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## Straits Area Community Foundation Awards Over \$4,900 to Area Programs

The **Straits Area Community Foundation (SACF)** has awarded \$2,912 through six different grants for its 2008 Common Grant and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grant cycles.

Common Grants recently awarded by SACF from the Straits Area Community Needs Endowment Fund include:

**\$1,250 to Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG)** to support the Northeast Michigan Regional Marketing Initiative to enhance sustainable economic development in the NEMCOG service area.

**\$625 to Burt Township** to support the Burt Township Trail Feasibility Study.

**\$625 to Cheboygan County MSU Extension** to support the Expanding Horizons with GPS program through Cheboygan County 4-H.

Straits Area YAC recently awarded three grants through the Straits Area Kellogg Youth Fund:

**\$1,587 to Wolverine Community Schools** to support the Let's Go Golfing program, which will introduce elementary and high school students to golf through physical education programs.

**\$825 to Mackinaw City Schools for two grants:** \$525 will support the Reading Counts program which will encourage students to read more often. \$300 will be used to purchase new uniforms for the junior high basketball teams.

Both the Straits Area Community Needs Endowment Fund and Straits Area Kellogg Youth Fund are able to provide grants each year to nonprofit organizations in Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City working to improve the lives of current and future residents of the Straits Area. As these funds grow, through income and future gifts, the amount available to grant also grows.

*The Straits Area Community Foundation (SACF), established in 1998, has awarded more than \$215,000 in grants. SACF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.*

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