



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MONROE COUNTY REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2016-2017



“YOUR LIFE DOES NOT
GET BETTER BY CHANCE,
IT GETS BETTER BY

CHANGE”

-JIM ROHN

WE INVEST IN A BETTER
FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

\$8,557,697 IN TOTAL ASSETS

\$128,830 DISTRIBUTED FOR GRANTS TO OUR COMMUNITY

\$49,200 DISTRIBUTED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

\$36,446 DISTRIBUTED FOR GRANTS TO OUR AFFILIATE,
GREATER MILAN AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

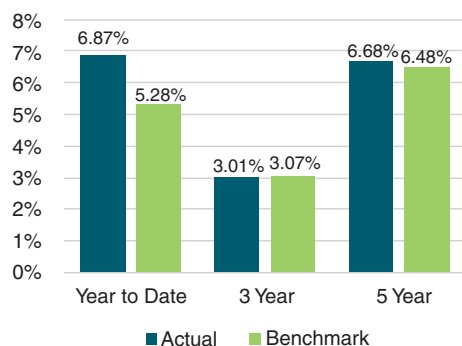
WE ARE YOUR TRUSTED FIDUCIARY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

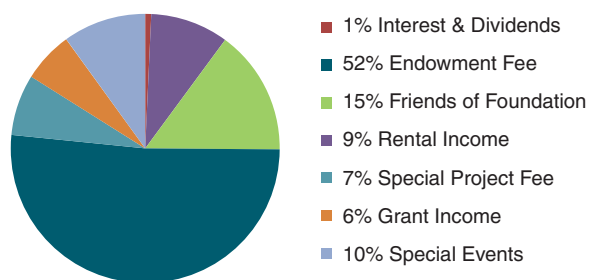
	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017
Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,203,864	\$727,878
Investments	6,438,879	7,792,287
Contributions Receivable	3,975	3,075
Prepaid Expenses	2,684	2,687
Notes Receivable - net	34,464	28,558
Office Equipment - net	4,444	3,212
<i>Total Assets</i>	\$7,688,310	\$8,557,69
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$185	0
Grants Payable	5,300	0
Deferred Revenue	93,048	145,349
Annuity Obligation	102,891	0
Contributions Held for Others	279,210	271,127
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	\$480,634	\$416,476
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$7,206,674	\$ 8,140,121
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	282,259	1,100
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	\$7,207,676	\$8,141,221
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$7,688,310	\$8,557,697

*Audited Years to Include April 1st - March 31st Fiscal Year

RATE OF RETURN 2016-2017



OPERATING INCOME 2016-2017 \$185,173



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

American entrepreneur and author, Jim Rohn once said, "Your life does not get better by chance it gets better by CHANGE." We at the Community Foundation know this to be true, especially when we see challenges and opportunities in our community daily. We strive to be at the ready as the catalyst to move our evolving, rapidly-changing society forward.

Consequently, this year the Board of Trustees and staff have taken a hard look at our future, resulting in a five year strategic plan. We, of course, will continue to be the good stewards of our donors' contributions that we are known for, but in addition we will work strategically on making impacts in the areas of education, health and well-being, and community enrichment.

We are very proud of the increase in our asset size over the past year, but we are more pleased with the impact this will have, allowing us the ability to invest over \$225,000 in grants and scholarships to the community. Also, this year we were accredited by the National Standards of U.S. Community Foundations affirming our commitment to our mission.

We are taking a more active role on involvement with programs in the community. We are collaborating closely with other non-profits to solve complex social issues like healthy eating, physical and mental well-being, and post-secondary education. Our goal is to produce widely shared and long-lasting results. We are sharing our expertise in helping individuals, corporations, and organizations reach their charitable goals as well. We are committed to our values of stewardship, local impact, community partnership, inclusion, and lasting legacy.

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Community Foundation, I want to thank you for your past and current support. We invite you to contact us to see how we can work together to accomplish your charitable goals. We are here to help you in your philanthropic efforts and to help create a better future for everyone.

Kind regards,



Kathleen Russeau
Executive Director



Excellence. Accountability. Impact.™

We strive to successfully fulfill our mission, by committing to the following values:

Stewardship – Maintain the highest standards of integrity and transparency in donor relations, community service, organizational governance and fiscal responsibility.

Local Impact – Promote philanthropy that will have an impact on the community at large.

Community Partnerships – Form collaborations with local non-profits, community leaders, and volunteers, to provide funds that address issues such as education, health, poverty, community development and others.

Inclusion – Embrace diversity in our philanthropic decision making.

Legacy – Operate to produce significant, widely shared and long-lasting results.

OUR MISSION

We Invest in a Better Future
for our Community.

OUR VISION

Where Everyone has an
Opportunity to Thrive.

OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES*

TERRY BEAMSLEY
Community Volunteer

JEANINE BRAGG
20 Creative

MATT BUDDS
Robison, Curphey & O'Connell

MARK COCHRAN
ProMedica Monroe Regional
Hospital

MOLLY LUERPENT-COY
DTE Energy

JULIE EVERLY
Monroe Public Schools

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Sister Servant of IHM

DIANE KAMPRATH
Monroe Bank & Trust

JOSHUA LAROY
Advanced Plumbing

JOAN MAHALAK
Community Volunteer

STEPHEN MCNEW
Monroe County Intermediate School
District

MICHAEL NEWMAN
Monroe County Community Credit
Union

JONATHAN PASKO, MD
Medical Doctor

BRAD SCHREIBER
By Design

SUSAN VANISACKER
La-Z-Boy Inc.

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Community Foundation of Monroe County

WE INVEST IN EDUCATION

Acknowledging that post-secondary education is a necessary prerequisite for a successful future is a critical cultural shift for our communities. The hard work and ingenuity of our residents has brought us to this point, but the jobs of today and tomorrow are different than in past generations. Having professional/technical certificates and academic degrees has become a requirement. We encourage and support post-secondary education through the Monroe County College Access Network (MCCAN).

Bringing everyone along is important for broad-based economic growth but also for the health and well-being of all our friends and neighbors. Too many low-income students and students of color are not participating in the opportunities presented by this knowledge-based economy. Consequently, these

populations are also subject to lack of access to healthy foods and healthcare, perpetuating the socio-economic issues that have held so many back.

The opportunity in our county is significant thanks to the concentration of industries across the greater region. Author/entrepreneur Jim Rohn also said, “You must either modify your dreams or magnify your skills.” Achieving a dream requires a plan and without action no dream can come to fruition. MCCAN has set a plan and is committed to closing these gaps. We at the Community Foundation of Monroe County are very excited to be part of this. By 2025, the goal is to double the number of Monroe County residents with a degree or valuable credential from 30% to 60%. We have made a commitment to this initiative for years to come, and we need you to be part of putting this plan to work!

OTHER COMMUNITIES FOCUSED ON EDUCATION

Looking at neighboring communities, we can see opportunity take shape. Directly North, western Wayne County is one example, with education and income levels all higher than the Michigan average.

- **CANTON:** 53% hold an Associates or higher; median household income \$80,283
- **PLYMOUTH:** 58% hold an Associates or higher; township median household income \$91,087
- **NORTHVILLE:** 63% hold an Associates or higher; township median household income \$101,761

Seeing these comparisons, help us create a vision for the future. Donate to our funds today!

Visit www.cfmonroe.org
to donate today!



The Community Foundation is committed to strengthening our community through education.

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magnify your skills.”

— JIM ROHN
Author/Entrepreneur



WE INVEST IN HEALTH & WELL-BEING

The findings of the 2015 Health Assessment are astounding and particularly troubling is that one third of Monroe County adults were obese. Conditions such as obesity have been on the rise across the country and our community and the cost of health care has been rapidly increasing as well. Changing this is well within our control, but it requires that we all participate. After all, nobody can make us eat healthy foods or take 10,000 steps daily. We need to make well-educated choices regarding our health and well-being. Consequently we have forged partnerships to help create a brighter future.

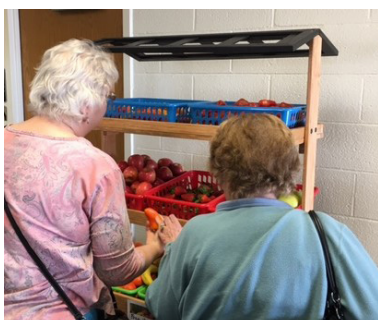
The organizations that are part of this coalition are in the 2nd year of receiving sub-grants

under the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. They have taken great care to put together programming that helps people to make better choices in their daily habits, thus reducing the rate of adults being overweight/obese. The program run by Monroe County Opportunity Program (MCOP) will improve access to healthy food. Monroe Family YMCA will focus on encouraging attendance in wellness and fitness programs. The Monroe County Health Department will provide education on healthy eating practices. These agencies, in collaboration with Monroe County Senior Centers and Goodwill Industries, are targeting seniors, low-income individuals, and people with disabilities.

WE'RE FOCUSED ON HELPING OTHERS

Another example of this grant funding at work is the ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital Community Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and Sexual Assault Nurse Exams (SANE) Program. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, every two minutes someone is sexually assaulted in the United States, and every 8 minutes, the victim is a child. Victims of sexual assault are robbed of their dignity and experience a lifetime of long-term mental and physical ailments. This grant includes:

- Train and certify eight SANE and establish a SART.
- Comprehensive treatment for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- Collaboration with community partners to provide appropriate long-term care and support during the healing process.



Above, seniors attend a wellness and fitness program in Bedford. Far left, two women are given the opportunity to choose healthy food options. Left, MCOP displays some of the fresh vegetables they offer. At right, MCOP has boxes of healthy food to give out.



WE INVEST IN COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Monroe County is a great place to call home, but if you're reading this you probably already knew that. The genuine, family-centered environment of the area is one of the reasons that so many people choose to live here, even if working in Ohio or other parts of Michigan. While living here certainly has its benefits, we are committed to improving on what we have and make it even better.

For the communities across Monroe County to truly thrive, it is crucial that we invest time and money into the social aspects that touch our lives from the moment we walk out our front doors until we come home at night. Enriching this community can take shape in any number of ways. From funding for monuments like the World Wars Monument Fund, parks, recreation and preservation, law-enforcement support, and festivals like Christmas in Ida

and the River Raisin Jazz Festival, over the years, we at the Community Foundation have put our energy toward more projects than we can detail here.

Families of all ages benefit greatly from our parks and that has been an area of significant advancement. The Access to Recreation Fund has helped fund several parks in recent years such as: the Nature Park for the City of Milan, Unity Park for Ash Township in 2014, and Martin Luther King Jr. Park for Monroe in 2016. In 2016, we continued in this vein with a project that will benefit families with children of all ages. The Playscape at Munson Park has provided countless hours of fun to many, and through our Monroe Rotary Playscape Maintenance Fund, we will ensure that this can be sustained for year to come by providing the funding for all maintenance needs.

DOG PARK OPPORTUNITY

The Community Foundation of Monroe County holds the fund that will help fund a dog park for residents of the county. Throughout this year, we made a great deal of progress toward securing a site for the dog park and the infrastructure and logistics it will take to make this a reality.

We Need your help!

MAKE A GIFT TO THE DOG PARK

Every dog needs a place to play. Help us by donating to the dog park fund today!

**Visit www.cfmonroe.org to donate, or mail a check to
28 S. Macomb Street
Monroe Michigan 48161**



Above, Martin Luther King Jr. Park playscape was built giving access to children of all ages and abilities. Above right, a puppy plays in the grass at Munson Park. Bottom right, workers lay rubber flooring on the MLK playscape, making it safer and accessible for all children.



HOW OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY HAS INVESTED WITH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

There are several ways to establish funds to meet the charitable interests and financial circumstances of individuals, businesses and organizations. A name fund can be established in your name, a business or organization name, the name of a person you wish you honor, or the name of a person for whom you wish to create a lasting memory. Visit our website at www.cfmonroe.org to get more information on how to establish a fund.

Agency Funds

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
CASA
Duffey Friends of the Foundation
Gabby's Ladder
Humane Society of Monroe County
L.I.F.E.
Miss Monroe Pageant Scholarship
Niedermeier Family History Fund
Zion Lutheran Church

Animal Related

Humane Society Animal Care

Arts and Culture

Catharine Gibson Fine Arts Fund
Jeff & Gretchen Kopmanis Instrumental Music Fund
Manusso Family Endowment
Monroe County History Fund

Community Improvement and Capacity Building

Center for Philanthropy
G.R.O.W. Monroe
Lotus Fountain Maintenance
Heritage Resources
Monroe County Cemetery Preservation
Monument Preservation
Salow Family Endowment

Education

Altrusa Literacy
McWebb Little Brown Bear

Employment and Job Related

Russell & Patricia Wills Education and Training

Environmental & Beautification

Environmental Fund

Health Related

Mary A. Hauser Polycythemia
Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors
I.S.D. Special Children
Kehres Senior Citizens
Monroe County
Quadriplegic Assistance Fund
Monroe Health Plan Endowment

Housing and Shelter

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

Non-Permanent Endowments

Nicholas B. Clemens Scholarship
Holcim Disaster Relief
St. Michael the Archangel Parish Fund
World Wars Monument

Youth Development

Children's Camper Fund
Dundee Fund for Youth
Bedford Kellogg Youth
Kellogg Youth Fund
Kiwanis North Youth Fund

Scholarships

Adam Schyllander Memorial Scholarship
Ahadi Women in Science Scholarship
Airport Community Schools Scholarship
Brent Ansted Memorial Scholarship
Geri Antonelli Scholarship
Bar Association Scholarship
Robert J. & Luella B. Breitner Memorial Scholarship
William Capaul Family Scholarship
Christy Carducci Memorial Scholarship
Thomas & Rosella Day Memorial Scholarship
Mary Daume Scholarship
John E. Dickinson Endowment Scholarship
Rich Duvall Memorial Scholarship
Thomas Fox Scholarship
Grattan & Stephen Gray Scholarship

Harold & Helen Rammner

Nursing Scholarship
Ida High School Alumni Scholarship
Dr. Annetta Kelley Scholarship
LaRocca Family Scholarship
The Thelma M. & Joseph N. LaHood, Sr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship
MSM Scholarship
B.D. and Jane McIntyre Scholarship
Marilyn Iott Memorial Scholarship
Terry L. Goins Endowed Scholarship
Merel F. & Maggie M. Keck Scholarship
Miit & Sally Knabusch Scholarship
Monroe County Scholarship
Shannon I. Revel Endowed Scholarship
Rewarding Academic Excellence Scholarship
Roy Sanders Scholarship
Summerfield Scholarship
The Spencer & Lucille Wagar Memorial Scholarship
Charles & Virginia Whitten Scholarship
Ryan Wolniewicz Memorial Scholarship
Gregory Wing Memorial Scholarship
The Dorothy, Gerald A. and Jay Wuest Memorial Scholarship

Special Project Funds

Academy Preserve
Anti-Human Trafficking Fund
Art Insight Emporium
Christmas in Ida
Custer Run Fund
D.A.R.E.
KT Mavigilia Fund for Hearing Impaired
Miss Monroe Scholarship
Monroe Dodge Chrysler Jeep Superstore
Monroe Dog Park Fund
River Raisin Jazz Festival
Rotary Playscape Maintenance
Rotary Playscape Youth Recreation
Ryan's Hope Fund

Turtle Island Dream

Keepers Native American
V.V.A. Walk of Freedom
V.V.A. Museum Historical Society
YAC – Youth Advisory Council

Milan Funds

Miss Washtenaw County Scholarship
Milan Administration Fund
Lighting the Way to the Future Fund

Affiliates – Milan Community

Adult Education Scholarship Fund
Aid in Milan Agency
Carol O'Donnell and Judy Heath Memorial Fund
Armitage/Brainard Milan Beautification Endowment
Evelyn (Hitchingham) Gerstenberg Memorial Scholarship
David Glenn Memorial Scholarship
Eric Harrison Memorial Scholarship
Ethan C. Jones Memorial Scholarship
Fayne & Joanne McGovern Milan Youth Fund
Milan Area Historical Society Fund
Milan Area Schools Board of Education Scholarship
Ethel Richards Memorial Scholarship
Ronnie & Paulette Shores Scholarship
Mildred N. Sheehan Library Fund
Carol Mohr/Margaret Walls Library
Millard & Marie Philips Library Fund
Library Enrichment Fund
Duane & Isabelle Schultz Milan Area Schools Alumni Scholarship
Michael A. Tittiger Sustainability & Conservation Scholarship
Milan General Endowment