

2005 Annual Report



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Oscoda County

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Oscoda County YAC Supports AuSable Valley Nor-east'r Festival

The AuSable Valley Nor-east'r Association of Folk held their 2005 Music and Art Festival over the summer – an event funded in



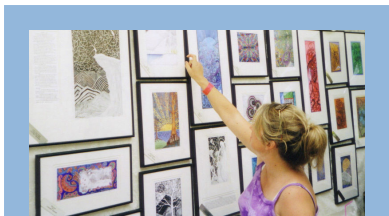
The Banjo Pickers play on the main stage at the AuSable Valley Nor-east'r Festival.

part by a \$1,075 grant from the Oscoda County Youth Advisory Council.

The festival provides education for art and music, and a venue for children to learn and appreciate folk culture. The event brings people from around the region to participate in the many activities the festival has to offer, and they are determined to enjoy it even if the weather does not want to cooperate.

“We were plagued with horrible heat, humidity and two thunderstorms, but everyone there had a great time, despite the weather,” said Elizabeth Galer, president of the Nor-east'r Association.

The grant from NCMCF's Oscoda YAC paid for several activities at the festival, including a clogging class, banjo music, folk guitar and children's music, a children's theatre, and blue grass and country music.



Guests had the opportunity to explore works of art, music and more at the Festival.

Clinton Township Receives Grant

No matter how big or small a town may be its appearance is always important to those who live there, and those who travel through it along their journey.

With the help of a \$1,000 grant from the Oscoda County Community Needs Fund of NCMCF, the Comins Streetscape will be getting a facelift of sorts. The grant was given to support funding for an underground watering system that will provide essential water to new plants along a three-block section of Comins. By the time the project is complete, the town will have new decorative sidewalks, antique streetlights, benches, trash receptacles, and planters.

Introduction

North Central Michigan Community Foundation is a public charitable organization that serves the counties of Oscoda, Crawford, and Ogemaw Counties. 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 use 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 11 funds that specifically benefit Oscoda County residents. At the end of the 2005 fiscal year on September 30, 2005, those funds had assets of nearly \$400,000. Grants and scholarships totaling \$9,475 were awarded during the year from these funds to support Oscoda County'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 Oscoda 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-Funded Project Affects 9,000 People

NCMCF received many thank-you notes from children who attended the Kirtland Youth Theatre productions at Kirtland Community College. The Oscoda County Committee of NCMCF granted awards to the program for the 2004 season, and provided an additional grant this year to support the 2005-06 Youth Theatre Season. The project, which affects over 9,000 students, staff, volunteers, and patrons, provides an opportunity to experience musical theatre, character building, dance, and literature.

This grant was used to support the programming costs of the project, which relies heavily upon funds provided by community support.



Youth Advisory Council

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation Oscoda Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a group of young people ages 12 to 21 from Oscoda 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 community, 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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Note: Although the greatest possible care has been taken in the preparation of this report, the Community Foundation recognizes the possibility of omissions or errors. If they are noted, please accept our apology and advise us of corrections to be made.

2005 Oscoda County NCMCF Grants and Scholarships

Oscoda County Community Needs Fund (Common Grants)

Clinton Township – Underground Watering System.....\$1,000
Kirtland Community College – 2005-06 Youth Theatre Season.....\$300
Community Caring, Inc. – Faith in Action Community Caregivers.....\$300

Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Fund (YAC Grants)

AuSable Valley Nor-east'r Association of Folk – 2005 Nor-east'r Music & Art Festival.....\$1,075
C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District – Health Occupation Students of America\$300

Scholarships

Alma College.....\$500
Central Michigan University.....\$500
Delta College.....\$500
Ferris State University.....\$500
Grand Valley State University.....\$500
Kirtland Community College.....\$1,000
Lansing Community College.....\$1,500
Saginaw Valley State University.....\$500
University of Michigan.....\$1,000

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

AuSable Valley Nor-east'r



One of the many activities at this year's Nor-east'r Festival was a jewelry demo (left), which taught participants how to make different kinds of necklaces, earrings, and bracelets.



A visitor to the festival participates in a basket weaving demonstration (above).

2005 Music and Art Festival

A member of Tres Gringos performs to a large crowd gathered at the Nor-east'r Festival (right), an event funded in part by the North Central Michigan Community Foundation.





Oscoda County Funds

**Oscoda County
Community Endowment Fund**
Used to make grants to non-profits for the benefit of the residents of Oscoda County, at the discretion of the NCMCF Board.

Diane Gates Memorial Fund
Created to support youth projects and causes sponsored by the MSU Extension Service of Oscoda and/or the Oscoda County Library.

**Oscoda County
Kellogg Youth Fund**
A portion of the income from this endowment fund donated by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation is used by the Oscoda County Youth Advisory Council to teach them about philanthropy and volunteerism by funding grants that benefit the youth in Oscoda County.

**Oscoda County
YAC Operating Fund**
Provides funds for administrative needs of the YAC students.

**Oscoda County
Tobacco Settlement Fund**
Created when the State of Michigan won its legal battle with the tobacco industry. Grants from this fund are used for anti-smoking projects for youth under the age of 18, and senior citizens.

**Dawson Oaks
Memorial Scholarship Fund**
Created to award scholarship to students graduating from Fairview High School.

Mabel Hager Memorial Fund
Established through a bequest to benefit the Mio United Methodist Church.

**North Central Michigan
Administrative Needs Fund**
Used for the operating expenses of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation.

Oscoda County College Fund
Provides scholarships to high school seniors from Oscoda County. Awards are made at the discretion of the Oscoda County Affiliate Board.

**Sharon Sutton
Memorial Scholarship Fund**
Established to award scholarships to students living in Oscoda County. Awards are determined by a fund representative working in conjunction with the public school system.

Whaley Steel Scholarship Fund
Provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors from Oscoda County.

Tax Advantages of Giving to NCMCF

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.

This being our first annual report, we would like to share with you some of the many organizations and programs we have supported throughout the years. Since our inception in 1997, the Oscoda County Committee of NCMCF has awarded nearly \$78,000 in grants and scholarships to support area programs and students in Oscoda County. Some of the organizations that have received support from the Oscoda County Committee include:

1999
American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan
Oscoda County

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Mio United Methodist Church
Oscoda County Public Guardian Program
Friends of Steiner's Museum
District Health Department No. 2

2002
Mio AuSable Schools
AuSable Valley Community Mental Health
American Youth Soccer Association

2003
Mio/Mentor Township Downtown Development
Fairview Schools

2004
Together We Can Food Pantry
AuSable Valley Nor-east'r Association of Folk

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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

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

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

YAC Grants: Awarded by the Youth Advisory Council to non-profit organizations with projects that directly affect the youth of Oscoda 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. 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. Within a few days you will receive an official acknowledgment of your gift for your records.



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