



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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A Message from the Board of Directors

Most of us are passionate about something. Our family, our home, our community, a hobby, our work. Often times, our passions extend beyond ourselves, if we let them.

The past 20 years for the Iosco County Community Foundation (ICCF) are filled with stories of passion and deep-rooted caring for our community, all of which led to incredible generosity. The result of that generosity is the many grants you see in this 2017 Annual Report.

As we look to the future of Iosco County, we are honored to be able to share stories of those making a difference in our communities, and to celebrate what your generous donations have helped to accomplish in Iosco County.

With warmest regards and appreciation,
ICCF Board of Directors

Unique Fund Opens the Curtain for Youth in Theater

"Approach every day as an adventure." Diana Smith lived by those words, and hoped that others in her life - adults and children alike - would live by them, too. Born with cystic fibrosis, and having had a bilateral lung transplant, Diana was determined never to let her obstacles get in the way of what she wanted to do.



Diana and her father perform together onstage.

When Diana's adventure was cut short in June 2016 at the young age of 33, her passion for theater and her zest for life had her friends at Oscoda's Shoreline Players searching for a tribute that would both honor their friend and inspire a love of theater in the community she called home.

"The theater had become a home away from home for Diana, and the people a second family," said Shoreline Players President, Susan Miller. "What better way to continue her legacy than to ensure the kids - her kids - would continue to grow and learn."

Diana was a Shoreline Players member for over ten years, and directed the Shoreline Players Youth Drama Association (SPYDA) for five years. Miller says it was Diana's involvement with SPYDA that really sparked the idea to pay tribute to Diana through the theater, because keeping the youth group active and available to all who want to participate was so important to her.

While a scholarship fund is often the first idea that comes to mind when honoring a loved one, Miller says the Players felt there had to be a way to pay tribute to Diana that would truly impact the lives of her community's children.

"In early 2017, the Diana Smith Youth Theater Fund was created to support Diana's work with kids," said Miller. "This fund will allow for the youth of our community to continue to participate in SPYDA and other theater programs for years to come."

See the full story online at www.iccf-online.org.

Aileen Elliott Named 2017 Philanthropist of the Year



ICCF aims each year to honor an unsung hero who makes an impact in Iosco County through their time, talents and charitable contributions. In 2017 we honored Tawas City resident Aileen Elliott as our Philanthropist of the Year.

Mrs. Elliott has been involved with Quota International of Iosco County, which aims to empower women, children, deaf, hard of hearing, and people with speech impairments. She has been an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church since moving to Iosco County in 1954 with her late husband Bob, and she volunteers and contributes in many different church activities. She also still actively volunteers her time with FISH, Inc. and St. Joseph Health System, as well as organizing some activities for the residents of Tawas Village, where she resides.

A Very Special Thank You to Our Donors

(January 1 through December 31, 2017)

On behalf of the many community organizations and students that benefit from your generosity, the ICCF Board of Directors and staff thank you! Your commitment to giving will continue to benefit our local communities for generations to come.

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Iosco County Community Foundation Financial Summary

(January 1 through December 31, 2017)

TOTAL ASSETS

\$5,577,762

TOTAL GIFTS

\$329,259

GRANTS AWARDED

\$185,517

2017 Grant Awards

Iosco County Community Improvement Grants

Iosco County Community Improvement Fund

AuSable Valley Audubon Society	\$300
<i>Kirtland Warbler Tours</i>	
Boy Scouts of America Michigan	
Crossroads Council	\$150
<i>Blast into Scouting</i>	
H2O Helping 2 Overcome	\$2,560
<i>Call of the Wild Child</i>	
<i>Wilderness Challenge</i>	
Heritage Coast Sailing and	
Rowing, Inc.	\$1,810
<i>Heritage Coast Sail Days Historical Signs</i>	
Iosco County Coats for Kids	\$500
<i>Warm Hands</i>	
Oscoda Area First Responders	\$300
<i>Generator Upgrade</i>	

Iosco County Arts & Humanities Fund

Heritage Coast Sailing and	
Rowing, Inc.	\$190
<i>Heritage Coast Sail Days Historical Signs</i>	

ICCF Tobacco Settlement Fund

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan	\$2,550
<i>Senior Box Program</i>	

Iosco County Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grants

Iosco County Kellogg Youth Fund

H2O Helping 2 Overcome	\$1,500
<i>H2O Phase Two</i>	
Hale United Methodist Church	\$700
<i>Heaven's Angels Violins</i>	
Iosco County Coats for Kids	\$854
<i>Coats for FISH Gift House</i>	
Muscular Dystrophy Assn.	\$200
<i>MDA Summer Camp 2017</i>	
Northern Michigan Children's	
Assessment Center	\$2,000
<i>Iosco Children's Advocacy Center</i>	
Oscoda Area Schools	\$1,200
<i>Full Access to Healthy Choices</i>	
<i>Video Equipment for Video Production</i>	
Shoreline Players	\$250
<i>Shoreline Players Youth Drama Assn.</i>	
WE Players, Inc. (Witz End)	\$1,800
<i>Start-Up Funds</i>	
Whittemore-Prescott Area	
Schools	\$1,850
<i>WPHS Robotics</i>	
<i>Whittemore-Prescott Smiles Program</i>	

Jerry and Marge Cotter Fund

Annual Grant to Iosco County	
Community Improvement Fund	\$100

George E. & Dorothy M. Green Scholarship Fund

Central Michigan University	\$2,000
Clair County Community College	\$1,500
Ferris State University	\$500
Grand Valley State University	\$2,500
Oakland University	\$1,000

William and Marcia Hopcroft Memorial Fund

Annual Grant to Iosco County	
Community Improvement Fund	\$839

Thomas B. & Nancy E. Huck Charitable Gift Fund

Hale Education Foundation	\$500
Iosco Exploration Trail Fund	\$1,000

Carl & Christine Huebner Scholarship Fund

Central Michigan University	\$1,500
University of Michigan	\$1,500
Western Michigan University	\$1,500

Joseph Barkman Scholarship Fund

Alpena Community College	\$750
Central Michigan University	\$1,500
Grand Valley State University	\$500
Northwood University	\$500

Hale Education Fund

Delta College	\$1,600
Central Michigan University	\$1,000
Kirtland Community College	\$1,400
University of Michigan	\$1,500

Tawas Education Foundation Barkman Fund

Tawas Area Education	
Foundation	\$4,000

Tawas Education Foundation Coyle Fund

Adrian College	\$2,000
Central Michigan University	\$2,000
Grand Valley State University	\$3,000
Michigan State University	\$500
Oakland University	\$1,000
Saginaw Valley State University	\$500
University of Michigan	\$5,000
Western Michigan University	\$2,000

Tawas Education Foundation General Fund

Michigan State University	\$1,000
Tawas Area Education Fnd.	\$15,994

Tawas Education Foundation Jensen Fund

Central Michigan University	\$500
Delta College	\$500
Saginaw Valley State University	\$500
University of Michigan	\$1,000

St. Joseph Educational Foundation Fund

Holy Family School	\$9,440
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Marie Samuelson Scholarship Fund

Central Michigan University	\$1,000
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Sheppard Fund

Lake Louise United	
Methodist Camp	\$3,000

Tawas Community Concert Band Endowment Fund

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp	\$500
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Tawas Football Alumni Assoc. Fund

Alumni of Tawas Football	
Association	\$5,000
Adrian College	\$1,000
Michigan State University	\$1,000
University of Michigan	\$1,000

Michael Wentworth Scholarship Fund

College for Creative Studies	\$37,000
Ferris State University	\$42,930
Interlochen Center for the Arts	\$2,250

New Funds Established in 2017

Tawas Area Education Foundation Clifford R. Lonsbury Fund

This endowed fund was established for the educational needs of graduating seniors from Tawas Area High School.

Diana Smith Youth Theater Fund

This endowed fund will support the Shoreline Players Youth Drama Association's programs.

Whittemore-Prescott Education Foundation Fund

This endowed fund will provide grants for projects and programs that enhance the educational experience of students at Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools.