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New Fund Supports Career Readiness for Tawas Area Students

“I like to be in charge. I have a t-shirt that says so.”

In true fashion, Mary Jeanne Klenow (pictured below), 94, has taken charge of her own legacy, putting it to use to ensure students from her home community succeed in life, and doing so by giving back in a rather unique way.

“I wanted to support what I consider to be ‘home’, and my hope is that once a student leaves high school or college, all these kids are going to be doing whatever work they’re passionate about – something they love doing,” says Mary Jeanne. “It’s like planting seeds, isn’t it? Seeds for the world to be a better place.”

Mary Jeanne grew up in East Tawas and graduated from Tawas Area High School. Her hometown and the people in it hold a special place in her heart. In spring of 2023, she established the Henry L. and Bernice M. Klenow Fund at the Iosco County Community Foundation (ICCF). This permanent endowment is helping to provide funding for a full-time Career Development Coordinator whose time is dedicated to helping students in grades 8-12 at Tawas Area Schools with career and/or college readiness.

Mary Jeanne connected with the Iosco County Community Foundation through ICCF Board President, Cliff Miller, whom she has known for many years. Cliff then helped her to connect to

community members with intimate knowledge of local schools, and with Foundation staff who could help facilitate her donation. After two years of meetings, planning, researching, and identifying gaps that could be filled to help students be successful in life after high school, Mary Jeanne ultimately decided on establishing this field of interest fund to help students from her hometown.

“Over the course of many conversations, we discovered that there were limited resources for students desiring to explore options post-high school. There are good things being done by our school system, but there are also so many kids to try to help,” says Cliff Miller. “Part of the vision for Mary Jeanne’s fund is that this private-public collaboration becomes a successful and replicable model that can eventually be adopted by other schools and communities to be deployed locally, regionally, and hopefully even nationally.”

Mary Jeanne says she is excited and hopeful to learn how this program helps students down the road.

“It’s better than anything I could have imagined. Knowing that we’ve planted these seeds, and that we’ll help these wonderful people grow and become what they’re meant to be, it’s a wonderful feeling.”

Now that this fund has been established, anyone can give to it at any time, and in any amount.



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Chevis Fund Provides \$200,000 Grant to Hospital



In 2023, a \$200,000 grant to Ascension St. Joseph Foundation to support three capital projects for Ascension St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas City was awarded from the Iosco County Community Foundation.

The grant comes from the Mary Jane Chevis Endowment Fund at ICCF. This fund was originally established in 2008 through the Chevis Family Trust for the benefit of Tawas St. Joseph Hospital (currently Ascension St. Joseph Hospital as of this publication). Mary Jane Chevis and her husband, Paul (pictured left) were long-time residents of the Tawas area, and were founders and partners of Tawas Plating.

The \$200,000 grant was used to upgrade and replace equipment for performing cataract surgeries; towards a Neoprobe, which is used to detect and surgically treat breast cancer; and for an IT system for the Hospital's obstetrics physicians and clinical staff to use during

pregnancy care and delivery procedures.

"This fund is an incredible example of the power of endowments, and how a fund like this can provide a long-term, reliable income stream for a nonprofit," said Christine Hitch, ICCF's Affiliate Director. "The Chevises wanted to support the local hospital and wanted the hospital's foundation board to have the power to request funds as needed. They also wanted to ensure the funds would always stay local for the benefit of an Iosco County hospital. This fund has already granted out nearly the amount of the original gift."



Iosco County Community Foundation 2023 Financial Snapshot

These numbers reflect financials for the 2023 fiscal year,
October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023.

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We will serve as a catalyst and resource to inspire private giving for the betterment of Iosco County. By encouraging thoughtful and sustainable philanthropic choices, we will match charitable interests with local needs to enhance the community's quality of life for good, for ever.

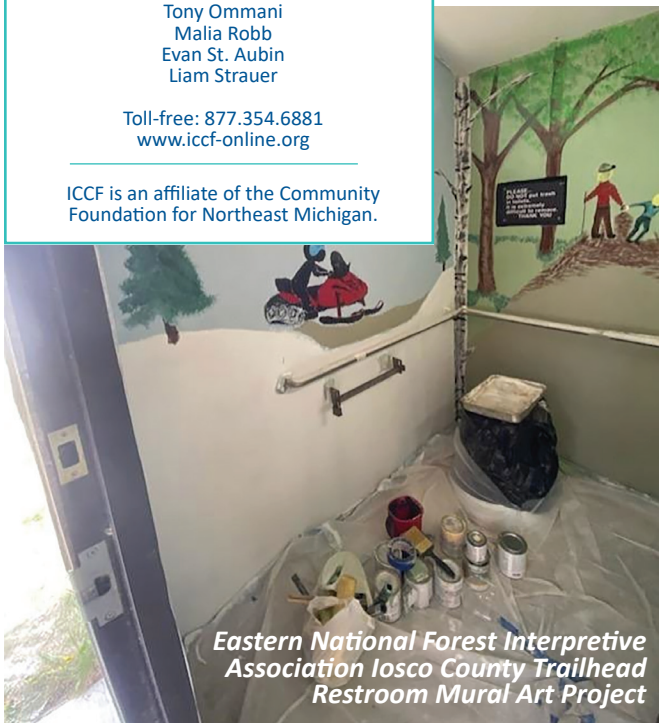
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ICCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.

Total Assets \$7,110,864	Contributions \$780,445 	Grants & Scholarships \$387,617	Community Improvement Grants \$17,170 	Youth Advisory Council Grants \$11,711
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Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association Iosco County Trailhead Restroom Mural Art Project



Pegasus Springs Therapeutic Riding Center's "Project Steadfast"



Alabaster Township Lake Huron Coastal Preserve Trail

Two Iosco County Residents Named Citizens of the Year

In 2023, ICCF named Linda Hock, of Oscoda, as the 2023 Citizen of the Year. Axel Raybourn, 18, of Oscoda, was named 2023 Junior Citizen of the Year. The Citizen of the Year award was created by ICCF to honor an adult and youth in Iosco County who go above and beyond by giving of their time, talent and/or resources to help their community.

Linda Hock is the Board President for the Oscoda AuSable Senior Center where she has volunteered for 30 years. She also has been involved with Iosco County's Quota International Club, the Hope Shores Alliance store in Oscoda, fundraising for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Shoreline Players Theatre, Girl Scouts, and Christian Women in Action.

Axel Raybourn was chosen as the 2023 Junior Citizen of the Year. Axel graduated from Oscoda High School in 2023. As a dually-enrolled college student at Alpena Community College, he tutored other students in his German language class. What really stood out to the ICCF Board about Axel was his drive to be involved in his community, and to help others. He served as the student representative on the Oscoda School board and the Oscoda United Way board. He has also been active in the Oscoda High School Rotary Interact Club where he contributed over 120 hours of community service and raised money to help end polio. In fact, when Axel was chosen for this award, ICCF staff were unable to reach him right away because he was in an extremely impoverished area of the Dominican Republic



Left to right: Timothy Haskin, Evan St. Aubin, Andrew Johnson, Tony Ommani, Linda Hock, Cliff Miller, Axel Raybourn, Malia Robb, and Christine Hitch

working on projects to improve sanitation. Axel was also part of his school's marching band, Oscoda United Methodist Church youth group, Tawas Community Concert Band, National Honor Society, Oscoda High School Robotics Team, Rocket Club, and Oscoda's Track and Swim teams.

"We are so honored to be able to recognize these two incredible individuals for the difference they are making for our community and in the lives of others," said ICCF Board President Cliff Miller. "Linda is involved in so many activities, and she does it all from the goodness of her heart. Axel is an incredibly well-rounded young man who seems determined to use his talents to do good wherever he is. 2023 was the first year we've honored a youth with an award like this, and Axel is well-deserving."



Left: ICCF Board Member Kelly Alexander (far right) visited Oscoda Area Schools to see a \$5,000 Community Improvement Grant for a "sensory room" project put to use. Right: ICCF Board Members Liam Strauer and Evan St. Aubin visited Heritage Coast Sailing & Rowing during a youth safety patrol boat-building project that was funded with support from a \$3,600 Community Improvement Grant.

Iosco County Community Foundation 2023 Fiscal Year Grants

(October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023)

Iosco County Community Improvement Grants

Oscoda Area Schools	\$5,000
Calming/Sensory Room Project at Richardson Elementary School	
Oscoda United Methodist Church	\$2,830
Loaves and Fishes Relief Support	
Heritage Coast Sailing and Rowing	\$3,600
Youth Programs Safety Patrol Boat	
Pegasus Springs Therapeutic Riding Center	\$2,830
Project Steadfast/Capacity Building	
Quota Club of Iosco County Charitable Foundation	\$2,910
"Quota Cares" Suitcases (pictured on front cover)	



Iosco County Youth Advisory Council Grants

Alabaster Township	\$1,000
Lake Huron Coastal Preserve Trail	
Ascension St. Joseph Foundation	\$1,000
Reach Out and Read	
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	\$1,200
Feeding Hungry Students	
Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association	\$1,000
Iosco County Trailhead Restroom Mural Art Project	
Iosco County Coats for Kids	\$1,000
"Happy Feet" Project	
Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency	\$1,000
Community Education Coordinator Classroom	
Pegasus Springs Therapeutic Riding Center	\$1,511
Stronger Minds/Stable Future	
Palomino Hope Equine Experience	\$2,500
Fence Repair and Improvement Project	
Tawas Wellness Warriors	\$1,500
Wellness Workshops for Teens	

Unrestricted, Donor Advised and Agency/Designated Funds

Iosco County Humane Society Fund	Iosco County Humane Society	\$8,000
Jess D. and Patricia A. Clark Fund	Alabaster Township for Lake Huron Coastal Preserve	\$6,000
Jerry and Marge Cotter Fund	Leo J. Kipfmueller Fund for the Summer Remedial Clinics	\$200
Laidlaw Foundation Fund	Autism Alliance of Michigan	\$3,000
	Friends of the Alger Theater	\$1,000
	Hope Shores Alliance	\$3,000
	Life Changers Ministry	\$3,000
	Pierce Cedar Creek Institute	\$3,000
	Planned Parenthood of Helena, Montana	\$1,500
	The Friendship Center	\$1,500
Diana Smith Youth Theater Fund	Shoreline Players	\$295
Marie Samuelson Scholarship Fund	Holy Family School	\$6,000
Joseph Barkman Scholarship Fund	Tawas Area Education Foundation Barkman Fund	\$3,500
Mary Jane Chevis Endowment Fund	Ascension St. Joseph Foundation	\$200,000
St. Joseph Educational Foundation Agency Fund	Holy Family School	\$9,860

Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning Agency Fund

Iosco County Museum Endowment Fund \$4,941

William and Marcia Hopcroft Memorial Fund

Iosco County Community Foundation Improvement Fund \$940

ICCF Scholarships

The following scholarship funds held within ICCF distributed a total of \$103,000 to various colleges, institutions and universities to support Iosco County students.

- Dean and Marge Arbour Memorial Scholarship - Tawas
- Tawas Area Education Foundation Joseph Barkman Scholarship
- Jess D. and Patricia A. Clark Scholarship
- Tawas Area Education Foundation Coyle Scholarship
- George E. & Dorothy M. Green Scholarship Fund
- Hale Education Fund Scholarship
- Carl & Christine Huebner Scholarship
- Tawas Area Education Foundation Jensen Scholarship
- Tawas Area Education Foundation Clifford R. Lonsbury Scholarship
- Tawas Beach Club Scholarship
- Tawas Football Alumni Assoc. Fund
- Michael Wentworth Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Elmer & Eliza Werth Fund

2023 ICCF Scholarship Recipients

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Grace Bergquist	Madelyn Koning
Joshua Bruno	Colleen Kubisiak
Delani Butzin	Jeslyn LaJoice
Addison Cota	Grace Look
Joseph Ernst	Jacob Look
Vincent Frank	Addison Ludwig
Alaina Grover	Taylor Marine
Emma Hayes	Hunter McCadie
Olivia Hemker	Evan Mochty
Abigail Herbolzheimer	Miranda Nickell
Alexander Kaems	Katelyn Papenfus
Kaylee Kaems	Alexandra Perrot
Gage Kangas	Christine Qiu
Cole Katterman	Leslie Roth
Dalaney Kimmerer	Dorothy Tyo
Elise Klinger	

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