



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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February 28

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Grant Deadline

March 1

Philanthropist of the Year
Nomination Deadline

May 1

Iosco County
Community Improvement
Grant Deadline

A Message from the Board of Directors

The Iosco County Community Foundation (ICCF) Board of Directors is pleased to share the 2016 Annual Report with you. There is so much to celebrate including our many grants, stories of scholarship recipients and our Youth Advisory Council, and of course, recognition of the many donors whose vision and generosity make all of this possible. Though it hardly seems enough, we give our sincerest gratitude for their support.

In 2016, ICCF gained two new charitable funds: the Iosco Exploration Trail Fund, and the Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning Fund. These additions bring the number of charitable funds held at the Community Foundation to 45. Our assets increased from \$4.77 million to \$4.81 million, and we received over \$56,000 in contributions during the year.

We invite you to enjoy this annual report, and to spend a little time on our website as well, learning more about how your donations are making a difference right here in Iosco County.

With warmest regards and appreciation,
ICCF Board of Directors

Scholarship is Turning Big Dreams into Reality

Studying and working in visual arts is not as commonplace these days in a technology-loaded, business-oriented world. Yet for some students, the draw of creating art for a living is a dream coming to fruition through the Michael Wentworth Scholarship Fund.

"Receiving this scholarship was motivation to push myself to attend the Kendall College of Art and Design," said Matthew Provoast, a 2011 graduate of Whittemore-Prescott High School. "Having this opportunity has allowed me to surround myself with such creative and accomplished people, and the Grand Rapids local art community."

Provoast received several awards over the years through the Michael Wentworth Scholarship Fund toward his education. The 2016 scholarship covered all of his final year at Kendall College of Art and Design, where he received the 2016 Excellence Award.

"One of the goals for this fund is to support art students throughout their education, and to encourage them to stay on the path that will lead to a successful career in their chosen visual art field," said Affiliate Director Christine Hitch.

The scholarship fund was established in memory of lifelong summer Iosco County resident Michael Wentworth. His passion for art spilled over into his education and career, and is the inspiration for this fund.

2008 Tawas Area High School graduate Eric Thornton is a five-time recipient of the scholarship, which has supported his studies in earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Central Michigan University, and a Master of Fine Arts from Penn State University, where he is an Instructor of Ceramics and the Program Coordinator of the John M. Anderson Endowed Lecture Series.

Ivy Kokoszka applied for the Michael Wentworth Scholarship as a junior at Tawas Area High School, and received a 2015 scholarship to cover her entire senior year at Interlochen, as well as being able to attend a 2015 summer program at Kendall College of Art and Design. A 2016 scholarship paid for her first year at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.



MATTHEW PROVOAST THESIS EXHIBITION

2016 EXCELLENCE
AWARD RECIPIENT

"This scholarship has helped me immensely," said Ivy. "I would not have been able to attend Interlochen without it. It made me feel prepared for college; and while I was there I was chosen to be part of a small team of art students that created a mural for the Great Lakes Children's Museum."

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

A Very Special Thank You to Our Donors

(January 1 through December 31, 2016)

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

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The Transfer of Wealth in Iosco County

The United States is in the midst of the largest transfer of wealth, likely in its history. As the Baby Boomer generation ages, they will pass over \$59 trillion in assets to their Generation X and Millennial children between 2007 and 2061 according to a 2014 study from Boston College. \$2.57 billion is projected to change hands in Iosco County alone by 2050. And while these are estimates, those estimates are rather conservative.

The Iosco County Community Foundation hopes to secure at least 5% of the expected \$2.57 billion, ideally for grants through ICCF's Community Improvement Fund. Strategically, this fund allows us to most effectively meet the needs of our community to truly enhance all that Iosco County has to offer.

To help paint the "numbers" picture, five percent of the estimated wealth in our counties would amount to \$23.5 million by 2050. If that number were preserved locally in the form of endowed funds, it would mean the Community Foundation could award an additional \$6 million in grants for our community EVERY YEAR. \$6 million! Please visit our website for the full story on the Transfer of Wealth in northeast Michigan at www.iccf-online.org, and how you can play a role in preserving a vibrant future for Iosco County.

Iosco County Community Foundation Financial Summary

(January 1 through December 31, 2016)

TOTAL ASSETS

\$4,815,617

TOTAL GIFTS

\$56,548

GRANTS AWARDED

\$180,802

2016 Grant Awards

Alcona Citizens for Health Navigating Children's Needs	\$500	Kirtland Community College Scholarships	\$2,200
Alpena Community College Scholarships	\$1,000	Lake Superior State University Scholarships	\$4,000
American Youth Soccer - Tawas City Placement of AEDs	\$962	Michigan State University Scholarships	\$4,000
Aquinas College Scholarships	\$1,500	Michigan Technological University Scholarships	\$1,500
Central Michigan University Scholarships	\$8,500	Northwood University Scholarships	\$500
College for Creative Studies Scholarships	\$36,060	Oakland University Scholarships	\$1,000
Delta College Scholarships	\$3,500	Oscoda Area Schools Angels Basketball Oscoda Youth Basketball Program Bringing the Music Back Blue Marlins Synchronized Swimming Middle School Clubs and After School Activities	\$4,000
Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association Sprinkler Lake Day Camp Meth Lab Response Trailer	\$4,000	Pennsylvania State University Scholarships	\$5,500
Ferris State University Scholarships	\$10,000	Saginaw Valley State University Scholarships	\$1,500
Friends of the East Tawas Library Library building expenses	\$32,750	Tawas Area Education Foundation Mini-grants for educational programs	\$10,000
Grand Valley State University Scholarships	\$5,500	Tawas Area Presbyterian Church Helping to Overcome	\$2,500
Hale Area Schools Robotics Team	\$500	Tawas Area Schools Tawas football program equipment	\$3,280
Harbor Lights Pregnancy and Information Center Earn While You Learn	\$1,594	Tawas Community Concert Band Scholarship to band event	\$500
Holy Family School Scholarships to assist students School expenses	\$24,908	Tawas United Methodist Church New road sign	\$612
Huron Pines, Inc. Project NATIVE	\$2,000	Western Michigan University Scholarships	\$1,000
Iosco County Coats for Kids Warm Hands project FISH Christmas Gift House	\$760	YMCA Camp Nissokone Theatre Renovations	\$2,500
Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency BEE Camp My Child Communicates	\$2,176		

Brad Saegesser Named 2016 Philanthropist of the Year

The Iosco County Community Foundation (ICCF) aims each year to honor an unsung hero who makes an impact in Iosco County through their time, talents and charitable contributions. In 2016, ICCF honored Tawas City resident Brad Saegesser as its Philanthropist of the Year.



2016 Philanthropist of the Year and the Iosco County Community Foundation Board of Directors: (left to right) Pauline Ferns, Jim Cummins, Cliff Miller, Dana McGrew, Brad Saegesser, Tony Johnson, Stephanie Mallak Olson, Patti Casey and John Alexander.

Brad has been heavily involved in many local programs and projects, including Special Olympics of Michigan and its Water Warriors program. He has also been a large part of the Tawas Elks service projects, including events for Rachel's Challenge (an anti-bullying program), the East Tawas Community Garden, 4-H Exceptional Equestrians and several more.

According to ICCF President Tony Johnson, the Philanthropist of the Year award is about more than just recognizing someone who embodies the definition of philanthropy in all they do.

"Brad gives so much to his community," said Johnson. "There are some great people out there doing great things for our communities, and we are proud to honor him for all the ways he positively impacts Iosco County."

The luncheon honoring Brad was attended by family, close friends and the ICCF board and staff.

The Philanthropist of the Year is awarded each year in May. Nominations are submitted by the public. Nomination forms for 2018 are available on ICCF's website at www.iccf-online.org and may be submitted any time before March 1, 2018.

