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A Message from the NCMCF 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 North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) 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 Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties, 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 the North Central Michigan region.

With warmest regards and appreciation,
 NCMCF Board of Directors

NCMCF Grant Supports Wellness Education

An innovative program of Tolfree Foundation's BioFest gave over 500 people a front-end, hands-on experience in food production aimed at encouraging healthy lifestyles for children and community members.



Tolfree Foundation's "Garden...Plate...Wellness" program during BioFest 2017 was supported through a North Central Michigan Community Foundation Community Impact Grant, and helped educate participants on how to grow, eat and exercise to stay or become healthy.

"Even in rural, agricultural communities, many do not have access to freshly grown fruits and vegetables," said Tolfree Foundation Executive Director, Cynthia Longchamps. "Due to budgetary constraints, many consumers buy cheap foods, high in calories and preservatives, rather than expensive, healthier alternatives."

Through this program, participants learned how to vermicompost (using worms in the composting process) and how to grow plants in hydroponic units. Students also had the opportunity to design something beneficial for humans with the knowledge they gained during the program.

One seventh-grade student commented that the program "taught us to think of nature more than just a tree or leaf, but of how we can sustain ourselves through it, if we learn from it and use it to better ourselves."



Surline Middle School students win contest for their "WormEater Waste Bin".

Hot Cocoa and Snow Shoes



Small grants can go a long way, and that is certainly true for a \$255 grant to HeadWaters Land Conservancy. This grant provided funding for hot cocoa, refreshment supplies and snowshoe rental expenses for a snowshoe hike in the Wakeley Lake Area.

Grant Brings Theater to Local Youth



With the help of \$3,000 in grant funding from the Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda County Youth Advisory Councils (YACs), Alpena's Thunder Bay Theatre is bringing its educational tour to students in our region. Programs will include live performances and theatrical-based workshops.

North Central Michigan Community Foundation

Financial Summary

(January 1 through December 31, 2017)

TOTAL ASSETS**\$4,767,408****TOTAL GIFTS****\$359,934****GRANTS AWARDED****\$127,286****2017 Grant Awards****Community Impact Grants****Crawford County Community Endowment Fund**

Boy Scouts of America MI Crossroads	\$1,000
<i>Comprehensive Youth Development</i>	
Headwaters Land Conservancy	\$255
<i>Snowshoe Hike at Wakeley Lake Area</i>	
Thunder Bay Theatre	\$1,000
<i>TBT Educational Tour</i>	

Ogemaw County Community Endowment Fund

City of West Branch	\$1,000
<i>River Walk Rain Garden</i>	
Human Trafficking Community Group	\$300
<i>Human Trafficking Presentation</i>	
Ogemaw Hills Free Clinic	\$1,000
<i>Personal Care Closet</i>	
Thunder Bay Theatre	\$1,000
<i>TBT Educational Tour</i>	

Oscoda County Community Endowment Fund

Boy Scouts of America MI Crossroads	\$1,000
<i>Comprehensive Youth Development</i>	
His Love Family Resources	\$300
<i>Personal Care Supplies</i>	
Thunder Bay Theatre	\$1,000
<i>TBT Educational Tour</i>	

Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Grants**Crawford County Kellogg Youth Fund**

Catholic Human Services, Inc.	\$1,000
<i>Crawford County Youth Drug-Free Task Force</i>	
Grayling High School	\$53
<i>Viking Food Pantry</i>	
Northern MI Children's Assessment Ctr.	\$1,000
<i>Outreach and Awareness Campaign</i>	

Ogemaw County Kellogg Youth Fund

City of West Branch	\$1,250
<i>Summer Music Series</i>	
Hospice of Helping Hands	\$2,500
<i>Camp Warm Hearts Family Grief/Healing Event</i>	
Iosco County Coats for Kids	\$2,500
<i>Coats for Whittemore-Prescott Students</i>	
Northern MI Children's Assessment Ctr.	\$1,500
<i>Outreach and Awareness Campaign</i>	
St. Joseph School	\$1,000
<i>Ga Ga Ball Pit</i>	
Tolfree Foundation	\$500
<i>Garden...Plate...Wellness</i>	
West Branch - Rose City Schools	\$2,500
<i>OHHS Falcon Raingarden Park</i>	

Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Fund

Mio AuSable Schools	\$300
<i>Youth in Government</i>	
Northern MI Children's Assessment Ctr.	\$1,000
<i>Outreach and Awareness Campaign</i>	
Oscoda County Library	\$1,000
<i>Literature to Life "The Giver" by Lois Lowry</i>	

AuSable River Property Owners Association Fund

Upper AuSable River Cedar	
Restoration Project	\$250

Crawford AuSable School District Scholarship Fund

Crawford AuSable Excellence in	
Education Foundation	\$13,256

Briney Ethical Fund

Medford Area Senior High School	\$100
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Crawford AuSable Excellence in Education Foundation Fund

Central Michigan University	\$500
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G. Jerome Kessler Memorial Scholarship Fund

Central Michigan University	\$1,000
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Grayling Kiwanis Club General Fund

University of Michigan	\$500
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Loretta Sorenson Kessler Memorial Scholarship Fund

Saginaw Valley State University	\$1,000
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Crawford Spendable Tobacco Settlement Fund

Crawford County Community Christian	
HELP Center	\$1,000

Ward C. Taylor Memorial Endowment Fund

Wellington Farm Park, Inc.	\$151
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Kirtland Community College Educational Fund

Kirtland Community College	\$4,105
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Crystal Bohlinger Memorial Scholarship Fund

Adrian College	\$500
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ESP Jerry Bunch Memorial Scholarship Fund

University of Dayton	\$1,200
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ESP Maxine Calvin Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kendall College of Art & Design	\$400
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Cindy Short Memorial Scholarship Fund

Grand Valley State University	\$500
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ESP Daniel Wilber Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ferris State University	\$800
Saginaw Valley State University	\$800

ESP Edwin Shiel Memorial Fund

Educational Support Partnership Fnd.	\$2,331
West Branch - Rose City Schools	\$1,191

Educational Support Partnership Scholarship Fund

Central Michigan University	\$1,200
Delta College	\$600
Educational Support Partnership Fnd.	\$3,592
Kirtland Community College	\$600
Michigan Technological University	\$600
West Branch - Rose City Schools	\$1,200

Craig Funsch Scholarship Fund for Whittemore Prescott High School

Olio Technical College	\$350
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Craig Funsch Memorial Scholarship Fund for Ogemaw Heights High School

Delta College	\$500
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Reynold A. Gogarn Memorial Scholarship Fund

Central Michigan University	\$6,000
Case Western Reserve University	\$2,000
Lake Superior State University	\$2,000
Michigan State University	\$2,000
Michigan Technological University	\$2,000
Mid-Michigan Community College	\$2,000
Spring Arbor University	\$2,000
University of Michigan	\$2,000

Holton Family Fund for Math, Science and the Arts

Educational Support Partnership Fnd.	\$800
West Branch - Rose City Schools	\$120

J.L. Howard Fund

Hospice of Helping Hands	\$24,987
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ESP Irene McMinn Scholarship Fund

Fayetteville Technical Community College	\$600
Saginaw Valley State University	\$600

West Branch Kiwanis Club Education Fund

Mid-Michigan Community College	\$1,000
Michigan Technological Institute	\$1,000

Sheryl Krantz Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ohio Technical College	\$1,000
Saginaw Valley State University	\$1,000

ESP Ogemaw Heights Student Activities Scholarship Fund

Kirtland Community College	\$900
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Optimist Club of West Branch Education Fund

Michigan Technological University	\$1,500
Michigan State University	\$1,500

ESP Richard Pauley Memorial Scholarship Fund

Delta College	\$500
Saginaw Valley State University	\$500

Irene E. Peterson Scholarship Fund

Baker College	\$600
Kirtland Community College	\$600
Saginaw Valley State University	\$600

Kristin Marie Provoast Memorial Scholarship

Kirtland Community College	\$500
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Griffin Beverage Scholarship Fund

Central Michigan University	\$600
Kirtland Community College	\$600
Saginaw Valley State University	\$600

ESP Richard Riling Memorial Scholarship Fund

Lansing Community College	\$300
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ESP Bernice Ruh Scholarship Fund

Delta College	\$500
Lake Superior State University	\$500

ESP Arthur E. Short Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kirtland Community College	\$500
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Ogemaw Spendable Tobacco Settlement Fund

Life Choices Resource Center	\$745
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ESP Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home Scholarship Fund

Delta College	\$500
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John "Jack" G. Thompson Scholarship Fund

Central Michigan University	\$450
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Tanya Lynn Reilly Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kirtland Community College	\$1,000
Saginaw Valley State University	\$500

Grants continue on page 4.

NCMCF 2017 Grants, continued

ESP VFW Oren Fox Scholarship Fund

Concordia University	\$700
Delta College	\$700

Willard & Irvadene Wangler Scholarship Fund

Delta College	\$700
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Lee H. Ward Memorial Scholarship Fund

Saginaw Valley State University	\$500
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West Branch High School Endowment Scholarship Fund

Kirtland Community College	\$1,200
Central Michigan University	\$1,200
Baker College	\$600
Delta College	\$600
Ferris State University	\$600
Saginaw Valley State University	\$600
Mid-Michigan Community College	\$600
St. Louise Community College	\$600

Drs. Chris & Mary Chrysler West Branch Family Dentistry Fund

Delta College	\$800
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Terry Zettel Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kirtland Community College	\$3,000
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Oscoda County College Fund

Alpena Community College	\$500
Calvin College	\$500
Ferris State University	\$500
Kirtland Community College	\$2,500
Northwestern Michigan College	\$500
Saginaw Valley State University	\$1,500
University of Michigan	\$500

Dawson Oaks Memorial Scholarship Fund

Calvin College	\$150
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Mabel Hager Memorial Fund

Mio United Methodist Church	\$5,000
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St. Mary Church/Our Lady of the Woods Shrine Scholarship Fund

Kirtland Community College	\$1,500
University of Michigan	\$1,500

Dick & Doris Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund

Alpena Community College	\$825
AIS Heavy Equipment Training	\$825
Delta College	\$825
University of Michigan	\$1,650

Oscoda Spendable Tobacco Settlement Fund

Love, INC of Oscoda County	\$300
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Sharon Sutton Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kirtland Community College	\$1,000
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Whaley Steel Scholarship Fund

Alpena Community College	\$500
Kirtland Community College	\$1,500
Ferris State University	\$500
Oakland University	\$500
University of Michigan	\$1,500
University of Northwestern Ohio	\$500

Congratulations to NCMCF's 2017 Scholarship Recipients!

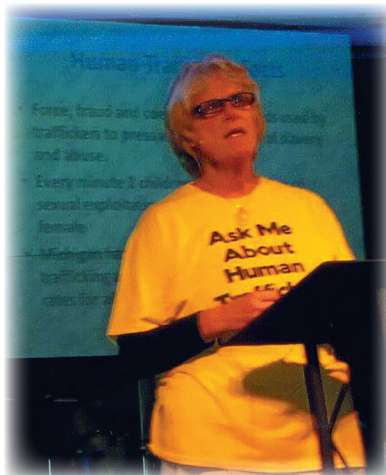
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Human trafficking exists in Michigan. It's an uncomfortable and alarming fact. Halfway through 2017, 8,524 cases of human trafficking were reported through the National Human Trafficking Hotline, with 305 of those reports coming from our state. Thankfully, there are organizations working hard to raise awareness and education about the issue. A 2017 NCMCF Community Impact grant to the Human Trafficking Community Group provided funding for two community presentations to health care providers and community members. The sessions focused on identifying potential victims and the steps to take for helping those victims.

New Funds Established in 2017

- Mary Lockhart Charitable Gift Annuity Fund
- Kristin Marie Provoast Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Upper AuSable River Cedar Restoration Project Fund
- Lee H. Ward Memorial Scholarship Fund



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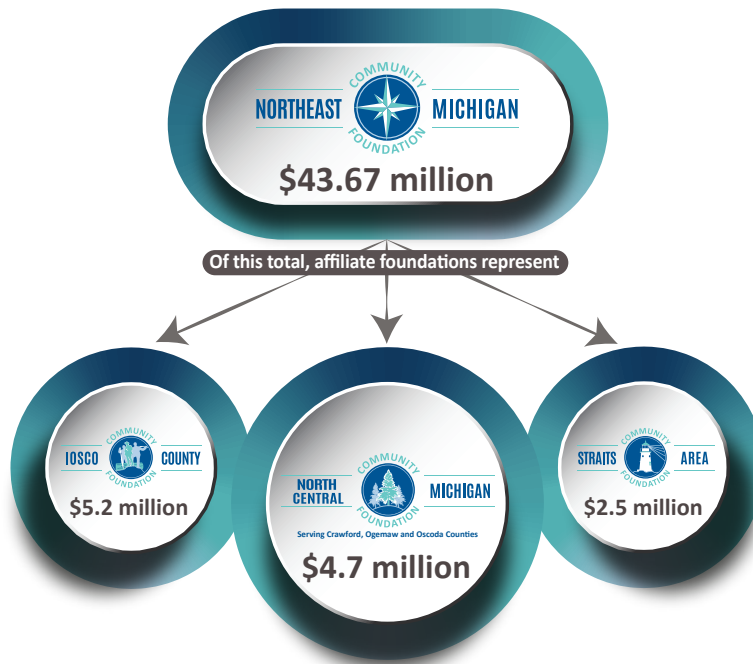
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So give where you live, and give where you love!



Youth Advisory Councils - Inspiring a New Generation of Philanthropists

The Youth Advisory Council program, or YAC, of the North Central Michigan Community Foundation is one of the most important programs available to our local kids. Why? Because it is inspiring a new generation of service-minded, charitably-inclined people.

Through this unique program, young people directly engage in building leadership skills through community service and the grantmaking process. They also learn about the important role played by philanthropy in creating a better life for all of us.

Local youth are responsible for determining where critical grant funding from the Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda County Kellogg Youth Funds at NCMCF will go for the benefit of their fellow youth, and the whole community.

To help guide their grantmaking decisions, every three years, our YACs conduct a survey to evaluate what their peers feel are the issues affecting them the most. The most recent survey, conducted in December 2017, showed a notable shift in those issues. Stress issues, and mental health and depression moved significantly higher, coming out at numbers one and two on the list respectively. Throughout the next three years, our YACs will be working to target those issues, as well as others in the top ten, with their available grant funds.

Top 10 current youth issues, as determined by youth of Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties (158 survey respondents)

1. Stress Issues
2. Depression and Mental Health
3. Teen Substance Abuse
4. Self-Esteem Issues
5. Teen Suicide
6. Bullying and/or Cyber Bullying
7. Teen Sexual Behavior
8. School Work/Homework
9. Body Image/Appearance Issues
10. Lack of Things to Do Locally



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