



Building Legacies Everyday

community foundation of monroe county
report to the community 2014-15





From the Executive Director

Statement of Financial Position

Dear Friends;

This year growing pressures on our business model has required that we respond differently to opportunities and challenges in Monroe County. We know that the status quo is no longer an option. The world has changed and so must we. The urgency and size of the problems we face require that we lead initiatives to better the welfare of the community in which we reside. We the Community Foundation seeks to mobilize our resources and create additional means through grants to meet the community needs. Consequently, the measure that matters is our impact, not our asset size.

We have chosen to commit ourselves even more deeply to our community, including both donors and residents. Examples of such programs are: Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) to expand resources to lower barriers preventing students from pursuing postsecondary educational opportunities. Access to Recreation in which we support universal accessibility of recreational sites and activities to enhancing participation of persons of disabilities. In both of these programs we are committed to fundamentally change the way our community thinks, works and play.

Currently, one active community group is GROW (Giving Represents Our Women). These dedicated women advocate for women and children and award grants to worthy non-profit organizations in our community annually. Recently we accepted new scholarship funds to benefit our students: Capaul, Rammler and Schyllander Memorial Scholarships. It is thoughtful citizens like this that enhance life in our community. This year the Foundation awarded \$232,000 in grant and scholarships to our community.

The Community Foundation continues to inspire individuals, families, organizations and businesses to create permanent charitable funds to help our community meet the challenges of changing times. We continue seek to find ways to increase our impact on improving the quality of life in our wonderful Monroe County.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff of the Community Foundation of Monroe County thank you for your continued support. We encourage you to consider donating this year and/or inquire how we can work together to accomplish your charitable goals. We are here to support you in your philanthropic efforts.

Kind regards,

Kathleen Rousseau
Executive Director

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$677,741
Investments	5,720,606
Contributions Receivable	3,925
Prepaid Expenses	2,687
Notes Receivable - net	40,413
Office Equipment - net	930

Total Assets **\$6,446,302**

Liabilities & Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$3,126
Deferred Revenue	11,905
Annuity Obligation	110,450
Contributions Held for Others	222,918

Total Liabilities **\$348,399**

Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$5,808,052
Temporarily Restricted	289,851

Total Net Assets **\$6,097,903**

**Total Liabilities &
Net Assets**

\$6,446,302



Confirmed in compliance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations





The Milan Report:

Ways of Giving

The past year has been another good year for the Greater Milan Area Community Foundation. We enjoyed an entertaining and successful Gala in February which celebrated our 10th anniversary.

We are hard at work planning our next Gala, which will be held on **February 20th, 2016**. Please mark this date on your calendar.

We have had changes in our Board as Rob Mull's term expired and he decided not to continue. We greatly appreciate Rob's service and look forward to his continuing support. We welcomed two new members to our board, Sue Kesterson and Michelle Sanford. These new members bring a wide range of skills and experience to our Foundation and we appreciate their contributions and service to our community.

We are about to hold our annual Grant Awards and Donor Appreciation event. As noted in the treasurers' report below, we were able to increase our 2015 grant awards by some \$5,000 over last year's awards. We are very excited to make these grants and reinvest in our community. We also were able to increase our scholarship awards this past spring, helping Milan students pursue higher education.

Once again I must encourage you to consider the Greater Milan Area Foundation as a vehicle to provide on-going support to your community into perpetuity as a part of your estate plan. With our partners at the Community Foundation of Monroe County, we can assist you with both lifetime charitable giving and estate planning. It does not have to be complicated or expensive. We are here to help you help your community.

For good...For Ever...For Everyone

Thank you Milan – you have a big heart for a small community!

Chris Wetzler
President, the Greater Milan Area
Community Foundation

Knowing that your charitable gift is used for the sole purpose of improving and enhancing all citizens' quality of life is the main benefit of giving through the Foundation. Because these gifts are endowed and remain with the Foundation, your gift is truly For good Forever, For Everyone.

By giving a gift through the Community Foundation, you have the opportunity:

Of knowing that your charitable wishes will be fulfilled now and in the future.

Of receiving maximum tax benefits from your gift.

Of choosing from a variety of funds that allow you to address a broad range of local concerns that interest you.

Of personalizing your own legacy by setting up a special fund named for your family or a loved one.

A variety of assets can apply:

- Outright gifts of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate and/or personal property.
- Bequests by Will of cash or property.
- Life insurance naming the Foundation as beneficiary and/or owner.
- Deferred gifts such as charitable gift annuities, lead trusts and remainder trusts.
- Gifts in memory or in honor of a loved one.
- Private foundation transfers.

Types of Funds you can create:

Unrestricted – gives the foundation flexibility to direct grant making dollars where they're needed most.

Field of Interest – defines a broad area of interest for grant making (education, arts, youth, health, housing elderly or environment).

Donor Advised – allows you to play an active roll in grant making by recommending what projects you'd like to support.

Designated – specifies one or more non-profit organizations you wish to support.

Scholarship – creates a name scholarship according to the guidelines and selection criteria you establish.

Agency Endowment – supports the administration and organizational costs of the named agency.





Access to Recreation Initiative

The Access to Recreation Endowment Fund Committee is a standing committee of the Community Foundation. The purpose of this committee is to provide oversight of the grants and beneficiaries of the funds from the endowment and promote the tenets to support universal accessibility to recreational sites and activities.

The Access to Recreation Grant program had up to \$10,000 in grant funds available for the purchase of universally accessible projects, recreation equipment, and/or materials (such as, but not limited to... all terrain hiking wheelchairs, pool lifts, accessible unitary playground surface, transfer systems, beach access mats, trail surface enhancements, accessible picnic tables, etc.) which enhance recreation participation by people with disabilities. Items to be purchased and projects must directly and specifically enhance access to the recreation experience. The committee meets at least annually.



From 2014: Ash Township grant to improve Unity Park play area and equipment

Local donors established Endowment Funds

The Community Foundation of Monroe County is pleased to announce the establishment of three new scholarships to benefit students in our community:

- First the William Capaul Family Scholarship to benefit seniors at Ida high school with interests in history, demonstrate academic achievement and community participation.
- Second, the Adam Schyllander Memorial Scholarship for seniors at Summerfield School with interests in sports and community service and are enrolled in a college, community college or trade school.
- Third, the Harold and Helen Rammler Nursing Scholarship for those pursuing a nursing career. Scholarships will be awarded annually.



Giving Represents Our Women

This philanthropic women's organization supports women and children organization throughout our community. The group unites powerful, visionary women who are committed to effecting lasting, fundamental change in the community and helping our women and children make better lives for themselves.

The purpose of the group is to: Ensure that women have the information they need to be effective philanthropists. Financially support organizations that can provide a better life for women and help promote a better future for our children. Keep members informed of the issues in our community that are currently affecting these individuals and become an active participant in changing those situations.

- 2009**
Soroptimist – Girls Circle
Sunrise House –
Family Counseling and Shelter
- 2010**
Campfire MI
Masonic Charities
- 2011**
New Beginnings Mercy House
Monroe County Child Advocacy Center
- 2012**
Family Counseling and Shelter Services CASA
- 2013**
Learning Bank
Stepping Stones
Women Empowering Women
Family Counseling and Shelter Services
- 2014**
New Beginnings Mercy House
Women Empowering Women
MCOP



For Good. For Everyone. Forever.

2014/2015 Scholarships & Grants Awarded \$189,000

Scholarships Awarded \$86,000

Ahadi Women In Science Scholarship

Kayla Durbin
Morgan Meade

Airport Community Schools Scholarship

Kasey Balog
Hannah Doederlein
Jenna Gadille
Jenna Meyer
Ashley Teets

Gerri Antonelli Memorial Scholarship

Jennifer Estrada
Riley Mitchell
Maleigha South

Robert & Luella Breitner Scholarship

Jenna Boss
Leah Puterbaugh

William Capaul Endowed Family Scholarship

Kaitlin Lambert

Nicholas B. Clemens Scholarship

Hannah Doederlein

Community Foundation of Monroe County

Beau Massingill
Reid Olmstead

Thomas & Rosella Day Memorial Scholarship

Chealsea Ball
Kasey Balog
Hannah Doederlein
Emily Dusicska
Jenna Gadille
Jenna Meyer
Ashley Teets

Jonna D. Dusseau Memorial Scholarship

Marley Tucker

Rich Duvall Memorial Scholarship

Tiffany Matzas

Thomas Fox Scholarship

Chase Mason

Grattan & Stephen Gray Scholarship

Abby Howard

Ida High School Alumni Scholarship

Kaitlin Lambert
Matthew Miller

Marilyn Iott Memorial Scholarship

Cole Bischoff
Emily Borg
Jakob Boss
Kyle Cousino
Rachel Fox
John Goodin
Taylor Goodin
McKenna Hoberg
Noah Krueger
Jessie Langmeyer
Emily Puterbaugh
Leah Puterbaugh
Taylor Smith
Sydney Spalding
Kiersten Spohn
Rebekah Stevens
Zachary Szparagowski
Brandi Tipton
Jacob Whaley
Breanna Whited

Merel F. & Maggie M. Keck Scholarship

Jenna Book
Kassidy Krimmel
Jennifer Nieman

Dr. Annetta Kelley Scholarship

Ian Adler

Milt & Sally Knabusch Ministerial & Parochial School Scholarship

Savannah Diroff
Christopher Durham
Anna Kruger

The Thelma M. & Joseph N. LaHood, Sr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Charleston Brown
Nicole Keller
Samantha Michael
Nicholas Moore
Lennon Steward
Mason Vanisacker
Alexzander Maniaci

LaRocca Family Scholarship

Julia Ostrosky
Sydney Spalding
Brandi Tipton
Jacob Whaley
Breanna Whited

B.D. & Jane McIntyre Scholarship

Jenna Biggs
Matthew Vanisacker

MSM Scholarship

Dominic Close
Jackson Cousino
Isaiah Hendrick
Robert Johnson
Cooper Johnson
Parker Johnson
John Netter
Sara Netter
Max O'Mara
Skylar Young

Rewarding Academic Excellence

Sloane Lynch

Shannon Revel Scholarship

Gloria Chun

Roy Sanders Memorial Scholarship

Wyatt Bergmoser
Kiernan Brown
Benjamin Carter
Danielle Craanen
Abigail Drummond
Jennifer Estrada
Cailyne Flint
Augustine Flint
Ryan Gennoe
Shane Gessner
Seth Haliburda
Maria Hintz
Riley Mitchell
Avery Murbach
Anna Sachs
Maleigha South
Theresa Swain
Braden VanWashenova

Adam Schyllander Memorial Schol

Ethan Dixon

Summerfield Scholarship

Noah Krueger
John Milkovich
Megan Racklyeft
Justin Seitz

Spencer & Lucille Wagar Memorial Scholarship

Stephanie Slat

Charles & Virginia Whitten Scholarship

Tiffany Cohoon
Reid Depowski
Connor Knowles
Matthew Miller

Gregory Wing Memorial Scholarship

Garrett Bergmoser
Brooklyn Carter
Samantha Craanen
RaeAnn Drummond
Analiese Flint
Lily Flint
Anthony Gennoe
Shane Gessner
Blake Haliburda
Andrew Hintz
Riley Mitchell
Anna Sachs
Maleigha South
Katelyn Swain
Theresa Swain
Braden VanWashenova

Ryan Wolniewicz Memorial Hockey Scholarship

Darryl Kuchcinski

Dorothy Manausso Wuest, Gerald A. Wuest & Jay Wuest Memorial

Kayla Durbin
Connor Gessner
Alexandra Ward

"Education is the
most powerful
weapon which you
can use to change
the world."

~
Nelson Mandela

Grants to the Community \$103,000

MCOP

Humane Society of Monroe County
Community Foundation Imagination Library
Women Empowering Women
Bedford Community Foundation
United Way of Monroe County
Christ Lutheran Church
YMCA
Monroe Boat Club
Ash Township
Friends of the Dundee Library
American Red Cross
New Beginnings Mercy House
Dundee Middle School
City of Milan

Total Greater Milan Area Community Foundation Grants \$43,000

Milan Parks & Recreation
Milan Children's Preschool
Milan Public Library
Your Spot Community Outreach
Milan Area Historical Society
Aid in Milan
Milan Seniors for Healthy Living
First Steps Milan
Symons Elementary
Milan High School
Paddock Elementary
Milan Area Chamber of Commerce
Milan Beautification Commission
4 Hands for Kids

To Apply for Grants

Initial contact with the Community Foundation of Monroe County may be by letter or telephone, describing the project, stating the specific amount requested and defining the community need to be addressed. The grant seeker will be asked to complete a formal grant application and provide additional reference material.

Please note: The Distribution Committee meets four times each year. In order for your request to be considered, it must be received by the Community Foundation of Monroe County by the 15th day of January, April, July or October. The Distribution Committee is on the first Tuesday of February, May, August and November. After review by the Distribution Committee, final decisions will be made by the Board of Trustees.



The Community Foundation of Monroe County proudly presents

a night of Strange Magic

A Benefit On The Reef Event



Wednesday, August 5, 2015

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MICHIGAN COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK

The purpose of the Monroe County Local College Access Network (MCLCAN) is to dramatically increase Monroe County high school's college participation and completion rates, particularly among low-income students, first generation students, and students of color. In order to build and sustain a vibrant economy and strong communities based on a highly educated population, MCLCAN works to ensure everyone in Monroe County has the opportunity to access and succeed in postsecondary education.

We are implementing the following:

- Participation in a college and career fair day at the Monroe County Community College. The purpose is to increase the student's aspirations to obtain college degrees or credentials after high school.
- Coordinating college application week activities and programs in each school district. The purpose is to increase enrollment of high school graduates into an institute of higher education by increasing the number of seniors who complete college applications.
- Coordinate FAFSA (Free Application of Federal Student Aide) goal Sunday activities and programs in each school district. The purpose is to increase financial readiness of students for post secondary education by increasing the number of students who complete the FAFSA.

Local College Access Networks (LCANs) are community-based college access coordinating bodies supported by a team of community and education leaders representing K-12, higher education, nonprofit sector, government, business, and philanthropy.

LCANs organize community leaders around a singular vision and goal: Increase the community's postsecondary educational attainment level to 60% by 2025 in order to lay the foundation for a vibrant economy, healthy community, and strong workforce equipped to compete in a 21st century global economy.



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"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

~ Charles Dickens



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To enhance the quality of life of the citizens of Monroe County, through permanent endowments by:

Identifying and addressing current and anticipated community needs and raising, managing and distributing the funds for charitable purposes.

Funds held by the Community Foundation of Monroe County

Agency Funds

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Animal Related

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Environmental Fund

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Housing Trust Fund

Human Services

Community Enhancement Fund
Gertz Family Values
McGovern Charitable
Romney Volunteerism

Recreation, Leisure and Sports Athletics

Access to Recreation
Meyers Youth Hockey

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Adult Education Scholarship Fund
Aid in Milan Agency
Carol O'Donnell and Judy Heath Memorial Fund
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Eric Harrison Memorial Scholarship
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Youth Development

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Kiwanis North Youth Fund

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MSM Scholarship
B.D. and Jane McIntyre Scholarship
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Monroe County Scholarship
Shannon J. Revel Endowed Scholarship
Rewarding Academic Excellence Scholarship
Roy Sanders Scholarship
Summerfield Scholarship
The Spencer & Lucille Wagar Memorial Scholarship
Charles & Virginia Whitten Scholarship
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Ryan Wolniewicz Memorial Scholarship
Gregory Wing Memorial Scholarship
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William Capaul Family Scholarship

Special Project Funds

Academy Preserve
Christmas in Ida
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D.A.R.E.
MIFA Fund
Miss Monroe Scholarship
Monroe Arts & Beautification Fund
Monroe County Learning Bank Network
Monroe County Labor History Museum
Monroe Dodge Chrysler Jeep Superstore
Monroe Dog Park Fund
River Raisin Jazz Festival
Rotary Playscape Maintenance
Rotary Playscape Youth Recreation
Turtle Island Dream Keepers Native American
V.V.A. Walk of Freedom
V.V.A. Museum Historical Society
World Wars Monument
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