

Foundation announces grants for the 1st half of 2008

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation recently completed its grant distribution process for the first half of 2008. Each of the following grants was awarded from one or more of the 142 permanently endowed funds administered by the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation:

- \$500 from the James Dale Ervin Memorial Fund to restart the Rosebush Little League program and help with field improvements.
- \$1,000 from the Kellogg Youth Fund to the Bright Starts - Summer Youth Program. This grant helps provide continued enrichment beyond the school day by providing a Youth Explorer Program for children ages 5-12.
- \$1,110 from the Gail E. Gorton Women in Sports Fund to the Girls on the Run Program.
- \$1,500 from the Robert and Geraldine Krapohl Literacy Fund awarded to PEAK's Summer Reading Program. The CMU Summer Reading Clinic, offered in conjunction with the PEAK Summer Program, helps students who are not reading up to grade level get the help they need to catch up with their reading skills.
- \$1,305 from the Kellogg Youth Fund awarded to PEAK for Transportation Scholarships. These scholarships help students get to and from the PEAK Summer Program.
- \$500 from the Kellogg Youth Fund awarded to the Central Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross for Comfort Kits for Older Children. The Comfort Kits are given to children who have lost everything in a fire.
- \$5,000 from the Kiwanis Club of Mt. Pleasant Youth Fund awarded to Hospice of Central Michigan for Hospice House.
- \$1,833 from the Continuum Homelessness Grant Fund awarded to The Salvation Army for temporary emergency shelter assistance for the homeless.
- \$1,095 from the Friends of the Library Fund for the 2008 Veterans Memorial Library Project.
- \$855 from the Kellogg Youth Fund to the PEAK Super Summer Showcase.
- \$715 from the William Ellis Brockman Infant Assistance Fund to the Central Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross for infant items in the Food Pantry.
- \$1,656 from the Esther Kraus Peacemaking Fund to the Mt. Pleasant Public School's Peacemaking Ceremony and the assembly production "Bucket Fillers for Life".
- \$1,000 from the G. Charles & Janice L. Hubscher Unrestricted Fund to the Mt. Pleasant CROP Walk. The grant will be used to match monies designated for local agencies from the fall 2008 CROP Walk's overall proceeds.

- \$300 from the Kellogg Youth Fund to the City of Mt. Pleasant's Department of Public Safety for the Michigan Child Identification Program.
- \$3,000 from the Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey Fund and the Kellogg Youth Fund to the HopeWell Ranch for the purchase of a portable mounting ramp. The Ranch offers free equine based therapy for children who are mentally/emotionally/physically challenged. The ramp will allow children with any weakness in their lower appendages to more readily approach and mount the horse.
- \$2,848 from the Kellogg Youth Fund awarded to Rosebush United Methodist Church's Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Program to help create a "Craft Corner".
- \$300 from the Kellogg Youth Fund to Sacred Heart Academy for their After-Prom Party.
- \$2,900 from the Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey Community Needs Fund to Listening Ear Crisis Center for the "Start-Up" of the 211 Program. 211 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects people to important community services.
- \$300 from the Kellogg Youth Fund to Mt. Pleasant High School for their After-Prom Party.
- \$1,750 from the Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund to Central Michigan District Health Department to help purchase new equipment used in their Hearing and Vision Screening Program.
- \$3,227 from the Weisenburger Family Unrestricted Fund and the Kellogg Youth Fund awarded to the Isabella County 4-H Council for the purchase of Automated External Defibrillation units (AED) to be used at the Isabella County Fairgrounds and at the Isabella County 4-H Camp.
- \$300 from the Kellogg Youth Fund to Shepherd High School for their After-Prom Party.
- \$2,100 from the Kellogg Youth Fund to Central Michigan District Health Department for the Photovoice Project. The Photovoice Project provides Isabella County youth the opportunity to assist local health and human service organizations in identifying youth needs through pictures they take and picture narratives they write.
- \$1,500 from the Mt. Pleasant Optimist Club Youth Fund to Hospice of Central Michigan's Youth Bereavement Program.
- \$3,500 from the Kellogg Youth Fund to CMU's Museum of Cultural and Natural History for the "Beyond Barbie: Dolls, Dress & Culture in Global Perspective" exhibit. The exhibit will enhance student learning in world geography, cultural history and writing across the curriculum through unique, hands-on learning activities targeted toward junior high students.
- \$1,500 from the W. Sidney Smith & Judith French Smith Family Unrestricted Fund awarded to the City of Mt. Pleasant's Downtown Development for the Main Street Live summer concert series.

- \$1,087 from the Unrestricted Fund to Central Michigan Pregnancy Services to help purchase updated materials for the Earn While You Learn Program.
- \$1,500 from the Denison Unrestricted Fund to Central Michigan Hospice for the purchase of a digital documenting imaging and storage system.
- \$1,755 from the Healthy Youth/Health Senior Fund to Central Michigan Community Hospital's Nursing Administration for the purchase of an air mattress system that will help lessen or eliminate any possible complications from a lengthy hospital stay.
- \$1,000 from the Isabella Bank & Trust Memorial Unrestricted Fund to Central Michigan Community Hospital's Family Birthing Center for childbirth education materials.
- \$1,298 from the Kellogg Youth Fund to Central Michigan District Health Department for the purchase of bicycle helmets and other materials to be used at the 2008 Safety and Health Fair.
- \$891 from the Barbara L. And George W. Dunn Family Unrestricted Fund to Women's Aid Service for the purchase of a security gate.

The deadlines for community organizations to submit applications for grants to be awarded during the second half of 2008 are October 3 and December 5. Grant applications and information about the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation can be obtained by going to the Foundation's website at www.mpacf.org or by contacting the Foundation's office at (989) 773-7322.

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation was created in 1990 to serve as a community-wide vehicle for the establishment of permanently endowed funds that will benefit the residents of Isabella County... forever!

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