

2021 Impact Report



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Capital Region Community Foundation

Our Mission

The mission of the Capital Region Community Foundation is to lead philanthropic solutions that build vibrant communities in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties.

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Dear Friends,

We reflect on the Community Foundation’s role since March 2020, supporting and coaching our nonprofit partners throughout the tri-counties. Our COVID-19 Nonprofit Support Fund committee worked tirelessly, month after month, reviewing grant applications and awarding over \$1,250,000 million to 63 nonprofits with urgent needs due to COVID-19. In the early months of the pandemic, experts anticipated up to 50% of nonprofits would not survive, but to date, not a single one in the region has closed permanently to our knowledge. In addition to support from the Foundation and many of our Donor Advised Fundholders, nonprofits in our communities:

- adapted to virtual services
- made difficult cuts to operating expenses
- received continuing (and often increased) donor support
- received government support
- used reserve funds that many nonprofits had wisely set aside for a rainy day
- relied on distributions from their endowment funds at the Community Foundation.

This year, the foundation has returned to our normal grantmaking cycle. You can read about our recently awarded Capacity Building Grants and Impact Grants on page 13. In addition, we are continuing the Foundation’s strategic focus on placemaking, to create vibrant communities in which people want to live, work and visit. The cover of this report illustrates our newest leadership project in progress, the region’s first universally-accessible playground for children of all abilities. On page 15 you can read about this extraordinary new park, which will break ground this fall and be completed in 2022. We hope you will consider supporting this important project for our region.

Last but certainly not least, the Foundation has made progress on our commitment to racial equity. Beginning with a hard look at the operations of the Foundation, changes have already emerged within our policies, grantmaking, and employee recruitment strategies. On page 4 we share our full progress report with you and, as always, we welcome your feedback.

Thank you for all you do to help make our region vibrant!

With gratitude,


Angelia Salas 2021
Board Chair


Dennis Fliehm
President & CEO



Our Progress toward Racial Equity

Since we first made our commitment to racial equity in June of 2020, we have been putting our words into action. Our Board of Trustees and staff members have completed diversity, equity, and inclusion trainings with a consultant from Nonprofit Network that began with an organizational assessment. Based on those results, we are implementing a plan that includes review of our policies and procedures, messaging, grantmaking, and outreach. Staff and committees have been hard at work making improvements, and staff continue education at bi-weekly meetings dedicated solely to DEI work. Trustees continue to learn alongside staff at board meetings, and several trustees serve on our DEI ad hoc Committee that oversees our plan’s progress.

Our attention to racial equity has led to greater attention to smaller, under-resourced nonprofits that serve a high population of people of color. These organizations, many of them first-time grantees, serve some of our area’s most vulnerable communities. Organizations like K’s Precious Care and Against All Odds provide important services to racially and ethnically diverse populations in our region. We provided guidance through the application process and continue to offer support since the grants were made.

While our DEI journey is just beginning, we will continue our work to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion is strong within the Foundation and among our nonprofit partners.



“The COVID-19 grant helped us hire more staff and purchase a larger refrigerator to meet the increased demand for childcare, as more people started going back to work. I am grateful to the Community Foundation and excited about our future partnership.”

- Kindra Jackson, Director of K’s Precious Care Learning Center, Inc.

Our Commitment to Racial Equity

As a community leader, we have a responsibility to take action to create a more just and equitable society. We condemn racism, inequity and injustice, and we believe it is vital that all people in our community are valued and respected, especially those who have been historically marginalized. We are passionate about building vibrant, thriving and inclusive communities that uplift everyone who lives in our tri-county region.

We pledge to work diligently with our partners – donors, nonprofits and other organizations – to achieve positive change in our community. While the Community Foundation has always devoted a major portion of our grant dollars to nonprofit organizations that serve racially disadvantaged communities, we must do more. We are fervently committed to lifting up those who are racially marginalized by increasing our proportion of foundation resources to nonprofits that serve people of color and efforts that promote racial healing. We will actively work to ensure racial diversity, equity and inclusion within the Foundation and with our nonprofit partners.

With the help of a generous donor, we established the **DEI Action Fund** to support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs and activities in our community. If you would like to donate to this fund, visit our website at ourcommunity.org.

Six Reasons Donors Partner With Us

1

Creative and Easy Ways to Give

We offer abundant choices to make current gifts, deferred gifts and gifts that provide you with income. We will work with you and your professional advisor to identify your best giving option.

2

Maximum Tax Benefits

Your contributions qualify for the maximum allowable deduction for income, gift and estate tax purposes.

3

Strong Investment Stewardship

Your gift will be placed in our highly diversified asset pool, benefiting from the guidance of experienced professional investment managers. As of June 30, 2021, our annualized rate of return over the last five years has been 11.09%, net of all investment management fees.

4

Leaving Your Legacy

Through an endowment fund at the Community Foundation, your gifts work to benefit the causes you care about, today and forever.

5

Leadership and Community Knowledge

Our staff is familiar with the challenges and opportunities in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties. We can help you make the most informed decisions possible about your giving.

6

Recognition or Anonymity

The Community Foundation appreciates the generosity of our donors! Stories of charitable giving can inspire others to give, although anonymity is also available for donors who prefer that option.

The key to having a rewarding philanthropic experience is finding the best fit for your charitable priorities, goals and personal preferences.

The Community Foundation offers a variety of fund types so you can select the option that matches your needs.

Leadership Fund

To support our Community Foundation’s strategic initiatives, proactive grants and related Community Foundation capacity needs.

Agency Fund

Set up by nonprofits and individuals to grow the agency’s assets and provide permanent sources of revenue for those organizations. See page 20 for a list of our 171 agency funds.

Field of Interest Fund

Concentrate your giving on a particular issue such as ending hunger, protecting the environment or supporting the arts. We direct your giving to the nonprofits addressing your concerns.

Designated Fund

Support the charitable organizations of your choice in perpetuity.

Testamentary Funds

A Testamentary Fund Agreement is a great way to state your charitable intent for the future. Ultimately funded through your estate plan, the Fund will become active after your lifetime, or at such time as the Fund balance reaches a minimum size with gifts during your lifetime should you choose to do so. The Community Foundation invests and protects your Fund, ensuring your charitable intentions are carried out forever.

A Testamentary Fund Agreement also gives you the flexibility to make changes to your philanthropy plan without having to amend your will, trust or other beneficiary designations.

Donor-Advised Fund

Avoid the cost and work of establishing and administering a private foundation. You recommend grants from your fund to the nonprofits you want to support, while we take care of the fund’s investment and administration.

Community’s Endowment

Undesignated fund to support charitable projects and activities that best meet the community’s future needs.

Underground of Good

A good way to get started in philanthropy. Donations and grant recommendations for this fund come from a giving circle of young professionals who wish to invest in their community to help it thrive today and forever.

A Philanthropic Legacy

“The Community Foundation steps in where there are no multi-million dollar donors. They’re the spark, leader, instigator.”

- Charles Mickens, donor and trustee

Charles and Helen Mickens both grew up in families that were very involved in their community. “My parents were very generous with their time. My mother was a volunteer in the hospital in Kalamazoo and Red Cross for over 50 years. My father was the same way, and served in various ways in the community,” said Helen.

“When I lived in Port Huron, immediately behind the Carnegie Library was the Bob McVety Youth Center,” said Charles. “It always fascinated me; how could someone get their name on a building? For years, I benefitted from the programs ran there through the City recreation department. That was my first introduction to the concept of giving. It was a good thing to do - to give back to the city.”

The Mickens have been avid supporters of the Community Foundation for years. Helen served on the Board of Trustees from 2008 - 2016, while Charles joined the Board in 2019 and currently serves as a Trustee. Both have also served on the Grantmaking Committee at the Foundation.

Helen shared, “The grants committee was a great experience, learning about the community. It was interesting to see how many tiny projects, like food pantries and closets for medical needs, made a difference. The larger projects that made an impact, things that you could see like pocket parks, were



Charles and Helen Mickens named the Community Foundation as a beneficiary of their estate plan.

tangible and made people’s lives better. Those were very gratifying.”

The Mickens are passionate about their reasons for being involved with the Community Foundation. “Serving on the board and on committees are a way to participate and feel that some of my time and energy can go to something that’s bigger than me. It’s the community we live in; it’s our home,” raved Charles. “Lansing has a lot of industry, but doesn’t have a Mr. McVety, McMoran, or Oldsmobile. It’s heartwarming to see the board and staff’s sincere, active support of the community. Many hands do the work, not just one, which instills a sense of giving for others to see.”

Contact the Community Foundation to make your charitable dreams come!

Tax Reform: Maximize Your Charitable Giving

With changes in federal tax laws in recent years that include doubling the standard deduction to \$12,000 for single individuals, and \$24,000 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 part or all of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution gift to the Foundation. If you’re 72 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.

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 470+ existing funds or create a fund of your own.

If you don’t itemize...

Take advantage of the new “above the line” federal deduction for charitable gifts totaling up to \$300 per person for 2021, so a couple can deduct \$600. This applies to contributions to public charities and excludes gifts to donor advised funds or supporting organizations.

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 new tax climate.

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Professional Advisors and the Community Foundation



“I feel very comfortable with the Community Foundation and about referring my clients to them. I know they’re in good hands.”

- Nancy Little, shareholder,
Buhl, Little, Lynwood & Harris
East Lansing

When Nancy Little helps charitable clients with their estate plans, she recommends the Community Foundation.

“It’s just a well-run organization. I think it really gives people an alternative to having a private foundation, when they might not have enough money to actually justify setting up a private foundation. They can set up a fund at the Community Foundation for whatever purpose they want and know that their wishes are going to be carried out.”

While not all clients initially think about charitable giving when they make their estate plans, Nancy makes an effort to ask. “Most people, when asked why they didn’t make charitable gifts in their estate plan, said it was because no one asked them about it. So, I always try to remind people that this is an option.”

Nancy is also involved with the Community Foundation as a donor herself. She set up a fund for her church in Brighton, the Saint Mary Magdalen. “I started the fund not only because it’s important to me, but I also wanted to leave a legacy to my family. Fifty years from now, when my grandchildren are at my point in life, they can still look at that fund and say, ‘this is something that grandma did to make a difference in people’s lives.’ Hopefully it will inspire them to be charitably minded and to care about their community, too.”

“It’s important to me to know that the money that I’ve entrusted to the Community Foundation is still going to be there, working for a cause that is important to me many years from now - and for my family to be able to look at that as a source of pride.”

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:

Deb Bauer RAYMOND JAMES	Jack Davis[†] LOOMIS LOOMIS, EWERT, PARISLEY, DAVIS & GOTTING P.C. ATTORNEYS AT LAW	Robert Hughes Principal	Melisa Mysliwec Fraser Trebilcock
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David Brogan BRV benefits	Richard Greene GREENEWEALTH For every day of your life.	Dick Lowe LOWE LAW FIRM, P.C.	Jerry Sutton SUTTON ADVISORS PLC
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	Mark Hooper, CPA AHPA	Douglas Mielock FOSTER SWIFT FOSTER SWIFT COLLINS & SMITH P.C. ATTORNEYS	Howard “Jack” Weyers FAMILY AND ELDER LAW of Mid-Michigan, P.C.

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

Leaving 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.

1

Join our Legacy Society by making a planned gift through:

- Wills, trusts or estate plans
- Charitable gift annuities
- Life insurance policies
- Retirement fund assets
- Charitable remainder trusts
- Charitable lead trusts

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 can even create a testamentary fund with no upfront gift.

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 and will make sure your legacy is fulfilled in the manner you desired. Your vision will grow and benefit your community with the highest possible impact — forever.

Creating a personal legacy of giving through the Community Foundation costs you nothing today. Contact Us!

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Thank You to Our Legacy Society Members

The Arens Family	Michael G. & Deborah L. Harrison	Richard & Lorayne Otto
Sam M. & Mary E. Austin	C. Richard & Susan Herrold	Peggy A. Parke & Denis W. Sullivan
Jim & Nancy Ballard	William Hochman	Nancy Passanante
Dr. Paul J. Ballard	Grace C. Hoffer †	Donald F. Power & Maureen McCabe-Power
Susan J. Bandes	Thomas E. & Lynne M. Hoffmeyer	Joe E. & Lori Pray
Margaret J. Bates	Meegan Holland	Frank H. & Patricia Reynolds
Joan Bauer	Mark & Marcia Hooper	Helen Riendeau
Laurie & John Baumer	Beth M. Hubbell	Jack & Peggy Roberts
Kenneth C. Beachler	Charley & LeaAnne Janssen	Ryan Robertson & Kira Carter-Robertson
Dana & Kim Beaman	Jim & Ruth Linnemann	Pamela Shaheen
Robert H. & Jane M. Becker	Nancy L. Little	John & Debbie Sirrine
John & Jewel Bos	Paul Marisch & Warren Smith	Stuart D. Sleight
Mike Chaddock, D.V.M.	Audrey Martin	Kenneth & Marilyn Sohn
Eleanor A. Doersam	Gary & Jenny McCampbell	Kathleen M. Soltow
David & Connie Donovan	Gena McCoubrey and Family	Heather Spielmaker
Ron & Susan Eggleston	Michael & Ann McDaniel	Jesusa Vasquez & Gary Heilig
Thomas S. Eveland	Paul & Evie McNamara	John R. Wales
Vincent Ferris, Jr.	Heidi McNaughton	Abraham Wheeler & Rachel Minkin
Jerry & Eileen Fhaner	Thomas J. Messner	Ronald W. Whittaker
Dennis & Linda Fliehman	Charles & Helen P. Mickens	John & Cheryl Wieber
John & Pamela Foster	Betsy & Robin Miner-Swartz	Jeff D. Williams & Joy M. Whitten
Betty Giuliani	Maureen Moloney & Doug	Elizabeth & Tom Wilson
Camron & Lisa Gnass	Peterson	Sally Wittler
Mark D. & Cheryl M. Grueneberg	Carol Monroe	Gary L. Witzenburg
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Doug Hall	Patricia K. Munshaw	Raymond R. Ziarno
Deanna and John Hanieski	Gerald L. Olson	

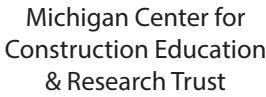
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2021 Grantmaking

After dedicating most of our granting to our COVID-19 Nonprofit Support Fund, 2021 saw the return of the Community Foundation’s regular grantmaking. This included opportunities for Impact, Capacity Building, Youth Advisory Council (YAC), and Mini-Grants.

Impact Grants

With guidance from over twenty community volunteers who review and consider grant applications, the Community Foundation awarded 16 Impact Grants, totaling \$650,110. These grants support programs, and capital projects that create a significant impact in the region.



Capacity Building Grants

Capacity Building grants help a nonprofit strengthen its internal operations and create more healthy and sustainable organizations, which in turn build vibrant, thriving communities. For 2021, the Community Foundation awarded 11 Capacity Building grants, totaling \$249,035. These grants are aiding nonprofits with staff coaching and training, board development work, and a potential merger.



YAC Grants

High school students from Lansing, St. Johns, and Eaton County reviewed grant applications from nonprofits who provide programs and services designed to support youth in their respective communities. In total, the YAC awarded 17 grants, totaling \$52,500.

Mini-Grants

Mini-Grants support projects and programs of smaller nonprofit organizations that serve residents of Clinton, Eaton or Ingham counties. For 2021, the Community Foundation awarded \$25,500 Mini-Grants to 5 nonprofits.

COVID-19 Nonprofit Support Fund Grants

The Covid-19 Nonprofit Support Fund awarded \$1,258,526 to 86 organizations in the tri-county region. These funds provided relief for staffing, technology, cleaning and safety items, so that nonprofits could continue their important work in our communities.



Universally-Accessible Playground for Children of All Abilities

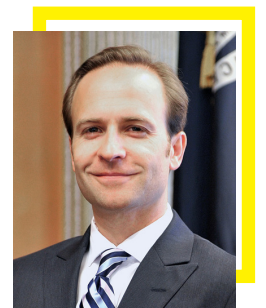
As part of the Community Foundation's commitment to develop the downtown Lansing riverfront, the Foundation is building the first universally-accessible playground in the region, designed to promote inclusivity and the health and well-being of ALL children. This extraordinary \$1.5 million+ playground-park will be a destination for families throughout our region and beyond. The closest universally-accessible playgrounds are located in Grand Rapids and Commerce Township.

The Community Foundation's designers have far exceeded ADA requirements in order to create a completely barrier-free environment where all children, regardless of ability, can play side-by-side throughout the entire park. Children with sensory disabilities (such as visual impairments) or developmental disabilities (such as autism or Down syndrome) will have lots to explore as well. The playground-park will maximize inclusivity and normalize differences, while promoting the healthy development of all children for generations to come.



"As the parent of a child with autism, I'm so glad the Community Foundation is taking the lead on a universally accessible playground that will allow children of all abilities to play together. That's what any parent wants for their children, to feel like they fit in. This project will be a destination for families from around the region, and a great addition to Lansing's riverfront. I'm proud to champion this project and I encourage other families like mine to join me."

- Brian Calley, parent



About the Playground-Park

The project is led by the Community Foundation, in partnership with the City of Lansing. CASE Credit Union, through its CASE Cares program, is a major financial partner with the Foundation. Wieland is construction manager and Viridis is the park's architect. Sinclair Recreation is designing the playground portion of the park, with input from Disability Network Capital Area and surveys from approximately 50 families who have children with disabilities.

This unique park will be located on the Grand River in downtown Lansing, visible from the southwest corner of Saginaw Street and Grand Avenue. The 66,000-square-foot park will include a custom, state-of-the-art, all-access playground that is 10,000 square feet. The park will also include a picnic deck, pavilion, dedicated barrier-free parking, and universal access to the river's edge with a boardwalk and large platform designed for all children and adults to be up close to the river for viewing, picnicking and fishing.

Fundraising and sponsorships

The total raised to date is approximately \$700,000 toward the \$1.5 million goal, including matching funds from the Community Foundation. **The Community Foundation will match all private funds raised, dollar for dollar.** Sponsorships are available for playground equipment, the pavilion, riverside deck, and playground naming rights. Multi-year pledges are accepted for sponsored areas, which include permanent, artistic signage. For information, contact Laurie Baumer at 517-281-9054 or lbaumer@ourcommunity.org.

Community Foundation

2020 Financial Report

2021 report available in July 2022

Audited Financial Report

ASSETS	2020	2019
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,605,548	2,874,960
Investments	126,864,857	111,001,399
Contributions receivable	—	501,087
Promises to give, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and discount	197,420	264,093
Loan receivable, net of discount	17,714	19,664
Deposits	14,079	13,836
Property donation: cemetery lots	57,843	46,865
Furniture and equipment, less accumulated depreciation of \$175,761 and \$166,524 in 2020 and 2019, respectively	11,796	18,318
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 128,769,257	114,740,222
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 19,516	17,657
Accrued salaries and related	29,962	22,774
Deferred revenue	823	762
Grants payable	158,320	389,646
Funds held in agency endowments	12,720,888	11,651,164
Liabilities associated with gift annuities	83,933	98,376
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 13,013,442	12,180,379
NET ASSETS		
Total Net Assets	\$ 115,755,815	102,559,843
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 128,769,257	114,740,222

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.

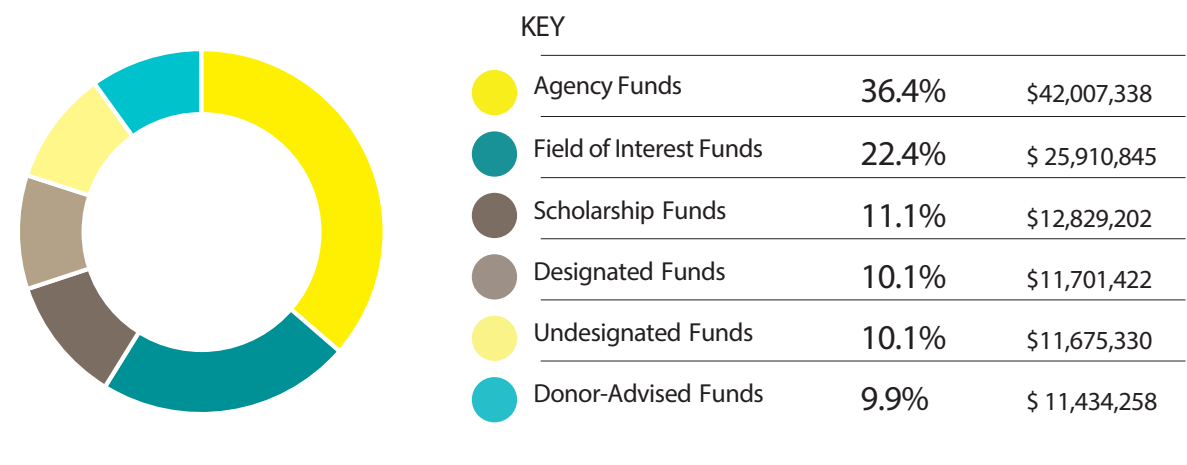
By The Numbers

\$4,770,838
GRANTS AWARDED

\$6,514,057
GIFTS RECEIVED

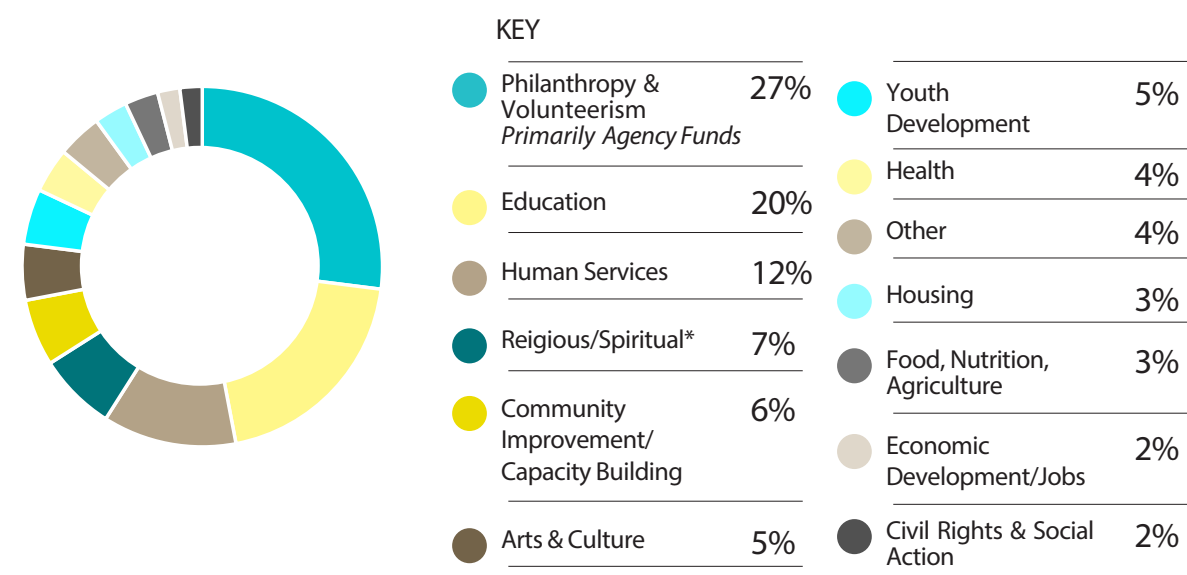
FUND CATEGORIES

The chart below does not include our leadership or administrative funds.



GRANT CATEGORIES

The chart below includes grantmaking by committees and fundholders.



*Majority of these grants came from our Donor Advised fundholders.

470+ Funds and Growing

We help and coach individuals, families, nonprofits, companies, and municipalities in Michigan’s capital region to achieve their philanthropic goals. Each fund held at the Community Foundation has its own special purpose and meaning. Whatever your giving goal might be, we can help you create and grow a fund that will make the most of your passion.

Agency Funds

- American Council of Snowmobile Associations Legacy Fund

American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter Endowment Fund

APTA Michigan Institute for Education and Research Endowment Fund

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

Archives of Michigan Endowment Fund

Arc 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

 - The Dr. Carl Bradford & Rhea May Bradford Endowment Fund

Burcham Hills Endowment Fund

 - Center for Health & Rehab 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 Area United Way Endowment Fund

 - CAUW Endowment Fund II
 - CAUW Volunteer Center Endowment Fund

Carol J. Greer Community Learning Center Endowment Fund

CASA of Ingham County, Inc. Endowment Fund

Chief Okemos Council, Boy Scouts of America Endowment Fund

 - J. Michael Warren Campership Fund

Child & Family Charities Endowment Fund

Chosen Vision Endowment Fund

City of East Lansing Endowment Fund

City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund

College Access Network Endowment Fund

Community Mental Health Endowment Fund

Connect 4 Kids Endowment Fund

ConnectMichigan Alliance Fund

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

Cristo Rey Community Center Fund

Crosswalk Teen Center Endowment Fund
- DeWitt Area Community Endowment Fund

 - All Kids Playground
 - Japanese Garden Project

DeWitt Public Schools Foundation Endowment Fund

East Lansing Educational Foundation Endowment Fund

 - Asa & Calder Bromley Memorial Library Fund
 - Class of 1963 Endowment Fund
 - Class of 1971 Endowment Fund
 - Corey Cafagna Fund for Special Education, Jazz & 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 & Activities
 - Endowment for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
 - Endowment for the Arts
 - High School Music Directors’ Discretionary Fund for Music Students
 - Jodi Piper Bappert Fund for Student Leadership Development
 - John Ropp Endowment Fund for Outside-the-Box Learning
 - Mary Anne Sternberg Marshall Fund for High School Theater
 - Sally McClintock Endowment for Elementary Music
 - Shrewsbury Sisters-Whitmer Family Endowment for Civic Engagement
 - Spartan Village G.L.O.B.A.L. Endowment Fund
 - Staton Family Endowment Fund

East Lansing Public Library
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 County United Way 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 & Betty Morris Fund
 - Josh Spalsbury Endowment for the Social Sciences
 - Grand Ledge Opera House Endowment Fund
 - Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital Endowment Fund
 - Heart & Hands Endowment Fund
 - Housing Services Mid Michigan Endowment Fund

Edgewood Village Endowment Fund

- Ele's Place Endowment Fund
- Shirley Pasant Memorial Fund

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

Greater Lansing Food Bank John & Diane
Dodge Endowment Fund

Greater Lansing Homeless Resolution
Network Fund

Habitat for Humanity of Michigan
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