

CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF PHILANTHROPY

It is with great pride that we share with you the 2007 Ogemaw County Annual Report of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF). We are thrilled to celebrate a year filled with community-improving grants and new funds to support our area.

NCMCF is emerging as an important asset in improving the future of our community for those who live, work, raise their families, and play here. In the three-county region served by NCMCF (Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties), over \$113,000 was awarded to support our communities during our 2007 fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2006-Sept. 30, 2007).

Here at NCMCF we believe in the power of endowment. It may sound complicated, but in reality, it's simple: we are dedicated to attracting and holding charitable funds from a wide range of donors with specific interests in helping our communities. Of the 67 funds we currently hold, 39 specifically benefit Ogemaw County. We invest these funds and each year a portion of the income is used to award grants and scholarships. The remaining investment income is returned to the endowment fund to allow it to continue growing bigger, making an impact on our communities today, and long into the future.

Our donors are the ones who make these grants possible. You are the heart of NCMCF, and because of your generosity, at the end of our 2007 fiscal year, our assets were over \$2.5 million for the first time in our history! Specifically, Ogemaw County funds totaled over \$1.4 million, with more than \$73,000 awarded in grants and scholarships this year.

We also would like to recognize our Youth Advisory Council (YAC). These young people from the NCMCF service area are truly dedicated to helping their fellow youth by awarding grant funding each year to programs specifically benefiting other children. They take the responsibility very seriously, and we are proud to have them as a part of the Community Foundation. In fact, in the coming year, NCMCF will include a YAC member as a voting member of the board.

On behalf of the NCMCF Board of Directors, staff, and entire community, thank you to our donors for helping us make a difference in our communities, and for the vision of recognizing Ogemaw County's remarkable possibilities. Together we are preparing today for the future of our communities.

Warm Regards,
NCMCF Board of Directors

NCMCF Supports Robotics Team

Each year, the Ogemaw Firebots, Ogemaw Heights High School's Robotics Team, competes in an international robotics competition.



This year, a \$1,000 common grant from NCMCF will help them with their entry fees, materials, and traveling costs.

See FIREBOTS, page 4.

LEFT—Ogemaw Firebots prepare their robot for competition.

NJROTC Members Compete

When the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) from Ogemaw Heights High School traveled to Ohio, they represented their community well.



The cadets placed second in academics and team inspection at the Area THREE Drill Meet in Ohio in spring of 2007. A \$1,500 grant from the Ogemaw County YAC provided funding for their travel expenses.

NJROTC—Ogemaw Heights' NJROTC group traveled to Ohio to compete in the Area THREE Drill Meet.

NJROTC provides cadets up to four years of training in the value of citizenship, service to the United States, and personal responsibility.

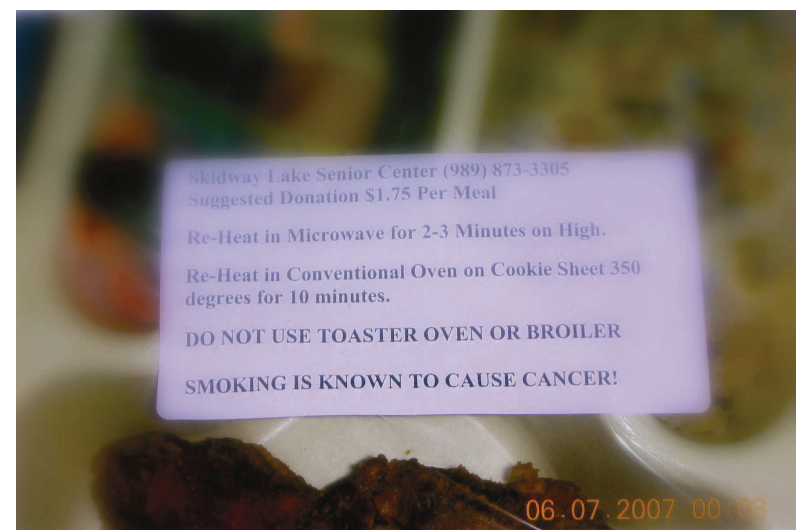


MEMBERS COMPETE—NJROTC members participate in a fitness competition at the Area THREE Drill Meet.

Along with gaining an elective credit toward graduation for each year they participate, the program also includes supervised extracurricular activities and an active community service program.

This grant was funded from the Ogemaw County Kellogg Youth Fund at NCMCF.

2007 Tobacco Grant



SMOKING ZINGERS—The Ogemaw County Commission on Aging was awarded a \$461.70 to fund a "Smoking Zingers" project. Labels displaying anti-tobacco use messages are sent out to seniors with meals from the Commission. These zingers mention the dangers of smoking, from developing cancer to a depleted checking account. Tobacco grants are awarded from the Ogemaw County Tobacco Settlement Fund at NCMCF.

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Ogemaw County NCMCF Funds

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Advised Endowment Fund
Monnie Orr Memorial Fund

Designated Funds

District Health Department #2 Fund
JL Howard Fund
St. Joseph School Endowment Fund
West Branch Regional Medical
Center Endowment Fund

Field of Interest Funds

Ogemaw County Kellogg Youth Fund
Ogemaw County Tobacco
Settlement Fund

Agency Fund

Rifle River Watershed Restoration
Committee Endowment Fund

Scholarship Funds

Sheryl Krantz Memorial Scholarship Fund
Optimist Club of West Branch
Education Fund
Reynold A. Gogarn Memorial Scholarship
Rose City Lioness/Lions Club Scholarship
West Branch High School Alumni
Scholarship Fund
West Branch Business and Professional
Women's Association Scholarship Fund
West Branch Kiwanis Club Education Fund
John "Jack" G. Thompson Scholarship Fund

ESP Scholarships

ESP Scholarship Fund
Arthur E. Short Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bernice Ruh Scholarship Fund
Chester Surline Memorial Scholarship Fund
Daniel Wilber Memorial Scholarship Fund
Edwin Shiel Memorial Fund
Griffin Beverage Scholarship Fund
Irene McMinn Scholarship Fund

Jerry Bunch Memorial Scholarship Fund

John M. Wilcox Memorial Scholarship
Fund
Maxine Calvin Memorial Scholarship
Fund
Mike Gillette Law Enforcement
Scholarship Fund
Ogemaw Heights Student Activities
Scholarship Fund
Phillip John Manina Scholarship Fund
Richard Pauley Memorial Scholarship
Richard Riling Memorial Scholarship
Rose City Medical Careers Scholarship
Steuernol and McLaren Funeral Home
Scholarship Fund
VFW Oren Fox Scholarship Fund

Unrestricted Funds

Ogemaw County Community
Endowment Fund
North Central Affiliate Administrative
Needs Fund

North Central Michigan Community Foundation Financial Summary

The following figures are for NCMCF's Ogemaw County Funds for the 2007 fiscal year, October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>Total Gifts</u>	<u>Investment Income</u>
\$1,428,150.53	\$37,585.37	\$181,602.77
<u>Total Growth</u>	<u>Grants Awarded</u>	
9.9%	\$73,490.68	

NCMCF 2007 Grants—Ogemaw County

Ogemaw County Community Endowment Fund

\$750 to West Branch-Rose City Schools—OHHS Robotics Team
 \$500 to Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Society—Archive and Artifact Preservation
 \$500 to River House Shelter—Toys for Children's Well Being
 \$374 to Kirtland Community College—Kirtland Youth Theater 07-08 Season
 \$350 to West Branch Crisis Pregnancy Center—Sexual Integrity Program Implementation
 \$150 to Sanford Brigade—Rifle River Rendezvous

Ogemaw County Kellogg Youth Fund

\$2,500 to City of Rose City—Rose City Riverwalk Playground
 \$1,478 to Ogemaw County Sheriff's Department—Big League Little League
 \$1478 to Health Occupations of America (HOSA)—HOSA State Conference
 \$1,000 to First United Methodist Church of West Branch—Summer Enrichment Program
 \$300 to Ogemaw County MSU Extension—Building Strong Families

West Branch-Rose City Schools

\$2,300 for OHHS Senior Graduation Lock-in
 \$1,500 for NJROTC Area THREE Drill Meet
 \$1,000 for OHHS Freshmen Softball
 \$300 for Imagination Association "Roots of Fiction" writing contest

Ogemaw Spendable Tobacco Settlement Fund

\$1,807 to City of Rose City—All Ages Summer Recreation Program
 \$461 to Ogemaw Commission on Aging—Smoking Zingers

JL Howard Fund

\$474—Annual gift to Hospice of Helping Hands

Reynold A. Gogarn Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$46,000 for various scholarships

Sheryl Krantz Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$1,500 (\$750 each to Theresa Janish and Erica Loomis)

ESP Scholarship Fund

\$500 to Michigan State University for Andrew Walker
 \$250 to Kirtland Community College for Evan David
 (Voss Memorial Scholarship)
 \$505 to West Branch-Rose City Schools—Greenfield Village Trip

ESP Maxine Calvin Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$500 to Central Michigan University for Cassandra McKindles

ESP Daniel Wilber Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$500 to Lake Superior State University for Dean Clark

ESP Irene McMinn Scholarship Fund

\$500 to Kirtland Community College for Sara Curcio
 \$500 to Saginaw Valley State University for Amber Schmitt

ESP Phillip John Manina Scholarship Fund

\$500 to Grand Rapids Community College for Mitchell Sapp

ESP Ogemaw Heights Student Activities Scholarship Fund

\$500 to Michigan State University for Elaine Bristol

ESP Richard Pauley Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$250 to Delta College for Alex Henry

ESP Rose City Medical Careers Scholarship

\$250 to Michigan State University for Katelin Friederichs

ESP Griffin Beverage Scholarship Fund

\$500 to Delta College for Jennifer Valley
 \$250 to Central Michigan University for Kayla Noble

ESP Richard Riling Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$300 to Kirtland Community College for Tara Mason

ESP Bernice Ruh Scholarship Fund

\$500 to University of Michigan for Jory Piglowski

ESP Arthur E. Short Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$500 to Kirtland Community College for Rob Goulette

**ESP Steuernal & McLaren Funeral Home
Scholarship Fund**

\$500 to Michigan State University for Daniel Hissock

ESP Chester Surline Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$200 to Michigan State University to Renee Wangler

ESP VFW Oren Fox Scholarship Fund

\$650 to Michigan State University (\$325 each for Holly
 Mester and Kelli Rau)
 \$325 to Hope College for Christina Johnson
 \$325 to Central Michigan University for Noelle Mester

ESP John Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$500 to Michigan State University for Renee Wangler



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Note: Although the greatest possible care has been taken in preparation of this report, NCMCF recognizes the possibility of omissions or errors. If they are noted, please accept our apologies and advise us of corrections to be made.

Applying for Grants

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation accepts grant applications throughout the year for various types of programs specific to Ogemaw County residents. All grants are awarded to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, schools, churches (for non religious purposes), and government agencies.

Common Grants

Awarded to a wide variety of charitable programs throughout Ogemaw County.

Deadline: June 30

Tobacco Grants

Awarded to projects and programs that promote tobacco cessation and/or prevention in youth under the age of 18 and senior citizens over 65.

Deadline: March 31

Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grants

YAC grants are awarded to projects and programs benefiting youth under the age of 18. These grants are considered by a group of youth from across Ogemaw County, and require a brief presentation from the applicant to the YAC.

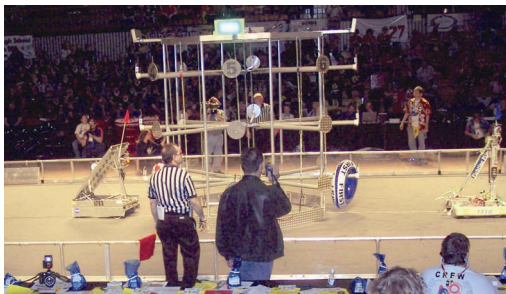
Deadline: December 31

Requested amount cannot exceed \$2,500 for YAC and Tobacco grants or \$1,000 for Common grants. See the NCMCF website for more information.

Grant applications are available online at www.ncmcf.org. Applications may either be submitted online or mailed to NCMCF.

FIREBOTS, continued from page 1

The Firebots work year-round learning about robotics and building their design, computer, graphics, and building skills.



The Firebots' robot, left, "plays" the game during the International FIRST Competition.

Then, once a year, the International FIRST Competition arrives and the team receives details about the upcoming event. They receive a parts kit and the rules to the new "game" the robots will play. The game changes each year and there are no blue prints or plans provided, so participants must learn new concepts and design criteria each year.

The team spends a frantic six weeks building their robot in preparation for the event. The team has already competed in 2006 and 2007, winning the 2006 SJ Rookie Inspiration Award. This NCMCF grant will assist them with costs for the 2008 competition.

NCMCF wishes to thank the sponsors of this year's Ogemaw County NCMCF annual report. Their continued support makes this publication possible. Thank you!



NCMCF BOARD—From left, Hugo Burzlaff, Bernie Bak, Bob Carpenter, Mark Clements, Carolyn DiPonio, Jim Howard, Dave Waltz (2006), Bill Gascoigne, and Joe Porter. Not pictured: Kent Davison, Jerry Gosnell, Elaina Murray, and Erika Van Goethem.

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Businesses should consult their professional tax advisor to determine their credit.

We Support Our Community. Won't You Support Us?

Making a gift to the North Central Michigan Community Foundation is a truly simple way to make a lasting impact on our communities. Donors may contribute to an existing fund, or start their own fund.

To make a gift to an existing fund, there are many options. The most common is a gift of cash via check or credit card. Simply make a check out to NCMCF, and indicate the fund of your choice on the memo line. Then, mail it to P.O. Box 63, West Branch, MI 48661. You may also make a gift with your credit card by visiting the online giving section at www.ncmcf.org, or by calling our office.

Donors may also establish a new fund with just \$1,000 to support the charitable cause of their choice. Please call 877-354-6881 to learn more about how the Community Foundation can help you achieve your philanthropic goals.

There are many options for giving, including cash, bequests, gifts of appreciated stock, real estate and others.

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