

## 2005 Annual Report

# Crawford County



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## NCMCF Supports Mason Tract Cedars Project

If you have seen the pink flags along the Mason Tract, then you have seen a large restoration project along the South Branch of the AuSable River in Crawford County.

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) holds the Mason Tract Cedars Fund, an agency fund that was created to support projects and activities that



Photo courtesy of Huron Pines RC&D

**Volunteers place pink flags along the Mason Tract of the AuSable River.**

increase the re-growth of cedar trees along the Mason Tract.

A grant for over \$700 was given from this fund to the

Huron Pines RC&D Area Council to plant more cedar trees along this section of the AuSable River – a project that will encourage species diversity and sustain healthy ecosystems. They will also provide shade to cool the waters and grow roots that will stabilize the riverbanks to prevent erosion, among many other benefits.

## Mercy Hospital Grayling Supported by NCMCF

By mid-2007, the emergency room at Mercy Hospital Grayling will double in size – a project being funded in part by a \$1,000 grant from the Crawford County Community Needs Fund of NCMCF.



Image courtesy of Mercy Hospital Grayling

The new emergency center will be able to attend to 20,000 patients each year, double the previous 10,000 it was originally designed to serve. The nearly two-year project, scheduled to be opened and dedicated in 2007, will provide additional patient beds, decrease the time patients must wait for attendance, and bring improved and updated equipment to the emergency room.

The NCMCF grant is being used to purchase equipment for the new facility that will benefit the many residents and visitors of Crawford County. Many generous individuals and organizations are also funding this enormous project – a large philanthropic effort among the caring people of our community.

Dear Friends,

North Central Michigan Community Foundation is a public charitable organization that serves the counties of Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda. We connect people who care with the causes closest to their hearts. By encouraging individuals to create permanent charitable endowments to meet the ever-changing needs of our communities, we can match donors' charitable interests with worthwhile causes by giving grants and scholarships to area programs and students.

Your Community Foundation believes that the people in our communities, and those who care most about it, can strengthen it most effectively. Helping our citizens improve their quality of life now, and into the future, is the goal for which we strive.

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation Board is strongly committed to improving its communities through philanthropic means. The Community Foundation staff uses their expertise and knowledge to serve the philanthropic interests of the communities involved, and assist donors in achieving their charitable goals by wisely investing resources and encouraging communication between individuals and non-profit organizations.

Your Community Foundation holds 19 funds that specifically benefit Crawford County residents. At the end of the 2005 fiscal year on September 30, 2005, those funds had assets of nearly \$318,000. Grants and scholarships totaling \$20,887.03 were awarded during the year from these funds to support Crawford's communities.

We thank all who contribute to the vision and mission we are striving to accomplish – that our support will help donors to achieve their own philanthropic ambitions, and to help them support Crawford County now, and forever. Each of you working with the Community Foundation is helping us make that happen as we continue to invest in our communities for generations to come.

## NCMCF Funds Smoking Cessation Efforts

*Grant Awarded to G.R.A.C.E. Center to Help Crawford Residents*

As tobacco, drug, and alcohol abuse remains a substantial issue in most communities, the G.R.A.C.E. Center of Grayling is working to reduce the effects of it by increasing knowledge and awareness of its consequences.

NCMCF awarded a \$775 grant to G.R.A.C.E. Center from the Crawford County Tobacco Settlement Fund to support its Conflict Resolution Groups, which are based in Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School. Participants of these groups are youth who have been identified by the school or local authorities as needing counseling regarding substance abuse.

These groups help youth make a commitment to avoid high-risk behavior, and to have a better understanding of the effects of drug abuse, as well as the importance of avoiding violence as a means of resolving conflicts.

## Youth Advisory Council

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation Crawford County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a group of young people ages 12 to 21 from Crawford County. Working with adult advisors, these youth work to improve the lives of other children in our community through the allocation of grant money. They also learn the importance of philanthropy and charitable giving – traits that will affect their lives long after they leave high school. Through this program, created by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, members learn about how to meet the specific needs of their communities, and it empowers them to make a real difference.

Students interested in becoming a YAC member should call (877) 354-6881.

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2005 Donors (from October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005)

“You may not be able to help the whole world, but you can make a difference in your own community.” – Elizabeth P. Carter

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### Individuals

<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Federal Tax Reduction</u>	<u>State Tax Reduction</u>	<u>Net Cost</u>
\$50.00	\$7.00	\$25.00	\$18.00
\$100.00	\$14.00	\$50.00	\$36.00
\$200.00	\$28.00	\$100.00	\$72.00
\$400.00	\$56.00	\$200.00	\$144.00

### Businesses

<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Single Business Tax Liability</u>	<u>State Business Tax Reduction</u>	<u>Federal Tax Reduction</u>	<u>Net Cost</u>
\$100.00	\$500.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$49.00
\$200.00	\$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$51.00	\$99.00
\$500.00	\$5,000.00	\$250.00	\$85.00	\$165.00
\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$500.00	\$170.00	\$330.00

Tax benefits may vary depending on your individual tax situation. Consult your tax advisor to determine how your contribution will affect you.

## **Briney Ethical Fund**

Established to promote ethics by sponsoring an essay contest for high school students.

## **Grayling Kiwanis Club General Fund**

Established by the Grayling Kiwanis Club for use as their board of directors may recommend.

## **Grayling Rotary Club General Fund**

Established by the Grayling Rotary Club for use as their board of directors may recommend.

## **Grayling Youth Booster Club Fund**

Used to make grants for youth activities or programs in Grayling.

## **Ward C. Taylor**

### **Memorial Endowment Fund**

Established to assist the Wellington Farm Park of Grayling with development of their programs, projects and needs.

## **Lake Margrethe Foundation Fund**

Established for projects that help preserve and protect the natural beauty of the lake and its surroundings, enhance the area's natural resources and recreational facilities, preserve and enhance the environment of Lake Margrethe and its watershed, provide educational and training programs to accomplish set goals as well as monitoring and controlling water quality.

## **Crawford County Recreation Fund**

Established to enhance, improve, and increase recreational opportunities for the residents of Crawford County. Grants will be made at the discretion of the NCMCF Board.

## **The North Central Affiliate Administrative Needs Fund**

Used for operating expenses for the North Central Michigan Community Foundation.

## **Mason Tract Cedars Fund**

Established for projects, causes, activities or persons that serve to protect, improve or increase the re-growth of Cedar trees along the Mason Tract of the AuSable River.

## **Crawford County Kellogg Youth Fund**

Used by the Crawford County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) to teach them about philanthropy and volunteerism by funding grants that benefit the youth in Crawford County.

## **Crawford County YAC Operating Fund**

Provides funds for administrative needs of the YAC students.

## **Crawford County Lakes and Rivers Fund**

Established for environmental projects benefiting the residents of Crawford County at the discretion of the NCMCF Board.

## **Crawford County Tobacco Settlement Fund**

Created when the State of Michigan won its legal battle against the tobacco industry. Grants from this fund are used for anti-smoking projects for youth and senior citizens in Crawford County.

## **Cedars for the AuSable River Program Fund**

Established for projects, causes, activities or persons that serve to protect, improve or increase the re-growth of Cedar trees along the AuSable River.

## **Upper AuSable River Preservation Association Fund**

Established for projects, causes, activities or persons that serve to protect, improve or increase appreciation for the natural environment and clean water of the Upper AuSable River.

## **Crawford/AuSable School District Scholarship Fund**

Established to provide scholarships to the graduating seniors from the Grayling High School.

## **Kirtland Community College Educational Fund**

Established to provide for the educational needs of Kirtland Community College and its students. Grants and scholarships from this fund are made at the discretion of the Advisory Committee to the Fund.

## **Crawford County Community Endowment Fund**

Used to make grants to non-profits for the benefit of the residents of Crawford County, at the discretion of the NCMCF Board.

## 2005 Grants

### **Crawford County Common Grants**

- \$1,000 to Crawford County Community Christian HELP Center to support summer lunches for attendees
- \$793.96 to Mercy Hospital Grayling to support the Emergency Department Expansion Capital Campaign

### **Tobacco Grants**

- \$1,353.30 to Kenquest House, Inc. for smoking cessation products and support group
- \$775.09 to G.R.A.C.E. Center to support a Conflict Resolution Group

### **YAC Grants**

#### **Crawford County Youth Advisory Council (YAC)**

- \$300 to C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District to support Health Occupations Students of America Competitions during the spring of 2005
- \$300 to Crawford County Library to support its Youth Empowerment program

### **Scholarships**

Grand Valley State University.....\$450  
Baker College of Auburn Hills.....\$400

**All of these grants were made possible through gifts NCMCF has received from donors who wish to make a difference in Crawford County. Since NCMCF's inception in 1997, more than \$611,800 has been awarded through 687 grants to support the community.**

## Applying for a Grant

Grants from the Community Foundation are intended for nonprofit organizations, schools, churches (for non-religious purposes), cities, townships, and other governmental units serving our geographic area with programs in fields such as education, health, human services, arts, environment, recreation and community development. Average grant awards range from \$250 to \$2,500.

When considering grants, NCMCF looks for projects that:

- Prevent community problems
- Benefit the greatest number of people
- Promote youth development
- Address emerging community needs
- Try a new approach to a persistent problem

Generally, the Foundation will not make grants for normal operating expenses of established programs, annual fundraising events, political campaigns, loans, sectarian purposes and deficit funds. Grant deadlines are as follows:

**Common Grant.....June 30, 2006**

**Youth Advisory Council.....December 31, 2005 and March 1, 2006**

**Tobacco Settlement Grants.....March 31, 2006**

**Common Grants:** Awarded to local non-profits for general programs and projects within Crawford County.

**YAC Grants:** Awarded by the Youth Advisory Council to non-profit organizations with projects that directly affect the youth of Crawford County.

**Tobacco Grants:** Awarded to anti-smoking and cessation programs for youth under the age of 18 and to senior citizens.

## Make a Gift Online

NCMCF is able to securely accept online gifts from donors. You may also call (877) 354-6881 and someone would be happy to take your gift over the telephone. Within a few days you will receive an official acknowledgment of your gift for your records. You can also make a gift by sending a check payable to NCMCF to P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707. You may indicate on the memo line of your check the fund to which you would like to contribute.



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