



# Community Foundation — Connections —

Summer 2010

## PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY, FOR GOOD, FOR EVER.

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 the counties of Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Presque Isle Counties.

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.

## Former CFNEM Director and Community Philanthropist Receives Award

Lucas Pfeiffenberger received the Community Foundation Philanthropy Award at the Governor's Service Award ceremony in Detroit on June 24. Lucas has played a leadership role in the development of community philanthropy in Alpena and the counties surrounding it, primarily through the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, for nearly 30 years



Gov. Jennifer Granholm greets Lucas Pfeiffenberger of Alpena, left and Richard Groos of Hastings, right. The two men received the Community Foundation Philanthropy Awards from Granholm in Detroit on June 24.

As a Member, Trustee, President and Executive Director until his retirement in 2000, Lucas and his wife Janet have created many funds at CFNEM to meet the needs of the community.

Lucas was instrumental in setting up CFNEM's Youth Advisory Council (YAC), a program funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to teach young people about philanthropy. While he was an active member of CFNEM, he never missed a YAC meeting and often could be seen taking a carload of high school youth to YAC meetings, summer camps and statewide meetings. *Story continues on page 4.*



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## CFNEM Awards 2010 Scholarships

For many CFNEM donors who establish funds at the Community Foundation, the importance they place on college education is often a driving factor. Because these donors chose to give back to their community this way, CFNEM was able to award nearly \$380,000 in scholarships to students from its nine-county service area.



Many 2010 CFNEM Scholarship Recipients attended an awards ceremony in June and had the chance to meet with the ones who made

On June 9th, many of CFNEM's scholarship recipients were honored at a special luncheon and awards ceremony. The gathering offered a unique opportunity for college-bound students to meet the donor or family representative of the fund that made their scholarship possible.

To learn how you can establish a scholarship fund or charitable fund to benefit educational improvement opportunities, please call us at 877-354-6881.

## NEMYAC



**LIVING LIFE ON THE LAKE—** Northeast Michigan students participated in a half-day sailing lesson through an \$800 Youth Advisory Council (YAC) grant to the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Life of the Lakes program gives kids a hands-on learning experience that fosters appreciation and education for the maritime heritage of the Great Lakes.

## Featured Trustee



**Ann Burton** is CFNEM's current Vice-President on the Board of Trustees. She has already served the Community Foundation as a trustee for eight years.

Ann is the President of Alpena Power Company, and a lifelong resident of northeast Michigan. She is currently a member of the Alpena Rotary Club, and also serves on the Alpena Regional Medical Center Development Council (on the Special Prospects Committee).

## Women's Giving Circle Grant Funds Women's Cancer Screening

With the help of a \$600 grant from the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle (WGC) Endowment Fund, many women needing routine medical exams were able to receive cancer screening tests at no cost through Alpena Regional Medical Center.

According to ARMC staff, 41 women from throughout CFNEM's four county service area received free breast and cervical cancer screening tests. Most of the women served through this grant either had no previous medical provider, or have avoided medical exams for years because they could not afford them or were putting their children's needs first. This opportunity also helped educate some women about the availability of affordable medical care through clinic providers in the program. After testing, each woman without a current medical provider signed up as a new patient through Thunder Bay Community Health Services or Alcona Health Centers.

Grants from the Women's Giving Circle are awarded through a competitive grant process to programs addressing issues important to women. Each year, a grant screening committee comprised of WGC members review and determine funding based on current needs and issues.

To learn how you can become a WGC member, please visit [www.cfnem.org](http://www.cfnem.org) and click on WGC or call 877-354-6881.

## CFNEM Enters the World of Social Media

As both business and personal social media becomes more popular each day, CFNEM has jumped into this online world. You can now find the Community Foundation on Facebook and Twitter, as well as CFNEM's Blog Spot. Please visit [www.cfnem.org](http://www.cfnem.org) for links to our social media pages, or search for "Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan". You can also visit our website to register your email address with us to receive communications such as this newsletter via email.

## CFNEM Grants Support Wide Range of Northeast Michigan Residents

Through the Community Foundation's Common, YAC and Tobacco grants, as well as scholarships and other charitable funds, CFNEM supports a very broad range of programs each year, supporting many populations throughout northeast Michigan. Here is a small, recent sample of those grants:

- \$600 grant to District Health Dept. #4 for Girls on the Run, a health and wellness program for **teen girls**.
- \$600 to NE MI Community Partnership for Power of Parenting, which brought a special speaker to educate **parents** about effective parenting skills and methods.
- \$2,000 to Friends Together for the "Keep on Dancing" regional conference for **cancer survivors**.
- \$1,000 to Art in the Loft for **art enthusiasts** to enjoy "Your Town is ARTown".
- \$500 to Third Level Crisis Intervention Center to purchase socks and underwear for **homeless and low-income teens**.
- \$1,500 to Top of Michigan Trail Council for a trail surfacing project for **outdoor lovers and tourists** to enjoy the Alpena to Cheboygan Trail.

## Affiliate News

### *Iosco County Community Foundation*

#### ICCF Board Sets Goals for Unrestricted Giving

After completing a strategic planning session earlier this year, ICCF's Board of Directors set a goal to raise \$10,000 in new gifts to the Iosco County Community Needs Fund - an unrestricted fund at the Foundation.

"Every gift received to any fund at ICCF is greatly appreciated," said Chad Brandt, ICCF Board President. "But we want to let people know what a gift to an unrestricted fund like the Community Needs Fund can do. It allows our Board flexibility to grant based on our communities' needs and issues as they change from year to year."

In 2010, the fund supported several Iosco County nonprofit organizations' projects, including FISH, Inc. of Tawas, Special Olympics and Iosco County Project Connect. Since ICCF's inception the Community Needs Fund has granted over \$20,000, all of which has been given to worthwhile community programs. As the fund grows in assets through gifts and investment income, the amount to grant will also increase.

### *North Central Michigan Community Foundation*

#### Common Grant Supports Environmental Monitoring

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. Once their training is complete, volunteers work to ensure that the values of different properties, including river frontage, wildlife habitats and forests are protected. HWLC currently holds 74 conservation properties throughout northeast Michigan, covering 8,300 acres and 27 miles of water frontage.

### *Straits Area Community Foundation*

#### SACF Grant Expands Opportunity for Art Enjoyment

While participating in arts experiences is enjoyable for everyone, an SACF Common Grant is helping with expenses for the *Arts Beyond Limits* program to expand that enjoyment to those with disabilities in the Straits Area.

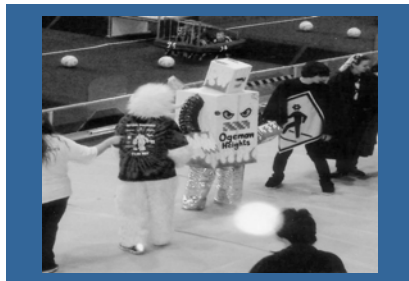
Through a \$2,000 grant to the Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Educational Service District, *Arts Beyond Limits* was presented at the Cheboygan Street Fair in July 2010. The event brought the program creator Dwayne Szot, to facilitate arts projects for people with limited movement and fine motor skills. Using specially designed tools and equipment, participants were able to paint, draw and create expressive art pieces. According to project coordinators, the benefits to participants include improved mobility skills, coordination and enhanced self-esteem.

SACF is proud to support this program, which is a collaborative effort of COP-ESD, VSA Arts of Michigan—Northeast and Straits Area Services.

### AFFILIATE YAC NEWS



**YAC MEMBERS HELP OUT WITH KIDS AGAINST HUNGER—YAC isn't just about grants. This innovative program also involves youth in community service opportunities. Above, Iosco County YAC members package over 11,000 meals for needy families in their own communities and across the U.S.**



**OGE MAW HEIGHTS ROBOTICS TEAM COMPETES—A \$2,382 NCMCF YAC grant provided funding to send the OHHS Robotics Team to the 2010 State Competition. The 11-member team spent part of their year learning and using technical skills and physics to build a robot that could compete in the games.**



**READING PROGRAM TAKES OFF—With the help of a \$300 mini-grant from the Straits Area YAC, Bishop Baraga Catholic School purchased books for use in their Battle of the Books program. Students participating in the program took part in hands-on activities and lively discussions after reading the books.**

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While Lucas retired from CFNEM, he has not retired from giving back to his community in many ways, including attending quarterly CFNEM board meetings. In his humble manner Lucas has been known to say, "It takes a team to achieve goals." The residents of northeast Michigan would respond, "Any team with Lucas as a member is sure to win!"

**New CFNEM Funds**

Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative Endowment Fund  
Samuel and Marion Briggs Lilley Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Thunder Bay Community Complex Fund  
Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Fund

**New NCMCF Funds**

Irene E. Peterson Scholarship Fund  
Dick and Doris Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund

**New ICCF Funds**

Iosco County Humane Society Fund  
Tawas Community Concert Band Endowment Fund

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