

# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2021 - 2022



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## WHERE EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE.

Dear Friend:

As we end this tumultuous year, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your support of the Community Foundation. Even though it has been a tough year we are very proud of our accomplishments thanks to donors and the Monroe Community.

We have awarded \$150,000 to students of Monroe County for scholarships and distributed \$321,566 in grants to non-profits in Monroe. As you can see your generous donation has paid off to benefit many aspects of our community.

We moved our office in July in efforts to share services and space with other organizations in order to save precious operating dollars. We are now located at 9 Washington Street in Monroe. In this reorganized setting, it is more apparent that making Monroe County a better place isn't a one-person or a one-agency job. It takes a team of people bringing passion and hard work to philanthropic projects. Aligning expertise, technology, and resources has also helped us to strengthen our partnership with our Geographical affiliate the Greater Milan Area Community Fund (GMACF).

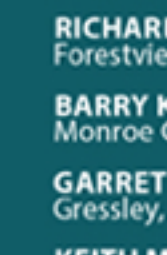
Now, as we move forward, we maintain our strategic priorities and support programs that promote public health, healthy living and physical and mental well-being as well as education and the arts and entertainment. We invested in many projects which benefited Elm House, Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition, YMCA, Little Blessings and Monroe Center for Healthy Aging to name a few.

We are committed to stay the course and support our community as and when the need arises. We are asking that you continue your current support to the Foundation. Over the past year, we have learned that sometimes we can't anticipate the needs that may arise. We remain ever vigilant to serve the Monroe Community.

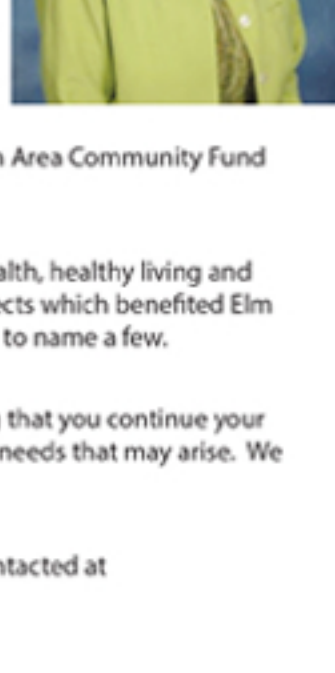
We would be very happy to meet with you to discuss this or answer any questions you may have. I can be contacted at [krusseau@cfmonroe.org](mailto:krusseau@cfmonroe.org) or 734-242-1976. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Kathleen Russeau  
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\*Years to include April 1st - March 31st fiscal year

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## WE ARE YOUR TRUSTED FIDUCIARY

### OUR MISSION

We Invest in a Better Future for our Community.

### OUR VISION

Where Everyone has an Opportunity to Thrive.

### OUR VALUES

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 more.

**Inclusion** – Embrace diversity in our philanthropic decision making.

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

**\$14,742,947**  
IN TOTAL ASSETS

**\$321,566**  
DISTRIBUTED FOR GRANTS TO OUR COMMUNITY

**\$150,000**  
DISTRIBUTED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT\*\*

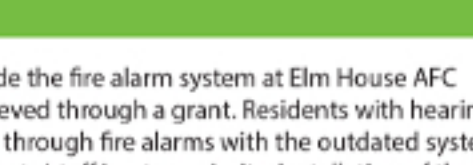
Assets	2022	2021
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$644,462	\$1,130,998
Investments	14,091,959	10,387,567
Prepaid Expenses	2,687	2,687
Office Equipment - net	3,839	2,996
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$14,742,947</b>	<b>\$11,524,248</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0
Deferred Revenue	10,500	80,600
PPP Loan Payable	0	31,000
Contributions Held for Others	226,236	230,817
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$236,736</b>	<b>\$342,417</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$14,506,211	\$11,181,831
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$14,506,211</b>	<b>\$11,181,831</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets**</b>	<b>\$14,742,947</b>	<b>\$11,524,248</b>

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

## RATE OF RETURN



## OPERATING INCOME 2021-2022 \$250,077



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## HEALTH AND WELL BEING

In order to lessen the effects of the pandemic we funded a project for MON-ARC for monthly social and creative opportunities to promote healthy choices for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Monroe County. This grant provided for various free monthly events which encourage body movement. Participants developed socially, creatively, physically, and emotionally. Art boxes were used to encourage on-going creative art with support from caregivers. MON-ARC will continue to provide art activities on a regular basis.

The goal to upgrade the fire alarm system at Elm House AFC was achieved achieved through a grant. Residents with hearing impairments slept through fire alarms with the outdated system. Safety for all residents/staff is a top priority. Installation of the new state-of-the-art alarm system was completed in May, 2022. The new system provides strobes and alarms in all resident rooms and common areas. The frequency and lights in bedrooms are set to wake residents safely. The system is monitored 24 hours a day with a constant connection to the Fire Department.

## EDUCATION

Through our Health Endowment Fund, the Monroe County Intermediate School District was awarded a grant to support educator wellness. Educators now have access to evidence-based training and mental health education upon hire plus, physical space to practice positive, proactive coping skills. These resources are designed to increase learning and self-regulation, both personally and professionally. Training was provided to school staff members throughout Monroe County.

We awarded a grant to the Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition to assist in planning, development and community action for public education to decrease substance use and abuse among Monroe County youth. This work is an essential component in reducing substance use and abuse. Prevention efforts support young people by providing information, creating awareness, training coalition partners, building student prevention leadership teams (SPLT), presenting special events, and strengthening advocacy.



## COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

The Foundation awarded a grant to the Monroe County YMCA to help equip staff with adequate trainings to support the mental health of Monroe County youth, required for mindfulness and well-being. This project will provide programs that encourage a safe space where all youth can freely express who they are as individuals, create community, encourage life growth and provide resources for higher levels of care. This program will focus on mental health, social-emotional learning, life skills and balance.

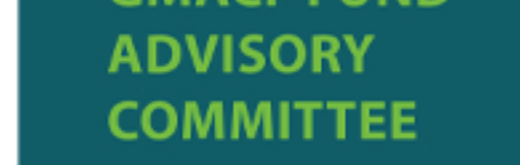
The Community Foundation awarded a grant to Monroe Center for Healthy Aging so they could better serve the seniors, and any community member. Providing nutrition is one important activity for the Center. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily. It was imperative that we award them with the funds to purchase a commercial oven.

## OUR AFFILIATE MILAN

Since 2005 the Community Foundation of Monroe County (CFMC) has been working in partnership with our affiliate, Greater Milan Area Community Fund (GMACF) to enhance the community of Milan. Established by three Milan area residents, Isabelle Schultz, Donald Harkness and Millard Phillips, the GMACF has worked to improve the greater Milan area's environmental, educational, economic, and cultural quality of life.



The union between GMACF and CFMC aligns expertise, technology, and resources to ensure Milan residents have access to an expansive set of grants, scholarships, and funds to support Milan. Together, with the help of the Milan Community, we look forward to continuing the stewardship, thoughtful philanthropy, and strong community engagement that has defined the Greater Milan Area Fund for the past 17 years!



For more information on GMACF grants and scholarship programs, or to donate to a Milan fund please visit [www.cfmonroe.org/milan](http://www.cfmonroe.org/milan)

## 2021 GMACF GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

The GMACF is a proud supporter of the Milan High School Code Red First Responders Robotics team. Their mission is to engage students in real-world activities in the fields of engineering, computer coding, electrical engineering, mechanical design, business, and marketing. To accomplish this goal, students work with mentors in these fields to fund, market, design, build, and code a robot that competes in at least two district tournaments. In 2021, with support from the Fayne and Joanne McGovern Endowment fund, Code Red: First Responders ran five STEM camps, built a working competitive robot, coached Paddock Elementary's Jr. Robotics Team, and showcased their robots at community events to inspire more interest in the STEM fields.



Moving Milan Forward is a nonprofit with a focus on addressing and accelerating ideas and grassroots projects in the greater Milan area. Through a Milan Area Enrichment Fund grant, they were able to install bicycle fix-it stations in both Wilson Park and Milan Nature Park. These stations supply access to tools for people in need of a fix to their bikes or air for their tires as they enjoy the outdoor offerings of the Greater Milan area.

## GMACF FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## HOW OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY HAS INVESTED IN 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](http://www.cfmonroe.org) to get more information on how to establish a fund.

### Agency Funds

- Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
- CASA
- Duffley Friends of the Foundation
- Gabby's Ladder
- Humane Society of Monroe County
- Miss Monroe Pageant Scholarship
- Niedermeier Family History Fund
- Zion Lutheran Church

### Animal Related

- Humane Society Animal Care

### Arts and Culture

- Jeff and Gretchen Kopman Instrumental Music Fund
- Manauso Family Endowment
- Monroe County History Fund

### Community Improvement and Capacity Building

- Center for Philanthropy
- G.R.O.W. Monroe
- Christian Community Support Endowment
- Heritage Resources
- Hokim US Endowed Cemetery Fund
- Monroe County Legacy Preservation Monument Preservation
- Paul E. Braunlich Family Memorial
- President James Monroe Statue
- Salow Family Endowment

### Education

- Altrusa Literacy
- McWebb Little Brown Bear

### Environmental and Beautification

- Environmental Fund

### Health and Well-Being

- Anti-Human Trafficking Fund
- Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors
- I.S.D. Senior Citizens
- Kehres Special Children
- Monroe Health Plan Endowment
- Ryan's Hope Endowment

### Housing and Shelter

- Housing Trust Fund

### Human Services

- Community Enhancement Fund
- Certz Family Values
- McGovern Charitable
- Romney Volunteerism

### Recreation

- Access to Recreation

### Affiliates - Milan Community

- Adult Education Scholarship
- Aid in Milan Agency
- Armitage/Brainard Milan Beautification Endowment
- Carol O'Donnell and Judy Health Memorial
- The Joseph R. O'Donnell Community Endowment
- Evelyn (Hitchingham) Gerstenberg Memorial Scholarship
- David Glenn Memorial Scholarship
- David Hoskins Aid in Milan
- Donald E. Harkness Endowment
- Eric Harrison Memorial Scholarship
- Ethan C. Jones Memorial Scholarship
- Fayne and Joanne McGovern Milan Youth
- Milan Area Historical Society Fund
- Milan Area Schools Board of Education Scholarship
- Milan Seniors for Healthy Living Endowment
- Ethel Richards Memorial Scholarship
- Ronnie and Paulette Shores Scholarship
- Mildred N. Sheehan Library
- Millard and Marie Phillips Library
- Library Enrichment
- Duane and Isabelle Schultz Milan Area Schools
- Alumni Scholarship
- Michael A. Tittiger Sustainability and Conservation Scholarship
- Milan Area Enrichment Endowed

### Milan Special Project Funds

- Mil's Washenaw County Scholarship
- Milan Administration Fund
- Milan Gala Fund

### Non-Permanent Endowments

- Ed and Andrea Wing Memorial Scholarship Fund at MCES
- Ed and Andrea Wing Memorial Scholarship Fund at St. Charles
- St. Michael the Archangel Parish Fund

### Youth Development

- Youth Ministries Fund
- Dundee Fund for Youth
- Budford Kellogg Youth
- Kellogg Youth Fund
- Kiwanis North Youth Fund

### Scholarships

- Advanced Endowment Endowed Scholarship
- Ahadi Linden in Science Scholarship
- Brent Arsted Memorial Scholarship
- Geri Antonelli Scholarship
- Bar Association Scholarship
- Robert J. and Luella B. Brenner Memorial Scholarship
- Christy Carducci Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas and Rosella Day/ACS Memorial Scholarship

### Mary Daume Scholarship

- John E. Dickinson Endowment Scholarship
- Rich Duval Memorial Scholarship
- Edward and Sophia Fisher Family Scholarship
- Thomas Fox Scholarship
- Terry L. Goins Endowed Scholarship
- Grattan and Stephen Gray Scholarship
- Ida High School Alumni and Community Scholarship
- Marilyn Iott Memorial Scholarship
- Meryl F. and Maggie M. Kack Scholarship
- Dr. Annetta Kelley Scholarship
- Milt and Helen Rammker Nursing Scholarship
- The Thelma M. and Joseph N. LaHood, Sr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship
- LaRocca Family Scholarship
- MSM Scholarship
- B.D. and Jane McIntyre Scholarship
- Damon C. Meyers Scholarship
- Monroe County Skilled Trades Scholarship
- Michael Newman Memorial Scholarship
- Pakideh/Khaghany Endowment Scholarship
- John and Barbara Perion Memorial Scholarship
- Sharon I. Revel Endowed Scholarship
- Reverend Academic Excellence Scholarship
- Roy Sanders Scholarship
- Adams Schlander Memorial Scholarship
- Judy Hays Endowed 4-H Scholarship
- Hon. Harry and Mildred Seitz Family Scholarship
- Brooklyn Songco Memorial Scholarship
- Summerfield Scholarship
- The Spencer and Lucille Wagar Memorial Scholarship
- Charles and Virginia Whitten Scholarship
- Ryan Wolniewicz Memorial Scholarship
- Gregory Wing Memorial Scholarship
- The Dorothy, Gerald A. and Jay West Memorial Scholarship
- William D. and H. Marie Betrus Smith Scholarship for the Theatrical Arts

### Special Project Funds

- Anti-Human Trafficking Fund
- Christmas in Ida
- Covid Grey
- COVID-19 Relief Fund
- Community Uplift Program
- D.A.R.E.
- Heart of the Badge Scholarship
- KT Maxiglo Fund for Hearing Impaired
- Miss Monroe Scholarship
- Monroe Dodge Chrysler Jeep Superstore
- Monroe Rotary Club for Community Service Projects
- Robert Seldan Duncanson Society
- Turtle Island Dream Keepers Native American
- Twitettes Memorial
- V.V.A. Walk of Freedom
- V.V.A. Museum Historical Society

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Thanks to the generosity of our donors, who care deeply about the youth in Monroe County, we are able to award numerous scholarships each year to help students pursue higher education.