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Capital Region Community Foundation

# 2024 Impact Report

517 Hispanic Heritage Weekend, photo credit Kendall D. Lartigue

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# Our Mission

To lead philanthropic solutions that build vibrant communities in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties.

- Donor Services
- Nonprofit Support
- Community Leadership

## Dear Friends,

One of the many ways the Community Foundation contributes to a vibrant Capital Region is by ensuring a strong and innovative nonprofit sector. We engage in this vital work using the principles of Trust Based Philanthropy (TBP), which provides a framework that builds a positive relationship between funder and grantee. Over the past two years, the Foundation has implemented meaningful trust-based practices such as simplifying our applications and streamlining the grant process; increasing transparency; soliciting and acting on feedback; and providing support beyond the check. We are energized and eager to continue building valuable and sustained relationships with our nonprofit partners throughout the Capital Region.

Another way we help build vibrant communities is by leading placemaking initiatives along the Michigan Avenue corridor – the backbone of our three-county region – including the downtown Lansing riverfront. Early on, we recruited a technical team of urban planners from MSU, the City of Lansing, and many other field experts. Together, we developed a master plan for the riverfront – a “string of pearls” that, once completed, will be a series of vibrant public spaces for all, linked along the river and the river trail.

Two of those pearls are the ever-popular **Rotary Park** and the new destination **Play Michigan!** all-inclusive playground. Now the new **Fish Ladder Music Park** near Old Town is underway, to be completed in 2025 (see page 23). Three or four other riverfront pearls are on the drawing board depending on interest by individual donors and corporate investors who recognize that a vibrant, fun community attracts and retains employees. Delta Dental, AF Group, Auto-Owners, CASE Credit Union, and many other businesses believe in the return on their investments to date.

As delightful as these riverfront gems are, infrastructure alone won’t necessarily draw people. We’ve learned from other riverfront cities that the key to vibrancy is activation, such as events, entertainment, and food offerings that entice both residents and visitors.

**This lesson has taken the Community Foundation in a new, complementary direction.**

In addition to sponsoring six major festivals this year (see page 24), we are creating a new position on our team, a Director of Riverfront Operations. This talented professional will work in concert with the City’s Parks and Recreation Department, Downtown Lansing Inc, LEPFA, Choose Lansing, and other partners. We can’t wait to watch our Riverfront Director lead the way to a destination we will all enjoy and be proud of.

**Working with you for a vibrant community,**



Laurie Strauss Baumer  
President & CEO



Laurie Baumer with Ann Vogelsang, 2024 Board Chair

# Our Equity Journey

The journey toward greater equity in our work proudly continued in 2023 and continues today. As a community foundation, we remain focused on the many opportunities we have to support those with different cultures, backgrounds, and abilities. With a critical eye focused on building greater racial equity, particularly through our funding, the Community Foundation continues to listen, learn, and better understand our role in building more inclusive communities around the Capital Region.

Much of our work in this space continues with the leadership of our Racial Equity Committee. This group has helped build valuable connections with small, grassroots, often BIPOC-led nonprofit organizations throughout our region. Our Meet & Greet events offer us a way to engage with these organizations and as a result, we have seen an increase in first-time grant requests from these under-resourced nonprofits. Lifting them up and supporting their “boots-on-the-ground” services to those in need has been a critical part of our equity work.

The Community Foundation’s Placemaking and Marketing committees also spearhead efforts to provide limited sponsorship dollars to events along the Michigan Avenue corridor, particularly those that reach culturally diverse audiences. And our most recent leadership project, Play Michigan! is the region’s only inclusive playground where children of all abilities can experience the joy of play together.

We have taken great pride in our equity work over the past few years, but we know there is so much more to do. We look forward to our continued efforts.

*Photo from our June “Meet and Greet” event at Walnut Neighborhood Park*



## DONOR SERVICES

# Reasons Why Donors Partner With Us

- 1 We Grow Your Charitable Dollars**  
It’s simple and quick to open a fund that will be invested for growth. Your gift will be placed in our highly diversified asset pool, benefiting from the guidance of experienced professional investment managers. We do the work while you get the joy of giving.
- 2 Maximum Tax Benefits**  
Your contributions qualify for the maximum allowable deduction for income, gift and estate tax purposes. You can maximize your charitable deductions by “bunching” multiple years of contributions to exceed the tax deduction threshold and make grants over time.
- 3 Creative Giving Options**  
We offer abundant choices to make both current gifts and deferred gifts. We will work with you and your professional advisor to identify your best giving options.
- 4 Community Knowledge and Impact**  
We have our finger on the pulse of nonprofits and needs in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties. We can help you make the most informed decisions possible about your giving.
- 5 Recognition or Anonymity**  
The Community Foundation appreciates the generosity of our donors! Stories of charitable donors can inspire others to give, although anonymity is also available for donors who prefer that option.
- 6 Leave Your Legacy**  
Through an endowment fund at the Community Foundation, your gifts are protected and work to benefit the causes you care about, today and forever.

# Find the Fund that's Right for You

## High Impact Funds

### Leadership Fund

To support the Community Foundation's strategic initiatives, proactive grants, and related Community Foundation capacity needs. Projects like Rotary Park and Play Michigan! (the region's first universally accessible playground-park) depended on this fund.

### Community Needs Fund

Perpetual fund to support the charitable nonprofits and projects that meet the region's current, greatest needs.

### DEI Action Fund

To support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs and activities in our community.

### Local Impact Investment Fund

Investing locally is a powerful way to support and improve communities - a way to generate financial returns while providing social or environmental benefits.

## Curious about starting a fund?

We'd love to talk further or answer any questions to help you get started!

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## General Fund Types

### Flexible Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

Open your DAF in minutes with a new online application, lower fees, and no minimum retained balance. Take advantage of our vast expert knowledge of our community's needs and hundreds of nonprofits to fully customize your charitable giving.

### Designated Fund

Support the charitable organization(s) of your choice, in perpetuity.

### Field of Interest Fund

Concentrate your giving on a particular issue such as food insecurity, protecting the environment, or supporting the arts. We then direct your giving to the nonprofits currently addressing your concerns.

### Agency Fund

Set up by nonprofits and individuals who support them to provide permanent sources of revenue for individual nonprofits. See page 30 for a list of our 191 agency funds.

### Legacy Fund (Testamentary)

Ultimately funded through your estate plan, the Fund will become active after your lifetime. The Community Foundation invests and protects your Fund, ensuring your charitable intentions are carried out for you, forever. A Legacy Fund Agreement also allows you to make changes to your plan without having to amend your will, trust, or other beneficiary designations.

# Why Our Donor-Advised Funds Are Superior

Professional advisors usually recommend the Community Foundation to their clients who want personalized service from staff who know the community's needs. But now, our donor-advised funds (DAFs) are superior to those at commercial institutions. We offer an online DAF application that is shorter and easier than the commercial apps, eliminated our minimum balance, and lowered our fees.

## Benefits of establishing a Donor-Advised Fund with the Community Foundation include:

- Maximum charitable tax advantages - bunch multiple years of contributions to exceed the tax deduction threshold and make grants over time
- Flexibility – you decide how and when to give
- Competitive fees that ultimately support your community
- Access to resources and annual events that inform donors about community needs and impactful grantmaking opportunities
- Personalized services and local knowledge – professional staff offer giving advice, fund management, and rewarding charitable connections
- Quick and easy set-up options – apply online or meet with us in person to set up your DAF
- Opportunity to give anonymously, if desired
- No minimum retained balance

Having a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation is like creating your own foundation – but without the administrative work and expense. Just enjoy charitable giving and leave the rest to us!

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Several years ago, we decided to establish a family fund to help local children and their families. The Community Foundation guided us through the set-up and management of the fund. They continue to be an amazing partner, offering ongoing advice and ideas for generating additional funds.

- Chris and Louise Holman,  
donor-advised fundholders



Chris and Louise Holman with Governor Gretchen Whitmer.  
The Governor also has a DAF at our Community Foundation.

# Agency Fund Benefits

An Agency Fund is an endowment fund created by a nonprofit to exclusively benefit that nonprofit, forever.

- Establishing an endowment fund creates sustainable income for your organization and can attract major planned gifts that you might not otherwise receive. Your fund is truly endowed – permanent and protected forever. This is important to donors who want their investment to be their legacy.
- Because your fund is pooled with hundreds of other funds at the foundation, your organization benefits from a diverse investment portfolio with outstanding returns that typically come only with very large funds.
- Similar to commercial investment companies, we charge a small fee from your fund's earnings to manage your fund. But unlike for-profit institutions, the fees you pay support our mission and invest in our community.
- The Community Foundation is trusted and well-respected throughout the region, bringing credibility to your organization and your fund.
- Our professional development staff can help you grow your fund by promoting it to your donors, foundation donors and professional advisors in the community who trust us. We will also meet with your major donors and your board to answer their questions.
- Low minimum investment of \$10,000 to open your fund. When the fund reaches \$50,000, you may choose to accept distributions or reinvest them for optimal growth of your fund. Distributions are calculated on a 12-quarter rolling average to even out market fluctuations.

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The Potter Park Zoological Society has had a longstanding beneficial relationship with the Community Foundation. As we have been considering an endowment fund for many years, having them manage it was the logical choice. I highly recommend all nonprofits create an endowment fund as they make efforts to provide future sustainability for their organizations.

- Amy Morris-Hall, Executive Director  
Potter Park Zoological Society



# Maximize Your Charitable Giving

With today's high standard tax deduction (\$14,600 for single individuals and \$29,200 for married couples), fewer people are itemizing their deductions. However, there are still things you can do to maximize the tax benefits of your charitable giving, and the Community Foundation is a great resource to help you at no cost.

**Create or use your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) at the Foundation** to "bunch" multiple years of gifts into one year to take advantage of itemizing. Then, make grants from your DAF over time to provide regular support to your favorite organizations, even in years when you will not itemize.

**Use your IRA to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) gift to the Foundation.** If you are age 70 1/2 or older, this may be a tax-smart way to directly transfer up to \$100,000 per year to the Foundation without having to claim the distribution as income. And you can use your QCD or Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to create your own fund at the Foundation or contribute to an existing fund.

**Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds make great gifts.** Simply transfer appreciated securities straight to the Foundation rather than selling first, and typically, you avoid capital gains tax. Direct this gift to one of our 560+ existing funds or create a fund of your own.

*Special thanks to Carrie Hindmon, CPA, CSEP, Partner at Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC, for assisting us with this information.*

*Although you should always consult with your own tax and financial advisors, the Community Foundation is honored to be part of your charitable planning team.*

## Charitable giving questions? We have answers.

We'd love to talk further or answer any questions to help you figure out the best way to continue giving in the current tax climate.

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# The Izzo Legacy: Leading By Example

In the heart of East Lansing, the Izzo family's commitment to service and community is woven deeply into the fabric of daily life. At the helm are Tom and Lupe Izzo, whose unwavering dedication to their hometown and its residents has left an indelible mark on the landscape of philanthropy.

In 2019, Lupe saw an opportunity to channel her generosity into positive action. Teaming up with Playmakers, she spearheaded the inaugural Izzo Legacy 5K Run/Walk/Roll event, aiming to unite the community and support local charities that have long been pillars of strength in the Lansing area. Their vision has become an annual tradition, drawing participants from all walks of life. Fast forward to 2024, the event boasts over 5,000 participants, making it the largest 5K event in mid-Michigan.

Yet, for the Izzo family, philanthropy is not merely an event but a way of life. In 2019, they solidified their commitment to community welfare by establishing the Izzo Legacy Fund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Izzo Legacy was envisioned as a conduit to empower individuals to help organizations effect meaningful change in the community. Their dedication to the cause, coupled with outstanding support from sponsors, donors, and volunteers, has seen the initiative flourish, resulting in nearly \$700,000 raised for charity partners since its inception.

For Lupe, the creation of the Izzo Legacy represents the culmination of a lifelong journey rooted in the values of hard work, family, and community. "Tom and I have always believed in the importance of giving back to the community that has given us so much," she remarked. "The Izzo Legacy provides us with an opportunity to formalize our commitment to making a difference and to inspire others to join us in this noble pursuit."

The Izzo family's philanthropic journey doesn't end with charitable events or fundraising drives. Recognizing the transient nature of individual contributions, they set their sights on creating a lasting impact through the establishment of The Izzo Legacy Endowment Fund here at the Community Foundation.

Raquel Izzo McDonald, Executive Director of the Izzo Legacy, said, "The Izzo Legacy Endowment Fund will ensure that my parents' commitment to charitable giving will last forever. We are proud to establish the



**The Izzo Legacy Endowment Fund will ensure that my parents' commitment to charitable giving will last forever. We are proud to establish the Izzo Legacy Endowment Fund at the Capital Region Community Foundation. Partnering with the Community Foundation was an easy choice for us because of its strong connection to the communities and charities we support.**

**- Raquel Izzo McDonald,  
Executive Director of the Izzo Legacy**

Izzo Legacy Endowment Fund at the Capital Region Community Foundation. Partnering with the Community Foundation was an easy choice for us because of its strong connection to the communities and charities we support."

As the Izzo family continues to lead by example, their philanthropy serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for generations to come. In the words of Tom Izzo, "We need to do a better job of taking care of one another, and we all have a platform to help others." With the Izzo Legacy leading the way, the Izzo family exemplifies the transformative power of compassion, unity, and unwavering dedication to making the world a better place for all.

To support The Izzo Legacy Endowment Fund, please visit [ourcommunity.org/funds/the-izzo-legacy-endowment-fund](https://ourcommunity.org/funds/the-izzo-legacy-endowment-fund).

Lupe and Tom Izzo at the 2024 Izzo Legacy 5k Run/Walk/Roll event, photo credit Hardshell Media.



# Professional Advisor Partnerships

Estate planning attorneys, financial planners, and tax professionals find working with the Community Foundation essential for their charitable clients. For some clients, philanthropy is a well-defined aspect of their financial plan, while for others, it requires guidance and exploration.

Eric Bowers, Partner at Plante Moran and former trustee of the Community Foundation, shared valuable insights into why. “As professional advisors, we strive to understand our clients’ goals, needs, and objectives,” Eric explained. “A lot of times clients will have a passion for a certain subject or content matter. They want to support it, but they don’t know the local organizations that support that cause. The Community Foundation has a very deep understanding of the different charitable organizations, so they can help bridge that gap from a charitable perspective.”

Beyond its tangible contributions, Eric appreciates the Foundation’s role as a flexible and collaborative partner. “The Foundation’s ability to tailor solutions to meet clients’ diverse needs is invaluable,” he said. “The Foundation has the tools to pair the needs and wants of the community with the needs and wants of donors. No one size answer fits all clients; the Community Foundation is a flexible resource for each unique client who wants to give back in different ways, whether they’re passionate about placemaking, specific causes, or funding requests through the Foundation’s Mini-Grant catalog.”

As trusted guides in their clients’ financial journeys, advisors recognize the Foundation’s expertise, resources, and commitment to helping clients make their giving meaningful and impactful for the community. “It’s important for clients and advisors to think about the end goal for their charitable giving,” advised Eric.

The Community Foundation enjoys working with professional advisors every day to help their clients. Thank you to the advisors below who have referred their clients to the Community Foundation, resulting in new funds and/or planned gifts:

|                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                            |
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\* Indicates advisors who have passed away.

If you’ve referred clients to the Community Foundation who have set up new funds or planned gifts but you are not included in the above list, please contact us so we can be sure to recognize you in the future.

“The Foundation’s ability to tailor solutions to meet clients’ diverse needs is invaluable. Their expertise in understanding the needs of the community allows us to align our clients’ passions with impactful charitable opportunities.

- Eric Bowers, CFP, CPWA  
Partner at Plante Moran

# Local Impact Investing

*A new tool to create positive change in our region.*

Since 2017, the Community Foundation's strategic direction has been to create a vibrant region that attracts and retains a talented workforce. To that end, we have led placemaking initiatives along the Michigan Avenue corridor – the backbone of our three-county region – including projects that create a vibrant downtown riverfront.

## What's New

Our region is now facing a severe housing and childcare crisis. We need affordable, attainable workforce housing and childcare for our residents, which also attracts new businesses to our region. It will take a collective effort by government, private, and philanthropic resources to make an impact.

## Our Responsibility

The Foundation must do our part to address this crisis, while staying true to our current focus on the corridor. But it will require resources beyond our grantmaking funds to make a difference. **That's where Local Impact Investing comes in.** By investing a small portion of our assets here in our community, we can effectively contribute to the solution. For 50 years, foundations across the country have used Local Impact Investing to make positive change in their communities that grantmaking alone could never do.

Different than traditional investing, **Impact Investing must generate both a financial return as well as a tangible social or community benefit** – in this case, attainable housing and childcare. And unlike grants, investments are loans, repaid to the Foundation with a financial return, then "recycled" back into the community through additional investments.

**Want to learn more and get involved?  
Contact us!**

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 **Learn More**

# A Legacy of Giving

Our Legacy Society is comprised of charitable people who want to see their philanthropy continue beyond their lifetime. Society members have made bequests or other planned gifts to the Community Foundation, entrusting us to carry out their charitable vision forever. We are grateful for their dedication, foresight, and philanthropic spirit.

Naming a charity in your will is simple, and you can leave a set dollar amount, or simply a percentage of your estate. Many people think they do not have the wealth required to create a legacy. If any of the following apply to you, **you have an estate**:

- » Own a home (even one you still owe money on)
- » Own a car
- » Have a 401K, IRA, or life insurance
- » A collection of items like first edition comics, valuable dolls, or vintage stamps in pristine condition

All of these items have monetary value. You don't need to have a million in the bank to have an estate and create a legacy. Talk with us and see how a planned gift can support causes you care about, forever.

- 1** Join our Legacy Society by including the Community Foundation in your estate plan through your will or trust, creating a Legacy Fund at the Community Foundation, or make a contribution via retirement fund assets, charitable gift annuity, life insurance, or a charitable remainder or lead trust. **You can create a Legacy Fund with no upfront gift.**
- 2** Once you've made a planned gift and named the Community Foundation as a beneficiary, notify us and we will include you in our Legacy Society.  
  
You are welcome to remain anonymous, if desired, and your contributions will help our community all the same. But being a part of our Legacy Society gives you the added benefit of inspiring others to give.
- 3** We are responsible for carrying out your charitable wishes after you're gone. Your vision will grow and benefit your community with the highest possible impact – forever.

**Creating your personal legacy through the Community  
Foundation costs you nothing today. Contact us!**

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# Thank You to Our Legacy Society Members

Sam M. & Mary E. Austin  
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John & Cheryl Wieber  
Jeff Williams & Joy Whitten  
Tom & Elizabeth Wilson  
Sally Wittler  
Gary Witzenburg  
Joan Wright  
Wilbur & Ruth Wright\*  
Raymond R. Ziarno

\* indicates Legacy Society members who have passed away.

# Our Grantmaking

Our annual grantmaking is one of the many ways the Community Foundation supports nonprofits in our region. Since the Foundation's first grant in 1989, we have awarded more than \$78 million to organizations in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties. Last year we awarded over \$1.2 million through four grant opportunities – Impact, Capacity, Mini, and Youth.

**Impact Grants** provide funding for projects or programs that either allow an organization to create greater impact with those they currently serve, or to extend their work to under-served populations. **Capacity Building Grants** support a nonprofit's efforts to strengthen their organizational infrastructure through planning, training, coaching, or strategy development. Building an organization's internal capacity is essential for sustainability.

**Mini-Grants** support small organizations with operating budgets under \$200,000. These requests are reviewed and funded by our generous donor-advised fundholders. **Youth Grants** are awarded by the Youth Advisory Council, a group of high school students from schools throughout the tri-county area. Grant decisions are made based on issues that are important to teens as determined by a tri-annual youth needs assessment.

But the Community Foundation offers more than grant support to nonprofits in our region. As a valued partner, we offer no-cost learning opportunities on a range of topics important to nonprofit leaders. We also host networking events to help connect smaller organizations with each other and explore opportunities for collaboration.

The Foundation's Community Investment team is committed to providing exceptional customer service to our nonprofits by helping them navigate our many offerings and sharing our collective expertise.

Interested in learning more? Contact Cindy Hales, Vice President of Community Investment, at [chales@ourcommunity.org](mailto:chales@ourcommunity.org) or 989-560-4786.

Walnut Neighborhood Park grand opening



STREETS 517 Ministries outreach program



# Over \$1.2 Million Granted to Nonprofits

## In 2023, we awarded:

*\$819,825 in Impact Grants to 17 organizations*  
*\$256,080 in Capacity Building Grants to 12 organizations*  
*\$66,750 in Youth Grants to 16 organizations*  
*\$64,750 in Mini-Grants to 17 organizations*

## Impact Grantees



## Capacity Building Grantees



## Youth Grantees

- » Advancement Corp
- » All of the Above Hip Hop
- » Communities in Schools
- » Eastside Community Action Center
- » Eaton Rapids Area District Library
- » Eaton Rapids High School Interact Club
- » El's Place Capital Region
- » Judson Love Clothing Center
- » People Ready Activating Youth
- » Petals & Pinecones
- » Shared Pregnancy Women's Center
- » South Lansing CDA
- » STREETS517 Ministries
- » The Firecracker Foundation
- » The Village Lansing
- » Todd Martin Youth Leadership

## Mini Grantees

- » Bethlehem Temple Church - Breadhouse Community Outreach
- » Cardboard Prophets
- » Casa De Rosado Galeria And Cultural Center
- » Covered by Love
- » Dreamworld Studios For The Arts
- » Friends of Ingham County Parks
- » Global Institute of Lansing
- » Helping Hands of Eaton County
- » Judson Love Clothing Center
- » Lansing Children's Choir
- » LMTS Community Outreach Services
- » Mason Community Services Inc.
- » Nottingham Nature Nook
- » OurSpace Foundation
- » Punks With Lunch Lansing
- » Southside Community Kitchen
- » T.W.I.G.S. To Work In Grateful Service

# Connecting with Our Community

The Community Foundation has long been committed to creating a strong, vibrant Capital Region. We work toward that vision in different ways, including our support for nonprofits whose work addresses important community needs. There are countless examples of how the Community Foundation has walked alongside an organization, building its internal capacity so that it can continue to fulfill its mission for those it serves.

One such organization is All of the Above Hip Hop Academy (AOTA). We first supported AOTA in 2019 with an Impact Grant for “Below the Stacks,” a city-wide mural project. As AOTA grew, they asked for Capacity Building support to help strengthen their organization’s infrastructure to support that growth. Our most recent commitment was to help AOTA develop their fundraising strategy.

“Watching AOTA grow has been incredible,” said Cindy Hales, Vice President of Community Investment. “We are so proud of our partnership and love celebrating their continued success.”

We have established a similar relationship with a small organization called KCS Angels, which works to connect those with different and unique abilities to our community in a safe and inclusive manner. Its CEO and Board President attend our networking events and participated in our three-part series on Board Governance, and they were awarded a 2023 Impact Grant. These Community Foundation opportunities provide KCS Angels with both financial support as well as the tools necessary for sustainability and potential growth.

The Community Foundation is proud to be a true partner with nonprofits in our region.



“The Community Foundation’s investment into the structural capacity of AOTA has put us on a healthy growth trajectory. One that will sustain our work for years to come! I truly can’t say enough about how grateful we are for their support!”

- Ozay Moore, Executive Director  
All of the Above Hip Hop Academy

**Interested in learning more about our grantmaking and nonprofit support?**

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# Youth Advisory Council

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is an impactful platform for young people to lead, serve, and effect change in their communities. Through YAC, teens actively identify and address the needs of local youth, partnering with organizations and awarding grants to make a real difference. In 2023, YAC granted \$68,950 to 17 youth-serving organizations, demonstrating the impact of youth-led initiatives in creating positive change.

YAC’s approach is twofold: empowering youth voices and fostering philanthropy. By conducting needs assessments and engaging in proactive initiatives, YAC ensures that the concerns and aspirations of young people are heard and addressed. Furthermore, its grantmaking process, led entirely by youth, reflects a culture of ownership and accountability.

YAC also serves as a catalyst for personal and civic development. Alumni like Dev Acharya, honored with the Congressional Gold Medal in June 2023, exemplify the profound impact of YAC in nurturing future leaders. The Congressional Award provides opportunities for young people to unleash their potential by achieving personal goals focused on volunteerism, character development, and fitness. By instilling values of empathy and civic responsibility, YAC cultivates a generation of changemakers committed to creating a more just and equitable world.

Joining YAC means becoming part of a supportive community of like-minded individuals dedicated to building a brighter future. By empowering youth voices and serving your community through YAC, teens can play a pivotal role in fostering philanthropy, advocating for social justice, and creating inclusive communities for generations to come.



“YAC was an instrumental part of receiving the Congressional Award, and I cannot thank you all enough for the unique experience and mentorship that the Community Foundation provided me.”

- Dev Acharya, YAC member 2016-2019

**Are you a high schooler ready to make a difference?**

Take the first step and join YAC today. Empower your voice, serve your community, and together, let’s create a better world for all.

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# Underground of Good

The Underground of Good is a social, member-based giving group that targets young professionals and emerging philanthropists who want to invest in the greater Lansing area. Together, members pool donations, meet socially, and award grants to causes they care about in the community. Since its inception in 2016, the Underground of Good has donated more than \$94,000 to 30 nonprofits in Mid-Michigan.

How it works:

You give \$500 every year: \$400 to quarterly grants the group makes to local charities (\$100/quarter) and \$100 invested in an endowment fund at the Community Foundation.

The group meets quarterly at local restaurants. Every meeting has a theme, and members suggest local charities working to address issues related to the theme. From those suggested, the group randomly selects three organizations for members to vote on the charity they want to support with that quarter's grant.

Each grant is made up of each member's \$100 quarterly contribution and any additional gifts or matching donations the group receives.

Guided by two dedicated volunteer co-chairs, and with the support of the Community Foundation, the Underground of Good stands as a beacon of philanthropy in action. As members come together, forge connections, and invest in long-term impact, they not only redefine the landscape of giving but also lay the foundation for a more resilient and compassionate community, poised to thrive for generations to come.

Come to their next meeting and check them out! RSVP to LaToya Turner at [ltuner@ourcommunity.org](mailto:ltuner@ourcommunity.org).

Underground of Good members at the April 2024 meeting



# Fish Ladder Music Park

## Jumpstarted

Located on the bank of the Grand River adjacent to Old Town, Burchard Park and the Brenke Fish Ladder are underdeveloped public spaces with tremendous untapped potential. Past events like Dam Jam in 2019, 2021, and 2023 have demonstrated the potential to transform the old historical site. The Fish Ladder Music Park will use an historic architectural wonder with a water feature to create a unique musical performance venue on the riverfront that is accessible to people of all abilities.

Jumpstarting the project in 2023, the Foundation received a state appropriation of \$1.7 million, thanks to Senator Sarah Anthony, Representative Angela Witwer, and the State appropriations committee. Total costs are currently estimated at \$2.3 million, so the Foundation has started fundraising, and all improvements to the park will create a unique destination venue for both residents and visitors. A stage, theatre-style seating, a plug-and-play sound system, and creative lighting will transform the fish ladder. In addition, amenities will be added to the park, including an "electric forest," outdoor fireplace and seating, and improved accessibility for all people regardless of ability. Permanent naming opportunities will be available for the stage, fireplace, and other amenities. All donations from individuals and businesses will be matched by the Foundation, dollar-for-dollar.

For more information or to be involved in this project, contact Laurie Baumer, President & CEO of the Community Foundation, at 517-281-9054 or [lbaumer@ourcommunity.org](mailto:lbaumer@ourcommunity.org).



Fish Ladder Music Park preliminary concept design

# Activating Downtown Lansing

As part of our strategic direction, the Community Foundation is committed to creating a vibrant Michigan Avenue corridor and downtown Lansing riverfront. To complement our capital projects, we have dedicated funds to sponsor a limited number of community festivals, events, and other projects that activate the heart of our region. To this end, we have contributed over \$110,000 in funds toward activation in 2023 and 2024 combined.

To date, we have sponsored a total of 12 different projects and events in 2023 and 2024. They include:

- » 2023 and 2024 Olive Burger Festival
- » 2023 and 2024 Dam Jam Music Festival
- » 2023 and 2024 Best of Lansing Festival
- » 2023 and 2024 Cap City Breaking Jam
- » 2023 and 2024 517 Hispanic Heritage Festival
- » 2024 517 Juneteenth
- » 2024 Black Girl Day of Play

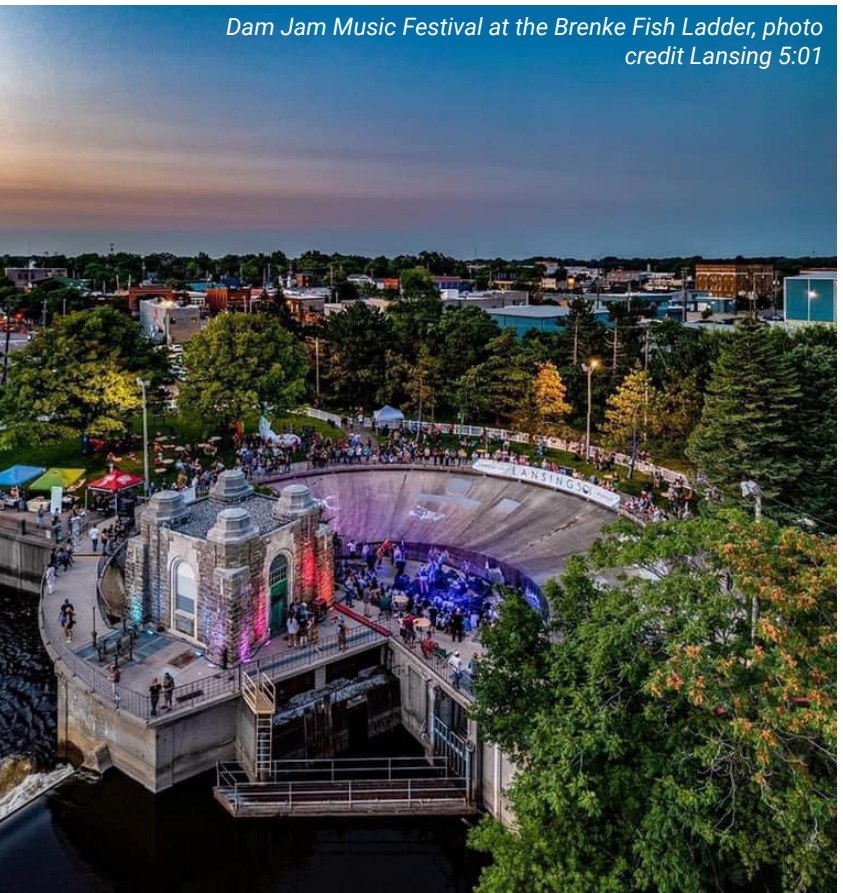
2024 Best of Lansing Festival



2023 517 Hispanic Heritage Festival, photo credit Kendall D. Lartigue



Dam Jam Music Festival at the Brenke Fish Ladder, photo credit Lansing 5:01



2023 517 Hispanic Heritage Festival, photo credit Kendall D. Lartigue

J.Santino performing at the 2023 Dam Jam Music Festival at the Brenke Fish Ladder, photo credit Lenon James



2023 Cap City Breaking Jam at the Lansing Shuffle, photo credit All of the Above Hip Hop Academy



2023 517 Hispanic Heritage Festival, photo credit Kendall D. Lartigue



Starfarm performing at the 2024 Best of Lansing Festival



2023 Cap City Breaking Jam at the Lansing Shuffle, photo credit All of the Above Hip Hop Academy

# Play Michigan!

Play Michigan! has emerged as a beacon of inclusivity and accessibility in the heart of downtown Lansing, setting a new standard for playgrounds in the region since its grand opening in September 2023. Spearheaded by the Community Foundation, this groundbreaking project represents a commitment to the health and well-being of all children, regardless of ability.

At a cost exceeding \$3.2 million, Play Michigan! is not just a playground – it's a testament to the power of community collaboration and innovation. Situated along the downtown Lansing riverfront, it has quickly become a go-to destination for families far and wide.

What sets Play Michigan! apart is its dedication to accessibility. Unlike traditional playgrounds that may inadvertently exclude challenged individuals, this park has been specifically designed to be fully inclusive. The designers went above and beyond ADA requirements to ensure that every child, regardless of physical or developmental challenges, can participate fully in the joy of play.

For parents and grandparents with mobility limitations, Play Michigan! offers a rare opportunity to actively engage with their children and grandchildren on the playground. It's not just about providing a space to play; it's about fostering meaningful connections and memories that will last a lifetime.

Moreover, Play Michigan! caters to children with sensory and developmental disabilities, offering a myriad of stimulating experiences tailored to their needs. By normalizing differences and promoting interaction among children of all abilities, the playground-park is laying the groundwork for a more inclusive society.

As families continue to flock to Play Michigan! daily, the park's impact reverberates far beyond the confines of its colorful structures. It demonstrates the remarkable achievements possible when communities unite around a common goal of inclusivity and accessibility. With Play Michigan! leading the way, the future of play looks brighter and more inclusive than ever before.

*Children playing at Play Michigan! universally accessible playground*



# Community Foundation 2023 Financial Report



# Audited Financial Report

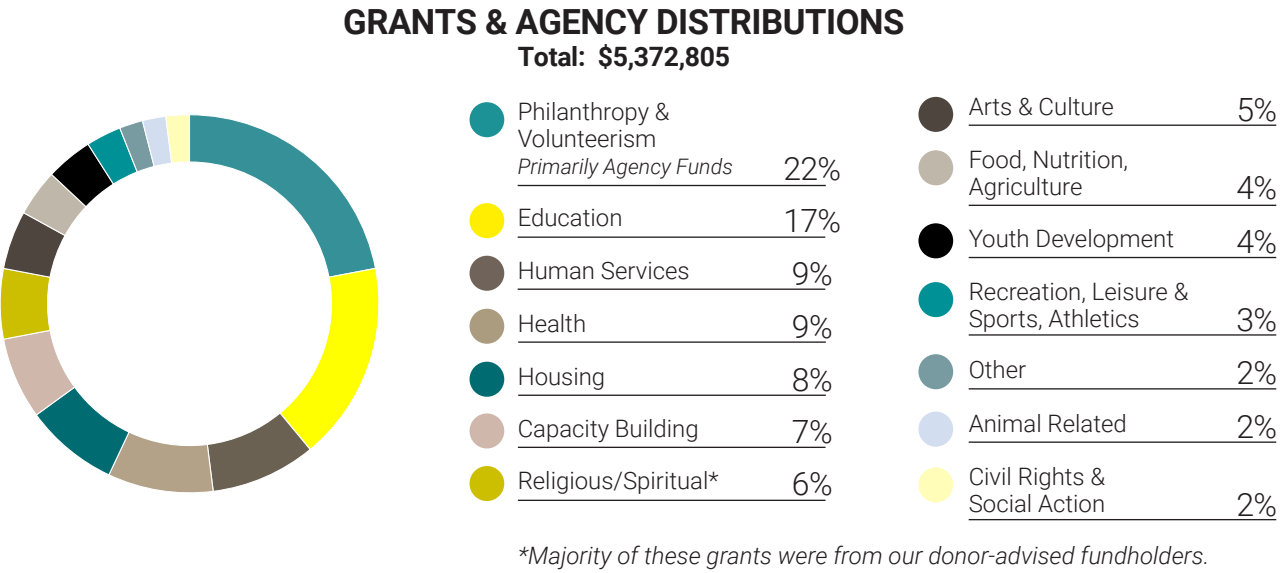
| ASSETS                                                                | 2023           | 2022        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                                             | \$ 687,796     | 1,085,814   |
| Investments                                                           | 144,145,483    | 126,473,785 |
| Promises to give, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and discount | 458,173        | 547,407     |
| Deposits                                                              | 14,826         | 14,254      |
| Property donation: cemetery lots                                      | 57,843         | 63,840      |
| Furniture and equipment, less accumulated depreciation                | 17,085         | 10,718      |
| Operating lease right-of-use assets                                   | 306,393        | 414,185     |
|                                                                       |                |             |
| TOTAL ASSETS                                                          | \$ 145,687,599 | 128,610,003 |

| LIABILITIES                                |               |            |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Accounts payable                           | \$ 10,741     | 9,947      |
| Accrued salaries and related               | 31,329        | 30,058     |
| Grants payable                             | 455,345       | 361,430    |
| Funds held in agency endowments            | 15,424,188    | 13,450,125 |
| Liabilities associated with gift annuities | 48,743        | 58,624     |
| Operating lease liabilities                | 306,393       | 414,185    |
|                                            |               |            |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES                          | \$ 16,276,739 | 14,324,369 |

| NET ASSETS                       |                |             |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Total Net Assests                | \$ 129,410,860 | 114,285,634 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | \$ 145,687,599 | 128,610,003 |

The accounting firm of Maner Costerisan, PC, annually audits the Capital Region Community Foundation’s financial statements and has once again expressed an unqualified favorable opinion. A complete copy of our audited financial statement is available online at ourcommunity.org.

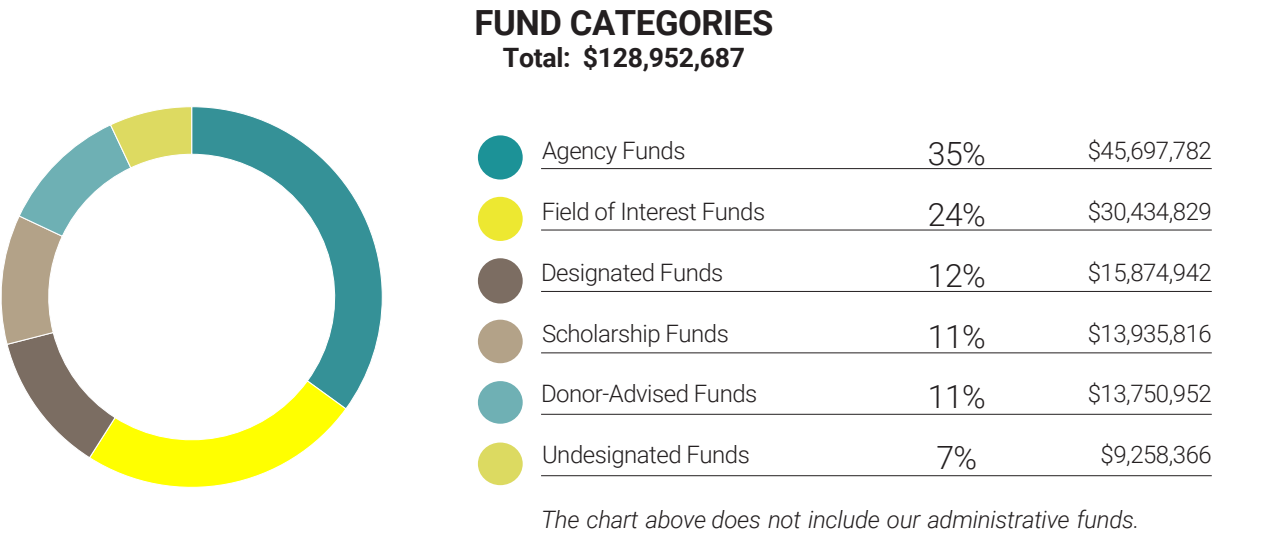
# \$8,291,126 of Impact



LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES

Total: \$2,918,321

|  |                                                  |             |
|--|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|
|  | Play Michigan! universally accessible playground | \$2,824,931 |
|  | Festival Sponsorships                            | \$50,000    |
|  | Michigan Avenue Corridor Façade Improvements     | \$43,390    |



# 560+ Funds and Growing

High Impact Funds

See page 6 or visit ourcommunity.org for information on these funds.

Community Needs Fund

DEI Action Fund

Leadership Fund

Local Impact Investment Fund

Riverfront Maintenance Endowment Fund

Underground of Good Fund

Youth Fund

- Lansing Chapter Credit Unions Fund

Agency Funds

American Council of Snowmobile Associations Legacy Fund

American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter Endowment Fund

Arc Michigan Endowment Fund, The

Archives of Michigan Endowment Fund

Arts Council of Greater Lansing Endowment Fund

- Arts Advancement Fund
- Suzanne B. Mills Fund for the Arts

Autism Society of Michigan Endowment Fund

Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region Endowment Fund

Boys & Girls Club of Lansing Endowment Fund

- Dr. Carl Bradford and Rhea May Bradford Endowment Fund, The

Burcham Hills Endowment Fund

- Center for Health and Rehab Fund
- Donald and Phoebe Griffin Benevolent Care Endowment Fund
- Lenna M. Keith Benevolent Care Fund

Camp Grayling Officers Club Fund

Capital Area Humane Society Endowment Fund

- Glassen Memorial Endowment Fund for Humane Education
- Harold Levy Charitable Fund

Capital Area Literacy Coalition Endowment Fund

Capital Region Housing Collaborative

Carol J. Greer Community Learning Center Endowment Fund

CASA for Kids Fund

Catholic Charities of Ingham, Eaton & Clinton Counties

- Cristo Rey Campus Fund
- St. Vincent Campus Fund

Chief Okemos Council, Boy Scouts of America Endowment Fund

- J. Michael Warren Campership Fund

Child and Family Charities Endowment Fund

Chosen Vision Endowment Fund

City of East Lansing Endowment Fund

City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund

Clinton County Historical Museum Endowment Fund

Community Mental Health Endowment Fund

Crosswalk Teen Center Endowment Fund

Davies Project Endowment Fund, The

- Fred and Barbara Honhart Charitable Fund

DeWitt Area Community Fund

- All Kids Playground
- Japanese Garden Project

DeWitt Public Schools Foundation Endowment Fund

Dobie Road Foundation Endowment Fund

East Lansing Educational Foundation Endowment Fund

- Allyson Knox and Mark Solheim School Social Worker and Counselor Fund
- Asa and Calder Bromley Memorial Library Fund
- Class of 1963 Endowment Fund
- Class of 1971 Endowment Fund
- Corey Cafagna Fund for Special Education, Jazz and Choral Music

- Discretionary Fund for Professional Development
- Dorothy McDonald Endowment Fund for Orchestral Music
- Draggoo Family Endowment Fund for High School Band
- East Lansing Alumni Association Fund
- Endowment for Academics
- Endowment for Athletics, Clubs, and Activities
- Endowment for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
- Endowment for the Arts
- High School Music Directors' Discretionary Fund for Music Students
- Jason Wildman Fund
- Jodi Piper Bappert Fund for Student Leadership Development
- John Ropp Endowment Fund
- Mary Anne Sternberg Marshall Fund for High School Theater
- Sally McClintock Endowment for Elementary Music
- Science Olympiad Club Endowment Fund
- Shrewsbury Sisters-Whitmer Family Endowment for Civic Engagement
- Spartan Village G.L.O.B.A.L. Endowment Fund
- Staton Family Endowment Fund
- S.T.E.M. Endowment Fund

East Lansing Public Library Endowment Fund

Eaton Community Health (ECH) Endowment Fund

Eaton County Community Foundation

- Administrative Endowment
- Charlotte Public Schools Education Foundation Endowment Fund
- Courthouse Square Association Fund
- Eaton Area Senior Center Endowment Fund
- Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society Roger Hoopingarner Endowment Fund
- Eaton Rapids Education Foundation Endowment Fund
- First Congregational Church of Vermontville Endowment Fund
- Friends of the Charlotte Performing Arts Center Endowment Fund

- Grand Ledge Education Foundation Endowment Fund
  - Dart Bank Grand Ledge Literacy Endowment Fund
  - David and Betty Morris Fund
  - Josh Spalsbury Endowment for the Social Sciences
- Grand Ledge Opera House Endowment Fund
- Heart and Hands Endowment Fund
- Housing Services Mid Michigan Endowment Fund
- Sparrow Eaton Hospital Endowment Fund
- United Way of South Central Michigan Endowment Fund

Edgewood Village Endowment Fund

Ele's Place Endowment Fund

- Shirley Pasant Memorial Fund, The

EVE, Inc. Endowment Fund

Expectant Parents Organization Endowment Fund

Fenner Conservancy Endowment Fund

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Michigan Fund

Friends of Historic Meridian Endowment Fund

Friendship Forever Fund

Greater Lansing Food Bank John and Diane Dodge Endowment Fund

Habitat for Humanity of Michigan Endowment Fund

Harris Nature Center Endowment Fund

Haven House Endowment Fund

Helen Tzitsikas Holy Trinity Scholarship Fund

HighEdWeb Endowment Fund in Honor of Dr. Tonya Oaks Smith

Highfields, Inc. Endowment Fund

Hospice of Lansing Endowment Fund, The

House of Promise Endowment Fund, The

Impression Five Science Center Endowment Fund

Izzo Legacy Endowment Fund, The

Jayne E. Rabeler Mathematics Memorial Endowment Fund

Junior Achievement of Mid-Michigan Endowment Fund

Laingsburg Educational Advancement Foundation Fund

Lansing Concert Band Endowment Fund

Lansing Promise Endowment Fund

Lansing Public Schools Educational Advancement Foundation Fund

Lansing Regional Sister Cities Commission Endowment Fund

- Shaheen Family Fund for Sister Cities

Lansing Symphony Orchestra Fund

Legacy Endowment for Catholic Spartans (St. John Church and Student Center)

- Father Jake Fund
- Student Leadership Fund

Library of Michigan Foundation Endowment Fund

Loaves and Fishes Ministries Endowment Fund

Lucinda Means Bicycle Advocacy Fund

Michigan Barn Preservation Network Endowment Fund

Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence Endowment Fund

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition Jim Francis-Bohr Memorial Fund

Michigan Economic Developers Association Endowment Fund in Honor of Birgit Klohs

Michigan Historical Center Foundation Fund

Michigan Museums Association Endowment Fund

Michigan Nurses Foundation Fund

Michigan Physical Therapy Institute for Education and Research Endowment Fund

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Student Award Fund

Michigan Physician Assistant Foundation Endowment Fund

Michigan Public Power Agency Fund

Michigan Shiga Sister State Board Endowment Fund

Michigan Wildlife Conservancy Endowment Fund

Michigan's Children Fund

Mikey's Fund

MNA ConnectMichigan Alliance Fund

- George W. Romney Endowment Fund
- Michigan Campus Compact Fund
- Russel G. Mawby Endowment Fund

mParks - Raymond C. and Katherine E. Davis Access to Recreation Endowment Fund

- Timothy J. Doyle Memorial Fund

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Michigan Fund

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project Endowment Fund, The

Okemos Community Church Endowment Fund

Okemos Education Foundation Endowment Fund

Old Town Commercial Association Robert P. Busby Memorial Fund

Opportunity Resource Fund Endowment Fund

Origami Rehabilitation Endowment Fund

Ovid-Elsie Community Fund

- Athletic Fund
- Band Fund
- Future Farmers of America Alumni Fund
- Information Center Fund
- WOES Fund

Peckham Endowment Fund

Portland Foundation for Public Education Fund

- Getchell Family – Austin Memorial Fund

Potter Park Zoological Society Endowment Fund

- Robert and Phyllis Miller Fund, The

REACH Studio Art Endowment Fund

Rotary Club of Lansing Foundation Endowment Fund - In Memory of Jack Bates, The

- George and Marilyn Nugent Rotary Endowment Fund, The

School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan Endowment Fund

Small Talk Children's Advocacy Center Partners in Hope and Healing Endowment Fund

St. Gerard Church Endowment Fund (in honor of Fr. John Klein)

St. Johns Area Community Fund

- Class of 1965 Sickles & Fitch Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
- Ed and Sara Peters Family Heritage Fund
- Forrest and Doris Swatman Downtown Celebration Fund

FUND DIRECTORY

- John and Cheryl Wieber Family Heritage Fund
- Mazzolini Family Fund
- McKenzie/Crosby Agency Fund
- Sirrine Family Heritage Fund, The
- St. Johns Area Children’s Fund
- Zuker Family Fund, The

St. Johns Schools Foundation for Excellence Endowment Fund

- Terry Cornwell Award Fund

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Fund

St. Thomas Aquinas Church Music Ministry Fund

St. Thomas Aquinas Faith Fund

State Bar of Michigan Access to Justice Fund

Todd Martin Development Endowment Fund

Tri-County Office on Aging Endowment Fund

United Way of South Central Michigan Endowment Fund I

- College Access Network Endowment Fund
- United Way of South Central Michigan Endowment Fund II
- United Way of South Central Michigan Volunteer Center Endowment Fund

Williamston Area Beautification Fund

Williamston Schools Foundation Endowment Fund

Woldumar Nature Center Fund

Women’s Center of Greater Lansing Endowment Fund

YMCA of Lansing Fund

Designated Funds

Adam D. Nevells Memorial Fund

Alonso Stornant Collar and Family Charitable Fund in Support of St. Vincent Catholic Charities

Ann and Jim Reutter Fund

Betty Giuliani Charitable Fund

Brewer Family Endowment Fund, The

Capitol National Bank Charitable Fund

Captain John Roman Kurka Memorial Fund, The

Connect 4 Kids Endowment Fund

Dale R. and Lynn H. Martin Charitable Fund

DeWayne Jenks Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dorothy A. Johnson Scholarship Fund

Dr. Joan E. Wright Charitable Fund

Eaton County Community Foundation

- Bill Buchanan Fund
- Charlotte Country Club Community Fund
- CIDC Fund
- Darin Family Charitable Fund
- Joe Hartig Fund
- Miller Fund

Eleanor A. Doersam Memorial Fund

Elizabeth Charles Emerging Artist Scholarship Fund

Ella Mae Voss Animal Care Fund

Engler Family Fund

Father Gilbert O. Rahrig Tuition Assistance Fund

First Lieutenant Adam M. Malson Memorial Fund

Gerald L. Olson Fund

Gillner Family Fund, The

Grace C. Hoffer Fund

Hanel Family Charitable Fund

Harlan and Betty MacDowell Endowment for Grand Ledge Opera House Programming

Harold and Beatrice Gabin Fund

Ingham County Home Association Endowment Fund

James Peck Okemos Kiwanis Club Fund

Jan and Joe Foster Fund

Janet Patrick Fund

John and Kathryn Fox Memorial Fund

Kathleen A. Ruff Tuition Assistance Fund

Kay Kribs Pioneer Civitan Past President Memorial Fund

Ken and Marilyn Sohn Charitable Fund

Lansing Promise Endowment Fund in Memory of Lisa Daman

Lillian M. Rush Fund

Luci and Randy Baker Charitable Fund

Marvin E. and Pauline B. Beekman Endowment Fund

Physically Impaired Association of Michigan Endowment Fund

Ray and Dee Kinzel Endowment Fund

Richard and Lorayne Otto Fund

Richard Beckrow Charitable Fund

Robert E. & Audrey M. Martin Endowment Fund for MSU Hockey Program

Robert E. & Audrey M. Martin Endowment Fund in Memory of Julie E. and David R. Martin

Ronald R. and June M. Stover Scholarship Fund

Salvation Army Lansing Capital Area Fund

Sara A. Ballard Volunteerism Fund

Sawyer-Koch Endowment Fund

Shirley Lightner Paxton Fund

St. Gregory’s Abbey Fund

St. Thomas Aquinas School Teacher Support Fund

Sunken Garden Endowment Fund

Theresa A. Lynch Charitable Fund

Thomas E. and Ethelyn M. Hoffmeyer Family Charitable Fund

Visiting Nurse Associations of Michigan Scholarship Fund

Wales Family Charitable Fund

Will Goodale Memorial Endowment Fund

William J. and Mary M. Blyth Memorial Fund

William W. Bishop Scholarship Fund

Donor-Advised Funds

Alexander B. Powell Charitable Fund

Alton and Janice Granger Endowment Fund

Angeline H. (Stay) Haney and Therese M. (Haney) Fontanillas Charitable Fund

Berner-Garde Legacy Fund

Betty and Frank Guerriero Fund

Buda Family Charitable Fund

Buda Family Charitable Fund II

Bullard-Bigler Memorial Fund

Charley and LeaAnne Janssen Fund

Chris and Louise Holman Charitable Fund

Covenant Fund for Support of Faith and Families

Daniel and Rosemarie McCrackin Charitable Fund

Donovan Charitable Endowment Fund

Donovan Charitable Fund II

Eaton Community Health Innovation Fund

Eaton County Community Foundation

- Duane M. Tirrell Family Fund
- Ferris Family Charitable Fund
- Maier Family Charitable Fund
- Pray Family Fund II

Eileen and Jerry Phaner Charitable Fund

Elaine Paul Memorial Fund

Eleanor and Len Stewart Fund

Ernest and Katherine Strefling Charitable Fund

Ferland Family Charitable Fund

Frank H. and Patricia A. Reynolds Fund

Greene Family Charitable Fund

Gretchen E. Whitmer Charitable Fund, The

Herbert Family Charitable Fund

Hooper Family Charitable Fund

Jack and Peggy Roberts Charitable Fund

James S. Herbert Charitable Fund

Jean D. Harrison Charitable Fund

Joe and Betty Gadaletto Charitable Fund

Jonathon R. White Fund

Joseph A. Frauenheim Fund

Kathleen M. Soltow Fund

Kelly Rossman-McKinney Memorial Fund

Kevin A. Kelly Action Fund

Kurt and Barbara Guter Charitable Fund

Lisa and Gary Drake Charitable Fund

Loose Family Charitable Fund

Louis Leitz, Jr. Memorial Fund

Mark D. Geovjian Charitable Fund

Melissa K. Herbert Charitable Fund

Melting Moments Giving Fund

Nicholoff-Nowitzke Lansing Youth Fund

Patricia Munshaw and Dana Brazil Fund

Paul Shaheen Charitable Fund

Plante & Moran Charitable Fund

Richard and Lorayne Otto Charitable Fund

Richard George and Lisa J. Hayhoe Charitable Fund

Robert H. and Jane M. Becker Fund

Sam and Mary Austin Charitable Fund

Sam and Mary Austin Time Limited Fund for the Lansing Symphony Orchestra

Sam and Mary Austin Time Limited Fund for the MSU College of Music

Sarah Caltrider Memorial Fund

Scott Schrager and Mary Anne Ford Charitable Fund

Spencer’s Zoo Fund

Steve Smith Charitable Fund

Susan and Jack Davis Charitable Fund II

Suzanne Elms Endowment Fund

TechSmith Support Fund for Impression 5

Theresa and Joe Butcher Charitable Fund

Wilbur and Ruth Wright Charitable Fund

Willingham & Cote’ Fund, The

Wolfgang Miller Charitable Fund

Field of Interest Funds

Albert A. White Fund

Alex Zynda Endowment Fund

Antonio Jordan Youth Empowerment Fund

Barry Eaton Health Plan Health Care Access Fund

Basic Needs Fund

Bethards Family Charitable Fund

Buda Family Human Services Fund

Charles Shirley Avery Fund

Cleon Mingus Fund

Diane Wilhelm Gabin Fund

Early Childhood Endowment Fund

Eaton County Community Foundation

- Carter’s Inc. Fund
- Charlotte Generosity Fund
- Community Vision Fund
- Donald E. Zimmer Fund
- Eaton County Substance Abuse Fund
- Eaton Federal Savings Bank Fund
- Eaton Homeless Prevention Endowment Fund
- Eaton Rapids Community Foundation Fund
- Eaton Rapids Youth Fund
- Gale Briggs, Inc. Fund
- Pray Family Fund
- Susan Steiner Bolhouse Fund
- Thomas Eveland Fund
- Wildern Family Fund
- Youth Fund

Frances G. Manning Fund

Frank S. and Mollie S. VanDervoort Fund

Fund for the Arts

George and Marilyn Nugent Economic Development Fund

Gerald and Dorothy Francis Fund

Greater Lansing Fund

- June E. Johnston Memorial Fund

Hazel B. “Sally” Maker Fund

Healthy Youth and Seniors Fund

J. Robert and Grace C. Hoffer Fund

Janette and Elsie Trachsel Fund

Jean Auch Basic Needs Fund

Johnson-Willis Charitable Fund

Joyce L. McGowan Charitable Fund

Kathleen J. Doane Charitable Fund

Lansing Eastern High School Alumni Fund

- Don Johnson Leadership Fund
- Schneider-Young Fine Arts Fund
- Ted Wonch Entrepreneurial Fund

Lansing Fund Endowment

Lansing Ophthalmology - Justin Sleight Basic Needs Fund

Lansing Regional Youth Charities Endowment Fund

Lansing State Journal First Amendment Fund

Leahbelle and Harold Balbach Senior Fund

Len Charitable Fund to Benefit the Leslie Community

## FUND DIRECTORY

Leslie Community Fund - Library

Lucile Belen Fund

Mary L. and James Olson Fund

Moloney-Peterson Charitable Fund

Nolan, Madelyn, and Joanna Owen Fund

Ovid-Elsie Community Fund

- Bob, Connie, and Scott Parmenter Fund
- Catherine Atkins Memorial Fund
- Life Skills for Youth Fund
- Mark L. Parmenter Memorial Fund

Patrons Fund

Paul and Marje McConaughy Fund for the Arts

Penny Strang Memorial Fund

Plymouth Congregational Church Endowment Fund

Richard D. Letts Fund

Sablich Basic Needs Fund

Someone's Watching Over Me Fund

Theater Fund

Thelen-Woodruff Family Charitable Fund

Two Men and a Truck MicroEnterprise Fund

Veterans Assistance Fund

W.B. and Candace Thoman Fund

William G. and Phyllis E. Meier Endowment Fund

### Scholarship Funds

See also "Designated Funds"

American Legion Brewer Scholarship Fund

Dave West Memorial Fund

DeWitt Public Schools Foundation – David Cutler Endowed Scholarship Fund

Donald T. MacLean and Margaret Finlayson Hunter MacLean Scholarship Fund

Eaton County Community Foundation

- Eaton Rapids Kiwanis Club Scholarship Fund
- Eaton Rapids Public Schools
  - » Bernadine Ann Bosier Memorial Scholarship Fund
  - » Carl & Ruth Ackley Scholarship Fund

- » Charles James Dowding Scholarship Fund
- » David D. Letts Memorial Scholarship Fund
- » Sarah Copp Scholarship Fund
- Grand Ledge Education Foundation Winstanley Endowment for Mathematics and Science Scholarship
- James E. and Joyce E. Griffith Scholarship Fund
- James N. and Clarabelle Maxey Family Memorial Fund
- John and Gloria Nelson Scholarship Fund

Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. H.O.P.E. Scholarship Fund

Future City Scholarship Fund

George and Ilah Mae Damman Scholarship Fund

H.O.L.T. (Helping Others Learn Together) Scholarship Endowment Fund

Jean M. Harte Scholarship Fund

Lansing Promise

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