impacting our community
together
Our mission is to **enhance the quality of life for all** by working together to collectively address challenges and opportunities **throughout West Michigan.**
2019 began with the launch of our newly approved three-year strategic plan, of which the three main strategies are Inspire Philanthropy, Manage Investments, and Impact Community. These strategies, described below, not only broadly encompass the day-to-day work of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation but serve as our guide through 2021.

- We were formed to create a permanent community endowment that would be built over time by the philanthropy of individuals, families, companies, and organizations. We currently manage over 700 funds—you can read about many of the new ones later in this report.

- We manage our investments by working with and receiving guidance from our investment advisor, Northern Trust. The foundation is proud to have maintained an 8.1% average rate of return since inception. At the end of 2019, we formed an Impact Investing Subcommittee and approved our first Impact Investment in Michigan Community Capital in 2020.

- We’ve surveyed our for-impact partners to better understand the communities’ needs within each of our six grant priority areas, and we’ve evaluated the funder-grantee relationship from the perspective of trust-based philanthropy to ensure we’re partnering with our grantees in the true spirit of service and making an impact in our community.

While this is a report on 2019, we’d be remiss to not mention the upheaval our world has faced since March. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for all, and at no time in our 49-year history have our lives been challenged in this way.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we transitioned from our standard processes to quickly meet the immediate needs in the community. Partnering with other funders, we led the Emergency Human Needs response by providing over $900,000 in funding in Ottawa County. While continuing our normal operations (albeit remotely), we then shifted to the Community Relief and Recovery response, which we anticipate taking us into 2021. The next two pages highlight the community effort to help in this time of need.

Like other organizations, we had to cancel our in-person events this year. While we found ways to recognize these events online, we’ve included a special Legacy Society section honoring those who’ve passed in the past year.

As the GHACF continues to evolve to meet the ever-changing needs in the community, one thing remains the same—we are here to serve our community. Thank you to the countless individuals and organizations who have donated to and continue to support our efforts.

Sincerely,

Hadley Streng
President

Chad Bush
Chair, Board of Trustees
philanthropy during a global pandemic

At the end of 2019, no one could have imagined the challenges our community, our country, and the world would face because of COVID-19. Days before the shelter-in-place mandate began, we partnered with the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area and the Greater Ottawa County United Way to create a fund to help our for-impact partners provide access to basic human needs.

Mid-March 2020 – May 2020: Emergency Human Needs Fund

Over the course of ten weeks, the community coalition launched the Emergency Human Needs Fund, for which they raised over $900,000, and awarded over 100 grants to area for-impact organizations that are continuing to address the increase in basic human needs throughout the county, including food, shelter, and physical and mental health.

670 donors raised over $900,000 which was then granted to 51 for-impact partners

For-impact agencies in Ottawa County have committed to keeping people fed, housed, and healthy as best as they can, but these organizations face challenges as they balance their missions with the additional workload of managing the threat of COVID-19.

362 individuals volunteered through the United Way to serve area organizations

“Our mission has always been to address the needs facing West Michigan, and this is no different.”

– Hadley Streng, GHACF President

“The current health crisis has increased demand for addiction services while in many cases making it dangerous to provide treatment in groups or one-on-one clinical sessions.”

—David D. Teater, Executive Director of Ottagan Addictions Recovery

“We use “for-impact” to describe nonprofit organizations that invest their profits in their missions and communities.

“The funds provided will be used to mobilize food distributions throughout northern Ottawa County to care for those facing food insecurity, homelessness, and unexpected medical needs.”

—Josh Bytwerk, Executive Director of Love in Action of the Tri-Cities

“Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect and this fund reflects the value that Ottawa County has for all its residents regardless of their immigration status.”

—Reyna Masko, spokesperson for the Immigrant Relief Fund
June 2020 and Beyond: Community Relief & Recovery Fund

In June, we transitioned to the second phase of COVID-19 relief and opened the Community Relief & Recovery Fund to respond to the immediate and long-term impact that COVID-19 will have on individuals, families, and for-impact partners within Northern Ottawa County. This fund enables the foundation, fund holders, and donors to pool resources to collectively support the relief and recovery of organizations who have been adversely affected by COVID-19.

Through June and July, the Restoring Hope Challenge Match challenged the community to give $300,000. More than $335,000 was raised and matched, for more than $675,000—all to respond to the evolving crisis and long-term plans for recovery.

To date, the Community Relief & Recovery Fund has granted more than

$625,000

to 29 for-impact partners

“The Community Relief and Recovery grant will allow SLPS to fully staff one social worker at each of our elementary schools next year, which allows us to dramatically expand our capacity to support students.”

— Scott Ely, Curriculum Director at Spring Lake Public Schools

“The funding is allowing our Home Care staff to provide essential services such as grocery shopping, meal preparation, prescription pick up, bathing, personal care, and sanitizing homes to our most frail and vulnerable elderly in northern Ottawa County.” —Kim Kroll, Executive Director of Four Pointes, Center for Successful Aging

Every gift matters. Every gift makes an impact.

Given the current needs and anticipated increase in needs that our partner organizations are experiencing, we will continue fundraising and granting to partner organizations for the foreseeable future. If you would like to help, please make a donation to the Community Relief & Recovery Fund.
In 2019, a total of $7,997,765 went back to our community from all funds, and of that, $1,119,746 was awarded in grants from our Greatest Needs Funds, Field of Interest Funds, and the Youth Fund.

We are our community's charitable foundation and we're proud of our role as a community grantmaker. We're here to improve and enhance the quality of life by promoting healthy, inclusive, and diverse communities within West Michigan.

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**2019-20 Grants Committee**

Our grantmaking committee is made up of board members, community members, and a representative from our Youth Advisory Council. Together they make the critical decisions to care for our community.

Anil Mandala (Chair), Cindy Anderson, Chad Bush, Keith Konarska, Pat VerDuin, Shirley Woodruff, Kelly Larson, Benjamin Garretson (YAC Member)
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that 8 million paid workdays—the equivalent of more than 32,000 full time jobs—are lost each year due to domestic violence. That’s why Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence developed the Resilient Spaces program to help businesses and faith communities recognize and respond to domestic and sexual violence. This fee-based training increases awareness of the symptoms of abuse within the larger community and allows Resilience to have greater reach in raising awareness and providing resources for domestic and sexual violence.

“We were first approached by GenTex in 2012 with concerns about employees in domestic violence relationships,” said Beth Larsen, Executive Director of Resilience. “Perpetrators were showing up at work and harassing employees, who then were distracted or missed work altogether.”

Together, they developed a formal program that took place over four years and trained over 700 employees using role play and interactive training, among other techniques. GenTex now has a security plan and team, so if there is an alert, they have a protocol to follow. And because the program is promoted from within, there is trust within the community.

“This is more than just one-off training,” said Larsen. “This is an opportunity to invest in program review of policies and procedures to embed tools in organizations to be proactive and address employees who are struggling. The learnings are embedded into the culture of the organization, so it is maintained even with staff turnover.”

Resilience hired a full-time prevention specialist because of the growing need for similar programming from other businesses. Because the program generates revenue for Resilience outside of grants and contributions from donors, it’s able to sustain itself. Resilience is the sole provider of comprehensive domestic and sexual violence services in Ottawa County.
Immigrants make up roughly 16% of agricultural job holders and 10% of manufacturing jobs*. They also spend between 50%-75% of their wages at local businesses†, which means they have a large economic impact in our community. But many are at risk of being exploited or falling victim to immigration scams because of the abundance of misinformation.

“People thought they were using their best option. They didn’t know Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates (LIA) was an option,” said Julia Fulton, LIA Fund Development Officer. LIA expanded the Legal Outreach Program into Northwest Ottawa County to ensure immigrants and refugees have accurate information about their rights and the resources available to them.

Based around building relationships, the Legal Outreach Program is a volunteer-based program that includes education regarding rights and resources for immigrant and refugee populations, tools and information to aid in the prevention of fraud and exploitation, and connection to resources to support the development of stability and security of the West Michigan immigrant community.

“Clients won’t come in just needing legal aid—they often need other support as well,” said Yah-Hanna Jenkins Leys, Interim Executive Director at LIA. “We partner with other organizations they can trust for food assistance, mental health support, etc., and we engage volunteers who are deeply connected to the people they are serving.”

LIA’s reputation of helping people instills trust; 65% of their clients are direct referrals from family. Jenkins Leys credits LIA’s success to their flexibility to engage their clients in a holistic manner. LIA is the only nonprofit in Ottawa County to provide low-cost, quality immigration legal services.

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*americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/immigrants-in-michigan; †jsri.msu.edu/upload/publications/research-reports/RR59%20final.pdf
The Tri-Cities Family YMCA launched The Young Adult Leadership and Development Program, a comprehensive program for young adults employed as camp counselors, ages 18-22. The program taught participants how to identify their individual organizational and leadership styles, how to collaborate and communicate with their peers and/or coworkers, and how to recognize and cultivate their individual strengths.

“The counselors are already great kids,” said Meredith Long, Senior Program Director at TCFYMCA. “This program teaches teamwork, creativity, problem solving, communication, and empathy—and shows how to use those skills in a camp environment. They’re the future workforce and it’s important not only for them, but for the campers as well.”

The program aimed to transform a summer job into an opportunity to further enhance post-secondary and career success as participants further strengthened their respective soft skills. Counselors learned to work with other personality types and relate lessons to their relationships with other counselors, campers, and the campers’ parents.

“They learned practical lessons, like how to create healthy snacks at the grocery store for $20, as well as how to create a culture of belonging with the campers,” said Long. “The training was very well-received. Our counselors built a stronger team connection, experienced individual growth, and developed deeper relationships with campers.”

The program trained 28 counselors and camp staff with 25 hours of direct instruction and individual coaching sessions throughout the summer months. Nancy Manglos, Director of Talent and Leadership Development at the Chamber of Commerce of Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Ferrysburg, utilized the behavioral assessment tool iSight, and lent support to the training and development pieces of the program.
Located at the intersection of 174th Avenue and North Shore Drive in Ferrysburg, Fire Barn Park offers recreation to lakeshore visitors, local schools and daycares, as well as area residents. Prior to construction, the equipment on the existing playground was over 45-years old, infrequently used, and not accessible to many in the community.

“It’s a great community space,” said Ferrysburg City Manager Craig Bessinger. “The playground is easy to get to and has acted as a catalyst for future development of the park. We had tremendous community support for this project, from getting equipment to local restaurants donating food during the build.”

The playground, whose firefighter-theme reflects both the name of the park and the adjacent fire department, is universally accessible to serve the needs of all. Constructed by community volunteers in September 2019, the new playground features a firehose climbing wall, a firepole, and a ladder truck with a steering wheel.

“This was the first ever community build in Ferrysburg,” said Rebecca Hopp, Mayor of Ferrysburg. Members of the community—from older retirees to children, to local businesses and churches—came out to help. “It was also a real collaboration for funding. Community members and corporations alike reached out to support the park financially, which says a lot about the Tri-Cities.” Hopp’s background is in accessibility, and this was a goal of hers since she was elected mayor. “It’s been great to see it come to fruition.”

Since opening, the park is frequently utilized by kids playing basketball and caregivers getting together, and is a valued community space. Community leaders hope to make the entire park universally accessible, including a new pavilion.
The Lakeshore Sustainability Forum works with individuals, businesses, and organizations in the Grand Haven and Muskegon area who are interested in sustainability. It's a regional program from the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum (WMSBF), which promotes practices that advance climate leadership, community resilience, social justice, and the creation of a circular economy.

The group aims to leverage an existing and growing community of businesses and individuals advancing sustainable practices along the lakeshore through peer-to-peer learning, local educational forums, and state initiatives. The collaborative provides participating organizations with educational opportunities and will ultimately improve waste management practices, including work toward the establishment of a commercial composting program for local businesses.

“We’re here because the businesses asked for it,” said Daniel Schoonmaker, WMSBF Executive Director. “There hadn’t been a sustainable business initiative for many years and a lot of the original conveners have moved on. We wanted something local so people weren’t driving to Grand Rapids.”

The forum, which is facilitated by the organization and led by the local community, had prior success in Muskegon. Waste reduction and recycling is the most common goal of the group, but they also work with sustainability and environmental justice. “It’s important to identify and elevate positive stories around sustainability with businesses,” said Schoonmaker. “Our ‘Lakeshore High Water Levels’ webinar and ‘Beach Clean-Up’ event, which were our first virtual Lakeshore-focused events, highlighted the work in Grand Haven for the state and region. Seeing our work in the media and newsletters shows that the community cares.”

The initiative aligns with the special interests of community champions, and they invite other businesses to join to continue their education. Moving forward, the forum plans to continue to host educational programming and to develop a pledge for local businesses and institutions to demonstrate their commitment to environmental responsibility.
The Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) partnered with Grand Haven Area Public Schools (GHAPS) to engage all third-grade students in the children’s focused exhibition, “David Wiesner & The Art of Wordless Storytelling,” throughout the 2019-2020 academic year.

Together, GHAPS students and teachers experienced the works of one of the most highly acclaimed book illustrators in the world. “The timing of this program was great,” said Brad Ter Haar, Foundation Relations Manager at the GRAM. “The exhibition was very appealing to children, and they were able to have meaningful experiences with Wiesner’s imaginative illustrations.”

The program provided students greater access to the arts in conjunction with developing their literacy, creativity, and critical thinking skills. A custom arts and literacy curriculum developed by the GRAM provided an opportunity to not only engage, but strengthen, the development of literacy skills at the critical third-grade level.

“This program was a tremendous opportunity for kids to expose them to the museum,” said Ter Haar. “For many of the kids, it was their first time in an art museum.”

The program engaged all GHAPS third-grade students, provided professional development for participating teachers, and reinforced a successful and impactful partnership between GHAPS and GRAM with co-developed art education initiatives. It also provided books and posters of Wiesner’s work for school classrooms, as well as custom lesson plans that teachers incorporated into their Language Arts curriculum.

As part of the program, students visited the GRAM and received docent-guided tours of the exhibition and art-making workshops, and while there, participated in hands-on artmaking workshops in the GRAM studio. GHAPS elementary art teachers received a professional development workshop led by GRAM staff, were eligible for credit toward continuing education requirements, and utilized curricula developed by GRAM in their classrooms following the visit to nurture and develop student learning.
These grants, and the others not included in this report, are made possible because of our donors. The funds given to the foundation, year after year, ensure that our for-impact partners are able to continue their good work in our community.

The types of funds at the community foundation reflect the varied interests of our fund holders and donors. Whether they are donor or committee advised, designated or unrestricted, new or longstanding, endowed or non-endowed, they are evidence of the spirit and generosity of individuals, families, corporations, and organizations seeking to make a positive impact in our community today, tomorrow, and forever.

For more information on grants awarded, please visit our website.
what to give

We believe that philanthropy is deeply personal. We listen, learn, and work with current and prospective donors and professional advisors to ensure that philanthropy is meaningful, impactful, and matches intent.

We facilitate a variety of gifts, including:

» Cash
» Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds
» Closely held stock
» Real estate
» 401K and IRA accounts
» Life insurance policies
» Bequests

how to give

If you’re interested in making a contribution, you may:

» Give online at ghacf.org/donate
» Mail a check to the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation at One South Harbor Dr., Grand Haven, MI 49417
» Arrange for a planned gift by contacting Chris Riker, VP of Advancement & Donor Services.

If you’re considering a gift of appreciated stock, please contact Chris Riker or Patty MacDonald, VP of Finance & Administration, for questions or transfer instructions.

Please consult with your professional advisor with questions regarding a charitable gift.

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Enable the GHACF to remain proactive, responsive, and flexible to our community’s most critical needs.

Allow an individual, family, or company the ability to establish a charitable fund, then recommend grants while the foundation staff administers the grants.

Connect personal values to high-impact opportunities and allow individuals to target their gifts to address needs in a specific area.

Provide for-impact organizations income streams to support programs and operations.

Invest in the next generation with post-secondary education assistance and build a foundation for a brighter tomorrow.
greatest needs funds

Giving to our greatest needs fund, or establishing a named greatest needs fund, is a wonderful way to enable us to remain proactive, responsive, and flexible to our community’s most critical needs. As we say, “forever is a really long time,” and we remain committed to being an impactful funder forever.

40th Anniversary Greatest Needs Fund
Thomas and Mary Kay Alguire Family Fund
Allendale Greatest Needs Fund
BR Fund
Janet and Ruth Beukema Fund
Janice Carducci Fund
Andy & Joyce Cawthon Greatest Needs Fund
Coopersville Community Action Fund
David and Carol DeBlay Fund
Howard Dykhouse Fund
Dr. Edgar and Gretchen Garrison Family Fund
Kent M. and Freida Hastings Family Fund
Doris V. Johnson Fund
F. Martin Johnson Greatest Needs Fund
Ausma Lanka Fund
Amy Lantz Memorial Fund
Lee Family Fund
Paul and Minnie Luytjes Fund
Garry L. and Jean Fisher Mesler Family Fund
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation Greatest Needs Fund
Dorothy Mixer Fund
Henry Neitring Fund
Judje Jacob and Betty Ponstein Fund
Nancy Dornbos Rhem Fund
Eugene “Gene” Rothi Community Fund
Fred Riplo Family Fund
B. P. Sherwood, Jr. Trust Fund
Dr. Harold Sheridan Fund
Lynne Sherwood Fund
Marion A. Sherwood Family Fund
Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Greatest Needs Fund
Ann Tabor Greatest Needs Fund
Robert W. and Mary Ellen Thomas Family Fund
James & Mary Teitsma Fund
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LJ Midge Verplank Greatest Needs Non-Endowed Fund
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Robert P. and Annette Fisher Whitney Fund

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Sept 2019-Aug 2020

LJ Midge Verplank Greatest Needs Non-Endowed Fund
A quiet philanthropist and local businessman, Midge has always cared about supporting our community. This non-endowed greatest needs fund was established to continue enabling impactful grantmaking in Ottawa and Muskegon Counties.

Midge Verplank Coast Guard Fireworks Fund
Midge established this organizational endowment fund to provide ongoing support to community fundraising efforts toward the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Fireworks. This annual show typically takes place on the final Saturday of Grand Haven’s Coast Guard Festival.

Duncan Park Preservation Fund
For more than 100 years, individuals and families have hiked through and played on property previously owned and gifted to the City of Grand Haven by Martha Duncan as a public park. The City of Grand Haven established this community service fund for the purpose of providing necessary support to preserve, protect, and enhance Duncan Memorial Park, more commonly referred to as “Duncan Woods.”
Donor and corporate advised funds allow an individual, family, or company to establish a charitable fund with a single gift. Donors may add to the fund with additional gifts at any time and may remain anonymous, if desired. Donors enjoy administrative convenience, cost savings and tax advantages, and gain access to the expertise of the community foundation’s staff. Once the fund is established, donors recommend grants and the foundation’s staff does all the work of administering the grants.

Doug & Lynda DeVries Family Fund
Doug and Lynda established this donor advised fund because they have been blessed with an ability to give back with more than just their time and talents. Their fund allows them the ability to support charities, organizations, and community projects and to have a positive impact on lives today and for many years to come.

The Hon. Mark A. & Debra J. Feyen Family Fund
Mark and Debra established this donor advised fund to assist them with their charitable giving. This fund provides them with an efficient and effective way to support local health and human service needs organizations, their church, local education, and their alma maters.

Sen. Leon E. & Dzintra D. Stille Family Fund
Leon and Dzintra understand and value the importance of community. With this donor advised fund, they plan to continue to actively participate and support various charitable organizations and projects, especially those related to recreation and education.
The Mary Lou (Witherell) Matzen Alzheimer’s Advocacy Fund

Dementia is a relentless, progressive, and fatal disease. Currently, it cannot be cured. Caring for a person with Alzheimer’s disease is life altering for the person and their family. This fund was established to support the Alzheimer’s Association – Greater Michigan Chapter, West Michigan Office in memory of Mary Lou Matzen. Distributions from this donor advised fund shall be for care consultation and supportive care services in the Grand Haven area.

Mary’s husband David hopes that the proceeds of the fund will assist families in developing a comprehensive care action plan. There are many things he did not know or understand about caring for someone with Alzheimer’s. By consulting with the local Alzheimer’s Association, he was able to provide safe, financial, and supportive care.

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation is honored to help individuals, families, organizations, and corporations achieve their philanthropic goals and continue to positively impact our regional community.
Field of interest funds

Field of interest funds connect personal values to high-impact opportunities and allow donors to target their gift to address needs in a specific area.

Edith Mae and William Alt Family Fund
Richard E. and Eleanor Carlson Babcock Memorial Fund
Emilie Baker Fund for the Environment
William T. and Shirley A. Baker Family Fund
College Access Endowed Fund
Dr. Elizabeth Curtis Dental Fund for Children in Need
Elmer “Lou” Dentze Fund
Elizabeth Davison Kammeraad Dobbie Fund for History
Alyce R. Erickson Fund (Fund for Excellence in Education)
Farmland Preservation Fund
Fluor Schwartz Memorial Fund
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation
Arts and Culture Fund
Family and Children Fund
Technical Assistance Fund

Grand Haven Area Youth Fund (YAC)
Gene and Sally Harbeck Fund
Healthy Seniors Healthy Youth Funds
Jerovsek Family Fund
Friends of Kandu
L.E.T. Fund (Love, Enjoy, Teach Fund)
Craig Looman Fund
Fletcher Meekhof Food Fund
William H. Young and Dorothy Young Mixer Fund
Marie and Lloyd O’Neal Fund for Music
North Bank Communities Fund
North Ottawa Area Community Coalition Fund
Reichardt Family Endowment
Helene D. and Bernath P. Sherwood, Jr. Fund
Mary Ann Sherwood Families and Children Field of Interest Fund
Tree Replacement Fund

Tri-Cities Chautauqua Fund
Tuesday Musicale Fund
United Way Fund for Human Services
Wayne VanAgtmael Health Fund
Mary Vivian Fund for the Arts
Cornelia B. Wagner and Ruth B. Hoek Fund
Margaret Lynn Wilson Fund
Youth Fund of the Coopersville Area Community Foundation (CAYAC)
Zenko Family Fund

Dan Burt Designated Fund
Dan graduated from Spring Lake High School in 1974 and remained a proud “Laker” for life. He attended Muskegon Community College, where he wrestled and later became an assistant wrestling coach. He was a passionate and avid sports enthusiast—as a participant, coach, and spectator. Aside from sports, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends. His real passion was giving back and supporting youth athletics.

Distributions from this designated fund will benefit the Manton Public Schools Community Outdoor Education Program, the SLHS Athletic Department to provide assistance to student athletes to attend sports camps, and Muskegon Community College to provide athletic scholarships for student athletes.

Allendale Township Fitness Court
Allendale Township established this community service fund with the Allendale Community Foundation to raise money for the the Sport Court Park at the Allendale Community Park. Organizers wanted to provide an opportunity for fellowship and a place for friendships to develop, all while promoting healthy living. Contributions to this temporary fund from community members and businesses helped fund the park growth, including pickleball courts, a basketball court, tennis court, and a fitness court.

Coopersville Reformed Church Fund
This fund was established with memorial contributions in honor of Jay Veldman, a lifetime member, Sunday School teacher, and a church leader. The designated fund is intended to provide current and future donors with another avenue to direct memorial and unrestricted contributions. The purpose of the fund is to support general operations and mission activities of the church located in Coopersville.
That includes $93,725 granted by the Youth Advisory Council

That's 25 grants awarded by 20 youth philanthropists

Total granted through our responsive and impact-driven grantmaking

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organizational funds

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ABC Coalition Fund  
Allendale Charter Township Parks & Recreation Fund  
Allendale Christian School Endowment Fund  
Tuition Assistance  
Allendale Lifelong Learners Fund  
Allendale Historical Society Endowment Fund  
Allendale Public School Foundation  
Allendale Township Fitness Court Library Endowment Fund  
American Red Cross Doris Ewing Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund Founding Fund Ottawa County Fund  
Janet C. Beukema Fund for Hospice  
Boomgaard Fund for Seniors  
Martin-Beverley-Todd Bormers Fitness & Aquatic Center Fund  
Martin-Beverley-Todd Bormers Memorial Band Fund  
Borculo Christian School Education Foundation  
Dan Burt Designated Fund  
Camp Bluebird Cynthia Collinge-Golab Volunteer Support Fund Endowment Fund Rosemary Konopa Cancer Retreat Program Fund  
Camp Sunshine Endowed Fund  
Central Park Players Fund  
Chester Township Recreation Fund  
Children’s Advocacy Center Endowment Fund  
C3 West Michigan’s Inclusive Spiritual Connection Designated Fund Endowment Fund  
Memorial Endowment Fund  
Chris Christiansen Youth Scholarship Fund  
Christian Haven Home Fund  
Church of the Saviour Fund  
City of Coopersville  
Coopersville Area Historical Society Funds  
Coopersville Roundabout Beautification Fund Michael’s Gift Recreation Fund  
City of Grand Haven  
4th of July Fireworks Fund  
7th Street Coast Guard Boat Fund  
Boardwalk Maintenance Fund  
Boardwalk 25th Anniversary Fund  
Catwalk Maintenance Fund  
Central Park Fountain Endowment Fund  
Coal Tipple Restoration Fund  
Duncan Park Fund  
Duncan Park Preservation Fund  
Grand Haven Lighthouse Endowed Fund  
Grand Haven Lighthouse Rehabilitation Fund  
Grand Haven Public Safety Beach Safety Fund  
Grand Haven Waterfront Stadium Fund  
Imagination Station Maintenance Fund  
Imagination Station “Reimagine Project” Fund  
Memorial Airport Fund  
Mulligan’s Hollow Ski Bowl Capital Improvement Fund  
Musical Fountain Fund  
Pier Safety Fund  
Public Artifact Fund  
Save the Catwalk Fund  
Splash Pad Fund  
Coast Guard Festival  
Fireworks Forever Fund  
Fireworks Fund  
College Access Fund  
Community Relief & Recovery Fund  
Thomas N. Cooper Designated Fund  
Coopersville Area District Library  
Friends of the Coopersville Library Fund  
Robert and Judy VanDongen Fund  
Westrate Children’s Library Endowment Fund  
Coopersville Area Public Schools Athletic Fund Education Fund Performing Arts Center Designated Fund  
Coopersville Cares Capital Campaign Fund Endowment Fund  
Coopersville Farm Museum  
Coopersville FFA Education and Leadership Fund  
Coopersville Old Kids Fund  
Coopersville Memorial Fund  
Cooperstown Reformed Church Fund  
Doug Corradini Spirit of #40 Fund  
Covenant LIFE Church Endowed Fund  
Crockery Township Fire Department Endowment Fund  
Alex Crum Memorial Fund  
Russell H. and Beatrice A. Dornbos Fund  
Mark and Lauri Douglas Community Arts Fund  
Dykstra Family Music Fund  
Eastern Ottawa County Silent Observer  
Family LIFE Center of West Michigan Fund  
First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven Funds  
First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven  
Alpha Fund  
Karin Fowler Pastoral Care Training Fund  
Omega Fund  
Scott Fredricks Fund  
E. Selina Gerig and John J. Gerig Fund  
Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore Endowment Fund  
Gracious Grounds Endowment Fund  
Grand Haven Area Public Schools  
Patrick Byrne Memorial Fund  
High School Choir Endowment Fund  
Ronny Kemink Pay to Play Fund  
Science Olympiad Programs Fund  
Jan Rempinski Memorial Scholarship Fund

Grand Haven Lighthouse Rehabilitation Fund

After years of work reconstructing the south pier and returning the catwalk, the City of Grand Haven established this community service fund to preserve, restore, and care for Phase Two of the lighthouse in Grand Haven. This second phase includes interior and exterior concrete work; repairing floors, ceilings, portholes; and, most importantly, opening up the lights for residents and visitors to explore and enjoy.

Mulligan’s Hollow Ski Bowl Capital Improvement Fund

This organizational fund was established for the purpose of making capital improvements to Mulligan’s Hollow Ski Bowl. Over the years, generous donors have helped make Mulligan’s Hollow an affordable area for anyone who wants to experience the excitement of skiing and snowboarding. Mulligan’s Hollow has invested in a new lodge, a groomer, snow making, and more to keep the area progressing.
Humanity for Prisoners Legacy Fund and Endowment Fund

Humanity for Prisoners provides, promotes, and ensures—with strategic partnerships—personalized, problem-solving services for incarcerated persons in order to alleviate suffering beyond the just administration of their sentences.

The Humanity for Prisoners Legacy Fund, a non-endowed organizational fund, was established for the purpose of furthering the mission and programming of Humanity for Prisoners.

The Humanity for Prisoners Endowment Fund, an organizational endowment fund, was established to provide supplemental funding for ongoing maintenance and operation of Innocent! dba Humanity for Prisoners.

If you'd like to make a donation to any of our funds, visit our website at ghacf.org/donate or send a check to our office at 1 South Harbor Drive.
Scholarship funds make educational dreams come true. When you invest in the next generation with post-secondary education assistance through scholarships, you’re building a foundation for a brighter tomorrow.

Allendale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award  
Allendale Community Foundation Scholarship  
Jack Feldt Ambucs Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Athena Scholarship Fund  
Bailey Scholarship Fund  
Lindsey Bakale Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Ray & Sue Barrett Scholarship Fund  
Charles (Charlie) A. Bassett Endowed Scholarship Fund  
**Richard and Annette Betchke Education Fund**  
George Bitner Scholarship Fund  
Martin-Beverley-Todd Bomers Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Chris Bradley Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Janet R. Briegel Scholarship  
James W. Junior and Jane T. Brown Fund  
Jack & Libby Bush Scholarship Fund  
Ronald C. Bush Memorial Scholarship Fund  
David & Mary Jo Busman Family Scholarship Fund  
Careerline Tech Center Paraprofessional Scholarship Fund  
Coopersville Scholarship Fund  

Staci Cheadle Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Geri Coccodrilli Culinary Scholarship Fund  
Craig Councilor & Valerie Gutowsky Scholarship Fund  
Alex Crum Scholarship  
Dake Community Manufacturing Scholarship Fund  
Detter Family Foundation Education Scholarship  
Detter Family Foundation Leaders in Mathematics & Science Scholarship  
Ken & Barb DeWitt Scholarship Fund  
Erickson Education Fund  
Kevin Ernst Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Wallace K. & Jane Ewing Scholarship Fund  
Bertha M. Fase Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Scott A. Fiahive Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Ploto-Peel Family Fund  
Kenneth & Janis Formsma ESL Scholarship  
John L. & Victory E. Frantz Scholarship Fund  
Fugazzotto Scholarship Fund for Visual Arts Students  
Wilma Jean Fynnewer Nursing Scholarship Fund  
Gauthier Family Fund  
Tom Gifford Scholarship Fund  

Grace Thatcher Scholarship  
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation Scholarship Fund  
Grand Haven Offshore Challenge Scholarship  
Mitz Hammond Hessmer Scholarship  
Barbara and Nicole Heacox Foreign Study & Travel Fund  
S.J. Hecksel Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Marjorie M. Hendricks Environmental Education Fund  
Michael Herman Scholarship Fund  
Hierholzer-Forjirok Scholarship Fund  
J.R. Hillard Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Vernon J. & Shirley M. Hipwell Family Music Scholarship Fund  
Hofma Scholarship Fund  
Dale Janke Scholarship Fund  
Seth Koehler Central High School Fund  
Paul J. Laninga Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Larson – Veneklasen Outdoor Education Scholarship  
Rick and Beverly Lattin Education Fund

**Melissa Skiera Myers Scholarship Fund**  
Melissa opened this **scholarship fund** because she wanted to give back to the community. Understanding the financial challenges of obtaining an education, she wants to help ease or eliminate the burden of student loan debt for women pursuing degrees in math, science, and business. Melissa plans to continue growing her fund over her lifetime and wants to help as many Tri-Cities female students as possible, including adults returning to college for undergraduate and graduate degrees.

**Allendale Christian School Tuition Assistance**  
This **designated fund** was established by anonymous donors to provide tuition assistance for students with financial need. ACS partners with families to equip students academically, spiritually, and socially to gratefully serve God in all aspects of life. This fund helps make this education a reality for families in the community that desire a Christian education but have financial needs.

**Judy Corcoran Porath Memorial Fund**  
The **designated fund** was established in memory of Judy Corcoran Porath to provide financial assistance to Grand Haven Area Public Schools to assist with securing books for kindergarten, first grade, and second grade classrooms within the district. Judy read voraciously and considered working at The Bookman her dream job. She embodied a spirit of lifelong curiosity and learning, and she was a very caring person.
Cliff & Hope Taylor Scholarship Fund

Cliff Taylor attended public school in Spring Lake and Grand Haven. Cliff and Hope were active in the community and understood the value of a high-quality education. They established this new scholarship fund to impact the futures of our local students.

The scholarship is intended for graduating seniors from Spring Lake High School and current college students who previously graduated from Spring Lake High School.

2020 GHACF Scholarship Committee

Our scholarship committee is made up of board members and representatives from the community. Together, they make the critical decisions to help area students attain a post-secondary education.

Pat VerDuin (Chair, Board/TCAN), Cindy Anderson (Board), Keith Konarska (Board), Kim McLaughlin (TCAN), Debra Mann (Griffin Principal), Susan Tater (OAISD), Julia Wagner (SLHS), Keith Williams (GHHS), Naomi VanSingel (SLHS).
making a post-secondary education a reality

Thanks to our generous donors, 220 area students received a combined $621,140 in scholarships in 2020. While we weren’t able to celebrate together at our annual event due to COVID-19, we’re no less proud of their accomplishments.

360 applications received
334 applications received
$545,000 awarded in scholarships
$621,140 awarded in scholarships
235 students received a scholarship
220 students received a scholarship
$2,140 average award package
$2,800 average award package

Scholarship Recipients were awarded a Multi-Year Scholarship

Who are our recipients?

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— Len Tran, Grand Valley State University

“We're constantly exploring new ways to support first-generation college students and students pursuing post-secondary education in critical career fields in our region.

82% of First-Generation Student Applicants received scholarships

First-generation students
- come from a home where neither parent attended college, or their parents attended but didn't earn a bachelor's degree
- tend to enroll in and complete post-secondary credentials at a lower rate than their peers

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“I’ve been given the opportunity to be able to pursue an education that my parents were never able to themselves.”
— Delaney Ellicott, Spring Lake High School

This will give me the opportunity to attend college with less worry regarding the cost. I plan to study psychology, and become a therapist or school counselor. Mental health has become a growing issue in not only my own generation, but for people all over the world.”
— Delaney Ellicott, Spring Lake High School
Effective stewardship of philanthropic assets is paramount to building permanent charitable funds that strengthen our community.

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Net Assets without Donor Restrictions $135,771,456

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** $144,542,964

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**2019-20 Investment Committee**

**Tammy Bailey**, Chair  
President, Buy Right Packaging Supply  

**Mark Pereira**, General Manager, Brilliance Publishing/Amazon  

**Barb VanHeest**, Relationship Manager, Chase Business Banking  

**Nelson Jacobson**, Chairman, CEO & President, JSJ Corporation  

**Nick Grinzinger**, Financial Advisor, Raymond James
Clayton Family Fund

“It was important for my dad to give back to the community,” says Trev Clayton. His father Charles—or Chuck—was passionate about his farm in Marne, as well as serving the community. He was a trustee for Coopersville Area Public Schools and life-long member of the Marne United Methodist Church, as well as supportive of all the community children who raised animals for their entry in the Berlin Fair. His legacy continues with the Clayton Family Fund, a donor advised fund that will support those pursuing studies in the FFA. “His good works will continue,” says Trev. "This fund will help graduates who want to study agriculture so that they too can impact the community."
In 2019, the Allendale Community Foundation celebrated its 20th anniversary with the Give $20 for 20 Campaign, which encouraged people in the community to give $20. Thank you to everyone who gave, shared, and supported the anniversary campaign. We tripled the number of donations from the previous year!

Remembering Ben Meyer

The foundation was shocked and saddened by the accidental death of the Allendale Community Foundation chairman, Ben Meyer. Ben was a person of faith, and that fact was evident in all that he did. For many years, he was involved in the education of young people from the West Michigan area and beyond, and he brought to the foundation board a “Mr. Rogers” wit and wisdom. His compassion for the work of the foundation was exceptional. Ben truly was “For good. For ever.”
Congratulations to the class of 2020!

2019-2020 YAC members

Liam Beck
Spring Lake High School

“My experience on YAC was life-changing. It provided me with an opportunity to discuss community issues that are important to me and meet new friends from a variety of different backgrounds. I believe the valuable life skills YAC helped me develop are what made my time as a member an unforgettable experience.”

Ben Garretson
W. Mich. Christian High School

Jalen Greene
Grand Haven High School

“I loved my two years on YAC. YAC gave me the opportunity to make a difference in my community in a way that I otherwise wouldn’t have been able to. I loved getting to see all of the work that people in our community are constantly doing to make it a better place. I will miss all of my fellow YAC members and the conversations that we had around the table.”

Tess O’Leary
Grand Haven High School

Olivia Perrier
Grand Haven High School

Jackson Schulte
Grand Haven High School

Muskaan Multani
Spring Lake High School

Madelynn Streng
Grand Haven High School

Emma Visker
W. Mich. Christian High School

11th Graders: Grand Haven: Coryn French, Madigan Lautzenheiser, Ian Rant (Treasurer), Madison Rogers (Vice Chair), Oliver Shampine, Lauren Smelker, Angela Tran; Home School: Sophia Raha

10th Graders: Grand Haven: Aashray Mandala, Jacob Marcus; Spring Lake: Ryann Gilchrist
We Value

- **Empathy**: to understand the needs of the youth in our community
- **Integrity**: to make equitable decisions for the youth of our community
- **Collaboration**: using innovation and teamwork
- **Open-mindedness**: through a passionate and diverse group of youth representatives

**Vision:** A community where all youth have the resources and opportunities available that allow them to succeed.

**Mission:** We aim to set an example for future generations by giving of time, talent, and treasure to actively impact the lives of youth in Northwest Ottawa County.

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**grant priorities**

**Mental & Emotional Well-Being**
- Supporting programs such as: a Youth Advisory Council at the Children’s Advocacy Center, the Community CHILL Program, STEAM for Success partnership between the Grand Rapids Children’s Museum and the Ottawa County Juvenile Detention Center, youth services at Resilience

**Physical Well-Being**
- Supporting programs such as: Water Safety Awareness at the Tri-Cities Family YMCA, Fuel Up at Lakeshore Middle School

**Community & Cultural Well-Being**
- Supporting programs such as: Waterfront Clean-Ups with the ODC Network

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From top: Volunteering at Jr. Pacer’s Basketball Tournament at Mary Free Bed; assembling stockings for youth served by Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence; presenting items to stock Cora’s Closet at the Children’s Advocacy Center.
Thank you to those who have chosen the community foundation as a way to enhance the community for future generations through a planned gift. Leaving a gift to the community foundation allows individuals to support the causes that they are most passionate about—forever.

Traditionally, our annual Legacy Society Event has been a time to remember and honor the legacies who were realized since the last time we gathered. Out of an abundance of caution, we cancelled our 2020 event due to COVID-19, and we are dedicating the following space to memorialize and show our deep appreciation to the following legacies who have been realized this past year.

Edward F. Bushhouse
Edward Bushhouse earned a two-year Business Degree at Maher's Business College before serving in the Army Corps on the Island of Saipan. After the war, Ed married Phyllis, the love of his life, and they lived together in Grand Haven for nearly seven decades. Ed was very passionate about and dedicated to God, his family, his church, his community, and his country. He was involved in the banking industry for 41 years. Ed began his career as a teller at the People's Bank & Trust Company, which later became NBD of Grand Haven and now is Chase Bank; he retired in 1987 as President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board. Throughout his life, Ed was very active in the Tri-Cities area. He served as an elder, deacon, and treasurer at Second Reformed Church, and treasurer of the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds, Haven School for Handicap (Kandu), and the Ottawa County Citizens Mental Health Council. He was a secretary for the American National Red Cross, and served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Economic Development Corp. Board, and Northwest Ottawa Industrial Development Corp. He had a heart for helping families, which motivated him to co-found the Tri-Cities area chapter of Habitat for Humanity, where he served as chairman for 12 years.

Robert Bytwerk
Robert “Bob” Bytwerk graduated from Muskegon High School and served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Supported by the GI Bill, he graduated from Calvin College in 1950. He and his wife Ruth had four children, one of whom died in childhood. Ruth Bytwerk died in 1999. After some years of less than ideal jobs, he bought the Manpower franchise in Grand Rapids, financed through generous terms from his mentor Robert Sneden, and by teaching at Davenport Institute in the morning and Dale Carnegie courses in the evening. The business flourished and he gradually reduced his time at the office to enjoy his many interests. He relished his family, the company of friends, boats that kept getting larger, travel, woodworking, his dogs Shannon and Buddy, Lake Michigan, and Charlevoix. He read widely and had well-founded opinions. He gave in many directions, saying that he had found his mother’s words to be true: “You will never become poor by giving.”

Gary Baas
Gary graduated from Grand Haven High School and attended Hope College for his undergraduate degree in psychology. After earning his master’s degree in Behavioral Science from MSU, in 1964 he gave the family business a try and never looked back, joining his father Ed at the family store, Baas’ Store for Men. After marrying Paula in 1969, together they grew the business, Baas’ Inc., to include two Baas’ Stores for Men and two Country House women’s apparel shops in Grand Haven and Holland. They had two children and three grandchildren, and his family was very important to him. Gary was very active in community leadership, something he learned by example of his parents, as his father was one of the first donors and incorporators of the GHACF. Gary served as a board member of the Association of Commerce and Industry, GHACF (Vice President), GH Central Business District Development Authority (Chair), GH Downtown Unlimited Incorporated (President), Holland Downtown Development Association, Michigan Retailers Association, Muskegon Museum of Art, and Old Kent Bank. He was also a member of the GH Rotary Club and the GH Planning Commission and served as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven.
Leslie Cassis-Within

Described by some as one of Grand Haven's greatest ambassadors, Leslie Cassis-Within was born in Grand Rapids and graduated from Muskegon Community College.

Leslie worked for WGHN for over 30 years and was looking forward to retirement at the end of the 2020. She was a former president of Grand Haven Schools Foundation, a Rotarian of the Year with the Grand Haven Rotary, Tri-Cities United Way Volunteer of the Year, and she had just joined the board of directors for The Tri-Cities Family YMCA. Leslie enjoyed snow skiing, traveling, and our Grand Haven beaches. A long-time community activist, she will be greatly missed by all who had an opportunity to know her.

Leslie's husband Paul, and friends and family who knew her well, would say that Leslie believed in—and, acted out—the idea of “Leaving it better than we found it.”

Garry L. Mesler

Garry Mesler graduated from Midland High School in 1956 and went on to earn his Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering from Central Michigan University. Upon graduation, he was commissioned into the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant, serving until 1969. After serving, he taught at Central Michigan University in the Industrial Engineering Department for 33 years.

Garry served as an elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant. He spent many years refereeing NCAA Division II College Football as well as high school football. Garry and his wife Jean enjoyed many years of sailing the Great Lakes in their beloved boat, “The Escape.” They were blessed with wintering in Florida for 20 years, dodging the Michigan weather. Garry filled his retired years woodworking, making beautiful pieces of furniture for his family that will be treasured for years.

Garry's memory will be cherished and kept alive by his wife of 47 years and their five children and eight grandchildren. Family time was very important to him, and his greatest pride and joy were his children and grandchildren near and far. All were equally close to his heart and loved deeply.

Richard A. Rhem

Richard received his first call into the ministry for the First Reformed Church of Spring Lake on the day his son David was born. He also served at Midland Park Reformed Church in New Jersey before studying under theologian Hendrikus Berkhof at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands.

In 1971, Richard returned to the First Reformed Church, which was soon renamed Christ Community Church and became the third largest Reformed church in the RCA. Richard was an early supporter of the interfaith movement in West Michigan, actively participating in the Jewish-Christian dialogue in the early 1980s.

In 2014, Richard received the first annual Sylvia Kaufman Interfaith Leadership Award from the Kaufman Interfaith Institute at Grand Valley State University. Richard and his wife, Nancy, celebrated 47 years of marriage together. Together they had six children, 11 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.
Robert Whitney

Robert Whitney was a project engineer for Union Carbide for 11 years, Clarke Floor Machine for 24 years, and EBW for four years, retiring in 1991.

Bob was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where he formerly served as a deacon. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta at the University of Michigan and loved playing the digital piano, woodworking, photography, sailing, camping with his family, and watching University of Michigan and Detroit Tigers games.

Over the course of his nearly seven-decade marriage to his loving wife Annette, they were blessed with three children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Cliff Taylor

Clifford Taylor attended school in Spring Lake and Grand Haven before graduating from St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1945-1947 in its pilot training program in Virginia and graduated from Michigan State University in 1950, where he was a three-year member of their golf team.

He was a C.P.A. for forty years, and was a retired partner of BDO Seidman, LLP, a former board member and past president of the Muskegon Rotary Club, and former board member and president of the Spring Lake Country Club. He was also a lifetime member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts.

A lifelong avid golfer, he won many local and Club Championships. He played in seven U.S.G.A. Championships, seven British Senior Amateur Championships, and was the first amateur golfer inducted into the Greater Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Cliff and his wife, Hope, were active community members, and their legacy will live on in the scholarship that they established.

Donald Sikkema

Dr. Donald “Don” Edward Sikkema graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School and then Calvin College. After receiving his Medical Doctor degree from the University of Michigan Medical School, he served as a Captain in the US Army and as medical missionary in Nigeria. After specializing in internal medicine and cardiology, he practiced medicine in Grand Haven from 1967 until his retirement in 2001.

Don headed up the ICU at North Ottawa Community Hospital and started the “Nurse of the Year” award. He was a member of the Second Christian Reformed Church where he served as an elder. Don was also a member of the Luke Society and board member of Christian Reformed World Missions. He was a member of the Grand Haven Rotary Club and past board member of the People’s Bank and Trust (NBD) for many years.

Don will be lovingly remembered and missed by his wife of 64 years, Dorothy, and their five children, 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

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The following people have committed to leaving a gift to the foundation after they pass. If you would like more information about joining the Legacy Society, please contact Chris Riker.

Tom & Mary Kay Algire
Donald & Cindy Anderson
Len & Wanda Anderson
David Baas
Paula B. Baas
William & Mary Baker
Steven & Kathryn Bandstra
Sue Barrett
Charlie & Mary Jo Bassett
Charles (Chad) Bassett II
Paul Bedient
William & Carolyn Benes
Carroll & Dottie Bennink
Patrick S. Berg
Jeff & Tammy Beswick
Susan & Mark Blaauvelt
William & Katherine Blessing
Mary Jane Boettcher
Norm & Carolyn Boeke
T. Arnold & Lynne Boezaart
Calvin & Evelyn Bosman
Barbara Boyer
Tom Braclak
Janet R. Briegel
Richard Carl & Patricia K. Briegel
Budd & Melinda Brink
James & Jane T. Brown
Fred Bruhn
John & Claire Bryson
Cheri & Ron Butije
Kevin Carbery & Carol Alexander
Nancy Carlyle
Cyndi Casemier
Stacey Cassis & Arianna Morales
Joe & Cheryl Clark
Margaret Coffey
Harold "Pete" & Cindy Crane
Kennard & Wendy Creason
Mary Creason
Thomas & Michelle Creswell
Scott Curtis
David & Carol DeBlay
Terry & Sandi DeGroot
Daniel & Brenda DeVeau
Barbara DeWitt
Ralph DeYoung
Virginia Dornbos - Rolstone
James A. & Dulce Doss
Megan & Jamie Doss
Joyce Draft
Dennis & Barbara Dryer
Dwight & Gloria Durkee
Myrna Duthier
Jim & Marla Dykstra
Robert & Nancy Dzierzawski
David & Mary Eain
Martha Erickson
Jon & Glenda Eshleman
Steve & Mary Jane Evink
Wallace & Jane Ewing
Patricia Fisher
John & Kathryn Fortino
Patrick & Robin Fraker
Barbara Fugazzotto
Edward "Tony" Gage
Gretchen Garrison
Rob & Jill Garrison
Tom Gifford
Edward & Laura Grafton
Randy & Nancy Grevel
Edward & Nancy Hanenburg
Janet A. Harestad
Steve & Tami Harvey
Shirley Hipwell
Andy & Alice Hoban
Bud & Charyn Hoffman
Stephen & Joy Hohmeyer
Judith W. Hooyenga
Jim & Deb Hovinga
Paul & Diana Hugo
Sherry Jackoboice
Tom & Barb Jackoboice
Mary Jacobson
Nelson & Lana Jacobson
Nancy Jacobson Bueche
Bari S Johnson
Holly & Erick Johnson
Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson
Roger & Susan Jonas
Jeff & Kellie Julie
James & Mary Keating
Katherine L. Keck
J. Gregg & Mary Keeton
Jack & Joanne Kelley
Sanford "Mark" & Kristine Kelley
Barbara Kelso
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