



Community Foundation — Connections —

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The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan is a charitable organization committed to providing people who care about the future of our area with unique and effective ways of supporting their community now, and for generations to come.

Led by a board of local leaders, we serve nine counties including Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Presque Isle, and three affiliate foundations.

Together, the Community Foundation and its donors are working to increase the permanent endowment funds of our community, which, through grants and scholarships awarded in our area, improve the quality of life for residents of northeast Michigan.



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Major Gift Builds Unrestricted Endowment Fund

The Iosco County Community Needs Fund received a big boost with a \$15,000 gift that will benefit nonprofits throughout Iosco County. Carl and Christine Huebner have been involved with the Iosco County Community Foundation (ICCF), an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, since its inception. This year they gave a \$25,000 gift to ICCF. \$10,000 went to the Huebner Scholarship Fund, and the rest to the unrestricted Iosco County Community Needs Fund.

“The Huebner’s gift is going to help Iosco County’s communities tremendously because it will increase the amount the fund can provide for grants,” said Barbara Willyard, Executive Director of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM). “All of our charitable funds make an impact in the community, but unrestricted funds give CFNEM both the resources and the flexibility to respond to community needs now and in the future.”

Every county in CFNEM’s service area has a general unrestricted fund supporting programs benefiting its residents. Donors who wish to support their communities can feel confident that their gift to these funds will be used to address the ever-changing needs of their community. Currently, CFNEM houses over 350 charitable funds. Only 20 of those—and just ten percent of CFNEM’s assets—are unrestricted funds. Willyard said she hopes to see more of these funds established, as well as additional gifts to the current ones.

“Unrestricted funds are truly one of the best vehicles for the Community Foundation to impact the areas we serve,” said Willyard.

As donors to ICCF for over ten years, the Huebners have seen the impact the Iosco County Community Needs Fund has had.

“Christine and I believe the Community Foundation is the organization best suited to ensure that our charitable gifts are used to their fullest and will benefit the greatest number of people over the years to come,” said Carl Huebner.

To learn more about the Community Foundation’s funds, please call us at 877-354-6881 or visit www.cfnem.org.



CFNEM Sponsors ACC Lecture Series

Alpena Community College is hosting a series of discussions about community development and success from a local perspective, and CFNEM is proud to sponsor two of these lectures.

Conversations: The Challenges of an American Community, a free, public series of the Russell H. and Fromilda Y. Wilson Endowed Teaching Chair Award at ACC, focuses on sustainable community development in Alpena and Northeast Michigan.

Discussions will be held every Tuesday evening at 7p.m. from January 22 through May 5 in Granum Theater on ACC’s campus.

CFNEM is proud to sponsor this opportunity to bring community members together for the betterment and strength of our communities.

For more information, contact Tim Kuehnlein at (989) 358-7310.

2008 Grant



CFNEM was a proud sponsor of the 2008 Wings Over Alpena Air Show. The Alpena Boosters Club received a \$3,000 Common Grant to support the program at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center in August 2008. It is estimated that nearly 30,000 people showed up to see the airplanes fly.

Featured Trustee



Georgene L. Hildebrand, of Alpena, has served on the CFNEM board since 2002, serving this year as Vice President.

Georgene is a volunteer for many local nonprofit organizations, and is the founder and CEO of RightPath, LLC, which provides consultation services, addresses strategic planning, management development, individual coaching and team building for businesses and agencies.

Women's Giving Circle Awards First Grants

The Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle (WGC) awarded the first grants from its endowment fund at the Community Foundation. In August, \$700 was awarded under the guidance of the WGC Grant Screening Committee to three nonprofit organizations as follows:



WGC Grant Screening Committee—standing left to right: Mary L. Lappan and Kelley Blade. Seated left to right: Jacquelyn Timm and Esther Ableidinger.

- \$310 to Shelter, Inc. for W.I.S.E. (Women Inspiring Social Empowerment)
- \$200 to Atlanta Congregational Church for the Baby Basket Personal Care Project
- \$190 to the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance for the Women's PTSD Support Group.

The WGC Committee, which awards grants from the WGC endowment fund for programs addressing issues

important to women, has also been busy promoting the fund. With the growing popularity and necessity of "going green", the WGC is distributing a limited number of purple, recycled-material bags for shopping or carrying personal items. If you are interested in one of the WGC bags, please call the Community Foundation and help us promote the Women's Giving Circle!



WGC Committee Member Lorie Pahlkotter shows off the WGC bags.

As the end-of-year giving season arrives, please consider becoming a member of the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle, or contributing to any of the Community Foundation's charitable funds.

NEMYAC Gears Up for Grantmaking

The Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC) is preparing for another year of grantmaking. Over \$64,000 was awarded in grants to youth programs in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties during the 2008 fiscal year, and NEMYAC is preparing to award grants again this year. Grant deadlines are February 1, May 1 and November 1.

NEMYAC members also supported local organizations with community service hours. Projects included the Make a Difference Day Halloween Carnival at the Boys and Girls Club of Alpena, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Maritime Festival on July 4th and Alpena County Library's Summer Book Carnival.



NEMYAC members attend the summer get-together at Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Affiliate News

Iosco County Community Foundation

Gift Supports St. Joseph Health System

Paul and Mary Jane Chevis, both long time supporters of St. Joseph Health System, have supported the hospital through gifts from their estates. The Mary Jane Chevis Endowment Fund at the Iosco County Community Foundation was one of the gifts. The fund will provide permanent funding for Tawas St. Joseph Hospital.



Paul and Mary Jane Chevis

Mr. and Mrs. Chevis owned Tawas Plating in Tawas, Mich., and both were very active in their community. They were members of Christ Episcopal Church where Mrs. Chevis also volunteered with the church's women's activities. Mr. Chevis was a member of the Wurtsmith AFB Liaison Committee, East Tawas Men's Club, and Director of Peoples State Bank. Mrs. Chevis also volunteered at St. Joseph Hospital,

contributing more than 2,000 hours to support the local health care ministry. Their generous bequest leaves a lasting legacy for health care in their communities.



YAC RAKE AND RUN—Each year Iosco County YAC volunteers to rake lawns for residents who have difficulty doing the chore themselves. YAC has also given out National Philanthropy Day Awareness Ribbons, helped clean up snowmobile trails in Iosco County, and often visit nursing homes after their meetings. ICCF YAC has a special committee that plans community service events for its members.

North Central Michigan Community Foundation

NCMCF Awards Grant to Historical Society

The Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Society received \$1,500 in funding from the Ogemaw County Community Needs Fund for an artifact and archive project. When the two-year project is completed, more than 20,000 items reflecting Ogemaw County's history will be archived at the Historical Society Museum for residents and visitors to enjoy.



The organization also used this program as an opportunity to include some educational materials in the school's

curriculum. "The Science of Historic Preservation" program and hands-on school kits were given to Surline Elementary School to get the project going.



Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Society artifacts are on display at the museum.

Straits Area Community Foundation

Grant Benefits Inland Lakes Youth

Inland Lakes Schools is working to reduce risky behavior for teenagers. With the help of a \$1,400 grant from the Straits Area Tobacco Settlement Fund, the "Helping Kids Grow Strong" program aims to help at-risk youth stay on a healthy path.

The program combines mentoring and after school programs with career and job-shadowing opportunities to lessen the incidences of teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, and smoking. Through their mentors and after school activities, 7th—10th graders will be provided with a safe environment during the evening hours, and a chance to set goals for their future beyond high school.



NEW UNIFORMS—The Mackinaw City Comets' Junior High Boys and Girls' Basketball Teams got new uniforms with the help of a Straits Area Youth Advisory Council (SAYAC) grant. Above, the boys' team shows off their new uniforms.

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St. Joseph Health System Endowment Fund

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