

# The Legacy

LEADERSHIP

PROVEN

PARTNERSHIPS

PASSION

IMPACTFUL

KNOWLEDGEABLE

PERSONALIZATION

PERMANENT

FLEXIBILITY

LOCAL

## Why Give?

People give for a number of reasons, all very personal. What motivates you? Perhaps you feel strongly about a cause. Perhaps an organization has touched your life or the lives of loved ones. Maybe you want to create a legacy and set an example that inspires others to give. Or your giving may be a way for you and your family to pass along your values to succeeding generations. For as many motivations as there are to give, there are ways to give. The key is finding the best fit — for your charitable priorities, financial goals, and personal preferences.



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## President's greeting

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's Board of Trustees, staff and many volunteers are pleased and excited to present our annual report which highlights what we have accomplished over the past year. Please review this report for insights on what we do in and for our community.

The Foundation had a busy year and continued to grow in terms of the number of endowed funds. Grants from these funds exceeded \$450,000 for the first time in 2013. Special initiatives such as the Kellogg Youth Fund, Access to Recreation Funds, Shepherd Community Fund, and Women's Initiative Fund continued to support important causes in our community. Community Impact Funds allowed the Foundation the flexibility to meet needs not met through other channels. Stories about our grantmaking and community-focused philanthropists can be found throughout this year's report. We welcome your continued interest in and support of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation. We could not tell these stories without your generosity.

Robert J. Long, President, Board of Trustees



## Director's greeting

Twenty-four 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. I am privileged to be able to work with donors daily as they seek to build permanent community capital to meet the needs of future generations. 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 continually support the organizations and issues that mean the most to you. You can impact your community for good...forever! Making an investment to improve our community is both personal and rewarding. It has been great to see the passion of those found on the pages that follow. I hope that you are inspired by our community's commitment to philanthropy as you read through this year's Legacy.

Amanda A. Schafer, Executive Director

# 2013

# 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.**<sup>SM</sup>

## ISABELLA COUNTY'S BIG PICTURE

**TOTAL COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
ASSETS**  
**\$14,269,471**

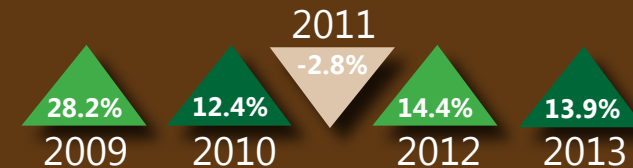
**TOTAL GRANTS  
AWARDED**  
**\$462,900**

**TOTAL GIFTS TO  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
**\$825,192**

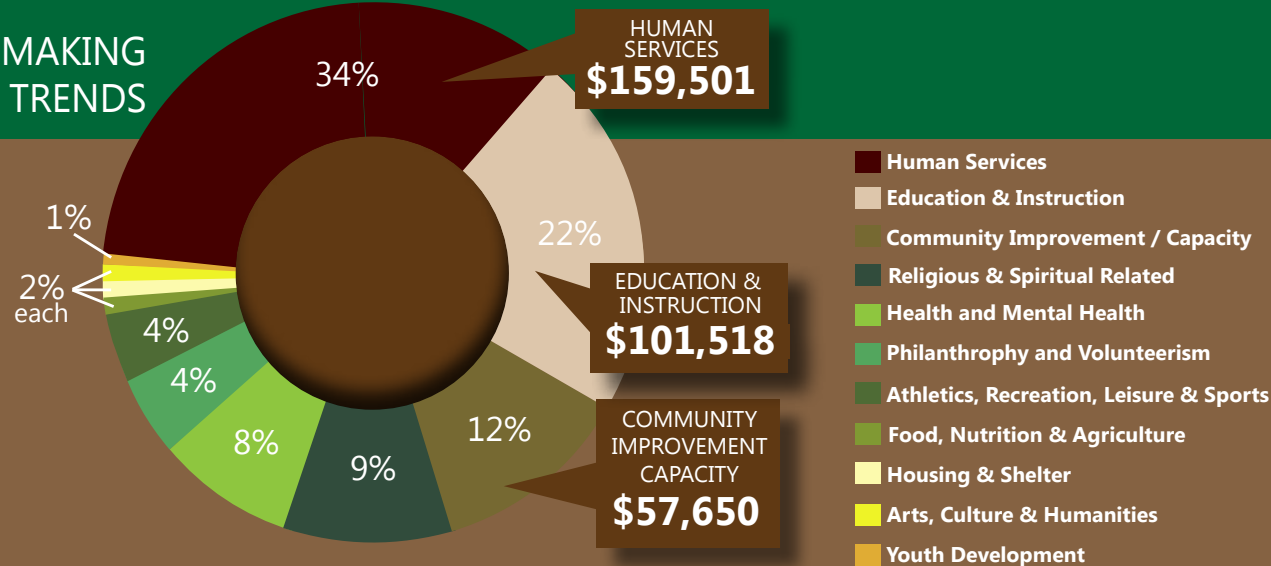
**1.3%**  
OPERATING  
EXPENSES AS A  
PERCENTAGE OF  
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## INVESTMENT RETURNS

INVESTMENT ANNUAL  
RETURNS 2009-2013

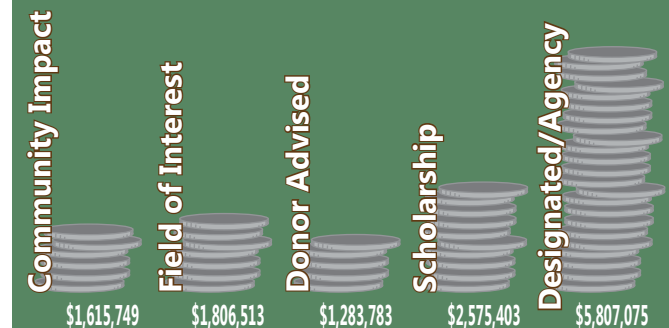


## GRANTMAKING TRENDS



## ENDOWMENT ASSETS

Fund Types



**10** New funds in 2013





## *Ed and Marcia Schmidt Memorial Fund*

Edward and Marcia Schmidt began their life together on June 16, 1962. They were married in Marcia's hometown of Greenville. Ed grew up on a farm in Leelanau County near Glen Arbor. He and Marcia met in Greenville, where they both taught in the Greenville Public Schools. Over the years, they moved first to Stanton, then finally to Mt. Pleasant, where they lived from 1965 to 2012. Together, they raised four children: Kip, Cynthia, Kurt, and Lynn.

Marcia stopped teaching to stay home with the children, but later took a job as the secretary for the United Way of Isabella County. After retirement, she volunteered at

the Art Reach Center. Ed taught and coached in the Mt. Pleasant schools from 1965 to 1995.

In retirement, both Ed and Marcia were very involved with the Veterans Memorial Library. Their service with the library is a testament to their dedication to literacy and learning in the community.

The Ed and Marcia Schmidt Memorial Fund was established in 2014 as a permanent endowment fund benefitting the Chippewa River District Library.



## *Kimber and Judy DeWitt Family Fund*

Dr. Kimber DeWitt first came to Mt. Pleasant in 1974 to attend Central Michigan University. During that time, he became involved with the community. He worked at Central Michigan Community Hospital and was involved with the First Presbyterian Church. Through his experiences, he made many great friends and created good memories; he knew this was a community he could settle down in. After graduating dental school in 1986, he returned to Mt. Pleasant to start his orthodontic practice.



Judy DeWitt grew up in Mt. Pleasant. After living in Chicago for eight years, she decided to return home. She worked as an accountant at a local firm for several years, but decided after a while to become a professor and to teach the art of number crunching at Central Michigan University.

The DeWitts have raised their four children (Erin, Heather,

Kevin and Jeffrey) in Mt. Pleasant and feel that they could not have asked for a better community that offers so many positive experiences for a family. Dr. DeWitt credits the success of his business to the many great people who live and work here.

The Kimber and Judy DeWitt Family Fund was created as a means to give back to the community that has provided them with so much. "I have met many wonderful families and continue to meet new families all the time. The Community Foundation was a perfect vehicle for us to establish a way of giving back and supporting this community," Dr. DeWitt said. Established in 2001, the Kimber and Judy DeWitt Family Fund is an unrestricted fund that makes grants to charitable programs, services and projects that help address the ever-changing needs of Isabella County residents. The earnings from this fund will benefit our changing community for years to come.



## *Glen and Kathy Blystone Learn to Swim Fund*

Glen and Kathy Blystone have been active members of the Mt. Pleasant community for more than 30 years. Kathy has been a chemistry instructor at Central Michigan University, and Glen has been active in his accounting profession.

Established in 1995, the Glen and Kathy Blystone Learn to Swim Fund is one of the oldest funds of the Mt. Pleasant Community Foundation, and was created to support efforts to promote water safety and drownproofing for children and adults in Isabella County through swimming instruction.

Through their experiences as lifeguards, Glen and Kathy have developed a passion for children and adults learning to swim. The fund will provide grant money to organizations offering "Learn to Swim" classes so that all community members may benefit from this kind of instruction. Long term, the Blystones hope to help the community see the importance of a public pool facility. They believe that many lives can be saved by proper swimming instruction.



## *Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant Scholarship Fund*



The Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant Scholarship Fund was created to assist women in Isabella County pursuing a degree in science, health, technology, engineering or math at an accredited college, university or trade school.

Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a global organization of executives and professionals working together to advance the status of women worldwide through service and advocacy. Zontians all over the world volunteer their time, talents and support to local and international service projects, as well as scholarship programs aimed at fulfilling Zonta's mission.

The Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant was chartered on October 1, 1952. Since that time, the club has supported international projects to advance the status of women. It has also supported many local organizations and projects, such as Women's Aid Service, Young Women in Science, Woodland Hospice, and Christmas Outreach.

This scholarship fund was established to provide access to education with the goal of economic self-sufficiency for young women in the community.



# **Endowment: The Basics**

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## **What is it?**

Gifts to an endowment fund are **NEVER** spent.

The assets of endowment funds are invested and managed professionally.

A portion of the earnings from an endowment fund are used for grant making.

The Community Impact Fund is one of 200 endowments of the Community Foundation.

## **What are the advantages?**

Endowment funds are permanent, regardless of the economic climate.

Your gift is an investment that will grow and benefit the community in perpetuity.

Donations to an endowment fund at the Community Foundation are tax deductible.

## **What can be given?**

You can give now with cash, stocks, real estate, retirement plan assets, etc.

Name the Community Foundation as beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

A bequest by will is a very popular form of giving.

A charitable lead trust helps build a charitable fund during the trust's term.

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**Community  
Impact Fund**

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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.

# Ten Reasons to Give to the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation

*Proven:* We are firmly rooted, well-established and have been making impact in Isabella County for 24 years. We are confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, and maintain membership in the Council of Michigan Foundations.



*Local:* We are a local organization with deep roots in the community. Local donors make gifts that lead to local grants.

*Knowledgeable:* We have broad expertise regarding our community's issues and needs.

*Partnerships:* We partner with donors and professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

*Personal:* We provide highly personalized service tailored to your charitable and financial interests. There are a variety of giving options, including the ability to set up a fund named for you, your family, or in memory of a loved one.

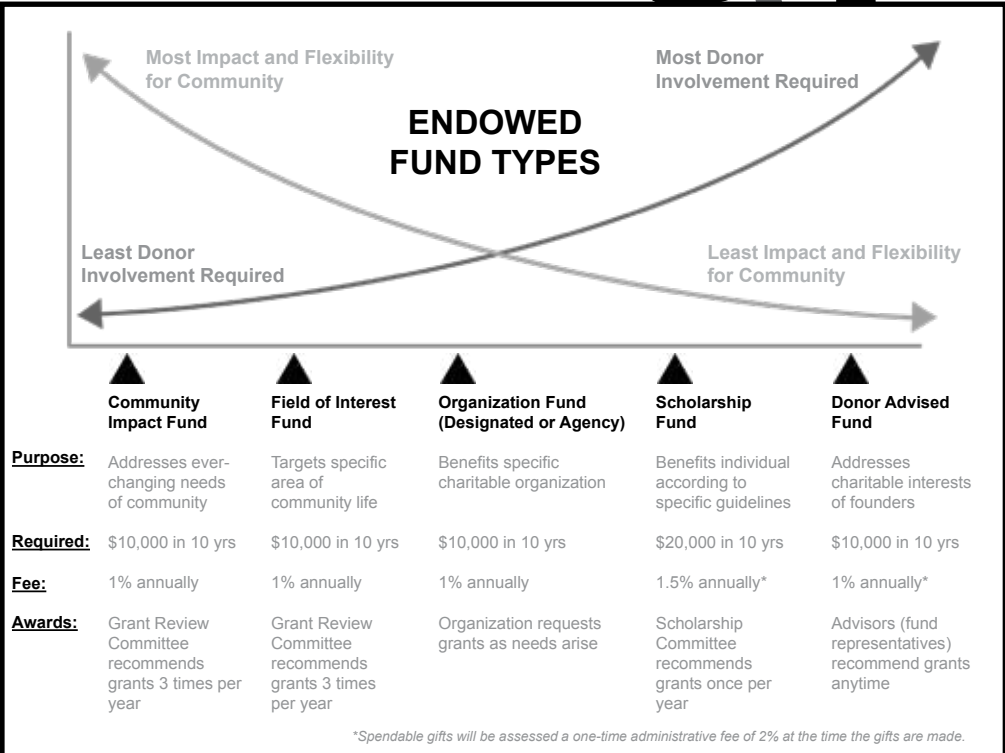
*Flexibility:* Contributions are eligible for the highest combination of Federal and State tax incentives. We accept a wide variety of assets and can facilitate even the most complex forms of estate and planned giving.

*Impactful:* We multiply gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants for maximum impact.

*Leadership:* We are a collaborative community leader, coordinating resources to create long-term positive change.

*Permanent:* We build endowment funds that benefit our community forever and help create personal legacies.

*Passion:* Our funds help you invest in the causes you care about most. We offer five endowment fund options.



# Board of Trustees



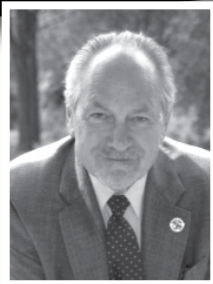
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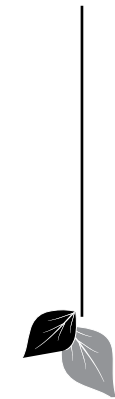
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## New Board members join Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation

*The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation (MPACF) welcomes Jay Anders and Cheryl Gaudard to its Board of Trustees.*

**Jay Anders** is President/CEO of Isabella Community Credit Union. In addition to dedicating his time to numerous credit union events and organizations, he has served on the Boards of Art Reach of Mid Michigan, Mid-Michigan Chapter of Credit Unions and United Way of Isabella County. He is a past member of Mt. Pleasant Instrumental Music Boosters, served as a Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, and is a member, and past president of the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club. He currently serves as a member of the Community Foundation's Finance Committee. A graduate of Spring Arbor University, Jay has more than 30 years experience in managing financial institutions. Jay and his wife Susan have two adult children, Aaron and Alyssa.



**Cheryl Gaudard** is Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer for Mercantile Bank. She currently serves as co-chair of the Women's Initiative Fund, which benefits women and girls in Isabella County, and has served on the Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee for many years. Cheryl served more than 12 years as an active member of the Mt. Pleasant Oilers Athletic Boosters, officially retiring in May 2013. She is also a member of the Blanchard Auxiliary and in her spare time enjoys gardening, baking, movies and a good card game. Cheryl and her husband Steve have three adult children, Amy, Matt and Carrie.



Anders and Gaudard both began their service January 1, 2014, and may serve up to three terms of three years. The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation is led by a Board of twenty-four community members representing a wide range of professional expertise and organization experience.

## Paula Arndt Women's Fund



In April 2004, Paula Arndt took a chance and decided to start her own real estate company. With support from her friends and family, Paula began Weichert Realtors Broadway Realty. After 10 successful years in business, Paula has made it a priority to give back to the community. "I believe that if you give back everything you have to give, you will still have more," said Arndt.

After attending the 2013 Women's Initiative "Look Who's Talking" luncheon and hearing the CEO of "Two Men and a Truck" speak, Paula was inspired to create a fund through the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation to assist causes related to women and girls in Isabella County. Paula feels for those who struggle and wants to help women in need with the profits of her successful business.

"God will always provide for you," said Arndt. "He has blessed me in so many ways and I just want to be able to give to those who are less fortunate."

## Chris Maniteau Memorial Wrestling Fund

The Chris Maniteau Memorial Wrestling Fund supports the wrestling program at Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. The expectation is that the wrestling coach annually selects one or more freshman, sophomore or junior students to participate in a summer wrestling camp at Central Michigan University. Additional funds can be used to support other needs of the wrestling program at Mt. Pleasant Public Schools.

In September of 1990, Chris Maniteau passed away. Chris, who was a student at Mt. Pleasant High School, loved to wrestle and was talented at the sport. His family wanted youth wrestlers to benefit, as Chris did, from attending CMU wrestling camps. The family began awarding scholarships to high school wrestlers in 1991 and, in 2004, established the Chris Maniteau Memorial Wrestling Fund.





## *L.A. and Marilyn B. Johns Family Fund*



Among the families who participated in the early establishment of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, Larry and Marilyn Johns created the L.A. and Marilyn Johns Family Fund in June, 1999. The purpose of the unrestricted fund is to support programs, services and projects that help address the ever-changing needs of Isabella County residents.

Hoping to encourage others to participate in philanthropic activity, the Johns found it important to establish a fund at the Foundation to provide a permanent record of the fact that their family believes in helping others who are less fortunate. The Johns created the fund as a way to provide a helping hand to people in the community.

The earnings from this fund will benefit our changing community for years to come.

## *Gilmore Family Fund for Youth*

To honor the memory of family members who in their lives were dedicated to improving the lives of youth, sisters Nelda Gilmore and Norma Brien and sister-in-law Phyllis Gilmore created the Gilmore Family Fund for Youth in 2007. This fund will support projects, programs and events that benefit the youth of Isabella County.



Maynard Gilmore was born and raised in Chippewa Township on his family's farm. While attending Shepherd High School, Maynard was a baseball Class C State Champion. After graduating in 1917, he enlisted in the Student Army Training Corps at County Normal School. When his father became ill, Maynard returned home to help manage the family farm. In 1920, Maynard met and married Nellie Imhoff, and with her had four children: Norris, Norma, Oliver "Bud," and Nelda. Family and extended family were always important to Maynard and Nellie.

Along with the farm, Maynard found a way to combine his interest in youth and his passion for politics. From 1925-36, Maynard was the treasurer for Chippewa Township, figuring taxes separately for each of the nine school districts. He served as Chippewa Township Advisor from 1936-48. Also, he was the County Clerk for 24 years before retiring in 1973. In 1960, he became

President of the County Clerks Association for the State of Michigan and served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Isabella Youth and Farm Fair Society (1951-70). Maynard died in 1981 after years of dedication and service to the Mount Pleasant area.

Like his dad, Oliver "Bud" Gilmore was a farmer all his life and always had an interest in Shepherd youth. After graduating from Shepherd High School, he attended Michigan State University to study agriculture. Later, he became the President of the Farm Bureau group and worked for the Road Commission for 17 years. Since then, his son, Jim, has continued farming the land. Bud, along with his wife, Phyllis, and their children, Debbie, Jim, and twins, Kimberly and Kelly, were all very musical. Their family was also very active at the Countryside United Methodist Church which they helped to remodel. Bud died in 2003.

Bud's daughter, Debbie Gilmore, was an intelligent woman who loved children. At the age of 11, she underwent major surgery to remove a brain tumor. Despite the struggles with her health, Debbie always loved music and attending church. Children and the Lord were always an important part of Debbie's life. After battling health issues throughout her life, Debbie died in 2006.

Inspired by their family's passion to help youth of Isabella County excel and succeed, Nelda, Norma and Phyllis decided to start the Gilmore Family Fund for Youth to support projects and events that will provide safe and fun environments for kids around the community. "We want to fund things that give all youth activities. Whether it's after-school, playscape, museum, etc., youth need a positive place to be," said Phyllis.

# Norval Morey Leadership Scholarship Fund

People who knew Norval “Nub” Morey describe him as a true visionary, an entrepreneurial genius, a philanthropic benefactor and an overall amazing person. Of noble character and innovative spirit, Norval succeeded professionally, but he also impacted and inspired those around him.

Born to a rural mid-Michigan family during the Great Depression, Norval understood the value of work and hard-earned money early in life. He began working at age 14, cutting cedar posts and poles with his friends in Glennie, MI. As he got older, Norval was drawn to the foresting industry. He traveled coast to coast working various jobs in the forestry industry until he was drafted

into the Army and served with the 88th Infantry in Italy in 1941.

After the war, Norval returned home to Winn, MI, where he and his brother, Burnell, turned to the industry they knew best and started The Morey Brothers Sawmill. In 1957, after he invented,

constructed and sold his first machine, called “The Wood Debarker,” Norval used his talents to build a successful equipment manufacturing company known today as Morbark, Inc. In addition to managing his successful business, Norval was known for his philanthropic contributions to Isabella County.

The Morey Foundation, founded in 1990, was created to support and enhance the education, cultural, social and economic life in Isabella County. The Foundation focuses primarily on projects that encourage education, promote health and fitness, benefit youth and enrich the lives of the elderly. Although he had completed school just through the sixth grade, Norval understood the value of education. Beginning in the fall of 1996, through the Morey Foundation, Norval established the Morey Charter School. The school provides education for grades PK-8 to promote the value of education throughout Isabella County.

Norval died in October 1997, but his philanthropic spirit continues. In 2005, Norval’s son, Lon Morey, founded the Norval K. Morey Cancer Center at Central Michigan Community Hospital (now McLaren Central Michigan.) It is the first cancer care center in Isabella County to provide both chemotherapy and radiation therapy to patients.

The Norval Morey Leadership Scholarship Fund was created to remember and honor a man who inspired so many people during his lifetime. A leader and an innovator, Norval never allowed anything to slow him down and he did everything from his heart, whether it made headlines or not. This scholarship is for graduating seniors from Isabella County high schools who display the same leadership characteristics Norval exhibited during his lifetime.



“Let’s use the five billion tons of wood going to waste every year in this country. We’re talking about junk wood that litters our forests of this entire nation, wood that just rots and decays. That’s equal to more than eight billion barrels of oil in its energy equivalent when burned in boilers to make electricity. That amounts to three billion barrels more than this country uses annually.” —Norval Morey (1977)







# 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.*

Anonymous  
Barbara Bissot\*  
Dan and Gail Boge  
John and Sue Bradac  
Mary Ellen Brandell\*  
Howard and Mary Ann Breuer  
W. Larry Collins  
William and Joneil Cook  
Timothy and  
Mary Elizabeth Curtiss  
Mark and Patricia Cwiek  
G.R. (Rollie)\* and Olga Denison\*  
George and Barbara Dunn  
J. Dean Eckersley\*  
Evangeline and James Fabiano  
James and Deborah Goodrich  
Marie K. Green

## Legacy Society Members as of July 31, 2014

Cindy Hales  
Jack and Connie\* Harkins  
I.W. "Bucky"\* and  
Velma Hartman\*  
Dykstra J. and Phyllis Heinze  
Idonea Hersee\*  
Donna and David Hinks  
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Catherine Janson  
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Janet Maar Strickler  
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Charles Walmsley  
Bob and Maurine Weisenburger  
Sally and Jack Weisenburger  
Louise Williams\*  
Jim and Carol Wojcik  
Terrie and Mark Zitzelsberger

*\*deceased*



**Check out  
the 2013  
Legacy  
Society  
video!**



# Grants Awarded through Endowed Funds

**American Red Cross,  
Central Michigan Chapter** ..... \$250.00  
Comfort for Youth Fire Victims  
**Kellogg Youth Fund**

**American Red Cross,  
Central Michigan Chapter** .....\$2,000.00  
More Diapers for Babies  
**Hersee Family Fund, Women's Initiative Fund**

**American Red Cross,  
Central Michigan Chapter** .....\$1,020.62  
Infant Pantry  
**William Ellis Brockman Infant Assistance Fund**

**American Red Cross,  
Central Michigan Chapter** .....\$373.63  
Programs and Services for Residents served by the  
Central Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross  
**Staples Family American Red Cross Fund**

**Art Reach of Mid Michigan**.....\$1,200.00  
Wellspring Literary Series  
**Russ Herron Poetry Fund**

**Art Reach of Mid  
Michigan  
2014 Art Walk  
Central  
\$781.73**

W. Sidney and  
Judith French Smith  
Community Fund



**Beal City Public Schools** .....\$775.00  
Project Accepted  
**Kellogg Youth Fund**

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

## Central Michigan University Campus Grow Development \$1,500.00

**Fabiano Family Fund**

Campus Grow Development is the largest community  
garden in Mt. Pleasant donating harvest produce

to area  
organizations  
including the  
Commission on  
Aging.



**Charter Township of Union** ..... \$16,500.00  
ADA Accessible Playground Unit  
**Brewster Family Access to Recreation Fund,  
Kellogg Youth Fund, Jane McNamara and  
Louise Williams Fund, Weisenburger Family Fund**

**Child & Family Enrichment Council** .....\$1,000.00  
New Heating System  
**Optimist Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund**

**Chippewa River District Library** .....\$845.00  
Educational Materials for Veteran's Memorial Library  
**Eckersley Library Endowment Fund**

**Chippewa Watershed Conservancy**.....\$2,701.83  
Conservation Monitoring and Stewardship  
Costs at Preserves in Isabella County  
**William Brehm Memorial/ Chippewa Watershed  
Conservancy Fund, Chippewa Watershed  
Conservancy Fund**

**Chippewa Watershed Conservancy**.....\$1,240.00  
Technology Upgrades  
**Dyke and Phyllis Heinze Conservation Fund**

**City of Mt. Pleasant**..... \$10,000.00  
Nelson Park Covered Bridge  
**Access to Recreation Fund, Brewster Family  
Access to Recreation Fund**

## City of Mt. Pleasant Island Park Ball Field Renovation \$9,000.00

Kellogg Youth Fund,  
Jane McNamara and  
Louise Williams Fund,  
W. Sidney Smith and  
Judith French Smith  
Family Fund



**City of Mt. Pleasant**.....\$4,119.80  
Access to Recreation Audible Interpretive Sign Project  
**Access to Recreation Fund**

**City of Mt. Pleasant**.....\$2,648.00  
Life Saving Skills - CPR Training  
**Elizabeth Z. Miller & Bruce H. LaPointe Community  
Needs Fund, John Neyer Family Fund**



**City of Mt. Pleasant  
Santa House Replacement  
\$3,400.00**



**G. Charles and Janice L. Hubscher Fund, David B. and Susan K. Keilitz Fund**

The new Santa house debuted in downtown Mt. Pleasant in honor of the 20th Anniversary of Dickens Christmas Festival.

**Community Cancer Services  
of Isabella County .....\$3,000.00**

Travel Assistance for Isabella County Cancer Patients

**Bandit Industries Community Fund,  
Women's Initiative Fund**

**EightCAP, Inc. ....\$1,600.00**

Isabella County Continuum of Care -  
Homelessness Prevention Events

**Continuum Homelessness Grant Fund**

**EightCAP, Inc. ....\$1,500.00**

Project Homeless Connection  
Community Food Distribution Truck

**Continuum Homelessness Grant Fund**

**Friends of the Dog Park..... \$10,000.00**

Mission Creek Dog Park

**Access to Recreation Fund, Mary Ellen Brandell**

**Access to Recreation Fund, Janet Maar Strickler**

**Access to Recreation Fund**

**Friends of the Library .....\$974.97**

2014 Library Projects

**Friends of the Library Fund**

**Hospice of Central Michigan .....\$2,217.05**

Electronic Medical Record Support

**Lon Morey Family Fund**

**Hospice of Central Michigan ..... \$17,922.28**

Woodland Hospice Debt Reduction and

Qualifying Matching Funds

**John R. and Constance M. Harkins Community Fund**



**Grand Rapids Symphony 2013-2014  
Mt. Pleasant Area Music Education Program  
\$2,500.00**

**Kellogg Youth Fund**

*1,208 students and teachers attended a free music educational program at Central Michigan University's Plachta Auditorium. Students served included 3rd through 6th graders from public and private schools in the Mt. Pleasant area.*

**Isabella Community Soup Kitchen .....\$5,713.85**

Operational Costs

**Isabella Community Soup Kitchen Fund**

**Isabella Community Soup Kitchen .....\$741.11**

Isabella Community Soup Kitchen Operational Costs

**McCracken Family Fund**

**Isabella Community Soup Kitchen Fund .....\$2,000.00**

Support to the Mission of the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen

**W. E. Martin Fund**



**Habitat for Humanity of Isabella County  
Shepherd Home Build  
\$500.00**

**Shepherd Community Fund**

**Isabella County Department**

**of Human Services .....\$1,000.00**

Holly Jolly Book-mas!

**Robert and Geraldine Krapohl Literacy Fund**

**Isabella County Department**

**of Human Services .....\$4,500.00**

Operation Beds

**Kellogg Youth Fund**

**Isabella County Department**

**of Human Services .....\$300.00**

Children's Services Art Gala

**Kellogg Youth Fund**



# Grants Awarded through Endowed Funds

## Isabella County Department of Human Services .....\$3,819.00

Trauma Based Foster Parent Training

### Bovee Family Fund, Fabiano Family Fund

## Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc.....\$250.00

Consumer Dental Work

### Listening Ear Consumer Needs and Dreams Fund

## Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc.....\$350.00

Consumer Travel Expenses

### Listening Ear Consumer Needs and Dreams Fund

## Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc..... \$39,000.00

Child Sexual Abuse Treatment in Isabella County

### Listening Ear Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Fund

## Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc..... \$38,000.00

24 Hour Crisis Intervention Services in Isabella County

### Listening Ear Crisis Center Fund

## Lincoln Township of Isabella County Park Pavilion Handicap Accessible Project

**\$3,500.00**



Mary Ellen Brandell  
Access to Recreation Fund,  
Shepherd Community Fund

## Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc.....\$1,600.00

Medical Needs or Dreams for Listening Ear Consumers

### Listening Ear Consumer Needs and Dreams Fund

## Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc.....\$2,300.00

Homeless Youth in Isabella County

### Phil A. Langlois Fund for Listening Ear

## Listening Ear Crisis Center, Inc.....\$580.00

Child Sexual Abuse Treatment in Isabella County

### Schuster Family Fund for Listening Ear

## Marine Toys for Tots Foundation .....\$1,000.00

Toys for Tots

### Optimist Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund

## McLaren Central Michigan .....\$75.00

Michigan Society of Hematology and

Oncology Nursing Network Retreat

### Amy Otteman Nursing Education Fund

## Mid-Michigan Industries.....\$700.00

Sensory Integration Program

### Mid-Michigan Industries Fund

## Mid-Michigan Industries.....\$2,750.00

Technology Update

### Mid-Michigan Industries Fund

## Morey Public School Academy .....\$2,374.00

Extreme Library Makeover

### Barbara A. Bissot Fund

## Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation ..... \$22,387.76

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 Area Community Foundation .....\$5,000.00

Women's Initiative Fund

### W. E. Martin Fund

## Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum .....\$5,000.00

Project Ramp Room

### Jane McNamara and Louise Williams Fund

## Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum .....\$1,400.00

Safety Mats for Climbing Wall

### Kellogg Youth Fund



## Morey Public School Academy Outdoor Open-Ended Play Area \$5,200.00

Barbara L. and George W. Dunn Family Fund, Isabella Bank Director Memorial Fund, Lon Morey Family Fund

## Mt. Pleasant Public Schools .....\$700.00

Mt. Pleasant Public School Wrestling Program

### Chris Maniteau Memorial Wrestling Fund

## Mt. Pleasant Public Schools .....\$3,000.00

Students of Promise (a program to assist students who are homeless)

### Kellogg Youth Fund

## Northern Rocket Football League Inc. ....\$3,000.00

Mt. Pleasant Rocket Football Helmet Replacement Program

### Optimist Club of Mt. Pleasant Fund



## Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Project Canvas \$3,000.00

Kellogg Youth Fund, McGuirk Family Fund

**Northern Rocket Football League Inc. ....\$4,500.00**  
Mt. Pleasant Rocket Football Helmet Replacement Program  
**Rocket Football Operating Fund**

**Northern Rocket Football League Inc. ....\$1,375.00**  
Beal City Rocket Football Registration and Equipment  
Expense Assistance for Players in Need  
**Rocket Football Operating Fund**

**Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation .....\$2,000.00**  
Phil A. Langlois Fund for Listening Ear  
**W. E. Martin Fund**

**Saint Joseph the Worker School  
Creating a Smarter Classroom  
\$5,339.00**

**Denison Fund,  
Kimber and Judy  
DeWitt Family Fund,  
Jerry M. and  
Marilyn A. Morey  
Community Fund**  
Seven classrooms were  
equipped with  
SMART Boards, SMART  
Software, short throw  
projectors and desktop  
computers.



**Sacred Heart Academy .....\$1,800.00**  
Ukulele in the Classroom  
**Kellogg Youth Fund**

**Sacred Heart Academy .....\$275.00**  
Sacred Heart Academy After Prom  
**Kellogg Youth Fund**



**Shepherd Public Schools  
2013-2014 Bowling Season  
\$1,121.00**  
Shepherd Community Fund

**Shepherd Public Schools .....\$500.00**  
Shepherd Youth Football Registration and  
Equipment Expense Assistance for Players in Need  
**Rocket Football Operating Fund**

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.....\$203.27**  
Boy Scout Uniform Shirts and Patches  
**Bob and Nancy Wheeler Fund for Scouting**

**VSA Michigan .....\$1,500.00**  
Creative Dance at Mary McGuire Elementary School  
**Kellogg Youth Fund**

**Winn Area Activity Center .....\$805.00**  
Enrichment Field Trips  
**Kellogg Youth Fund, Lon Morey Family Fund**

**Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation .....\$5,000.00**  
Women's Aid Service Fund  
**W. E. Martin Fund**

**Women's Aid Service, Inc.....\$1,800.00**  
Security Gate and Fence Repair  
**Women's Initiative Fund**

**Women's Aid Service, Inc.....\$6,500.00**  
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Client Outreach Services  
**Barbara A. Bissot Fund, Morning Sun Community Fund,  
Women's Initiative Fund**



**United Way of Isabella County  
Support for the Promotion of  
Volunteerism  
\$21,608.49**

**Volunteer Center of Isabella County Fund**  
*Fund are used for the promotion of volunteerism  
and to increase access to volunteer opportunities  
throughout Isabella County.*

**Young Life, Mt. Pleasant  
Mt. Pleasant High School  
Outreach Program Start-Up and Camp  
\$5,000.00**  
**Kellogg Youth Fund**

The Young Life,  
Mt Pleasant  
program  
combines  
relevant,  
engaging,  
motivational  
and high-



adventure activities with mentoring aimed to make a  
concerted effort to impact the lives and future paths of  
at-risk high school students.





# Youth Advisory Committee

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.

## 2014 Youth Advisory Committee

Matt Blackburn (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)  
 Katharine Janes (SHA)\*\*  
 Sammy McDonald (SHA)\*  
 Haley McMullen (BCPS)  
 Sam Neyer (SHA)  
 Natalie Noble (SPS)\*\*  
 Grace Rau (BCPS)

Andrew Travis (SPS)  
 Samantha Johnson (CMU)  
 Ashley Flickinger (CMU)  
 Dyke Heinze (Advisor)  
 Bill Chilman (Adult)  
 Sarah Gilbert (Adult)\*\*  
 Erin Smith-Gaken (Adult)  
 Janelle Urban (Adult)

\*denotes new member  
 \*\*denotes retiring member



# A letter from the President

Over the past year, the YAC has accomplished a lot. We have volunteered at several community events like the Lions Club Chicken BBQ and Christmas Outreach. We also did our annual Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser which was a great success. We raised \$3,100 for the Kellogg Youth Fund in 2013.

We also recommended more than \$25,000 in grants to dozens of youth serving organizations across Isabella County. We hope that this helps and impacts many of the youth in the area.

This spring, we completed our Youth Needs Assessment Survey of Isabella County students. We compiled the results and plan to present them to area schools at the beginning of the school year. These results will help grant writers address youth needs and help us make decisions about which grants to fund. I hope to see the YAC continue to carry out the Foundation's motto, "For good. For ever."

Sam Neyer, YAC President

## Youth Needs Assessment

Every three years, the YAC conducts a survey of eighth and tenth grade students attending four Isabella County junior and high schools. The youth are asked to identify the problems facing them in our community so that the YAC may better focus their grantmaking on the areas most needed. In 2014, nearly 500 students completed the online survey.

### Top Issues Facing Youth:

1. Bullying (personal threats, gossiping, internet harassment, etc.) – 61%
2. Stress/School Pressure – 52%
3. Alcohol and drug abuse – 44%
4. Self-esteem/Respect for yourself & others – 41%
5. Depression/Suicide/Loss – 38%
6. Family issues (divorce, abuse, finances, etc.) – 37%



## Louise A. Plachta Non-traditional Student Scholarship Fund

Louise Plachta was a non-traditional student from the day she stepped into a classroom of fresh-faced freshmen at the University of Detroit many years ago. She had been out of high school for about ten years; it then took another ten or more years to earn her baccalaureate degree.

"Sometimes I complained that I'd be 40 or older by the time I got through school, but my best friend would remind me that I was going to be 40 or older anyway, with or without the degree," Mrs. Plachta said.

Later, after four years of hard work, she received a Master's of English from Central Michigan University. "Perhaps my experiences prompted me to say 'yes' when, in 1992, then CMU President, Leonard Plachta, asked if I would work with non-traditional students," she said. "It was my privilege to direct non-trads to the

Financial Aid office, to academic advisors, and to other helpful resources on campus."

Mrs. Plachta worked with single parents; with students who, for various reasons, were just beginning their college careers a year or more after being graduated from high school; and with students who had begun college studies, dropped out, and were now returning to complete requirements for a degree.

She retired in May 2000 as the non-traditional undergraduate-student liaison and advisor to the Phoenix student organization on campus. In May 2014, Mrs. Plachta created the Louise A. Plachta Non-traditional Student Scholarship Fund to support non-traditional students from Isabella County who, because of extenuating circumstances, were unable to begin higher education for at least a year after graduation

from high school, or whose college/university studies were interrupted, for whatever reason, but now desire and intend to earn a college/university degree.



"I have established this scholarship in an effort to encourage, help, and honor students who, a year or more after completing high school requirements, aspire to continue to study and to achieve their goals, at whatever stage of life they find themselves at the present time," said Mrs. Plachta.

## Eunice A. Sutherland Burgess Fund for Youth

What constitutes a family? Eunice Burgess was invited to present a paper on that topic by Smith College in 1966. Not everyone comes from a traditional family, but everyone needs the support of someone who cares. Eunice's parents both experienced foster care when they were children and that surely influenced her decision to go into the field of social work. She spent much of her career focused on child welfare. From the time she graduated from Central Michigan University in 1949 until her retirement in 1984, her empathy for children in unique situations grew.

Children in foster care may experience challenges in getting the health, mental health, education, and other special services they need. Although foster care is intended to be temporary, many children stay in foster care for long periods of time.

It's no stretch to say that a person has a serious advantage in life if they come from a loving, supportive home, biological or not. Eunice has chosen to establish an endowment fund that would help benefit those Isabella County youth in, and aging out of, foster care. At any time,

our community has approximately 100 youth in that category. Eunice is eager to see that they are partakers of projects and programs that can help them succeed in life, particularly those opportunities for which the State does not pay.

Eunice's interest in meeting the special needs of foster children came together with the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation to establish the Eunice A. Sutherland Burgess Fund for Youth. This fund will provide grants to charitable organizations, now and for years to come,

for the benefit of Isabella County youth in foster care. Eunice says, "If you have a heart's desire and don't know what to do, the Foundation is a good place to go."





# Kara's Korner Preschool Library Fund

Kara's Korner Preschool Library Fund was established in May 2014 by Kara's mother, Kathy Preston. The fund will support Kara's Korner, located inside the Veterans Memorial Library, by funding preschool-focused books and materials.

In the spring of 1985, 4-year-old Kara Shirley died in a tragic accident while playing at home with friends. Shortly thereafter, her family established the Kara K. Shirley Memorial (Kara's Korner) at the library

in memory of their sensitive and energetic preschooler. Kara's Korner has benefitted preschool children for decades and continues to memorialize Kara's young spirit.

The Kara's Korner Preschool Library Fund will add funds annually for books and materials that focus primarily on preschool education. Based on attendance and activities in Kara's Korner, the funds will be well spent.



## Central Michigan Pregnancy Services H.O.P.E. Medical Clinic Fund

As young people navigate the sexual minefields of the 21st century, it is important that they are equipped and empowered to make choices that will have a positive impact upon their lives and the lives of generations to follow. Central Michigan Pregnancy Services focuses on education that equips individuals to make the best choice possible for them and their families. CMPS believes that young people armed with truth and knowledge will develop the skills and discipline to avoid sexual pressure. These same abilities will also equip them to effectively avoid alcohol, drugs, and delinquency and become contributing members of society and healthy adults.

The H.O.P.E. Medical Clinic within CMPS provides pregnancy testing and education, limited obstetrical ultrasound, options counseling, Sexually Transmitted Disease Education, and community referrals. By supporting the hope Medical Clinic Fund, established in 2014, not only will you support the current programs, you will also make possible the addition of free Sexually Transmitted Disease Testing and treatment. H.O.P.E. Medical Clinic provides professional and caring medical services by trained, licensed, and highly qualified staff under the direction of our medical directors, Michelle Monticello M.D. and Constanza Fox M.D.

 Central Michigan Pregnancy Services  
**H.O.P.E. Medical Clinic**  
*Health, Options, Pregnancy, Education*



## *Blystone & Bailey CPAs Scholarship Fund*



Blystone & Bailey is a mid-Michigan CPA firm with full time offices in Midland and Mt. Pleasant. The firm's founders, Glen D. Blystone and Thomas J. Bailey, have worked in public accounting for more than 35 years. They have worked together continuously since 1976, beginning as employees of a regional CPA firm in Bay City, then practicing under their own names as sole practitioners, and subsequently organizing Blystone and Bailey CPAs, PC in 1986. The

firm now also includes principals Jill Bourland, Mary Ann McPherson and Tony Wilmot.

Glen Blystone was involved in the initial formation of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation and sat on the finance committee. Jill Bourland has been on the finance committee for years and is currently a Community Foundation trustee.

The office has been a promoter of co-op programs facilitated

through the local high schools, and internship programs through the local colleges, in an attempt to foster continued education in the field of accounting. They want to assure quality accounting now and in the future. In 2014, Blystone & Bailey has also established an endowed scholarship fund to provide assistance to students that are passionately pursuing a degree in accounting.

## *McGuirk/Ganiard West Side School Scholarship Fund*

Built in the 1890s, the one room school that sits at the southwest corner of Lyons and Adams Street was originally called the West Side School. Over time, as local industries grew and country schools closed, its student population doubled in size. This influx of students led to overcrowded classrooms, and as a result a new school was authorized for those who lived west of the Chippewa River.

Built during the Depression as part of the Public Works Act, the new West Side School had four classrooms and opened in the fall of 1934. Superintendent George Ganiard was present in February 1935 for the dedication of the K-4 building. One name change and several additions and improvements later, the school still stands as the present-day Ganiard Elementary School.

Jim McGuirk was raised on the west side of Adams Street and attended Ganiard Elementary School as a child. He feels strongly about supporting others as they further their education beyond high school. Inspired by the Ganiard History Project Scholarship Fund, McGuirk created the McGuirk/Ganiard West Side School Scholarship Fund in 2013 for Mt. Pleasant High School seniors who attended Ganiard Elementary in their youth.

McGuirk recognizes the value of people working toward a college degree to make themselves valuable and marketable in the workplace. He believes that getting an education opens doors for opportunities in life and wants to help students take that first step in becoming a valuable asset to the businesses and industries they seek to enter.



# *Sherwood Family Fund*

The Sherwood Family Fund was established as an unrestricted fund in 2014 by Doris Sherwood to provide the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation (MPACF) with funds that will be used to support projects and causes that need it most, without restrictions.

Since the early 1960s, Doris has been an enthusiastic volunteer in the Isabella County community. With an active spirit for philanthropy, she has participated in fundraising projects for such entities as Central Michigan Community Hospital and Hospice, and has served on boards such as the Chamber of Commerce

and Red Cross. Professionally, Doris held several posts as President of state commercial real-estate organizations. She was a Realtor at Coldwell Banker Mt. Pleasant Realty, working as a commercial specialist with CCIM designation. She is also a long time soloist and member of St. John's Episcopal Church Choir.

Over the years, Doris has recognized that there are many projects and programs that come through MPACF which do not receive the grants needed due to fund restrictions. While there are a number of worthy cause funds, Doris believes an unrestricted fund could be most

helpful in these situations. "Leaving the fund open is most important in that the Foundation can use the funds where the greatest need presents," Doris said.

Doris has created this fund legacy in the spirit of continuing to serve the community and says it feels good to know the fund will positively help the community for years to come. "The concept of a foundation is something I find worth supporting," Doris said. "It is nice to be able to have a lasting legacy that will help in so many ways."



# *Elizabeth Miller and Bruce LaPointe Community Needs Fund*

The Elizabeth Z. Miller and Bruce H. LaPointe Community Needs Fund is an unrestricted fund started in 2003 as a way to provide the Foundation with funds that would be used to address the changing needs of Isabella County residents. An unrestricted fund allows grants to be made for a variety of needs or projects in Isabella County, as seen fit by the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Board of Directors.




Both families have been actively involved in their respective communities. Beth's parents led by example with their philanthropy and community-mindedness by originally starting a scholarship fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation. After retirement, Beth and Bruce looked for their own ways to give back. It was an

easy decision to seek out the MPACF to do so.

Beth and Bruce originally began this unrestricted fund because of the many varied needs in the community. By setting up a community needs fund, they felt the MPACF and its directors were well suited to decide where proceeds would make the biggest impact. They hope that the fund continues to grow into the future.

"Funds like this are important so that community needs can be met that might otherwise not be. This is an outstanding community, and funds like this form such a good platform for giving back".

Both Beth and Bruce have worked in the business and education fields for many years. They felt that starting this fund was a great way to contribute to the community. They are both active volunteers and are involved in various community projects. They are proud to have started this fund because the MPACF can reach people and places Beth and Bruce cannot.



# Permanently Endowed Funds of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation

## **Community Impact 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.*

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 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  
Theunissen Family Fund  
Weisenburger Family Fund

## **Field of Interest Funds:**

*The following funds were established to support specific areas of community life 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  
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  
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  
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

## **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  
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11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Why:** To support the Women's  
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Julia Fox Garrison is the author of *Don't Leave Me This Way (or when I get back on my feet you'll be sorry)*. The book chronicles her struggle to regain control over her life and her body, following a massive hemorrhage resulting in a paralyzing stroke. Julia has harnessed her first-hand experience in battling the medical establishment into a compelling message of strength and hope. Wielding her trademark humor and optimism, she transcends the sobering subject of stroke to show how anyone facing a life challenge can overcome adversity through



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laughter, boundless enthusiasm and unflinching determination. Julia has appeared on *Good Morning America*, has been featured in *People Magazine*, and has performed guest interviews on a multitude of news and radio programs alike. Julia is a graduate of Katherine Gibbs School, Boston, MA and Champlain College, Burlington, VT where she majored in retail marketing. Julia currently resides in a suburb outside Boston with her husband Jim, son Rory, and dog Shaggy.

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# 2014 Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation *Scholarship Recognition Reception*



The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that 83 scholarships were awarded this year. The 2014 scholarship reception was held on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at the Comfort Inn Conference Center. During the event, nearly \$81,000 in scholarships was 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 Eckersley Scholarship Fund, the Herbert H. Lueth Scholarship Fund, the Jeff Reedy Memorial Scholarship Fund and the McGuirk/Ganiard West Side School Scholarship Fund. To make recommendations to the Board, 65 community members and served on panels to review more than 900 applications this year.



### **Beal City High School**

Kaitlynn Frayre ~ Rotary Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Hayden Huber ~ Isabella Bank Scholarship ~ \$750  
Shelby Klumpp ~ Rotary Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Anna Reihl ~ Thomas W. Lavoie Memorial Scholarship ~ \$750  
Melanie Schafer ~ Rotary Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Patrick N. Schafer ~ Art Scholarship ~ \$600  
Ryan Tilmann ~ Matthew S. Sharrar Memorial Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Nicholas Ward ~ Governor John Engler Scholarship ~ \$700

### **Chippewa Hills High School**

Rachel Emerson ~ Isabella Bank Scholarship ~ \$750

### **Clare High School**

Laura Mater ~ Firstbank Scholarship ~ \$800  
Laura Walton ~ Isabella Bank Scholarship ~ \$750

### **Farwell High School**

Megan Williams ~ Isabella Bank Scholarship ~ \$750

### **Lakeview High School**

Shianne Johnson ~ Isabella Bank Scholarship ~ \$750

### **Merrill High School**

Alexis Coppens ~ C. Jane (Dubay) & Dwight D. Dodge Memorial Scholarship ~ \$500  
Alexis Coppens ~ Richard C. Dubay Memorial Scholarship ~ \$500

### **Montabella High School**

Dakoda Lobert ~ Greg Baderschneider Lifetime Learning Scholarship ~ \$250  
Sarah Miller ~ Isabella Bank Scholarship ~ \$750

### **Mt. Pleasant Community Education**

Kaylee Devantier ~ Gary Moe Memorial Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Mikayla Gordon ~ Maness Family Scholarship ~ \$1,000

### **Mt. Pleasant High School**

Marissa Beadle ~ James R. Hodgins Memorial Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Samantha Berryhill ~ Isabella Bank Scholarship ~ \$750  
Ann Bjerke ~ James R. Hodgins Memorial Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Dara Brown ~ Ganiard History Project Scholarship ~ \$750  
Tyler Brown ~ Robert F. Murray & Co. CPA's Scholarship ~ \$1,500  
Sydney Cox ~ Jeff Reedy Memorial Scholarship ~ \$500  
Winnona Ervin ~ Eckersley Scholarship ~ \$2,500

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Samantha Esch ~ Dr. Thomas M. & Jayne Keating Scholarship ~ \$500  
Marian Fitzgerald ~ MPHS Class of 1959 Legacy Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Whitnee Foote ~ Rotary Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Tiana Gillis ~ Christopher John Andera Memorial Scholarship ~ \$500  
Emily Gunning ~ Bruce William Wood Memorial Scholarship ~ \$500  
Katelynn Hartman ~ Ganiard History Project Scholarship ~ \$750  
Grace Horton ~ Isabella Bank Scholarship ~ \$750  
Emily Kahn ~ Carolyn Cosan Memorial Scholarship ~ \$550  
Elizabeth Klak ~ Matthew J. Boles Memorial Scholarship ~ \$600  
Cody Lalone ~ Jeffery Vernon Memorial Scholarship ~ \$500  
Madison Livingston ~ Harold & Marie Krapohl Scholarship ~ \$750  
Cara Maney ~ Matthew J. Boles Memorial Scholarship ~ \$600  
Carly Martinez ~ Denison Family Scholarship ~ \$2,000  
Hayleigh Miller ~ Heydenburg Family Scholarship ~ \$500  
Mitchell Moran ~ James R. Hodgins Memorial Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Chelsea Ouellette ~ Phyllis A. Heinze Mathematics Education Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Eric Pierson II ~ MPHS Class of 1959 Legacy Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Brooke Rowley ~ Robert A. & Catherine A. Janson Scholarship ~ \$600  
Alexis Strong ~ Nancy Carey Memorial Scholarship ~ \$600  
Diana Tecklenburg ~ Class of 1965 Mt. Pleasant High School Scholarship ~ \$500  
Kiegan White ~ J. Paul Janes Memorial Scholarship ~ \$750  
Daniel Young ~ McGuirk/Ganiard West Side School Scholarship ~ \$500

### **Sacred Heart Academy**

Erika Campbell ~ Isabella Bank Scholarship ~ \$750  
Julia Cardon ~ Earl G. Hartman, Sr. & Caroline Millar Hartman Scholarship ~ \$2,000  
James English ~ Martin Family Scholarship ~ \$1,500  
Hayley Estill ~ Isabella Community Credit Union Members' Scholarship ~ \$700  
Katharine Janes ~ Firstbank Scholarship ~ \$800  
Michelle Kujat ~ Myler Family Scholarship ~ \$1,000  
Dustin Neyer ~ Goenner Family Scholarship ~ \$500  
Siri Sarvepalli ~ Firstbank Scholarship ~ \$800

### **Shepherd Public School**

Joseph Backus II ~ Lemmer Family Scholarship ~ \$500  
Ethan Beavers ~ Shepherd Public Schools Scholarship ~ \$500  
Nicole Cuthbertson ~ Isabella Bank Scholarship ~ \$750  
Alexis Finch ~ Shirley Lemorie Memorial Scholarship ~ \$500  
Cade Lilly ~ Morey Technical Training Scholarship ~ \$4,000  
Megan McKenna ~ Emerson W. Green Memorial Scholarship ~ \$1,000

Natalie Noble ~ Martin Family Scholarship ~ \$1,500  
Kassidy Owen ~ Jason Parrott Scholarship ~ \$600  
Brian Palmer ~ Paul Moeggenberg Family Youth Agricultural Scholarship ~ \$750  
Brian Palmer ~ supercarguy Scholarship ~ \$600  
Aubree Phillipson ~ Shepherd Public Schools Scholarship ~ \$500  
Jacob Pifer ~ Shepherd Public Schools Scholarship ~ \$500  
Kaylie Rhynard ~ Firstbank Scholarship ~ \$800  
Toren Sanchez ~ Isabella Community Credit Union Members' Scholarship ~ \$700  
Rachel Travis ~ Nolan D. Stilgenbauer Agricultural Scholarship ~ \$1,500  
Hannah Yesmunt ~ Susan K. & Douglas E. Dodge Scholarship ~ \$500  
Sean Yesmunt ~ Shepherd Public Schools Scholarship ~ \$500

### **Traverse City West Senior High**

Kileigh Buchanan ~ Herbert H. Lueth Scholarship ~ \$1,000

### **Central Michigan University**

Emily Wilson ~ Jim Hartman Scholarship ~ \$750

### **Georgetown University**

Elizabeth English ~ Donna J. & W. Larry Collins/GFWC Scholarship ~ \$750

### **Mid Michigan Community College**

April Jones ~ Joyce & Gerry Carter Scholarship ~ \$2,500  
April Jones ~ Kenneth & Hilda Schmeck Memorial Nursing Scholarship ~ \$500  
Joseph Kachel ~ Morey Technical Training Scholarship ~ \$6,000

### **University of Michigan**

Chelsea Derks ~ George & Frances P. Rouman Mental Health Education Scholarship ~ \$750  
Emily Paik ~ John P. and Ann S. Jensen Scholarship ~ \$2,500

### **University of North Dakota**

Christina M. Druskins ~ Harry E. Tope Memorial Aviation Scholarship ~ \$3,000

**Check out the video  
from the  
2014 Scholarship  
Reception**



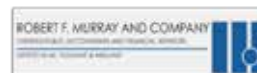
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