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Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Awards Grants to Local Programs

This year the NCMCF Youth Advisory Councils (YAC) awarded over \$11,945 to support programs in Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties which they feel address the most pressing issues facing youth in their communities.

Grants awarded during this grant cycle include \$2,250 to West Branch-Rose City Schools for the Ogemaw Heights Counseling Technology Center; \$3,500 to the City of Rose City for the Rose City Riverwalk Playground and for the Rose City-Lupton Ball Field Project; \$2,190 to the Ogemaw Hills Recreation Department for the Disc Golf Course Project; \$2,000 to Falcon Site Development for Ogemaw Heights Soccer Field Improvements; \$935 to Ogemaw County MSU Extension for the Riverwalk and Youth Garden Expansion; \$550 to Crawford AuSable School District for the Grayling High School Renaissance Program and Student News project; \$220 to Crawford County Youth Services Bureau for the Crawford County Delinquency Prevention Program; and \$300 to AuSable Valley North-East's Association of Folk for the 2011 Music and Arts Festival.

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is part of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation, which serves Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties. YAC is a group of young people who, under the guidance of adult advisors, strive to improve the lives of other children in the community through the allocation of grant money. Through this program members learn the power of philanthropy, and it empowers them to make a real difference as they award grants from the Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Endowment Funds. As the amounts in the funds grow, through income and future gifts, the amount available to grant also grows.

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