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2015: Reflecting on Gifts & Grants

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) board of directors is pleased to share our 2015 Annual Report with you. This year we sent more than \$131,000 in grants and scholarships back into the communities we serve. We also added five new endowment funds in 2015. You can find a list of all our charitable funds online at www.ncmcf.org.

The NCMCF Youth Advisory Councils (YAC) are made up of young people ages 12 to 21 from our three-county service area. In 2015, they awarded \$14,809 in grants from the Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Funds, all for the benefit of youth in our communities.

Giving Back and Spreading the Word

From leadership programs to human service and health care projects, our grants are the very heart of our work in the community. Each and every grant listed in this report is possible because of our donors. It takes the generosity of individuals to create these opportunities to support our local nonprofits and students.

We hope as you read through this 2015 Annual Report, that you feel proud of the good work taking place in North Central Michigan and appreciate all those who have made a commitment to giving back to our local communities. We encourage you to share the Annual Report with others who could benefit from knowing about our grant opportunities, or who are in a position to make a gift to NCMCF.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation. As you can read in the following pages, your generosity can make a significant difference in local communities throughout Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties.

With warmest regards and appreciation,
 NCMCF Board of Directors

The Griffin Family Legacy

Very few people can say their family's roots go back six generations in their community, but Nancy and Bob Griffin can. On both sides of the family, their ancestors' involvement in the West Branch area dates back to the 1800s. Today they run Griffin Beverage Company together, which first started serving northern Michigan in 1967 and now serves a large expanse of the state.

However, the success of their business has not stopped them from being deeply involved in their hometown. Nancy serves on the Ogemaw County Committee for North Central Michigan Community Foundation and cannot say enough about the generosity of the people in her hometown. "Small communities are wonderful, fantastically supportive. Our community does whatever needs to be done," said Griffin as she listed off many examples.



Nancy Griffin

She is particularly proud of the "wonderful fairgrounds and how the community pulled together to buy the land and make the Ogemaw County Fair one of the best in Michigan." She also notes the West Branch Wine and Art Walk, the Victorian Art Fair and the Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Society's move to the Blumenthal House, which is a local historical land mark.

As a former biology teacher, her involvement in the high school she attended (then West Branch High School) and where her two children attended (Ogemaw Heights High School) and the Educational Support Partnership (ESP) is very important to her. ESP serves as an umbrella for more than 30 scholarship funds that help students from Ogemaw County attend college.

To commemorate West Branch High School, which merged with Rose City High School in 1968 to become Ogemaw Heights High School, she and a former classmate, Ron Schneider, helped create an endowment fund in 2006. With support from past graduates of West Branch High School, the endowment fund exceeded \$100,000 in 2015 - quite an impressive accomplishment. The endowment and its annual scholarship awards are a wonderful way for people to remember their alma mater and pay it forward to future generations. To date, 31 scholarships for \$500 have been awarded. As the endowment fund continues to grow, forever, future generations will continue to benefit.

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(January 1 through December 31, 2015)

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GRANT DEADLINES

Community Impact Grant Deadline: June 30

For general grants and charitable projects serving residents of the counties of Crawford, Ogemaw and/or Oscoda. Special funding is also available during this grant cycle for projects that benefit the health of youth or senior citizens. Additional funding also is available for Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties for healthcare-related programs.

Youth Advisory Council Grant Deadline: December 15

For programs specifically benefiting youth in Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties.



"The results of philanthropy are always beyond calculation."

Miriam Beard

North Central Michigan Community Foundation Financial Summary

(January 1 through December 31, 2015)

TOTAL ASSETS

\$3,600,405

TOTAL GIFTS

\$867,173

GRANTS AWARDED

\$131,430

2015 Grant Awards

Crawford AuSable School District Scholarship Fund		Reynold A. Gogarn Memorial Scholarship Fund		ESP VFW Oren Fox Scholarship Fund	
Northwood University	\$300	Alma College	\$2,124	Baker College – Cadillac	\$500
Cedars for the AuSable River Program Fund		Aquinas College	\$2,124	Central Michigan University	\$500
Cedars for the AuSable	\$1,497	Central Michigan University	\$2,124	Saginaw Valley State University	\$500
Mason Tract Cedars Fund	\$1,500	Ferris State University	\$2,124		
G. Jerome Kessler Memorial Scholarship Fund		Kirtland Community College	\$2,124	Willard & Irvadene Wangler Scholarship Fund	
Saginaw Valley State University	\$1,000	Lake Superior State University	\$2,124	Lansing Community College	\$500
Crawford County Community Endowment Fund		Madonna University	\$2,124	Saginaw Valley State University	\$500
AuSable Free Clinic, Inc.	\$289	Michigan State University	\$2,124		
Boy Scouts of America Michigan Crossroad	\$1,000	Saginaw Valley State University	\$2,124	West Branch High School Alumni Endowment Fund	
Crawford AuSable Day Care, Inc.	\$1,000	University of Michigan	\$2,124	Alma College	\$500
Crawford County Kellogg Youth Fund		Western Michigan University	\$2,124	Kirtland Community College	\$500
Grayling Elementary School	\$435	ESP Irene McMinn Scholarship Fund		Lake Superior State University	\$500
Learning to Give	\$166	Central Michigan University	\$500	Michigan State University	\$1,500
Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center	\$1,000	Oakland University	\$500	Oakland Community College	\$500
Loretta Sorenson Kessler Memorial Scholarship Fund		Ogemaw County Kellogg Youth Fund		Western Michigan University	\$500
Western Michigan University	\$1,000	Educational Support Partnership Foundation	\$1,500	Drs. Chris & Mary Chrysler West Branch Family Dentistry Fund	
Lake Margrethe Foundation Fund		Kids Advancing Hope Coalition	\$1,792	Central Michigan University	\$800
Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association	\$8,963	Learning to Give	\$167	Oscoda County College Fund	
Mason Tract Cedars Fund		Life Choices Resource Center	\$1,146	Alpena Community College	\$1,500
Cedars for the AuSable Fund	\$500	Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center	\$2,500	Central Michigan University	\$1,000
River House Agency Fund		Ogemaw Kids Club	\$2,000	Ferris State University	\$500
River House, Inc.	\$8,827	West Branch-Rose City Schools	\$1,250	Grand Valley State University	\$500
Crawford Spendable Tobacco Settlement Fund		West Branch-Rose City Schools	\$1,386	Hope College	\$500
AuSable Free Clinic, Inc.	\$711	West Branch Kiwanis Club Education Fund		Kirtland Community College	\$500
Ward C. Taylor Memorial Endowment Fund		Saginaw Valley State University	\$1,000	Northern Michigan University	\$500
Wellington Farm Park, Inc.	\$113	University of Michigan	\$1,000	Spring Arbor University	\$500
Upper Manistee River Cedar Restoration Project Fund		Sheryl Krantz Memorial Scholarship Fund		Oscoda County Community Endowment Fund	
Cedars for the AuSable	\$567	Western Michigan University	\$1,000	Boy Scouts of America MI Crossroads Council	\$1,000
Upper Manistee River Association	\$1,328	ESP Ogemaw Heights Student Activities Scholarship Fund		His Love Family Resources	\$1,000
Kirtland Community College Educational Fund		Eastern Michigan University	\$500	Mabel Hager Memorial Fund	
Kirtland Community College	\$4,062	Marygrove College	\$500	Mio United Methodist Church	\$10,000
Crystal Bohlinger Memorial Scholarship Fund		Optimist Club of West Branch Education Fund		Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Fund	
Alma College	\$500	Michigan Technological University	\$1,500	Economic Development Alliance for Oscoda County	\$300
ESP Jerry Bunch Memorial Scholarship		University of Michigan	\$1,500	Learning to Give	\$167
Ferris State University	\$500	ESP Richard Pauley Memorial Scholarship Fund		Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center	\$1,000
ESP Maxine Calvin Memorial Scholarship Fund		Michigan State University	\$500	St. Mary Church/Our Lady of the Woods Shrine Scholarship Fund	
Eastern Michigan University	\$500	Irene E. Peterson Scholarship Fund		Alma College	\$400
Cindy Short Memorial Scholarship Fund		Kirtland Community College	\$700	Lake Superior State University	\$200
Aquinas College	\$500	Saginaw Valley State University	\$700	Northern Michigan University	\$200
ESP Daniel Wilber Memorial Scholarship Fund		Griffin Beverage Scholarship Fund		Saginaw Valley State University	\$200
Grand Valley State University	\$1,000	Central Michigan University	\$500	University of Detroit Mercy	\$200
Michigan State University	\$500	Kirtland Community College	\$500	Western Michigan University	\$200
ESP Edwin Shiel Memorial Fund		Lawrence Technological University	\$500	Dick & Doris Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund	
Educational Support Partnership Foundation	\$400	ESP Richard Riling Memorial Scholarship Fund		Cedarville University	\$600
ESP Scholarship Fund		Northeast Iowa Community College	\$350	Delta College	\$600
Ferris State University	\$500	ESP Bernice Ruh Scholarship Fund		Ferris State University	\$600
Kirtland Community College	\$1,000	Ferris State University	\$1,000	Kirtland Community College	\$600
Oakland University	\$500	ESP Arthur E. Short Memorial Scholarship Fund		Michigan State University	\$600
West Branch - Rose City Schools	\$1,150	Kirtland Community College	\$500	Northern Michigan University	\$600
Craig Funsch Memorial Scholarship Fund-Ogemaw Heights		Ogemaw Spendable Tobacco Settlement Fund		Saginaw Valley State University	\$600
Marygrove College	\$500	Northern Transformation Corporation	\$1,000	Oscoda Spendable Tobacco Settlement Fund	
Ogemaw County Community Endowment Fund		ESP Steuernal & McLaren Funeral Home Scholarship Fund		AuSable Free Clinic, Inc.	\$1,000
Boy Scouts of America MI Crossroads Council	\$1,000	Delta College	\$500	Sharon Sutton Memorial Scholarship Fund	
First United Methodist Church of West Branch	\$1,000	John "Jack" G. Thompson Scholarship Fund		Grand Valley State University	\$1,000
Ogemaw Kids Club	\$1,000	Eastern Michigan University	\$400	Whaley Steel Scholarship Fund	
				Calvin College	\$500
				Central Michigan University	\$500
				Ferris State University	\$500
				Grand Valley State University	\$500
				Kirtland Community College	\$500