



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION



**2018
IMPACT
REPORT**

You love this community.
We do, too.



OUR MISSION

The Capital Region Community Foundation’s mission is to serve the charitable needs and enhance the quality of life in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties.

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Dear Friends,

The past two years have been pivotal in the history of our organization. They mark a time when we emerged as a leader in our region's renaissance.

For over 30 years, we've been dedicated to supporting philanthropic individuals and nonprofits who make their communities more vibrant. Now, we're also leading efforts to catalyze our region's prosperity. We created a new type of donor-advised fund, awarded \$883,010 to local nonprofits, began development of three major projects to enhance downtown Lansing and started an apprenticeship program with local businesses.

When we look at reasons why our donors entrust us with their charitable dollars to make gifts to hundreds of nonprofits in three counties, we always come to the same conclusion: They know this is our home and we want to see all who visit and live in it succeed.

The future of our region is radiant, and we are grateful to be a part of its story.

With gratitude,


Jack Roberts
 2018 Board Chair


Dennis Fliehman
 President & CEO

TAX REFORM: MAXIMIZE YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING

With the passage of a new federal tax bill that includes doubling the standard deduction to \$12,000 for single individuals, and \$24,000 for married couples, there is little doubt that fewer people will itemize their deductions. This has prompted many questions. How will giving change? How will nonprofits be affected? While we may not have answers for a couple of years, there are ways to maximize your giving today – and the Community Foundation can be a great resource!

- **Continue to give to the community that you love.** Tax deductions are a bonus, but nonprofit organizations need your support even if the financial incentive isn't as great as it once was. In fact, they may need you even more!
- **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, use your DAF over a period of time to provide regular support to your favorite organizations, even in years when you will not itemize.
- **Make a charitable gift with your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** from your IRA. If you're 70½ 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. Use this gift to add to one of our 400+ existing funds or create one of your own.

In addition to your tax and financial advisors, we are honored to be part of your team. We'd love to talk further or answer any questions to help you figure out the best way to continue giving in a new tax climate.



CHARITABLE GIVING QUESTIONS?

We have answers.

Contact Dennis Fliehman, President and CEO
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FINDING YOUR PHILANTHROPY

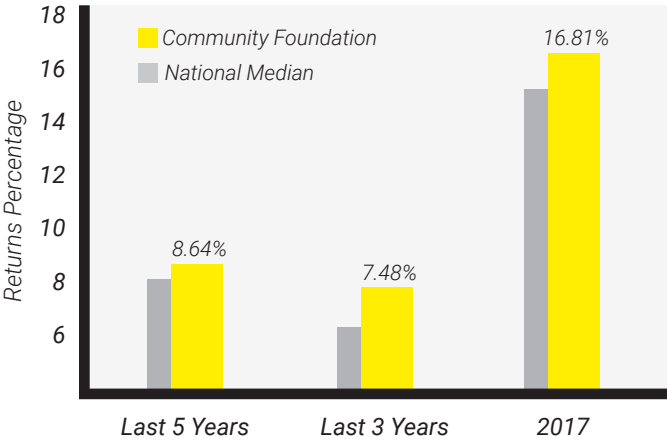
With us, philanthropy is easier and more flexible than ever before, customized for you and your goals. You tell us what you want to accomplish, and we'll work to make it happen with our various fund options and expert knowledge of the community.

» We've added a new Donor-Advised Fund!

Our new Invested Spendable DAF is perfect for donors who want the highest flexibility to both invest *and* gift their dollars. This option is great for those wanting to see competitive returns and watch their funds grow, while continuing to significantly impact the community now and forever.

With a minimum of \$25,000, you can start an Invested Spendable DAF with the Community Foundation. Your fund will be pooled and invested with our fully-endowed funds, earning the same returns. But unlike our endowed funds, you choose how much you invest and gift at any given time.

This is an innovative way to make the most of your investments and optimize your philanthropy.



Net Investment Returns Annualized
Community Foundation vs. median returns of
community foundations nationwide
as of December 31, 2017

WHY CHOOSE A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

We know this community because we call this place home — just like you. We're knowledgeable about community needs and hundreds of nonprofits in three counties.

What's more, our fees are competitive with for-profit investment companies *and* the money stays right here to continue supporting the community.

When deciding to give back to your community, choose the Community Foundation and know your charitable gifts will be invested and well-managed by people who care about your home as much as you do.

LOCAL PHILANTHROPISTS LOOK TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR FLEXIBLE CHARITABLE OPTIONS



Kurt Guter and his wife Barbara wanted flexibility with their charitable donations. They wanted an option that allowed them to invest their assets, earn additional income, and effect positive change for the community they've called home for over 30 years.

With that in mind, it was a no-brainer for Kurt to help develop and choose our new Invested Spendable Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) as a charitable investment vehicle: "Based on its flexibility and the investment option that we found more attractive, my wife and I moved some of our assets here."

The Community Foundation gave them all the flexibility of the big investment companies, plus something only the Foundation could provide — an emphasis on local needs.

Kurt also sees the power of longevity in the Invested Spendable DAF. The money in their fund supports local organizations now, while also building a stronger Community Foundation. Because we serve *this* community, Kurt and Barbara know their investments at the Foundation will live on and benefit their home forever.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

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| Alexander B. Powell Charitable Fund | Frank & Betty Guerriero Fund | Melting Moments Giving Fund |
| Alonso Stornant Collar & Family Charitable Fund | Frank H. & Patricia A. Reynolds Fund | Patricia Munshaw & Dana Brazil Fund |
| in Support of St. Vincent Catholic Charities/
St. Vincent Home for Children | George & Marilyn Nugent Fund | Paul Shaheen Charitable Fund |
| Arens Family Fund | Greene Family Charitable Fund | Plante & Moran Charitable Fund |
| Bethards Family Charitable Fund | Jack & Peggy Roberts Charitable Fund | Richard A. Barclay & Suzanne Elms-Barclay Fund |
| Bullard-Bigler Memorial Fund | James Herbert Charitable Fund | Richard & Lorayne Otto Charitable Fund |
| Charley & LeaAnne Janssen Fund | Jean D. Harrison Charitable Fund | Richard George & Lisa J. Hayhoe Charitable Fund |
| Chris & Louise Holman Charitable Fund | Joe & Betty Gadaletto Charitable Fund | Robert H. & Jane M. Becker Fund |
| Covenant Fund for Support of Faith and Families | Jonathon R. White Fund | Sarah Caltrider Memorial Fund |
| Donovan Charitable Fund, The | Joseph A. Frauenheim Fund | Someone's Watching Over Me Fund |
| ECCF Duane M. Tirrell Family Fund | Kathleen M. Soltow Endowment Fund | Steve Smith Charitable Fund |
| ECCF Ferris Family Charitable Fund | Kevin A. Kelly Action Fund | Susan & Jack Davis Charitable Fund |
| ECCF Maier Family Charitable Fund | Kurt & Barbara Guter Charitable Fund | The Willingham & Cote' Fund |
| ECCF Pray Family Fund II | Larry Lipton Family Fund | Wilbur & Ruth Wright Charitable Fund |
| Elaine Paul Memorial Fund | Lisa & Gary Drake Charitable Fund | |
| Eleanor & Len Stewart Fund | Loose Family Charitable Fund | |
| Ernest & Katherine Strefling Charitable Fund | Louis Leitz, Jr. Memorial Fund | |
| | Maguire Park Charitable Fund | |

WHY PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS LOVE THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We offer professional advisors and their clients myriad benefits to enhance their charitable giving

Flexibility in giving options

Experts on community needs

Relationships with nonprofits

Partnering with us, estate planners, tax attorneys, financial advisors and accountants benefit from our in-depth knowledge of the region’s nonprofit landscape. And their clients benefit from having one organization manage all of their charitable interests. Giving through the Community Foundation is flexible according to each client’s needs, providing options for both current and deferred gifts depending on individual preference.

We’re here to support professional advisors seeking solutions to put their clients’ philanthropic vision into action. Our community- and service-based approach sets us apart from private foundations and commercial institutions because we work with clients to fine-tune their charitable goals and make their philanthropy as meaningful as possible.

Charley Janssen, attorney at Foster Swift, wins Community Foundation Philanthropy Award

We were proud to nominate Charley for the Community Foundation Philanthropy Award, one of the Governor’s Service Awards.

“Charley’s importance to our community goes far beyond his support of the Foundation,” said Dennis Fliehman, our President and CEO. “In fact, he’s been a champion for *all* charitable giving, positively impacting countless other organizations in the region and beyond. Charley is a committed philanthropic partner, a dedicated community member and a valued friend. His expertise, sound advice and advocacy for charitable giving have been instrumental in making our community a better place to live. We are very pleased to see his good work recognized through this award.”



Mark Hooper at the Inspiration sculpture in the new Rotary Park. Mark helped lead the Rotary Club of Lansing’s efforts to install the sculpture, honoring Lansing’s 150-year anniversary.

RESPECTED ADVISOR SEES THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AS A SOLUTION TO CLIENT AND COMMUNITY GOALS

An organic chemistry class was full when college freshman Mark Hooper needed it at Michigan State. That twist of fate changed his career path from medicine to accounting, in which Mark is now well-known and respected as a principal at Andrews, Hooper and Pavlik, P.C. Along with his professional expertise, Mark is a dedicated servant leader in our community.

Mark’s father, a farmer who served on a bank board, supported his decision to pursue accounting. Mark liked his classes, which made sense to him while other students struggled. He met the love of his life, Marci, in an auditing class and married her a year after college. Two daughters and six grandchildren later, they still live in the Lansing area and believe in our community.

Accolades and service attest to Mark’s value to our community. He received the MSU Accounting Alumnus of the Year Award, the MSU Alumni Association Volunteer Service Award and the Lansing Regional Chamber Community Service Award. He has served on numerous charity boards and as trustee and Board Chair of the Community Foundation. He also has been heavily involved in Haslett-Okemos Rotary and Lansing Rotary, where he served as Club president and Foundation president. Community service is central to Mark’s life.

Mark has an innate desire to help people solve their problems, financial or otherwise. He says he tends to look at problems differently, with purpose-driven questioning to understand the goal. And he sees the Community Foundation as the solution to problem-solving for his clients and the community simultaneously.

“The Community Foundation has the people, process and tools to carry out the donor’s intention forever, beyond the donor’s lifetime,” said Mark.

When asked about his core values, Mark replied, “I strive to do the things my parents taught me and to use what gifts God has given me. I challenge myself daily: ‘Am I falling short?’”

Clearly, in everyone else’s opinion, he is far from it.

“The Foundation has the knowledge of local charities and the law. They know how to meet donors’ charitable goals, and they maintain a high degree of confidentiality.”
- Mark Hooper

LEAVING A LEGACY OF GIVING

Our Legacy Society is made up of 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 after they’ve passed.

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. We’ll translate your vision and your passion into a reality that grows and benefits our community with the highest possible impact.

Make giving a part of ***your legacy***.

OUR LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

- The Arens Family
Sam M. & Mary E. Austin
Jim & Nancy Ballard
Dr. Paul J. Ballard
Susan J. Bandes
Margaret J. Bates
Joan Bauer
Laurie & John Baumer
Kenneth C. Beachler
Dana & Kim Beaman
Robert H. & Jane M. Becker
John & Jewel Bos
Ted & Maureen Buda
Eleanor A. Doersam
David & Connie Donovan
Ron & Susan Eggleston
Thomas S. Eveland
Vincent Ferris, Jr.
Jerry & Eileen Fhaner
Dennis & Linda Fliehman
Betty Giuliani
Camron & Lisa Gnass
Mark D. & Cheryl M. Grueneberg
Alan & Mary Lou Harr
Michael G. & Deborah L. Harrison
C. Richard & Susan Herrold
Thomas E. & Lynne M. Hoffmeyer
Meegan Holland
Mark & Marcia Hooper
Beth M. Hubbell
Charley & LeaAnne Janssen
Robert Kolt & Sue Wagner
Jim & Ruth Linnemann
- Nancy L. Little
Audrey Martin
Gary & Jenny McCampbell
Paul & Evie McNamara
Thomas J. Messner
Charles & Helen P. Mickens
Betsy & Robin Miner-Swartz
Carol Monroe
Mike & Midge Morrow
Patricia K. Munshaw
Gerald L. Olson
Richard & Lorayne Otto
Jeff & Kathleen Padden
Peggy A. Parke & Dennis W. Sullivan
Nancy Passanante
Donald F. Power & Maureen McCabe-Power
Pamela & Paul Shaheen
Joe E. & Lori Pray
Frank H. & Patricia Reynolds
Jack & Peggy Roberts
Ryan Robertson & Kira Carter-Robertson
John & Debbie Sirrine
Stuart D. Sleight
Kathleen M. Soltow
Heather Spielmaker
Jesusa Vasquez & Gary Heilig
Abraham Wheeler & Rachel Minkin
Ronald W. Whittaker
John & Cheryl Wieber
Jeff D. Williams & Joy M. Whitten
Gary L. Witzenburg
Raymond R. Ziarno

If you’ve made arrangements for a planned gift to the Community Foundation and are not included in the above list, please contact us so we can be sure to recognize you in the future.

OVER \$880,000 GRANTED TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

We continued supporting local nonprofits through both Capacity Building Grants and Impact Grants this year. Capacity Building Grants are more than money; they are coordinated efforts between our staff and the nonprofits' staff to fortify the infrastructure of the nonprofits and increase their abilities to better meet their missions. Nonprofits can receive Capacity Building Grants multiple years in succession, ensuring a stronger partnership and our collective success. Impact Grants, on the other hand, make significant monetary contributions toward transformative projects that create lasting change for the organizations and communities we serve.

➤ In 2018, we awarded: **\$233,010 in Capacity Building Grants to 16 organizations**
\$650,000 in Impact Grants to 14 organizations



Members of our volunteer Grant Review Committee discuss Impact Grant applications.

2018 CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTEES



The above organizations received a Capacity Building Grant in both 2017 and 2018

We look forward to partnering with our other 2018 Capacity Building Grantees
**Allen Neighborhood Center | CASA for Kids | Community Circle Players –
Riverwalk Theatre | Forster Woods Adult Day Center | Housing Services Mid Michigan
Lansing Art Gallery | Potter Park Zoo**

2018 IMPACT GRANTEES



The above organizations received our maximum Impact Grant amount of \$75,000

Our other Impact Grantees received grants from \$5,000 to \$64,000
**Communities In Schools of Michigan, Inc. | Eaton Rapids Downtown Development Authority
Main Street Program | Elder Law of Michigan | Harris Nature Center Foundation
St. Vincent Catholic Charities | STEM For All | Friends of Williamston Parks
Williamston Theatre**

AGENCY FUNDS

American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter Endowment Fund	Discretionary Fund for Professional Development	Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital Endowment Fund
Arc Michigan Endowment Fund	Dorothy McDonald Endowment Fund for Orchestral Music	Heart & Hands Endowment Fund
Arts Council of Greater Lansing Endowment Fund	Draggo Family Endowment Fund for High School Band	Housing Services Mid Michigan Endowment Fund
Arts Advancement Fund	East Lansing Alumni Association Fund	Ele's Place Endowment Fund
Suzanne B. Mills Fund for the Arts	Endowment for Academics	Shirley Pasant Memorial Fund
Autism Society of Michigan Endowment Fund	Endowment for Athletics, Clubs & Activities	EVE, Inc. Endowment Fund
Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region Endowment Fund	Endowment for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)	Expectant Parents Organization Endowment Fund
Boys & Girls Club of Lansing Endowment Fund	Endowment for the Arts	Fenner Conservancy Endowment Fund
The Dr. Carl Bradford & Rhea May Bradford Endowment Fund	High School Music Directors’ Discretionary Fund for Music Students	Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Michigan Fund
Burcham Hills Endowment Fund	Jodi Piper Bappert Fund for Student Leadership Development	Friends of Historic Meridian Endowment Fund
Center for Health & Rehab Fund	John Ropp Endowment Fund for Outside-the-Box Learning	Greater Lansing Food Bank John & Diane Dodge Endowment Fund
Lenna M. Keith Benevolent Care Fund	Mary Anne Sternberg Marshall Fund for High School Theater	Greater Lansing Homeless Resolution Network Fund
Camp Grayling Officers Club Fund	Sally McClintock Endowment for Elementary Music	Habitat for Humanity of Michigan Endowment Fund
Capital Area Humane Society Endowment Fund	Shrewsbury Sisters-Whitmer Family Endowment for Civic Engagement	Harris Nature Center Endowment Fund
Glassen Memorial Endowment Fund for Humane Education	Spartan Village G.L.O.B.A.L. Endowment Fund	Haven House Endowment Fund
Harold Levy Charitable Fund	Staton Family Endowment Fund	Highfields, Inc. Endowment Fund
Capital Area Literacy Coalition Endowment Fund	East Lansing Public Library Endowment Fund	Hospice of Lansing Endowment Fund
Capital Area United Way Endowment Fund	Eaton County Community Foundation Administrative Endowment	Impression Five Science Center Endowment Fund
CAUW Volunteer Center Endowment Fund	Charlotte Public Schools Education Foundation Endowment Fund	Jack Bates Rotary Club of Lansing Foundation Fund
Eaton County United Way Endowment Fund	Courthouse Square Association Fund	Jayne E. Rabeler Mathematics Memorial Endowment Fund (Lansing Christian School)
Carol J. Greer Community Learning Center Endowment Fund	Eaton Area Senior Center Endowment Fund	Junior Achievement of Mid-Michigan Endowment Fund
CASA of Ingham County, Inc. Endowment Fund	Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society Roger Hoopingarner Endowment Fund	Laingsburg Educational Advancement Foundation Endowment Fund
Chief Okemos Council, Boy Scouts of America Endowment Fund	Eaton Rapids Education Foundation Endowment Fund	Lansing Concert Band Endowment Fund
J. Michael Warren Campership Fund	First Congregational Church of Vermontville Endowment Fund	Lansing Public Schools Educational Advancement Foundation
Child & Family Charities Endowment Fund	Friends of the Charlotte Performing Arts Center Endowment Fund	Beekman Fund
City of East Lansing Endowment Fund	Grand Ledge Education Foundation Endowment Fund	Lansing Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund
ConnectMichigan Alliance Fund	Grand Ledge Education Foundation Dart Bank Grand Ledge Literacy Endowment Fund	Legacy Endowment for Catholic Spartans (St. John Church & Student Center)
Engler Family Fund	Grand Ledge Education Foundation David & Betty Morris Fund	Father Jake Fund
George W. Romney Endowment Fund	Grand Ledge Education Foundation Josh Spalsbury Endowment for the Social Sciences	Library of Michigan Foundation Endowment Fund
Michigan Campus Compact Fund	Grand Ledge Opera House Endowment Fund	Loaves & Fishes Ministries Endowment Fund
Russel G. Mawby Endowment Fund		Lucinda Means Bicycle Advocacy Fund
Community Mental Health Endowment Fund		Meridian Township Fireworks Fund
Connect 4 Kids Endowment Fund		Meridian Township Dog Park Fund
Cristo Rey Community Center Fund		Meridian Volunteer Council Fund
DeWitt Area Community Fund - Endowment		Michigan Barn Preservation Network Endowment Fund
All Kids Playground		Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence Endowment Fund
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		

Michigan Community Service Commission - Commission Development Fund	Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project Endowment Fund
Education Resources Fund	Okemos Community Church Endowment Fund
Governor's Service Awards Fund	Okemos Education Foundation Endowment Fund
Mentor Michigan	Old Town Commercial Association Robert P. Busby Memorial Fund
Program Development Fund	Opportunity Resource Fund Endowment Fund
Michigan Disability Rights Coalition Jim Francis-Bohr Memorial Fund	Origami Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center Endowment Fund
Michigan Historical Center Foundation Endowment Fund	Ovid-Elsie Athletic Fund
Michigan Nurses Foundation Fund	Ovid-Elsie Band Fund
Michigan Physical Therapy Institute Fund	Ovid-Elsie Future Farmers of America Alumni Fund
Michigan Physician Assistant Foundation Endowment Fund	Ovid-Elsie Information Center Fund
Michigan Public Power Agency Fund	Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum Endowment Fund
Michigan Wildlife Conservancy Endowment Fund	Peckham Endowment Fund
Michigan's Children Fund	Portland Foundation for Public Education Fund - Robertson Family Fund
Mikey's Eye Care Fund	School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan Endowment Fund
mParks - Raymond C. & Katherine E. Davis Access to Recreation Endowment Fund	St. Johns Area Community Fund
Timothy J. Doyle Memorial Fund	Ed & Sara Peters Family Heritage Fund
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Michigan Endowment Fund	Mazzolini Family Fund
	McKenzie/Crosby Agency Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

American Legion Brewer Scholarship Fund	Sarah Copp Scholarship Fund
Captain John Roman Kurka Memorial Fund	First Lieutenant Adam M. Malson Memorial Fund
Dave West Memorial Fund	Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. H.O.P.E. Scholarship Fund
DeWayne Jenks Memorial Scholarship Fund	George & Ilah Mae Damman Scholarship Fund
DeWitt Public Schools Foundation – David Cutler Endowed Scholarship Fund	Helen Tzitsikas Holy Trinity Scholarship Fund
Donald T. MacLean & Margaret Finlayson Hunter MacLean Scholarship Fund	H.O.L.T. Scholarship Endowment Fund
East Lansing Educational Foundation	If I Can Do It, You Can Too Scholarship Fund
Asa Bromley Memorial Debate Fund	Jean M. Harte Scholarship Fund
Jason Wildman Scholarship Fund	Lansing Fund - HOPE Scholarship
Eaton County Community Foundation	Lansing Public Schools Educational Advancement Foundation
Eaton Rapids Kiwanis Club Scholarship Fund	Cecil H. Nickel Scholarship Endowment
Grand Ledge Education Foundation	Clayton & Ann Kowalk Fund
Winstanley Endowment for Mathematics and Science Scholarship	Dr. E. Sharon Banks Education Scholarship Fund
James E. & Joyce E. Griffith Scholarship Fund	Dr. Laurence MacQueen Education Scholarship Fund
James N. & Clarabelle Maxey Family Memorial Fund	Evan Evans Fund
Joe Hartig Scholarship Fund	J. Mark Mehaffey Art Education Scholarship Fund
John & Gloria Nelson Scholarship Fund	John Aldinger Scholarship Fund
Eaton County Community Foundation Eaton Rapids Public Schools	John C. & Joan M. Weaver Scholarship Fund
Bernadine Ann Bosier Memorial Scholarship Fund	Kiwanis Scholarship Fund
Carl & Ruth Ackley Scholarship Fund	Mrs. Maria Velasquez Scholarship Fund
Charles James Dowding Scholarship Fund	Richard J. Halik Endowed Scholarship Fund
David D. Letts Memorial Scholarship Fund	Sparrow Hospital/Dr. W. E. Maldonado Endowment Fund
Eaton Rapids Area Emergency Services Scholarship Fund	LEHS Arthur E. & Hilda F. Mitchell Scholarship Fund
	Lillian M. Rush H.O.P.E Scholarship Fund
	Maggie Miller Kind Heart Scholarship Fund

The Sirrine Family Heritage Fund
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
St. Vincent Catholic Charities Fund
Children's Home Fund
State Bar of Michigan Access to Justice Endowment Fund
Todd Martin Development Endowment Fund
Tri-County Office on Aging Endowment Fund
Williamston Area Beautification Fund Endowment
Williamston Schools Foundation Endowment Fund
Woldumar Nature Center Fund
Women's Center of Greater Lansing Endowment Fund
YMCA of Lansing Endowment Fund

MAPA Educational Development Scholarship Fund
Mary A. Dunn Fund
Mason Promise Scholarship Fund
Michael & Sandy O'Malley Scholarship Fund
Michigan Nurses Foundation
Goddeeris Scholarship Fund
Margaret Louise Miller Leipold RN Scholarship Fund
Ovid-Elsie Gladys Vincent - E.E. Knight Scholarship Fund
Ovid-Elsie Glenn & Cleo Williams Scholarship Fund
Ovid-Elsie Kelley E. Carter Memorial Fund
Ovid-Elsie R. & D. Moore Fund
Portland Foundation for Public Education
Alyce Dowling Scholarship Fund
Bradley Foltz Scholarship Fund
Class of 1959 Scholarship Fund
Shirley Storz Smith Scholarship Fund
Suzanne J. Buche Memorial Scholarship Fund
Richard & Lorayne Otto Scholarship Fund
Robert E. & Audrey M. Martin Scholarship Fund
Ronald R. & June M. Stover Scholarship Fund
Smith-Marisch Music Education Scholarship Fund
Suzan Jean Snyder Scholarship Fund
Southside Church of Christ - Barbara Surine Memorial Scholarship Fund
Thornton Family Endowment Fund
Vandercook Scholarship Fund
Wayne V. Shooks Scholarship Fund

YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE BUILDS LEADERS FOR OVER 25 YEARS

We celebrated the Silver Anniversary of our Youth Action Committee (YAC) this year. Over 25 years ago, YAC began with a single purpose: to nurture local high school students to become philanthropic leaders. Today, that purpose rings just as strongly.

We reflected on what YAC has done for these youth and how that has enriched their professional and personal lives. Turns out, YAC alumni have done a lot to help build more vibrant communities. Here, we spotlight just a few and what they learned from their time on YAC.



MALCOLM CAMPBELL, 2001-2005

Hospitality Consultant, Deloitte

“YAC taught me that philanthropy is not defined only as a financial gift, but also about the donation of time, resources and knowledge.”



SCOTT DANE, 1993-1999

Executive Director, Capital Area Soccer League

“Lessons learned about the importance of collaboration have had a profound influence on me.”



COOPER RUSH, 2010-2012

Quarterback, Dallas Cowboys

“Working as a collaborative group to decide grants demonstrated the power of teamwork — skills that I use every day with the Cowboys.”



DILLON RUSH, 2011-2013

Executive Director, CharlotteRising

“I find that the ‘give back’ mentality, which is so deeply rooted in YAC, stands at the forefront of my personal philosophy.”



CAMRYN TURNER, 2013-2017

Student, Harvard University

“YAC showed me a different side of advocating for and participating in community service. It taught me the power of philanthropy.”



CHANDLER TURNER, 2012-2014

Housing Case Manager, Homeless Shelter

“I saw the power I had to improve my community at a time when I thought the youth had very little say on the happenings of their communities.”



MSU Women's Basketball Coach Suzy Merchant poses for a selfie at the 2018 EmpowHER Leadership Retreat.

YAC GRANTS \$25,000 TO HELP YOUNG GIRLS EMBRACE SELF-CONFIDENCE AND COMPASSION FOR COMMUNITY

As YAC’s purpose is to build philanthropic leaders, it’s fitting that the members of our 2017-2018 committee would make a pivotal \$25,000 grant to a local organization providing young girls with the tools and self-esteem to be resilient leaders who give back to their communities. This special grant was made to honor YAC’s Silver Anniversary.

The empowHER Leadership Retreat invites girls in fourth through ninth grades to join together and embrace their strengths and differences, ultimately becoming more confident and passionate in their lives.

This special Impact Grant to empowHER helped fund marketing, photography, equipment for a self-defense workshop, yoga mats and more for an annual retreat that welcomed about 450 girls this year, some even traveling from out of state.

In addition, our 2017-2018 YAC members awarded **\$39,368 to 11 other area nonprofits** in its regular grantmaking cycle.

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY AT THE RIVERFRONT

Last year, we shared our vision of what the downtown Lansing riverfront could be. This year, we are translating that into reality.

We're currently leading two major projects along the riverfront: a park with unique amenities and an outdoor, riverside classroom. Our projects are designed to create user-friendly, vibrant spaces for residents and attract and retain a talented workforce.

In April, the Rotary Club of Lansing Foundation pledged \$400,000 for naming rights to a new park near the Lansing Center. Rotary Park will include a plaza with enhanced seating, a beach, a new kayak launch and boat docking, a fireplace, a Lighted Forest and a concert venue under the Shiawassee bridge.

The "what" of our riverfront development projects is a product of the "why" — why are we investing in the riverfront and working alongside our community partners?

It's because we love our community and want to share it. We're capitalizing on the assets that these spaces already provide to give you and your neighbors more places to come together and be a community. Together with our partners and our residents, we will create a physical space that nurtures connections between people from all backgrounds and celebrates the diversity and vitality of our region.

Thank you to our early financial partners who are helping make our dream of the new riverfront come true!

Rotary Club of Lansing Foundation

Auto-Owners Insurance

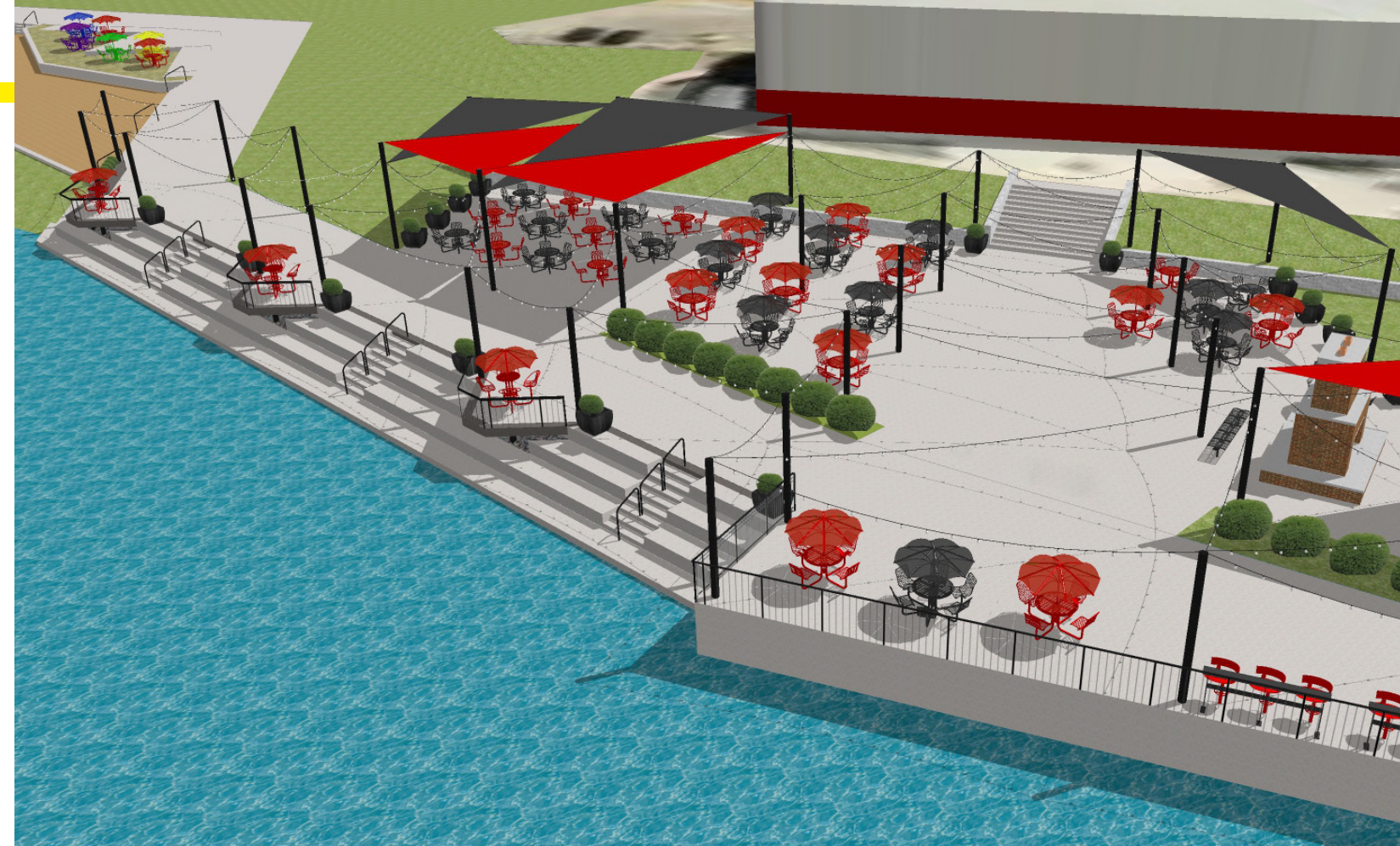
Dennis Pace and Anne Grofvert

Gillespie Group

Team Lansing Foundation/Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau

Thomas and Sheila Moore

THE NEW ROTARY PARK



Rotary Park will have a Lighted Forest, outdoor fireplace and event space called the HUB (Happening Under the Bridge). These photos are inspiration for what's to come:



"The park is located in a perfect place, on the riverfront near the Lansing Center where so much is starting to happen now. We're thrilled to be part of the riverfront's renaissance."

- Nicholas Heriford
2017-2018 President of the
Rotary Club of Lansing Foundation

CRAFTING NEW EXPERIENCES IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN LANSING

We're bringing more than infrastructure to downtown Lansing. We're helping to create new experiences and activating a premiere destination for both residents and visitors.



The Grand Experience partners and food trucks gathered with Lansing Mayor Andy Schor for a press conference.

Over the summer of 2018, we joined many area partners to host The Grand Experience at downtown Lansing's riverfront. A seasonal initiative, The Grand Experience brought unique, local food vendors for lunch and dinner to the riverfront as well as performances from local musicians, temporary art installations, yoga classes and kayak adventures.

We look for gaps in the community — overlooked spaces that can be reimaged into active, unique spots for people to gather and be a community. The Grand Experience turned the new Rotary Park near the Lansing Center into a place for more fun and enjoyment.

Another gap we found rests right in the heart of downtown: the roundabout at the intersection of Washington Square and Michigan Avenue, just a block from the State Capitol.

The roundabout is an important space, and we want it to reflect what makes our community unique and vibrant. We announced a new public art project to reimagine that space with an innovative sculpture, committing \$120,000 to fund its creation, installation and landscaping.

The Arts Council of Greater Lansing generously helped us invite artists across the nation to submit their proposals, with preference given to those residing in Ingham, Clinton or Eaton County.

Whether it's an art piece or a cool place to eat lunch, our reason for investing in the region's placemaking is always the same — love of community.



Roundabout in downtown Lansing. Photo courtesy of the Lansing State Journal.



Hilltop Yoga held yoga classes at the Riverfront throughout The Grand Experience.

CREATING NEW APPRENTICESHIPS FOR THE REGION

In the summer of 2018, we announced our first fully-funded apprenticeship program to develop skilled talent in the professional trades in our region.

Our first apprenticeship in Mechatronics (electronics and mechanical engineering) partners us with Lansing-based business Niowave, Inc., a leading facility for superconducting electron linear accelerators. Niowave recruits and employs apprentices part-time while they enroll in a two-year Mechatronics program at Lansing Community

College (LCC). Apprentices will receive top-quality education and experience at LCC's new Center for Manufacturing Excellence, while the Community Foundation pays for tuition, fees and books. In the end, students receive an associate degree in Mechatronics and full-time employment with Niowave, offering growth and opportunity for us, our business partners and the region.

And it's just the start.

We have dedicated funding for additional apprenticeship opportunities to help other area businesses struggling with talent shortages in the skilled trades. Apprenticeships and other

work-training programs are creative solutions to developing a strong and diverse workforce that will continue to support and invest in the community.

Laurie Baumer, our executive vice president, said: "We have always supported education at many levels, but education alone is not enough when talent leaves the region. This apprenticeship will create skilled talent for our region's workforce, forging a clear path to economic growth for the community and furthering the mission of our Community Foundation to create vibrant, prosperous communities."

We're looking for more business partners interested in helping us develop our workforce and talent in the skilled trades. For information on our apprenticeships, contact Laurie Baumer at lbaumer@ourcommunity.org or 517-664-9852.



Student works with robotics technology at LCC's Center for Manufacturing Excellence.



***This program is just the start.
Students benefit through paid part-time employment and fully-funded tuition, and we benefit because we can tailor these students' skills to our niche industry.***

Amanda Grimm, Niowave, Inc.

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS

	2017	2016
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 918,742	\$ 1,399,448
Investments	102,440,808	89,132,351
Accounts receivable	-	2,105
Promises to give, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and discount	63,885	-
Loan receivable, net of discount	30,292	-
Deposits	14,260	9,770
Property donation: cemetery lots	34,990	30,440
Furniture and equipment, less accumulated depreciation of \$132,193 and \$115,399 in 2017 and 2016, respectively	44,636	62,314
Total Assets	\$ 103,547,613	\$ 90,636,428

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 2,495	\$ 44,264
Accrued salaries and related	10,061	9,599
Deferred revenue	131	-
Grants payable	606,479	555,129
Funds held in agency endowments	9,783,866	8,584,318
Liabilities associated with gift annuities	88,985	191,255
Total Liabilities	\$ 10,492,017	\$ 9,384,565

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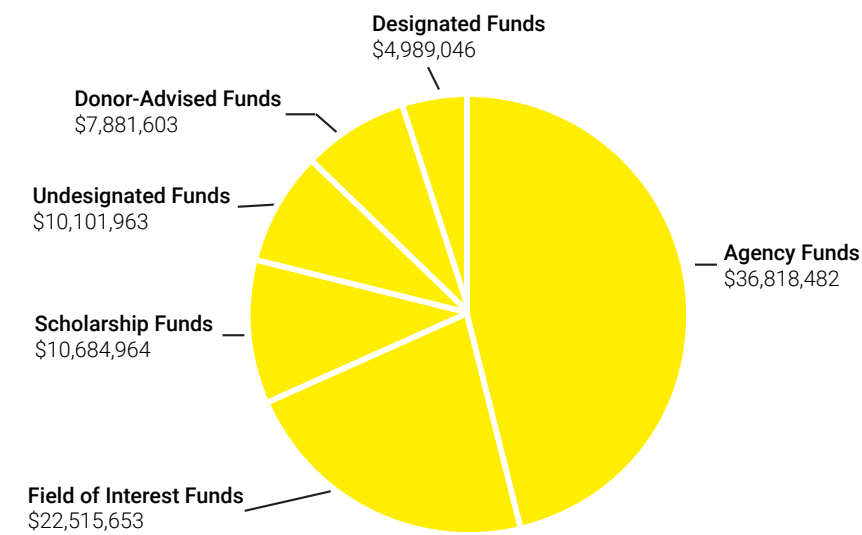
Total Net Assets	\$ 93,055,596	\$ 81,251,863
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 103,547,613	\$ 90,636,428

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 www.ourcommunity.org.

BY THE NUMBERS

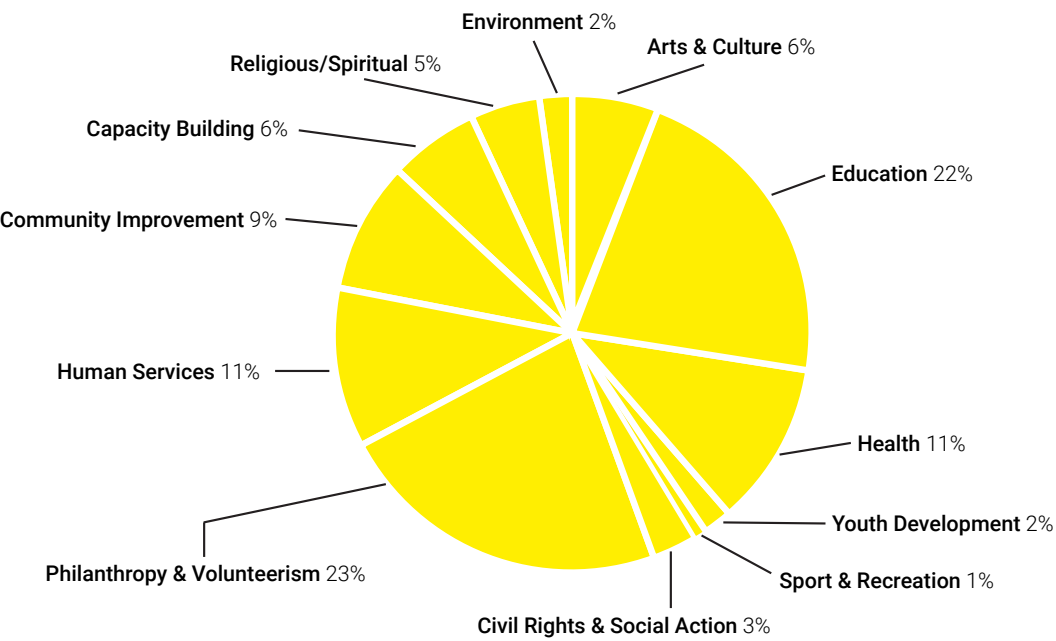
\$3,738,621 grants awarded & **\$3,464,712** gifts received

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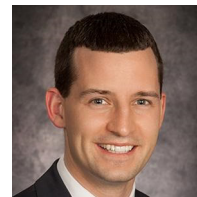
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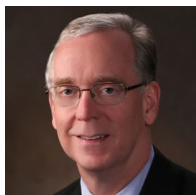
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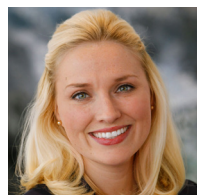
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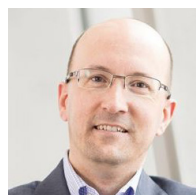
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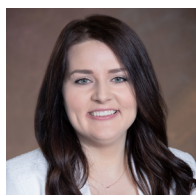
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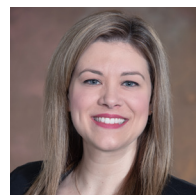
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