



2020 Annual Report



A Message from the Board President

2020 was a year beyond compare; for our families, our nonprofits, our businesses, and our communities. Truly a year like no other. It is only fitting that the 2020 Annual Report looks different, too.

As the 2020 Board President, I am proud of the Community Foundation's ability to react to the year's challenges with agility, purpose and effectiveness.

When the pandemic began to affect our northeast Michigan communities, our board acted quickly to create the Urgent Needs Fund, which put \$125,000 directly into the hands of our local nonprofits to help our residents with the most basic needs of food, clothing, shelter and medical care. Those first grants were made in the first week of April, mere weeks after the first shutdown.

We also took a leadership position in ensuring a complete count of northeast Michiganders during the 2020 U.S. Census - a challenging effort. We truly believe that without the Foundation's involvement, and those of our Census partners and grantees, northeast Michigan would have been severely under-counted.

Amid the year's challenges, our communities showed up on Giving Tuesday 2020 with a record number of donations, raising over \$234,000 in 24 hours for 50 nonprofits across our region. This was exhilarating, and yet humbling. There is so much generosity here in northeast Michigan.

One of the best parts of reflecting back is the opportunity to look forward, which of course, is one of the things community foundations do best. We hope you enjoy this snapshot of the Foundation's year, and know that we are ready to meet the needs that lie ahead.

Scott McLennan
2020 Board President

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SNAPSHOT

IN 2020 (10/1/2019 – 9/30/2020)

\$28,030

WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

awarded from the Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle Fund for issues important to women.



YOUTH GRANTS

\$89,562



granted by our Youth Advisory Councils (or YACs) for youth-related programs across all nine counties in our service area.

\$125,000 COVID-19 RESPONSE

granted from the Urgent Needs Fund to help people affected by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. This helped residents with food, heat, clothes, and essential needs.



SCHOLARSHIPS

\$455,573



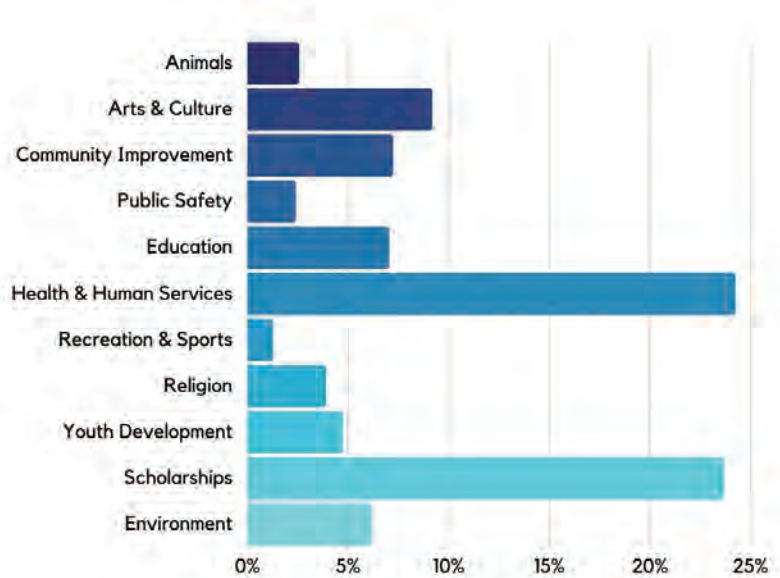
awarded to help with higher education costs. Awards are given to graduating seniors, those already in school, and those returning to school.

\$2,576,119

granted from all funds within CFNEM and affiliate foundations, across the entire northeast Michigan region.

Our grants are the very heart of what we do. Each one is a direct result of the generosity of our donors who choose to give back. For that, we thank you!

Grants by Program Area



Left: Huron Pines grant for Emily Min Hunt Preserve



Bottom left: Church of the Straits Food Pantry drive-through food giveaway



Bottom right: Alpena Childcare and Development Center infant playground

2020 BY THE NUMBERS



TOTAL ASSETS
\$51,071,329

2020 DONATIONS
\$2,435,876



**2020 INVESTMENT
RATE OF RETURN**
10.74%

2019 / 2020 COMPARISON

\$2,789,952

	2019	2020
Total Assets	\$48,281,377	\$51,071,329
Total Donations	\$1,258,336	\$2,435,876
Investment Rate of Return	20.17%	10.74%



The 2020 financial figures above represent unaudited numbers for the Foundation's 2020 fiscal year, which runs from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.



Left: NE MI Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative Island Park Water Chemistry

Top: Presque Isle Township Museum Society grant for artifact storage and archiving

New Funds Established in 2020

Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan

- All in for Alpena Fund
- Dean Arbour Memorial Scholarship Fund for Alpena
- Boys & Girls Club of Alpena New Building and Renovation Fund
- Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Trail Park Fund
- Hope Shores Alliance Survivor Fund
- Dolores and Leonard Roznowski Fund
- Urgent Needs Fund

Iosco County Community Foundation

- Dean Arbour Memorial Scholarship Fund for Tawas
- Ann M. & Robert W. Pawloski Family Scholarship Fund

North Central Michigan Community Foundation

- Lawrence A. Bellor Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bob & Nancy Griffin Endowed Fund fbo Saint Joseph Catholic Church, West Branch, Mich.
- Ogemaw County Historical Museum Victorian Scholarship Fund

Straits Area Community Foundation

- Cheboygan County Health & Education Fund
- Cheboygan County Utility Assistance Fund
- H. Earl & Miriam U. Hoover Scholarship Fund

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) serves as the administrative arm for three affiliate foundations: the Iosco County Community Foundation (ICCF), the North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF), and the Straits Area Community Foundation (SACF). Combined with our affiliates, our service area encompasses nine counties in northeast Michigan with hundreds of charitable funds benefiting many causes and geographic locations.



Of this total, our affiliates represent
(as of December 31, 2020)



More grantee snapshots...



Clockwise from top left: Sanborn Township grant to purchase Jaws of Life; Downtown Alpena's Fish Mural; Inspiration Alcona grant to support the annual Small Farm Conference; Boys and Girls Club of Alpena grant for the SMART Girls program.



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