

THE LEGACY

2022 MAGAZINE & ANNUAL REPORT



» Women's Initiative

From its start, the Women's Initiative Fund was one of the Foundation's largest endowments.

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A message from the CEO



ON THE COVER

These eight women are current and former chairs of the Women's Initiative. L-R: Linda Coyne, Shannon Vautrin Browne, Erika Ross, Leah Rau, Janet Maar Strickler, Cheryl Gaudard, Judy French Smith and Darcy Orlik.

It's a little strange to be writing an intro for an annual report covering a time when I wasn't here. Regardless, my feelings for the Foundation are boundless. I have been nothing but amazed the last seven months by the amount of work our small but mighty staff and expansive team of volunteers complete. All our efforts help achieve our mission, which in short, is to do good work for the citizens of Isabella County.

Economically, 2022 was turbulent. You'll see a dip in our investment earnings compared to previous years, but that should not give you pause for concern. We still generated significant impact in our community, and you'll find proof of that on every page of this magazine. I'm pleased to report, today, we are nearly back to our record assets of 2021.

I hope when you read through these pages you feel a sense of pride and inspiration. These are two emotions I feel daily, along with gratitude for you — our donors, volunteers, staff, board members, emeritus trustees and community. It's wonderful to have a job I enjoy so much, knowing all of us, together, are making a positive impact in the community we care so deeply about.

Thank you to everyone who has come before me and to all of you currently supporting and working with the Foundation. We are stronger and touch far more lives because of your support.

- ALYSHA PASQUALI
CEO/COO



Go behind the scenes to see

THE MOMENTUM



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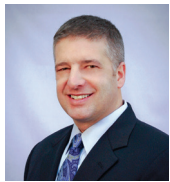
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Meet those dedicated *and the*

A small but mighty team

serves those who create and donate to the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation endowments that support the residents of Isabella County and advance the communities where all of us live and work.

Three of four staff members are new in 2023. One is the stabilizing force, link to institutional knowledge, and go-to resource for benefactors, grant applicants and community leaders.

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- COURTNEY JEROME MEDIA



***ALYSHA PASQUALI**
CEO and COO

Alysha brought a strong background in fundraising, marketing and nonprofit organizations to the Foundation when she was named its leader in March.

- » Was director of strategic philanthropy at WCMU Public Media for seven years. Formerly was a fundraiser for CMU Libraries, College of Business Administration and Athletics.
- » Has been a resident of Mt. Pleasant since high school. Her father, Jay Anders, was CEO of Isabella Community Credit Union and was a Community Foundation trustee.
- » Is a generous MPACF donor, along with her husband, attorney Mark Pasquali. In 2022, they also paid off school lunch balances for students in Mt. Pleasant and Mark's Upper Peninsula hometown of L'Anse.
- » Has been president of the local Rotary Club and received the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce Eagle Award in 2021.
- » Has a dog named Winston, aka Peanut, and cats, Lidia Bastianich, named for the Italian-American celebrity TV chef, and Aldena Frankalucci, named for Mark's great aunt.

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***TERA ALBRECHT**
Administrative Officer

Tera brought expertise in customer service and education to the Foundation this summer when she succeeded Nancy Wheeler as the Foundation's administrative officer.

- » Was director of recruitment at Northwestern Mutual; had been associate athletic director for student-athlete services, along with other academic roles at Central Michigan University, for 20 years.
- » Born and raised in Sandusky, Michigan.
- » Started the David W. and Judith A. Albrecht Family Scholarship Fund with her family to honor her parents and support Sanilac County youth and education.
- » Is the youth and family ministry coordinator at Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant and is involved with the local youth group, Compass Point.



***TERRENCE STALLWORTH JR**
Communications and Donor Stewardship Officer

Terrence is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in public relations and a minor in advertising. He joined the Foundation in March to tell its stories and recognize donors and their impact on the community and its residents.

- » Worked for CMU departments such as CM Life and Health and Physical Education; was a campus ambassador for the Office of Admissions and received its first Campus Ambassador of the Year award.
- » Grew up in the City of Detroit.
- » Created two award-winning radio drama stories as a research assistant in the College of Broadcasting and Cinematic Arts.
- » Has a black belt in Taekwondo and was an instructor for all ages.



***JAIMIE CAPEN-CASCADDAN**
Program Officer

Jaimie has been with the Foundation since 2019, providing support related to grant and scholarship applications, forms and reports, as well as nonprofit capacity-building resources and training. She also has expertise in grant writing, fundraising and event management.

- » Has been a resident of mid Michigan for much of her life and moved back to the area in 2019 with her husband, Dillon.
- » Was previously the development coordinator for the Greater Michigan Muscular Dystrophy Association and had philanthropic roles at the Michigan Humane Society and Leader Dogs for the Blind.
- » Is an animal welfare advocate and enjoys fostering animals; she has two rescue dogs named Sassy Pickles and Gracie.

THREE INDIVIDUALS STEPPED FORWARD



Bob and Nancy Wheeler,
Amanda Schafer helped
shape, grow MPACF

A community foundation's impact is only as strong as its team members, volunteers and donors. And so it is with great appreciation that we recognize three individuals who have been integral in making the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation what it is today.

All have stepped away from their formal roles, yet continue to support the Foundation and community in myriad ways.

Amanda Schafer



» AMANDA SCHAFER

Amanda led the Foundation as chief executive and operating officer for 13 years. Before stepping down in November 2022, she expanded donor relationships, grew the Foundation's endowment and raised its profile as a key voice on issues important to county residents.

The Foundation in 2021 surpassed the \$30 million mark in assets and climbed past \$10 million in total grants awarded during its 31-year history.

Amanda was a champion for creation of the William and Janet Strickler Nonprofit Center, where organizations coordinate, develop and provide services and basic necessities to individuals and families.

“Amanda pushed us to new heights,” 2023 Board Chair Marcie Otteman said. “Her commitment to all citizens of Isabella County — today and for generations to come — is unwavering.”

Amanda started the Schafer Community Impact Fund with her family in 2015, noting that all of us can be philanthropists and take action to support the community.

» **NANCY WHEELER**

What started as volunteering 23 years ago turned into a career when Nancy became the first administrative officer of the Foundation. From working in the back of a rented building to being a key player in the Hersee House, Nancy’s responsibilities grew with the Foundation.

She started as the point of contact for donors, grantees and community members. When she retired in July, she provided administrative and financial leadership, supported the CEO and Board committees, and assisted with events.

Nancy took special pride in working with the Youth Advisory Committee, helping with early morning “flamingo flocking,” for example, and quietly sharing wisdom with students.

“Nancy was an outstanding staff member because of her passion for the organization and donors, attention to detail, institutional knowledge, and caring heart,” Trustee Steve Pung said.

Nancy and Bob have an endowed fund in memory of their son, Andy, and another that supports the Boy Scouts of America.

» **ROBERT WHEELER**

Bob was a founding member of MPACF, working by day as a banker and at night with a group of individuals to launch the Foundation in 1990. He remained on its Board until December, 2022 — its longest-serving member — and then served as interim CEO through March of 2023.

Bob remains active in the Community Foundation and serves on the facilities committee.

Bob was named Mt. Pleasant’s Citizen of the Year in 2012 and is an active member and past president of the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club.

“Bob has boundless compassion for our community and the Foundation,” 2022 Board Chair Cheryl Gaudard said. “He stepped forward with characteristic benevolence, accepting the interim CEO role yet refusing compensation for it.”



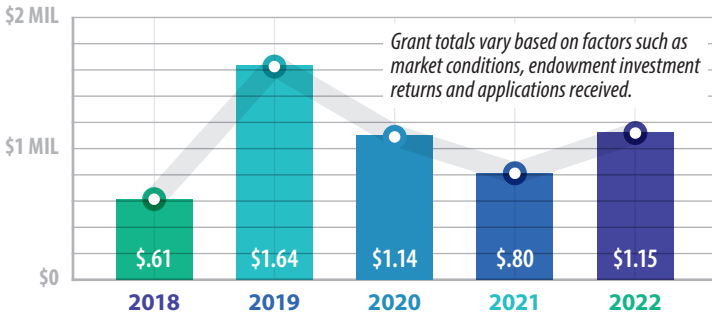
Nancy & Bob Wheeler

Foundation grants \$1.15 million to support Isabella County residents

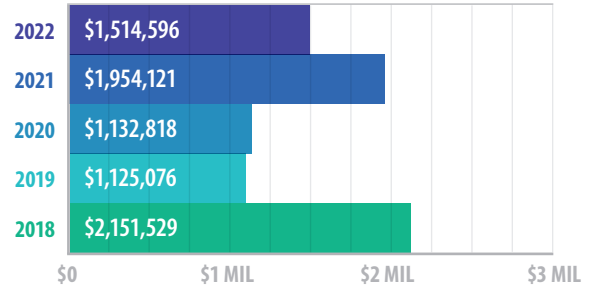
The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation supported residents and communities across Isabella County with more than \$1.15 million in grants in 2022. Eighty percent of the total funding helped advance volunteerism, human services, education, community and economic development, and health.

The following data shows five-year results, buffeted by factors such as stock market fluctuations and the COVID pandemic.

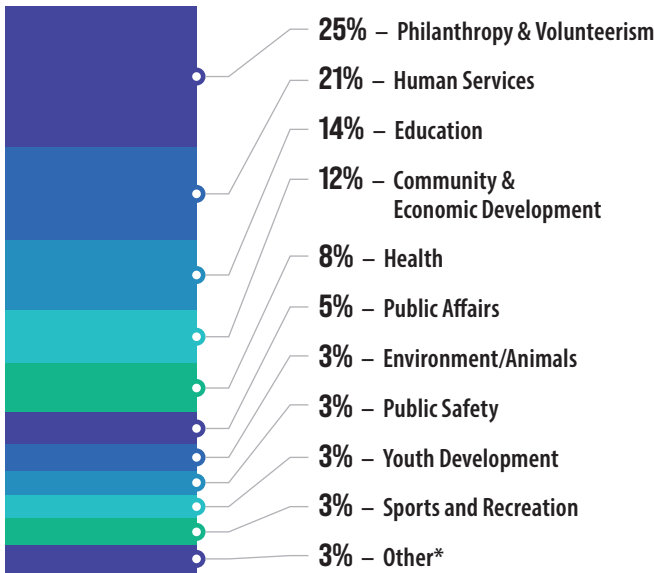
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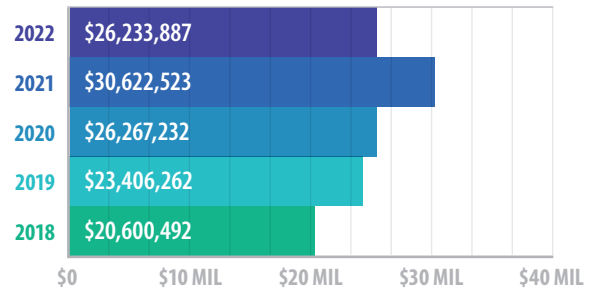


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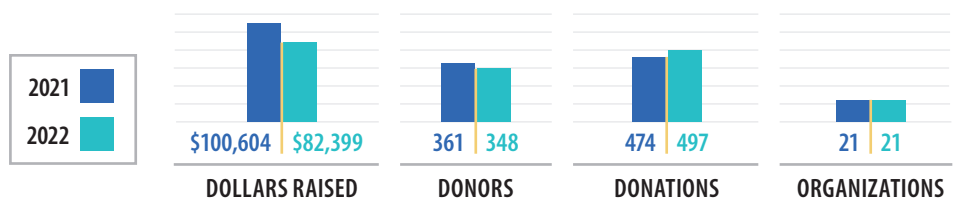


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The 24-hour fundraising event that helps local charitable organizations grow their endowments



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The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation is the hub of local philanthropy and a catalyst for positive impact on all citizens of Isabella County. Through the generosity of donors and the endowments they support, the Foundation works to enhance our communities and quality of life, now and for generations to come.

Unless otherwise directed by donors, all contributions

are invested and preserved forever. The annual investment earnings are awarded to community initiatives, projects and scholarships. Since its founding in 1990, the Foundation has returned more than \$10 million to the community.

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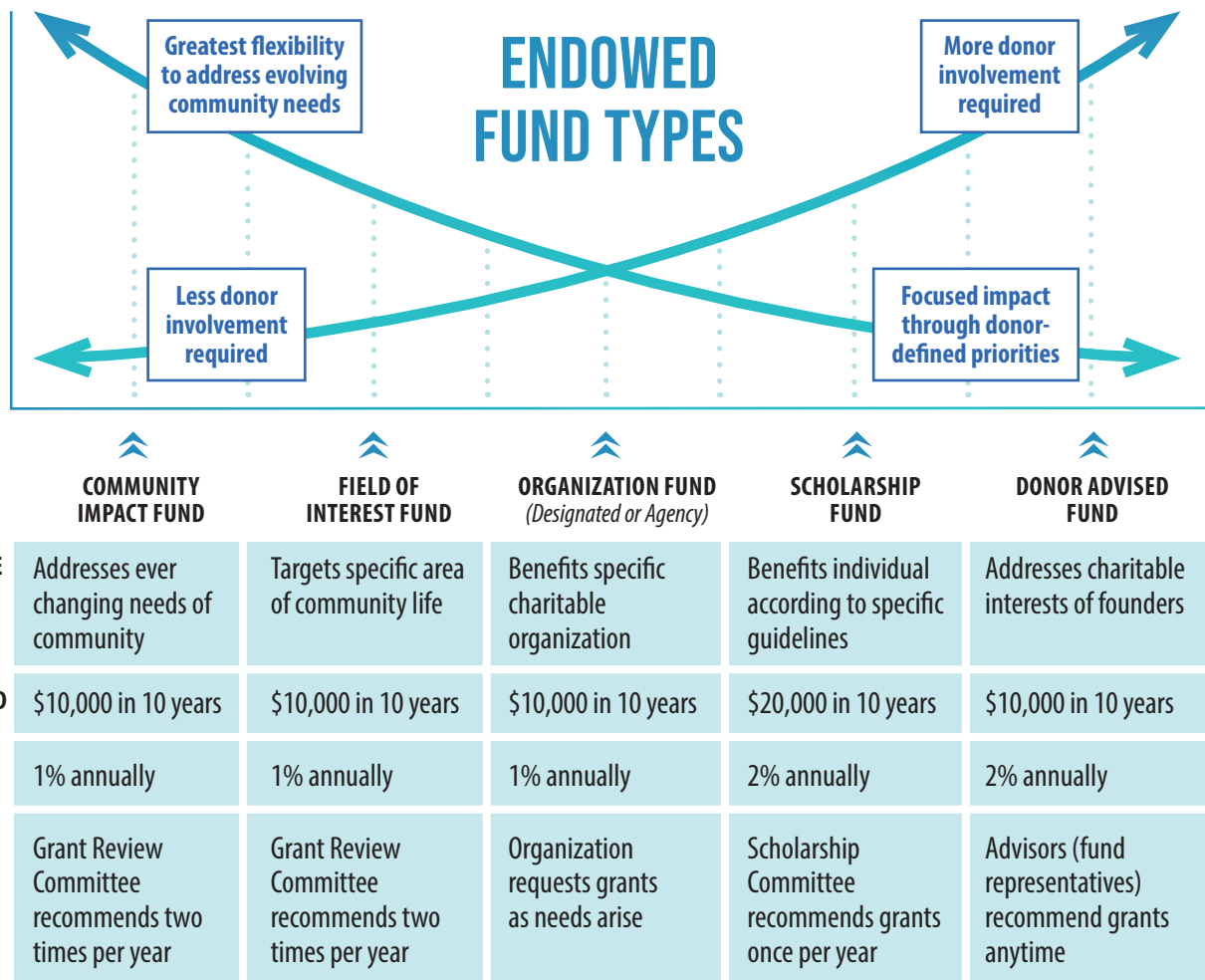
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Women *helping* women and girls

A look at 20 years of impact

From its start, the Women's Initiative Fund was one of the Foundation's largest endowments.

A small but mighty group of local female influencers decided 20 years ago to amplify the voices and impact of women. They set a goal of raising \$50,000 to create an endowment dedicated to advancing women and girls.

They turned to their female friends, some of whom made their first-ever philanthropic decisions. They gave — generously — to the Women's Initiative Fund, created in 2003 through the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation.

Four weeks later, they exceeded the goal, raising \$80,000 for what was then the Foundation's largest endowment fund.

Supporters of the Women's Initiative have since given more than \$450,000 to the fund. Its value as of Aug. 31, 2023 stood at \$633,732, putting it to this day among the top 10 largest endowments.

As an endowment, all contributions to the fund remain in it forever. Two decades of investment earnings, however, have funded nearly \$170,000 in grants to local organizations, initiatives and programs that support women and girls.

"We started the endowment in the midst of incredible momentum," Women's Initiative co-founder Judy French Smith said. "Women were feeling more confident in the workplace, speaking up about their careers, and yes, giving money to their communities and favorite causes more than ever before."

Judy created the Women's Initiative with Kay Krapohl Smith, daughter of Bob Krapohl, who started Krapohl Ford & Lincoln with his brother, Harold.

Both Judy and Kay were community champions, although they had different circles of friends and divergent political views. (They were not related.)

"It's always important to work with people who have different views, talents, personalities and



▲ Co-founders, Kay Krapohl Smith (left) and Judy French Smith (right)

interests, because then creativity, connections and impact are at their greatest," Judy said.

"Kay and I became fast friends, finding solidarity in the shared belief that we have an obligation to help others overcome challenges and live their best lives," she said. "Kay and I are proof that different views are OK. There's always common ground that fuels action for common good."

When Kay passed away in 2008, five years after starting the Women's Initiative, Judy and other leaders kept going, partly in her honor.





Our efforts include helping girls learn about jobs in science, for example, and **helping women to have higher career and self-care goals.**

JANET MAAR STRICKLER,
former co-chair of the Women's Initiative

Committee members, MPACF trustees, staff and grant recipients celebrate \$17,000+ of impact in 2020/2021. ❖



« Janet Maar Strickler and Judy French Smith with 2019 Look Who's Talking speaker, author Kris Landry

They started an annual social event called Kay's Day that in 2021 became Kay's Way — a supply drive to collect personal products for women and children for distribution through Clothing INC and The Care Store.

By its second year, Kay's Way generated \$7,500 in financial donations and thousands of needed items for women and girls. Those items filled two trucks at Krapohl Ford & Lincoln and at Weichert Realtors - Broadway Realty.

And each year, Krapohl General Manager Mark Smith, Kay's son and a Community Foundation trustee, designates a day on which he donates every penny customers spend for oil changes at the Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center to the drive.

"Fifty percent of people in Isabella County live in poverty. That's huge," said Linda Coyne, who is among those who have succeeded Judy and Kay as a co-chair of the Women's Initiative. "It's why the Women's Initiative is so important. We have 900 people on our mailing list, from all walks of life — people who care about others and give to support them." ➡



The Women's Initiative spearheads three major efforts each year:

- » **SPRING AND FALL GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS** to organizations that apply for funding to address the needs of women and girls.
- » **KAY'S WAY**, a drive each May to collect supplies for women and girls and distributed through organizations such as The Care Store, Clothing INC and the William Ellis Brockman Infant Pantry.
- » **LOOK WHO'S TALKING**, a luncheon event each October with an inspirational keynote speaker.

Nearly \$170,000 in grants have helped women and girls live healthy, safe and supported



Impact: Diapers for babies.
Postpartum mental health support.
Middle school mentoring.

Impact: Girls on the Run outdoor healthy living programs. Feminine hygiene products for those who can't afford monthly supplies. Therapy for women sexually abused as children.



Impact: Coats and boots for women and girls. Travel assistance for female cancer patients. Child safety education for moms.

During the past 20 years, the Women's Initiative endowment fund has changed the lives of countless women and girls through nearly \$170,000 in grants.



Two dozen charitable organizations have received 74 grants. They range in size from \$200 for new tricycles for the Isabella Child Development Center to \$10,000 for a new women's locker room at the Martin ICE Arena and \$10,000 for feminine hygiene products available through The Care Store.

"The Women's Initiative exists to ensure girls and women, from the time they're babies through their teens and adulthood, have access to the supplies, support, resources and knowledge they need to live," Community Foundation CEO Alysha Pasquali said.

"This is about living healthy, safely and without challenges — often financial — that crush our ability to be happy, productive citizens. The Women's Initiative changes lives and makes Isabella County a more vibrant community," Pasquali said.



Have a program or service *in need of funding?*

Organizations seeking funds for programs and services focused on women and girls are encouraged to review the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's grant application webpage via this QR code. The Foundation has spring and fall grant cycles, typically with May and September deadlines. To discuss your ideas or questions, please email **Jaimie Capen-Cascaddan**, our program officer, at jcapen@mpacf.org.



Books, boots and coats are three of many ways women and girls benefit from the Women's Initiative.

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YAC directs nearly three-quarters of a million dollars to *local youth*



Kellogg Youth Fund is among the largest Community Foundation endowments

Investment earnings from the Kellogg Youth Fund have funneled more than \$700,000 into the community since the endowment’s first grant was given 30 years ago to support Isabella County children.

That total grant value now exceeds all donations — \$670,401 — ever given to the fund. All gifts are invested and never spent in order to generate earnings to address the evolving needs of local youth.

All Kellogg grants are recommended by the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation’s Youth Advisory Committee, a group of 7th-through 12th-grade students. Grants ultimately are approved by the Foundation Board of Trustees.

See page 15 for insights from those who’ve been involved with the Kellogg Youth Fund, its 466 grants to date, and the Youth Advisory Committee across the decades.

2022 YAC-APPROVED KELLOGG YOUTH FUND GRANTS

RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	INITIATIVE
The Care Store	\$3,500	Caring for Our Youth
Isabella Citizens for Health, Inc.	\$3,000	Children's Library
Clothing INC	\$2,500	Undergarments for Women and Kids
Mid Central Area Health Education Center	\$2,000	Health Careers Pipeline Program
Village of Shepherd	\$2,000	Rubber Mat for Splash Park Sensory Tower
Amateur Hockey Association of Mt. Pleasant	\$1,000	Youth Uniform and Safety Equipment
Isabella County Youth and Farm Fair Society	\$1,000	Horse Barn Interior Painting
HopeWell Ranch	\$300	Hoppyness on the Go
Christian Counseling of Mid Michigan	\$286	Get Your Game On
Clothing INC	\$3,500	Winter Boots, Coats, Hats, Gloves
Isabella County Child Advocacy Center	\$3,250	IRecord Digital Video/Audio Recording Systems for Forensic Interviews
Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan	\$2,250	Family Support Program
Junior Achievement of Central Michigan, Inc.	\$1,000	K-12 Programming

BRIAN RUSH, a nine-year
Community Foundation trustee



“ I was on the first YAC. It was a bunch of us kids and three or four adults who brought pizza and pop. The kids soon voted to end the pizza and pop, saying we needed to focus or we’d never get anything done. We needed rules and bylaws! We needed governing documents!”

YAC members
≈ circa 1998.



KAITLIN OTTEMAN,
2020 YAC president; is a
junior at Central Michigan
University, working with
CMU Advancement,
United Way of Gratiot
and Isabella Counties and
the Nonprofit Leadership
Student Alliance.

“ The YAC helps students
take charge of the impact
they can have on the
community. It helps
students see that not only
can they be the voices of
change, they can be the
action of change.”



≈ YAC members after a
May meeting circa 2022.

BOB WHEELER, a Community Foundation
founder; was YAC advisor for 10 years.



“ The opportunity to secure Kellogg Foundation matching funds for
this endowment spurred us to move faster and get the Foundation
established, which we did in 1990. Thirty years later, you can see
the miracle of endowments and compounding interest!”

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Community leaders, donors and partners gather to celebrate grant awards

It is a big deal when dozens of organizations apply for and receive grants to further support local residents, families and communities.

Cheers were frequent during the 2022 Summer Celebration, when the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation announced \$155,000 in new grants. The first-time event, on the patio at Hunter's Ale House, brought more than 100 donors, area leaders and partners together for an exciting evening of community impact.

The Foundation awards grants each spring and fall. In addition to these competitive grants, MPACF supports organizations through endowments set up specifically for them and through benefactors who direct funding to them.

The following list shows grants awarded in 2022.

Grants Awarded Through Endowment Funds

AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF MT. PLEASANT AHAMP Youth Uniform and Safety Equipment Renewal
\$2,500 – Connor J. Puhlman Memorial Fund for Youth, Fabiano Family Fund, Gilmore Family Fund for Youth, Kellogg Youth Fund

ART REACH OF MID MICHIGAN Art Walk
\$1,682 – W. Sidney and Judith French Smith Community Fund

Day with the Arts
\$1,600 – Community Impact Fund, Russ Herron Poetry Fund, Weisenburger Family Fund

BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Annual Scholarships
\$5,616 – Beal City Public Schools Education Foundation Fund

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
\$10,000 – Anonymous Fund

CMU RESEARCH CORP. Building Resilience with Hybrid, Safe Workplace Options
\$3,000 – Bovee Family Fund, Community Impact Fund, Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Unrestricted Fund

CHIPPEWA RIVER DISTRICT LIBRARY Build a Better Book Initiative
\$2,144.88 – Eckersley Library Fund

CHIPPEWA WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DOW Great Lakes Bay Invitational
\$6,000 – Pass Through Fund

Conservation Projects and Annual Monitoring of Conservation Easements
\$6,730 – Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Fund

Conservation work on CWC preserves in Isabella County
\$1,334 – Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Fund

Stewardship Projects, Trail Maintenance, Invasive Species Removal
\$2,211 – Dyke and Phyllis Heinze Conservation Fund, William Brehm Memorial/Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Stewardship Fund

Waterfront Preserve Signage
\$3,000 – Barbara A. Bissot Fund, G. Charles and Janice L. Hubscher Fund, Ruth S. and Gerard R. Felter and Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING OF MID MICHIGAN Roof Replacement
\$43,500 – Community Impact Fund, COVID-19 Community

Response Fund for Isabella County, Fabiano Family Fund, Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund, W.E. Martin Fund

Get Your Game On
\$285.87 – Kellogg Youth Fund

Telehealth Technology
\$3,100 – Women's Initiative Fund

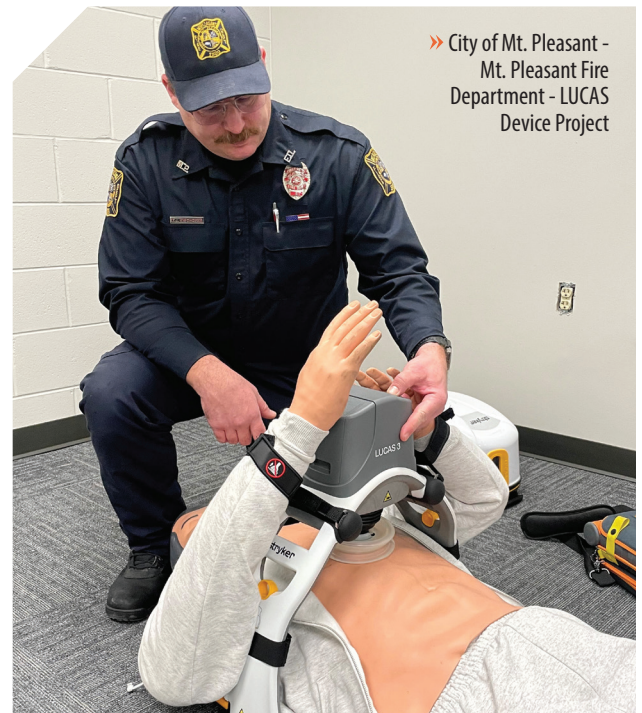
CHRISTMAS OUTREACH Protecting Women and Girls from Cold
\$2,000 – Women's Initiative Fund

Supporting Women and Girls Literacy and Physical Needs
\$4,000 – Women's Initiative Fund

CITY OF MT. PLEASANT Isabella County Cause and Origin Team – Camera
\$650 – Isabella County First Responders Fund

Mt. Pleasant Fire Department – LUCAS Device Project
\$53,664.15 – Community Impact Fund, Harkins Community Fund, Isabella County Health Improvement Fund, Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund, W.E. Martin Fund

CLOTHING INC DOW Great Lakes Bay Invitational
\$9,500 – Pass Through Fund



» City of Mt. Pleasant - Mt. Pleasant Fire Department - LUCAS Device Project

Undergarments for Women and Kids

\$5,000 – Bandit Industries Community Fund, Joanne Golden Family Community Impact Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund, Schafer Community Impact Fund

Underwear, Socks and Undergarments for Women and Girls

\$2,500 – Women's Initiative Fund

Boots, Coats, Hats, Gloves

\$7,000 – Community Impact Fund, G. Charles and Janice L. Hubscher Fund, Kay Smith Family Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund

COMMUNITY COMPASSION NETWORK Infant Pantry Supplies

\$2,500 – Women's Initiative Fund

Support for Mission, Programs

\$3,000 – Mitchell Family Trust Fund

Purchase of Diapers, Formula, Baby Food, Baby Care Items

\$2,225 – William Ellis Brockman Infant Assistance Fund

CULTURAL & RECREATIONAL COMMISSION OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Confidence on the Ice

\$2,000 – Community Impact Fund, Denison Unrestricted Fund, Ruth S. and Gerard R. Felter and Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund

Hockey Team Jerseys

\$1,639 – Mid-Michigan Raptors High School Hockey Fund

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Handicap Accessibility – Platform Stair Lift

\$5,000 – John P. and Ann S. Jensen Community Impact Fund, Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey Community Needs Fund, Sullivan Family Fund, Tim and Mary Ann O'Neil Community Impact Fund

FRIENDS OF ISABELLA SENIORS

Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational

\$4,500 – Pass Through Fund

FRIENDS OF THE BROADWAY Theater Roof Project

\$20,000 – Community Impact Fund, Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund, John Neyer Family Fund, Kay Smith Family Fund, L.A. and Marilyn B. Johns Family Fund, Summit Petroleum Fund, W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith Family Fund

GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF MICHIGAN

Girl Scouting through PEAK

\$5,000 – Women's Initiative Fund

Jane Harris Girl Scout Cabin Renovation

\$5,000 – Feight Community Improvement Fund

GIVE LOCAL ISABELLA

\$30,000 – Harkins Community Fund

HOPEWELL RANCH Hoppyness on the Go

\$300 – Kellogg Youth Fund

Tack for Horses

\$2,000 – Barbara A. Bissot Fund, Community Impact Fund, Ronald H. and Donna M. Cooper Family Fund

HUMANE ANIMAL TREATMENT SOCIETY

Canine Play Yard

\$6,900 – Andy Wheeler Community Needs Fund, Bovee Family Fund, Hersee Family Fund, Missy and Doug LaBelle Family Foundation Community Impact Fund, Weisenburger Family Fund

Community Pet and Shelter Animal Microchips

\$6,350 – Harkins Community Fund

ISABELLA CITIZENS FOR HEALTH, INC.

Children's Library

\$3,000 – Kellogg Youth Fund

ISABELLA COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

6,000 Meals in 60 Days

\$10,000 – COVID-19 Community Response Fund, Coyne Family Fund



» Mid Central Area Health Education Center - Health Careers Pipeline Program

Emergency Dishwasher

\$8,979 – Isabella Community Soup Kitchen Fund, John and Sue Bradac Family Emergency Fund, Olson Family Fund

ISABELLA COUNTY Chippewa River Erosion and Canoe Launch Project

\$11,000 – Access to Recreation Fund, Brewster Family Access to Recreation Fund, Mary Ellen Brandell Access to Recreation Fund, Janet Maar Strickler Access to Recreation Fund

ISABELLA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Digital Video/Audio Recording Systems for Forensic Interviews

\$13,000 – Kellogg Youth Fund, W.E. Martin Fund, Women's Initiative Fund

ISABELLA COUNTY RESTORATION HOUSE

DOW Great Lakes Bay Invitational

\$4,500 – Pass Through Fund

General Operation Support

\$3,000 – Mitchell Family Trust Fund

Guest Services

\$1,500 – COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Isabella County

Guest Transportation

\$3,000 – Healthy Youth Healthy Seniors Fund

Staff Training

\$1,200 – COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Isabella County

Support of Mission, Programs

\$1,500 – Rise Family Fund

ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH AND FARM FAIR SOCIETY Horse Barn Interior Painting

\$20,500 – Community Impact Fund, David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund, Denison Unrestricted Fund, Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund, Jerry M. and Marilyn A. Morey Community Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund, Kimber and Judy DeWitt Family Fund, Ralph and Sonja Baumgarth Family Fund, Rapaport Family Fund

Public Restroom Renovation

\$5,000 – Rise Family Fund

ISSUE MEDIA GROUP Epicenter Sponsorship

\$43,000 – Pass Through Fund

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN, INC. K-12 Programming

\$2,000 – Community Impact Fund, Fisher Companies Community Impact Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund

LIFE CHOICES OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Brightcourse Online Access Parenting Curriculum

\$1,429 – Life Choice Parenting Program Fund

Drive-Thru Diapers Program

\$3,750 – COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Isabella County

RN Salaries

\$13,072 – Life Choices Medical Clinic Fund

Support of Mission, Programs

\$2,000 – Mitchell Family Trust Fund



▸ Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation - PACE CM OmniCycle

**MICHIGAN ARTS ACCESS
Artists in Residence**

\$5,000 – Harkins Community Fund

**MID CENTRAL AREA HEALTH
EDUCATION CENTER
Health Careers Pipeline
Program**

\$4,000 – David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund, Ronald H. and Donna M. Cooper Family Fund

**MID-MICHIGAN INDUSTRIES
DOW Great Lakes Bay
Invitational**

\$4,500 – Pass Through Fund

**MIDDLE MICHIGAN
DEVELOPMENT
FOUNDATION**

**Downtown Pitch –
Mt. Pleasant**

\$5,000 – Elizabeth Z. Miller & Bruce H. LaPointe Community Needs Fund, Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund, Myler Family Community Impact Fund, Sherwood Family Fund, Staples Family Fund

**MIDLAND AREA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Catchafire Capacity Building
Initiative**

\$3,500 – Pass Through Fund

**MT. PLEASANT COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

**Pinewood Derby Track for Cub
Scout Pack 3628**

\$1,000 – Bob and Nancy Wheeler Fund for Scouting

**MT. PLEASANT DISCOVERY
MUSEUM**

**DOW Great Lakes Bay
Invitational**

\$11,000 – Pass Through Fund

**MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

BPA National Competition

\$4,274 – Mt. Pleasant Business Professionals of America Fund

**CMU Wrestling Camp
Scholarships**

\$665 – Chris Maniteau Memorial Wrestling Fund

Wrestling Warmups

\$2,000 – Janice Cotter Endowment Fund

**MYMICHIGAN HEALTH
FOUNDATION**

**Woodland Hospice House
Uncompensated Care**

\$105,623 – Bob and Jeanne Long Hospice House Fund, Bill and Dolores Myler Hospice House Fund, Bill and Janet Maar Strickler Hospice House Fund, Dennis and Sandra Olson Hospice House Fund, Dick and Mary Ellen Brandell Family Hospice House Fund, Hospice of Central Michigan Fund, Jim and Naomi Stark Hospice House Fund, Lon Morey Family Hospice House Fund

**NOTTAWA-SHERMAN
TOWNSHIP FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

**Equipment, Training for First
Responders/Firemen**

\$500 – Thompson-Blackmer VFW Post 4106 Community Fund

**POTTER'S HOUSE GLOBAL
NETWORK**

General Operating Support

\$2,000 – Mitchell Family Trust Fund

**PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGES OF
MICHIGAN FOUNDATION
PACE CM OmniCycle**

\$6,000 – Isabella County Health Improvement Fund

PROJECT WEIDMAN

**American Flags for Downtown
Weidman**

\$1,000 – Thompson-Blackmer VFW Post 4106 Community Fund

RISE ADVOCACY

**Dow Great Lakes Bay
Invitational**

\$4,500 – Pass Through Fund

Shelter Upgrades

\$4,992.41 – R.I.S.E. Advocacy Fund

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
Family Support Program**

\$5,000 – Community Impact Fund, Hersee Family Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund

**ROTARY CHARITIES OF
TRAVERSE CITY**

**Leadership Learning Lab and
Peer Learning Circle**

\$3,250 – Community Impact Fund

**SACRED HEART PARISH
Girls Team Soccer Backpacks**

\$564 – McGuirk Family Fund

**SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN
TRIBE OF MICHIGAN**

**Protecting Mt. Pleasant's
Historical Indigenous
Collections**

\$16,353 – Community Impact Fund, Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Unrestricted Fund, Steve and Sue Pung Family Fund, Theunissen Family Fund, William and Janet Maar Strickler Community Impact Fund

**THE CARE STORE
Caring for Our Youth**

\$5,000 – Connor J. Puhlman Memorial Fund for Youth, Darlene Bond Memorial Youth Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund

Female Hygiene Products

\$2,500 – Women's Initiative Fund

Period Poverty Relief

\$10,000 – Women's Initiative Fund

Textured Hair Care

\$3,500 – Women's Initiative Fund

Stock Our Shelves

\$5,000 – COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Isabella County

**THE POTTERS HOUSE –
FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
General Operating Support**

\$4,000 – Mitchell Family Trust Fund

**UNITED WAY OF GRATIOT
AND ISABELLA COUNTIES
Implementation of Volunteer
Platform/Increase Volunteerism
in Isabella County**

\$10,000 – Volunteer Center of Isabella County Fund

Tiny Homes of Mt. Pleasant

\$1,500 – Barbara L. and George W. Dunn Family Fund, Community Impact Fund, Ranck Family Fund

**VILLAGE OF SHEPHERD
Rubber Mat at Splash Park**

\$6,897.57 – Kellogg Youth Fund, Shepherd Community Fund Honoring Robert H. Bates

Christmas Parade

\$1,477.56 – Shepherd Community Fund Honoring Robert H. Bates

**WILLIAM AND JANET
STRICKLER NONPROFIT
CENTER**

Lighting

\$4,000 – Barbara A. Bissot Fund, Community Impact Fund, Hersee Family Fund

Parking Lot

\$8,500 – Bandit Industries Community Fund, Community Impact Fund, Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund

Reopen/Refresh

\$2,500 – Barbara L. and George W. Dunn Family Fund, Morning Sun Community Fund

Legacy Society

MEMBERS USE PLANNED GIFTS TO LEAVE A LASTING IMPACT

The Denison Legacy Society recognizes an esteemed group of donors and community supporters who have named the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation as the beneficiary of a planned or deferred gift. Arranged during a donor's lifetime, their gifts create a permanent, ongoing resource for the community after they pass away.

The Legacy Society honors individuals such as Rollie and Olga Denison, who gave bountifully to the community during their lifetimes and whose planned gift created an endowment that continues their impact forever.

» *Please contact*

CEO **Alysha Pasquali**
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you'd like to discuss your
options for a planned gift
to support the cause or
causes of your choice.

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Sue and John Bradac

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*Gerald C. Carter

*Donna J. and *W.

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Timothy Curtiss

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Martineau

Louise and Bill McCracken

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Elizabeth Miller and

Bruce LaPointe

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Donors create new endowments in order to give back every year, *forever*



Isabella County is a special place to live and work thanks in part to individuals, families and businesses who want to support those around them.

These generous individuals and businesses create endowments at the Community Foundation, which means their contributions will be invested forever. The resulting interest earned each year goes into the community, typically through grants and scholarships.

The following funds are among those created in 2022.

» BILL LORENZ, JR. TRADE SCHOOL FUND



The Bill Lorenz Trade School Fund honors the memory of a dedicated Mt. Pleasant business owner who served his community for more than three decades. Known for his outstanding work and strong customer relationships, Bill owned and operated United Floor Covering, Inc.

A skilled woodworker and lover of the outdoors, he cherished time with family, friends and his dog, Dude. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, the NRA, the Home Builders Association and the Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce. Bill also was a lifelong sponsor of the Mt. Pleasant Little League. Created by his wife, Mary, the fund supports residents of Clare, Gratiot and Isabella counties, providing education and training in skilled trades.

» CAROL AND JIM WOJCIK FUND



The Carol and Jim Wojcik Fund was created to support the community. It is set up to allow the Foundation grants committee and Board to determine the best use of its annual earnings to address local needs.

Jim and Carol met at Central Michigan University, in what was then known as the Robinson Food Commons. They eventually married and have lived in Mt Pleasant their entire marriage. Their two adult sons also are CMU alumni.

Jim has worked for CMU for more than 50 years. He was director of student media for 30 years before becoming associate professor of journalism, a role he has filled for more than 20 years. Jim serves on the board of Sacred Heart Academy and Isabella Citizens for Health, and previously was on the board for United Way of Gratiot & Isabella Counties. Carol is a member of the Foundation's scholarship committee and the Woodland Hospice board.

Jim and Carol say this new fund is their way of saying thank you to the community for being so welcoming and treating their family so well.

» MONTABELLA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Montabella High School's Class of 1967 commemorated its 50th year in 2017. This event led to the creation of the Montabella Alumni Association banquet, which recognizes all Mustangs past and present. The fund reflects gratitude to the community and dedication to the Mustangs' journey.

Montabella Community Schools serve Montcalm, Isabella and Mecosta counties. This scholarship supports a graduating senior from Montabella High School.

» ROBERT J. LIPPERT SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Robert J. Lippert, a Navy veteran born in Alma, pursued a mathematics degree at Central Michigan University, igniting his passion for what became a teaching and drafting career at Mt. Pleasant High School. He also led the driver's education program and was the sports information director for MPHS.

Even while teaching, Robert developed a love for cooking working as a chef at The Embers restaurant. When the school wanted to start a vocational foods program, Robert was a perfect fit. The program he developed earned national acclaim, fostering careers in hospitality for many students. Active in culinary associations such as the Order of the Golden Toque, Robert's leadership led to his induction into the American Academy of Chefs Culinary Hall of Fame in 2013. In addition to teaching at the high school, Robert also taught at Michigan State University, Lansing Community College and Ferris State University.

A devoted family man, Robert instilled the value of education in his three sons and seven grandchildren. In his memory, the Robert J. Lippert Scholarship Fund supports culinary arts education at the Gratiot-Isabella Technical Education Center.

» LAURA CLEMONS SALISBURY SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Laura Clemons Scholarship, established by her daughter, Katy Salisbury Christensen, pays tribute to Laura's dedicated career as an elementary school

teacher in the Shepherd School System. After earning a teaching certificate from Central Michigan Normal School nearly a century ago, Laura made a profound impact in the early days of the region's rural schools.

Laura was a devoted wife and mother of six, and her scholarship supports graduates of Shepherd High School in pursuing teacher education at Central Michigan University. The fund seeks to assist students with financial need, carrying forward Laura's passion for education and fostering a new generation of educators.

» *Anyone may contribute*

at any time to any of these funds or the nearly 300 other endowments at the Foundation. Your tax-deductible donation changes lives in our community and — because it's invested rather than spent outright — will continue to do so forever through its earnings.



MPACF Endowed Funds

Generous gifts to the following funds are invested, with the returns used to benefit local residents and communities, now and forever.

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDS

Supporting charitable programs, services or projects that address the evolving needs of county residents

Community Impact Fund
Andy Wheeler Community Needs Fund
Bandit Industries Community Fund
Barbara A. Bissot Fund
Barbara L. and George W. Dunn Family Fund
Bovee Family Fund
Carol and Jim Wojcik Community Impact Fund
David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund
Denison Unrestricted Fund
Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Unrestricted Fund
Elizabeth Z. Miller and Bruce H. LaPointe Community Needs Fund
Fabiano Family Fund
Fisher Companies Community Impact Fund
G. Charles and Janice L. Hubscher Fund
Hersee Family Fund
Howard P. Himes Fund
Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund
Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund
Jerry M. and Marilyn J. Morey Community Fund
Joanne Golden Family Community Impact Fund
John Neyer Family Fund
John P. and Ann S. Jensen Community Impact Fund
Kay Smith Family Fund
Kimber and Judy DeWitt Family Fund
L.A. and Marilyn B.

Johns Family Fund
Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey Community Needs Fund
Missy and Doug LaBelle Family Foundation Community Impact Fund
Morning Sun Community Fund
Myler Family Community Impact Fund
Ralph and Sonja Baumgarth Family Fund
Ranck Family Fund
Rapaport Family Fund
Ronald H. and Donna M. Cooper Family Fund
Ruth S. and Gerard R. Felter and Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund
Schafer Community Impact Fund
Sherman C. and Shirley J. Rowley Family Fund
Sherwood Family Fund
Staples Family Fund
Steve and Sue Pung Family Fund
Sullivan Family Fund
Summit Petroleum Fund
Theunissen Family Fund
Thomas A. Wittkopp Fund
Tim and Mary Ann O'Neil Community Impact Fund
W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith Family Fund
Weisenburger Family Fund
William and Janet Maar Strickler Community Impact Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Supporting areas of community life as defined by their founders

Access to Recreation Fund
Autism Advantage Fund

Bill Lorenz Trade School Fund
Brewster Family Access to Recreation Fund
Connor J. Puhlman Memorial Fund for Youth
Darlene Bond Memorial Youth Fund
Eunice A. Sutherland Burgess Fund for Youth
Gilmore Family Fund for Youth
Glen and Kathy Blystone Learn to Swim Fund
Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund
Isabella County Health Improvement Fund
James and Marilyn Bidwell Fund for Basic Human Needs
Janet Maar Strickler Access to Recreation Fund
John and Sue Bradac Family Emergency Fund
Kellogg Youth Fund
Mary Ellen Brandell Access to Recreation Fund
McArthur Insurance Agency Fund for Weidman
Mt. Pleasant Oil Industry Food Pantry Fund
Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club Access to Recreation Fund
Robert and Geraldine Krapohl Literacy Fund
Rollie Denison Leadership Institute Leadership Enhancement Fund
Rosebush Veterans Community Fund
Rush Family Community Emergency Fund
Russ Herron Poetry Fund
Sally and John Goodrow Fund
Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates
Women's Initiative Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Giving founders flexibility in supporting charitable interests

Bob and Nancy Wheeler Fund for Scouting
Boge Family Fund
Carnel Chamberlain

Memorial Fund
Central Michigan Veteran's Endowment Fund
Cindy E. Hales Fund
Coyne Family Fund
Doug and Missy LaBelle Family Foundation
Donor Advised Fund
Feight Community Improvement Fund
Gail E. Gorton Women in Sports Fund
Gladys and Donald Mitchell Family Fund
Harkins Community Fund
Harold and Milli Verleger Family Fund
Hunter Family Fund
James Dale Ervin Memorial Fund
Janice Cotter Endowment Fund
Joe and Jeanne Epple Family Fund
John and Carol Grossa Fund
Kaufmann/Sauter Family Fund
Kiwans Club of Mt. Pleasant Youth Fund
LaBelle Family Fund
Lon Morey Family Fund
McGuirk Family Fund
Mid Michigan Chapter of Safari Club International Fund
Morey Foundation Fund
Mt. Pleasant Jaycees Fund
Olson Family Fund
Optimist Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund
Paula Arndt Women's Fund
Richard and Adonna Kennedy Memorial Fund
Richard and Mary Barz Family Fund
Rise Family Fund
Shamrock Invitational Fund
Stegman Fund
Thomas J. Sullivan Memorial Fund
Thompson-Blackmer VFW Post 4106 Community Fund
Tim and Teresa Coscarelly Family Fund
Tumbl Track Fund for Youth Fitness
W. E. Martin Fund
W. Sidney and Judith French Smith Community Fund
Wybenga Family Fund
Zitzelsberger Family Fund

ORGANIZATION/DESIGNATED FUNDS

Funding operational, administrative & program costs

Amy Otteman Nursing Education Fund
Art Reach of Mid-Michigan Fund
Beal City Public Schools Education Foundation Fund
Bill and Dolores Myler Hospice House Fund
Bill and Janet Maar Strickler Hospice House Fund
Bob and Jeanne Long Hospice House Fund
Brattin Memorial Art Fund
Breast and Cervical Cancer Fund
Charles E. Anthony Leadership Fund
Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Fund
Chris Maniteau Memorial Wrestling Fund
Community Cancer Services Fund
Community Compassion Network Fund
Continuum Homelessness Grant Fund
CRC Fund
Dave and Sue Keilitz Family MCM Fund
Dennis and Sandra Olson Hospice House Fund
Dick and Mary Ellen Brandell Family Hospice House Fund
Dyke and Phyllis Heinze Conservation Fund
Eckersley Library Fund
Ed and Marcia Schmidt Memorial Fund
First Presbyterian Church Fund
Friends of the Broadway Fund
Friends of the Library Fund
Greg Baderschneider Memorial Fund
Hersee House Maintenance Fund
Hopewell Ranch Fund
Hospice of Central Michigan Fund
Humane Animal Treatment Society Fund

Isabella Child Development Center Fund
 Isabella Citizens for Health Fund
 Isabella Community Soup Kitchen Fund
 Isabella County Commission on Aging Fund
 Isabella County First Responders Fund
 Isabella County Restoration House Fund
 Jim and Joan Hornak Family Christian Counseling Fund
 Jim and Naomi Stark Hospice House Fund
 John and Jean Mitchell Family Fund
 Kara's Korner Preschool Library Fund
 Life Choices of Central Michigan Medical Clinic Fund
 Life Choices of Central Michigan Parenting Program Fund
 Listening Ear Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Fund
 Listening Ear's Consumer Needs and Dreams Fund
 Listening Ear Crisis Center Fund
 Lon Morey Family Hospice House Fund
 McCracken Family Fund
 McLaren Central Michigan Fund
 Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey HATS Fund
 Mid-Michigan Industries Fund
 Montabella Community Schools Education Fund
 Morey Foundation Leadership Fund
 Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Leadership Fund
 Mt. Pleasant Area Hockey Fund
 Mt. Pleasant Business Professionals of America Fund
 Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum Fund
 Mt. Pleasant Oilers Athletic Boosters Fund
 Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Education Foundation Fund
 Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Esther A. Kraus Peacemaking Fund
 Pat and Jean McGuirk Family Fund

Phil A. Langlois Fund for Listening Ear
 R.I.S.E. Advocacy Fund
 Ray and Georgia Martin Leadership Fund
 Renaissance Public School Academy Fund
 Richard Brandell and Joseph Sweeney Recreation Fund
 Richards Leadership Fund
 Ridley Leadership Fund
 Rocket Football Operating Fund
 Schuster Family Fund for Listening Ear
 Special Olympics Michigan Fund
 The Potters House - Worship Center Fund
 United Way of Isabella County Fund
 Volunteer Center of Isabella County Fund
 William and Janet Strickler Nonprofit Center Fund
 William Brehm Memorial/Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Stewardship Fund
 William E. and Idonea Hersee House Fund
 William Ellis Brockman Infant Assistance Fund
 William J. Strickler Clarke Historical Library Fund
 Youth Health and Fitness Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Helping area students continue their education

Aaron Jacob Latham Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Alan and Kathy Johns Scholarship Fund
 Arnold and Margaret Sowmick Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Art Scholarship Fund
 Blystone & Bailey CPAs Scholarship Fund
 Brenda Echelbarger Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Bruce William Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund
 C. Jane (Dubay) and Dwight D. Dodge Memorial Scholarship Fund

Carol Huber Konwinski and Jerel Konwinski Scholarship Fund
 Carolyn Cosan Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Charlie and Jane Kiel Scholarship Fund
 Christopher John Andera Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Denison Family Scholarship Fund
 Donna J. and W. Larry Collins / GFWC Scholarship Fund
 Dr. Joyce Ann Carter Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Dr. Thomas M. and Jayne Keating Scholarship Fund
 Earl G. Hartman, Sr. and Caroline Millar Hartman Scholarship Fund
 Eckersley Scholarship Fund
 Emerson W. and Marie K. Green Scholarship Fund
 Feight Family Business Scholarship Fund
 Ganiard History Project Scholarship Fund
 Garland-Schilling Scholarship Fund
 Gary Moe Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Gene A. Kunst Gold Star Family Scholarship Fund
 George and Frances P. Rouman Mental Health Education Scholarship Fund
 Goenner Family Scholarship Fund
 Governor John Engler Scholarship Fund
 Harold and Marie Krapohl Scholarship Fund
 Harry E. Tope Memorial Aviation Scholarship Fund
 Herbert H. Lueth Scholarship Fund
 Heydenburg Family Scholarship Fund
 Isabella Bank Scholarship Fund
 Isabella Community Credit Union Members' Scholarship Fund
 Isabella County Retired School Personnel Scholarship Fund
 J. Gavin Bradley Culinary/Hospitality Scholarship Fund
 J. Paul and Mary Ellen Janes Memorial Scholarship Fund

James D. and Karen A. McConnell Family Scholarship Fund
 James R. Hodgins Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Jason Parrott Scholarship Fund
 Jeff and Roy Spencer Scholarship Fund
 Jeff Reedy Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Jeffrey Vernon Scholarship Fund
 Jim Hartman Study Abroad Scholarship Fund
 John B. and Nancy L. Theisen Memorial Scholarship Fund
 John D. and Judith M. Williams Scholarship Fund
 John P. and Ann S. Jensen Scholarship Fund
 Joyce and Gerry Carter Scholarship Fund
 Keisha Y. Brown Angel Wings Scholarship Fund
 Kenneth and Hilda Schmeck Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund
 Konwinski Construction Scholarship Fund
 Kristopher Walden "Waldo" Arts Scholarship Fund
 Laura Clemons Salisbury Scholarship Fund
 Lemmer Family Scholarship Fund
 Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Scholarship Fund
 Maness Family Scholarship Fund
 Martin Family Scholarship Fund
 Matthew J. Boles Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Matthew S. Sharrar Memorial Scholarship Fund
 McGuirk/Ganiard West Side School Scholarship Fund
 Mercantile Bank of Michigan Scholarship Fund
 Michael and Dianne Morey Manufacturing Skilled Trades Scholarship Fund
 Montabella Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
 Mt. Pleasant High School Class of 1959 Legacy Scholarship Fund

Mt. Pleasant High School Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund
 Myler Family Scholarship Fund
 Nancy Carey Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Nolan D. Stilgenbauer Agricultural Scholarship Fund
 Norval Morey Leadership Scholarship Fund
 Paul Moeggenberg Family Youth Agricultural Scholarship Fund
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The endowments generating these scholarships were established by individuals, businesses and organizations. Through these scholarships, donors and the Foundation empower students to gain skills and experiences they need to live their best lives ... and in turn, serve their community.

996
applications
submitted
and reviewed

102
scholarships
awarded

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75 dedicated scholarship
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Note: This is a transition year for The Legacy, sharing results of 2022 only. The 2022 scholarship list was published in last year's annual report and can be found by scanning the QR code.

The 2023 list of recipients who received \$162,000 in scholarships will be printed in next summer's annual report.

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