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Allendale Community Foundation Grants More Than \$27,000 in 25th Anniversary Year

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – Allendale, MI – The Allendale Community Foundation (ACF) celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2025 and awarded \$27,936 in grants throughout the year through its competitive grant making. Eight organizations received awards through the Community Impact grant program, and 38 educators were granted funds for important classroom projects through Teacher Mini-Grants.

“We are proud to celebrate 25 years of working to make a positive impact here in Allendale,” stated Mark Allen, ACF Advisory Board Chair. “We are especially proud to support so many great organizations and educators who make a difference in the community!” He added, “In 2026, we look forward to experiencing continued growth and thus the ability to support the community even more!”

Community Impact grants included \$600 to **Arbor Circle** to provide support to Allendale Public School parents and guardians seeking online safety, youth substance abuse, and addiction training resources, in partnership with the Ottawa Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. In addition, Arbor Circle received a \$1,500 award to support the 2025 Youth Assessment Survey, which monitors area teen engagement in both risky and beneficial behaviors that affect their health and well-being to inform evidence-based decision making for regional organizations.

ACF also made a \$2,250 award to **Camp Blodgett** to assist with summer programming through their Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Academy program. This funding will allow the organization to expand the four-week residential experiential learning program to reach more area middle school students.

Additional awards made through the ACF Community Impact grant program include: \$500 to **Forget Me Not Ministries** for sending personalized greetings to senior residents at Green Acres Standale and Green Acres Allendale; a \$2,500 award to **Remembrance Ranch** to support training certification for senior staff; an award of \$3,000 to **Ripple Effect** to aid in much-needed renovation



at its Bridget's House transitional housing location; \$3,642.42 in funding to **Feeding America West Michigan** to support its Mobile Food Pantry Program within the Allendale community; a grant of \$2,000 to **Hand2Hand** to assist with facility refurbishment that will expand its ability to support students in need of food support over weekends and school breaks; and an award to **Allendale Christian Schools** of \$3,000 to aid in expansion of its playground areas to support its growing enrollment.

The ACF Teacher Mini-Grant program further awarded \$8,943.69 to area educators in support of classroom projects and programming. Notable projects supported include the purchase of enhanced literacy tools and project-specific books, flexible seating options for classroom spaces, hands-on art project supplies, and archery tools for physical education classes. In total, \$5,755 was awarded to **Allendale Christian Schools** for 24 projects, 11 projects at **Allendale Public Schools** were funded totaling \$2,438.69, and **Borculo Christian School** teachers were awarded three projects for a total of \$750.

About the Allendale Community Foundation

The Allendale Community Foundation (ACF) was established in 2000 as an affiliate of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. The ACF advances the community through visionary leadership, grantmaking, and stewardship of funds. The assets and number of funds at the ACF continue to grow, as does the positive impact they make. For more information visit ghacf.org/Allendale/

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