

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2017 - 2018



WE INVEST IN A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

WHERE EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE.

Dear Friend:

What an exciting year! We have accomplished much, guided by our vision, "Where everyone has an opportunity to thrive". We are proud of maintaining high standards of integrity and transparency in donor relations, community service, organizational governance and fiscal responsibility. We are operating under our priority areas of concern: education, health and well-being and community enrichment. With these areas in mind, along with forging critical community partnerships, we have excelled in offering some crucial opportunities to our community.



- We have awarded a grant to Monroe Public Schools to enable them to implement the Generation E Institute Wiz Entrepreneur Program. This innovative curriculum will prepare the students to successfully compete in the global economy.

- We partnered with the Monroe County Health Department, Goodwill Industries, YMCA, and Monroe County Opportunity Program (MCOP) to conduct a program to improve the health of senior citizens and individuals with disabilities by increasing their access to healthy foods, exercise and through education. Please read the outcomes of these programs in this report.

- We also looked at the needs for more art and cultural programs in our community so by awarding a grant to the River Raisin Center for the Arts to stage an original production. The show proved to be a great success on multiple levels.

Another responsibility of the Foundation is to convene groups of individuals to discuss issues in our community. One area of great concern is improvements on the River Raisin Heritage Trail. Weather plus wear and tear on the trail have caused it to need repairs. We will aim to make sure the necessary work happens.

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

Kind regards,

Kathleen Russeau
Executive Director



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*Years to include April 1st - March 31st Fiscal Year

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.

WE INVEST IN EDUCATION

GRANT HELPS YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

The Community Foundation awarded a grant of \$21,500 to Monroe Public Schools to implement the Generation E Institute Wiz Entrepreneur Program in the 2017-18 school year for all students in kindergarten through the 12th grade. This initiative will serve as a catalyst for both our schools and our local community to expand and enhance a career ready and college going culture. The Generation E Institute is a non-profit organization that has developed unique and innovative curriculum to create an entrepreneurial mindset in students, so that they can successfully compete in an ever changing global economy.

Monroe Public Schools' innovative entrepreneurship curriculum has had great support from members of the community. The Monroe County Economic Development Corporation's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Task Force has been instrumental in the success of the curriculum. The Community Foundation helped launch the district's innovative entrepreneurship curriculum this school year.

Students from Waterloo Elementary, Monroe Middle School, and Monroe High School showcased their entrepreneurial ventures at the Community Foundation of Monroe

County Board of Directors meeting in February.

Waterloo third graders Jaicee Parkhurst and Oliver DeVera went first, explaining their homemade "Olaf Snowmen" for the Waterloo STEAM Shoppe. They explained the lessons they learned about profit, capital, design, and teamwork.

Jared Schmidt, an eighth grader at Monroe Middle School, showed off his product, the "Instant Shooter," which he initially created to help practice his aim and reflexes for trap shooting. He is now working to receive a patent and market his product.

Landen Butler, also an eighth grader, touted "Landen's Little Lights," his candle business. He described how the class has helped him work through creating a product and a business plan, as well as how the entrepreneurship class is helping him in other areas.

Lauren Steve and Lauren McCain, seniors at Monroe High School, recounted their first and second attempts at creating a pre-order bracelet. They recalled how much they learned from the first business and that has helped them make the second one successful.

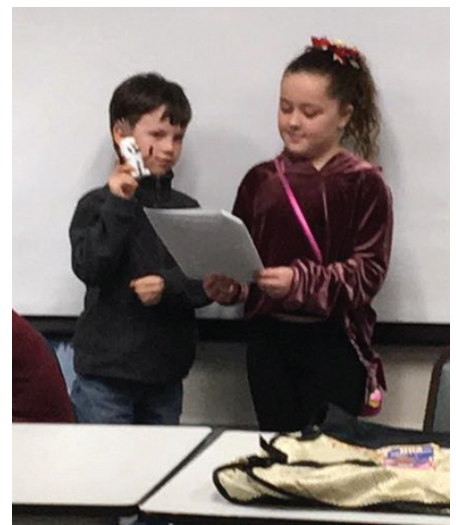
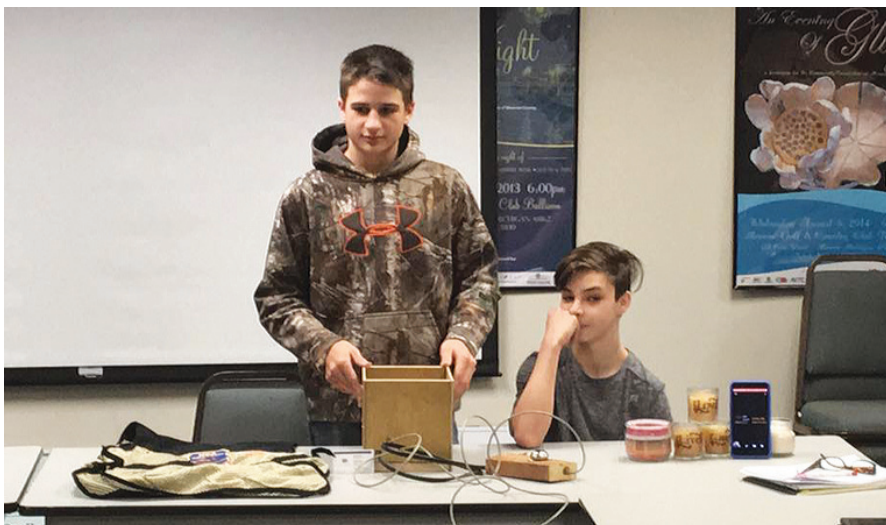


\$21,500
to the Generation E
Institute Wiz
Entrepreneur Program



\$65,467
Distributed for
Scholarships

Lives Changed
FOREVER!



WE INVEST IN COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

MUSIC THERAPY FOR SENIORS

With funds received from the Community Foundation of Monroe County, the Monroe Center for Healthy Aging was able to conduct an 18-week pilot Music Therapy program for 14 older adults.

The Music Therapy program brought many people, with both short-term and long-term memory loss, to participate. During the program, everyone had the opportunity to discuss their personal challenges of memory loss, and many participants or caregivers reported cognitive improvement throughout the course of the program. One of the participants whose mother is in her late stages of Alzheimer's, reported noticing less anxiety and confusion in her mother for the rest of the day after each of the Music Therapy sessions. Another individual stated that the music program brought joy to her life. While she usually prefers to be alone, she ate lunch multiple times with other participants of the program.

THE THERAPIST PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

- The percentage of individuals who were able to maintain motor abilities initially was about 75% and it rose to 85% at the end of the time period.
- The percentage of individuals who were able to maintain combined motor and cognitive abilities initially was about 50% and moved up to 75% at the end of the time period.

- The percentage of participants who were able to sing and play at the same time initially was about 50% and jumped to 80% at the end of the time period.
- The percentage of individuals who were able to maintain long term memory (sing lyrics to known songs) was 93%.
- The percentage of individuals who were able to improve mid-range memory (new learning) initially was about 10%. By the end of the sessions it skyrocketed to about 80% of the members who could remember all the lyrics.

Overall, the majority of people expressed positive thoughts and reactions to the sessions, and felt they were helpful, although they really couldn't identify specific ways they were helpful.

The pilot project succeeded in engaging a group of individuals who otherwise tend to be isolated from the everyday activities of life within their environment. The sample size from the "7 Minute Screen" was too small to use as a measure because we only had five people who were capable of taking the test. Nonetheless, those scores saw modest improvements. The observations from the Music Therapist did show marked improvement.

All participants were sad that the program ended and have asked how it can continue.



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80%

of the members could remember all the lyrics



100%

of the members were pleased with the results and wanted to continue!



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO THE RIVER RAISIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

FOUNDATION CONVENES COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO REPAIR THE RIVER RAISIN HERITAGE TRAIL



The goal of the River Raisin Centre Small Arts Initiative is to further the development of small, professional arts organizations and artists working in the local Monroe area. RRCA Small Arts Initiative Program will help fund an artistic product, organizational leadership and audition/selection processes, as well as cost for rehearsal space, technical staff, professional arts and marketing. Once per calendar year, local artists from various mediums may apply and are chosen based on well-defined artistic goals and community engagement. This will encourage the development of local organizations.

Blind Date was the first project funded by this initiative. There were

several positive factors that underscored the production's success. The most obvious measure was the audience size. There were more than 200 people who were noticeably moved during the performance. Feedback from the audience was positive.

Local business owners (including McGeady's and Agua Dulce) were surveyed to see if their businesses were impacted during the months of rehearsals, not just on show night. These businesses indicated that they experienced positive effects. This show also gave students — most notably the advanced local dancers — an opportunity to dance alongside professionals.



OVER 200
people were noticeably moved by the performance and enjoyed the show!



LOCAL BUSINESS
increased during the month of the show

CULVERT FAILURE. The backfill on top of the pipe has washed out and the pipe exhibits signs of collapse. Without support, the trail will likely collapse as well.

DIPS AND DEPRESSIONS. These areas are scattered and isolated along the trail. Potholes are deformations in the pavement usually caused by moisture intrusion or repeated frost heave action. Depressions are low points or settling in the pavement, which may be caused by water infiltration, a failed patch, burrowing animals, an improperly compacted base, or subgrade instability.

GENERAL CRACKING DAMAGE. Cracks have occurred throughout most of the trail and may have been caused by thermal cycling, frost heave action, or degradation of the asphalt binder caused by UV oxidation.



The Community Foundation of Monroe County is taking action to make **IMPROVEMENTS**



WE INVEST IN HEALTH & WELL-BEING

MONROE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND FITNESS GRANT PROGRAM

The most alarming statistic uncovered by the 2015 Monroe County Community Health Assessment is: “73% of adults in Monroe County are obese and only 6% of adults get their recommended daily value of fruits and vegetables.” We know this problem can be the cause of a host of medical issues and escalating medical treatment costs. The Community Foundation of Monroe County convened a meeting of interested non-profits to discuss this issue and a plan to begin to alleviate this problem. Among those in attendance who felt they immediately had something to offer were: Monroe County Health Department, Monroe County Opportunity Program (MCOP), YMCA, and Goodwill Industries. This group decided they would each take a part in: improving access to healthy food, encouraging attendance in wellness and fitness programs and education on healthy eating practices. This resulted in an \$187,000 grant to the Community Foundation from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

This two year grant has been completed and the outcomes from each agency involved are:

MONROE COUNTY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (MCOP) - The two primary goals that MCOP aimed to impact were (1) increasing access to fresh and healthy food and (2) encouraging healthy eating habits.

MCOP implemented the following initiatives to achieve the objectives:

- Project Fresh Coupons were distributed to seniors over 2 summers. 672 senior citizens were given 6,730 Project Fresh Coupons.
- 1,350 boxes of healthy foods have been distributed to families or individuals in need. That equals 52,080 pounds of food.
- Every senior citizen who receives food from The Lord's Harvest Pantry receives nutritional education materials. Healthy food demonstrations are given each month for seniors. MCOP served

1,213 unduplicated seniors at The Lord's Harvest Pantry.

- A fresh produce market has been set up in the pantry to display fresh produce in an attractive and healthy way. This encourages shoppers to choose the healthy produce. Produce stands were set up in several locations to bring produce to low income residents.
- Distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables has increased by 134% over the last year.

YMCA's part of the project concentrated on improving muscle mass of individuals 50 years and older as they lose an average of 10% of muscle mass per decade. This decline is directly related to fall-related injuries, decrease in mobility and even depression due to lack of independence. The outcomes of this project show the majority of participants improved or maintained strength, flexibility and balance during the course of this project.

Over the three sites, the YMCA served 204 individuals in the senior and special-needs populations which included the locations at Monroe Center for Healthy Aging and Goodwill. Of those participants, 83% improved or maintained lower body strength and balance (chair stand), 87% improved or maintained upper body strength (arm curl) and 76% improved or maintained balance and coordination.

THE MONROE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (MCHD) partnership in this project leveraged resources to directly impact the most vulnerable populations in our county, namely food insecure, seniors and people with disabilities.

- The MCHD health education team created, coordinated, and led 98 Lunch and Learn presentations reaching 2,726 individuals across 13 county senior centers/groups.
- The MCHD Registered Dietician offered 23 grocery store tour dates with 86 individuals participating overall. Tours took place at Dundee



The Community Foundation of Monroe County awarded a grant of

\$187,000

Kroger, Lambertville Kroger, Monroe Kroger, and Monroe Meijer.

- 307 health screenings consisting of body mass index (BMI), blood glucose, blood pressure, and total and high-density (HDL) lipoprotein cholesterol checks for Enhance fitness class participants took place over the course of 30 scheduled testing sessions across the 6 locations hosting classes.

At **GOODWILL** the primary outcome of the project was increasing awareness, education and designing goals and activities to promote and more firmly embed healthy living styles. This included incorporating healthy eating and physical fitness into everyday lives of students and adults with disabilities.

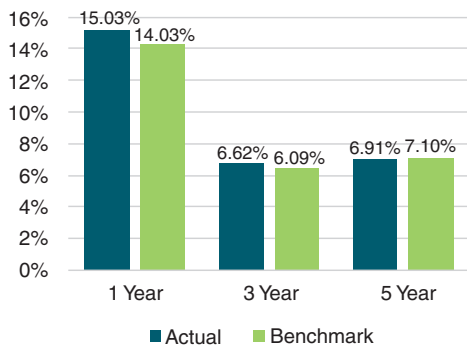
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

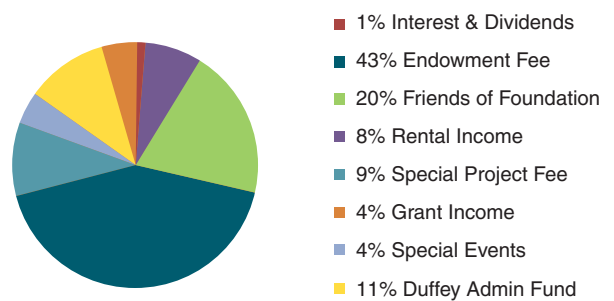
Assets	2018	2017
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$823,333	\$727,878
Investments	8,530,377	7,792,287
Contributions Receivable	900	3,075
Prepaid Expenses	2,687	2,687
Notes Receivable - net	7,000	28,558
Office Equipment - net	2,331	3,212
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>\$9,366,628</i>	<i>\$8,557,699</i>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$5,528	0
Deferred Revenue	1,093	145,349
Contributions Held for Others	339,448	271,127
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>\$346,069</i>	<i>\$416,476</i>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$9,019,373	\$ 8,140,121
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	1,186	1,100
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<i>\$9,020,559</i>	<i>\$8,141,221</i>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$9,366,628	\$8,557,697

*Audited Years to Include April 1st - March 31st fiscal year.

RATE OF RETURN 2017-2018



OPERATING INCOME 2017-2018 \$231,968



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 to 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
Manausso 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
President James Monroe Statue
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

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
Brent Ansted Memorial Scholarship
Geri Antonelli Scholarship
Bar Association Scholarship
Robert J. & Luella B. Breitner Memorial Scholarship
Christy Carducci Memorial Scholarship
Thomas & Rosella Day/ACS Memorial Scholarship
Mary Daume Scholarship
John E. Dickinson Endowment Scholarship
Rich Duvall Memorial Scholarship
Thomas Fox Scholarship
Grattan & Stephen Gray Scholarship
Harold & Helen Rammler 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

Milt & Sally Knabusch Scholarship

Michael Newman Memorial 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

Christmas in Ida
Custer Run Fund

Class Grey Fund
D.A.R.E.

Derik Bondy Lake Erie Rescue Fund

Flags O'er Veterans Fund
Heart of the Badge

Scholarship Fund
KT Mavigilia Fund for

Hearing Impaired
Miss Monroe Scholarship

Monroe County 200 Legacy Project

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 Area Enrichment