C3 West Michigan Inclusive Spiritual Connect Memorial Fund

Camp Sunshine Endowed Fund
Central Park Players Endowment Fund
Chester Township Recreation Fund
Children's Advocacy Center Endowment Fund
Christian Haven Home Fund
City of Coopersville
Coopersville Area Historical Museum Building Fund
Coopersville Area Historical Museum Fund
Michael's Gift of Child Burial Assistance
Roundabout Non-Endowed Fund
City of Ferrysburg
Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Fund
Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Endowment Fund
City of Grand Haven
4th of July Fireworks Fund
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
City of Grand Haven Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund
Grand Haven Central Park Fountain Endowed Fund
Duncan Park Fund
Officer Scott A. Flahive Memorial Fund
Imagination Station Maintenance Fund
Grand Haven Lighthouse Fund
Linear Park Sculpture Park Fund
Mulligans Hollow Ski Bowl Capital Improvement Fund
City of Grand Haven Musical Fountain Fund
Pier Safety Fund
Public Artifact Preservation Endowed Fund
Grand Haven Public Safety Beach Safety Fund
City of Grand Haven Snowmelt Preservation Fund

Grand Haven Rotary Splash Park Fund	Gail Ringelberg Special Needs Fund for Four Pointes
Coal Tipple Restoration Fund	Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore Endowment Fund
City of Grand Haven Waterfront Stadium Improvement Fund	Gracious Grounds Endowment Fund
<i>Coast Guard Festival, Inc.</i>	<i>Grand Haven Area Public Schools</i>
Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Fireworks Fund	Grand Haven High School Choir Endowment Fund
Coast Guard Festival Fireworks Forever Fund	Grand Haven Area Public Schools Orchestra Endowment Fund
Midge Verplank Coast Guard Fireworks Fund	Jan Rempinski Memorial Scholarship Fund for Vocal Music
<i>Coopersville Area District Library</i>	Eugene "Gene" Rothi Memorial Athletic Endowment Fund
Coopersville Area District Library Memorial Fund	<i>Grand Haven Christian School</i>
Robert & Judy VanDongen Fund	Richard & Rosemary Geertsma Fund for GHCS
Westrate Children's Library Endowment Fund	James & Wendy Onderlinde Family Fund for GHCS
<i>Coopersville Area Public Schools</i>	Grand Haven Christian School Endowed Technology Fund
Coopersville Area Public Schools Athletic Fund	Kirsten Terborg Tuition Assistance Memorial Fund
Coopersville Education Fund	Grand Haven Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund
Coopersville Area Public Schools Performing Arts Center Endowment Fund	
Coopersville Area Public Schools Community Trails & Outdoor Learning Center Fund	Grand Haven DDA 7th Street Coast Guard Boat Fund
Coopersville Area Historical Society Non-Endowed Fund	<i>First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven</i>
Coopersville Cares Endowment Fund	Grand Haven First Christian Reformed Church Endowed Fund
Coopersville Farm Museum, Inc. Fund	Grand Haven First Christian Reformed Church Non-Endowed Fund
FFA Agricultural Education & Leadership Fund	Grand Haven Schools Foundation Endowment Fund
Coopersville Reformed Church Fund	Harbor Humane Society Endowment Fund
Coopersville Rotary Club Field of Interest Fund	Homeless Prevention Partners (Soup for All) Endowment Fund
Covenant Life Church Endowed Fund	<i>Humanity for Prisoners</i>
Crockery Township Fire Department Endowment Fund	Humanity for Prisoners Endowment Fund
Family LIFE Center of West Michigan Fund	Humanity for Prisoners Legacy Fund
<i>First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven</i>	
Memorial Mission Fund	International Aid Endowment Fund
Omega Fund	Lakeshore Baptist Church Fund
<i>Four Pointes Center for Successful Aging</i>	Lakeshore Pickleball Club Fund
Janet R Briegel Non-Endowed Fund for Four Pointes	Lamont Christian School Foundation Fund
Four Pointes Endowed Fund	Land Conservancy of West Michigan Fund
Four Pointes Non-Endowed Fund	

<i>Loutit District Library</i>
Loutit District Library Endowment Fund
Loutit District Library Non-Endowed Fund
<i>Love In Action</i>
LOVE in Action of the Tri-Cities Endowment Fund
Love in Action Tri-Cities Non-Endowed Fund
Paul & Minnie Luytjes Fund for Second Reformed Church
<i>Michigan Aviation Education Foundation</i>
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Midwest Miniature Museum Non-Endowed Fund
<i>Muskegon Museum of Art</i>
Muskegon Museum of Art Capital Campaign Fund
Muskegon Museum of Art Endowment Fund
North East Ottawa Firefighters Collaborative Fund
North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club
North Ottawa Recreational Authority
Chris Christiansen Youth Scholarship Fund
<i>Ottawa Area Intermediate School District</i>
Challenge of Children Fund
OAISD Roerink Visual & Hearing Impaired
OAISD Special Education Fund
Silent Observer Fund
<i>Ottawa County Department of Public Health</i>
Miles of Smiles Endowment Fund
<i>Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Department</i>
Ottawa County Parks Nature Education Center Endowment Fund
Ray & Alma Statema Park Stewardship Fund
Ottawa County Parks Foundation Fund
ODC Network Non-Endowed Fund
People Center Endowment Fund

Kenneth Ranta Fund for The Little Red House
Reach for Recovery Endowment Fund
R.E.A.D. Endowment Fund
Reel Perspectives Fund
<i>Remembrance Reformed Church</i>
Remembrance Church Endowment Fund
Remembrance Church Non-Endowed Fund
Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence Fund
Senior Resources of West Michigan Endowed Fund
Mary Ann Sherwood Fund for Mosaic Counseling
<i>Ski Bowl - Mulligan's Hollow</i>
Ski Bowl Designated Endowment Fund
Ski Bowl Immediate Needs Fund
Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church Endowment Fund
Spring Lake District Library Endowment Fund
SLJGA Fund
<i>Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association</i>
Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association Endowed Fund
Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association Immediate Needs Fund
Spring Lake Presbyterian Church Memorial Trust Fund
<i>Spring Lake Public Schools Foundation</i>
Spring Lake Schools Foundation Fund
Carol Martin Fund for Spring Lake Schools Foundation
Spring Lake Township Parks & Recreation Fund
STRIVE Designated Endowment Fund
Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity Endowment Fund
<i>Tri-Cities Family YMCA</i>
Tri-Cities Family YMCA Endowment Fund
Pete Hill Fund for Y Kids
<i>Tri-Cities Historical Museum</i>
Drake-Middlemist Heritage Fund
Tri-Cities Historical Museum Fund
Tri-Cities Historical Museum Non-Endowed Fund

Tri-Cities Strikers Soccer Club Endowment Fund
<i>Trinity Health Grand Haven</i>
Karin Fowler Pastoral Care Training Fund
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Samuel L. Westerman Nursing Education Fund
United Methodist Church of Coopersville Memorial Fund
<i>United Way</i>
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Homelessness Prevention Endowment Fund
Volunteer Center Endowment Fund
Village of Spring Lake Summer Concert Series Endowment Fund
Walden Green Montessori Endowment Fund
West Michigan Academy for Arts & Academics Endowment Fund
West Michigan Agricultural Education Center Fund
West Michigan Symphony Endowment Fund
Wetland Watch Environmental Education Fund
Wright Tallmadge Firefighters Association Fund
Designated Funds
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Allendale Lifelong Learners Fund
Janet C. Beukema Fund for Hospice
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<i>City of Coopersville</i>
Coopersville Old Kids Fund
City of Coopersville Recreation Fund
<i>City of Grand Haven</i>
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Ronny Kemink Pay to Play Fund
Judy Corcoran Porath Memorial Fund
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Jocki Klischan Fund
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Spring Lake District Library Outdoor Beautification Fund
Spring Lake District Library Restricted Endowment Fund
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Martin-Beverley-Todd Bomers Memorial Fitness & Aquatic Center Fund
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St. John's Episcopal Church Altar Guild Fund
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Donald & Elaine Twiss Fund
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Mary "Meime" vandenBerg Fund
David A. West Spirit of the Band Award Fund
Donald & Monica Zahm Memorial Fund
Jean H. Zukowski Designated Fund

Community Service Funds

Allendale Township Fitness Court
Allendale Trail Fund
Coopersville Cares Capital Campaign Fund
City of Ferrysburg Fire Barn Park Fund
City of Grand Haven
Save our Forests Grand Haven Grand Haven Lighthouse Rehabilitation Fund
Musical Fountain Project Fund

GHACF 6 Sherman Capital Campaign Fund
Grand Haven DDA Art Walk Community Service Fund
Midwest Miniature Museum Community Service Fund
Spring Lake District Library Renovation Fund
Village of Spring Lake
Village of Spring Lake Art in the Park Fund
Central Park Improvement Fund
Tanglefoot Park Fund

Scholarship Funds

C. Bennett Ainsworth Scholarship Fund

Allendale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award Fund
Allendale Community Foundation Scholarship Fund
Jack Feldt Ambucs Memorial Fund
Athena Scholarship Fund
Lindsey Bakale Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ray & Sue Barrett Scholarship Fund
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Richard & Annette Bethke Education Fund
George Bitner Scholarship Fund
Martin, Beverley, & Todd Bomers Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Alex Crum Scholarship Fund
Dake Community Manufacturing Scholarship Fund
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Dennis & Carol Dornbush Healthcare Scholarship Fund
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Dale Janke Scholarship Fund
Paul J. Laninga Memorial Scholarship Fund
Larson - Veneklasen Outdoor Education Scholarship 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
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Jacob L. Reinecke Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Lupita Reyes Scholarship Fund
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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
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Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Education Scholarship Fund
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Engineering Scholarship Fund
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Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Michigan College Alliance Scholarship Fund
Miller G. Sherwood Family Scholarship Fund
Spartanwilll Scholarship Fund
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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
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Mary E. Wilsberg Scholarship Fund
Women's Club of Grand Haven Scholarship Fund
Daryn Renee Worpel Scholarship Fund
Herman J. & Helen Wyngarden Memorial Scholarship Fund
Zenko Family Fund
Leo Zupin Memorial Scholarship Fund

Leaving a Legacy

Beginning with 59 members in 2003, the Legacy Society has grown to more than 374 individuals of all ages, leaving gifts of all sizes. It is because of these generous gifts that Northern Ottawa County is a wonderful place to live, work, and play today and will remain so for generations to come. It's important to note that you do not need to leave a large gift to become a member of the Legacy Society - any sized planned gift is welcomed! After all, **no matter the gift you leave, you are creating a legacy that will make a lasting impact, and that is what membership is all about.**

Thank you to all those who have chosen the Foundation as a way to support the causes they care about most and enhance the community for a thriving future. We invite you to reach out and reconfirm your charitable intentions to ensure your gift is impactful in exactly the way you wish. On the following pages, we honor and appreciate those legacies who have been realized over the past year (April 2024-December 2024), as well as recognize the recent passing of Legacy Society Members (Leonard L. Anderson, Gloria J. Durkee, and Matthew L. Pellegrom). Because of their incredible support and generosity, their legacies will live on forever.



Carroll Bennink

Carroll Bennink worked for a bright future for this community and the individuals who live here. He helped nurture future generations through his decades of teaching and through coaching track. He cherished life, always working to better the world around him through beauty, joy, and helping others. Carroll's passion for this community is embodied in his many years of volunteering at the Coast Guard Festival, his participation in the Tri-Cities Kiwanis Club, and especially through his work with Habitat for Humanity, building houses for others. His appreciation is further seen in his support of various landmarks like the Musical Fountain and the Lighthouse, along with his love of the outdoors, especially Lake Michigan sunsets and gardening. Carroll will continue to nurture our community's future through the establishment of the Carroll and Dorothy Bennink Education Fund that will support educational causes and scholarships.



William Blessing

William "Bill" Blessing cherished this community and its future. His decades of work as the CEO of Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital and later as a trainer at Michigan State University embodied his compassion for others and for nurturing the future. Bill showed his care through longtime dedication. He volunteered with a variety of organizations, was deeply involved with his Church, and his philanthropy worked to ensure that all members of our community had the opportunity to create a better future for themselves and for each other. Bill's memory and enduring devotion will live on through the influence his kindness and love continue to have on his family, friends, and community.



Thomas Pegg

Thomas "Tom" Pegg was someone whose brilliance and generosity affected the community and people around him. Tom's passion for life could be seen in his every action. He readily created for others, whether it be a warm meal, a laugh, or a revolutionizing invention. Tom especially loved embracing the Grand Haven community. He not only supported numerous projects and landmarks that define our area, like Save the Catwalk and the Imagination Station ReImagine Project, but he also took time to enjoy the peace and beauty of the local landscape, especially the lake. He truly experienced life, shown through his humor, love of the Detroit Tigers, and especially his friendships. Tom instilled affection and zeal within everyone who knew him, and his legacy can be seen within the friends, family, and community he loved.



Sharon Seaver

Sharon Seaver dedicated herself to supporting our community's future. She was deeply compassionate, always bringing cheer and a warmth to everyone she encountered. Sharon and her husband, David, recognized the importance of education and opportunity, establishing a scholarship in memory of their son, Timothy, who passed away unexpectedly. This scholarship, which supports students pursuing a career in business, creates a lasting legacy from their love. The preservation of love through philanthropy can be seen in Sharon’s support of community campaigns that preserve, renovate, and care for our local icons – like the Catwalk and the Musical Fountain, as well as her work with Grand Haven Schools. Sharon’s kindness and love will be forever embodied in the people and places she impacted.



Curtis Gerald "Curt" Whiting

Curtis Gerald “Curt” Whiting was someone who lived a life fully dedicated to bringing beauty, joy, and comfort to others. Curt held various roles where he served our community. He was a board member for the Children’s Advocacy Center, the North Bank Foundation, and the West Shore Symphony. He was active in improving the daily lives of everyone, through his work on the Spring Lake Township and City of Ferrysburg bike path connector to his ongoing support of youth education. Curt loved life. He influenced the world around him through his travels, enthusiasm toward his passions and sharing them with family and friends, and his creations and art made from glass and wood. Curt’s ability to bring comfort through a laugh, along with his long-term dedication to our community, will continue to shape a brighter future for all.

Legacy Society Members

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



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Investing for Impact

Effective stewardship of philanthropic assets is vital to building permanent charitable funds that strengthen our community. That is why **we are committed to preserving the principal gifts made by our generous donors, growing those gifts over time, and maintaining a spending rate that allows us to continue making a significant impact on the community.**

A long-term investment strategy is necessary to achieve this since we are an endowment organization, and our investment timeline is forever. It is this strategic approach that has kept our stewardship strong and garnered a long and successful investment history with favorable long-term portfolio growth, as well as lasting impact. Overseen by the Board, Investment Committee, and our investment advisors at Northern Trust, all funds are invested in the same pool and in an 80/20 asset allocation – 80% equities and 20% fixed. Staying on this course has helped us to achieve and maintain a rate of return that meets or exceeds our spending rate, with an over 20-year average just over 8%! **We are honored by the trust and confidence given to us by this generous community and are committed to ensuring our investment success continues into the future.**

Audited Financial Statement

We take pride and work hard to manage the resources entrusted to us responsibly. **Through December 31, 2024**, our year-to-date rate of return was 15.9%. Below are our assets and liabilities.

ASSETS	
Cash & Equivalents	\$738,255
Investments	\$190,553,964
Programmatic Investments	\$4,500,000
Notes Receivable	\$153,539
Other Assets	\$169,539
Property & Equipment	\$3,640,330
Total Assets	\$199,755,627
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$113,876
Grants Payable	\$230,527
Charitable Gift Annuities Payable	\$80,905
Funds Held as Agency	\$13,508,678
Total Liabilities	\$13,933,986
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$185,821,641
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$199,755,627

Teaming Together

It's true that there is strength in numbers, and one way we are able to continually and steadily serve Northern Ottawa County is through our affiliation with the Allendale and Coopersville Area Community Foundations.

While we each serve the unique needs of our respective communities, together, we are stronger and farther reaching. We collaborate to learn, brainstorm, and address challenges and opportunities collectively. The work accomplished as a result is highlighted in the following section, along with the wonderful individuals who share their time, talents, treasures, and ties serving on committees, our board, and our tireless team.

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Allendale Community Foundation

The ACF will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary in 2025, and continues to work diligently to advance the Allendale community through visionary leadership, grants that work today, and gifts that last forever. Their assets and number of funds continue to grow, as does the positive impact they make.


Amount Granted From

Organizational/Agency plus Non FASB	\$92,280
Affiliate Competitive Grant Program	\$27,901
Scholarship Funds	\$13,234
Designated Funds	\$10,393
Donor Advised Funds	\$3,500
Total	\$147,308


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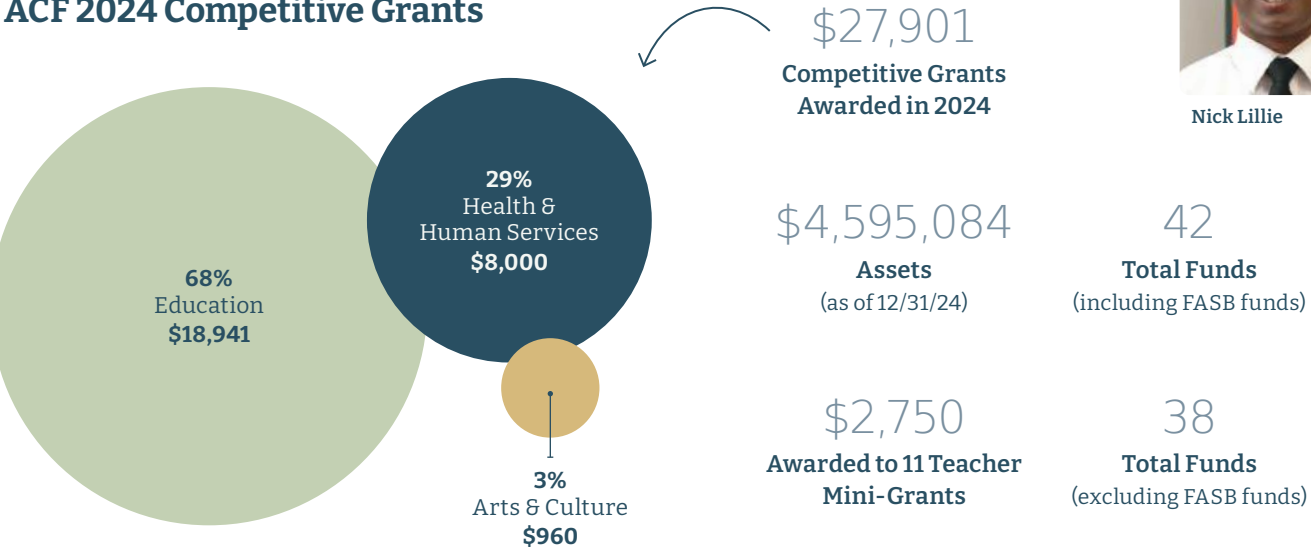


Tami DeFouw



Nick Lillie

ACF 2024 Competitive Grants



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

The CACF recently celebrated their 30th anniversary and added to that milestone with another – passing the \$10 million mark in assets! Their growth continues to positively impact Coopersville, making it a better place to live and work for all its citizens.


Amount Granted From

Donor Advised Funds	\$342,161
Organizational/Agency plus Non FASB	\$126,294
Designated Funds	\$66,387
Scholarship Funds	\$33,022
Affiliate Competitive Grant Program	\$28,650
CAYAC Youth Fund	\$17,475
Total	\$613,989


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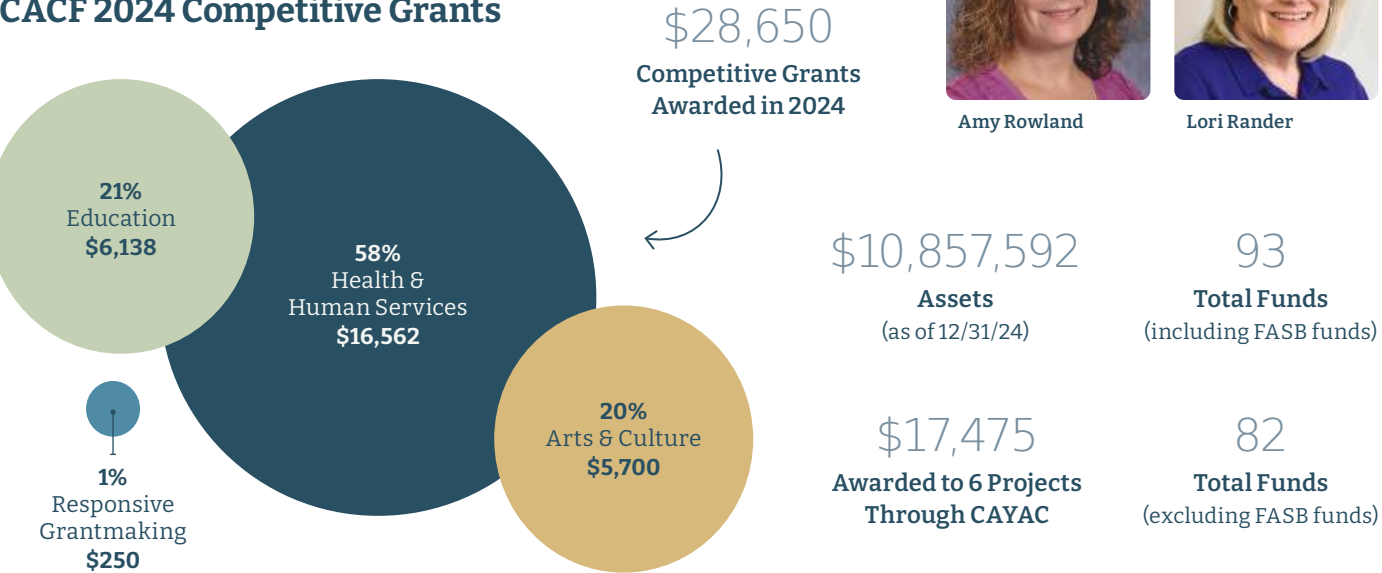


Amy Rowland



Lori Rander

CACF 2024 Competitive Grants



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**

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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, Kelly Larson and Blake Phillips, we'd like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing board members, Keith Konarska and Shirley Woodruff.



Kelly Larson



Blake Phillips

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