we're stronger together
When our founders first came up with the idea to establish the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, they couldn’t have imagined where their foresight would someday lead. For more than a year now, our families, our community, our country, and the world have been challenged in a way none of us have ever experienced.

Within days of COVID-19 being declared a pandemic—and long before we knew how far-reaching the virus would become—we partnered to raise funds and give grants to our for-impact partners, many of whom saw in an increase in demand, had to alter their service delivery, or even close their doors. Many individuals and organizations continued their missions to help our community, often at the risk of their own safety and well-being.

Like so many others, we had to re-envision how to maintain operations while also responding to the increased need in our community. We maintained our Community Impact grant cycle, continued partnering with donors on their charitable intent, and convened around shared goals—thanks to the dedication and resiliency of our team.

Fourteen months after awarding our initial covid-related grant, we completed another grant cycle that brought our total granted to the community past the $2 million mark.

As proud as we are that we were able to help our community in this way, we cannot overstate our gratitude to the community members who stepped forward to help. Through their donations, we were able to help over 75 for-impact organizations continue their good work.

These efforts were made possible because of the structure of our organization—a structure first imagined by our founders in 1971. The establishment and generous support of our endowed greatest needs fund and the work done over the past fifty years, allowed us to respond quickly and efficiently when our community needed it most and will ensure that we will continue our good work for generations to come.

While next year’s annual report will honor our 50th anniversary, this report is a reflection of our work in 2020. We are proud to lead the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation during this time, and thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Hadley Streng
President

Barb VanHeest
Chair, Board of Trustees

Hadley Streng, President, and Barb VanHeest, Board Chair.
look at what we've done

In 1971, 12 community leaders gathered together because they wanted to do something more for our community.

Something bigger.

They each gave $100 to start what would become the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. Little did they know the impact they would have a half-century later.

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imagine what we can do, together.

Over the course of the past 50 years, with careful investing, continued contributions from our community, and the dedication of our trustees and staff, that original $1,200 gift has grown to more than $175 million in assets as of June 2021. The grants we’ve awarded have touched more lives than our founders could have ever imagined.

Looking at the next 50 years—and beyond—we are confident the foundation and our partners will continue to impact our community for generations to come.

Each and every one of our neighbors serves as integral building blocks for all the community foundation has done. The impact we’ve made together—and will continue to make long into the future—is a reflection of the strength of our partnerships and our dedication to making a positive impact on every person who lives, works, and plays in Northwest Ottawa County.
coming together during a pandemic

In a year like no other, communities across the nation were faced with unimaginable challenges as COVID-19 quickly shocked the world. While the pandemic impacted everyone uniquely, it also forced communities like ours to share a sense of commonality as we faced the unimaginable together. In many cases, households took on new roles as schools and businesses, and everyday life as we knew it took on a new normal.

While so much has changed over the past year, this disruption presents an opportunity for us to take a step back and reflect on how we as a community came together to support one another through this trying time. On behalf of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, we would like to share our deep appreciation to our all our donors who give generously and our partners who continue their good work.

670 donors raised over $990,000 which was then granted from the Emergency Human Needs Fund to 52 for-impact partners.

Grants from the Emergency Human Needs Fund helped the Tri-Cities Family YMCA (left) and Love in Action (right) support the community with healthy and nutritious food.
caring for our region

From March through May of last year, a community coalition comprised of the Greater Ottawa County United Way, the GHACF, and the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area worked together to monitor the ongoing developments surrounding COVID-19 while proactively working to assist with the increasing needs of our community.

During that time, the coalition awarded 110 grants totaling over $990,000 from the Emergency Human Needs Fund to area for-impact organizations that were helping our community during the crisis. This fund demonstrated the value of unrestricted assets combined with the power of community giving.

As of May 2021, we’ve granted over $2 million in COVID-19 relief to Ottawa County

Dozens of for-impact organizations received CR&RF grants over the past year, and the foundation continues to support our community during this time. Our endowment allows us to make a difference by quickly serving the community when an unimaginable need arises, now and in the future. This past year has truly been a testament to the strength, unity, and resiliency of our beloved community, and we are grateful for your support.

To date, the Community Relief & Recovery Fund has granted more than $1,063,000 to 37 for-impact partners.

Caring for our community

In June 2020, the GHACF established the Community Relief & Recovery Fund (CR&RF) to respond to the current and long-term impact that COVID-19 has had on individuals, families, and for-impact partners within Northern Ottawa County. This fund has enabled the foundation, fund holders, and donors to pool resources to collectively support relief and recovery of organizations that have been adversely affected by COVID-19.

A shortened grant cycle was created to ensure funds went to the organizations as quickly as possible, and a separate committee comprised of GHACF team members and trustees, as well as community members, was formed to review and award grants.

Thanks to generous donations from our community, so far the GHACF has granted over $1,000,000 from the CR&RF to for-impact organizations.

Combination in-person and telehealth outpatient therapy at Reach for Recovery (formerly OAR). Photo credit: Emily Rose Bennett for the New York Times.
"The outpouring of support from our community and the determination of our partners to help made all the difference in the world."

Thanks to generous donations and tireless support, we were able to be responsive and help care for our community in a way we never imagined.

The Restoring Hope Challenge Match raised money for the Community Relief & Recovery Fund, which began the second phase of the foundation’s response to COVID-19 and marked the transition from the initial emergency human needs response to focus on the current and longer-term impact of the pandemic on individuals, families, and for-impact partners within Northern Ottawa County.

COVID-19 Grant Recipients

**Emergency Human Needs Fund**
- Arbor Circle
- ATLAS Ministries
- Barnabas Ministries
- Beacon of Hope
- Benjamin’s Hope
- Bethany Christian Services
- Bridge Youth Center (Zeeland)
- Children’s Advocacy Center
- City on a Hill
- Community Action House
- Coopersville Cares
- Emmanuel Hospice
- Evergreen Commons
- Family LIFE Center
- Four Pointers Center for Successful Aging
- Good Samaritan Ministries
- Hand2Hand
- Harbor Hospice Foundation
- Harvest Stand Ministries
- Holland Free Health Clinic
- Holland Rescue Mission
- Kids’ Food Basket (Holland)
- Lakeshore Pregnancy Center
- Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP)

**Community Relief & Recovery Fund**
- Arbor Circle
- Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired
- Bethany Christian Services
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Children’s Advocacy Center
- City of Grand Haven (Neighborhood Housing Services)
- Community Access Line of the Lakeshore (Call 211)
- Every Woman’s Place
- Four Pointers Center for Successful Aging
- Gracious Grounds
- Grand Haven Area Public Schools
- Good Samaritan Ministries
- Hand2Hand

Grants from the Emergency Human Needs Fund were awarded to organizations outside our local community due to the collaborative partnership with the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area and the Greater Ottawa County United Way.
This year has proven that we cannot care for our community alone. In addition to the over $2,000,000 granted to the community for COVID relief, our Community Impact Grant Program continued supporting our local for-impact organizations with strategic and purposeful programming.

In 2020, a total of $8,152,571 went back to our community from all funds, and of that, $1,233,145 was awarded in grants from our Greatest Needs Funds, Field of Interest Funds, and the Youth Fund.

**Community Impact Grant Program 2020 Awards**

- **Diversity & Inclusion** 8% – $95,000
- **Economic & Community Betterment** 11% – $135,000
- **Education** 7% – $88,898
- **Environment** 14% – $165,100
- **Health & Human Services**** 23% – $285,082
- **Technical Assistance & Strategic Partnership** 3% – $38,150
- **Other** 31% – $385,915
- **Arts & Culture** 3% – $40,000

* includes contributions to Community Relief & Recovery Fund
** includes contributions to Emergency Human Needs Fund

**2020-21 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.

*Pat VerDuin (Chair), Cindy Anderson, Keith Konarska, Anil Mandala, Mary Carole Cotter, David Swain, Kelly Larson, Jennifer Essex, Madison Rogers (YAC Member)*
The Tri-Cities Historical Museum (TCHM) is responsible for collecting, preserving, and sharing the artifacts and stories of the Tri-Cities’ past. In alignment with best practices established by the American Alliance of Museums, a series of facility improvements at the Community Archive and Research Center (CARC) will allow for superior preservation of delicate and rare documents for future generations.

“This grant has enabled us to follow best practices in receiving, processing, and caring for our community artifacts,” said Ann White, Transitional Manager at TCHM.

The creation of an artifact processing room ensures that newly acquired pieces are free of infestation by insects, mold, or other destructive elements prior to integrating within the collection, while upgrading the textile collection storage will increase airflow and prevent potential structural damage.

White added, “This grant also funded the final stage of implementing our cloud-based collections software, Collective Access, which will go live before the end of the year and will allow anyone from anywhere in the world 24/7 access to information and photos of the artifacts in our collection.”

Digitizing the museum’s collection will allow the museum to provide the community, and all school systems, remote access to the museum’s entire collection. The searchable system will not only be a service to the community, it will provide the staff greater efficiency in their work.

Bring regional and national art and cultural experiences and opportunities to the community; Supports programs that deliver arts and cultural experiences to under-served populations of the community; Support the collaboration and growth of local arts and cultural organizations within the community.
"As we wrestle with questions of equity and justice, we are in a unique time and space to engage in meaningful dialogue with people of diverse views," said Barbara Lee VanHorssen, Experi-mentor of the Momentum Center.

The Momentum Center launched The Town Hall Series on Race & Racism to create a safe space for residents and community leaders to have thoughtful conversations regarding various aspects of race and racism, while providing educational information, resources, and opportunities for action.

The Town Halls were planned and facilitated by a new (Anti) Racism Task Force, a collaborative that includes the Momentum Center, The City of Grand Haven’s Human Relations Commission, Loutit District Library, Tri-Cities Family YMCA, North Ottawa Community Healthcare System, Ottawa County Community Mental Health, Hope College, Ottawa County Schools Network, Mosaic Counseling, Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, and a diverse group of individuals from in and around the immediate community.

"We are so grateful for the support ... in helping us to convene the (Anti) Racism Task Force and to facilitate community conversations about this important topic," said VanHorssen. "These Town Hall Meetings create a safe space for people of different perspectives and backgrounds to enter into conversation, not to debate or to finger point, but to share their experiences and observations. [They] are not just a series of presentations, but a platform for engaging in a true community conversation between leaders and people at the grassroots [level]."
The West Michigan Food Processing Association (WMFPA) was developed at the request of the food industry, and regional economic development and educational partners,” said Marty Gerencer, Executive Director of WMFPA. “A key focus is to develop and catapult the food industry into 21st Century Future Food formulations and technologies providing our area youth with a pathway to sustainable livelihoods.”

The WMFPA seeks to combine existing, local agriculture attributes with the benefits of expanding regional food processing capabilities. Ottawa County serves as the third highest agricultural county in the state, producing $534 million in agricultural products, from 170,000 acres, annually. Additionally, food processing serves as the fourth largest manufacturing sector in Allegan and Ottawa Counties. Together, the region is primed for exponential growth in future food trends—healthy food processing, sustainable energy practices, and sustainable packaging and waste reduction.

The WMFPA FutureFoods21 Program’s vision is to work with educational partners, such as Muskegon Community College, Michigan State University, area high schools, and ISDs to provide hands-on training at the Food, Agriculture, Research, and Manufacturing (FARM) facility in Muskegon. This would boost educational and economic growth by providing the current and future labor force with livable wage livelihoods and career pathways through the provision of the skills necessary to meet and exceed food safety standards, new COVID protocols, and the latest product innovations that are both healthy and sustainable.

Gerencer said, "Together with our supporters and our communities, we’ve launched and stabilized a new association that has now developed a new economic development sector, catalyzing hundreds of millions dollars in economic opportunities."
Mental health remains a critical issue in our community. The Social Emotional Learning program provided sustainable training and tools to the students and staff of Spring Lake Public Schools regarding the development of healthy social-emotional life skills. The project included two components: Mindful Schools curriculum and Trauma-Informed Classroom training.

Mindful Schools is a nationally research-based curriculum. Studies have shown that Mindful Schools can improve attention and emotional regulation among students, including decreased feelings of stress and anxiety. A certified facilitator provided mindfulness lessons to approximately 1,400 students within grades K-6 throughout the Spring Lake Public Schools district. Lessons were 15 minutes in length and included topics such as Mindful Listening and Mindful Breathing throughout the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. When the district closed in Spring of 2020 as a result of COVID-19, video lessons were created and distributed weekly for the remainder of the academic year.

"We continue to feel blessed by the support we receive ... that make programs like Mindfulness possible."

"We continue to feel blessed by the support we receive from the Grand Haven Community Foundation that make programs like Mindfulness possible," said Scott Ely, Curriculum Director for Spring Lake Public Schools.

Trauma-Informed Classroom training was provided to all Spring Lake Public Schools K-4 staff. A trauma-informed school is informed of and sensitive to trauma, providing a safe, stable, and understanding environment.

Screen shot from mindfulness video.

Address the barriers preventing students from pursuing post-secondary education opportunities;
Improve student access to the necessary academic, social, and emotional resources required to reach their full potential;
Support access to and participation in quality preschool programs, particularly those in under-served populations.
John Ball Zoo serves as Northwest Ottawa County’s closest and most utilized AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums) accredited zoo. The Time to Soar Capital Campaign made the park modern, ADA accessible, and environmentally sustainable to further educate on the importance of conservation and environmental protections. The zoo successfully modernized their stormwater system, which involved the creation of a net-zero water habitat for a new pygmy hippo exhibit. The zoo now manages water flow to the park pond through stormwater diversion, permeable pavement, bio swales, rain gardens, and other efficiencies.

"We are so grateful for funds from the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and other donors that have allowed us to replace our aging stormwater system," said Brenda Stringer, Capital Campaign Director of the John Ball Zoo. "It is now shifting millions of gallons of stormwater to the park pond instead of the picnic areas, parking lots, and the city storm system. The new system will annually prevent nearly 25,000,000 gallons of stormwater from reaching the Grand River and ultimately Lake Michigan."

The zoo also implemented renewable energy and environmentally friendly practices for habitats and buildings, including composting and native plantings. The Time to Soar Capital Campaign created an inclusively designed experience and implemented green, sustainable practices throughout the zoo.

Center on the preservation of natural green space and “smart land use” planning; Address critical water quality issues, including nearshore health, the sustainability of wetlands, and non-source pollutants. Lake Michigan, the Grand River Watershed, Spring Lake, and local creeks and streams are of special concern; Promote environmental sustainability through alternative energy initiatives and recycling projects.
Love in Action’s Free Health & Dental Clinic serves hundreds of uninsured and underinsured residents of Northwest Ottawa County. Improving the capacity and function of the facility helped meet the increasing need and maintain a professional environment. The renovation of the health and dental clinic increased space for staff, medical volunteers, and patients while improving patient and client privacy and confidentiality.

"At Love in Action, it is crucial to provide a warm, safe, inviting atmosphere so each person has the opportunity to face physical challenges with dignity," said Love in Action Executive Director, Josh Bytwerk. Renovations included the separation and ultimate creation of two reception areas for traditional Love in Action programming and health clinic clients, while also creating new office and clinic space, an adjoining conference space, and a new filing room. New flooring, walls, paint, electricity, plumbing, and furniture were included in the project.

Bytwerk added, "The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation empowered key renovations this past year that have transformed the clinic space."

Updated flooring and other improvements help make patients feel more welcome.

Love in Action: Free Health & Dental Clinic Expansion Project

Support access to physical and mental health services; Promote healthy lifestyles and relationships for all; Address priorities based on data gathered through Community Needs Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans; Support local health initiatives that are endorsed by multi-sector collaboration; Address human needs for underserved populations.
The grants awarded from our Community Impact Grant Program are made possible by gifts to our unrestricted funds, but those are only a fraction of our story. Gifts 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, our funds 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.

why give
We believe that philanthropy is unique and personal. We remain focused on, and committed to, listening, learning, and partnering with current and prospective donors, fund holders, and professional advisors to match intent and ensure that each experience is meaningful and impactful.

Giving through the foundation doesn’t have to be complicated, nor does it require great wealth. A gift of any size is a valuable contribution that will help make positive, lasting change in Northwest Ottawa County.

where to give
- Give to an existing fund
- Establish a new fund
- Establish a recurring gift
- Leave a bequest
- Give to our greatest feeds

By giving to the Greatest Needs Fund, you enable the foundation to address our community’s most pressing needs and promising opportunities, both now and for generations to come, through competitive grants to local for-impact partners.

what to give
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 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

As we continue to grow, both in asset and team size, we have listened to feedback from our donors and are continuing to enhance and innovate our services. Recent additions include a Donor Wish List, which features needs of our local for-impact partners and how donors can help, and a multi-year fund audit, which includes digitizing all fund records and updating missing or outdated information.

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.

All donations are eligible for the Federal Income Tax charitable deduction as allowed by charitable tax law. Please consult with your professional advisor with questions regarding a charitable gift.
types of funds

**greatest needs funds**
Enable the GHACF to remain proactive, responsive, and flexible to our community's most critical needs.

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

**donor & corporate advised funds**
Allow an individual, family, or company the ability to establish a charitable fund, then recommend grants while the foundation staff administers the grants.

**community service funds**
Enable collective giving to a singular fund that supports a community project. Typically open for only 1-3 years.

**designated funds**
Support the mission of 501(c)3 organizations by designating them as the beneficiaries of the fund.

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

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

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$5,000 minimum to open all funds, except scholarship funds, which require $25,000

*FASB (Financial Accounting Standards Board) funds not included in total number of funds

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Kirsten Terborg Grand Haven Christian School Tuition Assistance Memorial Fund
The impact of an educator on the lives of her students is a profound one, and one that lasts far beyond the classroom. Kirsten was a beloved teacher at Grand Haven Christian School, and a community effort of administrators, teachers, family, and friends saw to it that her legacy of kindness and generosity would continue through an organizational fund to help GHCS students by providing tuition assistance to those with financial need.

Arno and Judith L Driedger Fund
Service to community is important to Arno and Judy Driedger, and they are busy volunteers in the Coopersville area. They have both served as are board members of Coopersville Cares and the Coopersville Area District Library, as well as are volunteers through the Ottawa Country Victims Advocacy and the Roundabout Beautification Project. They established this designated fund so their minimum distribution from their IRA spendable will support the library and the food pantry. Their caring and giving heart will live long after they are gone.

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50th Anniversary Greatest Needs Fund
Fifty years ago, a group of a dozen community leaders gathered together because they wanted to do something more for their community. They each gave $100 to start what would become the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. Little did they know the impact they would have a half-century later.

We’re proud of our history and the partnerships that brought us to this point, and we’ve opened this greatest needs fund to continue our good work for the next fifty years.

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All featured funds are new as of September 2020
greatest needs funds enable the foundation to remain proactive, responsive, and flexible to our community’s most critical needs.

50th Anniversary Greatest Needs Fund
Friends of the Foundation Fund
Thomas and Mary Kay Alguire Family Fund
Allendale Greatest Needs Fund
40th Anniversary Greatest Needs Fund
Ann Tabor Greatest Needs Fund
Janet and Ruth Beukema Fund
BR Fund
Janice Carducci Fund
Andy & Joyce Cawthon Greatest Needs Fund
Community Action Fund
David and Carol DeBlaey Fund
Howard Dykhouse Fund
Dr. Edgar and Gretchen Garrison Family Fund
GHACF Greatest Needs Fund

■ indicates new fund
Sept 2020-August 2021

Kent M. and Freida Hastings Fund
F. Martin Johnson Greatest Needs Fund
Doris V. Johnson Fund
Ausma Lanka Fund
Amy Lantz Memorial Fund
Lee Family Fund
Paul and Minnie Luytjes Fund
Garry L. and Jean Fisher Mesler Family Fund
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Dr. Larry A. Poel Greatest Needs Fund
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Marion A & Ruth K Sherwood Greatest Needs Fund
James and Mary Teitsma Fund
Robert W. and Mary Ellen Thomas Family Fund
Kenneth and Audrey VanBeukering Fund
Ward W. and Jean M. Verseput Fund
Robert P. and Annette Fisher Whitney Fund

Dr. Larry A. Poel Greatest Needs Fund
Dr. Poel established this greatest needs fund to receive his required minimum distribution (RMD). As a member of the GHACF Legacy Society, Dr. Poel elected to start giving now to this unrestricted fund. Unrestricted funds enable the GHACF to remain flexible and responsive to community needs as they evolve and change over time. This endowed fund will ensure that the philanthropic impact of Dr. Poel continues on in perpetuity.

Public Artifact Preservation Non-Endowed Fund
This organizational fund allows the City of Grand Haven to exclusively designate funds toward supporting the unique public and historic artifacts and installations within the community. This will ensure that the distinctive landmarks that reflect our community’s history are well cared for and can be maintained for generations to come.

Daniel P. Cherette Memorial Fund
Danny lived a life full of enthusiasm and joy in pursuit of his passions. He cared deeply for people and invested himself in the betterment of others throughout his life. After his passing, his family chose to honor Danny’s life by continuing his impact through a non-endowed donor advised fund in his memory. They plan to make meaningful grants that continue Danny’s legacy and caring spirit.
**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
- Tri-Cities Chautauqua Field of Interest Fund
- College Access Endowed Fund
- Dr. Elizabeth Curtis Dental Fund for Children in Need
- Elmer “Lou” Dense Fund
- Elizabeth Davison Kammeraad Dobbie Fund for History
- Alyce R. Erickson Field of Interest Fund
- Farmland Preserve Fund
- Fluor Schwartz Memorial Fund
- Grand Haven Area Community Foundation
  - Arts Fund
  - Environment Fund
  - Family and Children Fund
  - Technical Assistance Fund
  - Youth Fund
- Gene and Sally Harbeck Fund
- Healthy Seniors Healthy Youth Endowment
- Jerovsek Family Fund
- Friends of Kandu Endowment Fund
- L.E.T. (Love, Enjoy, Teach) Fund
- Craig Looman Fund
- Fletcher Meekhof Food Fund
- William H. Young and Dorothy Young Mixer Field of Interest Fund
- North Bank Communities Fund
- North Ottawa Area Community Coalition Fund
- Marie and Lloyd O’Neal Family Fund for Music
- Reichardt Family Endowment Fund
- Helene D. and Bernath P. Sherwood, Jr. Fund
- Mary Ann Sherwood Families and Children Field of Interest Fund
- Tree Replacement Fund
- Tuesday Musicale Fund
- United Way Fund for Human Services
- Wayne VanAgtmaal Field of Interest Fund
- Kenneth and Audrey VanBeukering 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 Foundation
- Zenko Family Field of Interest Fund

### Susan A. Bissell Memorial Fund for the Arts

The establishment of this **donor advised fund** came through a bequest from Susan as a way to continue her life’s work of creating vibrant communities for the benefit of all. She dedicated countless hours to community leadership positions, educational programs, and cultural endeavors. Grants will focus on the arts in Ottawa, Muskegon, and Kent County as a way to reflect Susan’s love of the arts and this community.

### James & Wendy Onderlinde Family Fund for GHCS

This **organizational fund** will support Grand Haven Christian School’s general operations. James and Wendy have strong ties to Grand Haven Christian School, with James serving as the principal from 2014-2019, as well as their three boys attending school there. This fund will reflect their continued support and dedication to educating the minds and shaping hearts of the students at Grand Haven Christian School.

### CHS Class of 1973 Fund

Friends from the Coopersville High School Class of 1973 opened this **donor advised fund** in preparation for their CHS 50th reunion. They want to raise money for Coopersville Area Public Schools for teacher and student projects, and other projects for CAPS. They encourage their classmates to give to this fund now and make an impact on the school. Then, they will celebrate their fundraising at the reunion in 2023.
**donor and corporate advised funds** allow an individual, family, or company to establish a charitable fund with a single gift.

- Add to the fund with additional gifts at any time
- Enjoy administrative convenience, cost savings, and tax advantages
- Gain access to the expertise of the community foundation’s staff
- Recommend grants and leave the administrative tasks to us

@HomeRealty Foundation
Abbit Management Corp
C. Bennett Ainsworth Fund
Alt, Jonas & Mercurio Family Fund
Amberger Family Fund
Cynthia and Donald Anderson Fund
Len and Wanda Anderson Family Fund
Baas Family Fund
George M. Bailey Donor Advised Fund
Douglas and Katharine Baker Family Fund
Pearl Bandstra Fund
**Barker Family Fund**
Ray and Sue Barrett Garden Fund
Paul C. and Carol C. Bedient Family Fund
Betten Baker Fund
Betten Preferred Auto Group Fund
**Susan A Bissell Memorial Fund for the Arts**
BizStream Community Fund
Boeer Family Fund
Carolyn Boersma Fund
Boezzaart Family Fund
David C. and Gail L. Bos Family Fund
**Jake Bouman Memorial Fund**
Mackenzie Boyd Fund
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Clayton Family Fund
John and JoAnne Clickner Family Fund
Bob Constant Athletic Memorial Fund
Mike Cook Fund for Fun in Education
Crane Family Fund
Kennard and Wendy Creason Family Fund

**Craig L & Dianne H LeMieux Fund**
Supporting nonprofits and local philanthropy has always been an important aspect of Craig and Dianne’s journey. They decided to create a lasting, impactful legacy through an endowed donor advised fund, that would allow them to recommend grants to nonprofits over time while also ensuring future support of community and charitable initiatives through their philanthropy. The inclusion of their children as fund successors will encourage this spirit of giving within future generations.

**Barker Family Fund**
Bob and Julie Barker established the Barker Family Fund out of their love for Grand Haven, a community that they acknowledge has given their family so much. The Barkers plan to use their new donor advised fund to assist their family with charitable giving. They very intentionally included their daughter, Alexandra, in the creation of the fund and plan to continue passing along the importance of giving back to positively impact the community.

**Jake Bouman Memorial Fund**
Jake lived a life of adventure and joy. He had a great love for his friends and family, as well as his community. His parents, Mike and Linda, and his sister, Meghan, opened a donor advised fund as a way to honor his impact on the world. His life made a beautiful difference to everyone he met, and this fund is a way to continue spreading the joy Jake brought to others.
William and Mary Creason Fund
Alex Crum Memorial Sports Fund
Scott E. DeBoer Memorial Fund
Howard and Louise Dekker Family Fund
Dale and Elizabeth Deppe Family Fund
Jeremy & Daniela Deppe Family Fund
Detter/Walcott Early Childhood Education Fund
Douglas & Lynnda De Vries Family Fund
Keith and Mary DeWitt Family Fund
Mark and Denise DeWys Family Fund
Ralph and Arleen DeYoung Donor Advised Fund
The Diva Fund
The Dornbush Family Fund
James A. Doss Family Fund
N. Kay Doss Memorial Fund
Howard and Wilma Draft Family Fund
Eagin Family Fund
Martha A. Erickson Fund
B. John and Jennifer Essex Family Fund
William J. Fetts & Dawn M. Dupont Family Fund
The Hon. Mark A. & Debra J. Feyen Family Fund
FISH Fund
Fleming and LaTorre Family Fund
Louis P. and Sharon F. Fracalossi Family Fund
Friends of the Coopersville Library Fund
Gage Family Fund
Gahsman Family Memorial Fund
Grand Haven Rotary Fund
Grandma Glo, TJ, Skylee & Cody Family Fund
Valerie Gutowsky and Craig Councilor Fund
Edward J. and Nancy R. Hanenburg Family Fund
Nancy Hanenburg Fund
Kenneth D. and Janet A. Harestad Family Foundation
James and Catherine Haveman Family Foundation
Douglas and Sharlene Hekman Family Fund
Holtrop-Tubbergen-Holtrop Family Fund
Julia Houle Advised Fund
James and Debra Hovinga Family Fund
Sandy Huber Fund
Richard G. & Patricia R. Huff Children’s Support Fund
Mike and Jane Hutchins Family Fund
George A. and Sherry A. Jackboice Family Fund
James and Sally Jacobs Fund
Alvin E. and Mary C. Jacobson Family Fund
David and Nancy Bird Jacobson Family Fund
Nelson C. and Lana Jacobson Fund
Grand Haven Area Jaycees
Ted V John Charitable Fund
F. Martin and Dorothy A. Johnson Family Fund
Paul A. and Charlotte A. Johnson Family Fund
Johnson Rechner Family Fund
Holly & Erick Johnson Family Fund
JSJ Foundation Fund
Todd and Amy Kamps Family Fund
Brian and Nancy Kamstra Family Fund
Kar Family Fund
Keeton Family Fund
Mikel Allen Kelley Memorial Fund
Sanford and Kristine Kelley Family Fund
Phil and Jane King Family Fund
David J. and Sandra J. Klaassen Fund
Komray Family Fund
James E. & Mary B. Koster Fund
Jim and Candy Krakar Family Fund
Stella Kruizenga Fund for Women
Lahey Family Fund
Craig L & Dianne L MeLieux Fund
Robert and Karen Lemmen Family Fund
Hung and Elsie Liang Fund for Music
Light Corp Foundation Fund
Faith Marie Loese Fund
The Loutit Foundation
Anil K. & Shanti R. Mandala Fund
Mandy’s Promise Fund
Debra and Robert Mann Family Fund
Mary Lou (Witherell) Matzen Alzheimer’s Advocacy Fund
McKeough Family Fund
Larry and Anne McLaughlin Fund
Nate and Kristin Meldrim Family Fund
Robert Jacobson and Donnell Snite Mersereau Fund
Kyle Moreland Memorial Fund
Phyllis and Darel Moreland Family Fund
Peter and Sheila Murdoch Donor Advised Fund
Bonnie Olson Memorial Fund
The William F. O’Connor Foundation, Joanne Unkovskoy, Trustee Fund
Ted and Vicki Parker Family Fund
Richard O. and Elizabeth A. Peel Family Fund
Sherri Ann A. and Thomas C. Pegg Family Fund
Pliant Plastics Foundation Fund
Larry Poel Fund
Craig and Coreen Porter Family Fund
Garrood S Post & Robert A Hill Fund
Ted and Shirley Poulton Family Fund
Quigg Family Advised Fund
Robert H. and Andrea G. Rander Fund
Scott and Julie Reenders Family Fund
Milt and Judy Reeths Fund
Evan and Lois Reinders Fund
Remembrance Church Annual Fund
Gerald & Starr Retzlaff Family Fund
Thomas and Gail Ringelberg Family Fund
Dr. M. Gary and Pennie L. Robertson Family Fund
Norah Lane Roelofs Memorial Fund
Rotary Club of Allendale Fund
Lloyd S. and Marlene Rotz Family Fund
Sylvia and Ron Russett Family Fund
John and Marie Rycenga Family Fund
Jonas Saunders Family Fund
James C. and Rosena A. Sawyer Fund
Science Olympiad Programs of Grand Haven Public Schools Fund
Dan and Carol Sedlock Family Fund
Dave and Dottie Seibold Fund
Shape Corp. Fund
Barbara and Miller Sherwood Family Advised Fund
Marilyn W. and B. P. Sherwood III Family Fund
Sietsema Family Fund
Donald and Dorothy Sikkema Fund
Slagel Family Fund
Slater Family Donor Advised Fund
Linda Shores and Michael Snodgrass Fund
Spring Lake Rotary Endowment Fund
Spring Meadow Fund
Paul K. and Marlene A. Spoelman Family Fund
R. Neal Stanton and Grace F. Stanton Fund
Steffel Family Fund
Dr Alan D. Steinman Fund for the Environment
Sen. Leon E. & Dzintra D. Stille Family Fund
Dee and David Stokes Family Fund
Steven K. & Elizabeth M. Swanson Directed Fund
Dan and Ann Tabor Fund
Kenneth D. and Mary L. Terpstra Family Fund
Theune Family Fund
Tri-Cities Kiwanis Club Fund
VanAndel Family Fund
John and Elaine Vander Kooi Family Fund
Roger and Lois Vander Meulen Family Fund
Verplank Donor Advised Fund
Anthony & Monica Verplank Thriving Communities Fund
Gary & Victoria Verplank Fund for Spring Lake Water Quality
Kyle and Samantha Verplank Family Fund
Victoria Verplank Fund for Spring Lake Village Trees
Waanders Family Fund
Thomas A. and Carolyn R. Wagasky Fund
Robert & Deborah Wagenmaker Family Fund
David H. and Patricia H. Walborn Fund
Wallinga Family Fresh Start Fund
Robert and Jillayne Warners Family Fund
Wallinga Family Fresh Start Fund
Dick and Dorothy Wildeman Family Fund
James & Diana Wright Fund
James and Louise Zevalkink Fund

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**community service funds** are typically short-term funds that enable collective giving to a singular fund that supports a community project. These funds are not invested.

- Allendale Township Fitness Court
- CAPS Community Trails & Outdoor Learning Center Fund
- City of Grand Haven
  - Coal Tipple Restoration Fund
  - Duncan Park Preservation Fund
  - Lighthouse Rehabilitation Fund
  - Waterfront Stadium Fund
  - Imagination Station Reimagine Project Fund
- Save the Catwalk Fund
- College Access Fund
- Community Relief & Recovery Fund
- Coopersville Cares Capital Campaign Fund
- Coopersville Memorial Fund
- GHAPS Mental Health Fund
- Housing Next Fund
- Ottawa County Parks
  - Allendale Trail Fund - Phase 1
  - Grand River Ravines Fund
- South Evergreen School Fund
- Spring Lake Tennis Building Fund
- Village of Spring Lake
  - Art in the Park Fund
  - Central Park Improvement Fund
  - Tanglefoot Park Fund
- West Michigan Symphony Campaign Fund

**Tanglefoot Park Fund**
Originally donated to the Village of Spring Lake for public purposes, Tanglefoot Park is being redeveloped into a public space with space for farmers markets, public gatherings, children’s play, and accessible outdoor recreation. The creation of a green space near the village center will provide residents and visitors with a common space where they can enjoy nature and local events. The funds are held in a **community service fund** by the foundation to allow easy access by the village and donors alike.

**Muskegon Museum of Art Capital Campaign Fund**
As one of the region’s cultural centers, the Muskegon Museum of Art created a capital campaign to expand in order to reflect the size of the collection and create a regional destination for locals and visitors alike. A **community service fund** allows the museum to hold their funds in a single location, and allows donors to easily support this initiative.

**West Michigan Symphony Campaign Fund**
As a leader of music and culture in West Michigan, the West Michigan Symphony opened this fund to grow their endowment. This would allow the symphony to expand their programming, like the impactful Link Up program, and continue to provide music and education to the region. The creation of a **community service fund** allows the symphony to raise funds over a three year period in order to engage the surrounding community.
designated funds support the mission of 501(c)3 organizations by designating them as the beneficiaries of the fund.

Benefits: Provide a steady, long-term source of income for one or more nonprofits or community initiatives. Almost any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization may be designated to receive support for its mission.

Allendale Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund
Allendale Lifelong Learners Fund
Janet C. Beukema Fund for Hospice
Martin-Beverley-Todd Bomers Memorial Band Fund
Martin-Beverley-Todd Bomers Memorial Fitness & Aquatic Center Fund
Boomgaard Fund for Seniors
Dan Burt Designated Fund
Chris Christiansen Youth Scholarship Fund
City of Coopersville Recreation Fund
City of Grand Haven
   Boardwalk 25th Anniversary Fund
   Duncan Park Fund
Thomas N. Cooper Designated Fund
Coopersville Old Kids Fund
Doug Corradini Spirit of #40 Fund
Alex Crum Memorial Fund
Russell H. and Beatrice A. Dornbos Fund
Mark and Lauri Douglas Community Arts Fund
Arno and Judith L Driedger Fund
Dykstra Family Music Fund
First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven
   Karin Fowler Pastoral Care Training Fund
Scott Fredricks Fund
E. Selena Gerig and John J. Gerig Fund
Grand Haven Area Public Schools
   Janet R. Briegel Designated Fund
   Patrick Byrne Memorial Fund
   Judy CorcoranPorath Memorial Fund
   Ronny Kemink Pay to Play Fund
   Jan Rempinski Memorial Scholarship Fund
   for Vocal Music
Grand Haven Rotary Strive Designated Fund
Grand Haven Class of 1953 Fund
Norma V. Green Memorial Art Award
Carol and Winfield Hall Fund for Music
Coral and Peter Hanenburg Memorial Fund
Chuck and Olga Hennesen Fund
Olga A. and Charles J. Hennesen Family Fund
Hill Family Children’s Christian Education Fund
Edward and Florence Huizenga Fund
Jocki Klikschan Fund
Keith and Bernice Lamkin Fund
Casey Lemiieux Fund
Norm and Meg LeMieux Designated Fund
The Robert & Karen Lemmen Children’s Fund
Love J. P. Fund
Robert M & Joyce M Lynas Designated Fund
Mosaic Counseling
   Designated Fund
   Fund for Children and Their Families
North Ottawa Community Hospital
   Dr. Larry Poel Sports Medicine Fund
O’Neill Family Fund
OAI/SD Challenge of Children Fund
George and Nadaire Pardee Fund
Clarence and Bernice Piersma Endowment Fund
Vernon Poest and Roberta Gnerich Poest Designated Fund
Elina Rotman Camp Fund
Lloyd and Marlene Rotz Designated Fund
Cindy Schember “I Love to Read” Endowment Fund
Sheridan Park Fund
Lynne Sherwood Fund for Greater Ottawa County United Way
Roy L. and Karen L. Shields, Jr. St. John’s Lutheran Church Endowment Fund
Robert and Janice Sluka Fund
Spread the Music Foundation Fund
Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church Mission Endowment Fund
Spring Lake District Library Outdoor Beautification Fund
   Restricted Endowment Fund
Spring Lake Public Schools
   Needham Teacher Grant Fund
St. John’s Episcopal Church Altar Guild Fund
Struyk Up the Band Fund
Harlind Throop Memorial Christmas Fund
Donald and Elaine Twiss Fund
Bill and Nanci Tysman Designated Fund
Mary "Meime" vandenBerg Fund
Samuel L. Westerman Sunshine Fund
Ruth Wiereenga Ghana Fund
David A. West Spirit of the Band Award Fund
Donald and Monica Zahm Memorial Fund
Jean H. Zukowski Designated Fund

Mosaic Counseling
The impact an organization can have on an individual or community can inspire generosity. Tom Braciak created this designated fund because Tri-Cities Ministries—now Mosaic Counseling—provided him counseling after the loss of his wife through a support group for widowed or divorced individuals in 2010. Tom wants others to have counseling available to them for those experiencing relationship problems or suffering hardship due to a loss. This fund will forever provide support to Mosaic Counseling through yearly gifts.

Robert M & Joyce M Lynas Designated Fund
Bob and Joyce held a great love for their family and their community. They were dedicated to serving others and creating a positive impact. Through this, a designated fund was established to allow their legacy to continue beyond them and support organizations they were passionate about.
ABC Coalition Fund
Allendale Charter Township Parks and Recreation Fund
Allendale Christian School Endowment Fund
Allendale Historical Society Endowment Fund
Allendale Public School Foundation
Allendale Township Library Endowment Fund
Doris Ewing Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund
American Red Cross
Cynthia Collinge-Golab Volunteer Support Fund
Founding Fund
Ottawa County Fund
Bluebird Cancer Retreats
Endowed Fund
Rosemarie Konopa Cancer Retreat Program Fund
Borculo Christian School Education Foundation
C3 West Michigan’s Inclusive Spiritual Connection Endowment Fund
Memorial Cap Fund
Camp Sunshine Endowed Fund
Central Park Players Endowment Fund
Chester Township Recreation Fund
Children’s Advocacy Center Endowment Fund
Christian Haven Home Fund
Church of the Saviour Fund
City of Coopersville Michael’s Goat Roundabout Non-Endowed Organizational Fund
City of Grand Haven
4th of July Fireworks Fund
7th Street Coast Guard Boat Fund
Asset Protection Fund
Boardwalk Maintenance Endowed Fund
Catwalk Maintenance Fund
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund
Central Park Fountain Endowed Fund
Imagination Station Maintenance Fund
Lighthouse Fund
Memorial Airport Fund
Memorial Airport Immediate Needs Fund
Mulligans Hollow Ski Bowl Cap Improve Fund
Musical Fountain Fund
Pier Safety Fund
Public Artifact Preservation Fund
Public Artifact Preservation Non-Endowed Fund
Public Safety Beach Safety Fund
Splash Pad Fund
Coast Guard Festival
Fireworks Forever Fund
Fireworks Fund
Coopersville Area District Library
Memorial Fund
Robert and Judy VanDongen Fund
Westrate Children’s Library Endowment Fund
Coopersville Area Historical Society Building Fund
Endowment Fund
Coopersville Area Public Schools Athletic Fund
Coopersville Education Endowment Fund
NEO Forum Fund
Performing Arts Center Endowment Fund
Coopersville Cares Endowment Fund
Coopersville Farm Museum, Inc. Fund
Coopersville Reformed Church Fund
Covenant Life Church Endowed Fund
Crockery Township Fire Department Endowment Fund
Eastern Ottawa County Silent Observer
FFA Agricultural Education and Leadership Fund
Family LIFE Center of West Michigan
First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven
Alpha Fund
Memorial Mission Fund
Omega Fund
City of Grand Haven Asset Protection Fund
The City of Grand Haven has numerous iconic locations and public spaces, most notably the lighthouse, that require care and protection in order to preserve them for everyone in the community—resident and visitor alike—to enjoy. Due to a series of vandalisms, the City decided to open a fund dedicated to the protection of these places. This organizational fund allows the city to allocate dollars toward the care, security, and upkeep of important icons in the community.

City of Grand Haven Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund
This organizational fund is dedicated to the care and maintenance of the Lake Forest Cemetery managed by the City of Grand Haven. By opening an organizational fund, the city is able to dedicate funds specifically toward keeping the cemetery preserved and beautiful. By housing these funds with the community foundation, the funds can be invested in order to ensure the continued growth of support toward this purpose.

Wright Tallmadge Firefighters Association Fund
The passionate men and women from the Wright Tallmadge Firefighters Association strive to save lives when disaster strikes. They have started an organizational fund for rescue tools and trainings to save lives. As their funds grow, they will be able to train their association and promote safety for all citizens in, around, and traveling through the West Michigan area. We hope they never have to come to our rescue, but when they do, we are glad they are there.
Four Pointes
Janet R Briegel Non-Endowed Fund
Endowed Fund
Gail Ringelberg Special Needs Fund
Richard and Rosemary Geertsma Fund for GHCS
GHHS Choir Endowment Fund
Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore
Endowment Fund
Gracious Grounds Endowment Fund
Grand Haven First Christian Reformed Church
Endowed Fund
Non-Endowed Fund
Grand Haven Public Schools
Orchestra Endowment Fund
Science Olympiad Programs Fund
Eugene "Gene" Rothi Memorial Athletic Endowment Fund
Grand Haven Christian School Tuition Assistance Fund
Endowed Technology Fund
Grand Haven Rotary STRIVE Designated Endowment Fund
Grand Haven Schools Foundation Endowment Fund
Greater Ottawa County United Way
Homelessness Prevention Endowment Fund
Volunteer Center Designated Fund
Volunteer Center Endowment Fund

Harbor Humane Society Endowment Fund
Humanity for Prisoners Endowment Fund
Legacy Fund
International Aid Endowment Fund
Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Endowment Fund
Non-Endowed Fund
Lakeshore Baptist Church Fund
Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance Endowment Fund
Lamont Christian School Foundation Fund
Land Conservancy of West Michigan Fund
Loutit District Library Endowment Fund
LOVE in Action of the Tri-Cities Fund
Paul and Minnie Luytjes Fund for Second Reformed Church
Michigan Aviation Education Foundation Education Fund
Fontana Fund
Muskegon Museum of Art Capital Campaign Fund Endowment Fund
North Ottawa Amateur Radio Club
North Ottawa Community Hospital Samuel L. Westerman Nursing Education Fund
Mary’s Wish Hospice Fund
Ottagan Addictions Recovery (OAR) Endowment Fund
Ottawa Area Intermediate School District Roerink Visual and Hearing Impaired Special Education Fund
Miles of Smiles Endowment Fund
James & Wendy Underlind Family Fund for GHCS
Ottawa County Parks Foundation Inc
Nature Education Center Endowment Fund
Ray & Alma Statema Park Stewardship Fund
People Center Endowment Fund
Kenneth Ranta Fund for The Little Red House
R.E.A.D. Endowment Fund
Reel Perspectives Fund
Remembrance Church Endowment Fund
Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence Fund
Senior Resources of West Michigan Endowed Fund
Mary Ann Sherwood Fund for Mosaic Counseling
Ski Bowl Designated Endowment Fund
Immediate Needs Fund
SLJGA Fund
Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church Endowment Fund
Spring Lake District Library Endowment Fund
Spring Lake Junior Sailing Association Endowed Fund
Immediate Needs Fund
Spring Lake Presbyterian Church Memorial Trust Fund
Spring Lake Schools Foundation Endowment Fund
Carol Martin Fund
Spring Lake Township Parks and Recreation Fund
Kirsten Torberg GHCS Tuition Assistance Memorial Fund
Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity Endowment Fund
Tri-Cities Family YMCA Endowment Fund
Pete Hill Fund for Y Kids
Tri-Cities Historical Museum Drake-Middlemist Heritage Fund Endowed Fund
Non-Endowed Fund
Tri-Cities strikers Soccer Club Endowment Fund
United Methodist Church of Coopersville Memorial Fund
Midge Verplank Coast Guard Fireworks Fund
Veteran’s Memorial Fund
Summer Concert Series Endowment Fund
Walden Green Montessori Endowment Fund
West Michigan Academy for Arts and Academics Endowment Fund
West Michigan Agricultural Education Center Fund
Wetland Watch Environmental Education Fund
Wright Tallmadge Firefighters Association Fund

Grand Haven Memorial Airport Immediate Needs Fund
This non-endowed organizational fund was established in memory of Mary Rawlinson Creason in order to support the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Grand Haven Airport. Mary was a pillar of the Grand Haven community as well as the aviation community. Her support of women in aviation, of programs to support youth pilots, and local community events highlight her passion for life and love of flying. This fund will allow her legacy to support local aviation needs far into the future.

Grand Haven Area Public Schools Orchestra Endowment Fund
As proud supporters of the Grand Haven Orchestra Program, the Orchestra Boosters of Grand Haven (OBGH), are an independent nonprofit dedicated to the promotion of educational excellence through music and the support of an exceptional orchestra program. The OBGH helps to provide financial support for the Grand Haven Orchestra Program through various fundraising and support activities. The establishment of this organizational fund will help enhance and ensure ongoing support.
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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
Laughlin Family Scholarship Fund
Jack W. Leatherman Family Fund
Leitner Family Fund
Casey LeMieux Central-Mary A. White Schools PTA Fund
Friends of Loutit District Library
Loutit Foundation Scholarship Fund
Pat and John MacTavish Fund
Mandy's Promise Scholarship
Ross McBride Scholarship Fund
Randal and Marilyn Mergener Scholarship Fund
Mary E McGinnis Social Work Scholarship Fund
David James Merkle Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kyle Moreland Memorial Scholarship Fund
Melissa Skiera Myers Scholarship Fund
Nelson Family Scholarship Fund
North Bank Scholarship Fund/North Ottawa Hospital Auxiliary Fund
Alyssa Olafson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Roy and Joyce Overway Family Fund
Marvin R. and Pearl E. Patterson Family Scholarship Fund
P.E.O. Chapter DS Scholarship Fund
Dr Larry Poel Field of Medicine Scholarship Fund
Edward and Barbara Post Family Scholarship Fund
Terry Linda Potter Scholarship Fund
David and Mary Race Vocational/Technical Scholarship Fund
Richard and Barbara Race Scholarship
David A. Reeves Scholarship Fund
Frances Claire Reinecke Scholarship Fund
Jacob L. Reinecke Memorial Scholarship Fund
Daniel L. Reiss Memorial Scholarship Fund
Harold and Eleanor Ringelberg Scholarship Fund
Charles Robertson Scholarship Fund for Education
Runschke Family Scholarship Fund
Charles and Eleanor Ryenga Education Fund
St. John's Lutheran Church and School Scholarship Fund
St. Patrick's & St. Anthony's Church Scholarship Fund
Millicent Mary Schaffner Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund
David and Jinny Schultz Family Fund
David & Sharon Seaver Family Scholarship Fund in Memory of Timothy D. Seaver
Del Shannon Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ken and Sandy Sharkey Family Scholarship Fund
Susan Shattuck Scholarship for Future Nurses
Lynne Sherwood Scholarship Fund
GH Rotary / Lynne Sherwood STRIVE Scholarship
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Business Scholarship Fund
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Current College Scholarship Fund
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Education Scholarship Fund
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Engineering Scholarship Fund
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Medical Scholarship Fund
Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Michigan College Alliance Scholarship Fund
Miller G. Sherwood Family Scholarship Fund
Maryadele Sparks Scholarship Fund
Spartanwill Scholarship Fund
Spring Lake High School Social Studies Prize
Frank and Virginia Such Memorial Scholarship Fund
Edward P. Suchecki Family Scholarship Fund
Henry D. and Ruth G. Swartz Family Fund
Clifford & Hope Taylor Scholarship Fund
Grace Thatcher Scholarship
H. Wayne VanAgtmael Cosmetology Scholarship
Marv VandenBosch Scholarship Fund
Lorraine VanBeukering Scholarship Fund
VFW Post 2326 Ward-Goff Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bob Warren & Carole Curry-Warren Scholarship Fund
Waters’ Family Scholarship Fund
Louise Wachter Wickham Scholarship Fund
West Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association Scholarship Fund
Mary E. Wilsberg Scholarship Fund
Paul Wolbrink Scholarship Fund
Women’s Club of Grand Haven Scholarship Fund
Daryn Renee Worpel Scholarship
Herman J. and Helen Wyngarden Memorial Scholarship Fund
Zenko Family Fund
Leo Zupin Memorial Scholarship Fund

2021 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.

Cindy Anderson (Chair, Board), Keith Konarska (Board), Debra Mann (Griffin Principal), Kim McLaughlin (TCAN), Angie Prieditis (GHHS Counselor), Susan Tater (OAISD), Naomi VanSingel (SLHS), Julia Wagner (SLHS), Aaron West (SLPS Principal).
building the future together

"The combination of generous donors and amazingly talented students fills me with gratitude for all our community foundation has enabled, and confidence that the future of our community will remain strong."

— Cindy Anderson, Scholarship Committee Chair, 2021

Thanks to our generous donors, 224 area students received a combined $655,095 in scholarships in 2021.

334 applications received 344 applications received
220 students awarded a scholarship 224 students awarded a scholarship
$621,140 awarded in scholarships $655,095 awarded in scholarships*
$2,800 average award package $2,370 average award package (awards range from $285-$10,000)

Scholarship recipients were awarded a multi-year scholarship

Who are our recipients?
72% High School Seniors | 28% Currently in College

Multi-Year Scholarships awarded in 2021
14 renewable for 2 years 3 renewable for 4 years
20 students received the next installment of their 2- or 4-year award

Of the $655,095 awarded in 2021, 27% was to the first year, or a renewal year award of a multi-year award

80% of first-generation student applicants received scholarships

That’s 49 students!

"I am thankful for each and every one of you who donated to this fund so I could have the opportunity to advance not just my education, but my dreams. We all have dreams, and your generosity has made my dreams easier to reach."

— Carli Brodie

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
The GHACF Impact Investment Committee was formed at the end of 2019 to explore a different option for investments. In February 2020, the GHACF board approved a $1.5 million investment with Michigan Community Capital (MCC) to develop workforce housing in Northwest Ottawa County. This investment aligned a portion of the foundation’s assets with the GHACF’s mission and goals, providing social benefits to our community by investing in Main Street, not just Wall Street.

This partnership with MCC is the next step in the journey that began with Housing Next, an initiative the GHACF cofounded in 2017 focused on supporting housing solutions for all income levels in our community. Solving the workforce housing crisis takes innovative thinking, and we believe this investment, together with collaborating with other organizations throughout Ottawa County, will help get us there.

"With this reduced cost of capital, MCC can provide housing at a price-point not being built by the private sector," said Eric Hanna, President and CEO of MCC. "Homes priced between $150,000-$250,000 target a critical sector of middle-income workforce in the area. These families face a shortage of housing that puts a strain on economic prosperity and job growth."

“This investment is a key piece of the puzzle to help reduce the cost of housing in the area." – Eric Hanna

MCC lends and invests in income-diverse, race-diverse, and occupation-diverse communities to counter gentrification and create upward mobility and wealth building opportunities for underserved individuals and families in Michigan.

Since receiving funding, MCC has moved forward with an affordable housing development on Comstock Street in Grand Haven.

"[This] investment will help bring 30 homes to Grand Haven that will be affordable to middle-income households earning between $39,000-$65,000 annually," said Marilyn Crowley, Vice President, Investment of MCC. “These homes will be high-quality, energy efficient, and, most importantly, affordable to many families working in the region.”

These investments complement the GHACF’s current investment policy, programs, and grant-making activities and establish a process for the expanded investment and development of resources in the community. The foundation continues to follow its investment policy and these impact investments will allow further diversification of our portfolio.
Over the past year, our community has pulled together and demonstrated why this is such a wonderful place to live. We’ve lived by the mantra to “hold each other up” and invite you to do the same.

2021-22 Advisory Board

Top row: Ira Engeltjes (Chair), Marty Alexander (Vice Chair), Cori Conran (Secretary). Middle Row: Cheryl Annen (Treasurer), Matt Hehl, LaVonne Marshall. Bottom row: Kurt Meinders, Kelley Monterusso, Kathlene Sheridan

CAYAC
The Coopersville Area Youth Advisory Council is made up of high school students from the Coopersville area. CAYAC members meet during the school year to discuss and assess youth issues prevalent in the community, as well as to review grant proposals made to benefit youth in the community.

Members of CAYAC have the opportunity to make real change by awarding grants to projects which make a positive impact on the community.
The Allendale community has continued to demonstrate why we are #AllendaleStrong, and we’re proud to be a part of it.

2021-22 Advisory Board

Top row: Jim Beelen (Chair), Kellen Brusveen (Vice Chair), Kristi Roelofs (Secretary). Middle row: Gwen Luban (Treasurer), Mark Allen, Rebecca Casler. Bottom row: Nicholas Lillie, Don Lipinski, Hilda Wittingen

2020 Competitive Grants

$19,973

Education 47% – $9,473
Health & Human Services 48% – $9,500
Technical Assistance & Strategic Partnership 5% – $1,000

Assets

$3,609,183 (as of 12/31/20)

44 Funds (including FASB funds)

Total Granted

$94,921

Teacher Mini-Grants

The Allendale Community Foundation invites area schools to apply for mini-grant funding to try out a new idea or buy the “extras” for an already great lesson plan or project.

Grants of up to $250 are awarded to teachers to enhance their instructional program. Any teacher, counselor, or administrator employed in a public or private school located in the Allendale area is eligible to apply. Grants are limited to one per classroom and one per teacher per school year.

26 Teacher Mini-Grants

$6,223
Youth are empowering together

As we’ve all learned this past year, kids are resilient. Our Youth Advisory Council was no different, as they volunteered, awarded grants, and continued to make a difference in the lives of area youth—all from behind a video screen.

*Congratulations to our seniors who graduated in 2020!*

"I joined YAC because I wanted to leave a positive, enduring impact on our community, especially given the opportunities it has allowed me to pursue. I am so grateful for the chance to work with such an empowering group of people as this one!" —Angela Tran

"I enjoyed the arts show hosted at Jumpin’ Java, getting to talk to the youth who entered art was amazing because it allowed me to interact with people who through YAC I’ve given a platform to highlight youth achievement." —Ian Rant

"One of my favorite YAC grants was when we funded the wheelchair basketball tournament. This was such an amazing program and I’m glad that we got to see the impact of it and participate. I also love when we sponsored the wall mural at Seven Steps Up because I get to see it every time that I drive through Spring Lake and it makes me happy to see our support in the community." —Madigan Lautzenheiser

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Since 1991, YAC has had over 250 members and has awarded over $2.1 million in grants to programs that address relevant, pressing issues that face area youth. It is currently the largest YAC in the state of Michigan!

Hand2Hand received funding from the Youth Fund, as well as the foundation’s Emergency Human Needs Fund and the Community Relief & Recovery Fund.

In mid-November, YAC partnered with Hand2Hand to nourish over 8,000 students by assembling breakfast packs. Hand2Hand delivered trailers right to our parking lot and YACers (as well as foundation staff) were able to pick up the items and assemble individual food packs at home.

Each student was responsible for assembling 250 packs and members were able to see their grant dollars in action.

Grant Priorities

**Mental & Emotional Well-Being:** Grand Haven High School Staff & Student Wellness, Mental Health Matters at Spring Lake High School, and Project CARE at Walden Green Montessori

**Physical Well-Being:** Water safety education at the Tri-Cities Family YMCA

**Community & Cultural Well-Being:** Counselor engagement at Camp Sunshine

**18 Grants by YAC**

$99,122

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

2020-21 Youth Advisory Council

**12th Graders:** Grand Haven: Coryn French, Madigan Lautzenheiser, Ian Rant (Treasurer), Madison Rogers (Chair and Grants & Program Committee Representative), Oliver Shampine, Lauren Smelker, Angela Tran; Home School: Sophia Raha. **11th Graders:** Grand Haven: Gavin Hubner, Aashray Mandala (Vice Chair), Lexi Naperala, Jacob Marcus, Elena Yu; Spring Lake: Ryann Gilchrist, Sadie Williams. **10th Graders:** Grand Haven: Paige Peterson, Jake Roberson, Kyla Streng, Clara Thelen; Spring Lake: Caroline Henry
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.

Our annual Legacy Society Event is when we traditionally remember and honor the legacies who were realized since the last time we gathered. For the second year in a row, we cancelled our annual 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.

Mary Kay Alguire

Mary Kay led a life of kindness, humility, and service toward her family and community. She treated everyone she met with respect, creating a positive presence both during her career as an educator as well as by volunteering throughout the community. She instilled an ethos of kindness and inclusion within her children and grandchildren and always sought to see the best in others.

Her dedication to her community, her church, and her family is reflected in her giving spirit and commitment to the betterment of the Grand Haven area.

Janet R. Briegel

Janet Briegel committed herself to our community and its future, our children. Born and raised in Grand Haven, her love of the community showed in the hours she dedicated to local organizations, activities and volunteer work. From creating music, to educating at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, Janet shared her passions and knowledge with everyone.

Janet’s long career as an educator at Ferry Elementary School impacted countless lives, and her support will continue to benefit area youth forever, through both her scholarship fund, which assists students pursuing careers in education, and her designated fund, which supports Ferry Elementary students.
Richard C. Briegel

Dick devoted his time and energy to serving the community through his works and charitable spirit. He served on the foundation’s Board of Trustees from 1995-2001, helping guide us in our support of Northwest Ottawa County. Beyond this, he consistently and steadfastly impacted our community through his volunteering of time and energy in various leadership positions.

As donors and fund holders, Dick and his wife, Patricia, generously supported local education, religious, and health and human service-related organizations.

Mary R. Creason

Mary lived a life full of adventure and opportunity—ideas she strove to share with everyone she could. Mary loved to fly, a passion that led her to support countless youths in pursuing aviation. She had a variety of roles as an educator and advisor for aeronautics, generating a lot of local support for aviation through her work at the Grand Haven Memorial Airport.

The creation of the Michigan Aviation Education Foundation was one way Mary, and her fellow pilots, could forever impact the lives of aviation students through scholarships. The Grand Haven Memorial Airport Greatest Needs Fund was also established in memory of Mary to support the ongoing general operations of the Grand Haven Memorial Airport.

Her love for life, for aviation, and for our community created an aura of adventure and aspirations for the future among all who met her.

Gretchen Garrison

Gretchen was dedicated to her family and her community. She was known to be generous and kind, with many friends whom she enjoyed spending time with.

Her dedication to her family and friends also extended to her support of her community. Her legacy is reflected in the establishment of the Dr. Edgar and Gretchen Garrison Family Fund, which will help support the greatest needs of the Grand Haven area. By supporting the greatest needs of the community, Gretchen can show her continuing love for her family and friends.

Nancy Moss

Nancy lived a life full of adventure and passion—something she instilled in others through her long career in education. She supported the educational successes and futures of students through a variety of programs, from scholarships to creativity studies to mission trips.

Nancy’s involvement in the community was widespread. She spent her time volunteering and enjoying the beauty of the outdoors, especially through traveling. She utilized her many talents to not only live an extraordinary life, but also to encourage the success of our future through our students and educational system. Nancy’s commitment to our community continues through her legacy and dedication to the musical education for children with special needs.
Pearl E. Patterson

Pearl committed herself to our community in a myriad of ways. She cared for the community through her church’s activities, as well as through the Red Cross. Her attention to the health of our community extended into the natural world, through Pearl’s great love and concern for nature and animals. Her dedication as a Scout leader for both the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts allowed her to guide many youth. Pearl will forever support the students of our community through her scholarship fund, allowing them to pursue their dreams and find a fulfilling future.

Mary A. Teitsma

Mary was an active community member whose kindness is reflected in her love of the Tri-Cities. As one of the first members of 100 Women Who Care, Mary supported numerous programs and projects that promoted the betterment of our community. She and her husband, James, also saw that the continued success and future of our community rests on the foundations laid today. Through this, they created a named greatest needs fund at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation in order to support the needs of Northwest Ottawa County, forever.

John P. VanEenenaam

John led a life of continual education and generosity. He lived a life in service to the community, promoting the success of students and future lawyers through his mentoring and support. His various leadership positions showed the depth of his care for our community. He also brought joy into West Michigan through the West Michigan Banjo Club. His spirit and dedication to this community reflected the idea that all acts done in service of others help to build a brighter future for everyone.

Frederic P. vandenBerg

Rick lived a life of humble service, quiet leadership, and grace. His work for the community reflected his deep love for West Michigan. As long-time generous donors to the foundation, he and his wife, Donna, believed in the need to preserve the icons of our community. When Rick’s sister passed away, he and Donna established the Mary “Meime” vandenBerg Fund in her memory, which will support the Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy and the Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes in perpetuity.
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 Alguire
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 Blauvelt
William & Katherine Blessing
Mary Jane Boettcher
Norm & Carolyn Boeve
T. Arnold & Lynne Boezaart
Calvin & Evelyn Bosman
Barbara Boyer
Tom Braciak
Patricia K. Briegel
Budd & Melinda Brink
James & Jane T. Brown
Fred Bruhn
John & Claire Bryson
Cheri & Ron Bultje
Kevin Carberry & Carol Alexander
Nancy Carlyle
Cyndi Casemier
Stacey Cassis & Arianna Morales
Joe & Cheryl Clark
Margaret Coffey
John Cook & Jane E. Leonard
Harold "Pete" & Cindy Crane
Kennard & Wendy 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 Duthler
Jim & Marla Dykstra
Nancy Dzierzawski
David & Mary Eakin
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
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 Jullie
Aurthur & Janice Keating
James & Mary Keating
Katherine L. Keck
J. Gregg & Mary Keeton
Jack & Joanne Kelley
Sanford "Mark" & Kristine Kelley
Barbara Kelso
Phil & Jane King
Thomas & Kimberly Kitchen
Dave & Sandy Klaassen
Kurt & Jennifer Klaassen
Mark A. & Elizabeth Kleist
Raymond & Betsy Komray
Scott & Madonna Kramer
Ken Lahey
Keith & Bernice Lamkin
Tom & Jackie Laughlin
Philip M. & Betty J. Leech
James & Nancy MacLachlan
Angelo & Laura Marasco
Nina Mckeough-Reed
Larry & Anne McLaughlin
Damon & Kim McLaughlin
Douglas McNeil
Sandra & Frank Mercurio
Muriel Mersereau
Robert J. & Donnell S. Mersereau
Jean Fisher Mesler
Nancy E. Middlebrook
Dr. James Moore & Patricia Eddington
Phyllis A. & Darel L. Moreland
Steven & Sandra Moreland
Evelyn Morford
Donald Moss
Peter & Sheila Murdoch
Nancy & Charles Nagtzaam
John & Kathryn Nash
Raymond F. & Barbara J. Nelson
Matthew M. & Kathryn E. (Jerosek) Olds
Greg Oleszczuk & Jeanine Taghon-Oleszczuk
James & Ruthann Olthoff
Roy & Joyce Overway
Jill & Tim Parker
Dan & Eileen Paull
Elizabeth Peel
Thomas C. Pegg
Anita Pellegron
Matthew & Joyce Pellegron
Marsha Peterson
John Planteroth
Larry Poel
Craig & Coreen Porter
Edward & Barbara Post
Shirley A. & Ted A. Poulton
Joseph & Nancy Prinzi
Bill & Aileen Redeker
Field Reichard
Rosanne M. Reiss
Gerald Retzlaff
Nancy Rhem
M. Gary & Pennie Robertson
Lloyd Roetz
Sylvia & Ron Russett
Robert & Bobbi Jones Sabine
Dan & Carol Scanlan
James Schmidt & Karen West
Richard & Carol Scholler
David & Jinny Schultz
David & Sharon Seaver
Kenneth & Sandra Sharkey
William & Susan Shattuck
John & Patricia Shears
Budge & Marilyn Sherwood
Gary & Karen Sherwood
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Janet Tomhave
Joseph & Carol Uridil
Edith VanBurgal
Donna vandenBerg
John Vander Kooi
Marianne VanEenenaam
Dale & Susan VanZantwick
Elinore "Norma" Verplank
L. J. "Midge" Verplank
Tony & Monica Verplank
Ken & Sherri Vis
Margot L. Van Dis & Jeffrey R. Miller
Robert & Deborah Wagenmaker
David & Patricia Walborn
Ruth Wallinga
Walt & Daphne Weber
Amy L. West
Andrew Wheeler
Curtis & Terri Whiting
David & Mary Whiting
Annette Whitney
Nancy & Warren Wildeman
Leslie Wills
Paul Withun
David & Karen Young
Rosemary A. Zink
Michael & Sasha Zolik
Douglas & Janice Zuidema
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To learn more about our team, visit ghacf.org/who-we-are/team.

We are grateful for Chad's years of service and we look forward to his continued leadership in our community.
While this is a report on the 2020 calendar year, we would be remiss not to mention our 50th anniversary. If you would like to help the community foundation continue our good work TOGETHER, please consider a gift to the 50th Anniversary Greatest Needs Fund.
imagine what we can do