

A Message from the Community Foundation

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's Board of Trustees, staff and many volunteers are excited to present The Legacy, an annual report/ newsletter which highlights much of what has been accomplished over the past year.



Amanda Schafer, Executive Director, and Terrie Zitzelsberger, President

To celebrate our 25th anniversary in 2015, the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation challenged community members to add \$1 million to permanent endowment funds focused on community impact. More than 500 individuals and businesses stepped up to accomplish the ambitious goal. During the

appeal, 14 new community impact funds were started—named for families and local companies. Many donors contributed to existing community impact funds, too, further building community capital to meet the needs of future generations.

Community impact funds are flexible endowments not tied to a single cause. Annual grantmaking resources from community impact funds can be used to address significant and emergent issues throughout Isabella County as things change. Led by Bill and Jan Strickler, the community impact appeal was a huge success! The final tally of gifts and pledges made was \$1,016,000.19. That works out to an average of \$40,000 more available to the community every year...forever! We are so proud of the Stricklers, our Anniversary and Development Committees, and so many of you who made this happen.

We hit another milestone in 2015. The Community Foundation awarded more than \$500,000 in grants and scholarships to schools, local governments, and charitable organizations. That is the greatest sum ever granted in a single year by the Community Foundation! Since our inception in 1990, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$5 million in grants to schools, local governments and charities. That's \$5 million granted while also maintaining the value of every endowed gift ever given to the Foundation! Our tag line is "For Good. For Ever." and we mean it.

The Community Foundation is not tied to a single social cause or mission. Instead, we are responsible for making the right investments, in the right organizations, at the right times. How do we do that? We have committed volunteers with broad expertise who serve our donors and our nonprofit partners by matching available resources to projects and programs addressing current community needs. We estimate that volunteers spent more than 6,000 hours of their time in service to our community through the Community Foundation in 2015. We dedicate this publication to them and to all who seek to improve the quality of life for all citizens of Isabella County now and for generations to come.

About MPACF

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation (MPACF) is a tax-exempt public charity that serves as the center of philanthropy in Isabella County. The Foundation gives people and businesses in the community the opportunity to make contributions to various funds and causes. Those considering charitable giving may establish their own fund or contribute to an existing one. Funds may be created to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one. These professionally managed funds are permanently endowed, which means that the original contributions are never spent.

The assets of the Foundation's 250+ endowment funds are combined for investment purposes, and earnings

from investments are used to award grants and scholarships annually. The yearly earnings benefit humanitarian, educational, recreational, environmental and cultural organizations that provide services to Isabella County residents.

Since 1990, the MPACF has helped individuals, families and businesses to put their resources to work to assist others in the community. The Foundation provides information about programs and organizations that satisfy those needs. MPACF also provides information about the latest options for flexible and tax-effective giving.

The mission of the MPACF is to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Isabella County, now and for generations to come, by holding and attracting permanently endowed funds from a wide range of donors, addressing needs through grant-making and providing leadership on key community issues.



Check out our animated video "For Good. For Ever."



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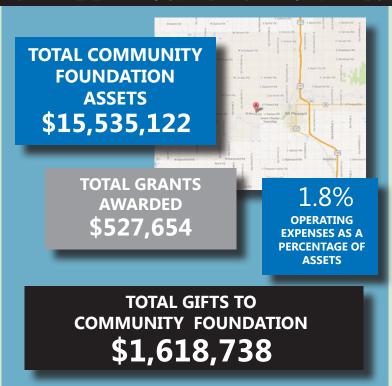


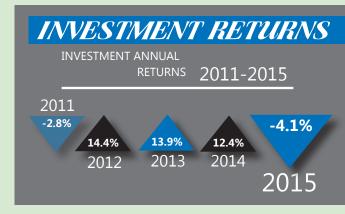


On the Cover: Girls on the Run - Girls on the Run (GOTR) of Central Michigan is a charitable organization dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. GOTR is a physical activity based, positive youth development program for girls in the 3rd through 8th grades. The mission of GOTR is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using an experience based curriculum which creatively integrates running and fun. Running is used to inspire and motivate girls, to encourage lifelong health and fitness and build confidence through accomplishment. Our cover photo was taken in May, 2016 during the culmination of the GOTR season, a 5k run in Shepherd.

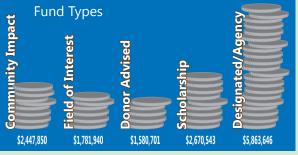
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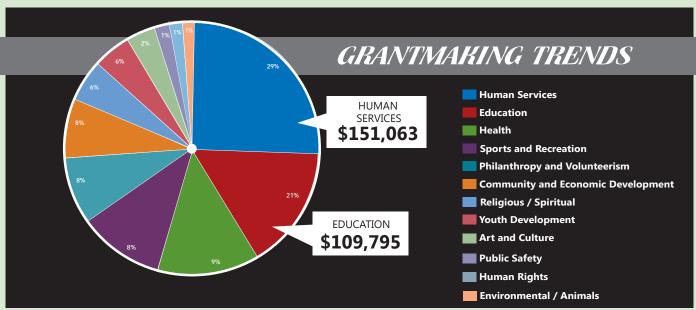
ISABELLA COUNTY'S BIG PICTURE





ENDOWMENT ASSETS





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As of June 30, 2016

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William and Joneil Cook
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Louise Williams* Jim and Carol Wojcik

Terrie and Mark Zitzelsberger

*deceased



















The Denison Legacy Society was established in honor of Rollie and Olga Denison, who gave so bountifully of their time and resources to our community. The Society recognizes individuals and couples who have named the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation as the beneficiary of any type of planned or deferred gift. The purpose of the Society is to acknowledge and thank those who have made these gifts and to encourage and inspire others to do the same. Gifts to the Legacy Society are endowed and leave a permanent legacy in our community. A planned gift will do exactly what you want it to do - FOR GOOD. FOR EVER.

To join this esteemed group, simply arrange for a planned or deferred gift to benefit the Foundation, and then inform the Foundation by submitting a Denison Legacy Society Form. It is not necessary to provide the amount of a planned or deferred gift. You are, however, encouraged to discuss your plans with the Foundation so that we may make certain to comply with your wishes upon receipt of your gift.





Celebrating the past. creating the future

In 2015, the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation celebrated its 25th Anniversary. To commemorate this milestone, a gala was held honoring Board Members (past and present), members of the Denison Legacy Society, and major donors. Sponsored by The Morey Foundation, the gala gave participants the opportunity to reflect on the goal set by our Founders in 1990: to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Isabella County, now and for generations to come. Trustees shared Community Foundation accomplishments over the years and challenged those present to consider how we would grow and change to address significant and emergent issues in our community over time. The special evening concluded with a toast to the future of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation.



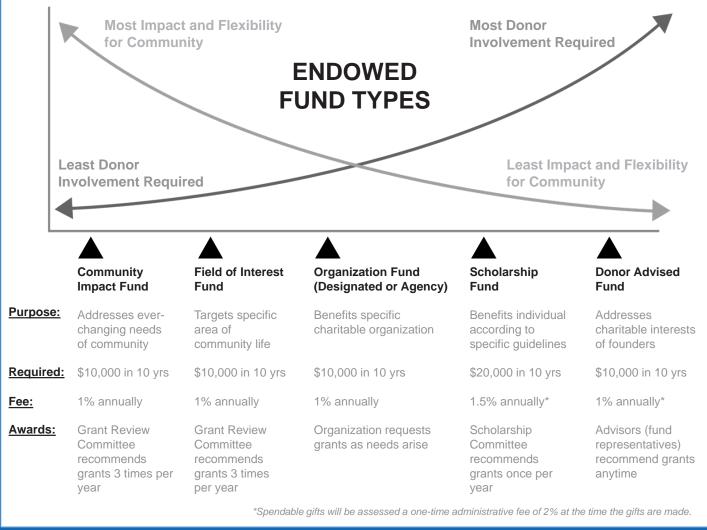
Check out more photos from the Gala











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Shepherd Community
Fund in Honor
of Robert Bates
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Grants awarded through Endowed Funds

Art Reach of Mid Michigan



Wellspring Literary Series

The Wellspring Literary Series gives community members the chance to enjoy contemporary poets and authors.

Russ Herron Poetry Fund
(\$1,200.00)

Art Reach of Mid Michigan Art Walk

W. Sidney & Judith French Smith Community Fund (\$848.18)

Beal City Public Schools

Scholarships, Grants and Test Preparation

Beal City Public Schools Education Foundation (\$3,635.18)

Beal City Public Schools

Purchase of 14 Laptops

Community Impact Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund (\$11,000.00)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland County

Site Based One-on-One Mentoring Program

Kellogg Youth Fund, Ralph and Sonja Baumgarth Family Fund (\$2,000.00)

Central Michigan University Clarke Historical Library

Digitizing Historic Mt. Pleasant Newspapers

William J. Strickler Clarke Historical Library Fund (\$571.71)

Central Michigan University Museum of Cultural and Natural History

Children Visiting the Museum John R. and Constance M. Harkins Community Fund (\$10,000.00)

Central Michigan University



Play on the Way: Mobile Recreation Supplies and Equipment

Play on the Way provides recreation programming to rural, at-risk area children, while providing hands-on service experiences for CMU students.

Coyne Family Fund (\$3,000.00)

Child and Family Enrichment Council

Child Friendly Interview Room *Kellogg Youth Fund (\$1,349.00)*

Chippewa Watershed Conservancy

Monitoring and Other Stewardship Costs at CWC Preserves in Isabella County

Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Fund, William Brehm Memorial/ Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Stewardship Fund (\$2,521.86)

Christmas Outreach



2015 Christmas Outreach

Christmas Outreach provides families in need with gifts for the Christmas season. Gifts include: a stocking with personal care items, a coat and a book for children.

Community Impact Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund (\$5,000.00)

City of Mt. Pleasant

AED's for Four City Parks

Healthy Youth Healthy Seniors Fund, Ranck Family Fund, Rapaport Family Fund (\$4,558.00)

City of Mt. Pleasant



Potter Playground Project

The Tree Street Neighborhood revitalization initiative addresses concerns which spurred community involvement in the planning and building of a new play structure. John R. and Constance M. Harkins Community Fund (\$7,500.00)

Coe Township

Federal Road Park Accessiblity
Upgrade and Universally
Accessible Picnic Tables

Access to Recreation Fund, Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates (\$4,824.00)

Community Compassion Network Mobile Food Pantry



CCN provides residents in need with food assistance by partnering with the Greater Lansing Food Bank to distribute food every other weekend. Mt. Pleasant Oil Industry Food Pantry Fund, John R. and Constance M. Harkins Community Fund (\$2,500.00)

Community Compassion Network



Support for the William Ellis Brockman Infant Pantry

The William Ellis Brockman Infant Pantry assists families in need by providing a variety of baby food, formula, diapers and wipes. William Ellis Brockman Infant Assistance Fund (\$1,306.28)

Community Compassion Network

Mobile Food Pantries

Mt. Pleasant Oil Industry Food Pantry Fund, Kimber and Judy DeWitt Family Fund (\$5,000.00)

Community Compassion Network

Nutrition Club

Kellogg Youth Fund (\$5,000.00)

Cultural & Recreational Commission of Isabella County

Youth Programs at Morey Courts and the I.C.E. Arena

Richard Brandell and Joseph Sweeney Recreation Fund (\$2,473.78)

The Dictionary Project

Dictionary Distribution Project for 3rd Grade Classes in Isabella County

Kiwanis Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund (\$1,800.00)

Flat Mountain Mechanics (Central Michigan Robotics Association)

Computers for Programming Bovee Family Fund, Darlene Bond Memorial Youth Fund (\$2,000.00)

Friends of the Broadway

Louisell Family Band for Beverly Hillbillies Production

Friends of the Broadway Fund (\$660.15)

Girls on the Run of Central Michigan



Increasing Outreach and Expanding Program Services Women's Initiative Fund (\$3,711.00)

Girls on the Run of Central Michigan

Capacity Building for Strategic Planning Community Impact Fund (\$2,349.00)

John H. Goodrow Fund

Capacity Building: Volunteer Recruitment and Coordination Sally and John Goodrow Fund (\$2,850.00)

John H. Goodrow Fund

Capacity Building: Volunteer Handbook, Recruitment and Training Community Impact Fund (\$1,873.12)

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Imagination Library Funding
John R. and Constance M. Harkins
Community Fund, Robert and
Geraldine Krapohl Literacy Fund
(\$2,600.00)

Great Lakes Bay FoundationArt Wave



Designed to highlight art and entertainment venues within the Bay, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw Counties, this marketing effort focuses on assets in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Barbara A. Bissot Fund (\$5,000.00)

Habitat for Humanity of Isabella County

Structural Upgrades to the ReStore John R. and Constance M. Harkins Community Fund (\$10,390.00)

HopeWell Ranch

Support for a Fund Development Plan Community Impact Fund (\$2,550.00)

HopeWell Ranch

Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International Certification



The PATH International Certification will assist HopeWell Ranch in providing their services at a more credible level.

Access to Recreation Fund (\$1,000.00)

Hospice of Central Michigan Support for Benevolent Care

Hospice of Central Michigan Fund, Dick and Mary Ellen Brandell Family Hospice House Fund, Bob and Jeanne Long Hospice House Fund, Lon Morey Family Hospice House Fund, Bill and Dolores Myler Hospice House Fund, Jim and Naomi Stark Hospice House Fund, Dennis and Sandra Olson Hospice House Fund, Bill and Janet Maar Strickler Hospice House Fund (\$80,279.61)

Hospice of Central MichiganSupport for Benevolent Care

Hospice of Central Michigan Fund, Dick and Mary Ellen Brandell Family Hospice House Fund, Bob and Jeanne Long Hospice House Fund, Lon Morey Family Hospice House Fund, Bill and Dolores Myler Hospice House Fund, Jim and Naomi Stark Hospice House Fund, Dennis and Sandra Olson Hospice House Fund, Bill and Janet Maar Strickler Hospice House Fund (\$36,992,47)

Isabella Citizens for Health

Pediatric Office Waiting Room Upgrades Kellogg Youth Fund (\$475.00)



Isabella Community Soup Kitchen

Washer and Dryer Purchase

A washer and dryer were purchased allowing for kitchen towels to be laundered at the facility.

Olson
Family Fund
(\$1,740.25)

Isabella County 911 & Emergency Management Upgrade Radio Consoles

Bandit Industries Community Fund, Community Impact Fund, Fabiano Family Fund (\$19,324.00)

Isabella County Parks and Recreation

Coldwater Lake Family Park Playscape Development Brewster Family Access to Recreation Fund (\$10,375.00)

Isabella Township Park

Soccer Field Nets and Goals James Dale Ervin Memorial Fund (\$2,200.00)

Listening Ear Crisis Center

Consumer Medical Needs Support/ Consumer Led Micro-Enterprise Business

Listening Ear Consumer Needs and Dreams Fund (\$2,000.00)

Listening Ear Crisis Center

Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse in Isabella County

Listening Ear Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Fund (\$20,000.00)

Mid Michigan Community College

Isabella County 8th Grade Girls STEM Luncheon

Women's Initiative Fund (\$5,000.00)

Montabella Community Schools

Start Up Supplies for a New Elective Art Class at the Elementary School Montabella Community Schools Education Fund (\$493.00)

Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum



Canopy for Dino-Dig Area

The MPDM developed their outdoor space, Friendship Field. Funds provided a canopy to protect museum guests from the elements.

Barbara L. and George W. Dunn Family Fund (\$1,675.00)

Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum

Friendship Field and Shady Barn Building Supplies Optimist Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund (\$1,500.00)

Mt. Pleasant Oilers Athletic Boosters

Scholarships for Student Athletes at Mt. Pleasant High School Mt. Pleasant Oilers Athletic Boosters

Fund (\$1,000.00)

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools



Baseball Stadium Support *Kellogg Youth Fund (\$1,800.00)*

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools



Nutrition Club Support

The Mt. Pleasant Nutrition Club provides weekend nutrition bags to area K-6 students in need of food assistance.

Kellogg Youth Fund (\$3,000.00)

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools

Peacemaking Ceremony

Mt. Pleasant Public School Esther Kraus Peacemaking Fund (\$663.15)

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools



Improvements to the Baseball Complex

MPPS constructed a 120-seat stadium located at the MPHS's Joe "Iron" Epple Athletic Complex. This new facility will allow our community to serve as a host for larger tournaments and games.

LaBelle Family Fund (\$1,414.00)

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools

BPA National Leadership Conference Competition in Boston

Mt. Pleasant Business Professionals of America Fund (\$1,350.00)

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Michigan Reading Corps Tutoring

Jerry M. and Marilyn A. Morey Community Fund , Kellogg Youth Fund (\$3,000.00)

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Education Foundation

Teacher Mini-Grants

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Education Foundation Fund (\$317.00)

Mt. Pleasant Soccer Club

Hands-On Training and Materials to Construct an Equipment Shed John R. and Constance M. Harkins Community Fund (\$3,000.00)

Mt. Pleasant Youth Football

Shoulder Pads for Athletes Kellogg Youth Fund, Lon Morey Family Fund (\$2,439.00)

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools

Stadium Seats at the MPHS Softball Stadium Joe and Jeanne Epple Family Fund (\$600.00)

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools

Professional Development for Learning Strategies Morning Sun Community Fund (\$3,000.00)

Renaissance Public School Academy

Books for a New School
Media Center/Library

Community Impact Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund, Robert and Geraldine Krapohl Literacy Fund (\$6,000.00)

Sacred Heart Academy

Online Music Curriculum
Kellogg Youth Fund (\$1,560.00)

Sacred Heart Academy



Two Short-Throw Projectors

The projectors connect to the teacher's computer and allow students to engage in problem solving in math and

science using interactive websites. *Kellogg Youth Fund (\$1,400.00)*

Shepherd Area Historical Society

Little Red School House Museum Restoration Project



Lon Morey
Family Fund,
Shepherd
Community
Fund in Honor
of Robert Bates
(\$5,000.00)

Shepherd Public Schools

German Exchange
LINKS Program Support
Kellogg Youth Fund, Shepherd

Kellogg Youth Fund, Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates (\$1,860.00)

Shepherd Public Schools

Rubberized Ground Surfacing for Accessible Playground Equipment Access to Recreation Fund (\$7,000.00)

Shepherd Public Schools



After Prom Event

The After Prom Party is a safe alternative available immediately following the prom event.

Kellogg Youth Fund (\$300.00)

Special Olympics Area 7



Support of Isabella County Athletes for 2016 Olympics *Community Impact Fund (\$3,750.00)*

United Way of Isabella County

Technology Upgrades, Professional Development, Employee Cost Support United Way of Isabella County Fund (\$15,248.61)

United Way of Isabella County

Promoting Volunteerism

Volunteer Center of Isabella County Fund (\$6,990.34)

Village of Shepherd Police Department

Community Policing Initiative Kellogg Youth Fund, Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates (\$587.00)

Village of Shepherd



Chamber Movie Program

The Village of Shepherd encourages citizens to get outside during the summer with an outdoor movie series.

John R. and Constance M. Harkins Community Fund, Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates (\$750.00)

Village of Shepherd Railroad Museum Association

Paint the Shepherd Depot Caboose Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates (\$437.00)

Winn Area Activity Center

Electronic Tablets for Individual Online Support for Students After School

Kellogg Youth Fund (\$1,680.00)

Women's Aid Service

Capacity Building for Fund
Development
Community Impact Fund (\$2,551.50)

Women's Aid Service

Sexual Assault Prevention and Healthy Relationships Education Program

Community Impact Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund, Women's Initiative Fund (\$13,307.00)

Women's Aid Service

Support of the Organization *Olson Family Fund (\$1,740.25)*



Jerry and Marilyn Morey Community Fund



Bandit Industries President Jerry Morey has always enjoyed living in Mt. Pleasant. He and his wife, Marilyn, raised their two children, Jennifer and David, who live locally and spend lots of time with their four grandchildren. Being an active member in the community, Jerry finds giving back important and thrives at the various opportunities to do so.

He has been an active member of Faith Weavers, a private organization that funds and grants thousands to international, national and local causes biannually. Here he's had the opportunity to reach out to community needs and also the needs outside of the country.

In 2002, Jerry and his wife Marilyn established a community impact fund to help support the ever changing needs of the community. Since then, the fund has helped a variety of organizations including the American Red Cross, Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, Art Reach of Mid-Michigan and Isabella County Commission on Aging.

"There are a lot of good things that can be supported through the Community Foundation," said Jerry. "It's always going to be here." For Jerry, a community impact fund seemed like the most logical investment. "The government doesn't always fund what is needed." Community impact funds fill the cracks ensuring that today's funds fit tomorrow's needs.

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Andy Wheeler Community Needs Fund

Andy Wheeler grew up in Mt. Pleasant and touched the lives of many with his big heart and his booming, infectious laugh. He had a natural ability to relate to others and make them feel comfortable. Andy was academically successful, loved sports, and was an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School and Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Entrepreneurship and Spanish.



During college, he served for two years as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Southern California among Spanish speaking people. He loved the people there and the Spanish language. After college, he worked in corporate sales and marketing. Among other things, he was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club.

Some of the most important things to Andy were his relationships with his family and friends. Andy had an ability to see the good in people and accept them as they are. He had a forgiving heart and a deep sense of loyalty. Friends shared: "Andy is the guy who cared endlessly, feared nothing, loved unconditionally, and always had the best hair... Andy had lots of smiles and caring words about others, never a mean bone in his body... Andy was always there to offer words of encouragement when needed."

It's been said friendship isn't about who you've known the longest; it's about who walked into your life and said, "I'm here for you," then proved it. Andy's family, friends, and nephews who adored their "Unky Andy," are grateful he walked into their lives. They love him, cherish the time they spent with him and appreciate the lessons they learned from him.

Andy passed away in December of 2015 at the age of 34 and even through the most difficult times, he was concerned for others and focused on their happiness. To honor his memory and because Andy had a deep capacity for kindness and helpfulness, his family started a fund in his memory to support the efforts of charitable organizations in Isabella County to help meet community needs.





Joanne Golden Family Community Impact Fund

Joanne Golden came to Mt. Pleasant from the Upper Peninsula to attend Central Michigan University in 1976. She grew to love the area and decided to make it home, establishing a career in property management with KMG Prestige while raising two children, Matthew and Rebecca.

Joanne had been inspired to value philanthropy and community-mindedness by her father, a former school board chairman who sat on a variety of other committees in Wallace, Michigan. She knew that she wanted to leave a mark on her community as well. "I thought it would be nice to give back to the community that has given me so much," Joanne said.

She joined committees for several organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club. Joanne also became involved with the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, serving on the Board of Trustees for the maximum nine consecutive years. She continues her service to the Community Foundation on the Grant Review and Facilities Committees.

In 2015, Joanne created the Joanne Golden Family Community Impact Fund, an unrestricted fund that would allow grants to be made for a variety of Isabella County needs. Serving on the Grant Review Committee has allowed her to see the great difference community impact funds have on the area, as they provide funding solutions that other more specific funds cannot support. Ultimately, she is grateful for the opportunity to establish the endowment fund. "It's a vehicle for me to do something good for Mt. Pleasant," she said.

Steve and Sue Pung Family Fund

Longtime residents of Mt. Pleasant, Steve and Sue Pung believe in what the Community Foundation does to benefit local organizations and programs, and how they impact the community, both now and into the future. In 2015, they decided to establish a community impact fund, which makes grants to charitable organizations and various programs that address the ever-changing needs of Isabella County. "What we might think of as a critical need today might not be the case five or ten years from now," Steve said. "A community impact fund can stay relevant and have a significant meaning as needs change." Steve and Sue believe that a community impact fund is well suited to the couple's varied interests.

Retiring as President of Isabella Bank in 2016, Steve has served on numerous local boards, including Art Reach of Mid-Michigan, Chippewa Watershed Conservancy, First United Methodist Church, McLaren Central Michigan Hospital, Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, and United Way of Isabella County. A retired dental hygienist, Sue is an active member of First United Methodist Church and P.E.O. (a philanthropic educational organization), serves on the board of Life Choices of Central Michigan, and has volunteered for professional, school, and community groups.



Steve moved to Mt. Pleasant in 1968 to attend Central Michigan University. He and Sue married in 1971 and made Mt. Pleasant their home. They have two daughters. Meredith and her husband Jon live in San Diego, CA with their two boys, Talan and Gray. Lindsey and her husband Scott live in Brighton, MI with their two children, Kendon and Annika.

Schafer Community Impact Fund

Born and raised in Isabella County, Amanda Schafer grew up as an active member of the Mt. Pleasant community. She attended Sacred Heart Academy, participated actively



in what was the Volunteer Center of Isabella County, and worked at Doozie's Ice Cream Place. Completing degrees in Sociology (Alma College) and College Student Personnel (Bowling Green State University), Amanda spent ten years working in the nonprofit sector before returning to Mt. Pleasant to become the

Executive Director of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation in 2009.

In 2015, Amanda established the Schafer Community Impact Fund with her family as a way to support her community with a gift that would last forever. The fund was a way to demonstrate her personal commitment to community. "This isn't just my 9 to 5 job," Amanda said about philanthropy. "It's what I believe is important all the time."

As a relatively young professional, Amanda hopes to be an example to other potential philanthropists. "It's true, I often talk with donors of a certain age about the legacy they want to leave for our home county," she said. "But, you don't have to be a senior citizen to think about our community's future, and you certainly don't have to wait until retirement to start an endowment fund." Amanda wanted to show that starting a fund is an attainable goal for anyone. "I'm certainly not wealthy, but I can commit to building this fund over time," she explained. "We all can be philanthropists!"

Fisher Companies Community Impact Fund

The Fisher Companies Community Impact Fund was created in 2015 as a means to give back to the local community, without placing any restrictions on which charities can receive support.

Ralph J. Fisher Sr. and his wife, Zelda, founded the Fisher Companies in 1925 with the start of their first business, Fisher Sand and Gravel, in Midland, Michigan. In the decades that followed, Ralph and Zelda's sons: Arthur, James, and Ralph "Bud", would purchase and continue to grow the business that their parents

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had established. Ultimately, they would develop the Fisher Companies until, combined, they formed a 400-employee operation with an annual volume of over \$100 million.

First, the brothers founded Central Concrete Products (Mt. Pleasant) in 1955. The company provides ready mix concrete, sand and gravel, as well as construction supplies and services, to the Mid-Michigan area. Then, in 1957, they founded Fisher Contracting (Midland), which provides construction and heavy civil contractor services to a variety of clients in the Great Lakes Region. In the years that followed, six more related companies would be founded throughout Mid-Michigan. Fisher Transportation (Mt. Pleasant) was founded in 1970, and provides heavy-haul transportation services. Next was Central Asphalt (Mt. Pleasant) in 1982, which is a hot mix asphalt producer and paving company. In 1983, Bay Aggregates (Bay City) was founded and

is a supplier of quarried stone products to the Mid-Michigan area. Midland Engine (Midland) was founded in 1984, and is a high-end machine shop and heavy equipment dealer. In the summer of 2000, Bucks Run Golf Club (Mt. Pleasant) opened



The Raiph and Zeida Fisher family posed for this photo, circa 1938, Back row, from left, are: Neille Jean Landau, Jim, Bill, Ruth McCollister and Mary Ellen Shepherd. Front row, from left, are: Raiph, Bud and Zeida.

its doors on the site of a former Fisher Sand & Gravel Pit and is now an award-winning, championship golf course. In 2013, Port Fisher Terminals (Bay City) was founded and operates as a multi-modal port site, offering vessel, rail, and highway transportation services. Fisher Construction Aggregates (Mt. Pleasant) rounds out the Fisher suite of companies, which was founded in 2016 and operates as a gravel-mining operation.

Community is very important to the Fisher Companies and Fisher Families. For decades they have given their time, talents, and resources to improve our community. Through the creation of this fund, they will continue to give back to this great community for years to come.

Missy and Doug LaBelle Family Foundation Community Impact Fund

Responding to the Community Foundation's 25th anniversary community impact appeal, the Doug and Melissa LaBelle Family Foundation established a community impact fund to support the efforts of charitable organizations throughout Isabella County for years to come. "The Community Foundation does a great job and needs resources to

make grants without restrictions," said Doug.

Born and raised in Mt. Pleasant, Doug spent much of

his life developing businesses through LaBelle Management, a family enterprise started in 1948 by his father. The company grew from restaurants to hotels and real estate, engaging multiple generations in the family business. Missy came to Mt. Pleasant to attend Central Michigan University, and ultimately graduated with a Master's degree. They were married

in 1994. They now enjoy spending time with children Doug, Brandon, Brooke and Davis—splitting their time between Michigan and Arizona.

Tim and Mary Ann O'Neil Community Impact Fund

Tim and Mary Ann O'Neil are proud to call Mt. Pleasant home. They moved here in 2001 from the Metro Detroit area and instantly fell in love with the community. Originally from Buffalo, New York, Mary Ann, an attorney, followed her husband to Mt. Pleasant when he accepted a job as a history professor at Central Michigan University. Mary Ann said that moving from a city to a small town was a big step, but it is one they do not regret. "Everyone was so kind and welcoming," Mary Ann said.

In 2015, to celebrate its 25th anniversary, the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation sought to raise \$1 million in community impact funds. This opportunity proved the perfect time for Tim and Mary Ann to start a named endowment fund that would provide for the community that has become their home. Unlike others, community impact funds can be used to support any charity addressing community needs. "We trust the Foundation to know about pressing community needs and to make the best decisions about how to use the earnings from our fund," Mary Ann said.

The couple hopes the fund will empower others to give or to start their own community impact fund in order to help the local community. "A community impact fund is the

best mechanism to make sure funds remain local where they can be utilized in a flexible way."



Isabella Citizens for Health Fund

Isabella Citizens for Health (ICH) was established in 2010 for the purpose of building a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Isabella County. In February 2013, ICH opened a community health center that provides comprehensive primary care to people of all ages in the Isabella County area, regardless of their ability to pay. Through collaborative partnerships for mental health, behavioral health, dental care, specialty care,

and hospital services, ICH patients have access to an extensive network of services in Central Michigan. A pediatrics office was opened in 2015 directly across from the main clinic to better serve our community's children.

Isabella Citizens for Health, Inc.

The Isabella Citizens for Health Fund is an endowed fund that provides an opportunity for community members to support the health center long term so that ICH can continue to provide residents of the Central Michigan area with access to comprehensive primary care. The mission of ICH is to provide the highest level of health care, yielding an improved quality of life in Isabella County.

Isabella County Retired School Personnel Scholarship Fund

The Isabella County Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) is passionate about local schools and the valuable education taking place there. They established the Isabella County Retired



School Personnel Scholarship Fund in 2015 to encourage students who have the desire and drive to pursue a career in the field of education.

One of more than 100 Michigan chapters, the Isabella County chapter of MARSP is dedicated to promoting and supporting the rights and needs of retired public school personnel. Their mission is "to preserve, protect and enhance benefits and provide societal support that creates a dignified retirement for current and future public school retirees."

MARSP is creating a future that will help students during and after their careers in education.

Brenda Echelbarger Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Brenda Echelbarger Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Brenda Echelbarger by her closest friends. Brenda was a graduate of Mid-Michigan Community College and a nurse for 19 years



at Mid-Michigan Medical Center-Gratiot. She embodied the finest qualities of a nurse; she was calm, assuring, and encouraging – especially in the case of the underdog. Brenda brought out the best in the people. She loved her career as well as being a mother and a grandmother. Brenda lost her life to domestic violence in January of 2015.

Brenda's friends created the B.E. Strong Group, which hosts a 5K race each year in Brenda's honor. The founder said, "We don't just want to help people get out (of domestic violence situations). We want to help people leave before it starts. If we help one person, this is all worth it."

The founder and supporters of the Brenda Echelbarger Memorial Scholarship Fund believe that education is the key to a fresh start. They want to honor Brenda as a community member who was a natural educator and leader through her nursing profession. Scholarship recipients will be individuals who have made the decision to leave an abusive situation and are actively pursuing higher education.

Sue Ann Watters Music Scholarship Fund

The Sue Ann Watters Music Scholarship Fund was created in 2016 to honor Sue Watters and her love of music. Sue was the organist at Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Pleasant for 42 years, retiring in October 2011. She dedicated countless hours to music, especially to weekend Masses, weddings, funerals and the Sacred Heart Choir.



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Born in Muskegon, MI in 1938, Sue started taking piano lessons at the age of five under the direction of Charles Rousseau. She attended Mason County Eastern High School in Custer, MI where she played the saxophone in the school band. At the age of 15, Sue became the pianist at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer and Sacred Heart Church in Victory Township. In the winter, her father would hook up a horse and sleigh to take her to church to play for Mass. During her junior year, Sue became an accompanist for ballet lessons and won many first place honors in amateur programs. She played the piano for weddings, school events, and civic functions.

Sue married Ollie Watters in 1958. She was a devoted wife; mother of twelve children: Holly, Kim, Leslie, Kelly, Jody, James, Jerry, Eric, Danny, Mark, Mindy and Sondra; and grandmother of 32 grandchildren and 24 greatgrandchildren.

The Sue Ann Watters Music Scholarship will support Isabella County students who love music as Sue did, and who plan to study music at an accredited college/university.

Jeff and Roy Spencer Scholarship Fund



In 1980, Jeff Spencer was injured in

a motor vehicle accident. He was just 22, and remained in a coma until his recovery of consciousness 10 months later. Jeff was working on the farm with his dad, Roy, and the accident changed the course of his life. Roy and Esther Spencer raised four sons and a daughter. A lifelong farmer, Roy Spencer passed away on October 7, 2003.



While the accident impaired Jeff's cognitive and physical functions, he believes he has led a blessed life. In 2015, he created the Jeff and Roy Spencer Scholarship Fund so students could go to school and learn how to help people like him lead healthy and happy lives. The fund will support Shepherd High School graduates who want to pursue a career in agricultural studies, physical therapy, or speech therapy—the careers of those who have meant so

much to Jeff and his family. "This fund is about helping people so they can help others," Jeff said.

Stokes Elementary Education Scholarship Fund

Margaret Stokes was born on November 4, 1939 in Detroit. A graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University, she earned her Master of Education



at Michigan State University. Margaret taught kindergarten and first grade, and cared deeply about each of her students. She spent much of her 35 years teaching in Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. She was patient and soft spoken. "She had a very positive attitude with the children and the adults in the building. She cared about everybody so much," her husband Dick shared. Margaret wasn't afraid of working long hours, and when she wasn't working she enjoyed directing bible studies at church and spending time with her family.

Margaret met her husband, Richard (Dick) Stokes, at Indiana Wesleyan University, where he was also studying to become a teacher. Margaret and Dick married on June 9, 1962. Together they raised two children, Alan and Michael.

Following Margaret's passing in April of 2016, Dick made the decision to create an endowment fund to memorialize her love of teaching. "Margaret was a fine teacher who cared a lot about her students," Dick said. "I wanted to find a way to honor her and the profession we both loved." Named the Stokes Elementary Education Scholarship Fund, the endowment will provide resources for future teachers. "I hope that the students who receive these scholarships will become excellent teachers," Dick said. Margaret's passion for teaching will be remembered by hundreds of her students, and her legacy will live on through this endowment fund.

Friends of the Library Fund

The Friends of the Library Fund was established by former board president Donald Nagler. The fund was created to strengthen the community value of the library, while encouraging residents to use the library's many facilities and services. The Friends of the Veterans Memorial Library is actively dedicated to strengthening the library and thus the community by promoting public awareness, encouraging patron use of the library and assisting the library with specific projects.

"The purpose of the Friends of the Library is to maintain an association of persons interested in promoting and supporting the activities of the Veterans Memorial Library," said President Susan Horgan. "We raise money for this purpose through our memberships and our annual book sale held in October."

Veterans Memorial Library, originally named Library, Literary, and Music Association of Mt. Pleasant, was created in 1879. After a devastating fire six years later destroyed most of the books, the library relocated and reopened in 1909. Only a few years later, the library relocated again to its current location. The new name was dedicated to all veterans in the Mt. Pleasant community.

Actively involved in seeing our community prosper, Friends of the Veterans Memorial Library coordinates many projects to increase public awareness of the library's importance. The Friends of the Library Fund will help support sponsorship of performances, activities, authors, musicians, storytellers, actors, the library newsletter and other community services provided by the library. It will also allow for the purchase of audio and visual equipment, display racks, storage units and folding tables. The library is one of five libraries in the Chippewa River District Library System.

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Youth Advisory Committee



The YAC is a group of committed students from Isabella County schools who focus on grant making, volunteering and fundraising. While performing these tasks, group members learn team building, leadership and responsibility. Once a month, the YAC meets to review grant applications, receive leadership and philanthropy training and plan community service projects benefitting the Kellogg Youth Fund. The YAC reviews grant applications and makes recommendations for funding of projects to support local youth. Their recommendations are reviewed by the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees for approval.

The YAC has been involved in multiple fundraisers over the past year. Members participated in the Lions Chicken BBQ and the annual Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser. The group also volunteered for Christmas Outreach and helped the Foundation celebrate its 25th anniversary. The committee recommended \$35,703.32 in grants to dozens of youth serving organizations across Isabella County.



















2016 Youth Advisory Committee:

Maggie Brockman (MPPS) Maggie Bryant (SPS) Billy Chilman (BCPS)** Wyatt Cook (MPPS) Erica Davis (MPPS) Gabby Driessnack (MPPS) Riley Edwards (SHA)** Cristina Guytingco (SHA) Kara Heugel (SPS)** Nate Horsley (BCPS) Sammy McDonald (SHA) Haley McMullen (BCPS) Aidan Mindel (BCPS)* Sam Neyer (SHA)** Kaitlin Ótteman (MPPS)* Grace Rau (BCPS) Andrew Travis (SPS)** Grace Wolf (SPS)* Emma Yonker (SHA)* Ashley Flickinger (CMU) Bill Chilman (Advisor) Sarah Fiorillo (Adult)* Erin Smith-Gaken (Adult) Dyke Heinze (Adult)**

- * denotes new member
- ** denotes retiring member











2016 Scholarship Recognition Reception

SCHOLARSHIPS
YEAR-IN-REVIEW
2016

1,102
APPLICATIONS
WERE REVIEWED



2. 83 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

MEMBERS



3. 92 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



4.

\$93,450.00 AWARDED



VISIT HTTP://WWW.MPACF. ORG/APPLY-FOR-A-SCHOLARSHIP/ FOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that 92 scholarships were awarded this year. The 2016 scholarship reception was held on Wednesday, May 18th at the Comfort Inn Conference Center. During the event, nearly \$94,000 in scholarships were awarded to local students. Scholarship recipients, their family members, scholarship fund founders, Trustees, Scholarship Committee members and school representatives joined to honor the outstanding students of our community.

Scholarships are supported by individuals, businesses, and organizations wanting to help local students achieve their educational goals. Most scholarships support high school students planning to attend an accredited college, university or trade school in the fall. Each scholarship is unique and reflects the values and interests of those who have established it.

Christopher John Andera Memorial Scholarship Brittaney Warner •

Mt. Pleasant High School

Art Scholarship

Ashlynd Breidenstein-Pifer • Mt. Pleasant High School

Greg Baderschneider Lifetime Learning Scholarship Caitlyn Potter-Johnson • Shepherd High School

Matthew J. Boles Memorial Scholarship Brittaney Warner • Mt. Pleasant High School

Nancy Carey Memorial Scholarship Jacob Kassuba •

Mt. Pleasant High School

Joyce and Gerry Carter Scholarship Lisa McKessy • Central Michigan University



Donna J. and W. Larry Collins GFWC Scholarship Hayleigh Backs •

Central Michigan University

Carolyn Cosan Memorial Scholarship Mariah Goecker •

Mt. Pleasant High School



Denison Memorial Scholarship Shelly Sadler • Mt. Pleasant High School

Susan K. and Douglas E. Dodge Scholarship Danielle Heugel • Shepherd High School

C. Jane (Dubay) and Dwight D. Dodge Memorial Scholarship Callie Lisee • Merrill High School

Richard C. Dubay ScholarshipCallie Lisee • Merrill High School

Eckersley ScholarshipDeven Loomis • Mt. Pleasant High School

Governor John Engler Scholarship Ryanne Reddick • Shepherd High School

Ganiard History Project Scholarship Michael Roehmer • Mt. Pleasant High School Ryan Johns • Mt. Pleasant High School Rachel Machuta • Mt. Pleasant High School

Goenner Family Scholarship Zackery Kujat • Sacred Heart Academy

Emerson W. Green Memorial Scholarship Alexandria Artecki • Shepherd High School

Earl G. Hartman, Sr. and Caroline Miller Hartman Scholarship Rachel Hauck • Sacred Heart Academy Lauren Janes • Sacred Heart Academy

Jim Hartman Study Abroad Scholarship Emily Gunning • Central Michigan University

Phyllis A. Heinze Mathematics Education Scholarship Rachel Pung • Beal City High School

Heydenburg Family Scholarship Brittaney Warner • Mt. Pleasant High School

James R. Hodgins Memorial Scholarship Katherine DiMaria • Mt. Pleasant High School Hanna Fussman • Mt. Pleasant High School Kelly Kisell • Mt. Pleasant High School Jasmine Schulte • Mt. Pleasant High School



Abigail Averill • Farwell High School Alyvia Karcher • Montabella High School Emily Schripsema • Beal City High School John Wixson • Chippewa Hills High School Julie Hopp • Sacred Heart Academy Justine Fisher • Shepherd High School

Kaitlyn Thebo • Lakeview High School Katelyn Heller • Mt. Pleasant High School Lexi Strope • Mt. Pleasant High School Logan Owens • Clare High School Mackenzie Bell • Greenville High School

Isabella Community Credit Union Members' Scholarship Aubrey Cogswell • Mt. Pleasant High School Abbey Sura • Shepherd High School



J. Paul Janes Memorial Scholarship Hannah Kahn • Mt. Pleasant High School

Robert A. and Catherine A. Jansen Scholarship Yuka Miyoshi • Mt. Pleasant High School

John P. and Ann S. Jensen Scholarship Amy Henderson •

Central Michigan University

Dr. Thomas M. and Jayne Keating Scholarship Gabrielle Vogel • Mt. Pleasant High School

Harold and Marie Krapohl Scholarship Kaitlyn Lynch • Mt. Pleasant High School

Thomas W. Lavoie Memorial Scholarship
Taylor Eldred • Beal City High School

Lemmer Family Scholarship Mitchell Davidson • Shepherd High School

Shirley Lemorie Memorial Scholarship Meah Gall • Shepherd High School

Herbert H. Lueth Scholarship
Samuel Michael • Michigan State University
Sydnie Michael • Northwood University
Tyler Buchanan •

Traverse City West High School Kileigh Buchanan •

Grand Valley State University Karin O'Brien • Aquinas College



Maness Family Scholarship Emily Onica • Mt. Pleasant High School Larisa Pulley • Mt. Pleasant High School

Martin Family Scholarship William Chilman • Beal City High School Hannah Steffke • Beal City High School

McGuirk/Ganiard West Side School Scholarship Olivia Arends • Mt. Pleasant High School Corbin Crain • Mt. Pleasant High School

Mercantile Bank of Michigan Scholarship

John McCarthy • Mt. Pleasant High School Molly Cole • Clare High School Kyle Montgomery • Mt. Pleasant High School Kara Heugel • Shepherd High School

Gary Moe Memorial Scholarship Olivia Cable • Baker College Paul Moeggenberg Family Youth Agricultural Scholarship Samuel Neyer • Sacred Heart Academy



Morey Technical Training Scholarship Samuel Steffke • Beal City High School

Mt. Pleasant High School "Class of 1959" Legacy Scholarship Gabriella Herren • Mt. Pleasant High School Jasmine Pierson • Mt. Pleasant High School

Mt. Pleasant High School Class of 1965 Scholarship Tiana Gillis • Mt. Pleasant High School

Robert F. Murray and Co. CPA's Scholarship Emily Vos • Mt. Pleasant High School

Myler Family Scholarship Megan English • Sacred Heart Academy

Jason Parrott Scholarship Michelle Kujat • University of Michigan

Jeff Reedy Memorial Scholarship Sydney Davis • Shepherd High School



Rotary Scholarship

Paige Lorenz • Beal City High School Tucker Gross • Beal City High School Jackson Reetz • Sacred Heart Academy Alexia Lynch • Beal City High School

George and Frances P. Rouman Mental Health Education Scholarship Kayla Stickler • Ferris State University

Kenneth and Hilda Schmeck Memorial Nursing Scholarship Georgia Gay •

Mid-Michigan Community College

Matthew S. Sharrar Memorial Scholarship Kayla Pung • Beal City High School

Shepherd Public Schools Scholarship
Devin Curtis • Shepherd High School
Bailey Brown • Shepherd High School
Amanda Chritz • Shepherd High School
Katelyn Hartupee-Malett •
Shepherd High School

Arnold and Margaret Sowmick Memorial Scholarship Paige Ritter • Mt. Pleasant High School supercarguy Scholarship Deven Loomis • Mt. Pleasant High School

Nolan D. Stilgenbauer Agricultural Scholarship Dylan Arnett • Shepherd High School Brenan Curtiss • Shepherd High School



Jeffrey Vernon Memorial Scholarship Joe Marchiando • Beal City High School

Kristopher Walden "Waldo" Arts Scholarship Shellaine Kelley • Kendall College of Arts & Design of Ferris State University

Bruce William Wood Memorial Scholarship Jacob O'Brien • Mt. Pleasant High School

Check out more photos from the 2016 Scholarship Reception







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Gifts of Memory

Christopher Andera Doug Bacon Jack Bacon Robert Bates

Anita Kay Beavers Mary Bennett

Mary Ann Blubaugh

Matt Boles Kate Bolle

Erika Bowerman

Dick and Mary Ellen Brandell Mary Ellen Brandell William Brehm

Bill Brewer

Mary Campbell Bridget Charles (Red) Brien

William Ellis Brockman

Betty Brown Keisha Brown Nancy J. Carey

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Clarke Cummings
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John Dillon Pam Dosenberry

Anne Doyle

Katharine Dunworth Brenda Echelbarger

Ronald L. Farrell

Betty Figg

Mary Ann Fisher John Folsom, Jr.

Vivian D. Fulk Lois Gibis

Maynard and Nellie Gilmore

Bud Gilmore Wendell Gilmore Deborah Kay Gilmore Father John H. Goodrow

Gail E. Gorton Norman and Margaret Gross Raymond Gross Grandma and

Grandpa Hartman

Jim Hartman Judy Hein Russ Herron

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Pauline Howard Glenn Hoyle Mitch Jacque J. Paul Janes Sheri Joy

Joe and Lucy Kisnosky

Ted Kjolhede Ruth Klumpp

Harold and Marie Krapohl

Robert and

Geraldine Krapohl Philip A. Langlois

Aaron Jacob Latham Thomas W. Lavoie

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Shirley Lemorie
Mabre Maness
Michael Maness
Bill McDonald
Jeff McDonald
Scottie Miller

Paul Moeggenberg Sher Muszynski Kane

Gary Moe

Edward Myers William Myler Joe Nelson James Nietzke Betty Lou Nowland

Amy Otteman Diane Phillips Gerald Pohl Arlene Quick Jeff Reedy Ren, the Best Dog Ever

Joan Ruddell Ouita K. Russell Don Schumacher Molly Schuster Matthew Sharrar Kristin Sheridan, PhD

Kara Shirley

Paula Evett Shirley

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Kay Krapohl Smith

Gene Steere Suzanne Stenman Valerie Stephens Stilgenbauer Family -

Gary, Nancy, Cindy

Anne Strauss Joseph Sweeney Rosella Swetz George Swogger Thomas W. Tarrant Bill Theunissen

Michael Christopher Tovarez

Kristopher Walden Coloma Warner Ed Weber Andy Wheeler

Helene L. Zimmerman

Brian Zuker

Gifts of Honor

Tom Bailey
Beal City Public School's
Board of Education
Linda Bechtel
Glen Blystone
John and Paulette
Bonamego
John and Sue Bradac
Mike Brockman and
Marcy Taylor
Matt and Teri Brockman
W. Larry Collins

Joseph Bernard Cotter Chuck Crespy George and Barbara Dunn Ganiard's Teachers Sally Goodrow The Hersee Family Baby Jake Dr. Jean M. Lawrence Dolores Lawrence Michael Libbee Julie Livingston Bob Long Elizabeth Miller
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Christine Thielen
Carolyn Van Cleave and
Marsha Phillips
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Sally Weisenburger
All Women
Lucille Wright
Terrie Zitzelsberger

Permanently Endowed Funds of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation

Gifts to the following funds will be invested, and the return on investments will be used to award grants and scholarships that benefit the residents of Isabella County...now and forever!

Community Impact Funds:

The following funds were established to make annual grants to charitable programs, services or projects that help address the ever-changing needs of Isabella County residents.

Community Impact Fund
Bandit Industries Community Fund
Ralph and Sonja Baumgarth Family Fund
Barbara A. Bissot Fund
Bovee Family Fund
Ronald H. Cooper Family Fund
Denison Unrestricted Fund
Kimber and Judy DeWitt Family Fund
Barbara L. and George W. Dunn Family Fund
Fabiano Family Fund
Ruth S. and Gerard R. Felter and

Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund Fisher Companies Community Impact Fund Joanne Golden Family Community Impact Fund Hersee Family Fund Howard P. Himes Fund

G. Charles and Janice L. Hubscher Fund Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund John P. and Ann S. Jensen

Community Impact Fund L.A. and Marilyn B. Johns Family Fund David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund Missy and Doug LaBelle Family

Foundation Community Impact Fund Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund Elizabeth Z. Miller and

Bruce H. LaPointe Community Needs Fund Jerry M. and Marilyn J. Morey Community Fund Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey

Community Needs Fund
Morning Sun Community Fund
Myler Family Community Impact Fund
John Neyer Family Fund
Tim and Mary Ann O'Neil

Community Impact Fund

Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Unrestricted Fund

Steve and Sue Pung Family Fund

Ranck Family Fund

Rapaport Family Fund

Schafer Community Impact Fund

Sherwood Family Fund Kay Smith Family Fund

W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith Family Fund Staples Family Fund William and Janet Maar Strickler

Community Impact Fund Sullivan Family Fund

Summit Petroleum Fund

Theunissen Family Fund

Weisenburger Family Fund

Andy Wheeler Community Needs Fund

Field of Interest Funds:

The following funds were established to target support at specific areas of community life as defined by their founders.

Access to Recreation Fund Glen and Kathy Blystone Learn to Swim Fund Darlene Bond Memorial Youth Fund John and Sue Bradac Family

Emergency Fund
Mary Ellen Brandell Access to Recreation Fund
Brewster Family Access to Recreation Fund
Eunice A. Sutherland Burgess Fund for Youth
Rollie Denison Leadership Institute (RDLI)
Leadership Enhancement Fund
Gilmore Family Fund for Youth
Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund
Russ Herron Poetry Fund
Isabella County Health Improvement Fund
Kellogg Youth Fund
Robert and Geraldine Kranohl Literacy Fund

Robert and Geraldine Krapohl Literacy Fund Mt. Pleasant Oil Industry Food Pantry Fund Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club

Access to Recreation Fund Rush Family Community Emergency Fund Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates

Janet Maar Strickler Access to Recreation Fund Women's Initiative Fund

Donor Advised Funds:

The following funds were established to make grants according to the charitable interests of their founders.

Paula Arndt Women's Fund Richard and Mary Barz Family Fund Boge Family Fund Carnel Chamberlain Memorial Fund Tim and Teresa Coscarelly Family Fund Janice Cotter Endowment Fund Coyne Family Fund Joe and Jeanne Epple Family Fund James Dale Ervin Memorial Fund Foster Lifson Undiscovered Artists Fund Gail E. Gorton Women in Sports Fund John R. and Constance M.

Harkins Community Fund
Dyke and Phyllis Heinze Conservation Fund
Kiwanis Club of Mt. Pleasant Youth Fund
LaBelle Family Fund
W. E. Martin Fund
McGuirk Family Fund
Gladys and Donald Mitchell Family Fund
Lon Morey Family Fund
Morey Foundation Fund
Mt. Pleasant Jaycees Fund
Olson Family Fund
Optimist Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund
Rise Family Fund

W. Sidney and
Judith French Smith Community Fund
Stegman Fund
Thomas R. and Judith D. Sullivan Fund
Harold and Milli Verleger Family Fund
Bob and Nancy Wheeler Fund for Scouting
Wybenga Family Fund
Zitzelsberger Family Fund

Organization/Designated Funds:

The following funds were established by an organization, individual or family to support the operational, administrative and programming costs of their designated organizations.

Charles E. Anthony Leadership Fund Art Reach of Mid-Michigan Fund Beal City Public Schools

Education Foundation Fund
Richard Brandell and Joseph Sweeney
Recreation Fund

Breast and Cervical Cancer Fund Friends of the Broadway Fund William Ellis Brockman Infant Assistance Fund Central Michigan Community Hospital Fund Dave and Sue Keilitz Family CMCH Fund Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Fund William Brehm Memorial / Chippewa Watershed

Conservancy Stewardship Fund Community Cancer Services Fund Continuum Homelessness Grant Fund Eckersley Library Fund Sally and John Goodrow Fund Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey HATS Fund William E. and Idonea Hersee House Fund Hersee House Maintenance Fund Hospice of Central Michigan Fund Dick and Mary Ellen Brandell Family Hospice House Fund Bob and Jeanne Long Hospice House Fund Lon Morey Family Hospice House Fund Bill and Dolores Myler Hospice House Fund Dennis and Sandra Olson Hospice House Fund Jim and Naomi Stark Hospice House Fund Bill and Janet Maar Strickler Hospice House Fund Isabella Citizens for Health Fund Isabella Community Soup Kitchen Fund Isabella County Commission on Aging Fund Isabella County First Responders Fund Kara's Korner Preschool Library Fund Phil A. Langlois Fund for Listening Ear Friends of the Library Fund Life Choices of Central Michigan Medical Clinic Fund Life Choices of Central Michigan Parenting Program Fund Listening Ear Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Fund Listening Ear's Consumer Needs and Dreams Fund Listening Ear Crisis Center Fund Chris Maniteau Memorial Wrestling Fund Ray and Georgia Martin Leadership Fund **CRC Fund** McCracken Family Fund Pat and Jean McGuirk Family Fund Mid-Michigan Industries Fund Montabella Community Schools Education Fund Morey Foundation Leadership Fund Morey Public School Academy Fund

Community Foundation Leadership Fund Mt. Pleasant Business Professionals of America (BPA) Fund

Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum Fund Mt. Pleasant Oilers Athletic Boosters Fund Mt. Pleasant Public Schools

Education Foundation Fund Mt. Pleasant Public Schools

Mt. Pleasant Area

Esther A. Kraus Peacemaking Fund Amy Otteman Nursing Education Fund Richards Leadership Fund Ridley Leadership Fund Rocket Football Operating Fund

Mid-Michigan Chapter of
Safari Club International F

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