

2023 Impact Report



Our Mission

To lead philanthropic solutions that build vibrant communities in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties.

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Dear Friends,

I'm thrilled to report that, thanks to the leadership of Senator Sarah Anthony and the support of Representative Angela Witwer on the State Appropriations Committee, the Community Foundation will receive \$1.7 million toward our next placemaking project to transform the Brenke Fish Ladder into an accessible amphitheater! This State of Michigan appropriation will launch our fundraising campaign for renovations and new amenities to the adjacent Burchard Park. You can read more about these plans on page 23.

This project complements our other work along the downtown Lansing riverfront, including the new Play Michigan! all-access playground opening in September 2023, and Rotary Park which opened in 2019. Once again, the Community Foundation will match all gifts from individuals and businesses toward the Fish Ladder/Park project, and permanent naming opportunities will be available.

We are also continuing our work to make the Michigan Avenue Corridor vibrant as the backbone of the capital region. Façade renovations in the 2000 block are slated for completion this fall. In addition, the Foundation is a major sponsor of several events in 2023, all designed to activate the Michigan Avenue Corridor, downtown Lansing, and the riverfront. These events include the following:

- » Lansing Foodies' "Olive Burger Festival" at Jackson Field, June 24
- » Lansing 5:01's "Dam Jam" at the Fish Ladder, July 7-8
- » Lansing 5:01's "Best of Lansing" at Jackson Field, July 29
- » All of the Above Hip Hop Academy's "Cap City Breaking Jam" at Lansing Shuffle, August 5
- » Ourspace (517)'s "517 Hispanic Heritage Weekend" in Downtown Lansing, September 22-24

As always, we greatly appreciate what our partners and donors do to help us make our region vibrant. Please reach out to us with your ideas, feedback, and interest in getting involved. Working together, our communities grow and thrive!

With gratitude,



Laurie Strauss Baumer
President & CEO



Laurie Baumer with Jeffrey Benson, 2023 Board Chair, at our Play Michigan! all-access playground, scheduled to open September 2023.

Our Racial Equity Journey

Our journey began in June 2020 when our Board of Trustees approved our Commitment to Racial Equity statement. It reads, in part:

As a community leader, we have a responsibility to take action to create a more just and equitable society. We condemn racism, inequity and injustice, and we believe it is vital that all people in our community are valued and respected, especially those who have been historically marginalized. We are passionate about building vibrant, thriving and inclusive communities that uplift everyone who lives in our tri-county region. We pledge to work diligently with our partners – donors, nonprofits and other organizations – to achieve positive change in our community.

Our Racial Equity Advisory Committee has helped identify and eliminate barriers in our grantmaking process and increase our reach to smaller, less-resourced nonprofits, particularly those led by people of color. The committee has challenged us to consider the "how" and the "why" of our grantmaking strategy. They also encouraged us to leverage our position as a community leader and establish expectations for the partners with whom we work. In December 2022, the Board of Trustees approved our Inclusion Statement for Grantmaking which reads:

In our grantmaking, we work with partners whose programming, leadership, staffing, and volunteers reflect the diversity of the people they serve. Like the Community Foundation, our partners should authentically work to maximize access to services and achieve equitable practices for all people regardless of ethnicity, race, age, gender, identity/expression, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, marital status, income status, or philosophy/religion.

In our effort to learn more about nonprofits in our region who are doing important, grassroots work but may have less access to community resources, we are hosting a series of "Meet and Greet" events. These small, informal events help to create a space for sharing information, build collaboration, and offer encouragement for the good work being done to create a vibrant, thriving Capital Region.



Photo from our January "Meet and Greet" event

Seven Reasons Donors Partner With Us

- 1

We Grow Your Charitable Dollars

It's simple and quick to open a fund that will be invested for growth. Your gift will be placed in our highly diversified asset pool, benefiting from the guidance of experienced professional investment managers. We do the work while you enjoy giving.
- 2

Creative and Easy Ways to Give

We offer abundant choices to make both current gifts and deferred gifts. We will work with you and your professional advisor to identify your best giving options.
- 3

Maximum Tax Benefits

Your contributions qualify for the maximum allowable deduction for income, gift and estate tax purposes. You can maximize your charitable deductions by “bunching” multiple years of contributions to exceed the tax deduction threshold and make grants over time.
- 4

Community Knowledge

Our staff is familiar with the nonprofits and needs in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties. We can help you make the most informed decisions possible about your giving.
- 5

Recognition or Anonymity

The Community Foundation appreciates the generosity of our donors! Stories of charitable giving can inspire others to give, although anonymity is also available for donors who prefer that option.
- 6

Create Community Impact

Competitive administrative fees cover costs of processing transactions and robust donor support. Ultimately, fees support our mission and invest in our community.
- 7

Leave Your Legacy

Through an endowment fund at the Community Foundation, your gifts are protected and work to benefit the causes you care about, today and forever.

Fund Types

The key to having a rewarding philanthropic experience is finding the best fit for your charitable priorities, goals and personal preferences.

The Community Foundation offers a variety of fund types so you can select the option that matches your needs.

- Flexible Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)**

Open your DAF in minutes with a new online application, lower fees, and no minimum retained balance. Take advantage of our vast expert knowledge of our community's needs and hundreds of nonprofits to fully customize your charitable giving.

Field of Interest Fund

Concentrate your giving on a particular issue such as food insecurity, protecting the environment, or supporting the arts. We then direct your giving to the nonprofits currently addressing your concerns.
- Designated Fund**

Support the charitable organization(s) of your choice, in perpetuity.

Agency Fund

Set up by nonprofits and individuals to provide permanent sources of revenue for individual nonprofits. See page 27 for a list of our 180 agency funds.
- Legacy Fund (Testamentary)**

Ultimately funded through your estate plan, the Fund will become active after your lifetime. The Community Foundation invests and protects your Fund, ensuring your charitable intentions are carried out for you, forever. A Legacy Fund Agreement also allows you to make changes to your plan without having to amend your will, trust, or other beneficiary designations.
- Special Opportunities**

Leadership Fund

To support the Community Foundation's strategic initiatives, proactive grants, and related Community Foundation capacity needs. Projects like Rotary Park and Play Michigan! (the region's first universally-accessible playground-park) depended on this fund.

Community's Endowment

Perpetual fund to support the charitable nonprofits and projects that meet the region's current, greatest needs.

DEI Action Fund

To support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs and activities in our community.

Agency Fund Benefits

An Agency Fund is an endowment fund created by a nonprofit to exclusively benefit that nonprofit, forever.

- » Establishing an endowment fund creates sustainable income for your organization and can attract major planned gifts that you might not otherwise receive. Your fund is truly endowed – permanent and protected forever. This is important to donors who want their investment to be their legacy.
- » Because your fund is pooled with hundreds of other funds at the foundation, your organization benefits from a diverse investment portfolio with outstanding returns that typically come only with very large funds.
- » Similar to commercial investment companies, we charge a small fee from your fund's earnings to manage your fund. But unlike for-profit institutions, the fees you pay support our mission and invest in our community.
- » The Community Foundation is trusted and well-respected throughout the region, bringing credibility to your organization and your fund.
- » Our professional development staff can help you grow your fund by promoting it to your donors, foundation donors and professional advisors in the community who trust us. We will also meet with your major donors and your board to answer their questions.
- » Low minimum investment of \$10,000 to open your fund. When the fund reaches \$50,000, you may choose to accept distributions or reinvest them for optimal growth of your fund. Distributions are calculated on a 12-quarter rolling average to even out market fluctuations.

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The Community Foundation has a respected reputation for holding agency funds in the Lansing area, so when we at Small Talk decided to take that first step and begin our endowment, they were the natural choice. Not only do they offer the financial services to house our agency fund, but they also provide valuable connections to donors, tools, resources, and other nonprofit partners.

- Alex Brace, Executive Director
Small Talk Children's Advocacy Center



Curious about starting an Agency Fund?

We'd love to talk further or answer any questions to help you get started!

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Why Our Donor-Advised Funds are So Popular

Professional advisors challenged us to make our donor-advised funds (DAFs) more competitive with those at commercial institutions to provide their clients with the best DAF available. Now we offer a new online DAF application that is shorter and easier than the commercial apps. We also eliminated our minimum balance and lowered our fees.

Benefits of establishing a Donor-Advised Fund with the Community Foundation include:

- » Maximum charitable tax advantages - bunch multiple years of contributions to exceed the tax deduction threshold and make grants over time
- » Flexibility – you decide how and when to give
- » Competitive fees that ultimately support your community
- » Access to resources and annual events that inform donors about community needs and impactful grantmaking opportunities
- » Personalized services and local knowledge – professional staff offer giving advice, fund management, and rewarding charitable connections
- » Quick and easy set-up options – apply online or meet with us in person to set up your DAF
- » Opportunity to give anonymously, if desired
- » No minimum retained balance

Having a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation is like creating your own foundation – but without the administrative work and expense. Just enjoy charitable giving and leave the rest to us!

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I used to have a donor-advised fund at a commercial institution, but after learning about the Community Foundation and how they know my community's needs and nonprofits, it only made sense to move my DAF there. The Foundation made it easy, and I love how my fund will benefit my community forever.

- Helen Riendeau, donor-advised fundholder

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to learn more about our donor-advised funds and see our online application.



Making an Impact in Our Community

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We recognize the benefits we enjoy were made possible by the philanthropic efforts of those who came before us. It's our responsibility to pay it forward and ensure that future generations can also thrive.

- Jack Roberts, donor and fundholder

Jack and Peggy Roberts have dedicated their lives to giving back to their community. With a rich family history and diverse careers, they have found their passion in philanthropy. Their charitable endeavors, particularly focused on environmental conservation and refugee support, have made a significant impact. One such instance is their 50:50 matching campaign with Fenner Nature Center.

"I first got involved with Fenner towards the end of my career when I joined the board of directors," said Peggy. "Fenner is a remarkable place, spanning 134 acres of nature right here in Lansing. It provides solace and incredible educational opportunities, especially for children, teaching them about environmental stewardship and the importance of preserving our natural world."

Due to Peggy's love for Fenner Nature Center, Jack thought of the nonprofit in his anniversary gift planning for her back in May 2022. "I wanted to do something special for Peggy on our 50th anniversary, so I reached out to Fenner for ideas," shared Jack. "We decided to start a matching fund campaign for Fenner's endowment. For every \$50,000 raised, Peggy and I pledged to match it. It was our way of showing our commitment to securing Fenner's long-term sustainability."

While Jack and Peggy normally like to give unrestricted funds for operations, they recognize the value an endowment fund gives a nonprofit.



Jack and Peggy Roberts have a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation that makes an impact.

"Nonprofits get buffeted around by various changes in giving laws and tax issues, and it's never promised that if they just work harder, the funding will come," said Peggy. "An endowment certainly gives a modicum of security to help through the tough times...to know that perhaps you're not going to have to lay off staff or cut critical programming for a short-term financial issue."

Jack agrees. "For many nonprofits, after they've got the operations covered, it's important to have some way of securing the original vision and the long-term viability of that vision. And an endowment can help do that. That's what we hope will happen at Fenner."

Contact the Community Foundation to make your charitable dreams come true!

Maximize Your Charitable Giving

With today's high standard tax deduction (\$13,850 for single individuals and \$27,700 for married couples), fewer people are itemizing their deductions. However, there are still things you can do to maximize the tax benefits of your charitable giving, and the Community Foundation is a great resource to help you at no cost.

Create or use your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) at the Foundation to "bunch" multiple years of gifts into one year to take advantage of itemizing. Then, make grants from your DAF over time to provide regular support to your favorite organizations, even in years when you will not itemize.

Use your IRA to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution gift to the Foundation. If you are age 70 1/2 or older, this may be a tax-smart way to directly transfer up to \$100,000 per year to the Foundation without having to claim the distribution as income.

Stocks, bonds and mutual funds make great gifts. Simply transfer appreciated securities straight to the Foundation rather than selling first, and typically, you avoid capital gains tax. Direct this gift to one of our 540+ existing funds or create a fund of your own.

Special thanks to Carrie Hindmon, CPA, CSEP, Partner at Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC, for assisting us with this information.

Although you should always consult with your own tax and financial advisors, the Community Foundation is honored to be part of your charitable planning team.

Charitable giving questions? We have answers.

We'd love to talk further or answer any questions to help you figure out the best way to continue giving in the current tax climate.

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Professional Advisors Trust the Community Foundation

Howard “Jack” Weyers is a seasoned attorney specializing in estate planning, elder law, and estate administration at Family and Elder Law of Mid-Michigan, P.C.

In his role as an advisor, Jack refers clients to the Community Foundation to include their charitable intentions in their estate plans. “We discuss how using a Donor-Advised Fund through the Community Foundation can provide them flexibility and allow their charitable intentions to evolve over time,” explained Jack. “The Community Foundation can also help my clients establish a testamentary fund that can avoid legal fees when they make changes to their charitable plans beyond their lifetime.”

To Jack, the Community Foundation is a key tool and resource for those with charitable intentions who want to support our community. “The Foundation helps donors, local nonprofits, and the community as a whole,” said Jack. “The Foundation benefits nonprofits with funding and promotion to those in the community who are charitably minded. The Community Foundation has also focused its great work on specific projects in our community.”

For people considering working with the Community Foundation on their charitable plans, Jack advises reaching out. “The Foundation team is easy to work with and their tools are user-friendly. My clients have a seamless and positive experience.”



“I encourage everyone in the financial advisory and estate planning fields to simply ask clients, ‘Do you have any charities or causes that are near and dear to your heart that you’d like to benefit now or after you’re gone?’ The statistics speak for themselves. If you ask the question, people respond!”

- Jack Weyers, attorney
Family and Elder Law of Mid-Michigan

The Community Foundation enjoys working with professional advisors every day to help their clients. Thank you to the advisors below who have referred their clients to the Community Foundation, resulting in new funds and/or planned gifts:

Melissa K. Allen

Jack Davis*

Charley Janssen (ret.)

Bob Reinhart (ret.)

Sally Babbitt

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* Indicates advisors who have passed away.

If you’ve referred clients to the Community Foundation who have set up new funds or planned gifts and are not included in the above list, please contact us so we can be sure to recognize you in the future.

A Legacy of Giving

Our Legacy Society is comprised of charitable people who want to see their philanthropy continue beyond their lifetime. Society members have made bequests or other planned gifts to the Community Foundation, entrusting us to carry out their charitable vision forever. We are grateful for their dedication, foresight, and philanthropic spirit.

Naming a charity in your will is simple, and you can leave a set dollar amount, or simply a percentage of your estate. Many people think they do not have the wealth required to create a legacy. If any of the following apply to you, **you have an estate**:

- » Own a home (even one you still owe money on)
- » Own a car
- » Have a 401K, IRA, or life insurance
- » A collection of items like first edition comics, valuable dolls, or vintage stamps in pristine condition

All of these items have monetary value. You don't need to have a million in the bank to have an estate and create a legacy. Talk with us and see how a planned gift can support causes you care about, forever.

- 1
- Join our Legacy Society by making a planned gift through:
 - Wills, trusts or estate plans
 - Charitable gift annuities
 - Life insurance policies
 - Retirement fund assets
 - Charitable remainder trusts
 - Charitable lead trusts
- 2
- Once you've made a planned gift and named the Community Foundation as a beneficiary, notify us and we will include you in our Legacy Society. **You can create a legacy fund with no upfront gift.**

You are welcome to remain anonymous, if desired, and your contributions will help our community all the same. But being a part of our Legacy Society gives you the added benefit of inspiring others to give.
- 3
- We are responsible for carrying out your charitable wishes after you're gone. Your vision will grow and benefit your community with the highest possible impact — forever.

Creating your personal legacy through the Community Foundation costs you nothing today. Contact us!

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Thank You to Our Legacy Society Members

- Sam M. & Mary E. Austin

Leahbelle M. Balbach*

Jim & Nancy Ballard

Dr. Paul J. Ballard

Susan J. Bandes

Jack E.* & Margaret J. Bates

Doris H. Bauer*

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Dennis & Linda Fliehman

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Gerald & Dorothy Francis*

Charles Furney

Joe* & Betty Gadaleta

Bertha P. Gilson*

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Thomas E. & Lynne M. Hoffmeyer

Meegan Holland

Mark & Marcia Hooper

Beth M. Hubbell

Charley & LeaAnne Janssen

Marcy Gillespie Kinzer

Randy Linn

Jim & Ruth Linnemann

Nancy Little

Theresa Lynch*

Robert & Audrey Martin*

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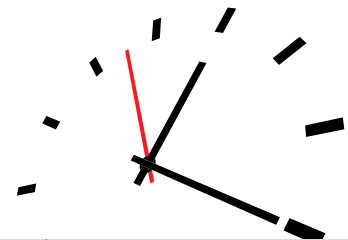
If you've made arrangements for a planned gift to the Community Foundation and are not included in the above list, please contact us so we can be sure to recognize you in the future.

New! 35 Hours of Giving

In May, the Community Foundation hosted our first 35 Hours of Giving campaign, which helped build endowment funds for local nonprofits. The Community Foundation provided 17 nonprofits a digital platform and one-on-one support to make it happen! Two nonprofits used this opportunity to establish their endowment. In total, \$251,680 was raised for endowments across all participants. We plan to make 35 Hours of Giving a biannual event.

2023 Participating Nonprofits

- » Arts Council of Greater Lansing
- » Burcham Hills Retirement Community
- » Capital Area College Access Network
- » Casa For Kids, Inc. Barry, Eaton & Ingham Counties
- » Child And Family Charities
- » Eaton Community Health
- » Friends Of Historic Meridian
- » Hospice Of Lansing & Stoneleigh Residence
- » Impression 5 Science Center
- » Lansing Concert Band
- » Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
- » Origami Rehabilitation
- » Reach Studio Art Center
- » Small Talk Children's Advocacy Center
- » The House of Promise
- » Woldumar Nature Center
- » Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Council



35 Hours of Giving

\$211,180

total amount raised by individuals

\$40,500

in matching funds and prizes

\$251,680

total amount raised for endowments

Our Grantmaking

Since the Foundation's first grant in 1989, we have awarded more than \$65 million to organizations in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties. In 2022, we provided funding to nonprofits in our region through our Impact, Capacity Building, Mini, and Youth grant opportunities.

Impact Grants are designed to increase the long-term effect of an organization or program, increase the organization's ability to reach under-served populations, or enable two or more nonprofits to work collaboratively to create transformative community change. These grants support some of our region's most impactful projects.

Capacity Building Grants strengthen nonprofits' infrastructure through strategic planning, board or fundraising training, executive coaching, or developing an organization's DEI strategy. Capacity Building Grants help organizations become stronger and sustainable.

Youth Grants are awarded by the Foundation's Youth Advisory Council, which is comprised of high school students throughout our region. Grants are focused on issues identified through a tri-annual needs assessment conducted by the students. In 2022, a total of \$45,100 was awarded to support programs addressing mental health challenges.

Mini Grants support smaller, grassroots organizations with operating budgets under \$250,000. Grants can be for a program, supplies, or operating costs, and are funded by generous Donor-Advised Fundholders of the Foundation. In 2022, our fundholders made grants totaling over \$96,000 to 28 organizations.

Each of the Community Foundation's grant opportunities is unique in its purpose, and together they strengthen the region's nonprofit sector and help build strong, vibrant communities.

Child and Family Charities site visit



Dirt School opening in Holt



“35 Hours of Giving provided an invaluable opportunity to jump-start CASA's long-term giving by doubling our current endowment fund. In addition to running a flawless campaign, the support, education, tools, and matching funding provided made this a highly successful endeavor for us. The strategies and tools also encouraged CASA to begin further developing our endowment and long-term planning internally.

- Rachel Swedburg, Executive Director
CASA for Kids, Inc

Over \$1 Million Granted by Committees to Nonprofits

In 2022, we awarded:

\$650,000 in Impact Grants to 10 organizations
\$288,300 in Capacity Building Grants to 14 organizations
\$96,387 in Mini Grants to 27 organizations
\$45,100 in YAC Grants to 14 organizations

Capacity Building Grantees



Impact Grantees



Youth Grantees

- » Blessings In A Backpack Grand Ledge
- » Child and Family Charities
- » Dansville High School
- » Eastside Community Action Center
- » Eaton Rapids High School Interact Club
- » Focus on Love Foundation
- » St. Johns Baby Pantry

- » REACH Studio Art Center
- » St. Johns Basic Needs Center
- » Shared Pregnancy Women's Center
- » STREETS 517 Ministries
- » The Village Lansing
- » The Voice for Clinton County's Children
- » United Way of South Central Michigan

Mini Grantees

- » Allen Neighborhood Center
- » Building Twentyone
- » Cardboard Prophets
- » Certain League Farms Foundation
- » Dan Timlin's Legacy Organization Inc.
- » Eastside Community Action Center
- » Eaton Clothing & Furniture Center
- » Elsie Area Food Pantry
- » Fledge Foundation
- » Global Institute of Lansing
- » Helping Hands of Eaton County
- » IQ Hub
- » Judson Love Clothing Center
- » Lansing Children's Choir

- » LMTS Community Outreach Services
- » Michigan Breastfeeding Network
- » Mission Menstruation
- » Nottingham Nature Nook
- » Old Town Commercial Association
- » Punks With Lunch Lansing
- » REACH Studio Art Center
- » South Lansing Ministries
- » Southside Community Kitchen
- » Sport Psychology Solutions
- » STREETS 517 Ministries
- » T.W.I.G.S. To Work In Grateful Service
- » WILDSIDE Rehabilitation and Education Center

Youth Advisory Council



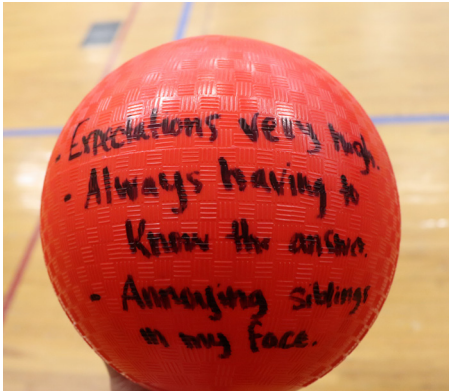
Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a group of teens representing Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. YAC meets various times throughout the school year to learn about philanthropy through community awareness, building nonprofit partnerships, and grantmaking. They review Youth Grant applications and select organizations that address teen issues based on the most recent youth needs assessment survey.

In 2022, YAC awarded \$45,100 to 14 organizations in the Tri-County area. Youth

Advisory Council members continue to make a positive impact in our community each year, and will be the dynamic philanthropic leaders of tomorrow!

Youth Impacting Youth

With teen issues focused on substance abuse, violence, and mental health, the Youth Advisory Council hosted an end-of-the-school year event called Dodge the Stress. YAC partnered with various youth-focused nonprofits and businesses such as The Village Lansing, Capnos, Small Talk Children's Advocacy Center, and Child and Family Charities to lead discussions on these topics. Finally, the group wrote down their stress triggers on the dodgeballs and threw away their stress in a game of dodgeball.



Photos from Dodge the Stress



Congratulations to our graduating seniors!



Hannah Babcock
Eaton Rapids HS
Michigan Technical University



Naomi Johnson
Lansing Everett HS
Columbia University



Paige Lemmon
Holt HS
DePaul University



Marie Schaefer
Williamston HS
University of Notre Dame



Laura Schloegl
St. Johns HS
University of Michigan



Emily VanElls
St. Johns HS
Ferris State University

Have a high school teen interested in joining YAC?

Contact us to learn how they can get involved!

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Vibrant, Thriving Communities

As a community leader, our Community Foundation has made a commitment to work more proactively, not just reactively, to better address our region's greatest needs. Our board of trustees recognizes that our Community Foundation can and should do more as a leader.

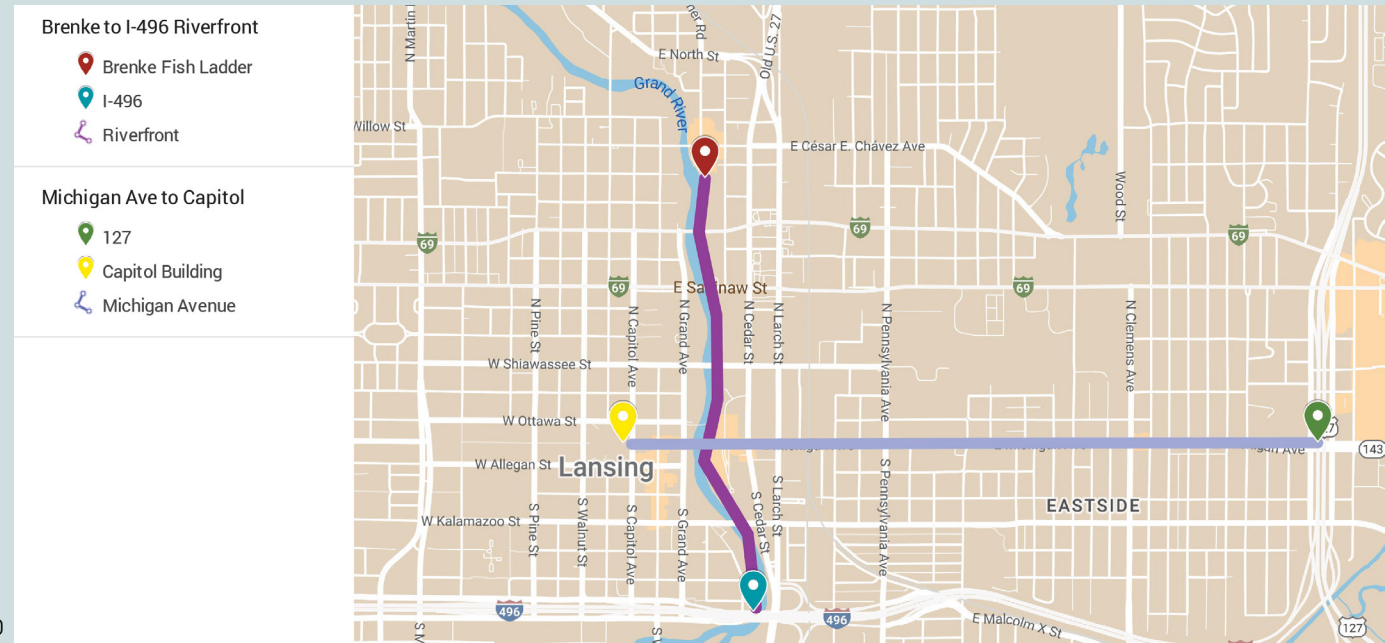
Community “listening tours” were conducted in fall 2015 and early 2016 to learn what the region needed most and what gaps we could fill. With economic development at the forefront, and talent attraction and retention specifically, we identified placemaking as our strategic niche.

Our Current Placemaking Focus

Economic development often depends on attracting and retaining talent, and people with talent want to live in cities that have a vibrant downtown, attractive and welcoming public spaces, and rich artistic and cultural opportunities. Placemaking is an investment proven to have a “multiplier effect” that attracts a talented workforce, employers, and jobs.

We are leading projects that no one else is working on, and we collaborate with other community leaders on existing projects where we can address gaps and sticking points.

To date, we have focused on the Michigan Avenue corridor as the backbone of our region. Our projects are strategically located between the Capitol and US-127, and in downtown Lansing and its riverfront. The Community Foundation is developing the downtown Lansing riverfront because it is an underutilized asset in our community that should be accessible and safely enjoyed by everyone.



Map of our current placemaking focus



After a 2-year delay due to the pandemic and permitting, Play Michigan!, the region’s first universally-accessible playground, will open in September 2023.

This \$3.2 million playground-park is designed to meet the needs of children with physical, sensory, and developmental disabilities. The playground will feature wheelchair-accessible play equipment, specialty swings and ramps, sensory play areas, and other inclusive features, ensuring that children of all abilities can play side by side. A riverside boardwalk deck, designed with safety in mind, will provide a space for all to enjoy the waterfront.

This unique park will be located on the Grand River in downtown Lansing, highly visible near the southwest corner of Saginaw Street and Grand Avenue. The 66,000-square-foot park will include a custom, state-of-the-art, all-access playground that is 10,000 square feet. The park will also include a picnic deck, pavilion, and dedicated barrier-free parking.

We are leading this project in partnership with the City of Lansing. **AF Group** and **CASE Credit Union** are lead sponsors of the playground-park. Other major sponsors include:

- » Linda and Joel Zylstra, whose original vision sparked the project
- » John and Jewel Bos
- » Eileen and Jerry Phaner
- » Sparrow Health System
- » Mary Free Bed
- » Michigan Medicine
- » Peckham

Playground rendering

Playground construction in early July 2023



Façade Improvements

The Community Foundation has partnered with the Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority (MACIA), the City of Lansing, and business and property owners in a pilot project to improve the façades of businesses in the 2000 block of Michigan Avenue. While this project helps businesses on the avenue, it is even more important to the community at large. It supports the Foundation’s strategic goal to create vibrant communities that attract and retain talent.

The MACIA board chose the north side of the 2000 block of Michigan Avenue as its first major project because it is densely activated with businesses, and most of the south side of the block has already been developed with new apartments and storefronts.

Community Foundation staff have built relationships with the block’s property and business owners to gain consensus on the need for the project and their willingness to invest their own financial contributions.

- Improvements include the following:
- » Architectural details will be cleaned and highlighted.
 - » Incompatible exterior finishes and trims will be removed.
 - » Broken signage and ripped awnings will be replaced.
 - » New energy efficient windows and doors will provide improved security, energy efficiency, and barrier free entry.
 - » Improved signage and enhanced lighting will provide ambiance and security.
 - » Exterior brick, limestone, and concrete will be cleaned and tuckpointed.

This work will update and brighten the whole block, including the sides of the two corner buildings.



Façade improvement renderings

Fish Ladder Music Park

Located on the bank of the Grand River adjacent to Old Town, Burchard Park and the Brenke Fish Ladder are underdeveloped amenities with tremendous untapped potential. Past events like Dam Jam in 2019, 2021, and now in 2023, have further demonstrated the potential to transform the old historical site. The Fish Ladder Music Park will use an historic architectural wonder with a water feature to create a unique musical performance venue on the riverfront.

Improvements to the park will create a unique destination venue for both residents and visitors. A stage, theatre-style seating, a plug-and-play sound system, and creative lighting will transform the fish ladder. In addition, amenities will be added to its home of Burchard Park, including an “electric forest,” outdoor fireplace and seating, and improved accessibility for all people regardless of ability. Architectural plans have been drafted and a fundraising feasibility study has been completed. A fundraising campaign is underway, and all donations from individuals and businesses will be matched by the Foundation dollar-for-dollar.

For more information or to be involved in this project, contact Laurie Baumer, president & CEO of the Community Foundation, at (517) 281-9054 or lbaumer@ourcommunity.org.



J.Santino performing at the 2023 Dam Jam Music Festival at the Fish Ladder, photo credit Lenon James



Fish Ladder Music Park design rendering

Community Foundation 2022 Financial Report



Audited Financial Report

ASSETS	2022	2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,085,814	1,042,486
Investments	126,473,785	148,337,595
Promises to give, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and discount	547,407	594,657
Deposits	14,254	14,511
Property donation: cemetery lots	63,840	57,843
Furniture and equipment, less accumulated depreciation	10,718	13,038
Operating lease right-of-use assets	414,185	–
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 128,610,003	150,060,130

LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,947	13,702
Accrued salaries and related	30,058	35,173
Grants payable	361,430	328,100
Funds held in agency endowments	13,450,125	14,522,263
Liabilities associated with gift annuities	58,624	74,534
Operating lease liabilities	414,185	–
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 14,324,369	14,973,772

NET ASSETS		
Total Net Assests	\$ 114,285,634	135,086,358
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 128,610,003	150,060,130

The accounting firm of Maner Costerisan, PC, annually audits the Capital Region Community Foundation's financial statements and has once again expressed an unqualified favorable opinion. A complete copy of our audited financial statement is available online at ourcommunity.org.

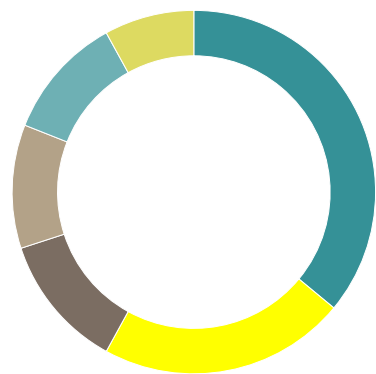
By The Numbers

\$5,386,720
GRANTS AWARDED

\$6,962,575
GIFTS RECEIVED

FUND CATEGORIES

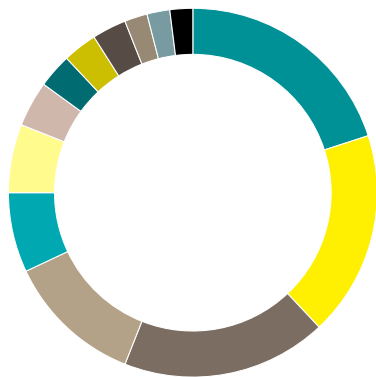
The chart below does not include our leadership or administrative funds.



KEY		
Agency Funds	36%	\$40,925,094
Field of Interest Funds	22%	\$25,390,724
Designated Funds	12%	\$13,513,980
Scholarship Funds	11%	\$12,318,361
Donor-Advised Funds	11%	\$12,002,864
Undesignated Funds	8%	\$9,211,485

GRANT CATEGORIES

The chart below includes grantmaking by committees and fundholders.



KEY		
Philanthropy & Volunteerism <i>Primarily Agency Funds</i>	20%	Arts & Culture 4%
Community Improvement/ Capacity Building	18%	Youth Development 3%
Education	18%	Animal Related 3%
Human Services	12%	Other 3%
Housing	7%	Health 2%
Religious/Spiritual*	6%	Civil Rights & Social Action 2%
		Food, Nutrition, Agriculture 2%

*Majority of these grants were from our donor-advised fundholders.

540+ Funds and Growing

Agency Funds

- American Council of Snowmobile Associations Legacy Fund
- American Red Cross Mid-Michigan Chapter Endowment Fund
- Arc Michigan Endowment Fund, The
- Archives of Michigan Endowment Fund
- Arts Council of Greater Lansing Endowment Fund
 - Arts Advancement Fund
 - Suzanne B. Mills Fund for the Arts
- Autism Society of Michigan Endowment Fund
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region Endowment Fund
- Boys & Girls Club of Lansing Endowment Fund
 - Dr. Carl Bradford and Rhea May Bradford Endowment Fund, The
- Burcham Hills Endowment Fund
 - Center for Health and Rehab Fund
 - Donald and Phoebe Griffin Benevolent Care Endowment Fund
 - Lenna M. Keith Benevolent Care Fund
- Camp Grayling Officers Club Fund
- Capital Area Humane Society Endowment Fund
 - Glassen Memorial Endowment Fund for Humane Education
 - Harold Levy Charitable Fund
- Capital Area Literacy Coalition Endowment Fund
- Capital Region Housing Collaborative
- Carol J. Greer Community Learning Center Endowment Fund
- CASA for Kids Fund
- Chief Okemos Council, Boy Scouts of America Endowment Fund
 - J. Michael Warren Campership Fund
- Child and Family Charities Endowment Fund
- Chosen Vision Endowment Fund
- City of East Lansing Endowment Fund

- City of Lansing Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund
- Clinton County Historical Museum Endowment Fund
- Community Mental Health Endowment Fund
- Cristo Rey Community Center Fund
- Crosswalk Teen Center Endowment Fund
- DeWitt Area Community Fund
 - All Kids Playground
 - Japanese Garden Project
- DeWitt Public Schools Foundation Endowment Fund
- East Lansing Educational Foundation Endowment Fund
 - Allyson Knox and Mark Solheim School Social Worker and Counselor Fund
 - Asa and Calder Bromley Memorial Library Fund
 - Class of 1963 Endowment Fund
 - Class of 1971 Endowment Fund
 - Corey Cafagna Fund for Special Education, Jazz and Choral Music
 - Discretionary Fund for Professional Development
 - Dorothy McDonald Endowment Fund for Orchestral Music
 - Draggoo Family Endowment Fund for High School Band
 - East Lansing Alumni Association Fund
 - Endowment for Academics
 - Endowment for Athletics, Clubs, and Activities
 - Endowment for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
 - Endowment for the Arts
 - High School Music Directors' Discretionary Fund for Music Students
 - Jodi Piper Bappert Fund for Student Leadership Development
 - John Ropp Endowment Fund
 - Mary Anne Sternberg Marshall Fund for High School Theater
 - Sally McClintock Endowment for Elementary Music
 - Science Olympiad Club Endowment Fund
 - Shrewsbury Sisters-Whitmer Family Endowment for Civic Engagement
 - Spartan Village G.L.O.B.A.L. Endowment Fund

- Staton Family Endowment Fund
- S.T.E.M. Endowment Fund
- East Lansing Public Library Endowment Fund
- Eaton Community Health (ECH) Endowment Fund
- Eaton County Community Foundation
 - Administrative Endowment
 - Charlotte Public Schools Education Foundation Endowment Fund
 - Courthouse Square Association Fund
 - Eaton Area Senior Center Endowment Fund
 - United Way of South Central Michigan Endowment Fund
 - Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society Roger Hoopingarner Endowment Fund
 - Eaton Rapids Education Foundation Endowment Fund
 - First Congregational Church of Vermontville Endowment Fund
 - Friends of the Charlotte Performing Arts Center Endowment Fund
 - Grand Ledge Education Foundation Endowment Fund
 - Dart Bank Grand Ledge Literacy Endowment Fund
 - David and Betty Morris Fund
 - Josh Spalsbury Endowment for the Social Sciences
 - Grand Ledge Opera House Endowment Fund
 - Heart and Hands Endowment Fund
 - Housing Services Mid Michigan Endowment Fund
 - Sparrow Eaton Hospital Endowment Fund
- Edgewood Village Endowment Fund
- Ele's Place Endowment Fund
 - Shirley Pasant Memorial Fund
- EVE, Inc. Endowment Fund
- Expectant Parents Organization Endowment Fund
- Fenner Conservancy Endowment Fund
- Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Michigan Fund
- Friends of Historic Meridian Endowment Fund
- Friendship Forever Fund

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Greater Lansing Food Bank John and Diane Dodge Endowment Fund	Michigan Historical Center Foundation Fund
Greater Lansing Symphony Orchestra Fund, The	Michigan Museums Association Endowment Fund
Habitat for Humanity of Michigan Endowment Fund	Michigan Nurses Foundation Fund
Harris Nature Center Endowment Fund	Michigan Physical Therapy Institute for Education and Research Endowment Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none">Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Student Award Fund
Haven House Endowment Fund	Michigan Physician Assistant Foundation Endowment Fund
Helen Tzitsikas Holy Trinity Scholarship Fund	Michigan Public Power Agency Fund
HighEdWeb Endowment Fund in Honor of Dr. Tonya Oaks Smith	Michigan Shiga Sister State Board Endowment Fund
Highfields, Inc. Endowment Fund	Michigan Wildlife Conservancy Endowment Fund
Hospice of Lansing Endowment Fund, The	Michigan’s Children Fund
House of Promise Endowment Fund, The	Mikey’s Fund
Impression Five Science Center Endowment Fund	MNA ConnectMichigan Alliance Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none">George W. Romney Endowment FundMichigan Campus Compact FundRussel G. Mawby Endowment Fund
Izzo Legacy Endowment Fund, The	mParks - Raymond C. and Katherine E. Davis Access to Recreation Endowment Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none">Timothy J. Doyle Memorial Fund
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Junior Achievement of Mid-Michigan Endowment Fund	Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project Endowment Fund, The
Laingsburg Educational Advancement Foundation Fund	Okemos Community Church Endowment Fund
Lansing Concert Band Endowment Fund	Okemos Education Foundation Endowment Fund
Lansing Promise Endowment Fund	Old Town Commercial Association Robert P. Busby Memorial Fund
Lansing Public Schools Educational Advancement Foundation Fund	Opportunity Resource Fund Endowment Fund
Legacy Endowment for Catholic Spartans (St. John Church and Student Center) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Father Jake Fund	Origami Rehabilitation Center Endowment Fund
Library of Michigan Foundation Endowment Fund	Ovid-Elsie Community Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none">Athletic FundBand FundFuture Farmers of America Alumni FundInformation Center FundWOES Fund
Loaves and Fishes Ministries Endowment Fund	Peckham Endowment Fund
Lucinda Means Bicycle Advocacy Fund	Portland Foundation for Public Education Fund
Michigan Barn Preservation Network Endowment Fund	REACH Studio Art Endowment Fund
Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence Endowment Fund	
Michigan Disability Rights Coalition Jim Francis-Bohr Memorial Fund	
Michigan Economic Developers Association Endowment Fund in Honor of Birgit Klohs	

Rotary Club of Lansing Foundation Endowment Fund - In Memory of Jack Bates, The
School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan Endowment Fund
Small Talk Children’s Advocacy Center Partners in Hope and Healing Endowment Fund
St. Johns Area Community Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none">Class of 1965 Sickles & Fitch Vietnam Veterans Memorial FundEd and Sara Peters Family Heritage FundForrest and Doris Swatman Downtown Celebration FundJohn and Cheryl Wieber Family Heritage FundMazzolini Family FundMcKenzie/Crosby Agency FundSirrine Family Heritage Fund, TheSt. Johns Area Children’s FundZuker Family Fund, The
St. Johns Schools Foundation for Excellence Endowment Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none">Terry Cornwell Award Fund
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St. Thomas Aquinas Church Music Ministry Fund
St. Thomas Aquinas Faith Fund
St. Thomas Aquinas School Teacher Support Fund (<i>designated</i>)
St. Vincent Catholic Charities Fund
State Bar of Michigan Access to Justice Fund
Todd Martin Development Endowment Fund
Tri-County Office on Aging Endowment Fund
United Way of South Central Michigan Endowment Fund I <ul style="list-style-type: none">United Way of South Central Michigan Endowment Fund IIUnited Way of South Central Michigan Volunteer Center Endowment FundCollege Access Network Endowment Fund
Williamston Area Beautification Fund
Williamston Schools Foundation Endowment Fund
Woldumar Nature Center Fund
Women’s Center of Greater Lansing Endowment Fund
YMCA of Lansing Fund

Designated Funds

Adam D. Nevells Memorial Fund
Alonso Stornant Collar and Family Charitable Fund in Support of St. Vincent Catholic Charities
Ann and Jim Reutter Fund
Betty Giuliani Charitable Fund
Brewer Family Endowment Fund, The
Capitol National Bank Charitable Fund
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Connect 4 Kids Endowment Fund
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Eaton County Community Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bill Buchanan FundCharlotte Country Club Community FundCIDC FundDarin Family Charitable FundJoe Hartig FundMiller Fund
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Donald T. MacLean and Margaret Finlayson Hunter MacLean Scholarship Fund

East Lansing Educational Foundation

- Jason Wildman Scholarship Fund

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- Grand Ledge Education Foundation Winstanley Endowment for Mathematics and Science Scholarship
- James E. and Joyce E. Griffith Scholarship Fund
- James N. and Clarabelle Maxey Family Memorial Fund
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