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2014-2015 NEWSLETTER
& ANNUAL REPORT

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Director's greeting

In 1990, nine community members had the foresight to establish the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Isabella County. This year, we're excited to celebrate our 25th Anniversary! Trustees and members of our Youth Advisory Committee kicked off our year, serving as Grand Marshall in the City of Mt. Pleasant's Lighted Christmas Parade. We gathered Legacy Society members, past and current Trustees, and major donors during a special 25th anniversary gala event in April, thanks to the generous sponsorship of The Morey Foundation. And, the Hersee House served as the hospitality house during the Women's City Club Tour of Homes in May.

In this milestone year, we've had the opportunity to look back on the Foundation's past and celebrate community members who sought to build permanent community capital to meet the needs of future generations. Because of these donors, we're able to meet many of the community's needs today. Their investment allows annual grantmaking to a wide variety of charitable programs. It is so rewarding to witness a donor's passion come to life, and I am continually inspired by our community's commitment to local philanthropy.

Amanda A. Schafer, Executive Director

President's greeting

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's Board of Trustees, staff and many volunteers are excited to present The Legacy, an annual report which highlights much of what has been accomplished over the past year. We invite you to review it for insights on what we do in and with our local community.

Much of this year's report focuses on Community Impact Funds, both existing and new. As we celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we are determined to continue to prepare for the future needs of our community. Community Impact Funds allow the Foundation the flexibility to meet needs that are not met through other types of endowed funds. They can be used to address significant and emergent issues in our ever-changing community. Grants from Community Impact Funds over the years have supported a variety of programs and projects throughout Isabella County. We welcome your continued interest in and support of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, especially through our Community Impact Funds at this important time in our history. Your engagement and generosity will help to create our future!



Steven D. Pung, President

2014 Trends

Mission: To enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Isabella County, now and for generations to come, by holding and attracting permanent endowed funds from a wide range of donors, addressing needs through grant making and providing leadership on key community issues.

ISABELLA COUNTY'S BIG PICTURE

TOTAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ASSETS
\$15,176,582

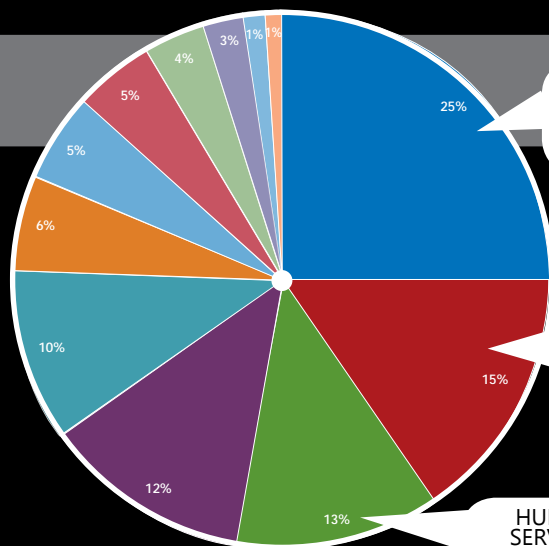
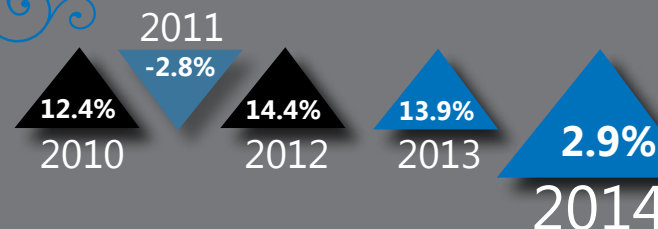
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED
\$361,159

1.5%
OPERATING EXPENSES AS A PERCENTAGE OF ASSETS

TOTAL GIFTS TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
\$1,055,729

INVESTMENT RETURNS

INVESTMENT ANNUAL RETURNS 2010-2014



EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION
\$97,453

ATHLETICS, RECREATION, LEISURE & SPORTS
\$59,510

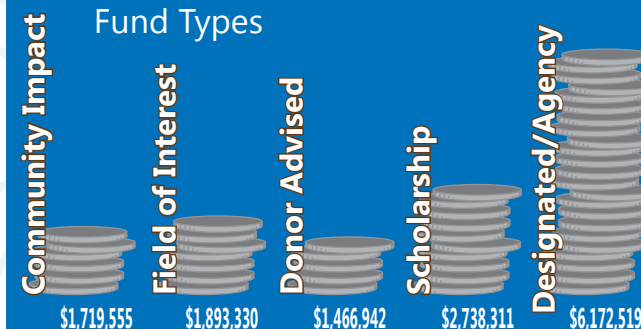
HUMAN SERVICES
\$48,571

GRANTMAKING TRENDS

- Education & Instruction
- Athletics, Recreation, Leisure & Sports
- Human Service
- Philanthropy & Volunteerism
- Religious / Spiritual Related
- Food, Nutrition & Agriculture
- Youth Development
- Health & Mental Health
- Housing & Shelter
- Animal Related Activities
- Art, Culture & Humanities
- Environmental Quality & Protection

ENDOWMENT ASSETS

Fund Types



View full 2014 audited financial statements at mpacf.org.

Ruth S. and Gerard R. Felter & Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund



When Gerard (Jerry) Felter came to Mt. Pleasant in the early 1950s to manage the Borden Condensory, the community gained a wonderful, civic minded individual. Ruth, Jerry's wife, was also inclined to

serve the community. She made her career at CMU where she advanced to Director of Accounting followed by Director of Payroll. Jerry retired as the Budget Director for CMU's Auxiliary Service. Both of them were always striving to make our community a better place to live. They lived out their deep and abiding faith by serving their church and greater community. Jerry was on the Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission for more than a decade working to assure the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low income individuals and families. Both Jerry and Ruth had a sense of community that reflected an understanding of human need.

In 2000, Jerry established what we now call a community impact fund in honor of his sister, Florence Battenfeld. She was a banking legal secretary and a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church who passed away in 2002. Jerry joined her in 2005, and Ruth passed away most recently, in 2014. Since the endowment fund was established, it has served our community just as Jerry and Ruth did during their lives. The Fund began to make grant distributions in 2006, and more than forty different community needs have been addressed since. Grants awarded include those for parenting programs, emergency food services, and handicap accessibility. The Fund has supported organizations like the Commission on Aging, Girls on the Run of Central Michigan, the Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum, Woodland Hospice, and many more.

Jerry's talent for managing money and his compassion for serving those around him will be felt by this community forever through the Ruth S. and Gerard R. Felter and Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund.

Ronald H. Cooper Family Fund



Ronald H. Cooper was the son William and Ethel (Campbell) Cooper, lifelong residents of Isabella County. Born in a house on Broadway in Mt. Pleasant in 1918, he graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School, and attended Central Michigan University before going to work for the Dow Chemical Company. There he secured more than thirty patents related to cement/concrete chemistry and oil drilling casing technology. In 1944, Ronald was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during World War II. He ultimately made his home in Clare with Donna, his wife of 67 years, and their five children.

Ronald believed strongly in education and was very proud that all of his children earned college degrees: daughters Karla and Suellen graduated from nursing school, and sons Terry, James, and Joel graduated from Michigan State University. He loved seeing his oldest granddaughter, Marcie, continue the tradition of higher education by attending CMU.



Community was very important to Ronald. After retirement, he served two terms on the Grant Township Board. He was an active member of the Clare Congregational Church for more than 65 years, working tirelessly through the application process to recognize the building and its stained glass as historic through both state and national registries. An historian and avid reader, Ronald also helped to raise funds to redo the public library in Clare. He felt libraries were a critical resource for communities, often commenting on the importance of "learning where you came from in order to know where you're going."

Ronald loved baseball, gardening, and feeding the birds. He particularly enjoyed walks through Mt. Pleasant parks, downtown Mt. Pleasant, and CMU. Ronald valued education, community, history, and the environment, and instilled their importance in his children and nineteen grandchildren. Though he passed away in 2009, Ronald's efforts to impact community will continue through his family and through the Ronald H. Cooper Family Fund. This community impact fund honors him and allows for grantmaking to meet a wide variety of needs, touching on so many of the causes Ronald cared about.

Denison Unrestricted Fund

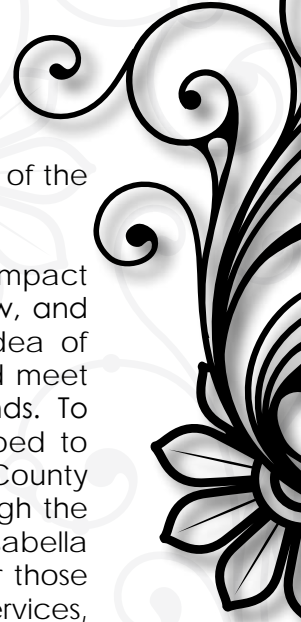


Rollie and Olga Denison were children of the Depression and appreciated the opportunities that Mt. Pleasant afforded them. They felt it was important to support the community that had given them so much. It is a remarkable but true statement that their greatest financial priority was meaningful community philanthropy, and they backed up their financial offerings with gifts of their time and wisdom.

To us at the Foundation, Rollie's name will be uniquely treasured as that of one of our founders, as a board member and our first president, and as our judicious guide through the challenges of starting a new foundation and leading its steady growth. He and his wife, Olga, were extraordinary benefactors, leaving a legacy through their many contributions

to our community, including the establishment of the Denison Unrestricted Fund in July of 2000.

The Denisons expected their community impact fund to benefit our changing community, now, and for years to come. They championed the idea of truly unrestricted endowment funds that could meet needs not met by other, more specific, funds. To date, the Denison Unrestricted Fund has helped to provide caregiver workshops at the Isabella County Commission on Aging, emergency food through the American Red Cross, security lighting for the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, travel assistance for those with cancer through Community Cancer Services, and so much more. We thank them for having the foresight to plan ahead for our community.



Summit Petroleum Fund



The Summit Petroleum Fund was created in February 2015 to help support the ever-changing needs of the community and to make Isabella County a better place to live and to work.



Based in Mt. Pleasant and Rosebush, the Summit Petroleum Corporation produces crude oil and natural gas in Michigan and across the United

States. The company strives to produce its products in an environmentally safe and efficient manner.

The Summit Petroleum Fund is a community impact fund of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. Its resources will be used to meet a variety of needs in the community over time.

Bob Long, President of Summit Petroleum, is a Mt. Pleasant native and lifelong resident. He understands that, as in most communities, Isabella County will face challenges that need addressing. "This fund is flexible and will provide resources to fund the best solutions," Long said.

Serving on the Community Foundation Board since 2009, Long filled the role of President in 2014. He believes in the Foundation's mission to address needs through grantmaking and to provide leadership on key community issues. "The endowment funds established at the Community Foundation are entrusted to a group of community leaders with the future in mind," he said. "I am confident in them and their ability to keep a good thing going."

Isabella Health Improvement Fund

The Isabella County Health Improvement Fund was created in 2015 by the Board of Central Health Plan. The Fund will provide support for medical health initiatives throughout Isabella County.

While this support will be available for all, the main goal of this fund is to support at-risk or low-income residents within Isabella County. Such initiatives will include, but are not limited to, access to care, population health education, population health strategies, and health needs assessments.





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Our founders had the foresight and determination to create the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation in 1990. As we celebrate the past, we must also prepare for the future needs of our community, whatever they may be.

In our 25th year of operation, the Foundation continues to strive to achieve the goal our founders set in 1990: to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Isabella County, now and for generations to come. The Foundation has invested more than \$4 million to make this community a better place to live, work, learn and play. Looking forward, we know our community will continue to grow, and so will its needs. We are responsible for making the right investment, in the right organization,

at the right time, using the right tool.

Community impact funds are not tied to a single social cause or mission; they are flexible funds that can be utilized to address significant and emergent issues in our community. Community impact funds have been created by hundreds of individuals and businesses who have generously donated to help enrich the community. Every year, dedicated community volunteers use their knowledge and skills to assure grants from these funds are awarded to create the greatest impact in our local community. Join us in celebrating our 25th anniversary by contributing to a community impact fund. Make one of the most important investments in the community you call home.

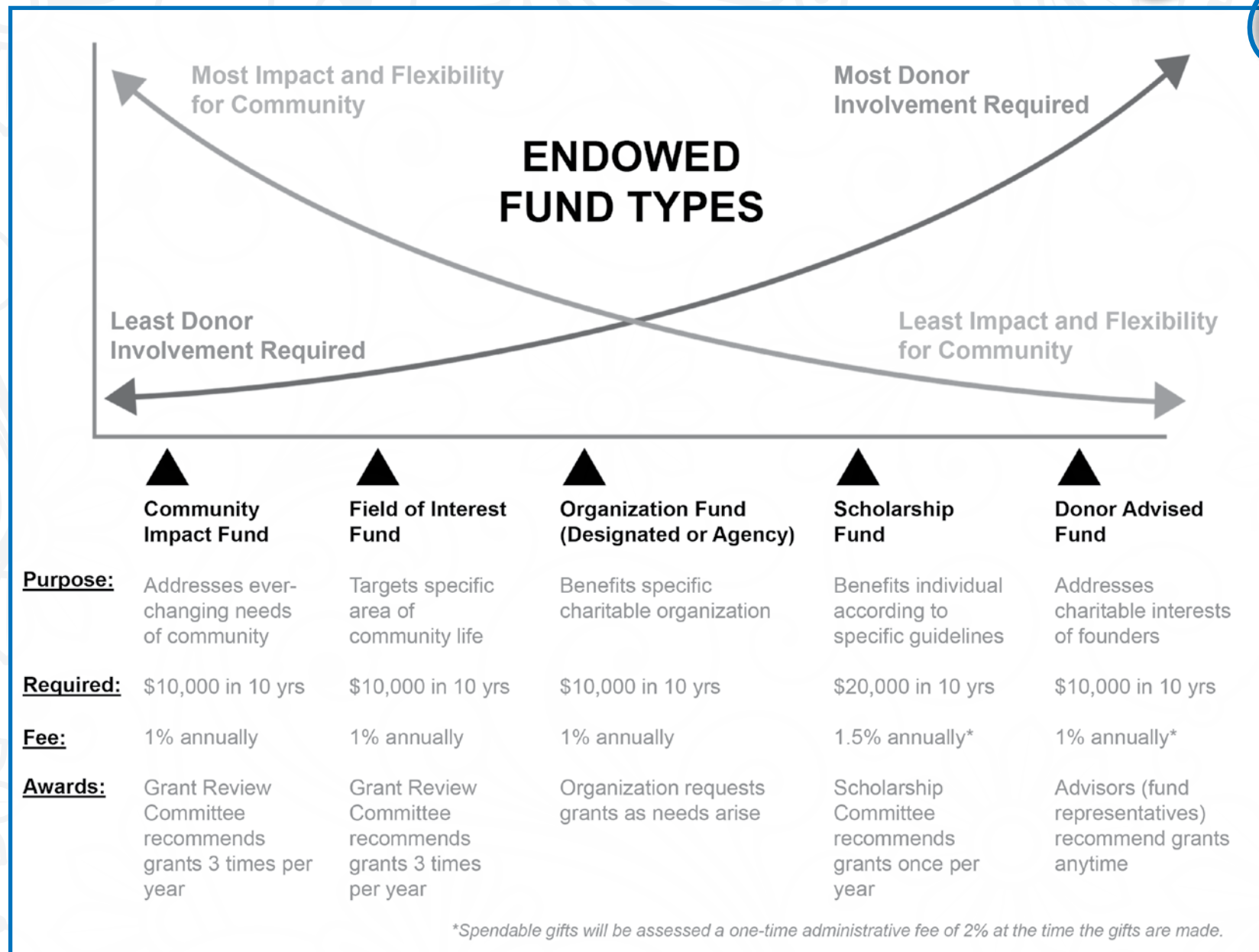


Check out our
25th Anniversary
Memory Book.

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 charitable fund or contribute to an existing fund. These professionally managed funds are permanently endowed, which means the contributions are never spent.

The assets of the Foundation's 230+ endowment funds are combined for investment purposes, and earnings from investments are used to award grants and scholarships annually. The yearly earnings benefit various humanitarian, educational, recreational, environmental, and cultural organizations that provide services to Isabella County residents.



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New Board Members Join Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation (MPACF) welcomes Jack Harkins, Marcie Otteman, Brian Rush, Michelle Sponseller and Bryan Wieferich to its Board of Trustees.

Jack Harkins is the president of Lease Management, Inc. He has served on many boards throughout the community, has three grown children, and enjoys spending time with his special companion Cheryl Bennett.



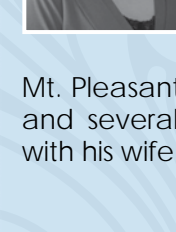
Marcie Otteman is the executive director of alumni relations for Central Michigan University. She has more than 20 years of experience in higher education administration. She resides in Mt. Pleasant with her husband, Larry Grawburg, and daughter Kaitlyn.



Brian Rush is general counsel for Fisher Companies, and has served in the United States Army on active duty. He was a founding member of the Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). He enjoys spending time with his wife, Julie, and their two children.



Michelle Sponseller is the director of downtown development for the City of Mt. Pleasant and is the staff liaison for the Mt. Pleasant Historic District Commission. She resides in Mt. Pleasant and enjoys giving architectural and local history tours of the City.



Bryan Wieferich is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) with Waddell & Reed in Mt. Pleasant. He is active in the Mt. Pleasant Jaycees and several CMU boards. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Monica, and their three young children.



Coyne Family Fund



Family and community have always been priorities for the Coyne family. Coyne Oil Corporation was founded in Mt. Pleasant in 1930. Now in its 3rd generation of family operation, brothers Dave and Mark Coyne operate the business. Their sister Dana lives in the Detroit area and is a retired school counselor.

The Coyne family is very involved with Zion Lutheran Church where Dave is currently the Director of Trustees and his wife Linda is the Director of Evangelism. Dave is the current Chairman of the Michigan Petroleum Association and is a member of the Lions Club. Linda is a past advisor and board member of Phi Sigma Sigma, a social sorority on the campus of Central Michigan University (CMU). She is also a current member of the Tourist Club.

Dave and Linda met in Mt. Pleasant while they were both attending CMU. Their children were raised in the Mt. Pleasant community. Dan is currently working for the U.S. Government in South Korea. Michael is the Director of Transportation for Coyne Oil Corporation and is engaged to marry Samantha Chapin in October 2015. Kelsey is a graduate of CMU and recently married Eric Quakenbush. She is a Logistics Specialist at Coyne Oil Corporation making Michael and Kelsey the 4th generation to work with the family business.

Dave and Linda hope that the Coyne Family Fund will make a difference in the community. Linda shared, "We like that we can make recommendations regarding the grants awarded from our fund, and if we don't have anything specific in mind, we can turn to our friends at the Community Foundation to point us to where the greatest need is at that point in time, while allowing us to stay involved. We have a strong connection to this community and want to be helpful."

Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund



Isabella Bank has a long history and tradition of giving in our community. Founded in 1903 as Isabella County State Bank, the organization has grown to twenty-nine branches in seven counties. And, their philosophy of service extends beyond the bank's needs as they strive to address the needs of those in the broader community.

"We believe investing in our local community is important," said President Steve Pung. "We consider ourselves active members --providing financial support and volunteering to serve those who need us," added Community Relations Director Mary Olivieri. "But, we can't do it alone."

In 2000, the Isabella Bank Board of Directors looked to the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation for their expertise in how to support community organizations over time. The Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund was established to support the ever-changing needs of the community. "We trust the Community Foundation and the committees that make grant decisions to determine the best use of the earnings of this fund," said Pung. "As our community evolves, the assets of a community impact fund, like ours, are available to respond."

To date, the Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund has provided funds for emergency equipment for American Red Cross disaster volunteers, technology improvements at the Rosebush Library, the startup of the 211 program at Listening Ear, fitness and walking trail at the Isabella County Commission on Aging, and the replacement of Santa's House in downtown Mt. Pleasant.



"This fund allows us to honor our directors and employees, and to have a greater impact on those living in our community," said Olivieri. "It ensures continuity, from generation to generation, keeping our values constant for the bank and for the community."



Garland-Schilling Scholarship Fund

George and Judith Garland and Alan and Mary Lou Schilling created the Garland-Schilling Scholarship Fund in 2014 in recognition of the dedication of the staff of Mid-Michigan Industries (MMI).

MMI's mission is to enrich lives through employment, training and community access. In fulfilling this mission, MMI is the leading employment service in central Michigan for individuals with barriers to



employment. Its services help integrate individuals into the community by finding jobs fitting their skill levels and by providing other supportive services. For decades, MMI has served as a partner with other agencies and organizations in supporting individuals in the community.

The Garland-Schilling Scholarship was established to assist those who are interested in careers in public service. The goal is to encourage individuals with an interest in working with people with special needs, including those with a disability, those in poverty, people experiencing homelessness, the elderly, or youth at risk. Graduating seniors who have a connection with MMI through an employed relative or volunteer will receive application priority.



The Garlands and Schillings have spent the majority of their professional careers providing services intended to enhance the quality of life and level

of independence for individuals with special needs. Those having a similar interest or passion are asked to additionally contribute to this fund. "We hope to sustain and grow the fund. We want it to live beyond us," said Judy. To grow, expand and bring awareness to the community is the hope for years to come.

Ray and Georgia Martin Leadership Fund

The Ray and Georgia Martin Leadership Fund was established in March 2000. The fund was created by Community Foundation board member, Shirley Martin Decker, in memory of her parents. The Leadership Fund provides operating support for the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation helping to ensure community members have the opportunity to participate in philanthropy.

Both Georgia and Ray were heavily involved with the local community. Georgia was known for her work at the local radio station WCEN. She was commonly referred to as "The Story Book Lady" or the "Safety Story Lady" for her well-remembered radio program "Word to the Wives."



Closest to Georgia's heart was her work with the children in the community. She also took part in many worthwhile fundraising benefits. She was an active member of the Red Cross, Zonta Club, Parent Teacher Association, Sunday school, Rosebush Council, March of Dimes, Safety Council and the First United Methodist Church.

Raymond Bowers Martin worked for Pure Oil and The Leonard Oil Company, after moving to Michigan in 1935. He served as an Isabella County sheriff's deputy from 1940-1960, spending six of those years as the Civil Defense Director. Mr. Martin was also the Isabella County Sheriff from 1961-1964. He was very involved with the community in a variety of other aspects including being a member of the Red Cross, Isabella County Safety Council, Fraternal Order of Police, Royal Arch Masons, Rotary Club and the First United Methodist Church.

Ms. Decker said, "It was important for me to establish this fund in memory of my parents because I am a strong believer in the Community Foundation and what it does for the local community." Decker has high hopes for the future impact of the fund. She plans to keep giving to the fund to retain the memory and presence of her parents among members of the local community.

Mt. Pleasant Jaycees Fund

The Mt. Pleasant Jaycees have a reputation for success. Among the oldest chapters in Michigan, the service organization began in 1975. Empowering young adults 18-40 years old through leadership and community service, the Mt. Pleasant Jaycees seek opportunities to create positive change in their community. The organization coordinates several fundraising and public events throughout the year to provide resources for local charities. In 2014, the Mt. Pleasant Jaycees spearheaded the first ever Mt. Pleasant Craft Beer Festival and their reputation for success continued.

Exceeding all expectations, the Festival attracted more than 1,200 participants to sample craft beer from 19 different Michigan breweries. VIP tickets sold out and more than \$15,000 was raised. Co-President of the Mt. Pleasant Jaycees, Bryan Wieferich, thought the

event had potential to be popular but did not realize it would have such a positive impact on the community in its first year. "When we kicked off planning for the Craft Beer Festival, our goal was to break even



and grow the event for the future," said Wieferich. True to their core values, the Mt. Pleasant Jaycees used the rewards of their success to support community projects and programs.

Proceeds from the Mt. Pleasant Craft Beer Festival also made it possible for the Jaycees to start a permanent endowment fund through the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. The endowment fund allows the group to expand its vision and to create an impact on the community long-term. Even as members age out of the organization, the endowment fund will continue to make an impact on the local community. The group plans to grow the fund over time and has committed a portion of future Craft Beer Festival proceeds to it.



Morning Sun Community Fund



The Morning Sun Community Fund is an endowment fund created in 2000 by William McHugh, then President of Central Michigan Newspapers. As an unrestricted community impact fund, grantmaking from this fund is not limited to a specific field of interest and may be used for a variety of different causes and programs in Isabella County.

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation has funded a number of nonprofit organizations over the years as a result of the Morning Sun Community Fund, including Woodland Hospice, the Central Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, Listening Ear Crisis Center, and the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen. Local government programs have been assisted as well, like the Isabella County Materials Recovery Facility, Central Michigan District Health Department and the Isabella County Commission on Aging. Most recently, grants were made to Women's Aid Service for travel to and from court hearings, counselor meetings, and other needs, as well as to Central Michigan Pregnancy Services in support of their new medical facility offering free STD/STI testing, treatment, and education to local residents.

The Morning Sun Newspaper will continue to support and have a lasting effect on Isabella County through the Morning Sun Community Fund...forever!

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The Denison Legacy Society



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.

Check out the
2014 Denison
Legacy Society
Slide Show.



Legacy Society Members as of June 30, 2015

Anonymous	Dave and Sue Keillitz
Barbara Bisot*	William and Eleanor Martin
Dan and Gail Boge	Steven and Deborah Martineau
John and Sue Bradac	Jane McNamara*
Mary Ellen Brandell*	Elizabeth Miller and Bruce LaPointe
Howard and Mary Ann Breuer	Linda Morey
Gerald C. Carter*	Lon Morey
Donna J.* and W. Larry Collins	Marilyn and Jerry Morey
William and Joneil Cook	Mike and Dianne Morey
Melva K. Coyne*	Mick and Dorothy Natzel
Timothy and Mary Elizabeth Curtiss	Tad and Laura Richards
Mark and Patricia Cwiek	Bill and Eileen Rush
G.R. (Rollie)* and Olga Denison*	Donald Schuster
George and Barbara Dunn	Doris Sherwood
J. Dean Eckersley*	Kay Smith*
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Idonea Hersee*	E. Diane Tope
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James* and Sally Hodgins*	Bob and Maurine Weisenburger
Ronald Hodgson	Sally and Jack Weisenburger
G. Charles and Janice L. Hubscher	Louise Williams*
Robert and Catherine Janson	Jim and Carol Wojcik
John and Ann Jensen	Terrie and Mark Zitzelsberger
L.A. and Marilyn Johns	
Albert and Linda Kaufmann	

*deceased

Grants awarded through Endowed Funds

Art Reach of Mid Michigan..... \$1,130.00

Wellspring Literary Series

Russ Herron Poetry Fund

Art Reach of Mid Michigan..... \$800.16

Art Walk

W. Sidney and Judith French Smith Community Fund

Beal City Public Schools \$1,798.65

Beal City Education Foundation Projects

Beal City Public Schools Education Foundation Fund

Central Michigan Pregnancy Services..... \$2,000.00

H.O.P.E. Medical STI Initiative

Morning Sun Community Fund

G. Charles and Janice L. Hubscher Fund

CENTRAL MICHIGAN PREGNANCY SERVICES

\$1,508.00

REAL Relationships
Education and
Certification

Kellogg Youth Fund

REAL Relations
programming is geared
to 5th-12th graders and
college age students to
assist them in developing
necessary relationship
tools such as impulse
control, self-regulation
and personal power.



Central Michigan University \$1,011.16

Clarke Historical Library - Digitizing Historic

Mt. Pleasant Newspapers

William J. Strickler Clarke Historical Library Fund

CENTRAL MICHIGAN ROBOTICS ASSOCIATION - FLAT MOUNTAIN MECHANICS

\$5,000.00

FIRST Robotics Competitive Season

Community Impact Fund



Child and Family Enrichment Council..... \$3,000.00

Child Sexual Abuse Counseling

Kellogg Youth Fund

Child and Family Enrichment Council..... \$835.00

Nurturing Parenting Training

G. Charles and Janice L. Hubscher Fund

Bovee Family Fund

Weisenburger Family Fund

W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith Family Fund

Child and Family Enrichment Council..... \$6,875.00

Forensic Interview Technology Upgrade

Community Impact Fund

Healthy Youth Healthy Seniors Fund

Chippewa River District Library \$997.17

Parenting and Test Preparation Collections

Eckersley Library Endowment Fund

Chippewa Watershed Conservancy \$2,830.24

Monitoring and Other Stewardship Costs at CWC

Preserves in Isabella County

Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Fund

William Brehm Memorial/Chippewa Watershed

Conservancy Stewardship Fund

CHIPPEWA WATERSHED CONSERVANCY

\$500.00

CWC Preserve Game Cameras

Dyke and Phyllis Heinze Conservation Fund



City of Mt. Pleasant..... \$1,075.00

PEAK Crisis Prevention Training

Kellogg Youth Fund

City of Mt. Pleasant -

Department of Public Safety..... \$5,000.00

Drug Recognition Program

Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund

Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund

Community Cancer Services

of Isabella County \$2,500.00

Travel Assistance for Isabella County Cancer Patients

Bandit Industries Community Fund

David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund

Denison Unrestricted Fund

Community Compassion Network \$15,000.00
 Mobile Food Pantries
Community Impact Fund
Mt. Pleasant Oil Industry Food Pantry Fund

**FOSTER CLOSET
 OF MICHIGAN
 ISABELLA
 COUNTY
 BRANCH**
\$1,200.00



Feminine Personal Care Kits for
 Teenage Girls in Isabella County Foster Care
Women's Initiative Fund

This program was started with MPACF grant funding and allows for each young woman in Isabella County Foster Care to receive 2 new bras, feminine care items and a reusable bag on their first visit to the Foster Closet.

Community Compassion Network \$1,100.00
 Support for the William Ellis Brockman Infant Pantry
William Ellis Brockman Infant Assistance Fund

Community Compassion Network \$5,000.00
 Support for Community Compassion Network

CDVSA - Shelterhouse \$4,000.00
 Support to the CDVSA Shelterhouse

The Dictionary Project \$792.00
 Dictionary Distribution Project for
 3rd grade classes in Isabella County
Kiwanis Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund

Eagle Village \$2,000.00
 Support for the Mission of Eagle Village

Friends of the Broadway \$1,532.72
 Broadway Theatre Public Restroom Renovation Project
Friends of the Broadway Fund

GIRLS ON THE RUN OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN
\$4,390.00

Program Curricula and Worksheets
 Gail E. Gorton Women in Sports Fund
 Women's Initiative Fund



Friends of the Library Fund \$1,050.39

Charging Stations, Furniture for Children's Area, New
 Backup Power Supplies for Library Computers

Friends of the Library Fund

The John H. Goodrow Fund \$3,310.00

Emergency Auto Assistance for Isabella County
 Customers

Barbara L. and George W. Dunn Family Fund
Ruth S. and Gerard R. Felter and
Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund

Theunissen Family Fund

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

GRATIOT ISABELLA RESD
\$5,982.77

Imagination Library
Robert and Geraldine
Krapohl Literacy Fund
Kellogg Youth Fund

Imagination Library was developed in 1995 in Tennessee by Dolly Parton. Dolly knows the importance of literacy and that reading regularly with children during their preschool years gives them the biggest boost toward a successful education. With grant funding, Isabella County children from birth until his/her 5th birthday, receive a free book per month which arrives in their mailbox addressed to the child.



**ISABELLA COUNTY
 COMMISSION ON
 AGING**
\$2,900.00

Health and Fitness
 Program

Healthy Youth

Healthy Seniors Fund

The Isabella County Commission on Aging provides numerous health and fitness programs to help Isabella County residents maintain healthy lifestyles. Exercise is the key to healthy aging. Experts in aging emphasize the importance of an active lifestyle to help elders maintain independence and manage symptoms of chronic illness or pain as well as helping with memory retention and to relieve stress.



Gratiot Isabella RESD \$2,100.00

Weather Appropriate Gear for Students Studying
 Construction Trades

Kellogg Youth Fund

Hospice of Central Michigan \$541.95

Support for Woodland Hospice
Coyne Family Fund



ISABELLA COUNTY
\$4,800.00

Coldwater Lake Family
 Park Boat Launch:
 Accessibility and Multi-
 Use Improvements

Brewster Family Access to Recreation Fund
Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club Access to Recreation Fund
Janet Maar Strickler Access to Recreation Fund
Mary Ellen Brandell Access to Recreation Fund
Access to Recreation Fund

LISTENING EAR CRISIS CENTER \$40,000.00

24 hour Crisis Intervention
Services in Isabella County
Listening Ear's

Crisis Center Fund

Listening Ear's Crisis Hotline is available to anyone 24 hours every day of the year. The trained professionals on the Crisis Hotline are helpful in exploring options and solutions to the caller's problems; caring when they just want someone to listen; and supportive when there is nowhere else to turn. The Listening Ear's Crisis Center Fund was established to help ensure the program's long-term viability.



MID-MICHIGAN INDUSTRIES \$2,141.00

Shredder for Transitional Work Program

Thomas R. and Judith D. Sullivan Fund

This program assists individuals who have limited physical and cognitive skills. The shredder allows those individuals to earn a paycheck while they gain the self-confidence and independence associated with productive work.



Isabella Citizens for Health \$1,341.00
Pediatric Friendly Waiting Room Update
Darlene Bond Memorial Youth Fund

Isabella Community Soup Kitchen \$3,000.00
Support for the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen

Isabella County Commission on Aging \$1,100.00
Touch the Sky: In Celebration of Everyday Healers
Healthy Youth Healthy Seniors Fund

MOREY MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY \$1,199.00

Initial Instrument Purchase
for the Morey Montessori
Music Program

Kellogg Youth Fund

Initiated by 7th grader, Sasha DeLellis when she saw a need for a music program at the school, a grant request was completed by Sasha, her father and the head of the school for an initial instrument purchase for the Morey Montessori music program. The grant allowed the school to purchase an electronic piano as well as several hand-held instruments for classroom use.



Isabella County Restoration House \$5,000.00
I-Ride Transportation for Isabella County Homeless
Kay Smith Family Fund
Hersee Family Fund
Kimber and Judy DeWitt Family Fund

Isabella County Restoration House \$2,000.00
Support for the Isabella County Restoration House

McLaren Central Michigan \$3,000.00
Pathway to Excellence Conference for Nursing Staff
Amy Otteman Nursing Education Fund

Morey Montessori Public School Academy \$2,500.00
Morey Montessori Library
Kellogg Youth Fund
Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates

MPACF Mid Michigan
Community Pathways Fund \$5,000.00
Mid-Michigan Community Pathway Project:
Mt. Pleasant to Shepherd
Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation.... \$21,426.90
Administrative Support
Charles A. Anthony Leadership Fund
Leadership Fund
Ray and Georgia Martin Leadership Fund
Morey Foundation Leadership Fund
Richards Leadership Fund
Ridley Leadership Fund

Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum \$1,680.00
Wind Tunnel Exhibit
Kellogg Youth Fund

MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS \$1,086.78

Peacemaking Ceremonies

MPPS Esther Kraus Peacemaking Fund



The Peacemaking Award Ceremony recognizes students nominated by a staff member or peer for having promoted tolerance, diversity and peacemaking for a specific action or for their general attitude and daily conduct. The

Peacemaking Award Ceremony was something that Esther Kraus believed made a difference to the youth in the local community. So much so she established this fund at MPACF to ensure that acts of peacemaking would always be recognized and encouraged.

Mt. Pleasant Oilers Athletic Boosters \$50.00
Mt. Pleasant Baseball Championship Photo for Billboard
Gail E. Gorton Women in Sports Fund

Mt. Pleasant Oilers Athletic Boosters \$1,000.00
Pillars of the Community -
Community Memorial Stadium Improvements
Optimist Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund

**Mt. Pleasant
Public Schools
\$3,321.62**

Mt. Pleasant
BPA National
Leadership
Conference
Competition



**Mt. Pleasant Business Professionals
of America Fund**

**Mt. Pleasant Public Schools
Education Foundation..... \$1,000.00**
Support for the
Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Education Foundation

**Mt. Pleasant Public Schools
Education Foundation..... \$600.00**
World's Largest Recess INSPIRE Event
Kellogg Youth Fund

Mt. Pleasant Soccer Club \$8,500.00
Mt. Pleasant Soccer Club Field Improvement Project
LaBelle Family Fund
Optimist Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund
Kellogg Youth Fund
Gail E. Gorton Women in Sports Fund

Mt. Pleasant Youth Football..... \$1,900.00
Mt. Pleasant Youth Football Program
Rocket Football Operating Fund

Northern Rocket Football League..... \$1,075.00
Beal City Rocket Football Program
Rocket Football Operating Fund

Sacred Heart Academy..... \$300.00
Sacred Heart Academy After-Prom Party
Kellogg Youth Fund

Sacred Heart Academy..... \$1,152.00
Heart Smart School -
Purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
Kellogg Youth Fund

**SACRED HEART ACADEMY
\$1,325.75**

Focus on Science - Purchase of 5 Microscopes
Kellogg Youth Fund

A grant for 5 new microscopes has allowed SHA students to have more opportunities to engage in meaningful experiments while also increasing the efficiency of science lessons taught.



Shepherd Community Friends of the Library \$600.00
Shepherd Library Project
Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates

Shepherd Public Schools \$1,685.00
Shepherd Youth Football Program Helmet Inventory
Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates

Village of Shepherd..... \$2,310.00
Shepherd Elf House
Shepherd Community Fund in Honor of Robert Bates

Shepherd Youth Football \$1,025.00
Shepherd Youth Football Program
Rocket Football Operating Fund

**VILLAGE OF
SHEPHERD
\$705.00**

Wright Avenue
American Flag
Replacement
Project
**Shepherd
Community Fund
in Honor of
Robert Bates**



Women's Aid Service \$7,000.00
Sexual Abuse Prevention Education
Kellogg Youth Fund
Women's Initiative Fund

Women's Aid Service \$3,600.00
Outreach Services
Michael D. and Dianne C. Morey Community Needs Fund
Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund
Ranck Family Fund

Women's Aid Service \$800.00
Bed Bug Prevention Units
Women's Initiative Fund

Young Life - Mt. Pleasant..... \$1,000.00
Mt. Pleasant Area Junior High School
Outreach Program Start-up and Camp Trip
McGuirk Family Fund

Youth Advisory Committee: Youth Philanthropy



President's letter

Over the past year, the YAC has accomplished a lot. We have volunteered at several community events including Christmas Outreach, Lions Club Chicken BBQ and the Morbark Halloween Party. We also did our annual Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser which was a huge success. We raised over \$2,500 for the Kellogg Youth Fund in 2014.

We also recommended more than \$26,000 in grants to dozens of youth serving organizations across Isabella County. We hope that this helps and impacts many of the youth in our area.

Our committee is excited to participate in celebrating MPACF's 25th Anniversary.

We have a history of supporting and making a difference in the community and I hope to see the YAC continue to carry out the Foundation's motto, "For good. For ever."

Sam Neyer
YAC President



The YAC is a group of committed students from Isabella County schools who focus on grantmaking, 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 grants 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.



Check out
the Youth
Assessment
results.





2015 Youth Advisory Committee

- Matt Blackburn (MPPS) **
- Maggie Brockman (MPPS) *
- Maggie Bryant (SPS)
- Billy Chilman (BCPS)
- Wyatt Cook (MPPS)
- Erica Davis (MPPS)
- Gabby Driessnack (MPPS)
- Riley Edwards (MPPS)
- Tina Guytingco (SHA)
- Kara Heugel (SPS)
- Nate Horsley (BCPS)
- Sammy McDonald (SHA)
- Haley McMullen (BCPS)
- Sam Neyer (SHA)
- Grace Rau (BCPS)
- Andrew Travis (SPS)
- Samantha Johnson (CMU)
- Ashley Flickinger (CMU)
- Bill Chilman (Advisor)
- Dyke Heinze (Adult)
- Erin Smith-Gaken (Adult)
- Janelle Urban (Adult) **

*denotes new member
**denotes retiring member

Aaron Jacob Latham

Memorial Scholarship Fund



If life was a high school yearbook and we held mock elections, Aaron Jacob Latham would have been voted "Class Clown." He had a heart of gold but he definitely had the mind of a jester. Even during the most serious times, you could count on Aaron to lighten the load with a smile and a laugh.

In 2002, Aaron enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Aaron served two tours in Iraq and one tour in Kuwait in his four years of active duty. He would continue on in a non-active reserve status for an additional four years.



While in reserve status, and after a couple of adventures, Aaron finally found his calling on a local farm. Even as a young boy, Aaron could be found playing in the dirt, tinkering with equipment/motors or causing general mischief. He quickly learned that working on the farm allowed him the opportunity to do all of that. After working on the farm under his mentor for many years, he entered into partnership with another local farm. Through that partnership, Aaron was able to commission the building of two large barns and secured a contract with a large pork company. He did not get to see the completion of the barns.



In July 2014, Aaron passed away in a car accident at the age of 32. He had just figured out what he wanted to do with his life and was anxious to get started. His love for life and all things farming prompted the family to create the Aaron Jacob Latham Memorial Scholarship Fund. He will be forever missed but his legacy and passion will live on.

Aaron did not expect much of others: contribute to society and figure out a way to have fun while doing it. He would say that life is a reflection of the choices that one makes and that it is no one else's job to better your circumstances. On the other hand, he also believed that everyone deserves to be given a chance. Worth cannot be measured by family name, grades, gender, or age. Aaron's family hopes that this scholarship fund will assist individuals to better their lives and pursue their agricultural passion, whether it be agricultural farming, equine, ranch management, dairy, organic, or even running their family farm.

Barbara L. and George W. Dunn

Family Fund



The Barbara L. and George W. Dunn Family Fund was started on December 29, 1999. Barbara and George have lived in the Mt. Pleasant area since 1982 and have been active in a variety of arenas both through their own interests and through their professional responsibilities.



These include Art Reach of Mid-Michigan, Women's Aid Service, Action for Our Kids, Immanuel Lutheran Church, as well as international activities. Barbara owns Creative Ideas, an interior decorating business. For many years, George was President of Middle Michigan Development Corporation, an economic development organization serving Isabella and Clare Counties.

Since the Dunn Family Fund's establishment, more than \$7,000 has been granted to important causes throughout the community. Most recently, the fund supported a suicide prevention pamphlet distributed by Community Mental Health, outdoor play equipment for the Morey Public School Academy, and emergency transportation needs met by the John H. Goodrow Fund. The earnings from this unrestricted community impact fund will benefit our changing community for years to come.

David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund



Dave and Sue Keilitz came to Mt. Pleasant in 1960 to attend Central Michigan University (CMU). They fell in love with Mt. Pleasant and made their home here, raising two boys and establishing careers.

Dave coached baseball at CMU for 14 years, and then continued as Athletic Director for 10 more. Offered a job as Executive Director of the



American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) in 1994, the Keilitz family chose not to leave their beloved Mt. Pleasant. Instead, Dave took the position under the condition that the organization's headquarters move to Mt. Pleasant. It was a homerun for ABCA and for our community.

Over the years, Dave and Sue have been very involved in the community, supporting organizations like McLaren Central Michigan, CMU, Immanuel Lutheran Church and the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. "Mt. Pleasant is a wonderful place and we strive to make it better, be it through service or financial contributions," said Dave.

In December, 1999, they began the David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund, an unrestricted community impact fund. "We trust those who make decisions about grants from our fund," stated Dave. "This way we are able to support the needs of the community as they change." The Keilitz Family Fund has done just that, supporting the American Red Cross, Central Michigan District Health Department, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, and Community Cancer Services, just to name a few.

Weisenburger Family Fund



In February 2000, the Weisenburger Family Fund was started by Robert (Bob) Weisenburger, son of Sally and Jack Weisenburger. The Fund was started as an unrestricted community impact fund to help with a wide range of needs in the Mt. Pleasant community.



"I began my involvement with the Foundation helping with public relations as a member of the Board of Trustees," said Sally. "Because I have been so involved with the Foundation, Bob felt creating a fund would be a good fit for the entire family to be philanthropic."

Sally and Jack have been members of the local community for many years. Sally has been a resident of Mt. Pleasant since age 13, and she graduated from Central Michigan University in 1948. Jack launched a successful career in the insurance industry in Mt. Pleasant where he and Sally raised their family and remain today.

Since its founding, the Weisenburger Family Fund has made more than \$8,000 in grants to organizations like the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, Girls on the Run of Central Michigan, Women's Aid Service, the City of Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation Department, and the Child and Family Enrichment (C.A.F.E.) Council.

Charlie and Jane Kiel Scholarship Fund

In 2014, the Charlie and Jane Kiel Scholarship Fund was established to support graduates of Sacred Heart Academy who plan to further their education at Central Michigan University.

Charlie and Jane came to Mt. Pleasant to attend Central Michigan University. After graduation; they established careers, raised their families, volunteered and developed many friendships in the Mt. Pleasant area. This scholarship fund is meant to support youth in a community they are proud to call home.

Three generations of family attended Catholic high schools, and one graduated from Sacred Heart Academy. The Kiel Scholarship Fund is also meant to support future students of Central Michigan University because of their love of the University.

Charlie and Jane are excited to assist high school seniors as they seek to achieve their goals.



Hersee Family Fund

Idonea "Dony" and William E. Hersee, M.D. were married in 1934. They spent most of their adult lives in Mt. Pleasant, where they have had a strong presence and made many important contributions to our community.

Dr. Hersee began a general medical practice in Mt. Pleasant in 1935. He was a major voice in helping to raise money in a challenge from the Commonwealth Fund, a foundation which helped communities establish hospitals. Central Michigan Community Hospital was built in 1943 and Dr. Hersee was a charter member of its medical staff. Dr. Hersee was an active staff member from 1943 to 1967 in the areas of General Practice and later, Ophthalmology. He served as Chief of Staff in 1949.



Dony was a loving, supportive wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. Her door was always open and her welcome warm. Dony was an enthusiastic supporter of Art Reach of Mid-Michigan and an honorary member of the Mt. Pleasant Federated Garden Club.

She was an avid reader and supporter of the Veterans Memorial Library, as well as the American Red Cross, and the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation.

In 2002, Dony established the Hersee Family Fund to benefit the community the Hersees considered their home. Over the years, this community impact fund has made grants for dental care for senior citizens, prescription medication for those visiting the Free Clinic, diapers for low-income families, and transportation for Isabella County homeless men and women, just to name a few.

William and Janet Maar Strickler Community Impact Fund



The William and Janet Maar Strickler Community Impact Fund was created by the couple in February of 2015 as part of an effort to increase the unrestricted grantmaking assets of the Foundation. Bill and Jan sought to share their enthusiasm for our community and show others what is possible through an endowment fund dedicated to meeting unmet needs in Isabella County.



"We realized that one of the best ways to put our money to work for the community was to put it into a fund with no restrictions," Jan said. "We want grants to be awarded where help is needed most, and we know needs will change over time."

Both Bill and Jan have a long history in Isabella County. Bill grew up here, graduating from both Mt. Pleasant High School and Central Michigan University. Jan came to Mt. Pleasant as an adult, and her job with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan moved her around the state for years. She made her way back to Mt. Pleasant, and she and Bill married in 1997.

Bill and Jan have been involved with many community organizations, including Special Olympics Michigan, Women's Aid Service, Woodland Hospice, McLaren Central Michigan, Art Reach of Mid-Michigan, and CMU's Clarke Historical Library. Jan served on the Board of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation from 2005-2014, spent two years as President and now co-chairs the Women's Initiative. Bill currently serves on the Development Committee, and together they are chairing the Foundation's 25th Anniversary Community Impact Fund Appeal.

W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith Family Fund



The W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith Family Fund was started by its namesakes in 1999. Longtime supporters of the Community Foundation, Sid and Judy sought to lead by example and chose to establish a fund that might fill in the gaps when government and other sources of funding fall short.

Sid was born and raised in Mt. Pleasant and feels grateful for the opportunity to grow up in a small town. Judy came to Mt. Pleasant to attend CMU and has spent most of her life here. "Our roots are here," said Sid. The Smiths built a life and raised two children in Mt. Pleasant. "We have a heart for Mt. Pleasant," added Judy. "It's who we are."



Since its founding, the W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith Family Fund has made more than \$9,500 in grants to assist with projects such as Main Street Live, glucose monitoring at McLaren Central Michigan, and Island Park bleacher replacement and field renovations. Both Sid and Judy hope the fund can be used to support community gathering places like those in Downtown Mt. Pleasant and throughout our community parks. "We think it's important to have meeting places for community members and recreation opportunities for families," said Judy.

The Smiths have been pleased with the success of the Community Foundation. "It has far exceeded what the founders hoped for," said Sid. "It's important for us to continue to think about the future of our town." The W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith Family Fund will continue to make an impact in our community long into the future—serving as a legacy for the Smiths and inspiring others to give.

Permanently Endowed Funds of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation

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
Hersee Family Fund
Howard P. Himes Fund
G. Charles and Janice L. Hubscher Fund
Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund
L.A. and Marilyn B. Johns Family Fund
David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Family Fund
Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund
Elizabeth Z. Miller and
Bruce H. LaPointe Community Needs Fund
Jerry M. and Marilyn A. Morey
Community Fund
Michael D. and
Dianne C. Morey Community Needs Fund
Morning Sun Community Fund
John Neyer Family Fund
Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Fund
Ranck Family Fund
Rapaport Family Fund
Sherwood Family Fund

Kay Smith Family Fund
W. Sidney Smith and
Judith French Smith Family Fund
William and Janet Maar Strickler
Community Impact Fund
Sullivan Family Fund
Summit Petroleum Fund
Theunissen Family Fund
Weisenburger Family 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 Krapohl Literacy Fund
McCarthy Family 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:

Angel Wings Fund
Paula Arndt Women's Fund
Richard and Mary Barz Family Fund
Boge Family Fund
Carnel Chamberlain Memorial Fund
Tim and Teresa Coscarelly Family 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
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:

Central Michigan Chapter of
the American Red Cross Fund
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
Central Michigan Pregnancy Services –
Earn While You Learn Fund
Central Michigan Pregnancy Services
H.O.P.E. Medical Clinic 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
 Listening Ear Child Sexual
 Abuse Treatment Fund
 Listening Ear 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
 Mt. Pleasant Area 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
 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 Fund
 Ed and Marcia Schmidt Memorial Fund
 Schuster Family Fund for Listening Ear
 Special Olympics Michigan Fund
 Staples Family American Red Cross Fund
 William J. Strickler Clarke Historical Library Fund
 United Way of Isabella County Fund
 Volunteer Center of Isabella County Fund
 Women's Aid Service Fund
 Youth Health and Fitness Fund

Scholarship Funds

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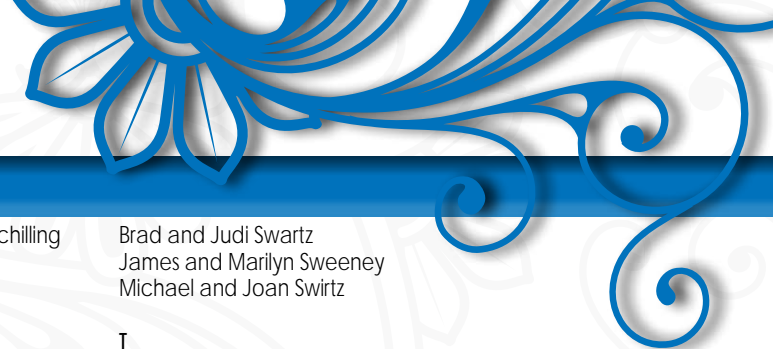
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Lori Nelson Spielman was born and raised in Michigan, the youngest of four children. After completing both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Central Michigan University, she began working in the public school system. She spent the early part of her career as a speech-language pathologist, and later became a high school guidance counselor. It was during her stint as a homebound teacher that she rekindled her love for writing. Her first novel, *THE LIFE LIST*, became a #1 international bestseller. It has been translated into thirty languages and Fox 2000 has purchased the film rights. Her second novel, *SWEET FORGIVENESS*, was released in June of 2015. She is currently working on her third novel. She lives in Lansing with her husband and their very spoiled cat.



Lori Nelson Spielman

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Who: Lori Nelson Spielman

What: Annual Speaker Series Luncheon

Where: The Comfort Inn Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant

When: Wednesday, November 11, 2015
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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2014 Scholarship Recognition Reception



The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that 86 scholarships were awarded this year. The 2015 scholarship reception was held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at the Comfort Inn Conference Center. During the event, nearly \$80,000 in scholarships were awarded to Isabella County Area students. Scholarship recipients, recipients' family members, scholarship fund founders, Board of Trustees members, Scholarship Committee members and school representatives joined to honor outstanding students of our community.

Each scholarship is unique and reflects the values and interests of those who have established it. This year, MPACF scholarships were awarded for the first time from the Norval Morey Leadership Scholarship and the Louise A. Plachta Non-traditional Student Scholarship. To make recommendations to the board, 87 community members served on panels to review 1,198 applications this year.



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