

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. Pellegroni). Because of their incredible support and generosity, their legacies will live on forever.



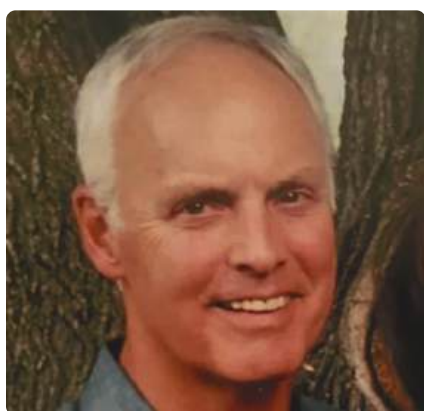
Carroll Bennink

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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