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2023 MAGAZINE & ANNUAL REPORT



» The Community Foundation's new sculpture, by Jeff Best, stands as a testament to impact that continues forever.

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A message from the CEO

One year ago, I had the privilege of joining this esteemed organization. It's hard to put into words how I feel about a year's worth of memories, especially of interactions with our incredible donors, volunteers and staff. It is important, too, to mention the many dedicated community and nonprofit leaders who look to the Foundation for support.

This annual report showcases our collective successes, hard work and commitment to the mission of enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Isabella County, now and for generations to come.

It is truly impressive when approximately 2,000 donors give so generously to support others. Their contributions come through direct monetary gifts as well as initiatives such as Give Local Isabella, our annual crowd-funding initiative; Kay's Way, our Women's Initiative supply drive to support women and children; and through our Youth Advisory Committee activities.

Our donors give to more than 330 permanent endowments, which funded \$1.09 million in grants and 114 scholarships in 2023.

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation has been a philanthropic pillar in Isabella County for more than 30 years, and it has connected thousands of individuals, both giving and receiving.

I hope you enjoy reading about the good that was accomplished last year. I'm so proud of all of us, because this kind of impact takes every single one of us.

Together, we are "For Good. For Ever."

- Alysha Pasquali

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- Shirley Martin Decker,* **28**
- Doug Dodge, **12**
- George Dunn, **21**
- James Fabiano, **12**
- Joanne Golden-Trudell, **10**
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- Dyke Heinze, **18**
- Chuck Hubscher, **21**
- Eric Janes, **9**
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- Albert Kaufmann, **9**
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- Bill Rush, **12**
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- Janet Maar Strickler, **15**
- Tom Sullivan, **9**
- Judi Sullivan, **11**
- Bob Wheeler, **32**
- Terrie Zitzelsberger, **9**

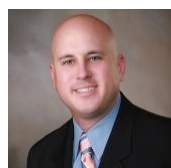
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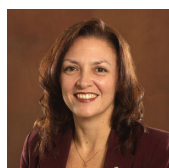
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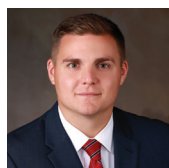
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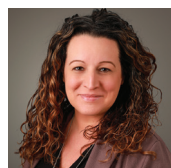
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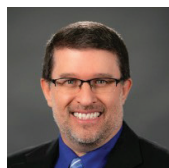
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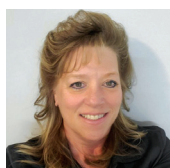
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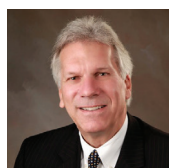
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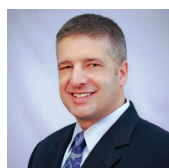
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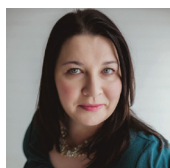
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Emeritus trustees embody *community service*

Emeritus trustees play an important role in the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. Their understanding of the Foundation's history and their contributions to its development provide invaluable guidance. In 2023, four trustees concluded service on the board and attained emeritus status.

BRIAN'S involvement with the Foundation began in 1992 with the Youth Advisory Committee. He played a role in its inception as one of the first student YAC members and assisted in the establishment of the committee's bylaws and governing documents.



During that time, Brian witnessed creation of the Kellogg Youth Fund. This fund is stewarded by the YAC to serve the youth of Isabella County.

Nearly two decades later, as a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, Brian became chair of the Finance Committee and then treasurer of the board. Now an emeritus trustee, Brian looks to encourage the growth of leadership funds, which help reduce the Foundation's administrative costs.

Brian is a Mt. Pleasant native and graduate of Sacred Heart Academy. He attended Alma College and later the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. He embarked on a career in the United States Army, serving in the Judge Advocate General's Corps for a decade. After his military service, he transitioned to the civilian sector and today serves as general counsel for the Fisher Companies.

MICHELLE played a role in developing the strategic plan during her nine years as a trustee. She also chaired the Community Relations Committee and was a member of the Scholarship and Executive committees.



As an emeritus trustee, Michelle now serves on the Community Leadership Committee and plans to remain involved with the Foundation for many years.

Michelle is director of downtown development for the City of Mt. Pleasant. She serves as the staff liaison for the Mt. Pleasant Principal Shopping District, Tax Increment Finance Authority, Downtown Development Authority and Historic District Commission. Michelle is also a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Michigan Downtown Association and Rotary International.

She earned her undergraduate degree in marketing and management at Northwood University and a graduate degree in historic preservation at Eastern Michigan University.

the spirit of and *philanthropy*



CHERYL first joined the Foundation more than 25 years ago as an application reviewer for the Scholarship Committee. She went on to serve nine years as a trustee — two as Board president.

During her tenure, Cheryl also chaired the Scholarship Committee and co-chaired the Women's Initiative Committee. Additionally, she served on the Governance, Executive and Human Resources committees.

Cheryl values the relationships she built along the way and is pleased with the Foundation's growing impact. She is especially proud of the establishment of the William and Janet Strickler Nonprofit Center and the creation of the Human Resources Committee to support the CEO/COO.

Cheryl said emeritus trustees help to preserve the institutional knowledge of the Community Foundation. As Legacy Society members, Cheryl and her husband, Steve, have included the Foundation in their estate plans and will establish a fund to support the community.

Raised in Blanchard, Cheryl moved to Mt. Pleasant to attend Central Michigan University. After obtaining her degree, she began a career as a teller for Mercantile Bank of Michigan. In 2019, she retired as a commercial lender and senior vice president.

She is proud of the organizations she has served, which include the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Sports Boosters, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, William and Jan Strickler Nonprofit Center, American Legion Auxiliary Post 240 and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



MARCIE also began her journey with the Foundation as a member of its Scholarship Committee. She joined the Board of Trustees in 2015, serving as secretary, vice president and president. During her nine-year tenure, she chaired the Community Relations and Community Leadership committees and also served on the Governance, Scholarship and Executive committees.

As president, Marcie led the 2023 search for a new CEO. She said she's proud of the Foundation's impact during the COVID pandemic and to have seen MPACF remain strong during that tumultuous time. She considers the Foundation's assets surpassing \$25 million and the creation of the Community Impact Fund to be key milestones of the past nine years.

Alongside her mother, Karla Cooper, Marcie initiated an endowment in honor of her grandparents. The Ronald H. and Donna M. Cooper Family Fund supports various needs in Isabella County, focusing on education, history and the environment. As an emeritus trustee, Marcie serves on the Human Resources Committee.

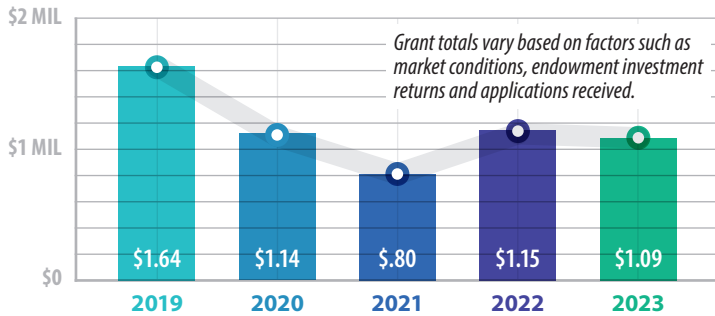
Marcie was raised in Clare and moved to Mt. Pleasant to attend CMU, graduating in 1987. Later, she relocated to Royal Oak, where she worked in undergraduate admissions for Davenport University and Lawrence Technological University. Eventually, she furthered her education by obtaining a master's degree from Michigan State University. She returned to Mt. Pleasant and her undergraduate alma mater in 1998 and today is executive director of alumni relations.

Foundation grants \$1.09 million to support Isabella County residents

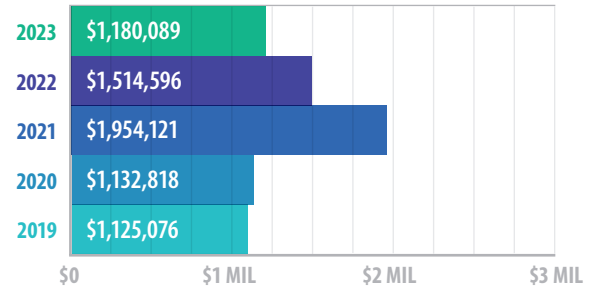
The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation supported residents and communities across Isabella County with more than \$1.09 million in grants in 2023. Nearly 70% of total funding supported human services, education and health.

The following data shows five-year results, influenced by factors such as stock market fluctuations.

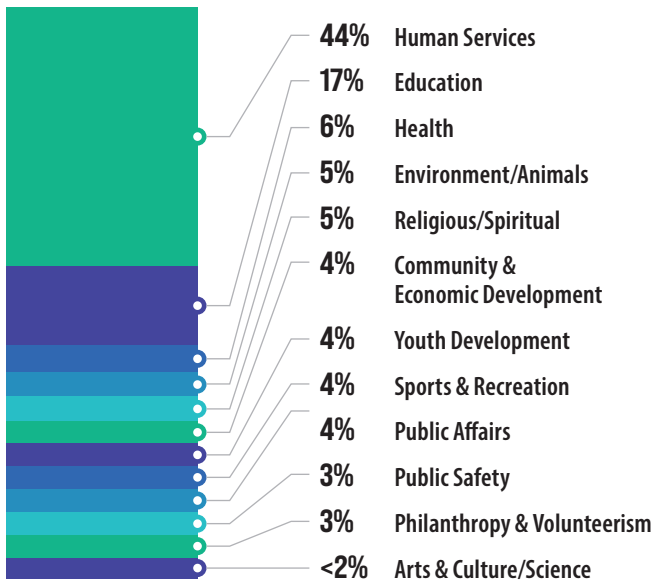
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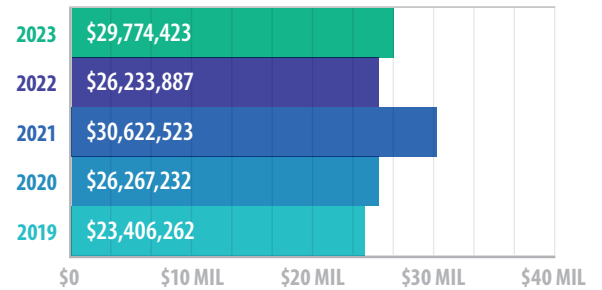
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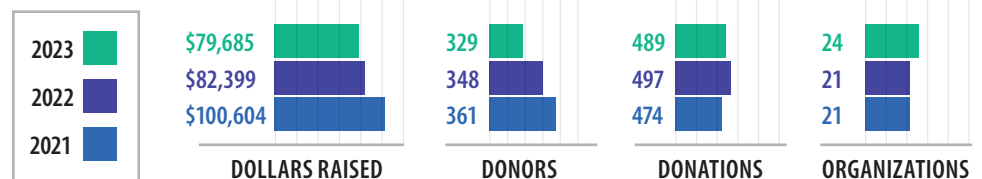


INVESTMENT RETURNS



GIVE LOCAL ISABELLA

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



Foundation guides philanthropy for Isabella County's future

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation serves as the bedrock of philanthropy in Isabella County, dedicated to enhancing the community now and for generations to come. Established in 1990, the Foundation secures donor generosity in permanently endowed funds, paving the way to positive impact forever.

Since then, the Foundation has contributed more than \$11 million to community initiatives, projects and scholarships. All endowed funds are invested forever, except in rare cases specified by donors. Investment earnings are awarded through the Foundation to support the organizations and issues that mean the most to those who created the funds.

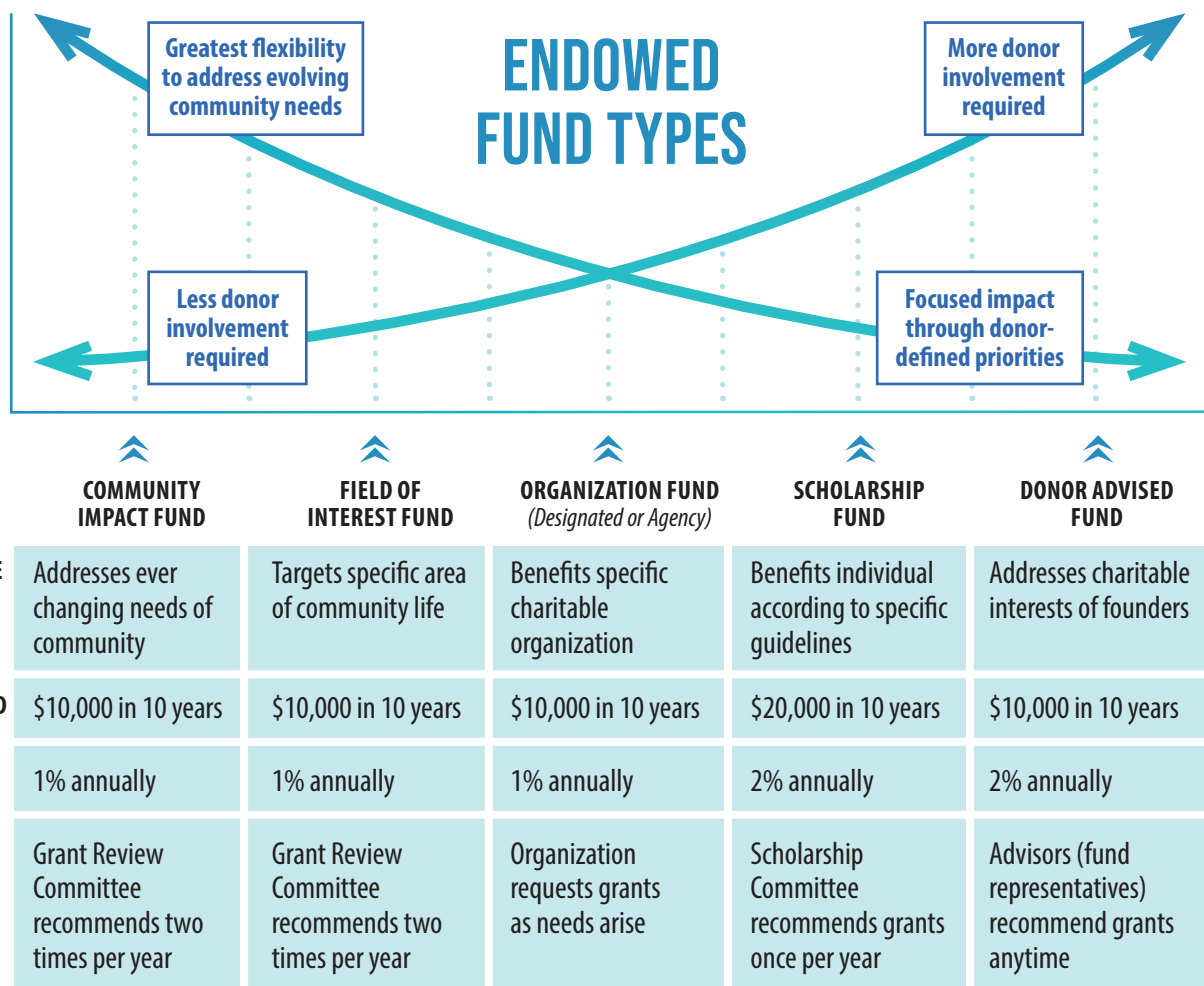
With all gifts, the Foundation supports those in Isabella County working to create a strong, vibrant, and inclusive community.

All contributions qualify for the highest federal and Michigan tax incentives. Contact us at **989-773-7322** or **info@mpacf.org** for guidance on your options.



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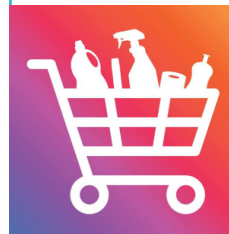
Donors establish endowment funds *that last forever*

When individuals, families and businesses create endowment funds with the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, their contributions will last forever.

Isabella County benefits from generous donors who invest in the community through the Foundation. Each year, interest earned from the invested funds is used to support various grants and scholarships.

The funds described on pages 10 through 13 were created in 2023.

» THE CARE STORE FUND



The Care Store Fund was established to ensure the organization can provide life-changing items to those in need — forever. Based in the William and Janet Strickler Nonprofit Center, The Care Store serves as a lifeline

for the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population and those below the poverty line.

Through the distribution of Care Bucks by local human services agencies, The Care Store enables individuals to obtain essential personal and household items not covered by a Bridge Card, with special consideration for veterans and their families.

At its core, the store's mission is clear: to provide essential items with care and kindness, guaranteeing guests are treated with dignity.

» THE LANGLOIS FAMILY FUND



The Langlois Family Fund represents the values of love, commitment and community that are deeply rooted in the family. Grants from this donor-advised fund will support local organizations whose efforts advance those values.

Created by Kevin and Melissa Langlois, the fund will be passed down to their children, Jaxson and Lauren, ensuring a lasting philanthropic legacy.

This fund was established in honor of Kevin Langlois's father, Philip, his mother, Allie, and his brothers, Bryan and Mark Langlois. Philip worked as a self-employed builder and developer, dedicated to providing affordable housing and supporting human services and counseling programs through organizations like Listening Ear. Allie was involved in local organizations such as HATS, Art Walk Central, Women's Initiative, Faith Weavers and the Mt. Pleasant Tourists Club.

Bryan, a Boy Scout, played a pivotal role in establishing the Mt. Pleasant High School ski team. Mark, known for his adventurous spirit, enjoyed sailing, skiing, hunting and captaining his boat, "Killin Time." A skilled builder by trade, he was known as a modern-day MacGyver.

» KEITH E. AND PATRICIA L. FEIGHT FUND



Keith and Patricia Feight have been married more than 40 years. In 2023, they established their fund in honor of the Mt. Pleasant community, which has supported their businesses and family.

Keith, whose parents are from Belleville, graduated from Central Michigan University after serving in the Navy on the battleship Wisconsin and the cruiser, the Northampton. In the late 1950s, Keith began his Mt. Pleasant business career, delving into insurance, real estate and retail. Before Keith met Patricia, he raised two children, Kurt and Sherrie.

Patricia's maternal family lived and owned businesses in Mt. Pleasant. She and her siblings cherished summer vacations spent visiting their grandparents, John and

Doris Brien, and their cousins. Eventually, Pat had her own family in Mt. Pleasant and raised Carrie and Michele prior to meeting Keith.

The Feights' fund supports three local organizations: the Chippewa River District Library, Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum and Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's Women's Initiative.

» MIDLAND ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Midland Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarship Fund honors the chapter's 40 years of service.

The chapter received its charter in 1984, thanks to the

dedication of 12 women committed to community service, reflecting the vision and purpose of the sorority founders. The chapter's focus aligns with its international organization, emphasizing sisterhood, scholarship, service and social action.

The scholarship will be awarded to African American students graduating from an Isabella County high school or enrolled at Central Michigan University or Mid Michigan College. By creating this fund, the chapter aims to create a lasting legacy and enable African American students to reach their personal goals. As an endowed scholarship, its impact will continue indefinitely.

» THE CLOTHING INC FUND



The Clothing INC Fund provides crucial support for the organization's mission. It functions as a lifeline for community members in need of

cost-free clothing. After opening its doors in 2013 with assistance from members of The First Church of the Nazarene, Clothing INC operates from a 5,000-square-foot store in the William and Janet Strickler Nonprofit Center.

Evolving from a Christmas-focused initiative by Eydent Insurance Services, the organization's commitment broadened to address the wider community need year-round. Executive Director Bryan Chapman emphasizes Clothing INC's consistent dedication to providing a dignified space for individuals in need.

Clothing INC gives community members the opportunity to give back through clothing donations, volunteerism and financial support.

» THE LINDA K. DIELMAN EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY FUND



The Linda K. Dielman Early Childhood Literacy Fund was created by members of NABET-CWA Local 54412 as a tribute to their former president, Linda K. Dielman. With a career spanning more than 40 years at WCMU Public Media, Linda worked in marketing, public relations,

programming, grants and outreach. Additionally, she dedicated 35 years as the union's elected president.

Linda, a Central Michigan University broadcasting alumna, raised her family in Mt. Pleasant, where she was an active community member involved in organizations such as the Zonta Club. Passionate about childhood literacy, she also championed numerous literacy projects. The fund permanently extends that support to early childhood literacy efforts in WCMU Public Media's service area across central and northern Michigan.

» STELLA TRAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



This memorial scholarship honors Stella Mae Travis, who passed away in 2010 at 8 months old following open-heart surgery. Stella, daughter of Bryan and Katie Travis, graduates

of Shepherd High School, taught everyone who knew her about life's fragility.

The Travis family, now composed of biological and adopted children, embarked on a foster care journey in 2019. Despite challenges, they've welcomed and loved numerous children.

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from Shepherd Public Schools who plans to enroll at an accredited college, university or trade school. The Travis' hope is to assist those aging out of foster care and those overcoming life challenges.

» EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS



When Eileen Jennings recognized the financial need among students at Mid Michigan College and Central Michigan University, she sought to assist those facing crises such as car

breakdowns or illnesses. As a member of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Scholarship Committee, Eileen identified the need to augment the impact of scholarships. In response, the Emergency Assistance Fund for College Students was created.

Eileen has been a retired attorney for more than 30 years. After graduating from law school at the University of Nebraska, she became associate university counsel at Central Michigan University in 1980. In 1983, she became general counsel.

Now retired, Eileen fills multiple roles at the Community Foundation, as a trustee and on the Scholarship Committee, Women's Initiative Grants Review Subcommittee and Governance Committee. She has been involved with Rotary, Zonta and Christmas Outreach. She also spent time in South Dakota as a Vista Volunteer on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Eileen envisions the Foundation establishing a collaborative relationship with Mid Michigan College and Central Michigan University on behalf of her fund. Her goal is to ensure consistent funding that enables students to overcome unexpected financial challenges and remain in school.

» GERALD WATSON FUND FOR HATS



The Gerald Watson Fund for HATS was established following the passing of Gerald R. Watson, a lifelong member of the Mt. Pleasant community.

Gerry served in the Army during the Vietnam era, stationed in Germany and Okinawa. After his military service, he returned to Mt. Pleasant, working as an audio/visual technician at Central Michigan University. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Sons of Union Veterans, Gerry lived a quiet life, surrounded by his beloved cats and friends.

When establishing his estate plan with a gift to the Community Foundation, Gerry joined its Legacy Society. Through planned giving, he created the fund for the Humane Animal Treatment Society to support the welfare of cats and other animals in the local community.

» HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUND



Habitat for Humanity of Isabella County's new endowed fund provides another avenue for donors seeking to support local families and individuals with housing needs.

In partnership with the Community Foundation, this fund will be a

catalyst for the Habitat for Humanity mission of uniting people in building safe and affordable homes, communities and hope. With a 30-year presence in Mt. Pleasant, Habitat for Humanity has been a steadfast force in combating substandard housing through financial coaching and its "sweat equity" volunteer program.

Habitat for Humanity ensures families become homeowners after housing placement. Its impact extends further with initiatives like "A Brush with Kindness" and the "Priority Home Repair" program, aiding low-income homeowners facing challenges due to age, disability or family circumstances.

» THE SHEPHERD TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Shepherd Track & Field/Cross Country Scholarship Fund recognizes seniors who have excelled in the athletic program and classroom. Shepherd Public Schools is committed to providing students with the resources necessary to lead, learn, grow and flourish through athletics.

This fund will award scholarships to Shepherd graduates who participate in high school track and field and/or cross country.



» *Anyone may contribute*

at any time to any of the more than 330 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.



Professional development empowers YAC and creates *youth leaders*



The Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee embarked on a journey of professional growth and leadership through two pivotal events in 2023: the Bridges Out of Poverty training and the Youth Grantmakers Summer Leadership Conference. These events equipped YAC members with skills and insights for navigating the world and making positive change in their community.

When Sophie Ludwig, YAC secretary, attended Bridges Out of Poverty training, it helped her understand the challenges and strengths of individuals from impoverished backgrounds. Deep discussions and interactive sessions created tools to help participants better serve all youth with compassion.

"The Bridges Out of Poverty training was about recognizing our biases, especially for those of us who are more fortunate. It emphasized the importance of considering the needs of those who are less fortunate when making decisions about granting," Sophie said.

YAC members engaged in activities that fostered collaboration and critical thinking. They explored root causes of poverty and strategies to address related issues.

Insights gained from the training laid a foundation for the Youth Grantmakers conference. Wyatt

Browne, YAC vice president, said the conference, hosted by the Council of Michigan Foundations, was a platform for exploring philanthropy, community impact and mental health.

At the conference, YAC members engaged with peers from across the state, sharing ideas and best practices for positive change in their communities. They honed their leadership skills and learned about different approaches to grantmaking and strategies to address pressing social issues.

Students also heard about projects undertaken by other youth committees.

"When you meet people from places like Detroit, Lansing, Grand Rapids, it helps us see other sides of where people live in Michigan and what their goals are compared to what our goals are," Wyatt said. "We get grant requests that are from other areas, like the Ronald McDonald House in Grand Rapids. It helps you not just think of your community but the state as a whole."

Grants Awarded

In 2023, YAC awarded a total of **\$28,468.**

SPRING GRANTS

The Care Store - **\$5,000**

Mt. Pleasant Police Department - **\$4,000**

Mid Central Area Health Education Center - **\$2,868**

Clothing INC - **\$1,500**

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan - **\$1,500**

FALL GRANTS

Community Mental Health for Central Michigan - **\$8,000**

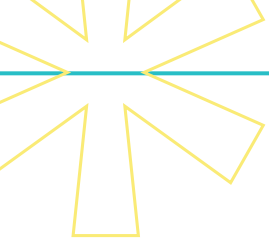
Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum - **\$3,000**

Eagle Village - **\$2,000**

MINI-GRANTS

United Way of Gratiot and Isabella Counties - **\$300**

Foster Closet of Isabella County - Ash Encompassment - **\$300**



FLAMINGO FLOCKING

YAC's Flamingo Flocking raised \$3,000 for the Kellogg Youth Fund. By making a donation of at least \$50, contributors can designate an Isabella County resident or business to have their yard covered in flamingos by the YAC during the dark, early morning hours. This annual tradition brings joy to all who participate.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In 2023, YAC volunteered at The Care Store, Zonta's 33rd Annual Applefest, United Way of Gratiot & Isabella Counties Fill-A-Mayflower and Adopt-A-Family programs, and Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation's Candy Cane Lane. The YAC also hosted a jean drive for young men and boys in partnership with Clothing INC. and volunteered with Christmas Outreach of Isabella County.



YAC members who graduated in 2023



"Just keep swimming" serves as Kayden's guiding mantra. Inspired by Dory from *Finding Nemo*, this quote reminds him to persevere through tough times and stay resilient.

One of Kayden's fondest memories as a YAC member is attending the CMU leadership conference in 2022. It was an eye-opening experience that exposed him to leadership insights and allowed him to connect with fellow YAC members and inspiring individuals.

Kayden is pursuing his passion for welding at Mid Michigan Community College.



"Act as if what you do makes a difference, because it does." - William James

Samuel's journey in the Youth Advisory Committee was filled with valuable experiences that helped him develop essential leadership and communication skills needed by young professionals. Surrounded by passionate individuals, he witnessed the power of philanthropy and the ripple effect of small acts of kindness.

Samuel is pursuing his studies in biology, health and society at the University of Michigan. He is on a pre-med track, exploring paths in the medical field, including optometry and anesthesiology.

2023 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Ava Carroll
Maggie Galan
Alivia Kirchofer
Marin Moeggenborg
Abbie Powell

ADULT MEMBERS

Erin Ludwig
Emma Powell
Tony Rau

COMMUNITY MEMBERS EMBRACE PLANNED GIVING THROUGH THE *Legacy Society*

The Denison Legacy Society

celebrates generous donors who designate the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation as the beneficiary of a planned or deferred gift. These contributions, arranged during the donor's lifetime, will support the community in perpetuity.

The Society is named in honor of longtime local philanthropic leaders Rollie and Olga Denison.

» *For information*

on how you can join the Denison Legacy Society and support the causes dear to your heart, contact CEO **Alysha Pasquali** at **989-773-7322** or **apasquali@mpacf.org**.

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» Al Kaufmann's planned giving leaves a lasting legacy



Following his time in the Army and with the Michigan Department of Social Services, Al Kaufmann began a life of public service in Mt. Pleasant and across Isabella County.

His impact is vast, from his tenure on the Mt. Pleasant City Commission, including as mayor, to his role in the construction of the local water treatment plant and merger of the police and fire departments. During his nine years as a trustee with the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, he participated in various committees, including Community Relations and Access to Recreation. He now contributes to the Community Leadership Committee as an emeritus trustee.

Central to Al's commitment to the Community Foundation is his membership in the Legacy Society. During his early years with MPACF, Al witnessed the creation of the Legacy Society.

This group of philanthropists ensures the sustainability of the Foundation through planned giving, guaranteeing its ability to serve future generations. For Al, being part of the Legacy Society is more than financial support; it's about fostering a sense of unity and purpose. Al said those who choose planned giving provide a crucial lifeline and often function as advocates, spreading awareness of the Foundation's mission and inspiring new supporters.

"What you learn along the way when you're in government is that the government can't afford everything. Sometimes we have to figure out another way to fund good things," Al said. "Membership in the Legacy Society ensures our community's future needs are met. It connects us to what's happening in the Foundation and in our community."



» Reception honors, updates Legacy Society members

Legacy Society members gathered last fall with Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation leaders for a special reception honoring their support. This bi-annual social event provides an opportunity for Society members to learn about the impactful work being accomplished by the Community Foundation. Hosted at the local restaurant, Stir, the 2023 event featured a unique culinary experience and an evening of mingling and rekindling old friendships. Attendees also met new Foundation staff members and heard updates from CEO/COO Alysha Pasquali.

The next Legacy Society reception will be in 2025.

“Tree of Life”

sculpture stands as a symbol of
community spirit

A beautiful sculpture,

"The Tree of Life," stands in the heart of Mt. Pleasant as a testament to community spirit. Jeff Best, from Clare, crafted the artwork to embody the values of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation.

Jeff is a self-taught artist whose passion for creativity started with childhood sketches. His talent emerged naturally, driven by innate ability.

As an adult, he maintained a balance between art and a full-time job as a sales manager in the feed industry for 24 years. Jeff occasionally created small sculptures for his children from unconventional materials like coat hangers, laying the foundation for later endeavors. Inspiration from wildlife led him to shift his focus to sculpting with barbed wire.

Art shows such as ArtPrize and Art Walk Central garnered attention for Jeff's unique sculptures, and over time, his distinctive style with barbed wire set him apart, attracting commissions and further recognition.

Jeff remains humble and grounded to this day, talking of the complexities of the art world, balancing commissions with personal artistic expression and continuously evolving and refining his craft.





The “Tree of Life” sculpture was made possible thanks to the following 26 donors:

- Dave & Linda Coyne
- E&S Graphics, Inc.
- Fabiano Foundation
- Feight Community Improvement Fund
- Fisher Companies
- Cheryl & Steve Gaudard
- Eileen K. Jennings
- John & Ann Jensen
- Al & Linda Kaufmann
- Dave & Sue Keilitz
- Konwinski Construction Inc.
- Beth Miller & Bruce Lapointe
- Krapohl Ford & Lincoln
- Aaron Liscomb
- Robert & Jeanne Long
- Rick & Julie McGuirk
- Michigan Arts & Culture Council
- Linda Morey
- Sandy & Dennis Olson
- Mary Ann & Tim O’Neil
- Marcie Otteman
- Tom & Nancy Ridley
- Judy & Sid Smith
- Janet Maar Strickler
- Marilyn Sweeney
- Bob & Nancy Wheeler



Artist Jeff Best crafting the “Tree of Life” sculpture in his Clare studio

the persistence of life even after calcification. The linearly arranged wires resemble blood vessels, symbolizing the lifeblood of the Community Foundation.

At the base of the sculpture lies a pudding stone, a conglomeration of rocks symbolizing the diverse yet unified individuals, businesses and organizations that support the Community Foundation. More than 250 hand-cut leaves grace the branches. They symbolize both donations and the blessings bestowed by the Foundation on the community through grants and scholarships.

Two birds on the tree are not of a specific species, but embody the spirit of giving. These birds are harmonious, like the varied backgrounds and talents of donors, volunteers and staff.

Jeff spent more than 200 hours constructing the 450-pound sculpture, including subtly embedding barbed wire — the signature of his Devil’s Rope Studio.

“This is a unique piece. It’s more than just a tree out in front of the Foundation,” Jeff said. “It tells a potential donor what the organization is all about.”

“The Tree of Life” traces back to an idea conceived by Bob Wheeler, who helped launch the Community Foundation in 1990. His vision was to replace an old tree in front of the Foundation with something that would last forever. Bob assembled a committee to find an artist and raise funds for a sculpture. Jeff emerged as the natural choice.

“We’d seen some of Jeff’s sculptures around town,” Bob said. “We showed him what we were thinking and I said, ‘Now the reason we’re doing this is because we’re pulling that tree out, so we think maybe a tree sculpture of some kind would be nice.’”

“The Tree of Life” stands tall at 9 feet and commands attention with its intricate details. The sculpture’s trunk, crafted from 9-gauge wire, mirrors the growth cycle of whitetail antlers, highlighting

» **Tree of Life Sculpture Committee**

- Joe Fleming
- Ryan Flesher
- Therese Lunsford
- Linda Morey
- Amy Powell
- Bob Wheeler



2023 Scholarships

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation awarded 114 scholarships totaling \$161,850 to local students in 2023. The endowment funds generating these scholarships were established by individuals, businesses and organizations dedicated to helping local students pursue their educational goals.

Each scholarship is unique and reflects the values and interests of those who established it. Most support high school students planning to attend an accredited college, university or trade school in the fall.

The Community Foundation, created in 1990, works to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Isabella County, now and for generations to come. Its permanently endowed funds are supported by a wide range of donors, and education is an ongoing priority. It takes about 100 dedicated committee members and volunteers each year to review every application and determine the scholarship recipients.

Aaron Jacob Latham Memorial Scholarship:
Cameron Lynch

Alan and Kathy Johns Scholarship:
Olivia Regenfuss

Arnold and Margaret Sownick Memorial Scholarship:
Samantha Seger

Art Scholarship:
Rachel Olivieri

Blystone & Bailey CPAs Scholarship:
Hillary Prout

Brenda Echelbarger Memorial Scholarship:
Delaney Scully

Bruce William Wood Memorial Scholarship:
Charles Doyle

C. Jane (Dubay) and Dwight D. Dodge Memorial Scholarship:
Erin Stevens

Carol Huber Konwinski and Jerel Konwinski Scholarship:
Lillian Laney

Carolynn Cosan Memorial Scholarship:
Anna Lator
Madison Stanton

Christopher John Andera Memorial Scholarship:
Jacques Chercover

Class of 1965 Mt. Pleasant High School Scholarship:
Hailey Burrows

Denison Family Scholarship:
Paige Sian

Donna J. and W. Larry Collins/GFWC Scholarship:
Zackary DeLong

Dr. Joyce Ann Carter Memorial Scholarship:
Elizabeth Maxon

Dr. Thomas M. & Jayne Keating Scholarship:
Lily Danielski

Earl G. Hartman, Sr. & Caroline Millar Hartman Scholarship:
Catherine Courtright
Ainslee Humphreys

Eckersley Scholarship:
Sally Graham

Emerson W. and Marie K. Green Scholarship:
Mikehlah Gimney

Feight Family Business Scholarship:
Logan Chilman

Ganiard History Project Scholarship:
Grace Flaherty
Kaylor McIntosh
Alexandra Russell

Garland-Schilling Scholarship:
Madison Munley

Gary Moe Memorial Scholarship:
Abbie Dziuk

Gene A. Kunst Gold Star Family Scholarship:
Logan Peterson

George and Frances P. Rouman Mental Health Education Scholarship:
Greenlee Jones

Goenner Family Scholarship:
Rose Kothra

Governor John Engler Scholarship:
Jolie Fisher

Harold & Marie Krapohl Scholarship:
Jonathan Jarrard

Harry E. Tope Memorial Aviation Scholarship:
Paige Wilson

Herbert H. Lueth Scholarship:
Quincie Cheaney
Matthew Farmer
Natalie Eagen
Ayden Totten
Lilliana Stilwell

Heydenburg Family Scholarship:
Ruth Lehr

Isabella Bank Scholarship:
Emma Carlson
Rylee Carncross
Olivia Davidson
Lily Lobert
Timothy Eberhart
Erica Narr
Eliza Pieratt
Jackson Doyle
Tyler Rupe
Nora Toogood
Ariel Warner

Isabella Community Credit Union Members' Scholarship:
Miriam Brinks
Yoshiya Marshall
Collin Robinson



» Val Wolters awarding Alexandra Russell the Ganiard History Project Scholarship

Isabella County Retired School Personnel Scholarship:
Makenna Bailey

J. Gavin Bradley Culinary/Hospitality Scholarship:
Gracelynn Beeg

J. Paul and Mary Ellen Janes Scholarship:
Adriana Acles

James D. and Karen A. McConnell Family Scholarship:
Matilda Graham

James R. Hodgins Memorial Scholarship:
Aubree Garcia
Audree Goffnett

Jason Parrott Scholarship:
Isaak Vogel

Jeff and Roy Spencer Scholarship:
Jenna Gates

Jeffrey Vernon Memorial Scholarship:
Sawyer Scully

Jim Hartman Study Abroad Scholarship:
Connor Bendele

John D. and Judith M. Williams Scholarship:
James Bigard

John P. & Ann S. Jensen Scholarship:
Zoe Reddick

Keisha Y. Brown Angel Wings Scholarship:
Elizabeth Beltinck
Angel Brown
Rylee Sisco

Kenneth & Hilda Schmeck Memorial Nursing Scholarship:
Ellie Giegling

Mt. Pleasant High School Class of 1959 Scholarship:
Keelin Wheaton
Jack Connors

Konwinski Construction Scholarship:
Grant Minthorn

Kristopher Walden "Waldo" Arts Scholarship:
Zackary DeLong

Laura Clemons Salisbury Scholarship:
Olivia Sineway

Lemmer Family Scholarship:
Abigail Powell

Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Scholarship:
Samantha Reid

Maness Family Scholarship:
Karla Harman
Chinenye Ogoko

Martin Family Scholarship:
Josiah Howell
Kaylee Locke

Matthew J. Boles Memorial Scholarship – Arts
Carson Jarman

Matthew J. Boles Memorial Scholarship - MSU
Gabrielle Moutsatson

Matthew S. Sharrar Memorial Scholarship:
Tailor Onstott



2023 Scholarship Celebration

McGuirk Ganiard West Side School Scholarship:
Hailey Jablonski-Saenz
Sophia Reilly

Mercantile Bank of Michigan Scholarship:
Lily Burkhart
Liliana Catrell
Kyia Tunder
Lily Deja

Michael and Dianne Morey Manufacturing Skilled Trades Scholarship:
Zachary Meyers

Myler Family Scholarship:
Anna Plum

Nancy Carey Memorial Scholarship:
Gabriel Fanning

Nolan D. Stilgenbauer Agricultural Scholarship:
Elandra Himebaugh

Norval Morey Leadership Scholarship:
Isaiah Reihl

Paul Moeggenberg Family Youth Agricultural Scholarship:
Casey Sexton

Phyllis A. Heinze Mathematics Education Scholarship:
Alexys Zeien

Richard C. Dubay Memorial Scholarship:
Lukas Fischer

Robert A. & Catherine A. Janson Scholarship:
Rojie Wang

Robert F. Murray & Co. CPA's Scholarship:
Jackson Fox

Rotary Scholarship:
Samuel Powell
Archita Saraiya

Scottie Miller Memorial Special Education Scholarship:
Makayla Bloniarczyk

Shepherd Football Scholarship:
Justin Flannery

Shepherd Public School Scholarship:
Spencer Bendele
Lily Gouin
Natalie Lloyd

Shirley Lemorie Memorial Scholarship:
Brandon Peasley

Stokes Elementary Education Scholarship:
Katelyn Schell

Sue Ann Watters Music Scholarship:
Gabrial Lipar

supercarguy Scholarship:
Jonathan Jarrard

Susan K. and Douglas E. Dodge Scholarship:
Emily Bunker

Thomas W. Lavoie Memorial Scholarship:
Hadyn Armstrong

Watson Family Scholarship:
Samantha Durfee

Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant Scholarship:
Kaitlyn Cloutier

Foundation grants support the work of dozens of local organizations

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation is proud to provide grant funding each year in support of area organizations working to improve the lives of local residents and enhance our communities.

Every spring and fall, the Foundation awards competitive grants funded through its endowment funds. The first round of awards in 2023 were announced during a Summer Celebration on the patio of Hunter's Ale House. More than 100 donors, community leaders and partners gathered in June 2023 for the awarding of more than \$139,000 in grants.



2024 RSVP

Scan the QR code to join us for the 2024 celebration on the Hunters patio, Thursday, June 27 from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.



» 2023 Summer Celebration

Grants Awarded Through Endowment Funds

The following list outlines grants awarded during both grant cycles in 2023.

AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF MT. PLEASANT
Hockey Equipment and Program Scholarships for Youth Players

\$1,500 - Janice Cotter Endowment Fund

ART REACH OF MID MICHIGAN
Art Walk Central 2023

\$918 - W. Sidney and Judith French Smith Community Fund

Wellspring Literary Series

\$2,000 - Russ Herron Poetry Fund

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE GREAT LAKES BAY REGION
Support for the Isabella County Mentor Program

\$4,000 - Harold and Milli Verleger Family Fund

Supporting Families for Thanksgiving and Christmas

\$4,000 - Harold and Milli Verleger Family Fund

BRINTON CHAPEL OF BRINTON

Troop 695 of Farwell Equipment Trailer Repair

\$300 - Bob and Nancy Wheeler Fund for Scouting

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Support the Mission of PSRC
 \$5,000 - Anonymous Fund

Digitization of Historical Isabella County Newspapers
 \$5,000 - William J. Strickler Clarke Historical Library Fund

CMU POLICE DEPARTMENT Drug Recognition Expert Program

\$5,290 - Elizabeth Z. Miller & Bruce H. LaPointe Community Needs Fund, Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund, Sherwood Family Fund

CHIPPEWA RIVER DISTRICT LIBRARY
Children Picture Books

\$200 - Kara's Korner Preschool Library Fund

CHIPPEWA WATERSHED CONSERVANCY
Preserve Stewardship and Maintenance, Conservation Easement Monitoring, Land Protection, Public Outreach

\$10,892 - Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Fund

» CMU Police Drug Recognition Expert Program



Monitoring and Routine Maintenance of Preserves

\$2,534 - Dyke and Phyllis Heinze Conservation Fund, William Brehm Memorial/Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Stewardship Fund

Public Preserve and Protected Habitat Signage

\$3,650 - Fabiano Family Fund, John Neyer Family Fund, Sherwood Family Fund

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Supporting the Essential Needs of Households in Isabella County

\$8,000 - Harkins Community Fund

Protecting Women and Girls from Cold - Snow pants

\$4,000 - Women's Initiative Fund

CITY OF MT. PLEASANT Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation - Youth Sport League Jerseys

\$2,000 - Mt. Pleasant Optimist Club Fund

Horizon Park Community Garden

\$1,600 - Mary Ellen Brandell Access to Recreation Fund

Mt. Pleasant Fire Department - Thermal Imaging Devices

\$19,201 - Barbara L. and George W. Dunn Family Fund, Community Impact Fund,

Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Unrestricted Fund, Tim and Mary Ann O'Neil Community Impact Fund

Mt. Pleasant Police Department - Youth Police Academy

\$4,000 - Kellogg Youth Fund

Mt. Pleasant Police Department - Police Breaching Tools

\$2,550 - David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund, Steve and Sue Pung Family Fund, Sullivan Family Fund

CLOTHING INC Undergarments for Women and Kids

\$2,500 - Women's Initiative Fund

New Technology

\$1,000 - Kimber and Judy DeWitt Family Fund, Missy and Doug LaBelle Family Foundation Community Impact Fund

Clothing for Men and Boys

\$3,900 - Kellogg Youth Fund, Morning Sun Community Fund, Ralph and Sonja Baumgarth Family Fund, Rapaport Family Fund

Supplies for Women and Girls

\$1,005 - Women's Initiative Fund

COMMUNITY COMPASSION NETWORK

General Support for the Infant Pantry

\$4,484 - William Ellis Brockman Infant Assistance Fund

Support for CCN Mission, Programs

\$4,500 - Mitchell Family Trust Fund



» Foster Closet of Isabella County

Support for Mothers in Need

\$3,505 - Women's Initiative Fund

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FOR CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Bluejay Wellness Center

\$25,000 - Bandit Industries Community Fund, Community Impact Fund, Healthy Youth Healthy Seniors Fund, Isabella County Health Improvement Fund, Jerry M. and Marilyn A. Morey Community Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund, Shepherd Community Fund Honoring Robert H. Bates

EAGLE VILLAGE Scholarship Program 2023/2024

\$2,000 - Kellogg Youth Fund

FORGOTTEN EAGLES INC. Support the Mission and Programs

\$1,000 - Mitchell Family Trust Fund

FOSTER CLOSET OF ISABELLA COUNTY - ASH ENCOMPASSMENT

Foster Family Holiday Party

\$300 - Kellogg Youth Fund

GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF MICHIGAN

Girl Scouting Through PEAK
\$6,000 - Barbara A. Bissot Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund, Women's Initiative Fund

Jane Harris Cabin Roof Update

\$16,000 - Community Impact Fund, Denison Unrestricted Fund, Hersee Family Fund, Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund, Women's Initiative Fund

GIVE LOCAL ISABELLA

\$30,000 - Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation

GRATIOT ISABELLA RESD Dolly Parton Imagination Library

\$3,000 - Robert and Geraldine Krapohl Literacy Fund

GRATIOT ISABELLA TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER

Student Leadership in Technical Education

\$1,500 - Shepherd Community Fund Honoring Robert H. Bates

HOPEWELL RANCH Human Trafficking and Human Rights Abuse Seminar

\$1,500 - Women's Initiative Fund



» Police Youth Academy



Isabella Community Soup Kitchen

HUMANE ANIMAL TREATMENT SOCIETY
Vaccines and Monthly Preventative Medications for Shelter Animals

\$6,000 - Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey HATS Fund

Parvovirus Prevention in Isabella County

\$3,870 - Myler Family Community Impact Fund, Ranck Family Fund, Staples Family Fund, Thomas J. Sullivan Memorial Fund

ISABELLA CITIZENS FOR HEALTH, INC.

The Children's Library

\$1,500 - Robert and Geraldine Krapohl Literacy Fund

ISABELLA COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

Food Sharing Program

\$8,000 - Harkins Community Fund

Support Annual Operating Costs

\$4,525 - Isabella Community Soup Kitchen Fund

ISABELLA COUNTY Isabella County Commission on Aging Dementia Bracelets

\$5,922 - Isabella County Health Improvement Fund

Medication Lock Bags and Lock Boxes

\$777.61 - Healthy Youth Healthy Seniors Fund

Durable Medical Equipment

\$6,000 - Barbara A. Bissot Fund, Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund, Kay Smith Family Fund

Personal Emergency Response Systems

\$2,235.40 - Paula Arndt Women's Fund

ISABELLA PARKS AND RECREATION

Art From Our Park 2024

\$3,000 - Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund, Kay Smith Family Fund, Schafer Community Impact Fund, William and Janet Maar Strickler Community Impact Fund

ISABELLA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Gas Card Assistance

\$2,000 - Women's Initiative Fund

ISABELLA COUNTY RESTORATION HOUSE

Support the Mission and Programs

\$4,500 - Mitchell Family Trust Fund

General Operating Support

\$7,995 - Coyne Family Fund

Support for Homeless Women and Their Families

\$5,000 - Harkins Community Fund

Guest Services

\$4,000 - Barbara L. and George W. Dunn Family Fund, Sally and John Goodrow Fund

ISSUE MEDIA GROUP Epicenter Sponsorship

\$37,000 - Pass Through Fund

LANSING SPARTANS YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Youth Center

\$1,250 - Tumbi Trak Fund for Youth Fitness in honor of Doug Davis and Diana Hughes

Isabella County Commission on Aging

LIFE CHOICES OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Support of Mission and Programs

\$3,000 - Mitchell Family Trust Fund

Brightcourse Parenting Subscription

\$1,532 - Life Choices Parenting Program Fund

Registered Nurse Salaries

\$14,213 - Life Choices Medical Clinic Fund

STD Tests

\$3,280 - Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Unrestricted Fund, Missy and Doug LaBelle Family Foundation Community Impact Fund, Rapaport Family Fund, Summit Petroleum Fund

MID CENTRAL AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

Health Careers Pipeline Program

\$3,868 - Kellogg Youth Fund, Shepherd Community Fund Honoring Robert H. Bates

MID-MICHIGAN INDUSTRIES Expanding Horizons Program

\$6,500 - Harkins Community Fund

Bridging Futures: Career Discovery in Virtual Reality

\$4,400 - Fabiano Family Fund, Hersee Family Fund, William and Janet Maar Strickler Community Impact Fund

MT. PLEASANT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

"Tree of Life" sculpture by Jeff Best

\$1,000 Feight Community Improvement Fund

MT. PLEASANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

2023 Camperships for Scouts

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

MT. PLEASANT DISCOVERY MUSEUM

Mid-Michigan Mechanics Exhibit

\$7,500 - Access to Recreation Fund, Brewster Family Access to Recreation Fund, Janet Maar Strickler Access to Recreation Fund

Project Inclusion

\$3,000 - Kellogg Youth Fund

MT. PLEASANT LITTLE LEAGUE

Pickens Field Dugout Permanent Roofing Project

\$3,468 - Bovee Family Fund, David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund, Harkins Community Fund, Theunissen Family Fund

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BPA National Leadership Competition

\$2,206 - Mt. Pleasant Business Professionals of America Fund

Student Scholarships to attend CMU Wrestling Camp

\$465 - Chris Maniteau Memorial Wrestling Fund

Ganiard and Vowles Elementary Schools Sporting and Fitness Equipment for Physical Education

\$3,000 - Harkins Community Fund

2022-2023 Peacemaking Ceremony

\$390.73 - MPPS Esther Kraus Peacemaking Fund





» Mt. Pleasant
Discovery Museum

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTERS

Synthesizer & Enclosed Cart
\$6,200 - Andy Wheeler Community Needs Fund, Connor J. Puhlman Memorial Fund for Youth, Darlene Bond Memorial Youth Fund, Fisher Companies Community Impact Fund, Gilmore Family Fund for Youth, W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith Family Fund, Weisenburger Family Fund

MYMICHIGAN HEALTH FOUNDATION
Woodland Hospice House Uncompensated Care

\$112,715 - 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

Patient and Family Member Experience Projects at Woodland Hospice House

\$247,717.44 - Hospice of Central Michigan Fund

POTTER'S HOUSE GLOBAL NETWORK
Supporting the Mission and Programs

\$3,000 - Mitchell Family Trust Fund

PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGES OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION
Rosebush Manor Outdoor ADA Accessible Space

\$10,000 - Access to Recreation Fund, Brewster Family Access to Recreation Fund, James Dale Ervin Memorial Fund, Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club Access to Recreation Fund, Ruth S. and Gerard R. Felter and Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund, Summit Petroleum Fund

PROJECT WEIDMAN
Flag Replacement

\$950 - Thompson-Blackmer VFW Post 4106 Community Fund

R.I.S.E ADVOCACY INC.
New Roof Update

\$16,500 - R.I.S.E. Advocacy Fund

Staff Training

\$10,000 - John P. and Ann S. Jensen Community Impact Fund, Kay Smith Family Fund, Olson Family Fund, Ronald H. and Donna M. Cooper Family Fund, Women's Initiative Fund

Supporting the Mission and Programs

\$2,273 - Mitchell Family Trust Fund

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
Family Support Program

\$4,250 - Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund, John P. and Ann S. Jensen Community Impact Fund, W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith Family Fund, Weisenburger Family Fund

ROTARY CHARITIES OF TRAVERSE CITY
Leadership Learning Lab 2023

\$3,250 - Community Impact Fund

SACRED HEART ACADEMY
School Supplies and STEM Education

\$705 - McGuirk Family Fund

Elementary School Supplies
\$500 - Janice Cotter Endowment Fund

THE CARE STORE
Female Hygiene Products for The Care Store

\$2,500 - Women's Initiative Fund

Not Just Skin Deep
\$5,000 - Kellogg Youth Fund

Technology Update
\$2,926.44 - David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund, Denison Unrestricted Fund, Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund, Richard and Mary Barz Family Fund

Supplies for Women and Girls
\$1,005 - Women's Initiative Fund

THE POTTERS HOUSE - FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER
General Operating Support
\$6,000 - Mitchell Family Trust Fund

UNITED WAY OF GRATIOT AND ISABELLA COUNTIES
2023 Stuff the Bus

\$1,900 - Mt. Pleasant Optimist Club Fund

Humane Animal Treatment Society Matching Campaign

\$854 - Richard and Adonna Kennedy Memorial Fund

Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum Matching Campaign

\$1,000 - Janice Cotter Endowment Fund

Adopt a Family

\$300 - Kellogg Youth Fund

VILLAGE OF SHEPHERD
Drinking Fountain

\$4,050 - Shepherd Community Fund Honoring Robert H. Bates

Village Park Playground Upgrades

\$10,000 - Access to Recreation Fund, Janet Maar Strickler Access to Recreation Fund, Shepherd Community Fund Honoring Robert H. Bates

WILLIAM AND JANET STRICKLER NONPROFIT CENTER

Operational Cost
\$10,947.33 - Isabella County Nonprofit Service Center Fund

Handicap Accessibility

\$7,500 - Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Unrestricted Fund, Jerry M. and Marilyn A. Morey Community Fund, Schafer Community Impact Fund, William and Janet Maar Strickler Community Impact Fund

Parking Lot Repairs

\$5,000 - Denison Unrestricted Fund, G. Charles and Janice L. Hubscher Fund, Joanne Golden Family Community Impact Fund, Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey Community Needs Fund

Roof Hatch

\$1,000 - Community Impact Fund, L.A. and Marilyn B. Johns Family Fund, Staples Family Fund

Permanently Endowed Funds of the MPACF

Gifts to these funds are invested, and the returns will benefit the local community, now and forever.

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 Weisenburger Family Fund
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FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Supporting specific areas of community life as defined by their founders

Access to Recreation Fund
 Autism Advantage Fund
 Bill Lorenz Jr. Trade School Fund
 Brewster Family Access to Recreation Fund

Connor J. Puhlman Memorial Fund for Youth
 Darlene Bond Memorial Youth Fund
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 Gilmore Family Fund for Youth
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 Isabella County Health Improvement Fund
 James and Marilyn Bidwell Fund for Basic Human Needs
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 Kellogg Youth Fund
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DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Giving founders flexibility in supporting charitable interests

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 Friends of the Library Fund
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 Habitat For Humanity 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
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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 Consumer Needs and Dreams Fund
Listening Ear Crisis Center Fund
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Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Leadership Fund
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R.I.S.E. Advocacy Fund
Rocket Football Operating Fund
Schuster Family Fund for Listening Ear
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Isabella Bank Scholarship Fund
Isabella Community Credit Union Members' Scholarship Fund
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6/27

SUMMER CELEBRATION



Hunter's Ale House
Thursday, June 27,
4:30 - 6:30 P.M. (Scan the
QR code on page 22 to RSVP)

9/20

ANNUAL BREAKFAST



Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn
and Conference Center
Friday, September 20,
7:30 - 9:00 A.M.

10/30

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Soaring Eagle
Casino & Resort
Wednesday, October 30,
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.