

# NCMCF News



North Central Michigan  
community foundation

## 2010 Newsletter

### NCMCF Sees Increase in Unrestricted Giving

In 2009, the North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) began a campaign to increase awareness of what gifts to unrestricted funds can do for the community.

Since the campaign began in late 2009, nearly \$5,000 in new gifts were made to the Crawford County, Ogemaw County and Oscoda County Community Needs Funds. While the number may not seem huge at first-glance, it is a significant increase over the past several years.



A \$1,000 Common Grant provided funding to Hospice of Helping Hands, Inc. for the 2010 Camp Warm Hearts. The bereavement camp provides children an opportunity to grieve and heal in a safe setting after the loss of a loved one.

based on our communities' needs as they change and evolve."

NCMCF's Common Grants are awarded annually to local nonprofits for a wide range of programs benefiting the three-county service area. Money for these grants comes from the Community Needs Funds at NCMCF, and allow the Board flexibility from year to year to address a variety of issues. As the funds grow, through new gifts and investment income, so does the amount available to grant.

"Our Board is so pleased to see that many of our current donors, as well as new ones chose to give to one of the unrestricted funds this year," said NCMCF Board President, Jerry Gosnell. "These are the funds that allow us the ability to award grants each year

### Environmental Volunteers Receive Training Through Grants

In June, HeadWaters Land Conservancy (HWLC) held their first annual Volunteer Monitor Training Day for people interested in helping the agency's conservation efforts.

With the help of three \$300 mini-grants from the Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda County Community Needs Funds, HWLC purchased supplies and materials for the training program.



HWLC Volunteers

Once their training is complete, volunteers work to monitor many conservation properties including wildlife habitats and river frontage.

### Grant Supports Kids Against Hunger in Ogemaw County

The West Branch Kiwanis Club packaged 24,000 meals for needy families in Northern Michigan communities with funding from a \$2,000 grant from the NCMCF Ogemaw County Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

The grant, awarded to Kids Against Hunger, provided funds to purchase meals for Kiwanis Club members to package. Those meals were then delivered to Northern Michigan food pantries, with an additional 10,000 meals shipped to other communities.

## NCMCF Youth Advisory Council Update

**Grants Awarded**—During the 2010 YAC grantmaking year, the NCMCF Youth Advisory Councils (YAC) awarded a total of \$9,379 in grants to programs benefiting youth in Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties. Utilizing the Kellogg Youth Funds at NCMCF, this group of young people from the NCMCF service area determine grants based on available funds, and the most pressing issues facing children in their communities.



NCMCF YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

**New YAC Advisor**—NCMCF welcomes Karen Hayes as the new advisor for the Ogemaw County YAC. Karen brings with her a year of previous experience as an advisor for the Iosco County Community Foundation. Karen is taking over the position for Linda Farmer, who served as advisor for the past four years, working with Ogemaw's YACers to involve them in philanthropy and community service. Thank you to Linda, and welcome to Karen!

**YACer Attends Conference**—Each year, the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) sponsors a conference, designed, implemented and facilitated by youth. In June, Ogemaw County YAC member Bailey McCarthy-Riley attended the 2010 Youth Philanthropy and Service Learning Camp which was held in Lansing. The conference—*Live to Give: 2 Methods, 1 Mission*—focused on learning about philanthropy through grantmaking and service learning.

## New Scholarship Funds Established

**The Irene E. Peterson Scholarship Fund** will award scholarships to students graduating from Ogemaw Heights High School to study in the fields of teaching or medicine. **The Dick and Doris Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund** will provide scholarships to eligible students graduating from Fairview, Mio, Atlanta or Hillman Schools.

## Grant Opportunities Available

Grants are available for nonprofit organizations serving Crawford, Ogemaw and/or Oscoda Counties. Applications can be found online at [www.ncmcf.org](http://www.ncmcf.org), or by calling the Community Foundation office at 877-354-6881. **Common Grant** applications are due on June 30 (funding for healthy youth and healthy seniors is also available during this cycle), and **Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grant** applications for youth programs are due December 31. (Crawford County has an additional deadline on March 30.)

## Please Support the Community Foundation

Grants from our many charitable funds, which are the heart of NCMCF's good work in our communities, are possible because of donors who care about the future of our area. Please consider a gift to the Crawford, Ogemaw, or Oscoda County Community Needs Funds, Kellogg Youth Funds, or any of NCMCF's other charitable funds. Gifts may be made online at [www.ncmcf.org](http://www.ncmcf.org), or by sending a check to NCMCF, P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707. Please be sure to write the name of the fund to which you are contributing on the memo line. There are many other ways to make a lasting impact, and the Community Foundation can help you do it. Rest assured, your gift will stay in your community to be used for the purpose you intend—forever.

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