

honoring together

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.

Legacies recognized from August 2020-September 2021



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. VanEenaam

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	David & Mary Eagin	Nina McKeough-Reed	Budge & Marilyn Sherwood
Donald & Cindy Anderson	Martha Erickson	Larry & Anne McLaughlin	Gary & Karen Sherwood
Len & Wanda Anderson	Jon & Glenda Eshleman	Damon & Kim McLaughlin	Karen Shields
David Baas	Steve & Mary Jane Evink	Douglas McNeil	Dorothy Sikkema
Paula B. Baas	Wallace & Jane Ewing	Sandra & Frank Mercurio	Gerald & Linda Slagel
William & Mary Baker	Patricia Fisher	Muriel Mersereau	Robert E. & Janice D. Sluka
Steven & Kathryn Bandstra	John & Kathryn Fortino	Robert J. & Donnell S. Mersereau	Gary & Jorri Smith
Sue Barrett	Patrick & Robin Fraker	Jean Fisher Mesler	Julie Smydra
Charlie & Mary Jo Bassett	Barbara Fugazzotto	Nancy E. Middlebrook	Linda S. Shores &
Charles (Chad) Bassett II	Edward "Tony" Gage	Dr. James Moore &	R. Michael Snodgrass
Paul Bedient	Rob & Jill Garrison	Patricia Eddington	Rick & Mary Ann Snyder
William & Carolyn Benes	Tom Gifford	Phyllis A. & Darell L. Moreland	Larry & Stephanie Staab
Carroll & Dottie Bennink	Edward & Laura Grafton	Steven & Sandra Moreland	Tyler M. Stafford
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Susan & Mark Blauvelt	Janet A. Harestad	Peter & Sheila Murdoch	Kent & Bonnie Suchecki
William & Katherine Blessing	Steve & Tami Harvey	Nancy & Charles Nagtzaam	Ruth Suchecki
Mary Jane Boettcher	Shirley Hipwell	John & Kathryn Nash	Dennis & Carol Swartout
Norm & Carolyn Boeve	Andy & Alice Hoban	Raymond F. & Barbara J. Nelson	Dan & Ann Tabor
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Calvin & Evelyn Bosman	Stephen & Joy Hohmeyer	(Jerovsek) Olds	James Teitsma
Barbara Boyer	Judith W. Hooyenga	Greg Oleszczuk & Jeanine	Ken and Mary Terpstra
Tom Braciak	Jim & Deb Hovinga	Taghon-Oleszczuk	Guy & Alisha Terrill
Patricia K. Briegel	Paul & Diana Hugo	James & Ruthann Olthoff	Peter & Judy Theune
Budd & Melinda Brink	Sherry Jackoboice	Roy & Joyce Overway	Janet Tomhave
James & Jane T. Brown	Tom & Barb Jackoboice	Jill & Tim Parker	Joseph & Carol Uridil
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Nancy Carlyle	Holly & Erick Johnson	Matthew & Joyce Pellegrom	Dale & Susan VanZantwick
Cyndi Casemier	Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson	Marsha Peterson	Elinore "Norna" Verplank
Stacey Cassis & Arianna Morales	Roger & Susan Jonas	John Planteroth	L. J. "Midge" Verplank
Joe & Cheryl Clark	Jeff & Kellie Jullie	Larry Poel	Tony & Monica Verplank
Margaret Coffey	Aurthur & Janice Kanine	Craig & Coreen Porter	Ken & Sherri Vis
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Nancy Dzierzawski	Angelo & Laura Marasco	William & Susan Shattuck	
		John & Patricia Shears	