



Community Foundation for
NORTHEAST MICHIGAN
A Commemorative Publication

Celebrating five decades of growing,
granting and giving

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CFNEM staff (left to right): Christine Hitch, Denise McKenna, Patrick Heraghty, Jennifer Dingman, and DeeAnn Karos

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Top, left to right: Community Foundation Executive Director Betty Connolly at work (1992); Lucas Pfeifferberger stays busy during the office move (1996); St. Ignatius "Iggy's Camp" grant (1996); CFNEM Trustee Chuck Wiesen helps move CFNEM's offices (1996).

Message from the President and Executive Director

Milestones are such wonderful opportunities to celebrate, aren't they? For the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, our 50th anniversary offers us the opportunity to reflect upon where we have been as a community foundation, celebrate where we are right now, and imagine the promising future that lies ahead.

In truth, for a community foundation, 50 is young! In fact, the first community foundation ever established in the United States – the Cleveland Foundation – celebrates their 110th anniversary this year. As we reflect upon our last 50 years, we have seen our grants go from getting computers into the hands of nonprofits for the first time in the 1980s, to helping get tablets into the hands of all students in the 2010s. We have seen the nonprofits we support grow from small organizations to powerhouse nonprofits that are now pillars of our community. And we have seen the Foundation address our communities' needs as they change and evolve. It is a near-guarantee that the story of the next 50 years will look similar, but with support for issues we likely can only imagine right now.

Today, we celebrate this 50th anniversary, not only to honor what CFNEM has accomplished since 1974, but also to recognize those who made those decades happen. Every donor who has ever given a donation to the Foundation has been part of our history and our successes. Our history reflects our communities in a wonderful way: Our Foundation was largely built on donations of \$100 or less. As we have grown over the years we have seen many significant donations and legacy gifts that have boosted that growth as well, but we are proud that northeast Michigan has such generous communities that give what they can. It all adds up, and it is all part of our story. To each and every donor, we thank you for being part of that story.

We hope you enjoy this special 50th anniversary commemorative publication where you will find snapshots and “golden moments” of our past, key partnerships that have helped create success, and words from past Presidents.

Cheers to the past and well wishes for the Foundation's next 50 years!



Patrick Heraghty
Executive Director



Katie Young-Engstrom
2023 President

A Five-Decade Snapshot



\$55.68 Million
awarded in grants and scholarships
since 1974



\$89.61 Million
received in donations from
community members, businesses,
and organizations



560
funds established and being managed
by the Community Foundation

Alpena Area Community Foundation 1980 Board of Trustees; CFNEM staff and the first Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council in 1995; members of the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle prepare a float for the 2008 Holiday Parade in Alpena.

July 3, 1974 - The Alpena Area Community Foundation is officially established.

1974

1993

1993 - Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is established, opening the world of grantmaking to local youth.

1997 - CFNEM's Affiliate Foundations are established, extending our service area.

1997

1998

1998 - Special funds for youth and senior health are created at CFNEM.

2005 - CFNEM receives its first \$1 million+ bequest from Dee Brown Perry.

2005

2006

2006 - The Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle is established to support issues important to women.

2013 - CFNEM relocates to new offices on the corner of Washington and Ripley in Alpena.

2013

2015

2015 - The Foundation's first Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan event is offered for local nonprofits to take part in the global movement.

2019 - CFNEM joins the Lake Huron Forever Initiative with other shoreline community foundations to protect our shared Lake Huron waters.

2019

2020

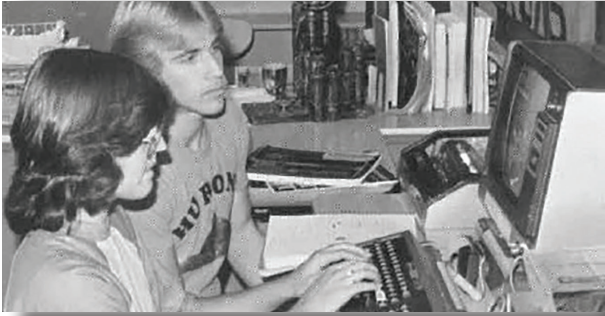
2020 - CFNEM takes the lead on gathering nonprofit partners to help northeast Michiganders "be counted" in the 2020 U.S. Census.

2020 - 2021 - In local response to the global coronavirus pandemic, CFNEM creates the Urgent Needs Fund.

2020-21

2024

2024 - CFNEM celebrates the Big 5-0! After 50 years, the Foundation holds assets of \$75 million and has awarded more than \$55 million in grants and scholarships.



Top left: Alpena Area Community Foundation partners with United Way in 1980, sharing office space for a time; Right: Alpena Area Community Foundation awards a grant to plant trees in Downtown Alpena; Bottom left: Rogers City Area Schools receives a Community Impact Grant in 1981 to purchase a new computer.

50 YEARS OF GROWING



"From the time I became aware of the Community Foundation I quickly understood how important it is to our community. Our Community Foundation is always there to provide the needed funds through the endowments it manages. These endowments are so powerful, and over time will grant funds that exceed the deposits into these funds. This is what makes endowments so amazing."

Steve Wilson
(2001 President)



Top, left to right: Lucas Pfeifferberger and Barbara Frantz at the old office (1996); CFNEM scholarship recipients and committee members (1997); Kellogg Challenge Grant celebration in Battle Creek (1999); CFNEM Board of Trustees (1999); Youth Advisory Council members at a Northern Lights Arena grant visit (2002); Straits Area YAC (2002); The first Women's Giving Circle grants committee (2007).



Top, left to right: Youth Advisory Council members volunteer as bell ringers for the Salvation Army (2015); Executive Director Barbara Frantz celebrates her retirement (2017); Leadership Learning Lab "graduates" (2018); Scholarship recipients celebrate after an awards luncheon (2018); CFNEM Trustees meet at a gathering of current and former trustees (2018); NCMCF's Oscoda County YAC hosts speaker Brian Pruitt at Mio and Fairview Schools (2018); YAC member and CFNEM Youth Trustee Jenna Peterson introduces Governor Whitmer at the Council of Michigan Foundations Annual Conference (2019).

A Little Help from Our Friends

The Community Foundation is incredibly fortunate to have a permanent endowment that supports the administrative and operating costs of our work. For that security, we extend our gratitude to the Besser Foundation, which supported CFNEM administratively even before our official establishment as an organization, establishing our administrative fund, now known as The Compass Point Fund. The Besser Foundation also gave a gift of \$1 million to have the Community Foundation administer their scholarship program. They continue to be an important partner for CFNEM in many ways. Our Foundation would not be the healthy, growing community institution it is today without this incredible support from the Besser Foundation.



Learning to Give at a Young Age

Introduced in 1993, our Youth Advisory Councils (YAC) are a shining star among the Foundation's programs. As our young people learn about the important role charitable giving and grantmaking have in our communities, the YAC program is fostering new generations of philanthropists.

The YAC programs were established through a 2:1 matching grant opportunity offered by the Kellogg Foundation with the stipulation that funds raised must be endowed at a community foundation, and that grants awarded from the funds must be recommended by youth. This initiative led to the creation of YACs all across Michigan, the first in our region being our Northeast Michigan YAC, which serves Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle Counties. Since our YACs were established, these youth committees have awarded more than \$2.5 million to youth programs throughout the region.



Top: Jim Park stands with a recipient of the Jesse Besser Scholarship Fund;
Bottom: Youth Advisory Council members from across northeast Michigan
gather in Alpena for a regional training for youth grantmakers.



Members of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council review grant applications (2009)

Expanding Our Service Area

In 1997, the opportunity for matching funds was offered by the Kellogg Foundation again. Community members dedicated to securing those funds for their regions helped raise money to meet the matching requirements, establishing Kellogg Youth Funds, and a new community foundation to serve their area. These new foundations became affiliates of CFNEM, expanding our service area from four to nine counties. The new Affiliate Foundations were Iosco County Community Foundation (ICCF), North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF), and Straits Area Community Foundation (SACF). Each is represented with its own board of local leaders that help to actively promote their respective Affiliate Foundation, and each has representation on the CFNEM Board of Trustees.

**Fun Fact:* NCMCF originally included Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Iosco, and Roscommon Counties. Iosco County separated in 1999 becoming the Iosco County Community Foundation and remains an affiliate foundation of CFNEM. Roscommon County separated from NCMCF in 1999 becoming independent as the Roscommon County Community Foundation (RCCF). CFNEM continues to have a strong partnership with RCCF through other regional initiatives.



Top to bottom: Iosco County Community Foundation Board Members honor Aileen Elliott as Iosco County Philanthropist of the Year (2017); The North Central Michigan Community Foundation is awarded the "Visionary Award" by the West Branch Area Chamber of Commerce (2019); Straits Area Community Foundation Board Members host a "Business After Hours" event with the Mackinaw City Area Chamber of Commerce (2019).

A Milestone Bequest from a Generous Individual

In September of 2005, the Community Foundation received a bequest from the estate of Dee Brown Perry. At \$1.5 million, Ms. Perry's donation was the largest planned gift received by the Community Foundation at the time. Her wishes were that her donation be used to support students from Alcona Community Schools with their education. The first scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors of the Class of 2006. Since those first awards, the Dee Brown Perry Scholarship has provided more than \$1.1 million in scholarships to Alcona students to support their college education. It won't be long before the amount awarded exceeds Ms. Perry's original gift!



2016 CFNEM Scholarship Recipients

Elevating Women's Philanthropy

A true golden moment (with a hint of purple) was in 2006 when the Community Foundation established the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle (WGC). CFNEM staff members Julie Wiesen and Christine Hitch worked together to create an outline for a permanently endowed fund that would inspire philanthropy and support issues important to the women of northeast Michigan. The framework and passion were in place, but the funds were needed. When an unrestricted gift arrived through a bequest from the Estate of Betty Krueger (1993 CFNEM President), the CFNEM Board of Trustees voted to use the gift to officially establish the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle Fund. Since then, more than 450 women and men have supported the fund as members of the WGC increasing its assets to over \$1 million. One of the most unique things

One of the more exciting things for me to see during my time on the board was the establishment of the Women's Giving Circle, which gives women the opportunity to channel money into projects they find important to them. Personally, I am proud my wife Diane was one of the original contributors to the fund right after it was established.

-Bill Speer (CFNEM President, 2010)

Grants from the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle often support STEM projects and confidence-building programs geared toward girls and young women, like this one through Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore.



about this fund is that the WGC members take part in the grantmaking process each year, with ten members serving on a grant screening committee and deciding which nonprofits and programs will benefit from the WGC's grants. In the first 17 years of grantmaking, the WGC has awarded more than \$250,000 in grants.

Northeast Michigan
Women's Giving Circle



The 2018 NE MI Women's Giving Circle Grant Screening Committee; A WGC grant helps put hygiene products, diapers, and wipes into people's hands at Presque Isle County Project Connect (2022).

CFNEM Makes a Big Move

2013 marked a big move for the Community Foundation when the offices were relocated from a small suite in the former Alpena Power Company Building on Water Street in downtown Alpena. (That building is completely gone now.) The move to our new location at the intersection of Ripley Boulevard and Washington Avenue in Alpena gave the Community Foundation more office space and two conference rooms that are often utilized at no cost to nonprofits. It also made CFNEM much more visible in the community.

I am most prideful of the Foundation's rise from a small office in the old Alpena Power Building to its present location. Not because of the physical move necessarily, but the move represented the success of the Foundation's efforts to become a more significant partner and have a greater impact in the communities we serve.

**-Tom Sobeck
(CFNEM President, 2015)**



Photo: The Foundation moved to the corner of Washington Avenue and Ripley Boulevard in 2013. CFNEM Board of Trustees meets in CFNEM's new conference room, which is also open to nonprofits.

24 Hours and Thousands of Big Hearts

Giving Tuesday began globally in 2012 with the simple idea of having a day dedicated to doing good. Three years later, the Community Foundation launched its first Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan campaign. That first year, 30 nonprofits participated in the Foundation's event raising \$30,000. Much like the global movement, the Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan success grew exponentially raising as much as \$365,000 in 24 hours in 2021. Overall, the Community Foundation has helped donors support local nonprofits with more than \$1.8 million in the first nine years of hosting the online giving event.

CFNEM hosts Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan free-of-charge to nonprofits and provides marketing materials and communications support to help them get the most out of their Giving Tuesday participation.

After Thanksgiving comes the popular shopping days of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. When that is all done, Giving Tuesday is the day that inspires collective giving, volunteerism, and community support locally, and across the nation.



Top to bottom: Kids at the Boys and Girls Club of Alpena include the Golden Goose in their arts and crafts fun after raising the most funds on Giving Tuesday (2021); City of Alpena employees support Friends Together on Giving Tuesday (2022); Patrick Heraghty and Christine Hitch present the Golden Goose to Christine Witulski for Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan (2022).





A Golden Goose is Born

In 2017, the Community Foundation introduced Grant the Giving Tuesday Golden Goose to our region. This gorgeous gander was dreamed up by CFNEM's staff and brought to life as the Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan mascot and greatly coveted grand prize.

Each year the Golden Goose is awarded to the nonprofit who raises the most in donations through the Foundation's Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan campaign. In his inaugural year, Grant was won by CFNEM's own Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle. Since 2017 he has been won by Thunder Bay Theatre (*right*), Second Chance Animal Shelter, Alpena Community College Foundation, Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan, and twice by the Boys and Girls Club of Alpena.



**More than \$1.8 million
raised for local nonprofits
since 2015**



Strengthening our Regional Leaders

2018 kicked off with capacity building as a Community Foundation priority. That year, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan partnered with the Otsego County Community Foundation and Roscommon County Community Foundation to bring an eight-month Leadership Learning Lab to nonprofit emerging leaders. Since the first cohort in 2018, there has been a Leadership Learning Lab session each year, allowing

more than 50 nonprofit leaders to expand their knowledge base and skills, and lead their organizations with increased effectiveness. As part of our capacity building efforts, CFNEM also partnered with our neighboring community foundations, The Frey Foundation, and Rotary Charities to bring special training courses for board members, staff, and volunteers that included topics like storytelling on a small budget, social media for nonprofits, and the basics of being an effective board member.

Making Sure Northeast Michigan Counts

Much before 2020 it was already known that getting an accurate count of northeast Michigan residents for the 2020 U.S. Census had its obstacles. In 2019 the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan stepped up as a regional leader for the Michigan Nonprofit Association's "Be Counted" campaign to give northeast Michigan the best chance of a complete and accurate count for the 2020 Census. Doing so affects a decade of federal funding allotments. CFNEM worked closely with regional nonprofits and provided grants to support projects that would promote, encourage, and facilitate participation in the 2020 Census.



BE COUNTED
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Helping Our Neighbors

2020 was the start of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Our nonprofits saw an immediate increased need for helping people get food on the table, keep the lights on in their homes, and be able to get to work. Local hospitals found a new need for tablets to help patients and families stay connected, and nonprofits suddenly found themselves needing to update technology and get personal protection equipment to keep their services moving safely and efficiently.

The Foundation established the Urgent Needs Fund in April of 2020 with \$40,000, immediately receiving a \$40,000 matching donation from the DTE Foundation. Donations rolled in from community members across northeast Michigan, and CFNEM quickly got to the work of getting those funds into the hands of local nonprofits. The last grants from the Urgent Needs Fund were made in November of 2022, bringing the two-year-plus total to \$174,910.

"Getting those hand sanitizers, wipes and masks allowed us to ensure a safe continuation of our School Success program, keeping our staff, students and families safe."

-Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA)

"People would show up early to get food they needed, with lines snaking blocks through town before the food giveaway even began."

-Rogers City Area Seniors

"Thank you for helping us purchase tablets for inpatients. This communication tool for our patients was extremely important to their healing and well-being, and to stopping the spread of COVID-19."

-Ascension St. Joseph Hospital



"The Community Foundation stepped forward in an unprecedented way at the onset and throughout the time that COVID-19 was hitting our Northeast Michigan communities. The Foundation provided increased support for services such as healthcare, schools, food pantries and other essential needs during this time of increased need."

-Scott McLennan (2020 President)

Lake Huron Forever & Huron Pines

The Lake Huron Forever initiative was developed in 2019 to advance water quality protection and healthy, sustainable communities on both sides of the lake. This bi-national effort includes Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, Bay Area Community Foundation, Community Foundation Grey Bruce, Huron Pines, Michigan Department of Environment - Great Lakes and Energy, The Conservation Fund, The Sustainability Project, and the Lake Huron Coastal Centre.

Together, we are working with our shoreline communities to protect water quality, ensure the diversity of plant and animal life, and support long-term protection projects of Lake Huron - all in support of our shared Lake Huron Waters. The first grant awarded by the initiative was for the creation of a rooftop rain garden at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena.

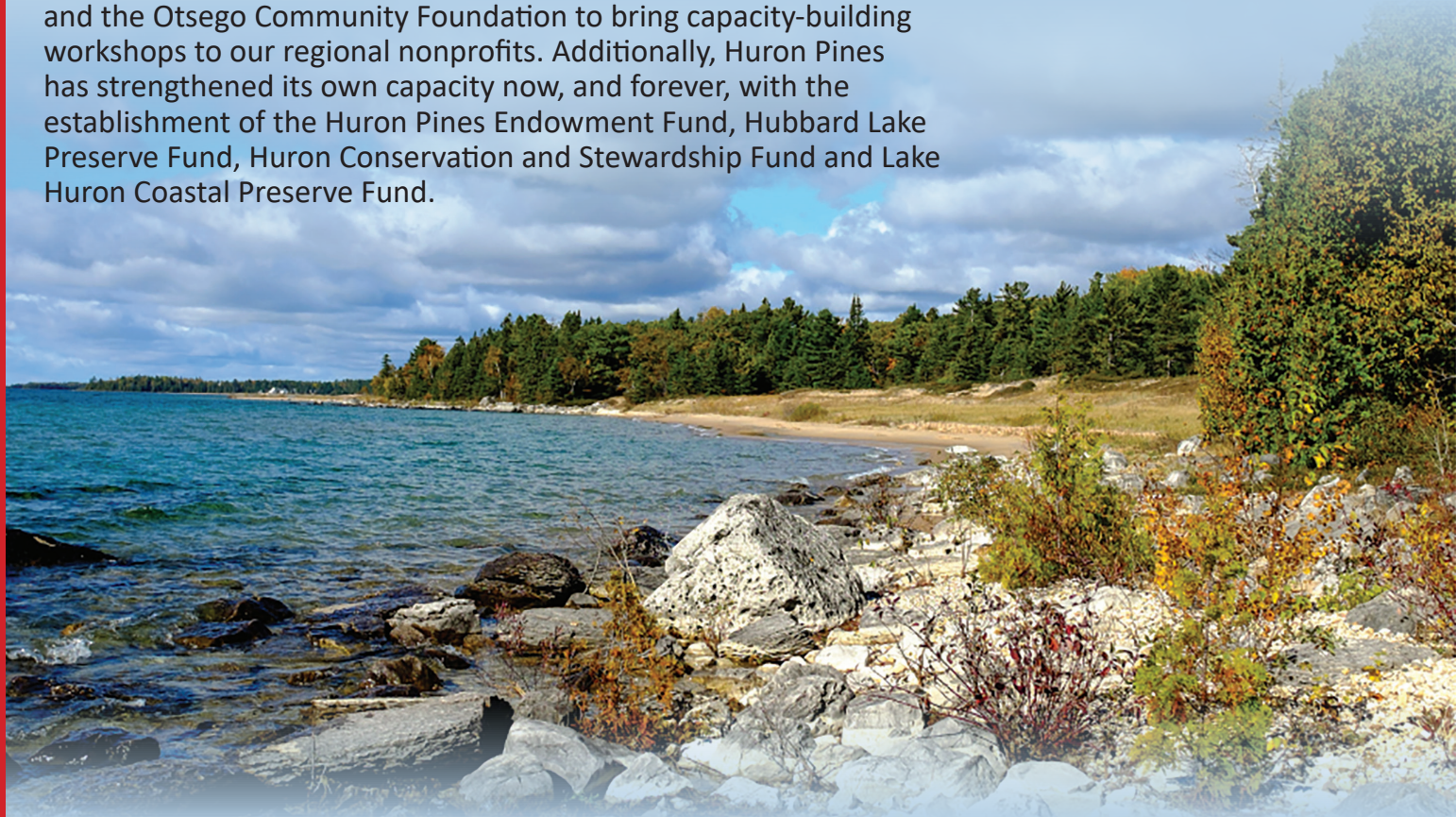
Huron Pines has been an instrumental partner to CFNEM for many years. As a partner in the Regional Nonprofit Leaders Series, Huron Pines helped to organize learning sessions with CFNEM and the Otsego Community Foundation to bring capacity-building workshops to our regional nonprofits. Additionally, Huron Pines has strengthened its own capacity now, and forever, with the establishment of the Huron Pines Endowment Fund, Hubbard Lake Preserve Fund, Huron Conservation and Stewardship Fund and Lake Huron Coastal Preserve Fund.



**LAKE
HURON
FOREVER**



Top: Lake Huron Forever logo; Bottom: A Lake Huron Forever grant helps students from Alcona Community Schools to build a rain garden at Harrsville Harbor.



“CFNEM means impact. It means investing in community by those in the community who care enough to give a piece of themselves and what they have to offer whether financial or otherwise - volunteering on the Board or committees, etc., or applying for grants and doing what they do best – making it happen!”

-Tim Kuehnlein (2019 President)



Northeast Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative (NEMIGLSI)

As a hub of the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative, NEMIGLSI provides resources and leadership for place-based, hands-on education and environmental stewardship, working directly with our local schools and teachers. NEMIGLSI established endowed and non-endowed funds in 2009 to support the initiative's ongoing efforts. Additionally, CFNEM has served as the fiduciary for NEMIGLSI to receive large grants like a \$161,578 Great Lakes Trust Fishery grant in 2023.

The GLSI works toward its goals through six regional hubs located around Michigan. The hubs offer professional development for K–12th grade teachers and community partners, help organize and sustain school-community partnerships, and provide leadership for place-based education and environmental stewardship.



Students participate in NEMIGLSI's "Food for Thought: Taking a Bite Out of Lunchroom Waste" project in 2022. The two-year project engaged over 500 youth in reducing waste in school lunchrooms.

Our Legacy Society

The members of the Community Foundation's Legacy Society are as much a part of CFNEM's past as they are our future. As we look toward the next 50 years and beyond, the individuals listed here, and more that will surely be added, will remain part of our rich history through their planned gifts which are an honored legacy of caring for their communities.

Michael Ableidinger and
Esther Hines Ableidinger

Anonymous
Carl O. Basel

Richard and Jeannine Boyce
Marion Briggs-Lilley

Judith Helen Burns
Robert Chater

Mary Jane Chevis
Jerry and Marge Cotter

Gerald and Marlynne Crawford
William and Lillian Davis

Margot Dorn Dutcher
Wayne and Barbara Frantz

Dale E. Goupell
Robert and Jacquelyn Granum

George Gravert
Terri Grulke

Karen Habermehl
Mabel Hager

Beach and Marianne Hall

William P. Harris
Aleene Adams Helvey
Georgene Hildebrand
James and Loretta Howard
Carl and Christine Huebner
Ila C. Jones

Bernard Kanthack
Jennie V. Kerr

Mary Jeanne Klenow
Betty Krueger

Ann M. Kuntz
Bernie and Nancy Lamp

Marion E. Lamy
Tom and Mary Lappan

Dorothy K. Leitch
Dr. Jack Leopard

August and Peggy Matuzak
Chris and Julie McCoy

Herman L. and Dorothy S. Miller
Ann Skillman Moore

Neva M. Nelson

Eugene Nemeth
Teddie and Zelma Odum
Herbert A. Palmer
Dee Brown Perry
Luke and Janet Pfeiffenberger
Joseph P. Pinson
Glen and Sharon Reed
Philip L. Richards
Dolores and Leonard Roznowski
Helen Sanecki
Robert E. Smith
Charles L. Snyder
Alvin B. Somers
Katharine S. Sozanski
C. Fred and Olive Steele
Steven and Kelley Wilson
Robert Wisener
Dr. Carl and Kathleen Woloszyk
James A. Zavislak
Dolly and William Zeller

Legacy Society members are those who have chosen to include the Community Foundation in their estate plan as a planned gift. To learn more about planned giving, visit cfnem.org, scan the QR code here with your smartphone, or call us at 989-354-6881.



Community Foundation Past Presidents

1974-75	Philip Glennie	2002	Donna Garber
1976-77	Richard Wilson	2003	Beach Hall
1978-79	Philip Richards	2004	George "Ted" Cavin
1980	James C. Park	2005	Erik Nadolsky
1981-82	Gordon Nethercut	2006	Steve Lappan
1983	Howard French	2007	Nancy Coombs
1984-85	Marilyn Frank	2008	Bill Morford
1986-87	A. James Lappan	2009	Georgene Hildebrand
1988	Edward Goosens	2010	Bill Speer
1989	Lucas Pfeifferberger	2011	Ann Burton
1990	Richard Boyce	2012	Sue Keller
1991	George LaFleche	2013	Chuck Manning
1992	Robert Granum	2014	Esther Ableidinger
1993	Betty Krueger	2015	Tom Sobeck
1994	Marianne Liddell-Ray	2016	Susan Fitzpatrick
1995	Chuck Wiesen	2017	Lora Greene
1996	George Stevens	2018	Christine Baumgardner
1997	Jim Johnston	2019	Timothy Kuehnlein
1998	Avis Hinks	2020	Scott McLennan
1999	Tom Lappan	2021	Debra Kruttlin
2000	Chuck Ingle	2022	Andy Stone
2001	Steve Wilson	2023	Katie Young-Engstrom

Executive Directors

1974-1977	Howard French	1994-1996	Lucas Pfeifferberger
1978-1979	Carl Johnson	1997-2017	Barbara Frantz
1980	C.R. Andrus	2017 to date	Patrick Heraghty
1981-1985	Jack Witter		
1985-1993	Elizabeth (Betty) Connolly		

"CFNEM provides individuals in communities big and small with unique opportunities to develop a personal or family legacy as a donor to an existing or new fund. In so doing, they help strengthen an organization and support students in meeting their educational goals."

-Chuck Wiesen (1995 President)



"When I became a trustee and eventually the president of the Community Foundation, it was a time when the Foundation grew from this home-style organization to a professional operation. This was a very rewarding time knowing that we were on a path that allowed the organization to grow and protect its donors through increased financial review and the hiring of a financial advisor, among other things. I was also on the scholarship committee and was amazed by the smart and energetic students in our community. When on the grants committee, the impact made over time has made a real difference. Being involved in all of this made me proud to be part of the Foundation."

-Steve Wilson (2001 President)



"From my time as a board member to now, CFNEM was an excellent way to be introduced to people in the area that share the same mindset and thought pattern that I have when it comes to helping others and working toward improving our local and regional area."

-Erik Nadolsky (2005 President)

"I always maintained that of all the boards I served on over the years of my professional career in Alpena, I enjoyed my time at the Community Foundation the most. While all the boards were important and did good things, dollar-for-dollar CFNEM was able to do the most good for the region with every dollar it received. I really enjoyed my years of service with the board because I knew our foundation was changing lives for the better both today, and for future generations."

-Bill Speer (2010 President)



CFNEM is such an asset to our community because of its commitment to helping many areas of need involving health, education, human services, the environment, and community development. The Foundation reaches out to a nine-county area bringing together friends, neighbors, and families to help others in need.

-Ann Burton (2011 President)

"A community foundation means learning and working together for the common good tailored to each community it serves. That open-ended idea means that the possibilities for good are endless and only limited to the creativity of the people living in the communities served."

-Sue Keller (2012 President)




"The Community Foundation means many things to me but the most significant is the connection to an organization that has at its core, the ability to impact local lives and communities in ways that few individuals could duplicate on their own."

-Tom Sobeck (2015 President)

"There is no better way to give back to your community than by investing in a CFNEM endowment. Donors can rest assured that their contributions will benefit the cause of their choice through excellent management. Across all of northeast Michigan, CFNEM is there to help."

-Christine Baumgardner (2018 President)



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About the Community Foundation

The Mission of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is to fulfill the charitable goals of our donors and address the current and future needs of our communities. We strive to build strong, vibrant and sustainable communities through the power of everyone's giving.

Since 1974, CFNEM has continued to demonstrate a commitment to its donors by implementing sound financial, investment and reporting practices. As an independent non-sectarian governing body, we provide leadership and promote a cooperative spirit by working in tandem with other resource groups in addressing regional needs and problems. In these functions, endowment funds with CFNEM live on and on.

We serve nine counties in northeast Michigan: CFNEM serves the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle; our affiliate the North Central Michigan Community Foundation serves the counties of Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda; our affiliate the Straits Area Community Foundation serves Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City; and our affiliate the Iosco County Community Foundation serves all of Iosco County.

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