35 YEARS OF SERVICE













2022 IMPACT REPORT







DONOR SERVICES NONPROFIT SUPPORT

LEADERSHIP PROJECTS



Our Mission

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

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Dear Friends,

I am honored that our Board of Trustees has entrusted me to lead the Community Foundation as its new president and CEO. My predecessor, Dennis Fliehman, built the Foundation's positive reputation throughout the region, helping countless philanthropists make an impact on our community just as Pattie Reynolds, his predecessor did. I have big shoes to fill!

My vision for the Foundation is that every charitable person in the region will come to see this organization as their own. We are not just for the wealthy – many of our 500+ funds were started with little to no assets and will leave a legacy for generations to come. Toward that vision, I will work tirelessly to increase the Foundation's visibility and build strong relationships with donors whom we treat as clients. Likewise, I will work to broaden our circle of estate planning attorneys and other professional advisors who entrust their clients to us every day.

In tandem, the Foundation will continue to serve our nonprofit partners, meeting their greatest needs and building their endowments for sustainability. We'll also continue to be a critical voice and partner at the community table, and lead projects no one else is tackling to make our communities ever vibrant and thriving.

Integral to this vision is the Foundation's focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. We cannot be successful in any endeavor without our DEI commitment in action, in everything we do.

Now in our 35th year, we celebrate milestones of 500 funds, gifts totaling over \$100 million, and grants totaling over \$65 million since our inception. As exciting as these numbers are, what matters is the tangible impact the Community Foundation makes every day, in ways no other organization can.

Please help us celebrate our 35th anniversary by making a gift to your favorite fund or project at the Community Foundation – or start a new fund, for good, forever!

With gratitude,

Jami 81



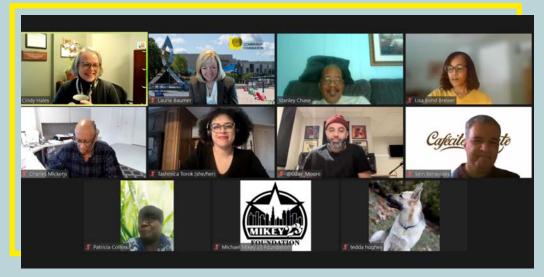
Laurie Strauss Baumer, President & CEO, and Michael Gilmore, 2022 Board Chair

Our Racial Equity Journey

Two years ago, the Community Foundation began its own diversity, equity, and inclusion journey. Together the board and staff created a set of DEI goals, then executed an action plan to keep us on track. We implemented weekly meetings for staff to learn about various aspects of DEI and formed an ad hoc DEI committee of the board that led to the creation of our standing Racial Equity Advisory Committee. Staff continues to work with this committee to identify and eliminate barriers in our grantmaking process and increase our reach to smaller, less-resourced nonprofits, particularly those serving people of color.

Our Racial Equity Advisory Committee members are civic and nonprofit leaders of color who are providing valuable insight into making the Foundation's grantmaking more inclusive. With the committee's help, we strategically reached out to organizations who were not familiar with the Foundation or were unaware they were eligible for our grant opportunities. These efforts resulted in 30% of 2022 Impact Grant requests coming from first-time applicants!

We've come a long way in our DEI journey, but there is more work to be done. Working collaboratively with our community partners, we will continue to work toward building diversity, equity, and inclusion into all we do at the Community Foundation.



Racial Equity Advisory Committee

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.

Seven Reasons 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 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 options.

3 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, while supporting the causes you care about each year.

4 Community Knowledge

Our staff is familiar with the nonprofits and needs in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton 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 giving can inspire others to give, although anonymity is also available for donors who prefer that option.

6 Create Community Impact

The Community Foundation invests back into the community with the annual fees collected from active funds.

7 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.

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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.

Agency Fund

Set up by nonprofits and individuals to provide permanent sources of revenue for individual nonprofits. See page 24 for a list of our 174 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.

Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

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.

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.

Special Opportunities

Leadership Fund

To support our 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, are funded from this.

Community's Endowment

Undesignated fund to support charitable projects and activities that best meet the community's future needs. Dollars raised here are used to support our grantmaking.

Underground of Good

The **Underground of Good** is a social, member-based giving group that targets young philanthropists who wish to invest in the greater Lansing community to help it thrive today and forever. Together, members contribute, meet, and award grants to causes they care about in the community. Since its inception in 2016, the Underground of Good has donated more than \$73,000 to 20 nonprofits in Mid-Michigan. Quarterly grants have ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Underground of Good exemplifies the spirit of the Community Foundation. Not only do we ensure our nominated charities focus on local-only initiatives, but we also serve as a great outlet for getting together with our friends and business associates. The Underground of Good serves as a great way to make your charitable donation manageable, interactive and just plain fun.



- Ryan Carter, 2022 Underground of Good Co-Chair

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How it works:

Members are young and charitably minded. They give \$500 every year. \$400 to quarterly grants the group makes to local charities (\$100/quarter) and \$100 invested in the Underground of Good endowment fund at the Community Foundation.

The group meets quarterly at restaurants and bars around the area. Every meeting has a theme and members suggest local charities working to address issues related to the theme. The group selects three charities from those suggested and then members 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.

Interested in joining?

Check out Underground of Good's webpage at <u>ourcommunity.org/nonprofit-support/underground-of-good</u> for more details on the group and their next meeting. You can attend any meeting as a guest before making a commitment.

Youth Action Committee

Our **Youth Action Committee (YAC)** brings together mid-Michigan teens to lead and serve their communities. Since its inception in 1992, our local youth have been working hard for social good.

YAC members award thousands of dollars each year in grants to local youth-serving organizations. High schoolers from Ingham, Eaton, or Clinton counties can join. We have YAC branches in each county.

The YAC also participates in service and volunteer activities like LoveCharlotte projects, the St. Johns Rake-N-Run event, and the Wall of Love in Lansing, where YAC members assembled bags of personal supplies and snacks for anyone in need. The YAC makes grants from the Youth Fund to support programs that help youth aged 12-18, based on the most recent youth needs assessment survey.

For 30 years, our youth have been raising the bar on philanthropy, and developing leadership skills for social good. They engage in collective learning and action to create not only immediate impact but lasting change that will be felt for years to come.



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I like YAC because of how it brings the community together and lets youth have more of a voice in the community. It helps the young people to realize the issues that are happening around them and to help provide support towards solving these issues. It also helps youth to feel the responsibility of helping the community and puts us in a position to encourage others to help as well.

- Ella Koen, Clinton County YAC Member



Learn more and join: ourcommunity.org/nonprofit-support/youth-action-committee-yac





Why Philanthropists Choose the Community Foundation

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I like that our donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation gives you power while you're still alive to make decisions about your ongoing legacy.

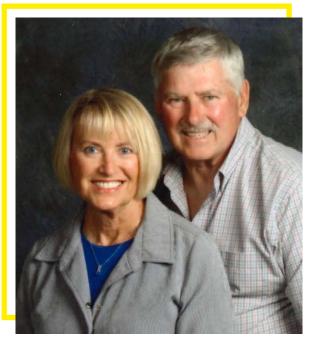
- Eileen Fhaner, donor and fundholder

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Eileen and Jerry Fhaner have been Eaton County residents all their lives and love to give back to the community they call home. Jerry worked in autobody repair his whole career while Eileen worked in finance at Auto-Owners Insurance, retiring in 2017 after 40 years.

"When I was introduced to the Foundation, I was on the Board for a while as an Auto-Owners representative. This allowed me to really learn what foundations like the Community Foundation are trying to accomplish," recounted Eileen. "I'm a finance girl. If you tell me we're putting aside \$1 million, we're not going to spend it, we're going to let it sit there and earn money, and the money it earns is what we'll give away to charity, that means that, forever and ever, that \$1 million will be earning something to help offset the needs of charitable organizations. That was the draw of the Foundation."

Perpetual support of individual nonprofits through an Agency Fund is a huge draw for Eileen. "My favorite thing within the Foundation is the Agency Funds," she said. "I've helped establish one for my church, talked to Crosswalk about staring one, and set one up for House of Promise. It gives the charity some annual dollars they can use to support their work. I know the money will continue on."



Eileen and Jerry Fhaner have a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation.

Eileen and Jerry place their faith in local nonprofits because they know the needs to best support their community. "We believe that if we all just took a little bit of time to give back to our communities, then the country would be better," she said. "I still think of this old saying I heard a long time ago; 'How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.' We can't fix the country, but we can help our little community. We believe in the value of charitable organizations and community to assist with people in need, over the government. Local charities know where the need is and can address it. We like to know that our donations go to those most in need."

Contact the Community Foundation to make <u>your</u> charitable dreams come true!

Maximize Your Charitable Giving

With today's high standard tax deduction (\$12,950 for single individuals and \$25,900 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 gift to the Foundation. If you're 70 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 520+ 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 new tax climate.

Laurie Strauss Baumer, President & CEO lbaumer@ourcommunity.org 517-281-9054

Professional Advisors Trust the Community Foundation

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The Community Foundation really provides a lot of guidance, expertise, and flexibility for clients who want to make an impact in the community. That's the reason why I refer clients to the Foundation.

- Molly Petitjean, attorney Buhl, Little, Lynwood & Harris

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Molly Petitjean is an estate planning and small business attorney who helps her clients plan for all their big life events. After moving to Lansing to join the Buhl, Little, Lynwood & Harris firm, Molly was introduced to the Community Foundation through her colleague, Nancy Little.

"It was a good introduction that stuck," said Molly.
"It has been a huge resource for both me and my clients. I'm grateful that I'm able to recommend the Community Foundation to clients. Without it, I think that there would be a big hole in estate planning for people who are charitably minded but maybe don't have the specifics tailored as to what they want their charitable giving to look like."

Molly recommends the Community Foundation over commercial institutions for a multitude of reasons. "The Foundation is able to match the needs of the community with the donor's interests, and I think that is really important. One of the things I have enjoyed in my work with the Foundation is getting to see it acting not just as a repository for client donations, but also to be able to work with charities in the local community, help make them be the best they can be, and provide them with guidance and recommendations. Also, they are a community leader. Being able to not just match donors and causes, but being able to really bring together the stakeholders and have a conversation that is fruitful and productive."

"I describe the Foundation as a long-term manager of the client's resources for their charitable giving purposes. The Foundation's niche is working with those clients that have a lot of charitable interests, or they have flexible or unspecified charitable interests. It's a great solution for those who have complicated giving goals or nebulous giving goals. For the community as a whole, the Community Foundation is a synthesizer for the community. It brings together local nonprofits and local donors to provide a local benefit."

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:

April Alleman

Jack Davis* LOOMIS Mark Hooper, CPA **AHP**

Melisa Mysliwiec **FraserTrebilcock**

Sally Babbitt



Nancy Elwood

Robert Hughes Principal

Patricia Ouellette LOWE

Ben Bakken



Tina Ferland, CPA plante moran

Charley Janssen FOSTER SWIFT

Molly Petitiean BUHL, LITTLE,

Deb Bauer RAYMOND JAMES Robin D. Ferriby Clark Hill Charles L. Lasky Lasky, Fifarek & Hogan, P.C.

Lee B. Reimann, CPA

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John Bos



Richard Greene



Jerry Sutton SUTTON ADVISORS

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Patrick Hanes Hanes & Associates **PLLC**

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Dick Lowe IIIILowe **Marlaine Teahan FraserTrebilcock**

David Brogan



Erik Hansen Edward Jones Katie Lynwood BUHL, LITTLE, **Amber Terakedis** plante moran

Rosemary Buhl



Chuck Hillary



Douglas Mielock **FOSTER SWIFT**

Howard "Jack" Weyers



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.

^{*} Indicates advisors who have passed away.

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 \$1 million in the bank to have an estate and create a legacy. Talk with us and see how a planned gift can support a cause you care about, forever.

- Join our Legacy Society by making a planned gift through:
 - Wills, trusts or estate plans
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 - Retirement fund assets
 - Charitable gift annuities
- · Charitable remainder trusts
- Life insurance policies
- Charitable lead trusts
- 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.

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!

Laurie Strauss Baumer, President & CEO Ibaumer@ourcommunity.org 517-281-9054

Thank You to Our Legacy Society Members

Sam M. & Mary E. Austin Leahbelle M. Balbach* Jim & Nancy Ballard Dr. Paul J. Ballard Susan J. Bandes

Jack E.* & Margaret J. Bates

Doris H. Bauer* Joan Bauer

Laurie Strauss Baumer Kenneth C. Beachler Dana & Kim Beaman

Robert H.* & Jane M. Becker

John E. & Jewel T. Bos Richard & Ruth Brewer Mike Chaddock, D.V.M. William & Marilyn Cochran*

Kathleen J. Doan* Eleanor A. Doersam David & Connie Donovan

Gary & Peggy Doty Ron & Susan Eggleston Michael & Karen Engan

Tom Eveland

Bernard & Susan Fehr Vincent Ferris, Jr. Jerry & Eileen Fhaner Dennis & Linda Fliehman John & Pamela Foster Gerald & Dorothy Francis*

Charles Furney Joe* & Betty Gadaleto Bertha P. Gilson*

Betty Giuliani

Camron & Lisa Gnass

Mark D. & Cheryl M. Grueneberg

Cindy E. Hales

Doug Hall Billy E. Hanel*

Deanna & John Hanieski

Michael G.* & Deborah L. Harrison

James & Judith Herbert C. Richard & Susan* Herrold George & Eleanore Higginson

William Hochman Grace C. Hoffer*

Thomas E. & Lynne M. Hoffmeyer

Meegan Holland Mark & Marcia Hooper Beth M. Hubbell

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Charley & LeaAnne Janssen

Randy Linn

Jim & Ruth Linnemann

Nancy Little Theresa Lynch*

Robert & Audrey Martin*

Clarabelle Maxey*

Gary & Jenny McCampbell Gena McCoubrey & Family Michael & Ann McDaniel Paul & Evie McNamara Heidi McNaughton Thomas J. Messner Charles & Helen Mickens Donn & Kathleen Miller

Cleon Mingus*

Maureen Moloney & Doug Peterson

Leon* & Carol Monroe Donald R. Moore* Mike & Midge Morrow Patricia K. Munshaw The Ng Family Suzanne M. Olivier Gerald L. Olson Richard & Lorayne Otto

Peggy A. Parke & Denis W. Sullivan

Nancy Passanante

Donald F. Power* & Maureen McCabe-Power

Janice Parish Joe E. & Lori Pray

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Helen Riendeau

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Kathleen A. Ruff* Ruth Sablich Pamela Shaheen John & Debbie Sirrine Stuart D. Sleight Diane Smith

Warren Smith & Paul Marisch

Kathleen M. Soltow Heather Spielmaker

Ernest & Katherine Strefling*
Janette & Elsie Trachsel*
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Abraham Wheeler & Rachel Minkin

Ronald Whittaker

John E. & Cheryl A. Wieber

Jeff D. Williams & Joy M. Whitten

Tom & Elizabeth Wilson

Sally Wittler Gary Witzenburg Joan Wright

Wilbur & Ruth Wright* Raymond R. Ziarno

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^{*} indicates Legacy Society members who have passed away.

35 Years of Impact

Since the Foundation's first grant in 1989, we have awarded more than \$65 million to organizations in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties.

In the early years, our grantmaking process was a traditional one. Nonprofits applied every year for funding from either our general grantmaking or from our Youth Action Committee (YAC), which supports projects that specifically address the needs of youth in the Capital Region. This process worked well for the times, but in 2017 a new strategic direction took shape. That year, the Foundation created three new grant opportunities: Impact Grants, Capacity Building Grants, and Mini Grants – each designed to meet specific needs of our partner organizations.

Impact Grants significantly increase the long-term impact of an organization or program, their ability to reach underserved populations or collaboration between nonprofits that create transformative and sustainable community change. Capacity Building Grants help an organization increase its sustainability and effectiveness by strengthening its governance and management systems. Mini-Grants assist smaller organizations with programming and project support, and are funded directly by individual Community Foundation fundholders.

Although the Foundation awards fewer grants each year than the old days, we are now able to provide grants at significantly higher dollar amounts, meeting our goal of creating true impact in the region.

In 2020, we proved again our commitment to helping our partners stay strong by creating the COVID-19 Nonprofit Support Fund. The fund awarded grants on a monthly basis from June 2020 through March 2021. Approximately \$1.25 million was granted to help nonprofits purchase Personal Protection Equipment, support staffing, technology, facility modifications, and meet other COVID-related expenses. We are proud to support nonprofit partners during some of their most challenging times, and we are grateful to the many donors who help us provide our support.

As we look to the future, we will continue to listen to our partners throughout the Capital Region and adapt our grantmaking to ensure it is effective and helping sustain a vibrant nonprofit ecosystem.





Over \$1 Million Granted by Committees to Nonprofits

In 2022, we awarded:

\$650,000 in Impact Grants to 10 organizations \$325,000 in Capacity Building Grants to 14 organizations \$71,262 in Mini Grants to 20 organizations \$55,100 in YAC Grants to 21 organizations

Capacity Building Grantees





























Impact Grantees























Grantwriting workshop



Grantmaking day

Why Placemaking?

In the fall of 2015 and spring of 2016, the Capital Region Community Foundation conducted a "Listening Tour," consisting of 64 interviews with leaders in the region as well as foundation stakeholders. We selected a careful balance of individuals from local business, education, government, the media, health care, nonprofits, and religious organizations. Each person was asked about our region's greatest needs and opportunities.

As a community leader, the Foundation used the feedback gathered in this process to help us identify our strategic initiatives that would make a significant impact on our region's prosperity. Placemaking emerged as the leading theme throughout those responses to attract and retain a talented workforce for our region.

Placemaking is a collective community vision and process of re-imagining public spaces and the arts and activities that create culture and a social environment.

We are leading development of the downtown Lansing riverfront because it is a key but underutilized asset that should be accessible and safely enjoyed by everyone throughout the region.

Our leadership projects to date include:

- Rotary Park
- Synthetic skating rink
- Play Michigan!
- Michigan Avenue façade improvements





Want to learn more about our current or future projects, or have an idea you would like to share? Contact us!

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Activating Our Communities

While we fund our own leadership projects in Downtown Lansing, we also love to support placemaking projects throughout Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties. Here are some projects and activations we funded since we began our placemaking direction:

- · Wilson Center Auditorium renovation St. Johns
- Music Park at a city playground St. Johns
- · Crosswalk Teen Center façade Charlotte
- · Beach Market Charlotte
- Timepiece Park Charlotte
- New lighting for Williamston Theatre Williamston
- · Community playground Williamston
- Observation deck and telescopes for bird viewing at Harris Nature Center Okemos
- Community Education Pavilion at Fenner Nature Center Lansing
- · Winterfest Downtown Lansing
- · Below the Stacks mural festival Lansing
- Beacon Soccer Field South Lansing
- Dirt School: A Bicycle Playground and Skills Park Holt

















Current Projects

Play Michigan!

We are building the first universally-accessible playground in the region, designed to promote inclusivity and the health and well-being of ALL children. Officially named **Play Michigan!**, this extraordinary playground-park on the downtown Lansing riverfront will be a destination for families throughout our region and beyond.

We are leading this project in partnership with the City of Lansing. AF Group and CASE Credit Union are lead sponsors of the playground-park. Other major sponsors include:

- Linda and Joel Zylstra, whose original vision sparked the project
- John and Jewel Bos
- Eileen and Jerry Fhaner
- · Sparrow Health System
- · Mary Free Bed
- · Michigan Medicine
- Peckham

Thanks to the generosity of these sponsors and many other donors, our fundraising goal of \$2.2 million was reached with the Foundation's dollar-for-dollar match of all contributions. However, market shortages and cost increases in labor and materials will require additional



funds, so we are seeking new donors! Please contact Laurie Strauss Baumer, president & CEO, at 517-281-9054 or lbaumer@ourcommunity.org if you would like to help.

Michigan Avenue Improvements

The Community Foundation awarded \$150,000 toward a pilot project to improve the façades of businesses in the 2000 block of Michigan Avenue – the backbone of our region. Our commitment will match municipal investments.

We're proud to lead this pilot project in partnership with the Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority (MACIA), the City of Lansing, and business and property owners. While this helps businesses on the avenue, it is even more important to the community at large. It supports the Foundation's strategic goal to create vibrant communities that attract and retain talent.



Community Foundation 2021 Financial Report



Audited Financial Report

ASSETS	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,042,486	1,605,548
Investments	148,337,595	126,864,857
Promises to give, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and discount	594,657	197,420
Loan receivable, net of discount	_	17,714
Deposits	14,511	14,079
Property donation: cemetery lots	57,843	57,843
Furniture and equipment, less accumulated depreciation	13,038	11,796
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 150,060,130	128,769,257
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LIABILITIES		
LIABILITIES Accounts payable	13,702	19,516

NET ASSETS

TOTAL LIABILITIES

Funds held in agency endowments

Liabilities associated with gift annuities

Total Net Assets	\$ 135,086,358	115,755,815
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 150,060,130	128,769,257

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 our community.org.

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By The Numbers

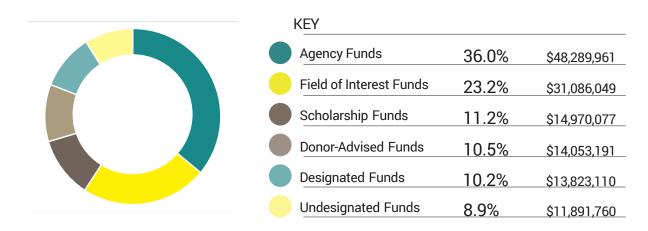
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GRANTS AWARDED

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GIFTS RECEIVED

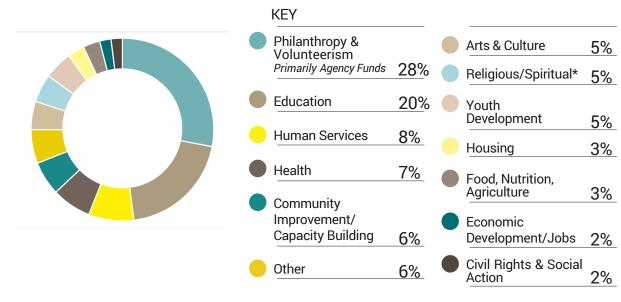
FUND CATEGORIES

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



GRANT CATEGORIES

The chart below includes grantmaking by committees and fundholders.



520+ 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

Archives of Michigan Endowment Fund

Arts Council of Greater Lansing Endowment Fund

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

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