

Stewardship That Shapes the Future

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation | 2025



2025 Key Accomplishments

Every accomplishment represents the generosity, partnership, and stewardship that shape our community. Together, these milestones reflect another year of investing in the future of Northern Ottawa County.

- **Nearly \$10 million in grants** awarded to support education, health & human services, the environment, economic & community betterment, diversity & inclusion, arts & culture, and other community priorities across Northern Ottawa County.
- **1,466 charitable gifts totaling \$52.7 million** received, strengthening the Foundation's ability to support our community for generations to come.
- **732 active charitable funds** stewarded and **365 Legacy Society members** served, reflecting the trust donors place in the Foundation to carry out their philanthropic vision.
- **Succession Lab launched** in partnership with Kennari Consulting to help nonprofit organizations prepare for successful leadership transitions.
- **Community voices elevated** through comprehensive Donor and Grantee Perception Reports conducted in partnership with the Center for Effective Philanthropy, helping shape future priorities.
- **Strategic Plan advanced**, aligning the Foundation's work around three priorities: Impact Community, Inspire Philanthropy, and Manage Investments.
- **Housing Next leadership transitioned** to Lakeshore Advantage, ensuring continued regional collaboration and long-term sustainability of local housing initiatives.
- **Executive leadership expanded** through the creation of the Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer role, strengthening organizational capacity for the future.
- **Public policy framework adopted** to guide strategic advocacy and engagement on issues impacting the communities we serve.
- **\$273.7 million in charitable assets** stewarded with a **17.6% investment return**, earning a **top national ranking** among peer community foundations for investment performance in our asset class.

A Letter to the Community

For more than five decades, the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation has been shaped by a simple but powerful idea: **that when a community comes together with generosity and purpose, it can create lasting change.**

That idea, first brought to life in 1971 by a small group of local leaders, continues to guide us today and reflects a long-standing commitment to stewardship that not only honors the past, but helps shape the future.

Building the Legacy

In 2025, we built on that legacy in meaningful ways. We deepened our work across Northern Ottawa County, strengthened partnerships, and continued to steward resources with care and intention, balancing the needs of today with the opportunities ahead. At the same time, we engaged in strategic planning, listened to our donors and community partners through the Center for Effective Philanthropy, and refined how we serve our region in a changing world.

Stewardship Moving Forward

This year's annual report, ***Stewardship That Shapes the Future***, reflects that balance. It is both a look back at the impact made possible through your generosity and a forward-looking view of how we are stewarding resources, relationships, and ideas to meet the evolving needs of our community.

You will see that work come to life across the pages that follow:

- **Impact Community** highlights how we are investing in people, organizations, and systems that strengthen quality of life across Northern Ottawa County.
- **Inspire Philanthropy** shares the many ways individuals, families, companies, and organizations are choosing to give, creating both immediate impact and long-term legacy.

- **Manage Investments** reflects our commitment to stewarding not only financial resources, but also the time and leadership of our Board, committees, and councils, the dedication and expertise of our staff, and the facilities that support our work. Together, these resources are managed thoughtfully to strengthen our community for generations to come.

Evolving Towards the Future

Throughout this past year, we also continued to evolve as an organization. From advancing our strategic framework to expanding our leadership structure and refining our investment approach, we are positioning the Foundation to serve at a greater scale and with greater intention in the years ahead.

None of this work happens alone. It is made possible by a community that believes in giving, in partnership, and in the power of collective impact. **Together, we are stewarding this moment and shaping what comes next.**

Thank you for being part of that work.


Hadley Streng
President & CEO


Mary Carole Cotter
Chair, Board of Trustees

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

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\$9,992,716 Total amount awarded and **1,533 total grants** went back to our community from all funds.

\$2,226,836

Total granted through responsive, impact-driven grantmaking.

\$724,676

Total amount granted in scholarships to 258 students.

Community Impact Grant Program

- **30%** - Health & Human Services - **\$660,000**
- **25%** - Education - **\$556,290**
- **24%** - Economic & Community Betterment - **\$527,614**
- **6%** - Diversity & Inclusion - **\$122,686**
- **5%** - Arts & Culture - **\$121,422**
- **5%** - Other - **\$121,399**
- **2%** - Environment - **\$50,000**
- **2%** - Technical Assistance - **\$37,425**
- **<1%** - Strategic Partnership - **\$18,250**
- **<1%** - Immediate Impact - **\$11,750**

Inspire Philanthropy

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\$52,750,743 Total contributions received to all funds and **1,466 total gifts**.

732 Total funds, 19 of those being new funds.

365 Total Legacy Society members.

#83 In the nation for gifts per capita (2024 CF Insights Report)

#7 In Michigan for total gifts received among community foundations (2025 CMF Databook)

Total Funds

- **216** - Donor Advised
- **160** - Organizational
- **145** - Scholarship
- **82** - Designated
- **49** - Greatest Needs
- **48** - Field of Interest
- **20** - Community Service
- **12** - Internal

Manage Investments

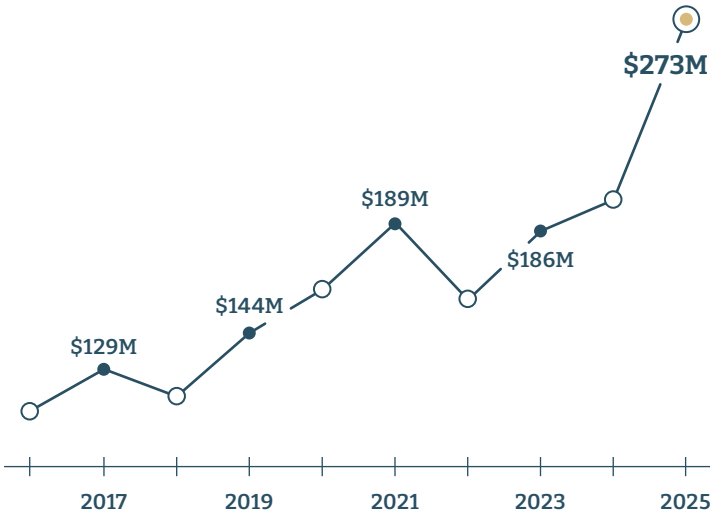
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\$273,734,123 Net Assets as of 12/31/25.

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

10.8% 10-year Average Rate of Return.

\$5 Million Impact Investments.



A Strategic Focus

Community Impact is one of the Foundation’s core strategic focus areas, reflecting our responsibility to steward resources in ways that respond to today’s needs while shaping long-term outcomes for our region. Through disciplined grantmaking, targeted initiatives, and investments in people and organizations, this work represents how generosity is translated into lasting impact across our community.

At the center of this focus is granting for impact, guided by clear priorities and informed by ongoing relationship building. The Foundation invests across six key focus areas: Arts & Culture; Diversity & Inclusion; Economic & Community Betterment; Education; Environment; and Health & Human Services, supporting organizations whose work strengthens the social, economic, and civic fabric of our region. Grants are offered on a predictable cadence and in multi-year form, allowing partners to plan with confidence and pursue meaningful, sustained change.

The Next Generation of Leaders

Community Impact also extends beyond traditional grantmaking. Through community initiatives, scholarships, and leadership development opportunities, particularly those that empower young people through our Youth Advisory Council (YAC), the Foundation helps cultivate the next generation of leaders and ensures that community voices are part of shaping what comes next.

Together, these efforts reflect a comprehensive approach to impact, one that balances responsiveness with responsibility, and immediate needs with long-term vision. By investing thoughtfully across people, places, and possibilities, the Foundation continues to help build a community where individuals and organizations can thrive, today, and for generations to come.

Granting for Impact

The Community Impact Grant Program advances the Foundation’s strategic focus on strengthening quality of life throughout Northern Ottawa County and the Greater West Michigan region. By investing in organizations that foster health, inclusion, collaboration, and resilience, the program translates generosity into action. **In 2025, a total of \$2,226,836 was awarded through the Community Impact Grant Program**, reflecting both the breadth of community need and the Foundation’s commitment to responsible, impact-driven stewardship.

Amount Granted From

Donor Advised Funds	\$3,673,739
Community Impact Grant Program	\$2,226,836
Organizational plus Non-FASB	\$1,765,804
Scholarship Funds - Granted	\$724,676
Designated Funds	\$722,999
Supporting Organizations	\$500,494
Community Service Funds	\$193,749
GHACF Youth Fund	\$116,035
Affiliate Competitive Grant Programs	\$51,454
CACF Youth Fund	\$16,930
Total	\$9,992,716

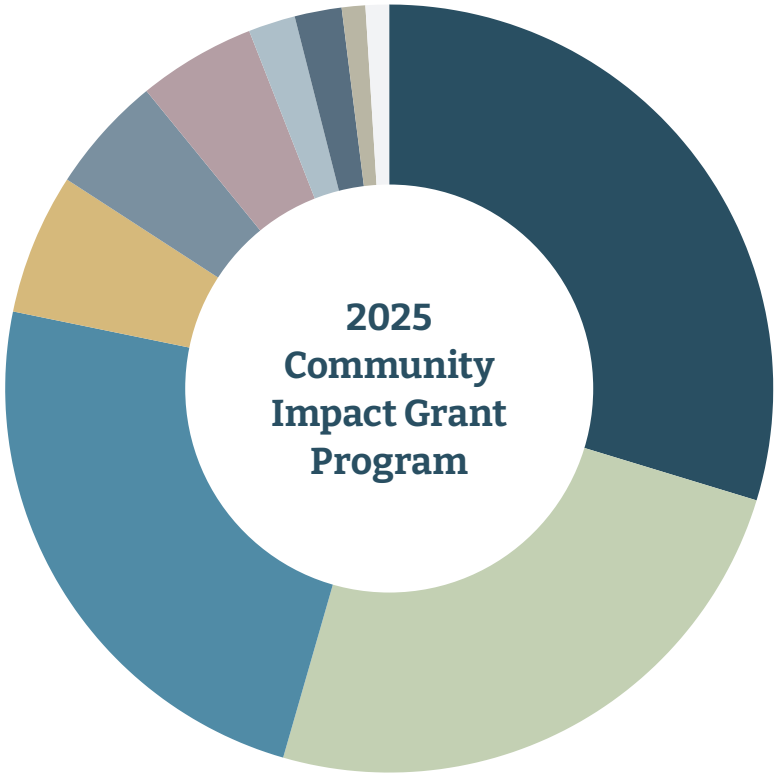
\$9,992,716

Total grants awarded from all GHACF, CACF, ACF, and supporting organizations.

\$2,226,836

Total granted through our responsive & impact-driven grantmaking

The following pages feature grant impact stories from 2025. For more information on the **Affiliate Funds**, please see pages 46 & 47.



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Arts & Culture

Where Creativity Comes to Life

Grants in Action

Arts and culture play a vital role in building connected, vibrant communities. They invite creativity, encourage expression, and create shared spaces where people of all ages and backgrounds can learn, gather, and engage.

In 2025, GHACF invested in arts and cultural initiatives that expand access to creative experiences and strengthen community spaces designed for learning, exploration, and connection.

These investments support environments where creativity is not limited by age, income, or experience—but woven into everyday community life.

In addition to the Waanders' Maker Space and Art Studio at The Loutit District Library, GHACF supported the following arts and cultural initiative in 2025:

- **Spring Lake District Library – Sunroom Programming Space** | Expansion of year-round educational and senior programming through the

construction of a flexible indoor-outdoor community space designed to support creativity, learning, and social connection.

| \$121,422 Total awarded in Arts & Culture grants

Grant Story Spotlight

Loutit District Library – Waanders' Maker Space & Art Studio

A library has always been a place of discovery. In 2025, that discovery expanded beyond the page.

After listening carefully to patrons and responding to community feedback, **Loutit District Library** imagined a new kind of creative hub—one that invites people not only to read about ideas, but to build them.

With the generous support of the Waanders family and a Community Impact grant from GHACF, underutilized rooms have been transformed into a fully equipped maker space and art studio designed for hands-on learning, experimentation, and collaboration.

Waanders' Maker Space & Art Studio

This space welcomes children testing their first engineering concepts, teens exploring digital design, adults rediscovering artistic passions, and retirees sharing their expertise. It is a place where generations interact naturally, where mentorship happens informally, and where creativity becomes communal.



Access matters. By ensuring the space is open and free to the public, the library removes financial barriers that often limit participation in arts and innovation programming. Creativity becomes accessible, not exclusive.



Looking Ahead

Investments like this do more than enhance a building. They strengthen the cultural fabric of the community. They position the library as a hub for lifelong learning. And they affirm a simple but powerful belief: when creativity is nurtured, confidence grows, connection deepens, and communities thrive.

“
The Waanders' Maker Space & Art Studio reflects our commitment to expanding horizons, enriching minds, and engaging community. This space will create opportunities for lifelong learning, creativity, and connection for generations to come.”



Ellen Peters
Executive Director
Loutit District Library

Diversity & Inclusion

Expanding Belonging, Expanding Possibility

Grants in Action

Thriving communities are built when every individual—regardless of background, ability, or circumstance—has access to opportunity, connection, and dignity.

In 2025, GHACF continued to invest in programs that remove barriers, expand access, and create inclusive spaces where individuals can contribute fully and confidently.

These investments support youth development, inclusive employment, and environments designed not just for participation, but for belonging.

In addition to Camp Blodgett’s expansion, GHACF supported the following inclusive initiatives in 2025:

- **BErista Inc. – Kenzie’s Be Café** | Operational support for an inclusive café model that provides meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities while creating a welcoming community gathering space that fosters dignity and connection.

- **Gracious Grounds – Ability Way Resident Engagement Department** | Launch of a dedicated Resident Engagement Department at Ability Way, an affordable housing community serving individuals with intellectual disabilities. The program provides structured life skills development, employment and volunteer connections, daily routine support, and consistent social engagement—ensuring residents not only live independently but thrive within a supportive community.

| \$122,686 Total awarded in Diversity & Inclusion grants

Grant Story Spotlight

Camp Blodgett – FIERCE & Future Focused

Belonging changes outcomes. For more than a century, Camp Blodgett has created environments where young people build confidence, resilience, and leadership.

In 2025, that impact expanded into the Grand Haven and Tri-Cities area—**bringing inclusive, high-quality youth programming closer to home.**

FIERCE & Future Focused Initiative

Through the FIERCE & Future Focused initiative, local youth gain access to affordable afterschool programming, mentorship, leadership development, and summer residential experiences designed to nurture the whole child.

In the **Youth Builders program**, students construct guitars, longboards, and drums. The hands-on process teaches more than craftsmanship—it builds patience, collaboration, and pride. Participants see tangible results from their effort, reinforcing a powerful message: you are capable of creating something meaningful.

Middle school students in the **Leadership Cohort** explore service, mentorship, and community engagement. They learn to see themselves not just as participants in their community, but as contributors and leaders within it.



Summer **residential opportunities** further deepen this experience, offering safe, structured spaces that prioritize mental health, well-being, and belonging. For many youth, these programs provide stability, encouragement, and trusted adult relationships that can change the trajectory of their lives.



Moving Forward

This investment reflects GHACF’s commitment to expanding access—not just geographically, but socially and economically. When youth have equitable access to mentorship, enrichment, and leadership development, they build the confidence and skills that ripple outward for years to come.

Inclusion is not simply about access. It is about cultivating environments where young people feel seen, valued, and empowered to shape their own future.

“**FIERCE Leadership is now the norm for Camp Blodgett, thanks to our teens. Now, as we continue to serve them with new empowering experiences, we are rolling out education on flexibility, initiative, empathy, responsibility, communication, and empowerment across all programs.**”



Lydia Slim
FIERCE Leaders Expansion
Program Manager



Economic & Community Betterment

Powering the Next Generation

Grants in Action

Strong communities are sustained by strong systems. Economic vitality, safe public spaces, workforce alignment, and housing stability do not happen by accident. They require coordination, collaboration, and long-term investment.

In 2025, GHACF continued to support initiatives that strengthen the structural foundations of Northwest Ottawa County, ensuring our region remains a place where families, businesses, and future generations can thrive.

In addition to supporting Lakeshore Advantage's regional economic strategy, GHACF invested in the following community-strengthening initiatives:

- **City of Grand Haven – Riverview Deck Enhancement Project** | Final phase improvements to a waterfront public gathering space, increasing accessibility and enhancing a key community destination.

- **Community Foundation for Muskegon County – FARM Manager (Food, Agriculture, Research & Manufacturing)** | Collaborative support for a regional role expanding student engagement in food processing education, strengthening minority and women entrepreneurship, and increasing locally sourced food use in schools and institutions.
- **Grand Haven Charter Township – Schmidt Heritage Park JoJo Jogging Trail Relocation** | Improvements to park access and trail alignment to enhance safety, functionality, and long-term usability of a valued community recreation space.
- **Lakeshore Advantage – Ottawa County Housing Initiative** | Support for dedicated leadership focused on advancing housing solutions and maintaining momentum around affordable and attainable housing strategies in Ottawa County.

| \$527,614 *Total awarded in Economic & Community Betterment grants*

Grant Story Spotlight

Lakeshore Advantage – Powering Our Future: The Next Lakeshore Generation

Economic development is about more than numbers. It is about opportunity. **Through its *Powering Our Future* campaign, Lakeshore Advantage is working to ensure Northwest Ottawa County remains competitive, connected, and prepared for what lies ahead.** GHACF's investment supports expanded capacity and deeper engagement across the region—helping align business growth, workforce development, housing strategy, and education systems.



Powering Our Future Campaign

This work focuses on attracting and retaining high-wage employment, strengthening relationships with local employers, and building clear pathways between education and career opportunity. It also emphasizes youth engagement—helping young professionals and students see a future for themselves right here in our community.



As housing challenges and workforce shifts continue to impact communities nationwide, proactive regional collaboration becomes essential. Lakeshore Advantage is positioned to convene partners, analyze trends, and move from strategy to implementation in ways that benefit both employers and residents.

Future Impact

By investing in economic leadership and regional alignment, GHACF helps ensure growth is intentional and inclusive—supporting businesses while also strengthening the overall quality of life in Northern Ottawa County. Sustainable prosperity requires foresight. It requires partnership. And it requires steady stewardship of resources to position our community for long-term success.

“**The Powering Our Future work plan is helping the lakeshore region move forward together with clarity and intention. This investment strengthens our ability to align partners, support local employers, and create meaningful career opportunities for the next generation.**”



Jennifer Owens
Former President of
Lakeshore Advantage

Education

A Stronger Start: Duneside Discovery Center

Grants in Action

Education is one of the most powerful investments a community can make. Strong educational systems shape workforce readiness, economic stability, and life-long well-being.

In 2025, GHACF continued to support initiatives that expand access, remove barriers, and strengthen learning environments across Northwest Ottawa County.

In addition to supporting the Duneside Discovery Center, GHACF invested in the following education-focused initiatives:

- **Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore - Girl Scout DreamLab** | Support for a multi-use program center providing leadership development, workforce skill-building, and educational programming for girls across West Michigan.
- **Read Muskegon - Building a Home for Literacy** | Development of a literacy hub offering tutoring,

technology access, family learning spaces, workforce training, and pathways to higher education.

- **Spring Lake Public Schools - Professional Learning Communities** | Expansion of collaborative systems that help improve instruction via shared inquiry, data-informed decisions, and collective accountability.
- **Tri-Cities Family YMCA - Preschool Classroom Renovation & Program Expansion** | Addition of Learning Tree Preschool at West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics to meet growing local demand and improve school readiness for families.

| \$556,290 *Total awarded in Education grants*

Grant Story Spotlight

Outdoor Discovery Center Network – Nature-Based Vision

The earliest years of a child’s life shape everything that follows. In partnership with Grand Haven Area Public Schools, **the ODC Network is transforming Mary A. White Elementary School into a nature-based early learning campus designed for children ages 3–5 called Duneside Discovery Center.**

This initiative reimagines early childhood education by integrating outdoor learning, environmental stewardship, and hands-on exploration into daily instruction.

Duneside Discovery Center

With GHACF’s support, the campus will include nature playscapes, interactive outdoor classrooms, trail systems, and restored natural habitats—including dune and meadow revitalization and native landscaping. The design supports both structured learning and unstructured play, encouraging curiosity, problem-solving, and social-emotional development.



Importantly, the center will expand early childhood access in Northwest Ottawa County, opening additional seats and prioritizing service to low-income families. By addressing childcare availability and affordability, this initiative strengthens families while supporting the local workforce.



Moving Forward

Nature-based education has been shown to improve focus, emotional regulation, and engagement in math, literacy, and science. It builds confidence and resilience in young learners while fostering a lifelong connection to the natural environment. This project represents more than a facility upgrade—it reflects a community-level commitment to giving children a strong, innovative start. By investing in early childhood education, GHACF helps shape outcomes that ripple outward for decades.

“Duneside Discovery Center at Mary A. White reflects what is possible when thoughtful design and community partnership come together. With the support of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, we are bringing to life an outdoor learning environment where children will learn, explore, take healthy risks, and build a lifelong love of nature.”



Nate Bosch
Architect and Construction
Project Lead

Environment

Recycling for Community Impact

Grants in Action

Environmental stewardship is long-term work. It requires consistent effort, practical solutions, and partnerships that connect ecological responsibility with community impact.

In 2025, GHACF supported initiatives that reduce waste, increase efficiency, and strengthen local collaboration—ensuring environmental efforts are sustainable and community-centered.

| \$50,000 *Total awarded in Environment grants*

Grant Story Spotlight

Recycling Program Expansion

What happens when a simple community project outgrows its original purpose? **At First Christian Reformed Church, a volunteer-led recycling effort has evolved into a year-round operation that transforms discarded materials into lasting community impact.** What began as a practical solution now diverts significant waste from local landfills while generating resources that support programs throughout the Grand Haven area.

Recycling Program Expansion

In 2025, GHACF supported the relocation and expansion of this recycling program to a larger Fulton Street site. The move nearly doubles operational space, centralizes related efforts, and improves efficiency and accessibility.

The expanded location allows for stronger coordination across related recycling and resale efforts, including appliance and bicycle repurposing programs. By increasing the volume of scrap metal collected and sold, the program not only reduces environmental impact but also strengthens its ability to reinvest back into the community.



Moving Forward

Environmental stewardship is often measured in tons diverted or dollars saved. But its impact runs deeper. It models responsible resource management. It encourages community participation. And it demonstrates how local partnerships can scale practical solutions. This investment reflects GHACF's belief that caring for the



environment and caring for community go hand in hand. Sustainable systems protect natural resources while strengthening the organizations and people who serve our region.

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For more than a decade, First Christian Reformed Church has quietly diverted more than one million pounds of metal from local landfills. What began as a grassroots recycling effort to help fund a new church boiler, has grown into a coordinated program that collects, sorts, and repurposes materials—reducing waste while generating revenue that supports local programs in the Grand Haven community.”



Art Van Wolde
First Christian Reformed
Pastor



Health & Human Services

Meeting Rising Need with Dignity

Grants in Action

Healthy communities are built when people have stability. Access to food, housing, mental health care, and supportive services forms the foundation for education, employment, and overall well-being.

In 2025, GHACF invested in organizations responding to rising need while strengthening long-term care across Northern Ottawa County. GHACF invested in the following health and human service initiatives:

- **Children's Advocacy Center - Hybrid Group Therapy Room** | Creation of a technology-enabled therapy space for children and families across Ottawa County.
- **Hand2Hand - Packing with Purpose Facility Upgrades** | Facility improvements to enhance food storage, operational efficiency, and volunteer capacity to provide weekend meals to children facing food insecurity.
- **Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital - Pediatric Rehabilitation Expansion** | Support for expanded

pediatric rehabilitation services designed to increase capacity for children requiring specialized care.

- **Out Side In - Heroes for Horses Expansion** | Expansion of a mental health program serving veterans through therapeutic and structured programming.
- **Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services - Pediatric Behavioral Health Center** | Expansion of comprehensive behavioral health services for children and families.
- **Samaritas - Spring Lake Housing Community Navigation Services** | Support for resident navigation services connecting families to childcare, employment, healthcare, transportation, and more.
- **The Salvation Army - New Beginnings Emergency Housing** | Development of non-congregate emergency housing units that provide temporary homes for households experiencing homelessness.

| \$660,000 *Total awarded in Health & Human Services grants*

Grant Story Spotlight

Love in Action – Storehouse Expansion

Over the past two years, food distribution in our region has increased by more than 50 percent. That growth reflects rising need and it placed significant strain on Love in Action's existing facilities.

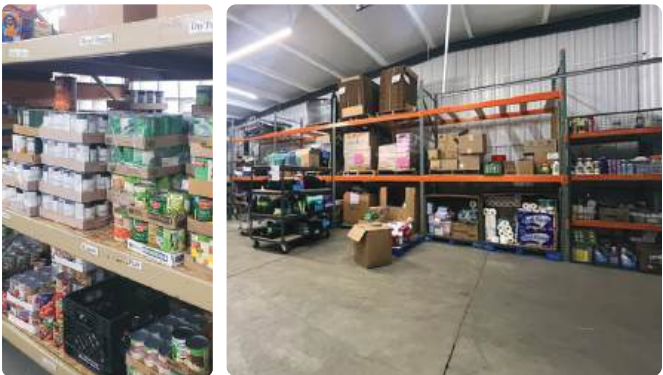
The new Love in Action Storehouse represents a strategic response to that reality.



Storehouse Expansion

With expanded warehouse space, improved refrigeration, optimized food processing areas, and a redesigned client-centered “store” model, **the facility is designed to meet increased demand while preserving dignity and accessibility.**

This expansion does more than increase square footage. It strengthens operational efficiency, enhances volunteer coordination, and creates a centralized hub where families can access essential resources in a welcoming, organized environment.



Future Impact

Food insecurity impacts more than hunger—it affects school attendance, workforce participation, mental health, and overall family stability. By strengthening infrastructure at a time of growing demand, GHACF's investment helps ensure that Love in Action can continue serving neighbors reliably and respectfully.

Meeting immediate needs with care and dignity is foundational. Building capacity to meet tomorrow's needs is stewardship.

“**The storehouse has already expanded our reach by attracting a new wave of donors and volunteers, fueling a significant increase in community support. This growth is vitally needed as Love in Action food facilitated 2,000 more pantry visits by the end of 2025 than the previous year.**”



Josh Bytwerk
Executive Director,
Love in Action

Scholarships

Stewarding Potential. Shaping What's Next.

Long before a student steps onto a college campus, into an apprenticeship, or toward a professional certification, someone in this community made a decision to invest in their future. Through the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and our affiliate foundations serving the Allendale and Coopersville areas, hundreds of scholarship funds have been created over time, each one rooted in a donor's belief that education changes lives.

Together, these funds support students across Northern Ottawa County, Allendale, and Coopersville through a coordinated, mission-driven scholarship process designed to honor donor intent while expanding opportunity.

A Process Grounded in Stewardship

Each year, the Foundation administers a comprehensive scholarship application and review process. Staff coordinate intake and eligibility verification, and every application is carefully reviewed by multiple members of a dedicated scholarship committee composed of community volunteers who work with youth, Board members, and Foundation staff. It is thoughtful work. It is detailed work. And it reflects the trust donors place in us to steward their

legacy with care. Scholarships are awarded in the spring and celebrated at our annual Scholarship Social, an event that brings together students, families, donors, and volunteers to recognize achievement and generosity in one shared space.

Built Over Time. Ready for the Future.

Scholarship awards include one-time grants, multi-year commitments, and renewal installments from prior-year awards demonstrating how long-term stewardship creates lasting opportunity. While the statistics reflect scale, the real story unfolds in classrooms, labs, training programs, and communities where these students will one day lead and serve. Because of decades of disciplined



351
Students applications
received

\$2,947
Average award
package (awards range
from \$172-\$14,000)

77%
of recipients were
high school seniors

3% of recipients
were current college
or trade students

First-generation students represent a particularly powerful expression of community impact. For many, scholarship support reduces financial pressure, affirms belonging in higher education, and opens doors that can shift the trajectory of an entire family.

258
Students awarded
scholarships

\$724,676
Total awarded in
scholarships

25 Multi-year
scholarships were
awarded

83% of first-
generation students
who applied received
awards

stewardship and the continued generosity of donors today, students across Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg, Allendale, and Coopersville are stepping forward with confidence. This is what it looks like when trust is invested well. And when stewardship shapes what comes next.

Investing in What Comes Next

Scholarships are among the Foundation's most personal investments. Each award represents more than financial assistance. It is an investment in potential, perseverance, and possibility. Through the generosity of donor-established scholarship funds, students are pursuing higher education, skilled trades, certifications, and career training opportunities that will shape the future of our communities. Every scholarship awarded reflects a belief in the power of education and the promise of the next generation.

Today's scholarship recipients are tomorrow's teachers, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, tradespeople, community leaders, and volunteers. By investing in students today, we are helping build a stronger community for generations to come.



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I have served on the Scholarship Committee in various roles over the years—from reviewing paper applications delivered in large boxes to evaluating submissions through our online process today. While the format has changed, the excitement has not.

Each scholarship season, I have the privilege of reading the hopes, ambitions, accomplishments, and dreams of students preparing for their next chapter. I am continually impressed by their determination and potential.

I leave every scholarship season grateful for the educators who prepared them for their futures, awestruck by the donors who create opportunities for so many to attend secondary education, and confident that the world will be a better place as the recipients accomplish their dreams.”



Cindy Anderson
Former GHACF Board of Trustees
Chair and 2025 Scholarship
Application Reviewer

Youth Advisory Council

Youth Leading Today. Impacting Tomorrow.

For almost four decades, the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) has placed decision-making power directly in the hands of local students equipping them to assess community needs, steward resources, and invest in their peers.

Today, YAC is comprised of high school students from across Northwest Ottawa County who meet to examine youth issues, focus on and learn about fund development, review data, and evaluate grant proposals. Together, they direct funding to programs that strengthen the well-being of young people across our region. The YAC is a hands-on experience in leadership, civic responsibility, and an opportunity for students to shape the community they are inheriting.

Investing in Our Youth

YAC began in 1989 when the W.K. Kellogg Foundation challenged Michigan community foundations to invest in young people by building endowed youth funds. Local students partnered with trustees and community members to raise unrestricted dollars, secure matching

support, and establish a permanent Youth Fund. A second challenge followed, and over the next five years, students helped raise \$2 million to earn an additional \$1 million match.

Moving Forward

Today, the Youth Fund exceeds \$3.4 million, and YAC has awarded more than \$2.3 million to programs benefiting young people in Northwest Ottawa County. The legacy is clear: when a community trusts its youth, young leaders rise to lead.

Each year, YAC grounds its grantmaking in current youth data and lived experience. In 2025, members focused their work around three priority areas based on analyzed data from the Ottawa County Youth Assesment Survey: Physical Well-Being, Community & Cultural Well-Being, and Mental & Emotional Well-Being. Together, these areas reflect the interconnected needs of young people — from safe spaces to belong, to opportunities to thrive physically, to support emotional resilience.

| \$116,035 *Total grants awarded by the Youth Advisory Council*

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YAC has been one of the most impactful experiences that I have engaged in throughout my time in high school. I have learned so much about community involvement and how I can make a difference in any place I am, whether it be big or small. It has been an outlet where I feel inspired, especially when working with people of all different backgrounds to express my empathy through philanthropy and our community grant making. I will be forever grateful for the opportunities that YAC has given me as it opens up new pathways for my future passions in giving back to my community.”



Larissa Christian
2025 Youth Advisory
Council Chair

Spotlight Grants by Priority Area

Physical Well-Being Spotlight

Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital | Expanding and Supporting MFB's Jr. Wheelchair Sports Program. Through this investment, YAC expanded access to adaptive athletics for youth with physical disabilities by supporting a full week of Wheelchair & Adaptive Sports programming for 51 campers ages 7-18.

Campers explored 11 adaptive sports, including wheelchair basketball, sled hockey, handcycling, wheelchair tennis, pickleball, and dodgeball, building strength, confidence, and meaningful connection along the way.

The program creates opportunities for young people to develop independence, teamwork skills, and a strong sense of belonging in an inclusive environment. With YAC members also volunteering during camp, this peer-driven support reinforces that physical activity, leadership, and community should be accessible to all.

Community & Cultural Well-Being Spotlight

Loutit District Library | Engaging Youth in the Waanders' Makerspace and Art Studio. YAC supported the development of youth-focused programming and technology within the Waanders' Makerspace and Art Studio at Loutit District Library. This investment ensures the space is welcoming and accessible to children and teens, providing opportunities to learn, create, and connect in an inclusive community environment.

Mental & Emotional Well-Being Spotlight

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services | Capital Request for Sensory Room in Pine Rest Youth Program. YAC invested in the development of a dedicated sensory space designed to support emotional regulation and resilience. By enhancing therapeutic environments for youth receiving care, this project—written by Pine Rest Youth Advisory Council students—addresses the growing need for accessible, proactive mental health support.

Additional 2025 grant recipients include:

- **Arbor Circle** | Clear the Air: Youth Vaping Prevention Project.
- **Camp Blodgett** | Summer Camp for All Kids.
- **First Tee West Michigan** | First Tee Holland – Geographic Expansion.
- **Grand Haven Area Public Schools** | Experiential Learning for Migrant Children.
- **Grand Rapids Children's Museum** | Playful Mind Programming and Field Trip Scholarships.
- **Joyful Noise Childcare** | Toddler Room Building Improvements.
- **Mulligan's Hollow Ski Bowl Association** | Two New Rails for Mulligan's Hollow Project.
- **Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence** | Youth & Young Adult Training Enhancements.
- **Village of Spring Lake** | North Bank Park Redevelopment Project.
- **Walden Green Montessori School** | Mental Health Support.
- **Walk the Beat** | Repeat the Beat.

Through thoughtful review, honest dialogue, and shared responsibility, YAC members are not simply funding programs. They are practicing leadership, strengthening their community, and shaping what comes next.

The Power of Generosity

Philanthropy is the force that makes community impact possible. Every grant awarded, scholarship provided, and initiative launched begins with a simple act of generosity from someone who believes in the future of this place.

At the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, philanthropy is deeply personal. Individuals, families, and organizations partner with the Foundation to transform their values into meaningful action. Some give to respond to immediate needs. Others create funds that will support causes they care about for generations to come. Together, these acts of generosity build an immediate and permanent source of support for the people and organizations that strengthen our region.

Guided by Stewardship and Trust

Donors rely on the Foundation to manage their gifts responsibly, honor their intentions, and ensure resources are directed where they can do the most good. Through thoughtful partnership and long-term planning, philanthropy becomes more than a single gift—it becomes a lasting investment in community well-being.

Every contribution, whether large or small, joins a collective effort to shape a stronger future for Northern Ottawa County. Through generosity, individuals become part of something larger than themselves by helping create opportunity, resilience, and possibility for generations to come.

A Community That Gives

The impact of philanthropy at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and its affiliates is measured not only in dollars raised, but in the lives and communities strengthened through those gifts.

In 2025, donors continued a tradition of generosity that fuels meaningful change across our region. Through new gifts, long-standing funds, and planned legacy commitments, community members invested in the future for Northern Ottawa County and beyond.

732 Active charitable funds supporting community priorities *(excludes FASB and internal funds)*

#7 In Michigan for total gifts received among community foundations *(2025 CMF Databook)*

365 Legacy Society members ensuring future generations benefit from today's generosity

#83 In the nation for gifts per capita *(2024 CF Insights Report)*

The generosity of this community continues to stand out both regionally and nationally. These rankings reflect something deeper than statistics. They demonstrate a shared commitment to investing in the place we call home.

Future Growth

Through thoughtful giving, donors are helping expand opportunity, strengthen local organizations, and build a foundation for the future. Their generosity ensures that the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation can continue serving the community not just today, but forever.

\$52,750,743

Total contributions received

1,466

Individual gifts supporting community causes

19

New funds opened in 2025

Stewardship in Action

Philanthropy Spotlight

The Legacy of Midge Verplank



For L.J. “Midge” Verplank, stewardship was not simply about managing resources, it was about creating opportunities for future generations. As a fourth-generation business leader, Midge carried forward a family legacy that has been woven into the fabric of this community for more than a century. Throughout his career, he helped build and guide several successful West Michigan businesses, including Shape Corp., Verplank Dock, Verplank Trucking, Asphalt Paving, Inc., and other family enterprises. Yet Midge never viewed success as an individual achievement.

He believed that businesses existed for the benefit of their employees and the communities they served. The prosperity of his companies, he often noted, was made possible by thousands of people working together and by a community that created the conditions for success. That belief shaped his approach to philanthropy.

“
I feel a majority of my wealth belongs to the community from which it came.”

His commitment to giving back led him to become deeply involved with the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, serving as both a trustee and a donor. During those years, he gained firsthand insight into the Foundation’s work - its leadership, governance, grantmaking, and ability to bring people together around community challenges.

The more he learned, the greater his confidence became. **“The more I saw how the Foundation operated, the more confidence I had in it,”** he reflected as part of the Foundation’s 50th Anniversary interview in 2021. **“This is an organization that can do good things for the whole area.”** That confidence ultimately led to one of

the most significant philanthropic commitments in the Foundation’s history. Through the L.J. “Midge” Verplank Community Impact Fund, Midge entrusted the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation with a permanent resource that will support Ottawa and Muskegon Counties in perpetuity.

The decision was rooted in trust. Midge believed community needs would evolve over time and that future leaders would be better positioned to determine where resources could do the most good. Rather than directing his gift toward a specific cause, he chose to provide flexibility, empowering future trustees to respond to opportunities and challenges that could not yet be imagined.

The COVID-19 pandemic reinforced that belief. During a time of unprecedented uncertainty, flexible philanthropic resources allowed organizations throughout the community to continue serving residents, adapt operations, and respond to emerging needs. For Midge, it was a powerful example of why unrestricted philanthropy matters. Communities are strongest when they have the ability to respond not only to the challenges they can predict, but also to those they cannot.



Today, Midge’s legacy extends far beyond any single grant, initiative, or organization. His generosity created a lasting source of opportunity, ensuring that future generations will have the resources needed to address the evolving needs of the community he loved.

It is a legacy built on trust, stewardship, and a deep belief that when communities invest in one another, everyone benefits.

New Funds. Lasting Impact.

Every fund at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and its affiliates begins with a story—a moment when someone chooses to invest in the future of their community. **In 2025, individuals, families, and organizations partnered with the Foundation to create new funds that reflect their passions, honor loved ones, and strengthen the causes they care about most.**

On the following pages, we are honored to share the stories behind several of the funds established in 2025

and the generosity that made them possible. While these featured stories highlight a few of the many ways donors are making a difference, they represent just a small portion of the generosity that sustains the Foundation's work.

Following these stories is a complete listing of funds stewarded by the Foundation, reflecting the collective commitment of donors who continue to create opportunity and strengthen our community.



Designated Fund
Adam H. Provencal Scholarship Fund

Adam H. Provencal lived his 17 years with enthusiasm, curiosity, and compassion for others. Whether through academics, personal interests, or the relationships he built, Adam approached life with energy and kindness.

The Adam H. Provencal Scholarship Fund honors his spirit by supporting students who demonstrate the same passion for learning, service, and positive impact. Through this scholarship, Adam’s legacy will continue to inspire future generations to pursue their goals with purpose and care.



Donor Advised Fund
Angie Rae Live & Love Fund

Angie Rae was known for her vibrant spirit and deep love of life. After her passing from cancer in 2024, her partner Benji Stone created the Angie Rae Live & Love Fund to honor her memory and the joy she brought to those around her.

The fund supports cancer research and programs that assist individuals and families navigating a cancer diagnosis, ensuring Angie’s legacy continues to inspire hope and compassion.



Donor Advised Fund

Daniel M. Meyers Music Memorial Fund

Daniel M. Meyers was a devoted husband, father, educator, and musician whose life was shaped by service and a deep love of music. From performing with the University of Michigan Marching Band to inspiring generations of students as an educator, music remained central to his life. The Daniel M. Meyers Music Memorial Fund honors his lasting impact by supporting music and educational opportunities for future generations, ensuring his passion for teaching and the arts continues to resonate throughout the community.



Donor Advised Fund

David & Sharon Swain Family Fund

David and Sharon Swain have long been dedicated supporters of the Grand Haven community and the Foundation’s work. Their involvement has included volunteer leadership roles, including David’s service on the Board of Trustees and as Chair of the Grants Committee.

The David and Sharon Swain Family Fund allows them to continue supporting the community they have called home while raising their three sons, strengthening the causes and organizations that make the region thrive continues to resonate throughout the community.



Donor Advised & Field of Interest Funds

Dirk Stone Memorial Fund and Vibrant Communities Field of Interest Fund

Dirk Stone built a successful career in real estate and was widely known for his dedication to his work. Yet his greatest pride came from his family and the life he built with them. Established by family members in his memory, the Dirk Stone Vibrant Communities Field of Interest Fund honors his legacy by supporting initiatives that strengthen communities and create opportunities for individuals and families to thrive.



Field of Interest Fund

Dwight & Gloria Durkee Field of Interest Fund

Dwight and Gloria Durkee spent their lives rooted in West Michigan and deeply connected to the natural beauty of the region they called home. Dwight, a Grand Haven native and Marine Corps veteran, and Gloria, originally from Muskegon, built their life together in Ottawa County after marrying in 1972. Their shared love of the outdoors inspired the Dwight and Gloria Durkee Field of Interest Fund, which supports organizations working to protect animals and the natural environments they inhabit throughout Ottawa and Muskegon Counties.



Designated Fund

GHACF Staff Appreciation Fund

The GHACF Staff Appreciation Fund was created by generous supporters who have long been deeply engaged with the Foundation and its mission. Through years of volunteer leadership and partnership, they developed a strong appreciation for the dedication and care demonstrated daily by the Foundation’s staff. Their gift provides lasting support for staff recognition, development, and well-being—investing in the people whose work helps strengthen the community every day.



Community Service Fund

Grand Haven Children’s Museum Fund

The Grand Haven Children’s Museum is working to create a welcoming space where children and families can learn, explore, and grow together. Through hands-on exhibits and interactive experiences, the museum will nurture curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving in a place designed especially for young learners.

The Grand Haven Children’s Museum Fund supports startup operations and future growth, helping bring this vision to life and ensuring the museum becomes a vibrant destination for families across the region.



Organizational Fund

Harbor Hospice Foundation Endowed Fund

For more than 40 years, Harbor Hospice has provided compassionate care and support to West Michigan patients and families navigating life’s most difficult moments. Their work includes hospice and palliative care, grief support, and programs that ensure no one faces the end of life alone. The Harbor Hospice Endowed Fund helps sustain these vital services in Northwern Ottawa County, supporting patient care, grief counseling, and community programs that bring comfort and dignity to individuals and families in need.



Donor Advised Fund

Kyle and Melissa Kutsche Family Fund

Kyle and Melissa Kutsche have always believed in giving back to the community they call home. By establishing the Kyle and Melissa Kutsche Family Fund, they created a meaningful way to strengthen their charitable impact while involving their family in the process of giving.

Through this fund, they can support organizations that matter most to them while witnessing the positive impact their generosity creates locally.



Community Service Fund

Mulligan's Hollow Ski Bowl Capital Campaign Fund

For generations, Mulligan's Hollow Ski Bowl has provided affordable outdoor recreation and winter memories for families throughout the Grand Haven area. The Mulligan's Hollow Ski Bowl Capital Campaign Fund was established to support improvements that will preserve and strengthen this valued community asset for years to come.

The fund supports the replacement and enhancement of snowmaking equipment, infrastructure, and storage facilities that are critical to the ski bowl's long-term sustainability. These investments help ensure reliable winter operations, expand recreational opportunities, and maintain a gathering place where community members of all ages can connect, stay active, and enjoy Michigan winters together.



Community Service Fund

Coopersville Area North Bank Trail Fund

The North Bank Trail stretches from Spring Lake to Marne along a historic railroad corridor, providing recreation, transportation, and natural beauty for residents and visitors.

The Coopersville Area North Bank Trail Fund supports improvements to the Coopersville section of the trail that enhance accessibility, protect surrounding natural areas, and strengthen the trail's role as a regional connection between Lake Michigan communities and the Grand Rapids area.



Scholarship Fund

Pierce Family Legacy Scholarship Fund

For decades, Ken and Shirley Pierce dedicated their lives to the Allendale community through education, coaching, and service. Ken taught and coached generations of students, while Shirley spent more than 20 years teaching at Allendale Elementary and supporting youth through coaching and mentorship. Together, they were active members of Allendale Reformed Church and passionate advocates for student success.

Through this scholarship fund, their legacy of encouragement, leadership, and commitment to education will continue to positively impact Allendale students for generations to come.



Greatest Needs Fund

Roger and Susan Jonas Greatest Needs Fund

Roger and Susan Jonas have been longtime partners in the work of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. Their involvement includes service as donors, Legacy Society members, and volunteer leaders, including Susan's role as Trustee and Chair of the Board.

The Roger and Susan Jonas Greatest Needs Fund ensures their generosity can respond to emerging community priorities, providing flexible support where it can make the greatest impact.



Donor Advised Fund

Scott and Wendy Glasgow Family Fund

Scott and Wendy Glasgow established their family fund to simplify their charitable giving while strengthening the causes they care about most. The Scott and Wendy Glasgow Family Fund provides a flexible way to recommend grants to meaningful programs and organizations, ensuring their generosity continues to support initiatives that improve the well-being of the community.



Community Service Fund

Tri-Cities Family YMCA Y For All Fund

For more than 50 years, the Tri-Cities Family YMCA has been a cornerstone of health, wellness, and community connection for families across the region. The Y for All Fund was established to support capital improvements that will strengthen the YMCA's ability to serve the community for generations to come.

Through the Y for All campaign, the YMCA is transforming its aging facility into a modern, welcoming space designed to better meet the needs of more than 10,000 individuals each year. By supporting building renovations, expansion, and long-term sustainability efforts, the fund helps ensure that the YMCA remains a place where people of all ages can learn, grow, and thrive.

Every fund at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and its affiliates represents a decision to invest in the future of our community.

Together, these funds reflect the generosity, vision, and trust of individuals, families, and organizations who care deeply about the place we call home. While each fund is unique in purpose, all share a common goal: to strengthen Northern Ottawa County today and for generations to come.

Our Commitment

As a community foundation, we serve as a steward of these resources. We manage and grow each fund with

care, ensuring that donor intent is honored and that each investment continues to create meaningful impact over time. This directory represents more than a list. It reflects a collective commitment to opportunity, resilience, and the long-term well-being of our community.

Types of Funds

The Foundation stewards a diverse collection of funds, each designed to support charitable giving in a way that reflects the goals and passions of the donor. While all funds contribute to strengthening our community, they differ in how and where they are used.

Community Service Funds

Community Service Funds are established by nonprofit organizations to support specific projects, programs, campaigns, or community initiatives. **These funds provide a charitable giving vehicle for time-limited efforts, such as capital campaigns, facility improvements, or special projects, and are typically active for one to five years.**

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
Grand Haven Waterfront Stadium Fund

Coopersville Area North Bank Trail Fund
GHACF 6 Sherman Capital Campaign Fund
**Grand Haven Children's Museum
Community Service Fund**

Grand Haven DDA Art Walk Community
Service Fund
Midwest Miniature Museum Community
Service Fund
**Mulligan's Hollow Ski Bowl Capital
Campaign Fund**

Spring Lake District Library
Gerard F. Harring Renovation Fund
for SLDL
Spring Lake District Library
Renovation Fund

**Tri-Cities Family YMCA Y for All Capital
Campaign Fund**

Village of Spring Lake
Village of Spring Lake Art in The
Park Fund
North Bank Park (formerly Central
Park) Improvement Fund
Tanglefoot Park Fund

Designated Funds

Designated Funds provide ongoing support to one or more specific nonprofit organizations. **These funds ensure consistent, long-term funding for organizations that play a vital role in our community.**

Allendale Christian School Opportunity
Fund
Allendale Lifelong Learners Fund
Janet C. Beukema Fund for Hospice
Boomgaard Fund for Seniors
Dan Burt Designated Fund

City of Coopersville
Coopersville Old Kids Fund
City of Coopersville Recreation Fund

City of Grand Haven
City of Grand Haven Memorial
Airport Fund
Robert & Janice Sluka Fund
City of GH Waterfront Stadium
Improvement Fund

Coopersville Area Public Schools
Doug Corradini Spirit of #40 Fund
Casey Lemieux Fund
O'Neill Family Fund

Thomas N. Cooper Designated Fund
Coopersville Area Farm Museum
Non-Endowed Fund
Russell H. & Beatrice A. Dornbos Fund
Mark & Lauri Douglas Community
Arts Fund
Arno & Judith L. Driedger Fund

**First Presbyterian Church of
Grand Haven**
Alpha Fund

Carol & Winfield Hall Fund for Music

Scott Fredricks Fund
Friends of the Foundation Fund
E. Selena Gerig & John J. Gerig Fund
Operating Reserve Fund
GHACF Staff Appreciation Fund
Ruth Wierenga Ghana Fund
Victor Gouveia Memorial Fund

Grand Haven Area Public Schools
Janet R. Briegel Designated Fund
Patrick Byrne Memorial Fund
Grand Haven Class of 1953 Fund
Alex Crum Memorial Fund
Dykstra Family Music Fund
Ronny Kemink Pay to Play Fund
Judy Corcoran Porath Memorial Fund
Coach David Prout Soccer Excellence
Award Fund
Cindy Schember "I Love to Read"
Endowment Fund
Science Olympiad Programs of Grand
Haven Area Public Schools Fund

Norma V. Green Memorial Art Award
Coral & Peter Hanenburg Memorial Fund
Chuck & Olga Hennesen Fund
Olga A. & Charles J. Hennesen Family
Fund
Edward & Florence Huizenga Fund
Jocki Klischan Fund
Keith & Bernice Lamkin Fund
Norm & Meg LeMieux Designated Fund
The Robert & Karen Lemmen Children's
Fund
Love J. P. Fund

Mosaic Counseling
Mosaic Counseling Fund
Mosaic Counseling Fund for Children
& Their Families

George & Nadaire Pardee Fund
The Patterson Family Foundation Fund
Clarence & Bernice Piersma Endowment
Fund
Vernon Poest & Roberta Gnerich Poest
Designated Fund
Program Related Investment
Adam H. Provencal Scholarship
Ellna Rotman Camp Fund
Lloyd & Marlene Rotz Designated Fund
Sheridan Park Fund
Lynne Sherwood Fund for Greater

Ottawa County United Way
Roy L. & Karen L. Shields, Jr. Fund for St.
John's Lutheran Church
South Evergreen Schoolhouse Fund
Spread the Music Foundation Fund
Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church
Mission Endowment Fund
Brien Fox SLJSA Directorship Fund

Spring Lake District Library
Spring Lake District Library Outdoor
Beautification Fund
Spring Lake District Library Restricted
Endowment Fund

Spring Lake Public Schools
Martin-Beverley-Todd Bomers
Memorial Band Fund
Martin-Beverley-Todd Bomers
Memorial Fitness & Aquatic Center
Fund
Needham Teacher Grant Fund

St. John's Episcopal
St. John's Episcopal Church Altar
Guild Fund
Hill Family Children's Christian
Education Fund

Marian R. Stevens Fund
Struyk Up the Band Fund
Harlind Throop Memorial Christmas
Fund

Trinity Health Grand Haven
Dr. Larry Poel Sports MedicineFund
Samuel L. Westerman Sunshine Fund

Donald & Elaine Twiss Fund
Bill & Nanci Tysman Designated Fund
Mary "Meime" VandenBerg Fund
David A. West Spirit of the Band Award
Fund
Donald & Monica Zahm Memorial Fund
Jean H. Zukowski Designated Fund

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)

Donor Advised Funds allow individuals, families, or companies to actively participate in their giving. Donors recommend grants to nonprofits over time, creating a

flexible and personalized approach to philanthropy while benefiting from the Foundation's stewardship and administrative support.

Abbit Management Corp Fund
C. Bennett Ainsworth Fund
Alt, Jonas & Mercurio Family Fund
Amberger Family Fund
Cynthia & Donald Anderson Fund
Len & Wanda Anderson Family Fund
Angie Rae Live & Love Fund
@HomeRealty Foundation Fund
Baas Family Fund
George M. Bailey Donor Advised Fund
Howie & Tammy Bailey Fund
Chris & Melissa Baker Fund
Douglas & Katharine Baker Family Fund
Barker Family Fund
Shawn Baxter Fund
Paul C. & Carol C. Bedient Family Fund
Betten Baker Fund
Betten Preferred Auto Group Fund
Susan A Bissell Memorial Fund for
the Arts

BizStream Community Fund
Milton Boeger Fund
Boer Family Fund
Boezaart Family Fund
David C. & Gail L. Bos Family Fund
Jake Bouman Memorial Fund
Mackenzie Boyd Fund
Barbara Boyer Fund
Richard & Patricia Briegel Family Fund
Budd & Melinda Brink Family Fund
Fred C. Bruhn Donor Advised Fund
Brusveen Chiropractic Center Charitable
Fund
Christine Burns Memorial Fund
Robert & Virginia Burnside Family Fund
Robert L. Bytwerk Family Fund
Kevin Carbary-Carol Alexander Fund
The Coopersville Robert J. & Betty L.
Casemier Family Fund
The Grand Haven Robert J. & Betty L.
Casemier Family Fund
Daniel P. Cherette Memorial Fund
Denny & Grace Cherette Family Fund
Chris-Tina Fund
Chris-Tina Endowment Fund
Clayton Family Fund
John & JoAnne Clickner Family Fund
Bob Constant Athletic Memorial Fund

Mike Cook Fund for Fun in Education
Coopersville Area Public Schools Science Program Fund
Carol & Ken Councilor Memorial Family Fund
Crane Family Fund
Kennard & Wendy Creason Family Fund
Thomas & Michelle Creswell Family Fund
Alex Crum Memorial Sports Fund
Doug & Lynnnda De Vries Family Fund
Scott E. DeBoer Memorial Fund
Howard & Louise Dekker Family Fund
Dale & Elizabeth Deppe Family Fund
Jeremy & Daniela Deppe Family Fund
Detter/Walcott Early Childhood Education Fund
Keith & Mary DeWitt Family Fund
Mark & Denise DeWys Family Fund
The Diva Fund
The Dornbush Family Fund
James A. Doss Family Fund
N. Kay Doss Memorial Fund
Howard & Wilma Draft Family Fund
Eagin Family Fund
B. John & Jennifer Essex Family Fund
Eudaimonia Fund
Mark & Debra Feyen Fund
FISH Fund
Fleming & LaTorre Family Fund
Louis P. & Sharon F. Fracalossi Family Fund
Fredricks Family Fund
Friends of the Coopersville Library Fund
Gage Family Fund
Gahsman Family Memorial Fund
Scott & Wendy Glasgow Family Fund
Grand Haven Area Jaycees Fund
Grandma Glo, TJ, Skylee & Cody Family Fund
Edward J. & Nancy R. Hanenburg Family Fund
Nancy Riekse Hanenburg Field of Interest Fund
Kenneth D. & Janet A. Harestad Family Fund
James & Catherine Haveman Family Foundation
Douglas & Sharlene Hekman Family Fund
John & Meghan Heritage Family Fund
Holtrop-Tubbergen-Holtrop Family Fund
Julia Houle Advised Fund
James & Debra Hovinga Family Fund
Sandy Huber Fund

Richard G. & Patricia R. Huff Children's Support Fund
Mike & Jane Hutchins Family Fund
George A. & Sherry A. Jackoboice Family Fund
James & Sally Jacobs Fund
Alvin E. & Mary C. Jacobson Family Fund
David & Nancy Bird Jacobson Family Fund
Nelson C. & Lana Jacobson Fund
F. Martin & Dorothy A. Johnson Family Fund
Holly & Erick Johnson Family Fund
Johnson Rechner Family Fund
Paul A. & Charlotte A. Johnson Family Fund
JSJ Foundation Fund
Todd & Amy Kamps Family Fund
Brian & Nancy Kamstra Family Fund
Kar Family Fund
Keeton Family Fund
Mikel Allen Kelley Memorial Fund
Sanford & Kristine Kelley Family Fund
Phil & Jane King Family Fund
David J. & Sandra J. Klaassen Fund
Komray Family Fund
James E & Mary B Koster Fund
Jim & Candy Kraker Family Fund
Stella Kruizenga Fund for Women
Kyle & Melissa Kutsche Family Fund
Lahey Family Fund
Marcus & Lisa W Lee Family Fund
Craig L & Dianne H LeMieux Fund
Robert & Karen Lemmen Family Fund
Richard A. & Gay Leppink Cole Family Fund
Hung & Elsie Liang Fund for Music
Light Corp Foundation Fund
Faith Marie Losee Fund
The Loutit Foundation
Jim & Patty MacDonald Family Fund
Anil K. & Shanthi R. Mandala Fund
Mandy's Promise Fund
Debra & Robert Mann Family Fund
MaryLou (Witherell) Matzen Alzheimer's Advocacy Fund
McKeough Family Fund
Larry & Anne McLaughlin Fund
Nate & Kristin Meldrim Family Fund
Robert Jacobson & Donnell Snite Mersereau Fund
Jack & Marj Meyer Family Fund
Daniel M Meyers Music Memorial Fund
The MIJA Fund

Kyle Moreland Memorial Fund
Phyllis & Darell Moreland Family Fund
Peter & Sheila Murdoch Donor Advised Fund
North Ottawa Wellness Foundation
Bonnie Olson Memorial Fund
Ted & Vicki Parker Family Fund
Richard O. & Elizabeth A. Peel Family Fund
Robert & Cynthia Peel Family Fund
Sherrian A. & Thomas C. Pegg Family Fund
Pliant Plastics Foundation Fund
Larry Poel Fund
Craig & Coreen Porter Family Fund
Garrod S Post & Robert A Hill Fund
Ted & Shirley Poulton Family Fund
Quigg Family Advised Fund
Robert H. & Andrea G. Rander Fund
Scott & Julie Reenders Family Fund
Milt & Judy Reeths Fund
Evan & Lois Reinders Fund
Thomas & Gail Ringelberg Family Fund
Norah Lane Roelofs Memorial Fund
Rotary Club of Allendale Fund
Coopersville Rotary Club Community Action Fund
Coopersville Rotary Club Field of Interest Fund
Grand Haven Rotary Fund
Spring Lake Rotary Field of Interest Endowment Fund
Lloyd S. & Marlene Rotz Family Fund
Sylvia & Ron Ruscett Family Fund
John & Marie Rycenga Family Fund
Jonas Saunders Family Fund
James C. & Rosena A. Sawyer Fund
Dan & Carol Sedlock Family Fund
Dave & Dottie Seibold Fund
Shape Corp. Fund
Barbara & Miller Sherwood Family Advised Fund
Marilyn W. & B. P. Sherwood III Family Fund
Linda Shores & Michael Snodgrass Fund
Sietsema Family Fund
Sietsema Family Non-Endowed Fund
Slagel Family Fund
Slater Family Donor Advised Fund
Paul K. & Marlene A. Spoelman Family Fund
Spring Meadow Fund
R. Neal Stanton & Grace F. Stanton Fund

Stasiak Family Fund
Steffel Family Fund
Dr Alan D Steinman Fund for the Environment
Sen. Leon E. & Dzintra D. Stille Family Fund
Dee & David Stokes Family Fund
Dirk Stone Memorial Fund
Hadley & Bill Streng Family Fund
David & Sharon Swain Family Fund
Steven K. & Elizabeth M. Swanson Directed Fund
Dan & Ann Tabor Fund
Ted V John Charitable Fund
Kenneth D. & Mary L. Terpstra Family Fund
Theune Family Fund
Tri-Cities Kiwanis Club Fund
VanAnel Family Fund
John & Elaine Vander Kooi Family Fund
Roger & Lois Vander Meulen Family Fund
VanWoerkom Family Fund
Anthony & Monica Verplank Thriving Communities Fund
Gary & Victoria Verplank Fund for Spring Lake Water Quality
Kyle & Samantha Verplank Family Fund
Verplank Donor Advised Fund
Victoria Verplank Fund for Spring Lake Village Trees
Waanders Family Fund
Thomas A. & Caryle R. Wagasky Fund
Robert & Deborah Wagenmaker Family Fund
David H. & Patricia H. Walborn Fund
Wallinga Family Fresh Start Fund
Arlyn J. & Kathy K. Walt Donor Advised Fund
Robert & Jillayne Warners Family Fund
Weber Family Fund
West Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association Horticultural Education Fund
Curt & Terri Whiting Family Fund
Whiting - Bolthouse Family Advised Fund
Nancy & Warren Wildeman Fund
James & Diana Wright Fund
Sharon Yonker Spirit of Giving Fund
James & Louise Zevalkink Fund

Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest Funds focus on a particular cause or area of need—such as education, health, environment, or community development. The Foundation directs grants from these funds to the organizations and programs best positioned to address those priorities over time.

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
Dwight & Gloria Durkee Field of Interest Fund
Alyce R. Erickson Field of Interest Fund
Farmland Preserve Fund
Friends of Kandu Endowment Fund

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation

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 Heatlth & Wellness Fund
Gene & Sally Harbeck Fund
Healthy Seniors Healthy Youth Endowment Fund
Jerovsek Family Fund
Albert & Doris Knuth Memorial Fund for the Environment
Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance Endowment Fund

L.E.T. (Love, Enjoy, Teach) Fund
Craig Looman Fund
Fletcher Meekhof Food Fund
William H. Young & Dorothy Young Mixer Field of Interest Fund
North Bank Communities Fund
North Ottawa Area Community Coalition Fund
Lola M & Harry C Olsen Field of Interest Fund
Marie & Lloyd O'Neal Family Fund for Music
Reichardt Family Endowment Fund
Jim Schmidt Memorial Fund
Helene D. & Bernath P. Sherwood, Jr. Fund
Mary Ann Sherwood Families & Children Field of Interest Fund
Dirk Stone Vibrant Communities Field of Interest Fund
Tree Replacement Fund
Tri-Cities Chautauqua Field of Interest Fund
Tuesday Musicale Scholarship
United Way Fund for Human Services
Wayne VanAgtmael Field of Interest Fund
Mary Vivian Fund for the Arts
Cornelia B. Wagner & Ruth B. Hoek Fund
Margaret Lynn Wilson Fund
Zenko Family Field of Interest Fund

Greatest Needs Funds

Greatest Needs Funds provide flexible support for the most pressing and emerging needs in our community. These funds allow the Foundation to respond in real time by directing resources where they can have the greatest impact based on current data, community insight, and strategic priorities. Gifts to Greatest Needs Funds strengthen the Foundation’s ability to address challenges, invest in opportunities, and support initiatives that may not yet have dedicated funding.

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 Dykhouse Fund
Dr. Edgar & Gretchen Garrison Family Fund

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation
GHACF 40th Anniversary Greatest Needs Fund
GHACF 50th Anniversary Greatest Needs Fund
Greatest Needs Fund

John P. Harvey Fund
Kent M. & Freida Hastings Fund
Doris V. Johnson Fund
F. Martin Johnson Greatest Needs Fund
Roger & Susan Jonas Greatest Needs Fund
Jack & Joanne Kelley Greatest Needs Fund
Ausma Lanka Fund
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
L.J. "Midge" Verplank Community Impact Fund
Dorothy Mixer Unrestricted Fund
Henry Neitring Fund
Dr. Larry Poel Greatest Needs Fund
Judge Jacob & Betty Ponstein Fund
Fred Riplo Family Fund
Eugene "Gene" Rothi Community Fund
Dr. Harold Sheridan Fund
B. P. Sherwood, Jr. Trust Fund
Lynne Sherwood Fund
Marion A & Ruth K Sherwood Greatest Needs Fund
Marion A. Sherwood Family Fund
Ann Tabor Greatest Needs Fund
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

Organizational Funds

Organizational Funds are established by nonprofit organizations to support their long-term sustainability. The Foundation invests and manages these funds to provide a stable source of revenue for the organization’s mission.

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 Historical Museum Building Fund
Coopersville 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
Coal Tipple Restoration Fund
City of Grand Haven Waterfront Stadium Improvement Fund

Coast Guard Festival, Inc.
Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Fireworks Fund
Coast Guard Festival Fireworks Forever Fund
Midge Verplank Coast Guard Fireworks Fund

Coopersville Area District Library
Coopersville Area District Library Memorial Fund
Robert & Judy VanDongen Fund
Westrate Children's Library Endowment Fund

Coopersville Area Public Schools
Coopersville Area Public Schools Athletic Fund
Coopersville Education Fund
Coopersville Area Public Schools Peforming Arts Center Endowment Fund
Coopersville Area Public Schools

Coopersville Area Historical Society Non-Endowed Fund
Coopersville Cares Endowment Fund
Coopersville Farm Museum, Inc. Fund
FFA Agricultural Education & Leadership Fund
Coopersville Reformed Church Fund
Coopersville Rotary Club Field of Interest Fund
Covenant Life Church Endowed Fund
Crockery Township Fire Department Endowment Fund
Family LIFE Center of West Michigan Fund

First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven
Memorial Mission Fund Omega Fund

Four Pointes Center for Successful Aging
Janet R Briegel Non-Endowed Fund for Four Pointes
Four Pointes Endowed Fund

Four Pointes Non-Endowed Fund
Gail Ringelberg Special Needs Fund for Four Pointes

Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore Endowment Fund
Gracious Grounds Endowment Fund

Grand Haven Area Public Schools
Grand Haven High School Choir Endowment Fund
Grand Haven Area Public Schools Orchestra Endowment Fund
Jan Rempinski Memorial Scholarship for Vocal Music
Eugene "Gene" Rothi Memorial Athletic Endowment Fund

Grand Haven Christian School
Richard & Rosemary Geertsma Fund for GHCS
James & Wendy Onderlinde Family Fund for GHCS
Grand Haven Christian School Endowed Technology Fund
Kirsten Terborg Tuition Assistance Memorial Fund
Grand Haven Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund

Grand Haven DDA 7th Street Coast Guard Boat Fund

First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven
Grand Haven First Christian Reformed Church Endowed Fund
Grand Haven First Christian Reformed Church Non-Endowed Fund

Grand Haven Schools Foundation Endowment Fund
Harbor Humane Society Endowment Fund
Harbor Hospice Foundation Endowed Fund
Homeless Prevention Partners (Soup for All) Endowment Fund

Humanity for Prisoners
Humanity for Prisoners Endowment Fund
Humanity for Prisoners Legacy Fund

International Aid Endowment Fund
Lakeshore Baptist Church Fund
Lakeshore Pickleball Club Fund

Lakeshore Youth Recreation Association (SLJGA) Fund
Lamont Christian School Foundation Fund
Land Conservancy of West Michigan Fund

Loutit District Library
Loutit District Library Endowment Fund
Loutit District Library Non-Endowed Fund

Love In Action
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

Michigan Aviation Education Foundation
Michigan Aviation Education Fund
Michigan Aviation Education Foundation Fontana Fund

Midwest Miniature Museum Non-Endowed Fund

Mulligan's Hollow Ski Bowl Association
Ski Bowl Designated Endowment Fund
Ski Bowl Immediate Needs 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

Ottawa Area Intermediate School District
Challenge of Children Fund
OAISD Roerink Visual & Hearing Impaired
OAISD Special Education Fund

Silent Observer Fund
Miles of Smiles Endowment Fund

Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Department
Ottawa County Parks Nature Education Center Endowment Fund

Ray & Alma Statema Park Stewardship Fund	Tri-Cities Historical Museum Non-Endowed Fund
Ottawa County Parks Foundation Fund	Tri-Cities Strikers Soccer Club Endowment Fund
ODC Network Non-Endowed Fund	
People Center Endowment Fund	
Kenneth Ranta Fund for The Little Red House	Trinity Health Grand Haven
Reach for Recovery Endowment Fund	Karin Fowler Pastoral Care Training Fund
R.E.A.D. Endowment Fund	Mary's Wish Hospice Fund
Reel Perspectives Fund	Samuel L. Westerman Nursing Education Fund
Remembrance Reformed Church	United Methodist Church of Coopersville Memorial Fund
Remembrance Church Endowment Fund	
Remembrance Church Non-Endowed Fund	United Way
	Lakeshore Housing Alliance
Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence Fund	Homelessness Prevention Endowment Fund
Senior Resources of West Michigan Endowed Fund	Volunteer Center Endowment Fund
Mary Ann Sherwood Fund for Mosaic Counseling	Village of Spring Lake Summer Concert Series Endowment Fund
Spring Lake District Library Endowment Fund	Walden Green Montessori Endowment Fund
	West Michigan Academy for Arts & Academics Endowment Fund
Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association	West Michigan Agricultural Education Center Fund
Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association Endowed Fund	West Michigan Symphony Endowment Fund
Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association Immediate Needs Fund	Wetland Watch Environmental Education Fund
	Wright Tallmadge Firefighters Association Fund
Spring Lake Presbyterian Church Memorial Trust Fund	
Spring Lake Public Schools Foundation	
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	
Tri-Cities Family YMCA	
Tri-Cities Family YMCA Endowment Fund	C. Bennett Ainsworth Scholarship
Pete Hill Fund for Y Kids	Allendale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award Fund
Tri-Cities Historical Museum	Allendale Community Foundation Scholarship
Drake-Middlemist Heritage Fund	Jack Feldt Ambucs Memorial Fund
Tri-Cities Historical Museum Fund	

Lindsey Bakale Memorial Scholarship
Ray & Sue Barrett Scholarship
Charles (Charlie) A. Bassett Endowed Scholarship
Richard & Annette Bethke Education Fund
George Bitner Scholarship
Martin, Beverley, & Todd Bomers Memorial Scholarship
Chris Bradley Endowed Memorial Scholarship
Janet R. Briegel Scholarship
Dr. Fredrick B Brown Fund
James W. Jr. & Jane T. Brown Fund
Jack & Libby Bush Scholarship
Ronald C. Bush Memorial Scholarship
David & Mary Jo Busman Family Scholarship
Careerline Tech Center Paraprofessional Scholarship
Staci Cheadle Memorial Scholarship
Geri Coccodrilli Culinary Scholarship
Coopersville Scholarship
Craig Councilor & Valerie Guttowsky Scholarship
Alex Crum Scholarship
Dake Community Manufacturing Scholarship
David & Carol DeBlaey Scholarship Detter Family Foundation Education Scholarship
Detter Family Foundation Leaders in Mathematics & Science Scholarship
Ken & Barb DeWitt Scholarship
Dennis & Carol Dornbush Business Scholarship
Dennis & Carol Dornbush Healthcare Scholarship
David Day Eppelheimer Fund
Erickson Education Fund
Kevin Ernst Memorial Scholarship
Wallace K & Jane Ewing Scholarship
Bertha M. Fase Memorial Scholarship
Scott A. Flahive Memorial Scholarship
Floto-Peel Family Fund
Kenneth & Janis Formsma ESL Scholarship
John L. & Victory E. Frantz Scholarship
Friends of Loutit District Library Scholarship
Fugazzotto Scholarship for Visual Arts Students
Wilma Jean Fynewever Nursing Scholarship

Scholarship Funds

Scholarship Funds support students pursuing educational opportunities. These funds may be established to honor an individual, support a specific field of study, or assist students from a particular school or community, helping expand access to education and future success.

Gauthier Family Fund
GHACF Scholarship
Tom Gifford Scholarship
Grand Haven Offshore Challenge Scholarship
Grand Haven Rotary / Lynne Sherwood STRIVE Scholarship
Barbara & Nicole Heacox Foreign Study & Travel Fund
S. J. Hecksel Memorial Scholarship
Marjorie M. Hendricks Environmental Education Fund
Michael Herman Scholarship
Hierholzer-Fojtik Scholarship
J. R. Hilliard Memorial Scholarship
Vernon J. & Shirley M. Hipwell Family Music Scholarship
Hoffman Family Scholarship
Hofma Scholarship
Dale Janke Scholarship
Paul J. Laninga Memorial Scholarship
Larson - Veneklasen Outdoor Education Scholarship
Rick & Beverly Lattin Education Fund
Laughlin Family Scholarship
Jack W. Leatherman Family Fund
Leitner Family Fund
Caesy LeMieux Central-Mary A. White Schools PTA Fund
Loutit Foundation Scholarship
Pat & John MacTavish Fund
Mandy's Promise Scholarship
Ross McBride Scholarship
Mary E McGinnis Social Work Scholarship
Randal & Marilyn Mergener Scholarship
David James Merkle Memorial Scholarship
Kyle Moreland Memorial Scholarship
Melissa Skiera Myers Scholarship
Nelson Family Scholarship
North Bank Scholarship
North Ottawa Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship
Alyssa Olafson Memorial Scholarship
Charles A Conklin American Legion Auxiliary Unit #28
Kate Olsen Scholarship
Lola M. & Harry C. Olsen Scholarship
Roy & Joyce Overway Family Fund
Marvin R. & Pearl E. Patterson Family Scholarship

P.E.O. Chapter DS Scholarship
Pierce Family Legacy Scholarship
Dr Larry Poel Field of Medicine Scholarship
Edward & Barbara Post Family Scholarship
Terry Linda Potter Scholarship
David & Mary Race Vocational/Technical Scholarship
Richard & Barbara Race Scholarsip
David A. Reeves Scholarship
Frances Claire Reinecke Scholarship
Jacob L. Reinecke Memorial Scholarship
Daniel L. Reiss Memorial Scholarship
Lupita Reyes Scholarship
Harold & Eleanor Ringelberg Scholarship
Charles Robertson Scholarship for Education
Runsckke Family Scholarship
Charles & Eleanor Rycenga Education Fund
Millicent Mary Schaffner Endowed Memorial Scholarship
David & Jinny Schultz Family Fund
David & Sharon Seaver Family Scholarhsip in Memory of Tim D. Seaver
Del Shannon Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ken & Sandy Sharkey Family Scholarship
Susan Shattuck Scholarship for Future Nurses
Lynne Sherwood Scholarship
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Business Scholarship
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Current College Scholarship
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Education Scholarship
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Engineering Scholarship
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Medical Scholarship
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Michigan College Alliance Scholarship
Miller G. Sherwood Family Scholarship Fund
Spartanwill Scholarship
Spring Lake High School Social Studies Scholarship
Spring Lake Public Schools Foundation
Anonymous Alumnus of Spring Lake High School Scholarship
Mitz Hammond Hessmer Scholarship

Maryadele Sparks Scholarship
Lorraine VanBeukering Scholarship
Paul Wolbrink Scholarship
St. John's Lutheran Church & School Scholarship
St. Patrick's & St. Anthony's Church Scholarship
Frank & Virginia Such Memorial Scholarship Fund
Edward P. Suchecki Family Scholarship
Henry D. & Ruth G. Swartz Family Fund
Clifford & Hope Taylor Scholarship
Grace Thatcher Scholarship
J. Patrick Twa MemorialScholarship
H. Wayne VanAgtmael Cosmetology Scholarship
Marv VandenBosch Scholarship
Connie Van Schelven Memorial Scholarship
Norna Verplank & Tom Knight Performing Arts Scholarship
Norna Verplank & Tom Knight Swimming & Diving Scholarship
VFW Post 2326 Ward-Goff Memorial Scholarship
Arlyn J. Walt Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bob Warren & Carole Curry-Warren Scholarship
Waters' Family Scholarship
Valerie Watson Scholarship
West Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association Scholarship
Westra Bye Memorial & Art Education Scholarship
Louise Wachter Wickham Scholarship
Mary E. Wilsberg Scholarship
Women's Club of Grand Haven Scholarship
Daryn Renee Worpel Scholarship
Herman J. & Helen Wyngarden Memorial Scholarship
Zenko Family Fund
Leo Zupin Memorial Scholarship

A Future-Shaping Legacy

Stewardship is ultimately about the future.

It is about ensuring that the values and generosity of today continue to strengthen the community for generations to come. Through planned and legacy gifts, individuals and families partner with the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation to create lasting impact.

These commitments establish permanent resources that support the causes they care about most—helping ensure that opportunities, programs, and organizations continue to serve Northern Ottawa County long into the future.

Legacy Society

Members of the Foundation’s Legacy Society have chosen to include the community in their life’s story. Their generosity reflects a deep belief in this place and a shared commitment to investing in what comes next.

In the pages that follow, we pause to remember Legacy Society members who passed away in 2025 and honor the lasting impact of their generosity. We also recognize the many individuals whose legacy commitments will continue shaping the future of our community for generations to come.

We honor the memory of Legacy Society members David J. Klaassen, Pennie Robertson, David H. Schultz, and Carolyn M. Sturru, who passed away during the past year. Their generosity will continue to make a difference for generations to come. We look forward to celebrating their lives and legacies in a future publication.



Leonard “Len” Anderson

Leonard “Len” Anderson led by example, creating opportunities and success not only for himself but for the community as a whole. He believed in hands-on leadership with his philanthropy. Len grew up near the waterfront when there were minnow stands, coal piles, and old factories. His work to convert the factory at One South Harbor into a beautiful building was a catalyst for the development and beautification of the Waterfront. Additionally, Len was involved with many organizations, including the Grand Haven Schools Foundation, Rotary Club, Grand Haven Area Jaycees, and as a trustee of the Community Foundation. He cherished life, enjoying each moment spent outdoors, traveling, and especially with family. Len’s integrity, devotion, and compassion will continue to impact our community, and resonates within each individual who knew him.



Fred Bruhn

Fred Bruhn built a legacy grounded in education and community service. A lifelong Grand Haven resident, he dedicated his career to local schools as both a teacher and administrator. Fred was also deeply involved in community life. He volunteered for the Coast Guard Festival and helped lead fundraising efforts for a new festival building. Never one to shy away from hard work, he also contributed to local construction and housing projects and co-developed Swiss Village in Ferrysburg. Through his work in education and service, Fred’s impact continues to shape the community.



Claire Bryson

Claire Bryson brought warmth, wit, and grace to those around her. Known for her humor and thoughtful spirit, she had a remarkable ability to make others feel welcomed and valued. Claire served her community in many ways, including as a substitute teacher for Spring Lake Schools and as a member of the local library board. She also had a deep love for music, singing in local choirs, supporting St. John’s Episcopal Church’s music program, and championing music education in local schools. Her spirit created harmony wherever she went.



Barbara “Barb” De Witt

Barbara “Barb” De Witt lived a life filled with joy, generosity, and dedication to others. A lifelong resident of the Tri-Cities, she devoted her career to education as a Reading Specialist for Grand Haven Area Public Schools, helping countless students discover the joy of learning. Barb was also deeply involved in community life through Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and organizations including Grand Haven PEO, 100 Women Who Care, and the Momentum Center. Her bright spirit and love for others continue to shine through the lives she touched.



Gloria J. Durkee

Gloria Durkee held a deep appreciation for the natural world. A lifelong resident of West Michigan, she and her husband Dwight found joy in the beauty that surrounded them. Gloria especially loved spending time outdoors through walks, birdwatching, and tending her garden. Throughout her life, Gloria believed in caring for the natural environment and the animals that share it with us. Through her estate, a field of interest fund was established to support organizations that advocate for and care for animals across Ottawa and Muskegon counties, ensuring that her love for nature continues for generations.



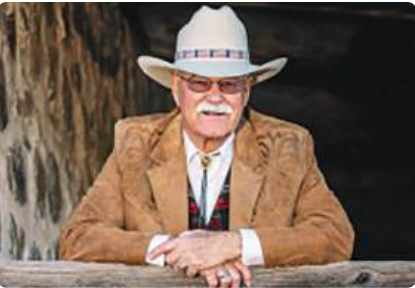
Carl Jesser

Carl Jesser devoted his life to family, service, and community. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he returned home and became a dedicated leader within the Allendale community. Carl worked in the credit union industry and volunteered extensively. He served on the Allendale Planning Commission, was an active member of the Lions Club, and remained deeply involved in his church. As a member of the Allendale Community Foundation Advisory Board, Carl helped guide resources toward the community’s greatest needs.



Joanne Kelley

Joanne Kelley was known for her genuine kindness and dedication to others. After settling in Grand Haven in 1970 with her husband Jack, she quickly became an active member of the Tri-Cities community. Joanne helped establish volunteer programs supporting Hospice and North Ottawa Community Health, now Trinity Health. She also enjoyed sailing and golf and was a longtime member of the Grand River Sailing Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and Spring Lake Country Club. Through the establishment of a Greatest Needs Fund, Joanne ensured her generosity will continue supporting the evolving needs of the community she loved.



Sanford “Mark” Kelley

Mark Kelley was known for his integrity, kindness, and commitment to service. His time in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War shaped his lifelong dedication to supporting fellow veterans. Mark helped establish the Michigan Chapter of Folds of Honor and remained active in community service through Rotary and other local initiatives. He also supported the Special Education department at Grand Haven Area Public Schools. Through his leadership and generosity, Mark made a lasting difference in the lives of many.



Evelyn Morford

Evelyn Morford dedicated her life to caring for others. After graduating from Grand Haven High School, she became a registered nurse and served patients in local hospitals throughout her career. Evelyn also helped educate future nurses and contributed to the development of nursing programs. Her commitment to service extended through her volunteer work with St. John’s Episcopal Church, Four Pointes, and Tri-Cities Ministries, now Mosaic Counseling. A five-time recipient of the Michigan Medicare Assistance Program Award for volunteer service, Evelyn’s compassion and dedication to helping others remain a lasting part of her legacy.



James “Jim” Olthoff

James “Jim” Olthoff lived a life defined by gratitude, generosity, and service. He cherished time spent with family and friends, especially at their cottage and during travels with his wife, Ruthann. Jim remained deeply engaged in the community through St. John’s Episcopal Church and organizations including the YMCA, Spring Lake Country Club, and the Muskegon Lions Club, where he served as president. He also supported numerous local organizations and preservation efforts, helping ensure they continue to serve future generations. Jim’s kindness, community spirit, and commitment to giving back leave a lasting legacy in the lives he touched.



Matthew Pellegrom

Matthew Pellegrom lived a life rooted in dedication to his hometown. Born and raised in Grand Haven, he remained deeply connected to the community throughout his life. Alongside his wife, Joyce, a longtime educator with Grand Haven Area Public Schools, Matthew supported the people and places that made the community special. He proudly served as a member of the Grand Haven Sons of the American Legion and championed preservation efforts at local landmarks, including the Catwalk, Coal Tipple, and North Ottawa Dunes. An avid photographer, Matthew also enjoyed capturing the beauty of everyday moments. His love for Grand Haven and commitment to community continue to inspire those who knew him.



Ted A. Poulton

Ted Poulton brought energy, humor, and curiosity to everyday life. He embraced new passions with enthusiasm, whether sailing, traveling, or dancing. Ted also dedicated his time to community service through organizations including the West Shore Symphony Orchestra, Grand Haven Area United Way, North Ottawa Community Hospital, and the Tri-Cities Family YMCA. His joyful spirit and appreciation for life’s moments created a legacy of kindness that continues to inspire those who knew him.

Legacy Society Members

Dr. Tom Alguire	Janet Ernst	Margaret LeMieux	Ken & Sandra Sharkey
Don & Cindy Anderson	Jon & Glenda Eshleman	Robert & Karen Lemmen	William & Susan Shattuck
Wanda Anderson	Steve & Mary Jane Evink	Jane Leonard & John Cook	John Shears
Paula Baas	Wallace "Wally" & Jane Ewing	Dale & Lori Lieffers	Mary Sheridan
David Baas	Charles & Patricia Fisher	James MacLachlan	B.P. "Budge" Sherwood
Howie & Tammy Bailey	Jenny Forner	Angelo & Laura Marasco	Karen Sherwood
William & Mary Baker	John & Kathryn Fortino	Josh & Jessica Marcero	Karen Shields
Steve & Kathryn Bandstra	Patrick & Robin Fraker	Michael & Mari McKeough	Dorothy Sikkema
Mary Jo Bassett	Barbara Fugazzotto	Nina McKeough Reed & Mont Reed	Terry & Val Sikma
Charles "Chad" Bassett II	Edward "Tony" Gage	Damon & Kimberly McLaughlin	Gerald & Linda Slagel
Paul Bedient	Robert & Jill Garrison	Larry & Anne McLaughlin	Robert Sluka
William & Carolyn Benes	Tom Gifford	Douglas McNeil	Gary & Jorri Smith
Dottie Bennink	Edward & Laura Grafton	Frank & Sandra Mercurio	Julie Smydra
Patrick Berg	Michael & Priscilla Gregels	Dr. Bart & Anne Merkle	Michael Snodgrass & Linda Shores
Jeffrey & Tammy Beswick	Randy & Nancy Grevel	Bob & Donnell Mersereau	Rev. Rick & Mary Ann Snyder
Mark & Susan Blauvelt	Wayne & Aaron Haight	Jean Mesler	Marlene Spoelman
Kitty Blessing	Edward & Nancy Hanenburg	Nancy Middlebrook	Lawrence & Helen Stephanie Staab
Mary Jane Boettcher	Janet Harestad	Jeffrey Miller & Margot Van Dis	Tyler Stafford
Dr. Norman & Carolyn Boeve	Steve & Tami Harvey	Dr. James Moore & Patricia Eddington Moore	Alma Statema
T. Arnold & Lynne Boezaart	Ruth Hecksel	Dr. Arianna Morales & Stacey Cassis	Jim & Sheila Steffel
The Hon. Calvin & Evelyn Bosman	John & Meghan Heritage	Darell & Phyllis Moreland	Kent & Bonnie Suchecki
Barbara Boyer	Shirley Hipwell	Steve & Sandra Moreland	Ruth Suchecki
Tom Braciak	Andrew & Alice Hoban	Dr. Donald Moss	Dennis & Carol Swartout
Patricia Briegel	Albert & Charyn Hoffman	Peter & Sheila Murdoch	Dr. Dan & Ann Tabor
Budd & Melinda Brink	Steve & Joy Hohmeyer	Charles & Nancy Nagtzaam	Jim & Ruth Tanis
James & Jane Brown	Judith Hooyenga	John & Kathryn Nash	Philip & Mary Kay Taylor
John Bryson	James & Debra Hovinga	Raymond & Barbara Nelson	James Teitsma
Nancy Jacobson Bueche & David Bueche	Paul & Diana Hugo	Vicki Olafson	Kenneth & Mary Terpstra
Cheri Bultje	Sherry Jackoboice	Matthew & Kathryne Olds	Guy & Alisha Terrill
Ron Bultje	Tom & Barb Jackoboice	Greg & Jeanine Oleszczuk	Judy Theune
Dr. Paul & Denise Busman	Mary Jacobson	Ruthann Olthoff	Joseph & Carol Uridil
Kevin Carbary & Carol Alexander	Nelson & Lana Jacobson	Dr. Kevin & Patricia O'Neill	Donna VandenBerg
Nancy Carlyle	Bari Johnson	Roy Overway	John Vander Kooi
Cynthia Casemier	Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson	Timothy & Jill Parker	Marianne VanEenenaam
Andy & Joyce Cawthon	Holly & Erick Johnson	Eileen & Dan Paull	Dale & Susan VanZantwick
Joseph & Cheryl Clark	The Hon. Susan & Roger Jonas	Elizabeth Peel	Ron & Beth Veldman
Margaret Coffey	Jeff & Kelli Jullie	Steve Pekich	Elinore "Norna" Verplank
Michael Cook	Jim & Mary Keating	Anita Pellegrom	Kyle & Samantha Verplank
Craig Councilor & Valerie Guttowsky	Katy Keck	Marsha Peterson	Tony & Monica Verplank
Harold & Cindy Crane	J. Gregg & Mary Keeton	John & Mary Planteroth	Jean Verseput
Dr. Kennard & Wendy Creason	Joanne Kelley	Dr. Larry Poel	Robert & Deborah Wagenmaker
Tom & Michelle Creswell	Kristine Kelley	Coreen Porter	David Walborn
Mr. Scott Curtis	Barbara Kelso	The Hon. Edward & Barbara Post	Ruth Wallinga
Carol DeBlaey	Janice Kinane	Shirley Poulton	Dr. Walter & Daphne Weber
Dr. Terry & Sandi DeGroot	Philip & Jane King	Joseph & Nancy Prinzi	Rev. Randy & Sally Weener
Daniel & Brenda DeVeau	Thomas & Kimberly Kitchen	Robert & Andrea Rander	Amy West
Barbara DeWitt	Kurt & Jennifer Klaassen	Bill & Aileen Redeker	Andrew Wheeler
Denise DeWys-Gilbert	Scott Klaassen	John Field Reichardt	David & Mary Whiting
Ralph DeYoung	Betsy Kleist	Thomas & Gretchen Reinsma	Terri Whiting
James & Dulce Doss	Tom Knight	Rosanne Reiss	Annette Whitney
James & Megan Doss	Robert & Lois Koch	Dr. Gary Robertson	Warren & Nancy Wildeman
Joyce Draft	Dr. Raymond & Betsy Komray	David Rolstone & Virginia Dornbos	Leslie Wills
Dr. Arno & Judith Driedger	Keith & Patricia Konarska	Rolstone	David & Karen Young
Barbara & Dennis Dryer	Candy Kraker	Dr. Lloyd Rotz	Rosemary Zink
Myrna Duthler	Scott & Madonna Kramer	Dr. Sylvia & Ron Ruscett	Michael & Sasha Zolik
James & Marla Dykstra	Ken Lahey	Robert & Roberta Sabine	Douglas & Janice Zuidema
Nancy Dzierzawski	Keith & Bernice Lamkin	Daniel & Carol Scanlan	Marian Zupin
David & Mary Eagin	Thomas & Jacquelin Laughlin	James Schmidt & Karen West	
Martha "Marty" Erickson	Philip & Betty Leech	Carol Scholler	
	Duane Leet	David Seaver	

Stewardship that Sustains Impact

Strong communities are built not only through generosity, but through the careful stewardship of the resources entrusted to them.

At the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, managing investments means more than overseeing financial assets. It is a commitment to stewarding every resource—financial, human, and relational—with discipline, transparency, and long-term vision across Northern Ottawa County and the communities we serve alongside our affiliate partners.

Focused on the Future, Together

In 2025, that stewardship continued through a balanced and collaborative approach. We worked to ensure the strength and growth of financial assets, guided by disciplined investment strategies and in partnership with trusted advisors. At the same time, we honored the vital role of those who give their time and expertise—our Board of Trustees, committees, councils, and affiliate leaders—whose collective leadership helps guide decisions and uphold our responsibility to the community. This work extends beyond a single organization. Through our partnerships with the Allendale Community Foundation and the Coopersville Area Community Foundation, stewardship is strengthened by local insight, shared governance, and a deep understanding of the communities we serve together.

The pages that follow reflect this shared commitment:

- **Financial Stewardship** highlights our audited financials and the disciplined management of assets that make long-term impact possible.
- **Affiliate Foundations** shares the impact of our partners in Allendale and Coopersville, whose leadership and local perspective extend this work across our region.
- **People and Governance** recognizes the individuals across our Foundation and affiliate partners who contribute their time, expertise, and leadership to guide this work.

This is stewardship in its fullest form—thoughtful, collaborative, and focused on the future.

Audited Financial Statement

We take pride and work hard to manage the resources entrusted to us responsibly.

17.6% **Rate of return**
through December 31, 2025

Assets	
Cash & Equivalents	\$3,016,775
Investments	\$222,436,839
Programmatic Investments	\$4,750,000
Notes Receivable	\$39,915,317
Other Assets	\$99,155
Property & Equipment	\$3,516,037
Total Assets	\$273,734,123
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$5,595
Grants Payable	\$461,985
Charitable Gift Annuities Payable	\$78,435
Funds Held as Agency	\$15,353,510
Total Liabilities	\$15,899,525
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$257,834,598
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$273,734,123

Allendale Community Foundation

Investing in Education and Opportunity

The Allendale Community Foundation brings together local leadership, generosity, and vision to support the evolving needs of the Allendale community. With a strong focus on education and opportunity, this work reflects a commitment to investing in people and ideas that strengthen the community both now and into the future. Guided by a dedicated local advisory board and supported by the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, these efforts ensure that resources are stewarded thoughtfully and with purpose.

Allendale Advisory Board



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Hadaas Brower



Aaron Cole-Rouser



John Dice

44

Total Funds
(including FASB funds)

\$5,698,355

Total Assets

36

Total Funds
(excluding FASB funds)

\$8,944

Awarded to Teacher
Mini-Grants

\$139,663

Total Grants Awarded
(includes scholarships
but not interfund grants)

2

New Funds in 2025

Allendale Community Foundation

ACF 2025 Competitive Grants

- 51% - Education - \$14,195
- 49% - Health & Human Services - \$13,742

\$27,938 Competitive Grants Awarded in 2025

Grants by Fund Type

Organizational Funds plus Non FASB	\$80,224
Affiliate Competitive Grant Program	\$27,936
Designated Funds	\$14,889
Scholarship Funds	\$13,614
Donor-Advised Funds	\$3,000
Total	\$139,663



Teacher Mini-Grant Program

Through its Teacher Mini-Grant Program, the Allendale Community Foundation invests directly in classrooms by providing educators with resources to bring innovative ideas to life. **These grants support hands-on learning, creative exploration, and enhanced educational experiences for students across the district.**

By empowering teachers to lead and innovate, the program reflects a broader commitment to education and to supporting students as they learn, grow, and prepare for the future.

Coopersville Area Community Foundation

Connecting Youth and Community

The Coopersville Area Community Foundation brings together local leadership, generosity, and community pride to support the unique character and needs of Coopersville. With an emphasis on youth engagement and community connection, this work reflects a belief that strong communities are built through participation, access, and shared experiences. Supported by the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, local advisors help ensure that resources are guided by the voices and priorities of the community.

Coopersville Advisory Board



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Shana Hansma



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Randy Laug



Amy Rowland

91

Total Funds
(including FASB funds)

78

Total Funds
(excluding FASB funds)

\$16,930

Total
Awarded through CAYAC

\$14,334,349

Total Assets

1

New Fund in 2025

Coopersville Area Community Foundation

CACF 2025 Competitive Grants

- 59% - Health & Human Services - \$13,763
- 30% - Education - \$7,127
- 11% - Arts & Culture - \$2,626

\$23,516 Competitive Grants Awarded in 2025

Grants by Fund Type

Donor-Advised Funds	\$165,172
Designated Funds	\$144,319
Scholarship Funds	\$37,093
Organizational Funds plus Non FASB	\$29,429
Affiliate Competitive Grant Program	\$23,516
CACF Youth Fund	\$16,930
Total	\$416,459



Coopersville Area Youth Advisory Council (CAYAC)

The Coopersville Area Youth Advisory Council (CAYAC) is made up of high school students who meet throughout the school year to identify and address issues impacting youth in their community. Through discussion and review of grant proposals, students recommend funding for projects that support their peers and strengthen the community. Guided by advisor Kelly Rupert of Coopersville Area Public Schools, **CAYAC empowers students to lead and create meaningful, youth-driven impact.**

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Grand Haven Area Community Foundation

Volunteer Leadership That Strengthens Our Community

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation's Board of Trustees provides strategic direction, fiduciary oversight, and stewardship of the charitable resources entrusted to the Foundation.

Through their volunteer leadership, trustees help ensure the Foundation remains focused on its mission while creating opportunities for lasting community impact.

“It has been a privilege to serve as a board member of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. I am proud of the work the Foundation does to make West Michigan a better place to live, now and for future generations. The Foundation brings together the best of the community - people, resources and hearts, to make our home a wonderful place for all of us. I encourage everyone who calls this area home, to get involved with the Foundation to make an impact on our community.”

Mary Carole Cotter
GHACF Board of Trustees Chair

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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, Renee Denslow and Terry Nash, we’d like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing board members, Mary Carole Cotter and Dr. David Swain.



Renee Denslow



Terry Nash

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation

The Team Behind the Mission

Every grant, scholarship, fund, gift, event, and community partnership is made possible by a dedicated team committed to serving donors, nonprofits, students, and community members throughout Northern Ottawa County.

GHACF Team



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Together in 2025, our team helped:

- **Steward** 732 active charitable funds
- **Process** 1,466 gifts from generous donors
- **Inspire** \$52.7 million in charitable giving
- **Invest** almost \$10 million back into our community through grants
- **Partner** with 365 Legacy Society members to create lasting impact

Thank You for Your Continued Support

We are so grateful to our founders, trustees, staff, for-impact partners, and generous donors. Give your support to an existing fund at the Grand Haven Area, Allendale, or Coopersville Area Community Foundation. Your continued support helps to positively impact this community we all love, For **good**. For **all**. **Forever**. We appreciate you!

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