

The Legacy

2020-2021 MAGAZINE AND ANNUAL REPORT

Renaissance Public School Academy



Featuring:

- **Give Local Isabella**
- **\$1,184,015 in grants awarded**
- **Investments up 13.9%**

A Message from Your Community Foundation

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's Board of Trustees, staff, and many volunteers present *The Legacy*, an annual magazine highlighting the Foundation's accomplishments over the past year in building endowments, grantmaking, and community leadership. Because of the support of 64 generous sponsors (featured on the back cover), we are able to share stories of local philanthropy and community impact in publications like this that reach thousands throughout Isabella County and beyond.



Jaimie, Nancy, Amanda and Anna

The Legacy includes inspiring photos and stories about generous donors who have started permanent endowment funds within the Community Foundation, and some of the organizations and individuals who have benefitted from grant awards. MPACF now holds 305 funds. There were 1,208 individual gifts made to these Foundation funds in 2020—in amounts ranging from five dollars to thousands of dollars further building community capital to meet the needs of future generations.

The Community Foundation is not tied to a single social cause or mission. Instead, we are flexible and able to respond to changing and evolving circumstances within our community to make the right investments, in the right organizations, at the right times. We have committed volunteers with broad expertise who serve our donors and our nonprofit partners by matching available resources to projects and programs addressing current community needs. In 2020, these volunteers helped to award 225 grants. Earlier this year, 102 scholarships were awarded. Over the last thirty years, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$9 million in grants to schools, local governments, and charities. That's more than \$9 million granted while maintaining the value of every endowed gift ever given to the Foundation!

We continued our focus on community leadership in 2020 and 2021 with the inaugural Give Local Isabella, a crowdfunding opportunity for local charitable organizations to engage existing and new donors in their missions, to utilize peer influence to raise dollars online, and to compete for endowment support to help protect and sustain these organizations long-term. We assisted local charitable organizations in building capacity by sponsoring executive leadership development (Leadership Learning Lab), leveraging resources throughout the region (Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational), and connecting local charities with skills-based volunteers (Catchafire).

In this year's *Legacy Magazine*, we also highlight the efforts undertaken in 2020 and 2021 to respond and mitigate the effects of COVID-19 in our small community. The Foundation established the COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Isabella County to provide financial resources to those in need via grants and sub-grants, and sponsored a community wide mask distribution. We hope you will join us in continued efforts to keep our community safe and support one another through these unprecedented times.

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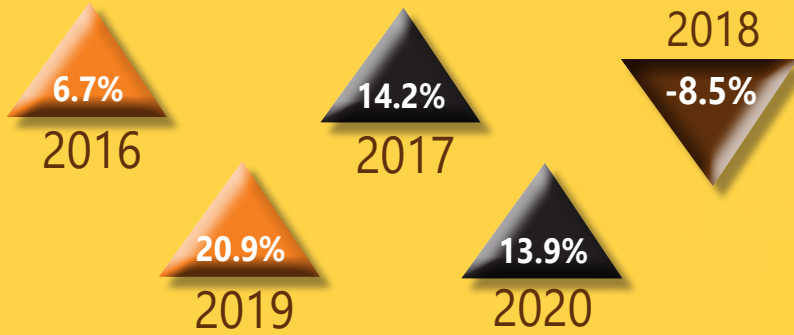
Renaissance Public School Academy parents, students, and teachers celebrate their success in raising more than \$18,000 during Give Local Isabella on May 4, 2021. Read more about the 24-hour event on pages 16-17, and more about the new Renaissance PSA endowment fund on page 25.



2020 Trends

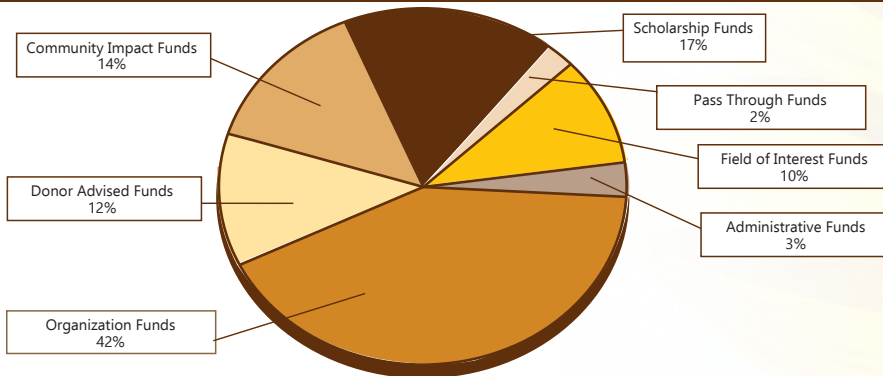


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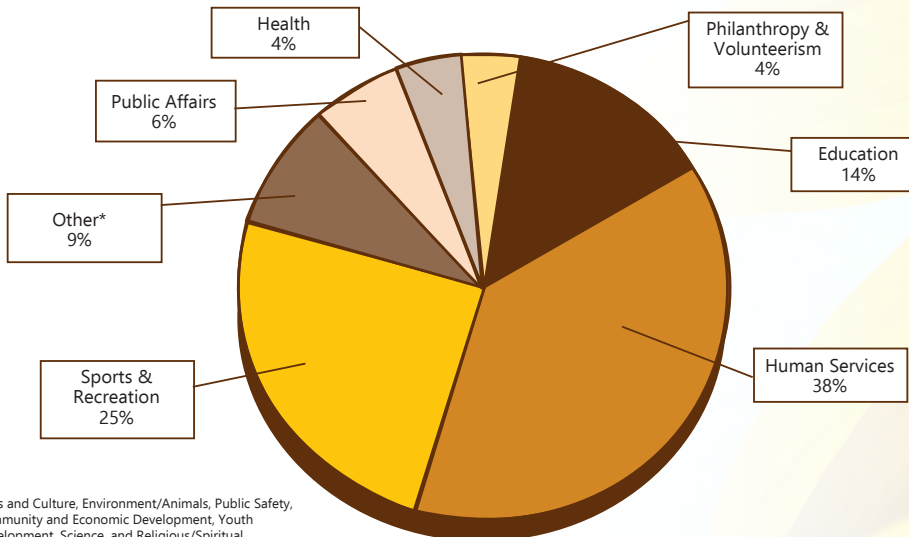
**TOTAL
GIFTS
RECEIVED**
\$1,132,818

ASSETS BY FUND TYPE



**TOTAL
ASSETS**
\$26,267,232

GRANTS BY PROGRAM AREA



**TOTAL
GRANTS
AWARDED**
\$1,184,015

*Arts and Culture, Environment/Animals, Public Safety, Community and Economic Development, Youth Development, Science, and Religious/Spiritual



About Your Community Foundation

Mission: The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation seeks to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Isabella County, now and for generations to come, by attracting and holding permanent endowed funds from a wide range of donors, addressing needs through grant making, and providing leadership on key community issues.

Since 1990, MPACF has helped individuals, families, and businesses put their resources to work assisting others in the community. The Community Foundation provides information about programs and organizations that address community needs and the latest options for flexible and tax-effective giving. Our vision is to shape the future of Isabella County by helping people find and fund the causes they love, and by cultivating bold solutions for strong, vibrant, and inclusive communities.

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation is committed to the following values as essential to our success. To our donors, stakeholders, and to one another, we make the following commitments:

Leadership and Integrity
Stewardship
Equity and Inclusion

Knowledge and Impact
Collaboration
Innovation and Change

View the most updated audited financial statements, tax returns, policies, and procedures at mpacf.org.

Stay up to date on your Community Foundation by reading our quarterly e-newsletter.

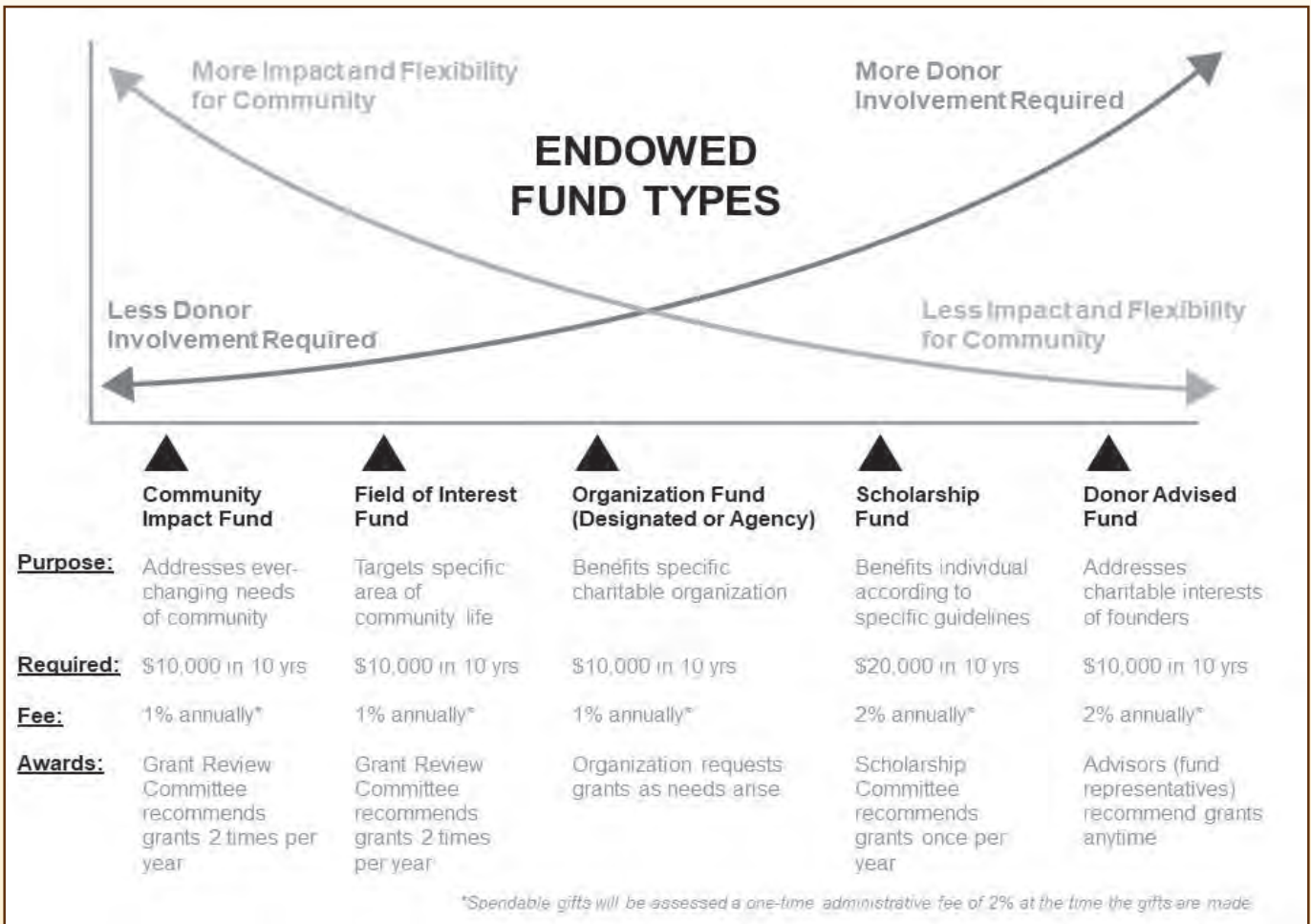
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MATTERS**
Mt. Pleasant Area
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A 24 member Board of Trustees oversees the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, and 175 local community leaders served on Community Foundation committees and advisory boards in 2020. The Community Foundation is engaged with the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, and with colleagues throughout the state via the Council of Michigan Foundations. The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation has received accreditation with the nation’s highest standard for philanthropic excellence. National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® establish legal, ethical, and effective practices for community foundations everywhere.



The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation (MPACF) is a tax-exempt public charity serving as the center of philanthropy in Isabella County. The Foundation gives people and businesses in the community the opportunity to make contributions to various funds and causes. Those considering charitable giving may establish their own fund or may contribute to an existing one. Funds may be created to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one. These professionally-managed funds are permanently endowed, meaning the original contributions are never spent. The assets of the Foundation’s 305 endowment funds are combined for investment purposes and annual earnings from investments are used to award grants and scholarships. The annual earnings support programs in education, health, youth development, recreation, volunteerism, human services, community and economic development, environment and arts right here in Isabella County.

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Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is comprised of students from schools in Isabella County who commit to engaging in local philanthropy. The YAC advises the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's Board of Trustees on the awarding of grants from the Kellogg Youth Fund, which supports charitable projects or events that benefit the young people of Isabella County.

The young leaders of the YAC spend time positively influencing their community while learning about leadership and civic engagement. Despite the many challenges associated with the pandemic, the twenty-four YAC members continued to meet on a monthly basis, pivoted their plans for fundraising and volunteering, and figured out how to address current events in unique ways. Through it all, they still managed to recruit new YAC members, to elect new officers, to celebrate their graduating seniors, to revise their bylaws, to evaluate themselves, to learn to use a new online grant application and review portal, and to recommend youth focused grants, totaling \$28,615 in 2020 and \$14,300 so far in 2021.

In August of 2020, the YAC decided to host a two-part program to "Explore Racism in Modern Day America." They purchased copies of "The Hate U Give," a young adult novel by Angie Thomas that explores racial bias and discrimination in our country, and made them available

to their peers free through the Chippewa River District Library. When they could not gather to discuss the book in person, they came up with questions and hosted a virtual panel discussion instead. This authentic, engaging panel was recorded and is available on the Foundation's YouTube channel.

The YAC seeks to publish social media posts related to issues of importance to local youth, and last year YAC members recorded a video thanking essential workers for their efforts during the pandemic. The YAC was honored by the Council of Michigan Foundations in 2020 with the Russell G. Mawby Media Usage of the Year Award, which is given to a YAC that has utilized social media in their work in a unique, creative, or impactful way. In 2021, the YAC received an Eagle Award from the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce as well.





2021 Youth Advisory Committee

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Dylan Elias
Ben Gottschalk
Sophie Ludwig
Avery Wilson

Central Michigan University:

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Matthew Kinney
Samantha McDonald
Kaitlin Otteman

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Sacred Heart Academy:

Wyatt Browne
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Samuel Powell
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Connor Bendele
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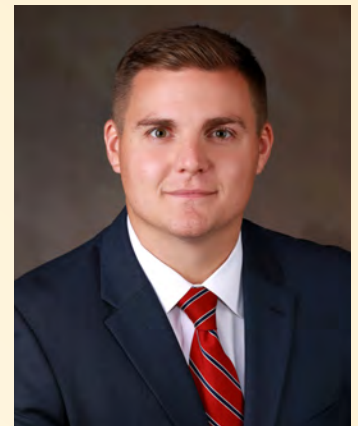
Tony Rau – Adult



Charitable Giving Under the CARES Act

In 2020, COVID-19 affected millions of Americans and small businesses. This has resulted in significant federal aid and private donations towards the relief effort. If you personally donated to a charity during 2021, then you may qualify for a new deduction under the CARES Act. The CARES Act outlines the following changes to charitable giving:

- A new temporary deduction in 2021 up to \$300 for single filers, \$600 for Married-filing-jointly taxpayers.
- Even if you have not itemized your charitable giving in the past, your cash donation will now count as an “above the line” deduction on your 2021 tax return.
- For taxpayers that still itemize their deductions, the adjusted gross income limit for charitable gifts of cash was increased from 60 percent to 100 percent.
- For a corporation, the adjusted gross income limit increased from 10 percent to 20 percent of the business’ 2021 taxable income.
- Taxpayers can make donations via cash, check or credit card by December 31, 2021. Recordkeeping rules still apply for charitable gift deductions, such as receipts or donation letters from the organization.
- The deductions above are limited to donations to 501(c)3 public charities.



Bart Blystone
CPA and MPACF Finance
Committee Member

Additionally, those 72 and older in 2021 may still give retirement assets to charity through an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). And, those between the ages of 59 ½ and 72 in 2021 may give to charity after they have received their annual distribution. This is an excellent strategy for itemizers. Contact your investment advisor and/or tax professional to see if this makes sense for you.

If you have already donated to a public charity in 2021, make sure you received supporting documentation for the donation. If you have yet to donate, or have questions, staff at MPACF would be happy to help.

ABOVE THE LINE CHARITABLE DEDUCTION



How Does it Affect You?

Above the line means taxpayers receive the deduction without the need to itemize.

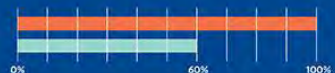


How Much Can You Deduct?

Deduct cash gifts up to \$300 (single filers) or \$600 (married, filing jointly) from taxable income.

What is the Contribution Limit?

The income limit for cash contributions to public charities has increased to 100% of income from the previous 60% limit.



COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Isabella County

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation (MPACF) established the COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Isabella County to meet the needs of our community related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The temporary, non-endowed emergency relief fund provided resources to local organizations working to address immediate needs for families and individuals impacted by COVID-19.

Grants from this fund provided nonprofits with critical operating resources to respond to community needs, as well as provided support for programs that address things such as utility assistance, food vulnerability, housing assistance, healthcare, and other needs as identified. Over the past year, the COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Isabella County has continued to support local organizations by awarding \$28,500. Since the development of the fund, \$157,000 has been awarded to various Isabella County nonprofit organizations.

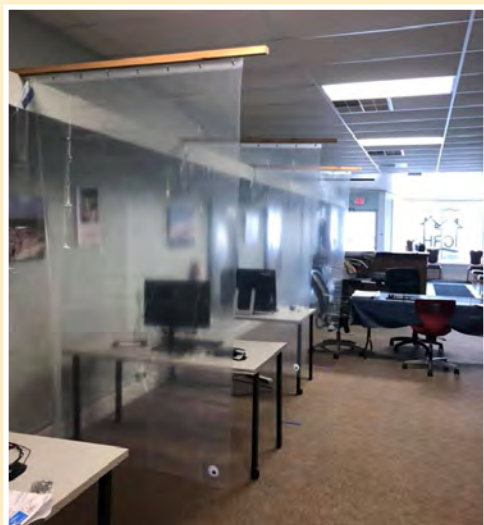
Recent Grants Awarded:



Isabella Community Soup Kitchen
\$5,000 – Meal Distribution Supplies

Cultural & Recreational Commission of Isabella County

\$3,500 – Bottle Fill Drinking Fountains to Establish Safer Options at Morey Courts



Isabella County Restoration House

\$5,000 – Pandemic Response

The Salvation Army
\$15,000 – Walk-in Freezer/Refrigerator for Food Pantry



Grants Awarded through

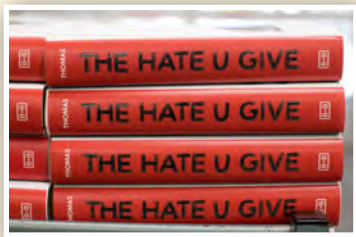
Art Reach of Mid Michigan
Coldwater Family Art Camp
\$655 – Theunissen Family Fund

Teen Poetry Workshop
\$1,000 – Russ Herron Poetry Fund

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Great Lakes Bay Region

Virtual One-to-One Mentoring
\$2,500 – Kellogg Youth Fund

Chippewa River District Library
Rosebush StoryWalk
\$9,665 – James Dale Ervin Memorial Fund,
Robert and Geraldine Krapohl Literacy Fund,
Mary Ellen Brandell Access to Recreation Fund



Explore Racism in Modern Day America
\$1,305 – Kellogg Youth Fund

Chippewa Watershed Conservancy
Powering Preservation Projects
\$1,500 – Morning Sun Community Fund

Conservation Projects and Annual Monitoring
of Conservation Easements
\$2,126.24 – Chippewa Watershed Conservancy
Fund

Stewardship Projects and Maintenance of
Preserves
\$577.99 – Dyke and Phyllis Heinze
Conservation Fund



Stewardship Projects, Maintenance of Trails
and Removal of Invasive Species at Preserves
\$1,272.42 – William Brehm Memorial/Chippewa
Watershed Conservancy Stewardship Fund

Nature Preserve Visibility Signage
\$3,575 – Andy Wheeler Community Needs
Fund, Joanne Golden Family Community
Impact Fund, W. Sidney Smith and Judith
French Smith Family Fund

Christian Counseling of Mid Michigan
Support for New Building Fund
\$3,000 – Tim and Teresa Coscarelly Family
Fund

Healing Hope – Youth Program
\$2,000 – Harold and Milli Verleger Family Fund

Christmas Outreach



Gift Bags for Teen Girls
\$2,000 – Women's Initiative Fund

Snowpants for Christmas 2021
\$3,000 – Harold and Milli Verleger Family Fund

City of Mt. Pleasant
Beautification of High Street Pump House
\$556 – Feight Community Improvement Fund

Gregory K. Baderschneider Riverwalk Trail
Outdoor Fitness Equipment
\$2,428.13 – Greg Baderschneider Memorial
Fund



Broadway Central
\$9,000 – Bandit Industries Community Fund,
Denison Unrestricted Fund, G. Charles and
Janice L. Hubscher Fund, Morning Sun
Community Fund, Myler Family Community
Impact Fund, Rapaport Family Fund

Clothing INC



Clothing INC Signs, Cubicles and Hangers
\$600 – Tim and Mary Ann O'Neil Community
Impact Fund

Community Cancer Services
Monetary Assistance for Isabella County
Cancer Patients
\$20,000 – Harkins Community Fund

Cooperative Development Fund of CDS
GreenTree Cooperative Grocery Expansion
\$5,000 – Community Impact Fund

**Cultural & Recreational Commission
of Isabella County**
General Operations for CRC
\$7,750 – CRC Fund

Isabella Community Sportsplex Upgrade
\$250,000 – W. E. Martin Fund

Kid's Club Room Modification
\$4,000 – Kimber and Judy DeWitt Family Fund,
Ronald H. and Donna M. Cooper Family Fund,
Staples Family Fund, Weisenburger Family
Fund

**First United
Methodist Church**

Supplies for the
Little Downtown
Pantry
\$4,000 – Mt.
Pleasant Oil
Industry Food
Pantry Fund,
Summit Petroleum
Fund



Fremont Township of Isabella County



Milford Morey Memorial Park
Playground Development
\$28,666 – Access to Recreation Fund, Brewster
Family Access to Recreation Fund, Connor J.
Puhlman Memorial Fund for Youth, Darlene
Bond Memorial Youth fund, Jane McNamara
and Louise Williams Fund, Janet Maar Strickler
Access to Recreation Fund, Jerry M. and
Marilyn A. Morey Community Fund, Kay Smith
Family Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund, Michael D.
and Dianne C. Morey Community Needs Fund,
Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club Access to Recreation
Fund

Endowed Funds



Friends of the Dog Park



Light Up Hannah's Bark Park
\$3,000 – Fabiano Family Fund, John Neyer Family Fund, Schafer Community Impact Fund

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan

Girl Scouting through PEAK
\$5,000 – Women's Initiative Fund

HopeWell Ranch



Equicizer
\$3,445 – Access to Recreation Fund

Humane Animal Treatment Society

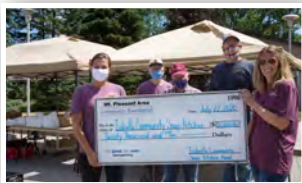
Support for Racin' for Rescues
\$1,000 – Thomas R. and Judith D. Sullivan Fund



Shelter Back Building Improvements
\$2,218.43 – LaBelle Family Fund

Free Community Cat Spay/Neuter Surgeries
\$5,000 – Barbara A. Bissot Fund, Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Unrestricted Fund, Ruth S. and Gerard R. Felter and Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund, Sherwood Family Fund

Isabella Community Soup Kitchen



Food and Supply Purchases
\$20,000 – Isabella Community Soup Kitchen Fund

Food Distribution to Community
\$5,000 – Mt. Pleasant Oil Industry Food Pantry Fund



Kitchen Renovation Project
\$20,000 – Barbara L. and George W. Dunn Family Fund, Community Impact Fund, Fisher Companies Community Impact Fund, Hersee Family Fund, Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund, John and Sue Bradac Family Emergency Fund, John P. and Ann S. Jensen Community Impact Fund, Missy and Doug LaBelle Family Foundation Community Impact Fund, Ranck Family Fund, Sally and John Goodrow Fund, Steve and Sue Pung Family Fund

Isabella County Child Advocacy Center

Protect Yourself 2.0
\$3,000 – Kellogg Youth Fund

Issue Media Group

Underwriting/Sponsorship for Epicenter, an Isabella County Online Publication
\$80,000 – Community Impact Fund

Life Choices of Central Michigan

RN Salaries
\$11,968 – Life Choices Medical Clinic Fund

Brightcourse Online Curriculum and Supplies for Drive Thru Diapers
\$1,344 – Life Choice Parenting Program Fund



McLaren Central Michigan

Pediatric Education for Nurses
\$5,000 – Amy Otteman Nursing Education Fund

Certified Lactation Counselor Continuing Education Course
\$280.90 – Amy Otteman Nursing Education Fund

Michigan Arts Access



Artists in Residence
\$5,000 – Kellogg Youth Fund

Mid Central Area Health Education Center

Health Careers Pipeline Program
\$3,500 – Kellogg Youth Fund

MidMichigan Health Foundation

Woodland Hospice House Unreimbursed Care \$99,126 – Bill and Janet Maar Strickler Hospice House Fund, Bill and Dolores Myler Hospice House Fund, Bob and Jeanne Long Hospice House Fund, Dennis and Sandra Olson Hospice House Fund, Dick and Mary Ellen Brandell Family Hospice House Fund, Jim and Naomi Stark Hospice House Fund, Lon Morey Family Hospice House Fund, Hospice of Central Michigan Fund

Mid Michigan Industries

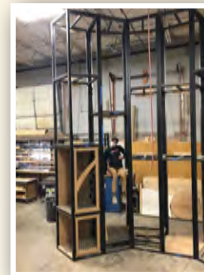


MMI Technology and Accessibility Fund
\$5,000 – Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Unrestricted Fund, Fisher Companies Community Impact Fund, Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund

Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum

3, 2, 1...Blast Off! Exhibit
\$5,000 – John P. and Ann S. Jensen Community Impact Fund, Schafer Community Impact Fund, Staples Family Fund

3, 2, 1...Blast Off! Exhibit
\$11,000 – Ralph and Sonja Baumgarth Family Fund, Bovee Family Fund, Community Impact Fund, David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund, Elizabeth Z. Miller & Bruce H. LaPointe Community Needs Fund, William and Janet Maar Strickler Community Impact Fund





Mt. Pleasant Fire Department
Isabella Dive Team
Vehicle Wrap
\$750 – Isabella County
First Responders Fund



Renaissance Public School Academy
Instruments for
PreK-8 Music
Program
\$7,890 – Kellogg
Youth Fund

The Care Store



The Care Store Remodeling Project
\$8,000 – Community Impact Fund, Fabiano
Family Fund, Ruth S. and Gerard R. Felter
and Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund, Jerry
M. and Marilyn A. Morey Community Fund,
Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey Community
Needs Fund

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools
BPA National Leadership Competition 2021
\$1,700 – Mt. Pleasant Business Professionals of
America Fund

**Ronald McDonald House
of Western Michigan**
Family Support Program 2020
\$3,000 – Kellogg Youth Fund

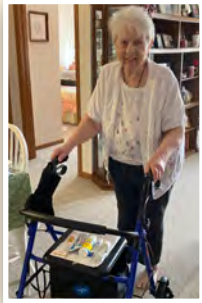
Female Hygiene Products
\$2,500 – Women's Initiative Fund

Mt. Pleasant Youth Football
Scholarships for Athletes and Support for
General Operations
\$7,125.63 – Rocket Football Operating Fund

Rotary Charities of Traverse City
Leadership Learning Lab and Peer Learning
Circle for 2020-2021
\$3,250 – Community Impact Fund

United Way of Gratiot and Isabella Counties
Trees Now Isabella Tree Planting
\$4,050 – Healthy Youth Healthy Seniors Fund

**Presbyterian Villages
of Michigan Foundation**



PACE Central Michigan Walk Wise Program
\$2,400 – Ronald H. and Donna M. Cooper
Family Fund, Isabella County Health
Improvement Fund, Isabella Bank Director
Memorial Fund

Sacred Heart Parish
SHA Athletic Association and Tuition Fund
\$8,000 – Zitzelsberger Family Fund

Shepherd Public Schools



CNC Router for Art/Design Program
\$2,000 – Brattin Memorial Art Fund

Village of Shepherd



Village of Shepherd Spray Park
\$18,500 – Access to Recreation Fund, Shepherd
Community Fund Honoring Robert H. Bates

RISE Advocacy

Recreational Area Improvements
\$3,750 – Women's Initiative Fund

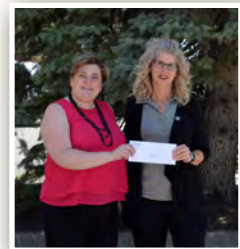
St. Vincent dePaul Parish



Electronic Messaging Sign
\$2,000 – Shepherd Community Fund Honoring
Robert H. Bates

Village of Shepherd Spray Park
\$3,000 – Shepherd Community Fund Honoring
Robert H. Bates

**William and Janet Strickler
Nonprofit Center**



Support for William and Janet Strickler
Nonprofit Center
\$7,960.90 – Isabella County Nonprofit Service
Center Fund

**Special Grants Awarded
for Local Programming**

Community Compassion Network
\$4,000 – Mitchell Family Trust Fund

Forgotten Eagles Inc.
\$500 – Mitchell Family Trust Fund

Heart Cry International
\$2,000 – Mitchell Family Trust Fund

Isabella County Restoration House
\$4,000 – Mitchell Family Trust Fund

Life Choices of Central Michigan
\$1,600 – Mitchell Family Trust Fund

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation
\$875 – Charles E. Anthony Leadership Fund
\$2,019 – Hersee House Maintenance Fund
\$16,170 – Leadership Fund
\$691 – Ray and Georgia Martin Leadership Fund
\$4,343 – Morey Foundation Leadership Fund
\$608 – Richards Leadership Fund
\$423 – Ridley Leadership Fund

Potter's House Family Worship Center
\$6,000 – Mitchell Family Trust Fund



2020 Gifts In Memory

Christopher Andera
Charlie Anthony
Ross Austin
Sharon Awad
Ira Alan Baker
Ruthann Barnes
Robert H. Bates
Janet Bechtel
William Beck
Bethany Beebe
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Art Buskirk
John Campbell
Barb Carey
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Gordon Gilray
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Betty Jean (Funnell) Koenig
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Evert Lemorie
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Lou Mantho
John L. McCarthy
Anita M. McGuire
Jean McGuirk
Andrea (Straus) Mead
Cynthia Miles
Bruce M. Miiller
Paul Moeggenberg
My mom
My mother-in-law
Colleen Webb Naru
Dixie L. Neier
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Veral and Dennis Newport
William and Mary O'Connell
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Florence Schafer
Marge Schafer
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Kara Shirley
Kathleen Slack
Kay Krapohl Smith
Valerie Stephens
Royal, Shirley, and
 Cindy Stilgenbauer
Harold D. Straus
Bill Strickler
Donna Swenson

Kimberly Ann Thompson
Mary Todink
Lois (Bunny) Traines
Rose Wunderbaum Traines
Tom Tuma
Dr. Carolyn Van Cleave
Ervin Vogel
Jerome and Janice Vogel
Kris Walden
Jane Marie Walker
Mary Walker
Cindy Louise Walton
Mary Jo Warner
Doris Watson
Sue Watters
Ollie Watters
Sally Carnahan Weisenburger
Andy Wheeler
George Ann Wolf
Betty Lee Wolters
William Bruce Wood
Richard "Dick" Bruce Wood
Kenny Young
William Zeien



2020 Gifts In Honor

Tom Bailey
Glen Blystone
Freya Jean Britton
Bill and Ginny Cain
Dr. John Carey, D.O.
The Cashen Family
Jim Cole
Harry and Dale Crespy
Denise Fanning

G.F.W.C. - Mt. Pleasant General
 Federation of Women's Clubs
Sally Goodrow
Infant Pantry Volunteers
Jesus Christ
Bart and Sarah LaBelle
Kristin LaBelle
Kenneth Marten
Beth Miller and Bruce LaPointe
Dana Moore

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The Olson Family
Louis and Michelle Rosell
Fran Rouman
George Rouman
Amanda Schafer
Schafer Shopping/Schafer Christmas
Steve Silverberg
Jan Strickler
Women's Initiative Committee



For Good. For Ever. For Isabella County.

Outcomes & Results

\$100,604
Raised

361
Donors

21
Organizations

Twenty-one local charitable organizations benefit from first time event

ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT	DONORS
Renaissance Public School Academy	\$18,366.95	87
Chippewa Watershed Conservancy	\$11,096.45	28
Community Compassion Network	\$10,724.06	28
Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation	\$8,934.21	45
William and Janet Strickler Nonprofit Center	\$8,064.04	35
Life Choices of Central Michigan	\$7,710.00	44
HopeWell Ranch	\$5,219.17	16
Mount Pleasant Public Schools Education Foundation	\$4,900.94	15
R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc.	\$4,578.46	12
MidMichigan Health	\$3,642.80	16
Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum	\$3,283.64	19
Isabella Child Development Center	\$3,176.64	17
Community Cancer Services of Isabella County	\$2,877.79	17
Isabella Community Soup Kitchen	\$2,072.92	12
Isabella County Commission on Aging	\$1,952.28	7
Humane Animal Treatment Society	\$1,685.27	21
MMI	\$1,337.96	12
McLaren Central Michigan	\$476.15	7
Cultural & Recreational Commission on Isabella County	\$321.56	4
Mt. Pleasant Rocket Football	\$96.15	3
Area 7 Special Olympics	\$86.54	3

More than 300 donors supported local charitable organizations during the first-ever Give Local Isabella. Held on May 4, 2021, the social media-driven, crowdfunding opportunity engaged 21 local charitable organizations in a 24-hour fundraising competition. The communitywide event, hosted by the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, raised \$100,604.00.

"It was an amazing day and the community is the big winner," said Kate Connors, Executive Director at Life Choices of Central Michigan.

Organizations with endowment funds held by the Foundation were eligible to participate in this historic giving event, utilizing an online platform to engage current and new community members in causes ranging from health and wellness to poverty and hunger. "We were able to raise awareness and spread the word on social media," said Connors.

"It was wonderful to check in throughout the day and see all of the generosity and involvement in our community," said Kirstie Mason, Development Director for R.I.S.E. Advocacy. Donations ranged from \$10-\$2,000 online, reminding us that everyone can be a philanthropist. When the clock struck midnight, 332 donors had made gifts totaling \$49,604.



In addition, \$45,000 in match dollars was distributed to participating organizations according to the percentage of total dollars raised and \$5,000 in special prizes was awarded. A list of verified prize winning organizations can be viewed at givelocalisabella.org/prizes.

The match and prize dollars were all part of an incentive pool committed by Mt. Pleasant Abstract & Title. President Paul Alexander thought an event focused on many charitable organizations in the community was a great way to celebrate his company's 40th anniversary. "This day has raised money, promoted involvement and elevated awareness of the inspiring work of Mt. Pleasant area charitable organizations," he said. While local charitable organizations spend most of the year fundraising for day-to-day operations, Give Local Isabella is an opportunity to spend one day—24 hours—focused on the sustainability of these important agencies. "Mt. Pleasant Abstract & Title is proud to sponsor this inaugural event."

Alexander presented a \$50,000 check to Amanda Schafer, Executive Director of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. Upon accepting it, Schafer was told that an additional \$1,000 check was also given as a gift from another entity wanting to thank Mt. Pleasant Abstract & Title for 40 years of service. As a result, two weeks post-event, the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation was able to report final, verified donations totaling \$100,604.

Save the Date:
Join the fun and give
where you live
during next year's
Give Local Isabella
scheduled for
May 3, 2022.

Give Local
Isabella



2021 Scholarships

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation (MPACF) awarded 102 scholarships totaling \$128,100 to local students in 2021. The endowment funds generating these scholarships were established by individuals, businesses, and organizations that want to help local students pursue their educational goals. Each scholarship is unique and reflects the values and interests of those who established it. Most of the scholarships support high school students planning to attend an accredited college, university or trade school in the fall. The scholarships also empower students to gain the skills and experiences to better serve their community.

Art Scholarship

Ayden Case

Blystone & Bailey CPAs Scholarship

Hillary Prout

Matthew J. Boles Memorial Scholarship

Magdalyn Wilson

J. Gavin Bradley Culinary/Hospitality Scholarship

Jaiden Wentworth

Keisha Y. Brown Angel Wings Scholarship

Caroline Brown • Matthew Clark • Anna Miller

Nancy Carey Memorial Scholarship

Katherine Brown

Dr. Joyce Ann Carter Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Maxon

Donna J. and W. Larry Collins/GFWC Scholarship

Michael Kelliher

Carolynn Cosan Memorial Scholarship

Brooke Faber

Denison Family Scholarship

Matilda Graham

Susan K. and Douglas E. Dodge Scholarship

Amelia Gouin

C. Jane (Dubay) & Dwight D. Dodge Memorial Scholarship

Kailyn Fitzmaurice

Richard C. Dubay Memorial Scholarship

Laney Wiley

Brenda Echelbarger Memorial Scholarship

Amanda Sinclair

J. Dean Eckersley Scholarship

Ashley Trost

Governor John Engler Scholarship

Kaitlin Otteman

Feight Family Business Scholarship

D'Yon Padgett

Ganiard History Project Scholarship

Nicholas Kelliher

Lauren Rupe • Zachary Seeley

Garland-Schilling Scholarship

Haylee Mayes

Goenner Family Scholarship

Lindsey Reid

Emerson W. Green Memorial Scholarship

Rylee Yuncker

Earl G. Hartman, Sr. and

Caroline Millar Hartman Scholarship

Hunter Goffnett • Emma Reid

Jim Hartman Study Abroad Scholarship

Amanda Sinclair

Phyllis A. Heinze

Mathematics Education Scholarship

William Troxell

Heydenburg Family Scholarship

Olivia Geisthardt

2021 SCHOLARSHIPS

Mt. Pleasant Area

[community foundation](http://communityfoundation.org)



907
Applications
Submitted & Reviewed



81
Scholarship Committee
Member Volunteers



102
Scholarships Awarded



\$128,100
Awarded to Students

visit mpacf.org to learn more

James R. Hodgins Memorial Scholarship
Madison Morey • Emma Stempky

Isabella Bank Scholarship
Aaron Amidon • Harmony Blanzzy
Parker Burggren • Rosalie Daniels
Isabelle Fritz • Alicia Frost
Riley Hohlbein • Caitlyn Johnson
Abigail Mellish • Austin Reid
Drew Sharrar

Isabella Community Credit Union Members' Scholarship
Julia Egbert • Macy VonDoloski

Isabella County Retired School Personnel Scholarship
Jesse Pratt

J. Paul Janes Memorial Scholarship
Kaitlin Otteman

Robert A. and Catherine A. Janson Scholarship
Sam Hassan

John P. and Ann S. Jensen Scholarship
Ryan Johns

Dr. Thomas M. and Jayne Keating Scholarship
Lauren Loveberry

Charlie and Jane Kiel Scholarship
Rosemarian Maloney

Carol Huber Konwinski and Jerel Konwinski Scholarship
Allison Hauck

Konwinski Construction Scholarship
Austin Hauck

Harold and Marie Krapohl Scholarship
Mackenzie Purtil

Aaron Jacob Latham Memorial Scholarship
Tijl De Vos

Thomas W. Lavoie Memorial Scholarship
Jacob Gross

Lemmer Family Scholarship
Makayla Screws

Shirley Lemorie Memorial Scholarship
Rebecca Smith

Herbert H. Lueth Scholarship
Carra Eagen • Ryan Farmer
Jacob Hamlin • Stacy Pitts
Erin Wallace

Maness Family Scholarship
Leah Fetzer • Lauren McIntyre

Martin Family Scholarship
Emily Cone • Jesse Pratt

James D. and Karen A. McConnell Family Scholarship
Kelsey Pasch

McGuirk-Ganiard West Side School Scholarship
Rena Angera • Zachary Seeley

Mercantile Bank of Michigan Scholarship
Riley Hayer • Iris Hwang
Andersen Strand • Camille Weindorf

Gary Moe Memorial Scholarship
Clarrissa Klein

Paul Moeggenberg Family Youth Agricultural Scholarship
Cameron Lynch

Michael and Dianne Morey Manufacturing Skilled Trades Scholarship
Hunter Conner

Norval Morey Leadership Scholarship
Daniel Sickles

Mt. Pleasant High School "Class of 1959" Legacy Scholarship
Savannah Limarenko
Larae Pulley • Ren VanderMey

Mt. Pleasant High School Class of 1965 Scholarship
Riley Sponseller

Robert F. Murray and Company CPA's Scholarship
Hailey Burrows

Myler Family Scholarship
Ashley Plum

Jason Parrott Scholarship
Maddison McBride

Jeff Reedy Memorial Scholarship
Caleb Cline

Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club Scholarship
Rosemarian Maloney

George and Frances P. Rouman Mental Health Education Scholarship
Zoe Collins

Kenneth and Hilda Schmeck Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Amanda Ervin

Matthew S. Sharrar Memorial Scholarship
Cassie Sandel

Shepherd Football Scholarship
Owen Morey

Shepherd Public Schools Scholarship
Zachary Bendele
Lyric Conroy • Timothy Peasley

Jeff and Roy Spencer Scholarship
Sydney Lloyd

Arnold and Margaret Sowmick Memorial Scholarship
Phoebe DeFeyer

Stokes Elementary Education Scholarship
Madison Morey

Jeffrey Vernon Memorial Scholarship
Ayden Case

Kristopher Walden "Waldo" Arts Scholarship
Nicholas Roberson

Watson Family Scholarship
Travis Faber

Bruce William Wood Memorial Scholarship
Olivia Geisthardt

Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant Scholarship
Hannah Peless

Katherine Brown

Nancy Carey
Memorial Scholarship –
Mt. Pleasant High School

"I received the Nancy Carey Memorial Scholarship. I'm so honored to continue her legacy in my education at Central Michigan University. I am planning to study journalism and communications.

Thank you so much to the Carey family for giving me such a wonderful opportunity with this scholarship."



Tijl De Vos

Aaron Jacob Latham
Memorial Scholarship –
Beal City High School

"It is an honor to receive the Aaron Jacob Latham Memorial Scholarship. I would like to thank Aaron's family for setting up this scholarship in his name to support agricultural students. I plan to attend MSU to study livestock industries. My future plans are to start my own farm and to partner with my family's dairy farm right here in Beal City."



Denison Legacy Society



The Denison Legacy Society was established in honor of Rollie and Olga Denison, who gave so bountifully of their time and resources to our community. The Denison Legacy Society recognizes those who have named the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation as the beneficiary of any type of planned or deferred gift. These gifts are endowed and leave a permanent legacy in our community.

To join this esteemed group, arrange for a planned or deferred gift to benefit the Community Foundation, and advise us of this gift. Visit mpacf.org/legacysociety for more information.

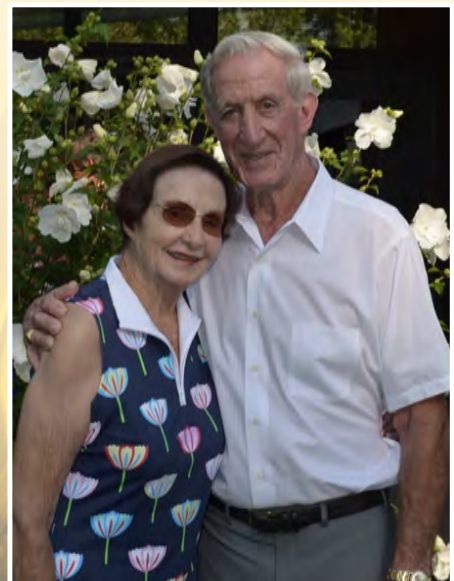


Legacy Society Members

Anonymous
Barbara Bissot*
John and Sue Bradac
Mary Ellen Brandell*
Howard and Mary Ann Breuer
Gerald C. Carter*
Donna J.* and W. Larry Collins*
William and Joneil Cook
Melva K. Coyne*
Timothy and
Mary Elizabeth Curtiss
Mark and Patricia Cwiek
G.R. (Rollie)* and Olga Denison*
Sarah Douglas
George and Barbara Dunn
J. Dean* and Betty Eckersley*
Norman C. and Ada Jean Eifler*
Jena Eisenberger
Evangeline and James Fabiano
Kurt and Julie Feight
Cheryl and Steve Gaudard
James Goodrich
Marie K. Green
Cindy Hales
Jack* and Connie* Harkins
I.W. "Bucky"* and
Velma Hartman*
Dykstra J. and Phyllis Heinze
Idonea Hersee*
Donna and David Hinks
James* and Sally Hodgins*
Ronald Hodgson
G. Charles and
Janice L. Hubscher
Robert and Catherine Janson
John and Ann Jensen
Alan and Kathy Johns
L.A. and Marilyn Johns*
Albert and Linda Kaufmann
Dave and Sue Keilitz
J. David and Karen Kerr
William and Eleanor Martin
Steven and Deborah Martineau
Bill and Louise McCracken

Jane McNamara*
Elizabeth Miller and
Bruce LaPointe
Linda Morey
Lon Morey
Marilyn and Jerry Morey
Mike and Dianne Morey
William C. and
Pamela H. Myler, Jr.
Mick and Dorothy Natzel
Virginia Nelson
Tad and Laura Richards
Bill and Eileen Rush
Amanda A. Schafer
Donald Schuster
Doris Sherwood
Kay Smith*
Mark and Shelly Smith
Dr. Martha L. Smith
W. Sidney and
Judith French Smith
Samuel W. and
Gertrude A. Staples
Jim and Naomi Stark
Nolan Stilgenbauer
William* and
Janet Maar Strickler
Thomas R. and Judith D. Sullivan
Nancy L. Theisen*
E. Diane Tope
Charles Walmsley
Gerald R. Watson
Bob and Maurine Weisenburger
Sally* and Jack Weisenburger*
Louise Williams*
Jim and Carol Wojcik
Terrie and Mark Zitzelsberger

*deceased





GREAT LAKES BAY INVITATIONAL



Grantmaking: Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational

World-class golfers and thousands of spectators gathered for the second annual DOW Great Lakes Bay Invitational, a LPGA Tour event held in July 2021. The team competition drew golf fans and community members from across the region.

Community foundations were invited to #TeamUp with select nonprofit organizations throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region, making a positive impact in STEM, sustainability, inclusion, and/or innovation efforts. In total, 36 nonprofits were paired with 72 teams competing in the LPGA event – each nonprofit aligning with two different teams. Each team received \$2,250 to donate to their paired nonprofit, but had the opportunity to earn additional contributions based on how they finished. The nonprofits were encouraged to support their golfers through participation in the tournament and engagement on social media. Nine charities from Isabella County were chosen to participate, and many grew close to their golfers over the course of the tournament. They shared information about our region and their organization’s work to make an impact in our community.

In total, \$51,250 was granted to Isabella County charities through the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, enhancing the ripple effect of impact made by the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational.

Grants Awarded from DOW GLBI

The Care Store

\$4,500

Chippewa Watershed Conservancy

\$9,500

Clothing INC

\$4,500

CMU Research Corporation

\$4,500

HopeWell Ranch

\$10,250

Isabella County Restoration House

\$4,500

Mid Michigan Industries

\$4,500

Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum

\$4,500

Special Olympics Michigan

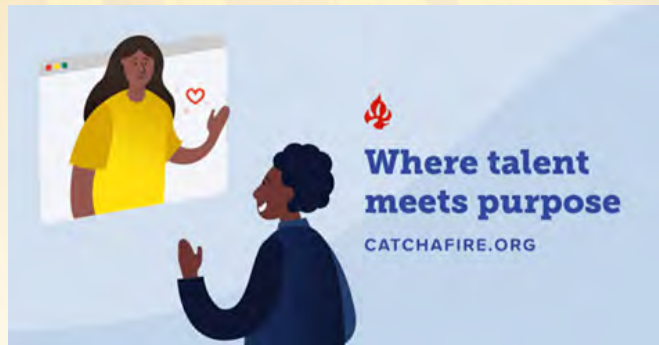
\$4,500



Nonprofit Capacity Building: Catchafire

For the second year, several Isabella County nonprofit organizations are enhancing their capacity building through Catchafire. In May of 2020, Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation began a partnership with Catchafire. This virtual platform can be used to leverage a network of more than 100,000 skilled volunteers who will help pro bono with needs such as website development, online marketing, strategic planning, professional development, and other areas of critical work in fundraising, program delivery, human resources, marketing and communications, finance, and technology and operations.

"To continue our support for capacity building among Isabella County nonprofit organizations, the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation is pleased to continue partnering with funders throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region to provide Catchafire," said Executive Director Amanda Schafer. "More than thirty organizations serving Isabella County residents will now have access to this incredible virtual platform at no cost," she added. "That means stronger, more efficient organizations serving our neighbors, allowing them to be that much more effective in meeting community needs."



This support from Catchafire will empower our nonprofit community to pivot within today's workplace and environment to assure they are meeting the expectations and needs of the communities they serve. The Great Lakes Bay Region in particular has continued to experience multiple stressors in 2021, and Catchafire comes with tangible resources to help nonprofits respond and recover in the short term, and build resilience in the long term. In its first year, Isabella County nonprofit organizations saved a total of \$81,000 by utilizing Catchafire.

Catchafire Spotlights:



Amy Powell

*Executive Director
Art Reach of
Mid Michigan*

Project: Employee Handbook

This project saved Art Reach \$2,430, allowing them to provide free programming for youth and adults in the area.



Dee Obrecht

*Executive Director
Isabella County Restoration
House*

Project: Training Plan Development

This project saved ICRH \$6,000, thus allowing the organization to invest in resources that helped address their guests' homeless issues and build self-sufficiency as they moved into their homes.



Amanda Tillotson

*Executive Director
Humane Animal Treatment
Society*

Project: Individual Donor Letter
This project saved HATS \$2,140, allowing them to provide care for animals in need.

Women's Initiative

Women's Initiative Fills Ford F-150 with Supplies for Local Women

Kay's Way Honors Kay Krapohl Smith, co-founder of the Women's Initiative

Out of an abundance of caution, the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's Women's Initiative did not host the annual Kay's Day social event in 2021. Instead, this creative group of women pivoted to support women and girls throughout Isabella County in a new way. Kay's Way: A Supply Drive for The Care Store started on May 10 and concluded on May 26, at Krapohl Ford & Lincoln.

In partnership with Weichert Realtors-Broadway Realty, the Women's Initiative collected feminine hygiene/care supplies like tampons, pads, hair products, lotions, soaps, bath and body products, toothpaste and toothbrushes in order to fill two F-150 trucks with supplies for local women and girls.

Kay Krapohl Smith, daughter of Bob Krapohl, who founded Krapohl Ford & Lincoln with his brother, Harold, co-founded the Women's Initiative nearly 20 years ago through the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation to address needs and create empowering opportunities for women. Her impact was the driving force behind the supply drive.

"Kay Smith was a role model in our community through her deep support of women and girls," said Erika Ross, who chairs the Women's Initiative with Linda Coyne.

The Women's Initiative endowment launched in 2003 and now exceeds \$500,000. It has granted more than \$100,000 to local organizations, including funding phone/video-conference outpatient mental-health options last year after COVID-19 eliminated most in-person services. Other grants have funded coats, boots, diapers, formula, tricycles and a lunch that introduced eighth-grade girls to careers in STEM.

"Mom was a force for other



women," said Mark Smith, Kay's son and current Community Foundation Trustee. "Tom (Krapohl, Kay's cousin) and I are excited to partner with the Women's Initiative and Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation in advancing her legacy."

The Women's Initiative started the supply drive with \$2,500 in goods. And community members gave \$1,600 in direct donations to The Care Store during the drive. To cap off the successful project, Krapohl's donated 100% of oil change sales (\$3,400) through its Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center on May 26. A total of \$7,500 in financial contributions and thousands of needed items for women and girls were donated for distribution to women and girls in Isabella County.



The Care Store had about 9,000 visits from local residents in 2020 and is serving about 300 individuals/families during twice-monthly drive-up distributions at the William and Janet Strickler Nonprofit Center so far this year. The Care Store typically works with social service agencies, schools and churches to provide personal hygiene and household cleaning products.



"It's powerful for women to know their community cares about them," said Executive Director Kim McBryde. "I'm excited for everyone motivated by this drive, including 900-plus Women's Initiative supporters and those just learning about Kay Krapohl Smith, to rally on behalf of all women and girls."

Renaissance Public School Academy Fund



Created by the Renaissance Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) in 2019, this permanent endowment fund will provide long-term support to Renaissance Public School Academy. The Academy provides kindergarten through eighth grade students with high-quality, personalized instruction in an active and engaging educational environment.

RPSA values connections to inform their personalized practices to meet the needs of their students. They also honor student voice and encourage student choice through self-directed,

individual student selected projects. Renaissance utilizes an inquiry based approach to guide students through Project-Based Learning experiences as well as content deep dives. The academy believes in the power of ongoing, innovative, rigorous, professional growth. This helps to foster connections to real-world applications and partner with the broader community to extend student experiences beyond the walls of their building.

RPSA was awarded the 2021 Innovation and Vision Award from CMU's Center for Charter Schools, in accordance with their mission and values.



John B. and Nancy L. Theisen Memorial Scholarship Fund



Image courtesy of the Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University

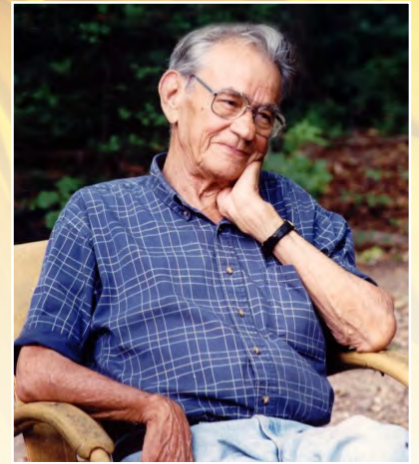
In June 2021, the John B. and Nancy L. Theisen Memorial Scholarship Fund was established and endowed with the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. Nancy was a 1957 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and John a 1956 graduate of Sacred Heart Academy. They were married at Sacred Heart on August 26, 1961. As fixtures in the Isabella County community, John owned and operated Jack's Amoco Station in Weidman for 33 years. Nancy was a dental assistant to Dr. William Fortino, DDS for 20 years. This fund will award scholarships to MPHS and SHA seniors pursuing a college degree based on their community involvement.

Maness Family Scholarship Fund

Currently in its 20th year, the Maness Family Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Mabre and Michael Maness to recognize graduating seniors from Mt. Pleasant who have demonstrated perseverance and courage in overcoming adversity. The father and son duo were long-time residents of Mt. Pleasant and were alike in their curiosity, integrity, and thoughtfulness. They both valued education and were lifelong learners. Above all, Mabre and Michael intimately understood, though there are many ways to get there, everyone deserves the chance to succeed.

The Maness Family Scholarship Fund is awarded to students residing in the Mt. Pleasant Public School district and seeking to continue their education at an accredited post-secondary college, university, or vocational school. Uniquely, priority is given to a non-traditional student graduating from the WAY/Oasis program, Adult and Community Education, or completing their GED.

Thanks to memorial donations made in Mabre's name in 2001, the Maness Family Scholarship Fund has awarded 19 scholarships. Generous community donors have made over \$45,000 in gifts, the fund has granted \$17,000, and through investment the fund's value exceeds \$65,000, today.



John and Jean Mitchell Family Fund

The John and Jean Mitchell Family Fund was created in 2021 to support the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy in their efforts to protect and reintroduce wildlife, acquire and preserve open space, and restore habitat.

The mission of the CWC is to protect and restore Central Michigan's land, water, and wildlife resources to improve the quality of life for all. According to John, "A family fund at MPACF, established for the benefit of the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy, is the perfect marriage; the professional money management of MPACF with the professional wildlife habitat protection of the CWC. Both organizations are focused on forever. It doesn't get any better than this."

Cindy E. Hales Fund

Cindy Hales was a fixture in the Mt. Pleasant community for nearly two decades. Thanks to her generosity, the Cindy E. Hales Fund will now come to fruition. Currently Cindy serves as the Director of Community Investment at the Capital Regional Community Foundation in Lansing and is responsible for most of the Foundation's grantmaking. Having served on the MPACF board during her time in Mt. Pleasant, and being active both personally and professionally, she believes an endowment fund is the right vehicle to best support a community she holds near and dear. Cindy's hope is that her fund can provide resources to nonprofits in the area working to meet needs as they arise.

Although she no longer lives in the Mt. Pleasant area, Cindy's commitment to the community remains strong. She is a proud Chippewa, earning her masters and doctorate from CMU, and she very much enjoys teaching a course there in nonprofit administration. Cindy is passionate about sharing her experiences with others and helping them to succeed. In her spare time, she enjoys tending to her garden, traveling with friends, or curling up with a great book.



Harry E. Tope Memorial Aviation Scholarship Fund

The Harry E. Tope Memorial Aviation Scholarship is approaching its 30 Year Anniversary of assisting individuals advancing their education or skills in the field of aviation. In fact, it was one of the first scholarships created with the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. The fund was created to honor the memory of Harry E. Tope Jr. and his passion for flying; to provide financial assistance to worthy individuals who wish to pursue a career or hobby in aviation and to promote continued interest in education for private pilots. The scholarship is available to area students residing in Isabella, Gratiot, Mecosta, Clare, Midland, or Montcalm Counties.

Since the initial fund was created in 1992 with a \$20,000 gift, the Harry E. Tope Memorial Aviation Scholarship Fund has awarded 26 scholarships. Generous community donors have added over \$10,000 in gifts, the fund has granted nearly \$38,000, and through investment the fund's value exceeds \$48,000 today.



Kaufmann/Sauter Family Fund

Al and Linda Kaufmann have been fixtures in our community for decades, always ready to step in and lend a helping hand. They established the Kaufmann/Sauter Family Fund in 2021 to provide better access to mental health for children, where currently there may be programmatic or financial barriers. As both Al and Linda shared, "It's an investment in the future of the community and the future is our kids."

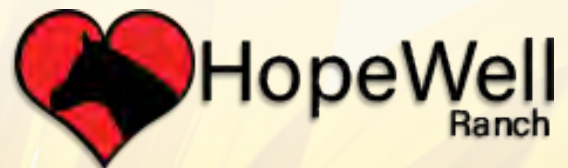
The Kaufmann's fund will help to assure funding for mental health programs as well as assist in the destigmatization of an often overlooked area of healthcare. Al said, "Across the nation, community foundations are rushing in to fill the gaps in all sorts of places. We have chosen the Mt Pleasant Area Community Foundation to establish this fund."



HopeWell Ranch Fund

HopeWell Ranch was founded in Weidman, MI in 2004 and runs a nonprofit equine therapy program. In 2021 the HopeWell Ranch Fund was created to support the ranch's mission long term.

The ranch provides EAGALA (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association) services for children, individuals, families, and veterans. These services include equine assisted counseling, learning, and professional development. They also run a program called Unbridled Potential, which aims to provide a free riding program for children with special needs during the summer. Project Solomon is designed to assist military members who are struggling with PTSD.



EAGALA sessions are facilitated by equine and mental health specialists. Participants do not ride but rather work with the horses to address issues such as anger management, self-esteem, conflict resolution, attachment, substance abuse, and trauma. Additionally, the Equine Assisted Learning program helps teach improved communication and conflict resolution, teambuilding, vision building, and more.

Permanently Endowed Funds of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation

Gifts to the following funds will be invested, and the return on investments will be used to award grants and scholarships that benefit the residents of Isabella County...now and forever!

Community Impact Funds:

The following funds were established to make annual grants to charitable programs, services or projects that help address the ever-changing needs of Isabella County residents.

Community Impact Fund
Bandit Industries Community Fund
Ralph and Sonja Baumgarth Family Fund
Barbara A. Bissot Fund
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Denison Unrestricted Fund
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Fabiano Family Fund
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Fisher Companies Community Impact Fund
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Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund
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Jerry M. and Marilyn J. Morey Community Fund
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Morning Sun Community Fund
Myler Family Community Impact Fund
John Neyer Family Fund
Tim and Mary Ann O'Neil Community Impact Fund
Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta
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Sherwood Family Fund
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Staples Family Fund
William and Janet Maar Strickler Community Impact Fund
Sullivan Family Fund
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Andy Wheeler Community Needs Fund

Field of Interest Funds:

The following funds were established to target support at specific areas of community life as defined by their founders.

Access to Recreation Fund
Autism Advantage Fund
Glen and Kathy Blystone Learn to Swim Fund
Darlene Bond Memorial Youth Fund
John and Sue Bradac Family Emergency Fund
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Rush Family Community Emergency Fund
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Women's Initiative Fund

Donor Advised Funds:

The following funds were established to make grants according to the charitable interests of their founders.

Paula Arndt Women's Fund
Richard and Mary Barz Family Fund
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Carnel Chamberlain Memorial Fund
Central Michigan Veteran's Endowment Fund
Tim and Teresa Coscarelly Family Fund
Janice Cotter Endowment Fund
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Hunter Family Fund
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Richard and Adonna Kennedy Memorial Fund
Kiwanis Club of Mt. Pleasant Youth Fund
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Lon Morey Family Fund
Morey Foundation Fund
Mt. Pleasant Jaycees Fund
Olson Family Fund
Optimist Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund
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Community Fund
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Thompson-Blackmer VFW Post 4106
Community Fund
Tumbl Track Fund for Youth Fitness in honor of Doug Davis and Diana Hughes
Harold and Milli Verleger Family Fund
Bob and Nancy Wheeler Fund for Scouting
Wybenga Family Fund
Zitzelsberger Family Fund

Organization/Designated Funds:

The following funds were established by an organization, individual or family to support the operational, administrative and programming costs of their designated organizations.

Charles E. Anthony Leadership Fund
Art Reach of Mid-Michigan Fund
Greg Baderschneider Memorial Fund
Beal City Public Schools Education
Foundation Fund
Richard Brandell and Joseph Sweeney
Recreation Fund
Brattin Memorial Art Fund
Breast and Cervical Cancer Fund
Friends of the Broadway Fund
William Ellis Brockman Infant Assistance Fund
Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Fund
William Brehm Memorial/Chippewa Watershed
Conservancy Stewardship Fund
Community Cancer Services Fund
Community Compassion Network Fund
Continuum Homelessness Grant Fund
CRC Fund
Eckersley Library Fund
Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey HATS Fund

Dyke and Phyllis Heinze Conservation Fund
 William E. and Idonea Hersee House Fund
 Hersee House Maintenance Fund
 Hopewell Ranch Fund
 Hospice of Central Michigan Fund
 Dick and Mary Ellen Brandell Family
 Hospice House Fund
 Bob and Jeanne Long Hospice House Fund
 Lon Morey Family Hospice House Fund
 Bill and Dolores Myler Hospice House Fund
 Dennis and Sandra Olson Hospice House Fund
 Jim and Naomi Stark Hospice House Fund
 Bill and Janet Maar Strickler
 Hospice House Fund
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 Isabella Citizens for Health Fund
 Isabella Community Soup Kitchen Fund
 Isabella County Commission on Aging Fund
 Isabella County First Responders Fund
 Kara's Korner Preschool Library Fund
 Phil A. Langlois Fund for Listening Ear
 Friends of the Library Fund
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 Clinic Fund
 Life Choices of Central Michigan Parenting
 Program Fund
 Listening Ear Child Sexual Abuse
 Treatment Fund
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 Dreams Fund
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 America (BPA) Fund
 Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum Fund
 Mt. Pleasant Oiler Hockey Fund
 Mt. Pleasant Oilers Athletic Boosters Fund
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 Amy Otteman Nursing Education Fund
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 Richards Leadership Fund
 Ridley Leadership Fund
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 Rocket Football Operating Fund
 Ed and Marcia Schmidt Memorial Fund
 Schuster Family Fund for Listening Ear
 Special Olympics Michigan Fund
 William and Janet Strickler Nonprofit
 Center Fund
 William J. Strickler Clarke Historical
 Library Fund
 United Way of Isabella County Fund

Volunteer Center of Isabella County Fund
 Youth Health and Fitness Fund

Scholarship Funds:

The following funds were established to provide scholarships in accordance with the guidelines set by the donors who established them.

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 Scholarship Fund
 Art Scholarship Fund
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 Matthew J. Boles Memorial Scholarship Fund
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 Scholarship Fund
 Keisha Y. Brown Angel Wings Scholarship Fund
 Nancy Carey Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Joyce and Gerry Carter Scholarship Fund
 Dr. Joyce Ann Carter Memorial
 Scholarship Fund
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