

The Legacy

2012-2013 NEWSLETTER AND ANNUAL REPORT

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*Run.
Girls. Run!*



Girls on the Run of Central Michigan celebrated the completion of a successful eleventh season with a 5K race on May 18, 2013. More local girls than ever participated in this year's program, in part due to a \$20,000 grant from eight funds of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. One of the largest grants awarded by the Community Foundation this past year, Girls on the Run used the grant to award tuition scholarships to Isabella County girls participating in the program.

The season consists of a 10-week curriculum and teaching program that begins in March. Participants receive new running shoes, a t-shirt, snacks, 5k race registration, and a finishing medal. This season, because of the grant, every girl who requested assistance was provided a scholarship.

Girls on the Run is a national, nonprofit, prevention program aimed at increasing self-esteem and boosting confidence in 3rd to 8th grade girls. Using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running, the Girls on the Run program seeks to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident. The organization's volunteer coaches envision a world where every girl

recognizes and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams.

When Girls on the Run of Central Michigan began in 2003, 108 girls, ages 8-13 participated, all from Isabella County. During the 2013 season, 656 girls from Clare, Isabella and Gratiot counties participated in Girls on the Run. Of the 656 participants, 362 girls were from Isabella County. Girls on the Run of Central Michigan has expanded and supports programs at every school in Isabella, Gratiot and Clare Counties.

The \$20,000 grant was made possible by grants from the Kellogg Youth Fund, the Shepherd Community Fund, the Women's Initiative Fund, the Bandit Industries Community Fund, the Barbara A. Bissot Fund, the Fabiano Family Fund, the Hersee Family Fund, and the Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund. In previous years, grants to Girls on the Run of Central Michigan were awarded from the Kellogg Youth Fund, the Women's Initiative Fund, the Ruth S. and Gerald R. Felter and Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund, the LaBelle Family Fund, and the Weisenburger Family Fund.



President's GREETING

Looking back on the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation over the last year, I am excited to share with you our growth and accomplishments. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I invite you to review this annual report for some of the highlights.

We combined resources from several endowed funds to make an impactful grant to Girls on the Run of Central Michigan. A handful of new funds of various types were established according to donor wishes. And, we witnessed grassroots fundraising efforts to improve our community. These stories and many others are featured in this year's report.

All of this is possible because of you. Thank you for your continued interest and support in our community and in the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation.

Janet Maar Strickler

President, MPACF Board of Trustees



Director's GREETING

Twenty-three years ago, nine community members had the foresight to establish the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation to enhance the quality of life for all citizens by holding and attracting endowment funds. Every day I am fortunate to work with donors seeking to build permanent community capital so that the needs of future generations may be met. This investment allows annual grantmaking to a wide variety of charitable programs.

Managing your charitable giving through the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation allows you to support the organizations and issues that mean the most to you. Your impact is for good...forever! Making an investment in our community is both personal and rewarding. The passion of those found on the pages that follow is evident. As you read through this year's Legacy, I hope you are proud of and inspired by our community's commitment to philanthropy.

Amanda Schafer

Executive Director

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2012 MT. PLEASANT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 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.

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For **good.** For **ever.**SM

ISABELLA COUNTY'S BIG PICTURE

TOTAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ASSETS
\$12,636,443

TOTAL GIFTS TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
\$715,262

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED
\$319,324

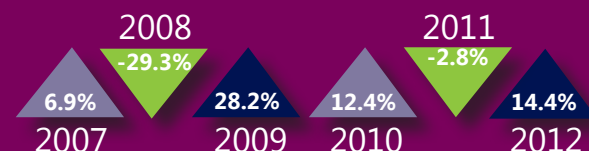
NATIONAL STANDARDS

50 out of 55 Michigan Community Foundations are certified.

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation is in the top philanthropic tier nationally for operational quality, integrity and accountability, and demonstrating excellence in gift stewardship, grantmaking, transparency and accountability.

INVESTMENT RETURNS

INVESTMENT ANNUALIZED RETURNS 2007-2012



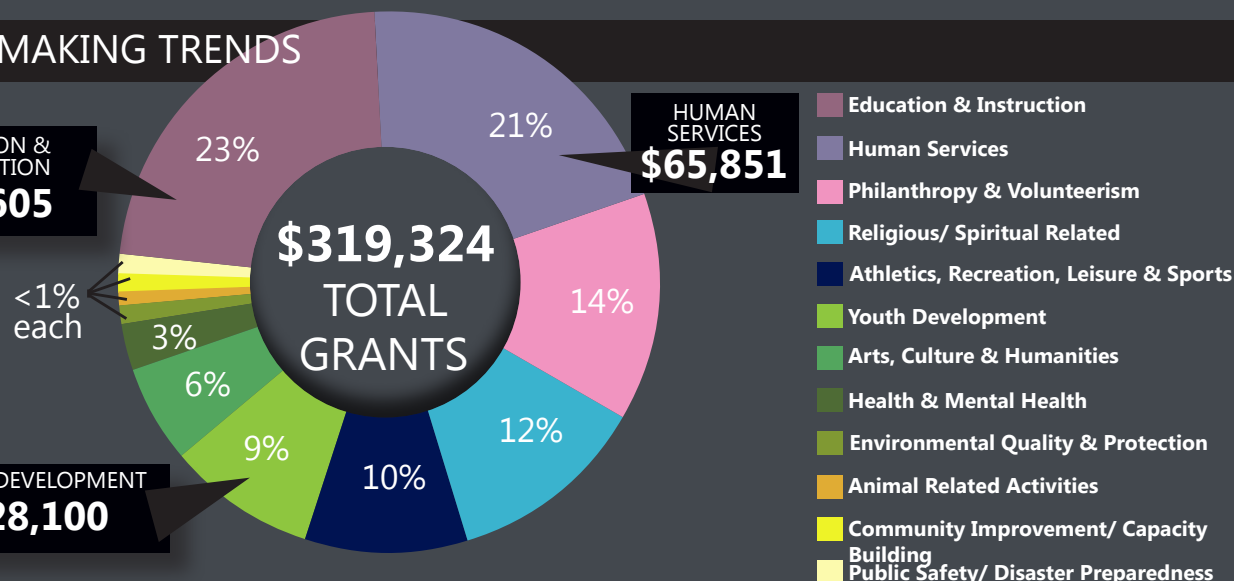
GRANTMAKING TRENDS

EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION
\$79,605

HUMAN SERVICES
\$65,851

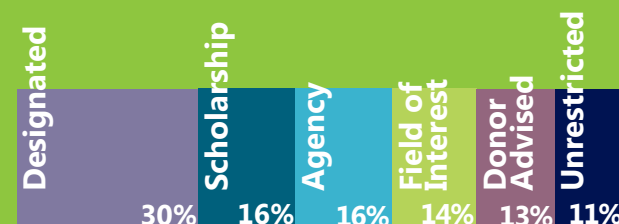
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
\$28,100

\$319,324
TOTAL GRANTS



ENDOWMENT ASSETS

233 Endowed Funds



5 New funds in 2012

*A complete copy of the audited financial statement is available at www.mpacf.org



Bandit
INDUSTRIES, INC.

Celebrating **30** Years

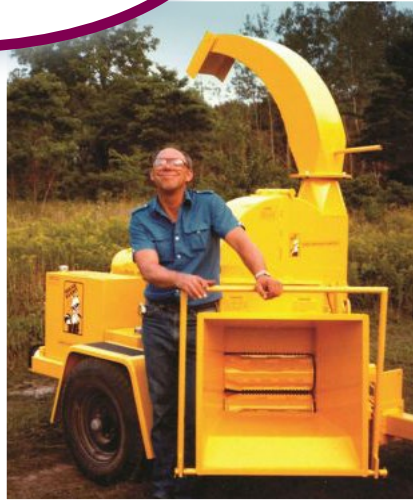
Bandit Industries

Community Fund

In 1983, Michael Morey Sr. and Dianne Morey believed they could build a wood chipper better than anyone else. Mike left his job, invested in a small workshop, and with six employees and a small operating budget built the Model 100 Brush Bandit, a 12-inch capacity disc-style chipper. In 1987, based on the success of the Brush Bandit, Bandit Industries was created and Dianne actively joined the company, along with co-owner Jerry Morey.

Bandit designed and launched the world's first self-propelled track whole tree chipper in 1990 and continues to lead this segment of the industry 23 years later. Bandit employs more than 450 people and operates a network of more 180 dealer locations worldwide. This year, Bandit celebrates its 30th anniversary.

"Though our business is global, we are committed to our local community," said Mike. A member of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees from 1993-2012, Dianne encouraged the start of the Bandit Industries Community Fund. Since 2000, the Fund has made 44 grants benefiting a wide variety of community projects. This unrestricted fund has supported the Art Reach of Mid Michigan Festival of Banners, the CMCH Free Clinic, Central Michigan District Health Department influenza prevention programming, Rosebush Library technology, and the Isabella County Commission on Aging Gold Key Volunteer program.



Shepherd *Community Fund*

The Shepherd Community Fund was established in 1998 to honor Robert H. Bates, an involved, valued and highly respected member of the Shepherd community. Individuals and organizations in the area chose to use the Shepherd Community Fund as a way to pay tribute and thank Mr. Bates for all he has given to the Shepherd community. Mr. Bates passed away on September 20, 2008 at the age of 99.

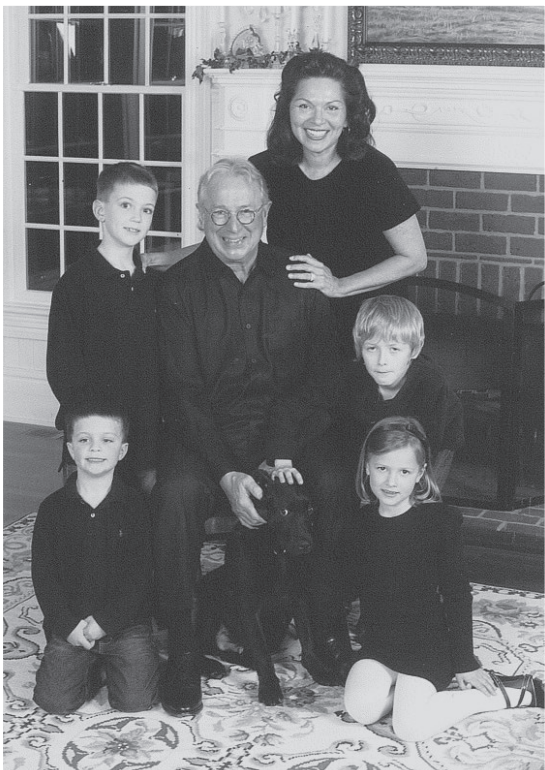
Mr. Bates moved to Shepherd in 1915 at the age of six. He served in the South Pacific during World War II and returned to Shepherd to teach mathematics at the local schools. Later, he became high school principal, serving in the Shepherd School System for 27 years. After his retirement, Mr. Bates continued to positively influence his community by staying active in his church, Food with Friends and the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen. Bates also assisted in the establishment of the Shepherd Area Historical Society, the Little Red School House Museum and the Power House Museum in Shepherd.

When asked about the Shepherd Community Fund honoring him, Mr. Bates said, "I consider it to be an honor because of the nature of the foundation itself."

The Shepherd Community Fund awards grants to organizations whose programs or services foster the general welfare of Shepherd area citizens. Since its founding, the Shepherd Community Fund has made 32 grants that benefit the Shepherd community. Grants have supported Shepherd High School after-prom programming; Winn Area

Activity Center gardening, cultural field trips and the summer programs; Village of Shepherd Henry Perrine Museum 1947 railroad postal car, community policing, Wright Avenue American flags and most recently the Shepherd Santa house.





Dr. Thomas M. and Jayne Keating *Scholarship Fund*

Established in 2000, the Dr. Thomas M. and Jayne Keating Scholarship Fund was created to support the community that has given so much over the years.

"We believe in education," Dr. Keating said. "We feel the community has supported us. This is a great way to support the community."

Dr. Keating completed two years of general surgery residency at the University of Michigan, two years in the Air Force and three years of orthopaedic residency at the University of Michigan. In 1975 he came to Mt. Pleasant to open an orthopaedic practice. He is the founder of Central Michigan Orthopaedics. His main interests are sports medicine and arthroscopy. For many years, Dr. Keating performed

more than 200 arthroscopies and 100 ACL reconstruction procedures per year. He now limits his practice to shoulder and knee arthroscopy. He also splits his time as CMU's team physician with his associates Dr. Lilly and Dr. Moutsatson.

Jayne Keating came to Mt. Pleasant as a nurse. She and Dr. Keating live on a farm and have been married since 2000. They enjoy visiting with their four children and grandchildren and caring for their quarter horses. More information about the scholarship criteria and preferences can be found at www.mpacf.org.

LIVE UNITED United Way



of Isabella County Fund

The United Way of Isabella County Fund was established in 2003 to provide long-term operational and administrative support to help the organization carry out its mission. United Way of Isabella County provides leadership and resources to improve the quality of life in our community by generating revenue, creating awareness and engaging volunteers to support the programs and services of our affiliate agency partners. United Way of Isabella County's Board of Trustees has committed to set aside a minimum

of \$10,000 annually to support the United Way of Isabella County Fund to build for the future. The overall objective is to grow the endowment fund to a level that would generate the financial resources needed to cover annual operating expenses, allowing 100% of annual community campaign donations to be reinvested into the community.

"We are committed to being a good steward of the community resources that are entrusted to our care," said

United Way of Isabella County President and CEO Tom Olver. "We will be financially efficient with administrative and fund development costs, while expecting the same of our affiliate agency partners."

Founded in 1954, United Way of Isabella County envisions a strong community where everyone achieves their potential through quality education, financial stability and healthy lifestyles.



Mt. Pleasant Area community foundationSM

What are we?

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 **more than 200 funds** are combined for investment purposes with the earnings from investments 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. Currently, the MPACF is overseen by exceptional community leaders that make up the 24 member board of trustees.

Why choose us?

We're flexible. The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation allows you to target your gift to support any of our community's charitable organizations or causes. Your gift will be permanently endowed and will continue to support your chosen organization or cause forever.

We have superior tax benefits. Your contributions are eligible for the highest combination of Federal and State tax incentives.

We have variety. You have a variety of giving options, including the ability to set up a special fund named for you, your family or in memory of a loved one. If you wish, you can be involved in the distribution of grant dollars generated by your fund.

How do I give?

Manage your charitable giving through the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation and support the organizations and issues that **mean the most to you**. Your impact will be **immediate and long lasting**.

Create your own fund.

A **personalized fund** may be created in memory or honor of a loved one, in your family's name, or in the name of your organization or business. Your own fund may be established to support the cause or organization of your choice in the community. When establishing your fund, you can specify that your fund be "**Donor Advised**", so that you and your family can stay involved in the process of awarding grants.

Creating your own personalized fund requires a minimum starting contribution of \$1,000, with a plan to **reach \$10,000** within ten years. When your fund matures to \$10,000, it will then be eligible to make grants and scholarships.

Contribute to an existing fund.

Browse our existing funds at www.mpacf.org to find a charitable cause or organization that reflects your charitable interests. By making a gift to one or more of our existing funds: **You can benefit the entire spectrum** of charitable services that enrich our community with an unrestricted fund.

You can support a field of interest fund by donating to a specific area of community life such as children and youth, the elderly, literacy, recreation, the arts, or emergency needs.

You can support a favorite charitable organization in our community, including schools and units of government. Benefit organizations include Commission on Aging, Central Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, Art Reach, Hospice, Isabella Community Food Pantry, Community Cancer Services, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools and many more.

You can help the students of our community pursue their educational goals through a scholarship fund.

How do I start?

Contact MPACF for help with creating a fund or deciding which grant making program fits your needs and carries out your charitable wishes. Visit our website at www.mpacf.org for a complete list of charitable funds, grant and scholarship seeking information, special initiatives, and much more.

What can I give?

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation accepts a variety of giving instruments tailored to your unique situation.

Outright Gift. You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets.

Bequest by Will. You can designate a gift or portion of your estate to be placed in a charitable fund you have selected or created in the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation and, in some cases, receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.

Charitable Remainder Trust. Placing cash or property in a Charitable Remainder Trust will pay an annual income to you (or another named beneficiary) for life. After your death, you can arrange to have the remainder of your trust transferred to the Foundation and placed in a charitable fund you have selected or created.

Charitable Lead Trust. A "Lead" trust is the opposite of a "Remainder" trust. Placing cash or property in a Charitable Lead Trust will pay an annual income to a charitable fund you have selected or established with the Foundation. After your death, or a set period of time, the remainder of your trust will be transferred to you or another named beneficiary.

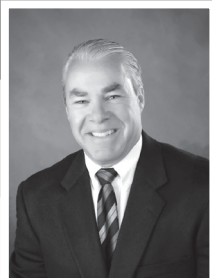
Charitable Gift Annuity. A charitable gift annuity is a way to make a generous gift to your community while providing yourself with a new income source you can count on for the rest of your life.

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Dykstra "Dyke" Heinze served twenty-three years in the United States Army and in his last assignment served as Chair of the Military Science Department at Central Michigan University. After retiring as a lieutenant colonel, he was an administrator in CMU's Academic Advising Office and Honors Program. After fifteen years, Heinze ended his career at CMU as Director of the Leadership Institute. He serves on the United Way Volunteer Committee and is the Advisor to the Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). He is also a member of the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club and serves on the Board of the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy. Dyke and his wife Phyllis are graduates of the University of Michigan. They have two adult children, Heather and Justin, as well as five grandchildren.



Mary Ann J. O'Neil is a partner with the Mt. Pleasant law firm Martineau, Hackett, Romashko and O'Neil, PLLC. O'Neil is a 1989 graduate of Canisius College of Buffalo, New York and a 1993 graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law. O'Neil was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1993. She serves as a member on the Community Foundation's Development Committee and Morey Courts and serves on the Board of Directors for Smooth Surfaces. She and her husband, Timothy, live in Mt. Pleasant.



Lynn Pohl is a partner at Boge, Wybenga & Bradley, PC. She is a Mt. Pleasant native and Central Michigan University graduate. Pohl has served on the Boards of local organizations including Isabella County Board of Commissioners, St. Joseph the Worker Finance Council and Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce. Pohl is a member of the Community Foundation's Finance Committee. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors for Mid-Michigan Industries, Inc. and Firstbank. Lynn and her husband, Gary, have three adult children, Sabrina, Brandy, and Grant, as well as five grandchildren.



Eckersley *Library Fund*

J. Dean Eckersley was a valued member of the Mt. Pleasant Community. He contributed to our community through participation in organizations such as the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club, Mt. Pleasant Jaycees, Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, Eagle Village, Inc. Foundation and the Mid Michigan Community College Foundation.

Dean served as a Captain in the United States Army Air Corps from 1941-1945. During his time with the armed forces, he was a prisoner of war from 1944 to 1945 and received a Prisoner of War Medal for his loyalty and commitment. Dean also received the European Theatre Ribbon recognizing military service members

who served in the European Theatre during World War II.

Dean passed away on October 12, 2011. Through his financial support of the Veterans Memorial Library, he will be remembered for his generosity and commitment to the community and to the military. The Eckersley Library Fund is designated to benefit the Veterans Memorial Library, one of the five libraries within the Chippewa River District Library System.

The Eckersley Library Fund will provide educational materials and programs to enhance the ongoing services of the library. Dean's legacy of showcasing true community values will continue to live on through this endowed fund.

Mt. Pleasant *Optimist Club Fund*

The Optimist Club is a civic service organization comprised of community members who refer to themselves collectively as the "friend of the youth" in Isabella County. Their goal is to benefit the development and well-being of youth in our community through fundraising and philanthropy.

In 1994, the Mt. Pleasant Optimist Club became the first service club in the area to start an endowed fund at the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. The fund is set up to benefit local youth causes through donor advised grant-making. When the fund was created, initial donations were matched with a gift to the Kellogg Youth Fund as well. This matching gift gave the Optimists a chance to impact youth right away and to simultaneously plant the seed for long-term impact in the Mt. Pleasant Community.

"When the opportunity arose to gain Kellogg fund-matching assets that would be designated to youth in an endowment," said Jim Sisson, long-time member and past president of the Optimist Club, "the club decided it was a great fit and agreed to make a contribution to start the fund." Having the fund available and growing is "like doing another fundraiser that we don't have to plan and spend hours making it happen," Sisson said.

Since the late 1960s, the Optimist Club has been working to make Mt. Pleasant an even better place for kids to grow up, and with the help of the fund they will be able to do so for generations to come.



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

The Dr. Leonard E. and Louise A. Plachta Fund was established as an unrestricted fund in 2012 to support projects that are not covered by other funds at the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. An unrestricted fund is not limited to a specific field of interest or to a specific organization. The Board of Directors reviews and makes the final decisions on best, prudent use of funds.

"We wanted our money to support worthwhile projects that benefit causes not covered by other funds at the Foundation. It was, and is, our hope that our unrestricted fund will help to serve the needs of the citizens of Isabella County and to contribute to community improvement," Louise said.

Native Detroiters, the Plachta family moved to Alma,

Michigan in 1970 and then to Mount Pleasant in 1978. Dr. Plachta chaired the Business Department and taught at Alma College before beginning his tenure, in 1972, as an Accounting professor at Central Michigan University. He was promoted to Dean of the College of Business Administration and then in 1992 was named president of CMU. He served as president until 2000. Louise was a secretary in several different departments at CMU until 1992, when her husband became president.

The Plachtas have two daughters: Linda, Doctor of Physical Therapy at Detroit's Receiving Hospital, and Laura, Doctor of Pediatrics in the Columbus, Ohio area. Both are graduates of Sacred Heart Academy. The senior Plachtas are graduates of the University of Detroit.



Community Cancer Services *Fund*

Community Cancer Services of Isabella County is a nonprofit started in 1982, which was created to combat the financial weight imposed on local families going through one of the most traumatic times of their lives. The organization relies completely on contributions, memorials and fundraisers to support these families during such a great time of need. These services include

reimbursement for transportation to treatments, mammograms for those without insurance, and information, referrals and free mastectomy kits for women who have had mastectomies. CCS serves about 20-25 patients each month and approximately 80 different patients each year and about 97 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to these clients.

The Community Cancer Services Fund was established at the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation in 2006 to provide support for CCS to continue carrying out its role and mission in the community. CCS started the fund in hopes that it would provide a financial resource to sustain its continually rising expenses. Community Cancer Services is composed of an all-volunteer Board of

Directors and advisors who donate their time to make Isabella County a better place to live. With the help of this fund, they will be able to continue improving the lives of local residents for years to come.



Mt. Pleasant Public Schools *Education Foundation Fund*

For more than 100 years Mt. Pleasant Public Schools have inspired amazing lives. The roll of alumni is filled with outstanding citizens with great accomplishments. However, like most states, funding for public education in Michigan has been declining for many years. This decline in funding, and the global requirement for ever-improving education, are at odds.

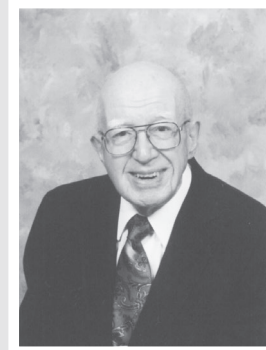
Established in 2010, the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Education Foundation (MPPSEF) was organized by a dedicated group of community leaders, educators, parents and local business owners to enhance and supplement the curriculum of the Mt. Pleasant Public School District. The MPPSEF is an independent, community based, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to helping all Mt. Pleasant Public Schools students achieve their highest potential by providing community support for the innovative and excellent opportunities which cannot be funded through the core budget. In 2013, the Mt. Pleasant Public School Education Foundation Fund was established at the Community Foundation as a permanent endowment fund--providing long-term, sustainable funding for the MPPSEF.

As a trusted steward of the Mt. Pleasant community's donations, the MPPSEF strategizes with the school district to allocate funds for the greatest impact on student learning. Recently, the MPPSEF provided the district with a pilot computer adaptive testing program for initial use at Vowles Elementary (K-4 grades). The foundation is currently raising funds to provide this same testing to all K-8 grades. In addition to this technology project, the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Education Foundation also funds annual mini grants to classroom teachers for projects directly benefiting students.



Herbert H. Lueth *Scholarship Fund*

Herbert H. Lueth was born on September 29, 1924 to Helmuth and Marie (Schmidt) Lueth. In 1942, he went to work for the family business, Medler Electric Company, which his father had purchased from William Medler in 1929. Herb ran the motor rewinding division in the early days and his brother, Walter, joined the company in 1950. They both grew up in the business. In 1983, the brothers established a program to make Medler Electric employee-owned, ensuring the tradition of customer service would continue for years to come. Today, the wholesale electrical distributor boasts 15 locations in Michigan and more than 100 devoted employees.



Herb was a man of routine who dedicated much of his life to the business and employees of Medler Electric. He retired from the Company in 2002 after 60 years of service. Longevity is a hallmark of Medler Electric employees. Ron Heine, current President and employee since 1972, describes Herb as "a very special person who remained a figurehead in the business even after his retirement."

Herb felt strongly about using his resources to help Medler Electric employees and their children. An incredibly generous person, he established the Herbert H. Lueth Educational Development Loan Fund in 1995 at the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. Over the years, 84 loans were made to children of Medler Electric employees so that they could pursue higher education. In 2012, Mr. Lueth decided to simplify the program for the future. He established the Herbert H. Lueth Scholarship Fund, which will continue to benefit children of Medler Electric employees in perpetuity. "Herb was a decisive man," said longtime friend Jim Goodrich. "Establishing a fund at the Community Foundation seemed to him like the right thing to do."

Herbert H. Lueth passed away on February 8, 2013. His legacy lives on in the employees of Medler Electric Company and in the scholarship fund Mr. Lueth established. More information about the scholarship criteria and preferences can be found at www.mpacf.org.

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.

Legacy Society Members as of July 31, 2013

Anonymous	Jane McNamara*
Barbara Bissot*	Elizabeth Miller and Bruce LaPointe
Dan and Gail Boge	Linda Morey
John and Sue Bradac	Lon Morey
Mary Ellen Brandell*	Mike and Dianne Morey
Howard and Mary Ann Breuer	Tad and Laura Richards
W. Larry Collins	Bill and Eileen Rush
William and Joneil Cook	Donald Schuster
Timothy and Mary Elizabeth Curtiss	Doris Sherwood
Mark and Patricia Cwiek	Kay Smith*
G.R. (Rollie)* and Olga Denison*	Mark and Shelly Smith
George and Barbara Dunn	Samuel W. and Gertrude A. Staples
J. Dean Eckersley*	Jim and Naomi Stark
James and Deborah Goodrich	Nolan Stilgenbauer
Marie K. Green	William and Janet Maar Strickler
Cindy Hales	Thomas R. & Judith D. Sullivan
Jack and Connie* Harkins	E. Diane Tope
I.W. "Bucky"* and Velma Hartman*	Charles Walmsley
Dykstra J. and Phyllis Heinze	Sally and Jack Weisenburger
Idonea Hersee*	Louise Williams*
Donna and David Hinks	Jim and Carol Wojcik
James* and Sally Hodgins*	Terrie and Mark Zitzelsberger
Ronald Hodgson	
G. Charles and Janice L. Hubscher	
Robert and Catherine Janson	
John and Ann Jensen	
L.A. and Marilyn Johns	
Albert and Linda Kaufmann	
Dave and Sue Keilitz	
Steven and Deborah Martineau	

*deceased

Check out the
2012 Legacy Society
video!



Grants Awarded through *Endowed Funds*

August 2012 - July 2013

American Red Cross, Central Michigan Chapter \$1,818
Infant Items for the Red Cross Baby Pantry
William Ellis Brockman Infant Assistance Fund

American Red Cross, Central Michigan Chapter \$1,000
Help for Women with Infants and Toddlers
Women's Initiative Fund



Art Reach of Mid Michigan.....\$1,100
Wellspring Literacy Series
Russ Herron Poetry Fund

The Wellspring Literacy Series is a partnership between Art Reach of Mid Michigan and the Central Michigan University English Department. Poets, musicians and storytellers share their recent works at community concerts.

Art Reach of Mid Michigan..... \$748
2013 Art Walk Central
W. Sidney and Judith French Smith Community Fund



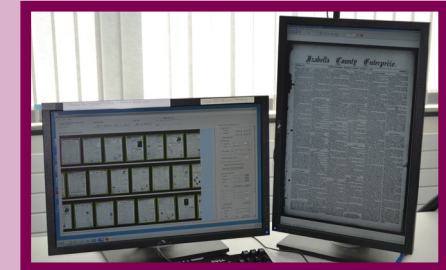
Beal City Public Schools.....\$5,195
High Jump Pit Replacement
Kellogg Youth Fund

Beal City Public Schools \$225
Project Accepted—a College Positive Community Program to Recognize Students Admitted to College
Kellogg Youth Fund

Beal City Public Schools \$1,013
Beal City Education Foundation Projects
Beal City Public Schools Education Foundation

Beal City Rocket Football \$1,000
Beal City Rocket Football Program
Rocket Football Operating Fund

Central Michigan Pregnancy Services \$600
Mitchell Family Trust Fund



Central Michigan University.....\$445
Clarke Historical Library Digitizing Historic Mt. Pleasant Newspapers Project
William J. Strickler Clarke Historical Library Fund



Chippewa Watershed Conservancy...\$1,486
Chippewa Watershed Conservation Easement Monitoring
Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Fund

City of Mt. Pleasant..... \$300
PEAK 7th and 8th Grade Program
Kellogg Youth Fund



City of Mt. Pleasant...\$1,760
Green Maintenance Bike Initiative
Ranck Family Fund

The Green Maintenance Bike Initiative was created by the City Parks Department as a way to use utility bicycles and specialized bike trailers for daily maintenance within the city park system and in the town center. The City Police Department donated refurbished police bikes to the Parks Department when the bikes are no longer able to be used by police officers.

Cultural and Recreational Commission of Isabella County \$665
Spring After-School Fitness Program at Morey Courts
Youth Health and Fitness Fund

Eagle Village..... \$1,000
Intervention Services for Isabella County Youth
Theunissen Family Fund

Friends of the Library \$3,388
Veterans Memorial Library Projects
Friends of the Library Fund

Girls on the Run of Central Michigan \$20,000
Girls on the Run of Central Michigan 2013 Season
Kellogg Youth Fund, Women's Initiative Fund, Shepherd Community Fund, Barbara A. Bissot Fund, Fabiano Family Fund, Bandit Industries Community Fund, Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund, Hersee Family Fund

Hospice of Central Michigan..... \$1,000
Unrestricted Fund

Hospice of Central Michigan..... \$13,422
Hospice of Central Michigan Fund, Bill and Janet Maar Strickler Hospice House Fund, Jim and Naomi Stark Hospice House Fund, Dennis and Sandra Olson Hospice House Fund, Lon Morey Family Hospice House Fund, Bob and Jeanne Long Hospice House Fund, Dick and Mary Ellen Brandell Family Hospice House Fund

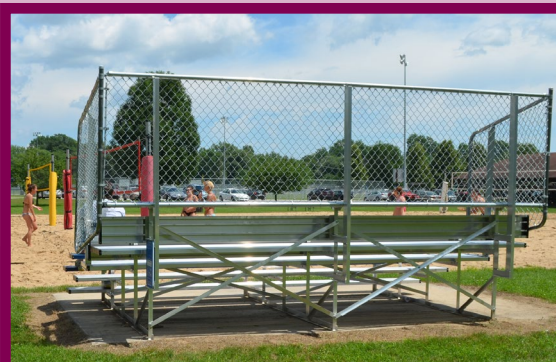


Humane Animal Treatment Society...\$2,000
HATS Health Clinic
Labelle Family Fund

The HATS Health Clinic addresses the needs of low income families in providing basic, primary care to their four-legged pets. The Clinic will also aid in educating about the importance of spay-neuter initiatives and bully breed overpopulation.

City of Mt. Pleasant.....\$2,508
Island Park Sand Volleyball Bleacher Replacement
W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith Family Fund, Weisenburger Family Fund

The two sets of old, weathered wooden bleachers at Island Park's sand volleyball courts have been replaced with new, metal bleachers. The new bleachers are not only more weather efficient, but safer for spectators.



Isabella Community Soup Kitchen..... \$1,000
W.E. Martin Fund

John H. Goodrow Fund..... \$3,075
Transportation Emergencies
Denison Unrestricted Fund

Junior Achievement of Central Michigan, Inc..... \$1,520
K-12 Financial Literacy Project
Shepherd Community Fund, Kellogg Youth Fund

Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc..... \$175
Listening Ear's Consumer Needs and Dreams Fund

Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc..... \$400
Schuster Family Fund for Listening Ear

Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc..... \$29,000
Listening Ear's Crisis Center Fund

Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc..... \$390
 Business Start-Up for a Listening Ear Consumer
Listening Ear's Consumer Needs and Dreams Fund

Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc..... \$31,500
 Child Sexual Abuse Treatment in Isabella County
Listening Ear's Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Fund

Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc..... \$250
 Dental Work for Listening Ear Consumer
Listening Ear's Consumer Needs and Dreams Fund

Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc..... \$250
 Help for a Consumer to take a Master's Level Degree Class at CMU
Listening Ear's Consumer Needs and Dreams Fund

Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc..... \$674
 Housing Foreclosure Program
Phil A. Langlois Fund for Listening Ear

McLaren Central Michigan \$3,500
 Engaging Employees to Combat Burnout, Improve Quality and Build Leadership Retreat
Amy Otteman Nursing Education Fund

McLaren Fitness \$647
 Fit for Life Program
Youth Health and Fitness Fund

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation..... \$1,000
 Paint the High Street Bridge Project
LaBelle Family Fund

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation..... \$828
 Administrative Support
Charles E. Anthony Leadership Fund

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation..... \$299
 Administrative Support
Ray and Georgia Martin Leadership Fund

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation..... \$225
 Administrative Support
Ridley Leadership Fund

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Women's Initiative Fund..... \$3,000
W.E. Martin Fund

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$500
 Mt. Pleasant Public School Athletics Wrestling Program
Chris Maniteau Memorial Wrestling Fund

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$300
 West Intermediate Peer to Peer Support Program
Kellogg Youth Fund



Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum....\$2,500
 The Storytelling Connection:
 A Storytelling Troupe for Children

**Kellogg Youth Fund,
 Kay Smith Family Fund,
 Ruth S. and Gerard R. Felter and
 Florence F. Battenfeld Family Fund**

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$4,000
 Foundations of Success Program for Students at Mt. Pleasant Area Technical Center
Kellogg Youth Fund



Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum....\$3,751
 Smoothie Bike Project
**Kellogg Youth Fund,
 Kay Smith Family Fund**

The Museum's Smoothie Bike Project uses human energy to create mechanical energy in the bicycle powered blender. The bike has been used to make healthy smoothie snacks as well as spinning art paintings.

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$3,000
 Nutrition Club
Kellogg Youth Fund

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$2,000
 Peace Mosaic Project/Artist in Residency
Esther Kraus Peacemaking Fund

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$300
 Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program
Kellogg Youth Fund

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$300
 Safe Prom Initiative
Kellogg Youth Fund

Mt. Pleasant Rocket Football \$1,500
 Mt. Pleasant Rocket Football Program
Rocket Football Operating Fund

**Phil A. Langlois Fund for
 Listening Ear \$1,000**
W.E. Martin Fund

Sacred Heart Academy \$300
 After-Prom Celebration
Kellogg Youth Fund



Mt. Pleasant Public Schools.....\$1,173
 BPA National Leadership Conference
**Mt. Pleasant Business Professionals
 of America Fund**

Sacred Heart Academy \$1,060
 Choose Kindness Over Bullying Program
Kellogg Youth Fund

Saint Joseph the Worker School..... \$4,000
 T4SJ: Technology For St. Joseph!
Kellogg Youth Fund

Shepherd Public Schools \$500
 Shepherd Youth Football
Rocket Football Operating Fund

Shepherd Public Schools \$1,000
 2013 After Prom Program
**Shepherd Community Fund,
 Kellogg Youth Fund**



**Shepherd Youth
 Football Program...\$1,865**
 Reconditioned Helmets
**Kellogg Youth Fund, Michael D. and
 Dianne C. Morey Community Needs Fund,
 Shepherd Community Fund**

The Shepherd Youth Football program teaches the fundamentals of football and prepares students in grades 5 through 8 to play football at the high school level. The football helmets were reconditioned for the safety of the players. The 5th grade football team had an undefeated football season, finishing 6-0.



The Dictionary Project.....\$900
 Dictionary Project for 3rd Graders
 of Isabella County
Kiwanis Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund

United Way of Isabella County..... \$2,825
Volunteer Center of Isabella County Fund

Village of Shepherd \$1,000
 Shepherd Santa House
Shepherd Community Fund

Women's Aid Service, Inc..... \$5,000
W.E. Martin Fund

Women's Aid Service, Inc..... \$5,907
 Shelter Residents Security
**W. Sidney and Judith French Smith Family Fund,
 Weisenburger Family Fund, Jerry M. and Marilyn A.
 Morey Community Fund, Bovee Family Fund**

www.mpacf.org

Youth Advisory Committee: *Youth Philanthropy*

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.

The YAC meets once per month to review grant applications, to receive leadership and philanthropy training, and to plan community service projects. The YAC reviews grants and makes recommendations for funding of projects that support local youth. Their recommendations are sent to the Foundation's Board of Trustees for final approval.



A Letter from the *President*

It's been a busy year for the MPACF Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). Over the last year, the YAC has volunteered as a group for Christmas Outreach, the Optimist Club Bowling Challenge, and Lions Club Chicken Barbecue. We hosted a Halloween Spookhouse for Morbark employees, and raised \$1,300 for the Kellogg Youth Fund through our annual Flamingo Flocking fundraiser.

In 2012, we recommended more than \$30,000 in grants to dozens of youth serving organizations. Through the College Positive Communities grant, we leveraged \$2,500 in matching funds to encourage a college positive environment in our local community, and we re-granted these funds to community organizations with that purpose in mind.

Looking over past YAC accomplishments, I am very excited about the direction our committee is going and will continue to go in the coming year. I feel privileged to lead such a passionate and engaged group of individuals and look forward to seeing the accomplishments this group will achieve.

*Katharine M. Janes
YAC President*



2013 Youth Advisory Committee

Matt Blackburn (MPPS)

Billy Chilman (BCPS)

Wyatt Cook (MPPS)

Erica Davis (MPPS)

Gabby Dreissnack (MPPS)

Riley Edwards (MPPS)

Tina Guytingco (SHA)

Kara Heugel (SPS)

Nate Horsley (BCPS)

Katharine Janes (SHA)

Haley McMullen (BCPS)

Sam Neyer (SHA)

Natalie Noble (SPS)

Olivia Rau (BCPS)

Grace Rau (BCPS)

Collin Ridley (MPPS)

Andrew Travis (SPS)

Janelle Urban (CMU)

Samantha Johnson (CMU)

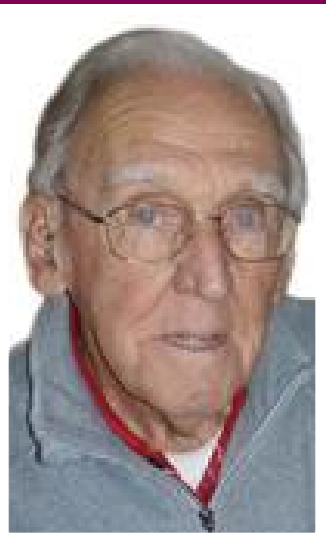
Dyke Heinze (Advisor)

Sarah Gilbert (Adult)

Erin Smith-Gaken (Adult)

Bill Chilman (Adult)





Eckersley *Scholarship Fund*

J. Dean Eckersley was a true inspiration to our community. Dean began a career of service in 1941, when he served as a Captain in the United States Army Air Corps. He served until 1945 and received the European Theater Ribbon and Prisoner of War Medal.

Dean was an active member of the Mt. Pleasant community and took a leadership role in Isabella County. His accomplishments and contributions to our community are extensive. Dean was the president of the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club, Mt. Pleasant Jaycees and Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the City Commission from 1961-1966 and served as mayor in 1964 and 1966. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors for American Security Bank and was a former director of Eagle Village, Inc. Foundation as well as the Mid Michigan Community College Foundation. In 1969, Dean was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Dean was deeply committed to our community. Upon his passing in 2011, the Eckersley Scholarship Fund was established to help students from his beloved community further their education. More information about the scholarship criteria and preferences can be found at www.mpacf.org.

McGuirk *Family Fund*

Both Rick and Julie McGuirk have been involved with the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation for years--Rick on the Grant Review Committee and Julie on the Women's Initiative Fund Committee. They understand the role of a strong community foundation to make local impact. "The Community Foundation has exposed us to a wide range of community needs," said Rick. It's no surprise, then, that the McGuirk family decided in 2012 to establish a donor advised fund from which to make grants to Isabella County organizations.

The McGuirk family came to the Mt. Pleasant area in the 1940s. Over the years, the family has grown several successful, local businesses. "We want to reinvest in the community where we live, work and raise our kids," said Julie. Together with siblings Chuck (Jennifer) McGuirk and Sandra

(Patrick) Dean, as well as Uncle Jim McGuirk, Rick and Julie hope to demonstrate to those around them the value of both volunteer service and philanthropy. "We want to help local nonprofit organizations meet their goals, and a

the family will have the opportunity to review grant applications submitted to the Community Foundation and may make recommendations as to which community programs will receive grants. One year, the family



donor advised fund at the Community Foundation gives us the flexibility to do that," said Rick.

"We like the idea of establishing an endowment fund that will always exist, and will grow over time," said Julie. Annually,

might like to support a program focused on youth; the next a program benefitting seniors. "We like knowing we're creating something that will allow us to do many different kinds of things here in our community."

Gail E. Gorton

Women in Sports Fund

Gail and Peter Gorton met as students at Central Michigan University in the 1970s. They shared a passion for the environment, education and physical activity. Peter and Gail were avid "birders," members of the Chippewa Valley Audubon Society and sports enthusiasts, and incorporated their interests into their active lives. Peter served as a soccer coach for over ten years and worked as the Campus Planner for Facilities Management at Central Michigan University. Gail pursued a degree in environmental education. As an educator in the Mt. Pleasant Public schools, Gail was a teacher who encouraged students to perform their personal best. Students and parents appreciated the creative projects that Gail integrated into the curriculum, the emphasis she placed on student responsibility and her commitment to creating a classroom community that valued learning and the development of a healthy sense of self.

While Gail grew up during a time where opportunities for women in sports weren't as plentiful as they are today, she knew that sports often helped children find their confidence. She saw the value of sports in her own family; both Grace and Clare were skilled in soccer, track, volleyball and tennis. Both girls also served as senior class president at their high school. When Gail passed away in 2003, Peter, Grace and Clair (Peter and Gail's daughters) thought that an endowment that promotes

women in sports would be the most appropriate way to honor Gail's talents.

Since its beginning, the Gail E. Gorton Women in Sports Fund has granted over \$5,000 to enhance opportunities for girls in sports. The programs receiving the funds have varied. In 2008, three hundred and fifty three girls who participated in a program that coupled healthy living habits and a 3.1 mile run received a medal that represented their hard work, perseverance and triumph of participating in Girls on the Run. Funding for the medals was generously provided by the Gail E. Gorton Women in Sports Fund. Recent grants have been given to the Mt. Pleasant High School Girls Soccer team in order to rebuild and strengthen their skills after the loss of teammate Carolyn Cosan. Individual grants have been made to advance talented girls to the next level of competition. It will remain a goal of the fund to foster self-esteem, perseverance and to challenge girls to be the best in their endeavors.



Morey Public School Academy *Fund*



The Morey Public School Academy (PSA) Fund was started in 2013, by the Morey Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), to create a more sustainable fundraising mechanism to support the school's students and teachers. The fund is an additional way for the school to engage and connect with the larger mid-

Michigan community by encouraging local businesses and individuals to invest in this alternative educational environment.

The Morey PSA is a pre-school through eighth grade Montessori school located on Blanchard Road in Shepherd, Michigan. Morey's combination of small class size, mixed grade levels and family-like environment creates a wonderful learning experience for its students. Morey uses the Montessori Method as its educational philosophy, providing a well-rounded, balanced education that challenges students to achieve their best through freedom with responsibility. The students work at their own pace, are able to choose the sequence of their daily work, learn from mixed age peers, in specially prepared classroom environments,

with Montessori-trained teachers and teacher's assistants.

The fund's purpose is to support the education of our students, both inside and outside the classroom. Proceeds from the fund will be used to supplement the students' educational experience, primarily by purchasing classroom materials, funding field trips, hosting quality assemblies, and supporting the school's needs as it grows.

Donors to the Morey PSA Fund will support the continued success of the school as it works to empower and equip students with a solid academic foundation, while encouraging them to become well-rounded, productive members of our community.

Theunissen *Family Fund*

The Theunissen Family Fund was created in 2006 by William and Dorothy Theunissen to help meet the needs of the local community. With the ever changing needs in the local area, the Theunissens created an unrestricted fund, so they are able to help wherever help is needed.

Dr. Theunissen was involved as a student and later as an administrator at Central Michigan University for 38 years. As a Chippewa athlete, Dr. Theunissen played baseball, golf and basketball before graduating in 1947. He taught health and physical education at CMU in 1948, and later became Dean of the School of Education, Health and Human services in 1962, and served in that position for 20 years.

Dr. Theunissen continued his reign in the Chippewa athletic community as the CMU freshman coach of football, basketball and baseball. In 1953 he was named head baseball coach. Both the old and new CMU baseball stadiums were named in his honor.

Through his volunteer work, Dr. Theunissen headed up the Audubon Club and was also a volunteer with the Rotary Club, Child Development Center and the Mt. Pleasant Country Club. Both Dorothy and Bill are involved with the First United Presbyterian Church.

The Theunissens have been part of the Mt. Pleasant community for 65 years and it is their hope the fund inspires others to give back to the local community on a continuing basis.



Heydenburg Family

Scholarship Fund

The home of Floyd and Margaret (Peg) Heydenburg was filled with music from the time they were married, after both graduating as music and education majors from Illinois Wesleyan University.

Floyd's career required them to move to Bad Axe, Belding, and Traverse City, where he taught choir, band, and orchestra. He also served as president of the Michigan School Vocal Association. Peg stayed home with their four young children: Paul, Bob, Al and Linda. In 1951, the Heydenburg family moved to Mt. Pleasant. Floyd taught choir at Mt. Pleasant High School and later became a professor of music at Central Michigan University.

Peg trained aspiring new piano players out of their home. She loved working with youngsters, and became an elementary school teacher in 1962. Throughout her career, she taught kindergarten through third grade at Pullen, McGuire, and Vowles Elementary schools. In her "spare time" she volunteered as a wedding reception coordinator.

Together, Floyd and Peg demonstrated the importance of their faith. They were active in the community at First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant. Floyd directed the Chancel and Cadet choirs while Peg, all their children, and some of their spouses, have fond memories of singing under his direction.

Floyd and Peg's children are privileged to have had parents that gave them the tools to succeed in life, both professionally and personally. They specifically recall summer building projects, a profession carried on by existing generations of the family. Floyd and Peg have left a legacy with their children, and community, of service, love and fun.



Women's Initiative Fund

The Women's Initiative Fund was founded in 2003 to provide for the needs of women and girls in Isabella County, now and for generations to come. Co-Founders Judy F. Smith and Kay A. Smith said, "We learned that far too many women and girls in Isabella County were in need of help. Also, we believed that it was time for women to be given the opportunity to become philanthropists on their own - not as spouses or daughters, but as independent donors. And that's what happened. When the women

of Isabella County learned that other women needed their help, they came through in a big way, and they continue to do so today!"

The Women's Initiative Fund Committee, comprised of 18-20 committed donors, hosts two annual fundraising events: Kay's Day, a social event in June, and the Look Who's Talking Speaker Series luncheon in November. Proceeds from these events, as well as five year \$100 pledges from Women's Initiative supporters,

help to grow the fund each year. As an endowment fund, contributions made are never spent. Only the interest earned is utilized.

The Women's Initiative Fund awards grants annually to community organizations that provide important services and programs to the women and girls of Isabella County. Over the last decade, the Women's Initiative Fund has made 20 grants totaling more than \$25,000. Grants have been awarded to Listening Ear Crisis



Center, Women's Aid Service, Central Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, Child and Family Enrichment Council (C.A.F.E.), Central Michigan District Health Department, Salvation Army, Pardee Cancer Treatment Fund of Isabella

County, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Girls on the Run of Central Michigan, Mt. Pleasant Department of Public Safety, and Girls Scouts Heart of Michigan.

John Neyer Family Fund

Life-long Isabella County residents, John and Kathleen Judge Neyer, have been honored by their six children and their spouses by establishing the John Neyer Family Fund in their memory.

John, who passed away in 1990, was active in the oil and gas industry and was also involved with the community. He was a member of the Rotary Club and the knights of Columbus. Kathleen, who passed away in 1983, worked as a full-time homemaker. The couple was also very involved in their faith, as they were active members of the Sacred Heart Parish Catholic Church. They supported and volunteered for many church organizations and at the Sacred Heart Academy.

Strong family ties were very important to John and Kathleen, as well as education and instilling responsibility for one's self and the community. With the help of their numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, it is hoped that the fund will continue to grow and help many people in the local community reach their full potential.



**Join the Women's Initiative
on November 6, 2013 for the
Look Who's Talking Speaker Series
featuring Melanie Bergeron,
CEO of Two Men and a Truck.**



Permanently Endowed Funds of the

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation

Unrestricted Funds:

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

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation
Community Impact Fund
Bandit Industries Community Fund
Ralph and Sonja Baumgarth Family Fund
Barbara A. Bissot Fund
Bovee 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 J. 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 Unrestricted Fund
Ranck Family Fund
Rapaport Family Fund
Kay Smith Family Fund
W. Sidney Smith and Judith French Smith 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
John and Sue Bradac Family Emergency Fund
Mary Ellen Brandell Access to Recreation Fund
Brewster Family Access to Recreation Fund
Rollie Denison Leadership Institute Leadership Enhancement Fund
Maynard Gilmore Family Youth Fund
Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Fund
Russ Herron Poetry 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
Janet Maar Strickler Access to Recreation Fund
Swimming Pool Fund
Women's Initiative Fund

Donor Advised Funds:

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

Angel Wings Fund
Richard and Mary Barz Family Fund
Boge Family Fund
Darlene Bond Memorial Youth Fund
Carnel Chamberlain Memorial Fund
Tim and Teresa Coscarelly 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
Susan Murray 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
Zitzelsberger Family Fund

Agency/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
Central Michigan Pregnancy Services –
Earn While You Learn 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
Phil A. Langlois Fund for Listening Ear
Friends of the Library Fund
Dave and Sue Keilitz CMCH 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
Martineau CRC Operating 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
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:

*The following funds were established to provide
scholarships and educational stipends in accordance
with the guidelines set by the donors who
established them.*

Christopher John Andera Memorial Scholarship Fund
Art Scholarship Fund
Greg Baderschneider
Lifetime Learning Scholarship Fund
Matthew J. Boles Memorial Scholarship Fund
Nancy Carey Memorial Scholarship Fund
Joyce and Gerry Carter Scholarship Fund
Dr. Joyce Ann Carter Memorial Scholarship Fund
Donna J. and W. Larry Collins /
GFWC Scholarship Fund
Carolynn Cosan Memorial Scholarship Fund
Denison Family Scholarship Fund
Susan K. and Douglas E. Dodge Scholarship Fund
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PROJECT

The Paint the High Street Bridge project was launched in 2011 by Keith and Kurt Feight, father and son, to convert what they considered an eyesore into a sign welcoming and thanking visitors to the Mt. Pleasant community. The pair coordinated grassroots efforts to raise the money through a special project fund at the Community Foundation.

The vision and mission of the project is “to promote and improve the image of our community by painting the High Street Bridge which will create a welcoming gateway to our community that will greet and thank visitors.”

The bridge is owned and maintained by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Great Lakes Central Railroad Company. It was not scheduled to be prepped and painted by MDOT for at least another 10 to 15 years. A traffic survey found that on average 13,000 cars pass under the High Street Bridge per day.

The City of Mt. Pleasant facilitated the contracts to remove and environmentally contain the old lead-based paint covering the bridge. The project was completed in August with graffiti-resistant paint and high-quality vinyl lettering.

The most difficult part of the project was raising the money and educating the community of the technology needed to renovate the bridge, said Keith Feight.

To support the continued maintenance of the High Street Bridge, donations may be made to the Paint the High Street Bridge Fund.



Watch the video!

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation

2013 Scholarship Recognition Reception



The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that scholarships were awarded to 71 students this year. The 2013 scholarship reception was held on Wednesday, May 22, at the Comfort Inn Conference Center. During the event, almost \$65,000 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 Isabella 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 Greg Baderschneider Lifetime Learning Scholarship Fund and the Dr. Thomas M. and Jayne Keating Scholarship Fund. To make recommendations to the Board, more than 50 community members served on panels to review 663 applications this year.



Beal City High School

Andrew Clare - Matthew S. Sharrar Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000
Ashley Steffke - Isabella Bank Scholarship - \$750
Charles Clark - Governor John Engler Scholarship - \$700
Elton Clark - Paul Moeggenberg Family Youth Agricultural Scholarship - \$500
Michaela Holland - Phyllis A. Heinze Mathematics Education Scholarship - \$1,000
Monica David - Thomas W. Lavoie Memorial Scholarship - \$750

Beaverton High School

Kinley Baker - Christopher John Andera Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Chippewa Hills High School

Hannah Ervin - Isabella Bank Scholarship - \$750

Clare High School

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Mt. Pleasant High School

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Alicia Boulter - Robert F. Murray & Co. CPA's Scholarship - \$1,000
Ashley Montgomery - Martin Family Scholarship - \$1,300
Brittany Hartman - Rotary Scholarship - \$1,000
Brehm Fuller - Isabella Community Credit Union Members' Scholarship - \$750
Clinton Roscoe - Greg Baderschneider Lifetime Learning Scholarship - \$500
Collin Ridley - Isabella Bank Scholarship - \$750
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Evan Haines - Jeffrey Vernon Memorial Scholarship - \$500
Hailey Jones - Denison Family Scholarship - \$2,000
Jamie Cone - Robert A. and Catherine A. Janson Scholarship - \$500
Jami Watson - Heydenburg Family Scholarship - \$500
Joel Wood - Morey Technical Training Scholarship - \$5,000
Jonathan Christie - Dr. Thomas M. and Jayne Keating Scholarship - \$500
Kaley Pittsley - Carolyn Cosan Memorial Scholarship - \$550
Katie Cummings - Rotary Scholarship - \$1,000
Kylie Boyd - Nancy Carey Memorial Scholarship - \$500
Kyle French - Bruce William Wood Memorial Scholarship - \$500
Lauren Booth - Harold and Marie Krapohl Scholarship - \$750
Michael Laverty - Morey Technical Training Scholarship - \$3,000
Mikaeli Campbell - Mt. Pleasant High School Class of 1959 Legacy Scholarship - \$1,000
Nathan Pittsley - Ganiard History Project Scholarship - \$500
Nick Boles - Rotary Scholarship - \$1,000
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Sarah Pearson - Firstbank Scholarship - \$750
Sarah Pung - Art Scholarship - \$500
Stem Eikrem - Matthew J. Boles Memorial Scholarship - \$600
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Kalee Hensel - Susan K. and Douglas E. Dodge Scholarship - \$500

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