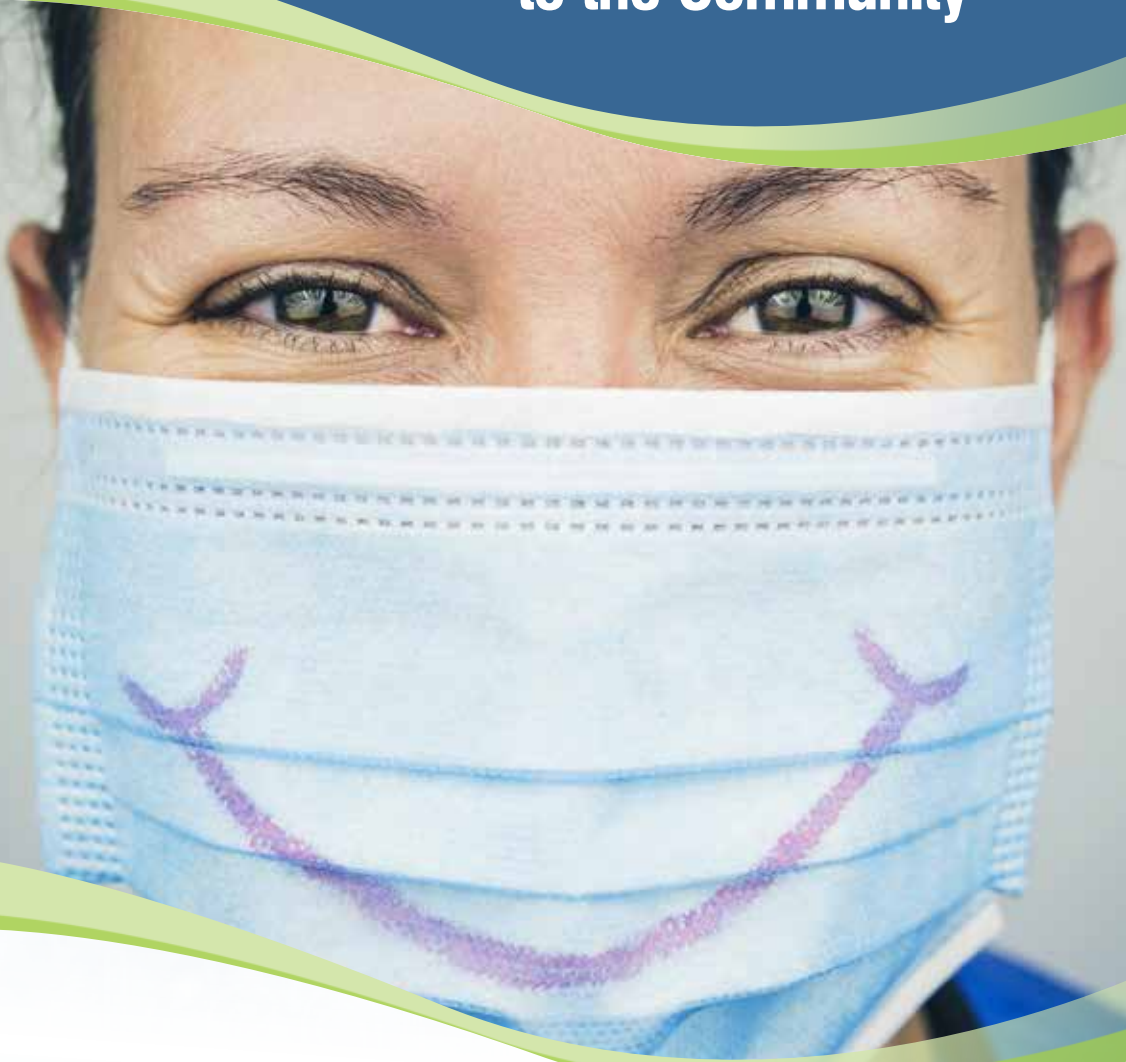


# 2020 Annual Report to the Community



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**Steve Zott, Chair and Nancy Boxey, Executive Director.**



# We've got your back Lapeer County

**A**s the year 2020 began, we had no idea what lay ahead for our community. At the Lapeer County Community Foundation, we started 2020 with optimism – looking forward to grant announcements, launching the Lapeer County LEAF, and continuing to serve as the partner, resource and steward in philanthropy for individuals and families who want to make a difference.

The arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic changed everything. With lost loved ones, lost jobs and a challenging economy, the pandemic created needs that impacted people from all walks of life. As our community faced unprecedented challenges brought on by COVID-19, we found hope and inspiration in the outpouring of support from neighbors helping neighbors through these troubling times.

As a community, we responded in extraordinary ways. Teachers became distance learning experts and IT professionals, parents became classroom aides and in-home guidance counselors, frontline workers became first responders, and we were all challenged to find new ways to work together and support each other while physically apart. As the philanthropic leader in Lapeer

County, when crisis arrived, we knew it was our job to step up.

The Foundation quickly established the Lapeer County Emergency Relief Fund to respond to the emergency needs brought on by COVID-19 and the stress placed on our local nonprofits. This fund has served to highlight the generosity and commitment by donors and area organizations to make sure that services and programs continued uninterrupted. That people were fed, clothed, and sheltered – and that physical and mental health needs were met. Thank you for standing with us during our community's time of need!

Because the immediate and emerging needs of 2020 were so far reaching, the Foundation worked to build and expand collaborative partnerships by hosting countywide Community Conversations to address the most pressing issues of the day, develop efficient responses and strategize long-term solutions. These discussions led to the development of valuable resources and methods of communication, while also strengthening local networks.

While the Foundation worked to address the needs created by the pandemic, our other work

continued. Local communities have been directly impacted with over \$300,000 in grants approved along with nearly \$100,000 in scholarships awarded.

Donors continued to invest in the future of Lapeer County by establishing new funds and through our #GivingTuesday campaign, donors were able to fully engage in the grantmaking process and see the immediate impact of their gifts.

The Lapeer County LEAF launched and saw over 30% of our newly enrolled 863 Lapeer County kindergarten students actively participate in saving for their future by depositing in their LEAF savings account.

Yes, 2020 was difficult, but let's not lose sight of all that we have to be thankful for – a community that came together and helped those in need.

Thank you to everyone who made a difference by making masks; providing hot meals; volunteering; and supporting small businesses, front line workers, teachers, and nonprofits serving those in need through the Foundation's Emergency Relief Fund. This really is a special place to call home.

With our sincerest thanks to you and all of Lapeer County.

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An individual, family, business or organization makes a tax-deductible gift of cash, securities, real estate or other property. The LCCF team works with individual donors and organizations who share a common charitable goal to help them meet that goal.



## CHOOSE

Your gift creates or adds to a charitable fund to benefit causes important to you now and for the long-term.



## INVEST

Funds are carefully invested for long-term growth, overseen by professional advisors and an investment committee. Gifts to the LCCF represent not only the donor's generosity, but their confidence, trust and vision for the future.



## LEVERAGE

The LCCF leverages resources to make the most of each and every donation.



## STRENGTHEN

Lapeer County communities become stronger through grants given to support local nonprofits, schools and public entities. In 2020, the LCCF awarded more than \$374,000 in grants and scholarships to area nonprofits and students.



## ENGAGE

Nonprofit organizations receive grants based on community needs. We work in collaboration with individuals and organizations to mobilize resources to provide donors flexible gifting and granting opportunities. The LCCF ensures that local and state nonprofits, like Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF), Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), Lapeer Development Corporation (LDC) and others remain connected to each other and Lapeer County.

## BUILD COMMUNITY.

The Lapeer County Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization created by and for the people of Lapeer County. Many of today's solutions result from yesterday's giving. In 1996, the Lapeer County Community Foundation was started with a \$20,000 gift to create a permanent community endowment fund. Since then, we have grown to represent 67 funds, over \$12 million in assets, and have invested over \$5 million back into our local Lapeer County communities.

## GIVE TODAY.

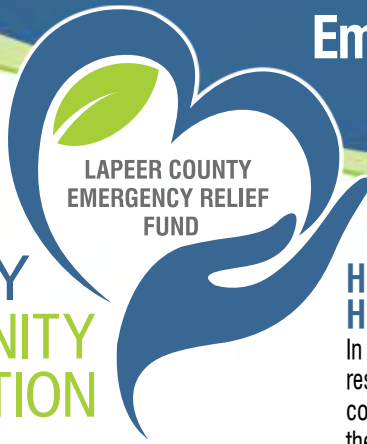
Since our inception, we have worked with people like you, giving gifts from \$5 to \$500,000 to help ensure there will always be resources available in the future to meet the community's needs and promising opportunities. Giving is personal. We understand that. We combine personalized service, local expertise, and community leadership to help donors meet their charitable goals.

## IMPACT TOMORROW.

As the Lapeer County leader in promoting philanthropy to strengthen our communities, we work in collaboration with individuals and organizations to mobilize resources to meet their goals and objectives. It's all about relationships. We invest not only your dollars, but also our time, in building these long-term relationships.

# Lapeer County Emergency Relief Fund

## LAPEER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



When the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in Lapeer County, the Foundation swiftly assumed a leadership role in developing a coordinated philanthropic response, which began with the establishment of the Lapeer County Emergency Relief Fund. The goal of the fund, seeded with \$50,000 from the Lapeer County Community Fund, is to quickly coordinate and deploy resources to nonprofit organizations in Lapeer County. The fund also serves as a centralized point of giving and distribution of financial assistance for disaster and emergency relief efforts.



### DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY

The Emergency Relief Fund is designed to assist with direct service needs like childcare, nonprofit operations, caring for vulnerable populations and access to food and basic hygiene. In the spring of 2020, funds were distributed to a number of organizations in order to help them host drive-thru food distribution events as well as stock food pantries. Those nonprofits included: Almont Vineyard Church Manna Food Pantry, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and Country Christian Church.

### HELP & HOPE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE GUIDE

In addition to providing much-needed financial resources, another goal of the Foundation is to connect Lapeer County organizations to best meet the needs of Lapeer County residents. During the pandemic, LCCF coordinated and led virtual Community Conversations, which fostered discussions on the most pressing issues of the day, allowing the group to develop efficient responses and strategize long-term solutions. The conversations averaged more than 60 participants and provided a forum for sharing information to help reduce duplications of services, along with keeping track of current and emerging needs. One outcome of these conversations

was the Help & Hope Mental Health Resource Guide published by View Newspaper Group. The Mental Health Resource Guide provides information for community members seeking mental health help, emergency contacts and — most importantly — local stories of hope from those who have survived mental

health challenges like addiction, depression and abuse. Funding from the Emergency Relief Fund has allowed the guide to be reproduced to a wallet-size resource for people to carry with them should they, or someone they know, need immediate mental health help.



### METAMORA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB CHECK DONATION

Once established, community members and businesses stepped up to contribute to the Emergency Relief Fund. The annual Metamora Charity Golf Classic, hosted by Metamora Golf & Country Club, raised \$10,000 for the fund. Since its start, the fund has raised over \$100,000 to directly impact Lapeer County through grants to local nonprofits serving on the front line of responding to community needs.



# Additional Lapeer County Emergency Relief Fund grants given in 2020:

## BLUE WATER CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Meal assistance

## COMMUNITY HOUSE OF HOPE

Assist in maintaining operations

## HISPANIC SERVICE CENTER

Emergency housing assistance and food

## LAPEER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Food, laundry and housing assistance for those in quarantine including vulnerable populations

## LAPEER COUNTY ISD

Assist with virtual learning/ Summer reading literacy programs

## LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP

Assist in providing a virtual camp experience for those with disabilities

## STONE SOUP FOOD BANK

Assist with equipment purchase to improve efficiency

## THE REFUGE

Housing assistance for homeless populations



## Grant Writing Workshops



LCCF Executive Director Nancy Boxey and Four County Community Foundation Executive Director Kathy Dickens held grant writing workshops in January at the Lapeer County Education and Technology Center in Attica and then virtually via ZOOM in August.

The free workshops offered the opportunity for educators, government officials and nonprofit organizations to learn how to navigate the LCCF and 4CCF grant application process. In addition, attendees were given keys to writing successful proposals, common pitfalls to avoid and where to seek grants and additional funding sources.

There were 70 people in attendance representing numerous local nonprofits. Many said that the workshops were very informative and that they left with more knowledge about grant writing.

# Making an Impact



## GENERAL SQUIRE PARK

While a lot of focus in 2020 was placed on addressing concerns and needs surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the LCCF continued to fund other valuable projects and programs in the county. One such project was brought to the LCCF's attention thanks to Shane VandenBerghe, who took on the work of updating the playground at General Squire Park as his Eagle Scout Project. With the help of his troop and funds from various organizations including a grant from the LCCF given to the county of Lapeer for the project, the old, dilapidated playground was removed and new, safer equipment was installed. Now the park and playground can be enjoyed by young park visitors for years to come.



## ALMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR ROBES

At more than 20 years old, the choir robes at Almont Middle School had seen better days. They were thread bare, faded and stained. While the choir students continued to perform and win awards, it became clear to their director and other supporters that new robes would go a long way in helping the choir feel better about their overall appearance and performance. Thanks to funds from the LCCF, new robes were purchased for the students, proudly featuring the school colors of black and orange. Today, the choir not only sounds great, they stand a little taller knowing they also look great.



## DIVE EQUIPMENT

Since the early 1960s, the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department has maintained a Dive Team. When the pandemic put a strain on resources, the department sought a grant from the LCCF to replace failing dive equipment that would have put divers' lives in danger. New equipment purchased thanks to the LCCF grant included two dry suits, which protect divers from water temperature and quality, five Thermol undergarments, which allow divers to dive in cold water and weather without becoming hypothermic and five dive computers, which tell the divers the depth of the water and how much oxygen they have left. Equipped with audible alarms and LED warnings, the dive computers are a vital part of the equipment as many of the local lakes the team must dive in have zero visibility. In a thank you letter to the

Foundation, the dive team wrote, "The Lapeer County Sheriff's Office Dive Team has brought the new equipment into service and is experiencing the equipment's benefits ... The Lapeer County Sheriff's Office Dive Team would like to thank the Lapeer County Community Foundation for the grant award."





## KEEPING BOOKS IN KIDS HANDS

Education has always been an important part of what the LCCF supports. In 2020, the Foundation granted funds for the Keeping Books in Kids Hands project. The funds were used to purchase sets of books for all Kindergarten to third grade students struggling to read in the Lapeer County public school districts including — Almont, Chatfield, Dryden, Imlay City, Lapeer and North Branch. The books supported summer reading and were an extra important part of the learning process in 2020 since most students switched to remote learning in mid-March of 2020. By targeting struggling readers and ensuring equitable access to books, the project made strides toward positively impacting literacy in the county.

## COMMUNITY HOUSE OF HOPE ROOF

Community House of Hope is a Lapeer County nonprofit that provides a number of services to community members including Med-a-Ride, emergency food and also helps residents with household needs through their linen and house-ware pantries. Community House of Hope runs an on-site resale store to help fund many of the programs they offer. About 300 customers a month visit the store. When it became apparent that a new roof was needed at their facility, the LCCF was proud to help with funding. Thanks to the new roof, the building will continue to house the nonprofit and resale store.



# Other 2020 LCCF grants

### CENTER FOR THE ARTS OF GREATER LAPEER

Support of operations

### COUNTY OF LAPEER

Polly Ann Trail improvements

### DRYDEN WESLEYAN CHURCH

Nash Center roof replacement

### FAMILY LITERACY CENTER

Support of operations

### FOREVER FRIENDS NETWORK

Autistic programming and family support

### FRIENDS OF LAPEER DOG PARK

Construction of Lapeer County Dog Park

### KIWANIS CLUB OF LAPEER

2020/21 scholarships

### LAKEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

2020/21 scholarships

### LAPEER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Purchase of library and media materials

### LAPEER COUNTY SCHOOLS AND STUDENT LOAN FUND

Support of scholarship and student loans

### LAPEER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Support of Historical Society activities

### LAPEER TEAM WORK, INC.

Technology upgrades

### MARATHON TOWNSHIP

Marathon Township Community Park improvement project

### MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP

Support of programming

### NORTH BRANCH AREA SCHOOLS

2020/21 scholarships

### SIX RIVERS LAND CONSERVANCY

Support of Lapeer County land conservation efforts

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH — IMLAY CITY

Food for Families Program

### UNITED WAY OF LAPEER COUNTY

Support of operations

### YOUNG MUSICIANS COMMUNITY

3rd Degree Burns Performance Equipment

# 2020-2021 Scholarship Recipients



The Lapeer County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the students who were awarded the following scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year totaling \$81,300.00.

For more information about the Foundation and the scholarships we offer, contact the Foundation Office at 810-664-0691 or visit our website at [www.lapeercountycf.org](http://www.lapeercountycf.org).

## Ross P. Broesamle Educational Fund Scholarship **\$35,000**

Gabriel Bourdeau	Paige Hunger	Michael Melillo	Mia Sliman
Jordan Bourdeau	Eric Johnson	Kaylin Norman	Mariah Smith
Michael Brzozowski	Samantha Justice	Teagan Norman	Emma Stefanski
Kylie DeVlaminck	Blake Kapron	Curtis Ouillette	Corey Sutter
Dalton Gray	Elizabeth Kerby	Casey Pepper	Jenna Sutter
Madeleine Gray	Katrina Kline	Sean Riley	Heidi Theisen
Jacob Hausmann	Justin Knox	Megan Rinke	Hayley Torres
Brandon Herman	Joseph Liblong	Garrett Ruhala	Sydney Torres
Darren Herman	Lauren McFarlane	Kallan Ruhala	Alex Trombley
Delaney Hull	Jamie McKelvey	Luke Schlanderer	Mackenzie Wrobel

## Daley Acres Agricultural Memorial Scholarship **\$5,000**

Ashley Gibbs

## Christopher Jon Dirks Memorial Fund Scholarship **\$500**

Maria Reitz

## Irma Gelhausen Scholarship **\$1,500**

Madeleine Gray

Montana Maher

## Jack and Carolyn Griffin Memorial Scholarship

### Part 1

Alexander Albrecht	Hanna Gipson	Brant Mohr	Robert Vipperman
Breanna Barden	Amy Ludescher	Whitney Pettibone	

### Part II

Autumn Deshetsy	Abigail Hadden	Caitlyn Rogers	
Michael Gormley	Montana Maher	Joshua Sutton	

**Philip Hart Scholarship** **\$2,000**

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Maria Reitz

**Jacob N. Johnson Memorial Scholarship** **\$500**

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Amina Dada

**LakeVille Memorial High School Alumni Scholarship** **\$1,000**

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Jacob Allmon

**Lapeer County Medical Fund Scholarship** **\$3,500**

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Alexis Kigar                      Megan Rinke

**P.E.O. Chapter DX Scholarship** **\$1,000**

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Jennifer Gibbs

**John Sak Memorial Scholarship** **\$500**

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Matthew Place, II

**Schiedegger Engineering Scholarship** **\$8,000**

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Abigail Hadden                      Jacob Hausmann                      Benjamin Koning  
Gabrielle Hadden                      Elizabeth Kerby

**Hazel Simms Nursing Scholarship** **\$3,800**

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Matthew Place, II                      Megan Rinke                      Cassandra Schultz

**Jimmy Thompson Memorial Scholarship** **\$500**

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Miguel Sanchez

**Tracey Thompson Memorial Scholarship** **\$500**

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Kaylee DeLong

**Traver-Carter Fund Scholarship** **\$4,000**

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Krystal Gates                      Alexis Kigar

**Ronald C. and Abi E. Warner Scholarship** **\$1,000**

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Montana Maher                      Matthew Place, II

# The Women's Fund

The Women's Fund was established through the vision of 100 Founders as a unique legacy of women helping women in Lapeer County.

Today, the group includes Founders and Friends at multiple levels of giving. Through its membership, the Women's Fund has the opportunity to make a lasting impact.

By connecting women from all backgrounds and stages of life, they bring unlimited potential to network, share ideas, and plan events and projects that support and impact Lapeer County's women, their children, and families.



## 2020 STEERING COMMITTEE

**Dana Miller, Chair**  
**Jackie Gibbons, Vice Chair**  
**Nancy Smith, Secretary**

**Kim Adams**  
**Betsy Felton**  
**Della Hammond**

**Kristi Kigar**  
**Kathryn Lawter**  
**Jacque Wilson**

### THE WOMEN'S FUND WELCOMED NEW FRIENDS IN 2020!

**Jeanne Dupuis**  
**Michele Guerra**  
**Denise Michalzcuk**  
**Shari Ruesink**

To View the complete list of Women's Fund Founders and Friends please visit: <https://lapeercountycf.org/the-womens-fund/> Consider becoming a Friend of the Women's Fund with a gift of \$500 which can be pledged over a five-year, \$100 per year commitment. As a Friend, your gift is held in endowment, contributing to the permanent legacy that will be passed on to future generations of Lapeer County women. Only the earnings are distributed, but as the Women's Fund grows, so does their ability to help.



**Pictured from left to right: HSC Executive Director-Lordes Emke, Women's Fund Steering Committee members Kathryn Lawter, Jackie Gibbons, Della Hammond, Nancy Smith, Kim Adams and Dana Miller.**

## SUPPORTING EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORTS

Like many other community events, the Women's Fund found it necessary to cancel their Annual Fall Luncheon due to COVID-19. Recognizing that many women were struggling across the county, they encouraged their membership to support emergency relief efforts by redirecting their registration costs from the luncheon to assist those in need and support the mission of the fund. The Hispanic Service Center in Imlay City had seen a dramatic increase of women needing assistance to cover basic human needs such as food, shelter, child and health care. The Center has a long standing history of serving Lapeer County's most vulnerable populations. The Women's Fund Steering Committee saw this as a great partnership opportunity and voted to grant their \$1,175 in emergency fund donations to the Hispanic Service Center.

## MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE CARDS

The Women's Fund 2020 Mother's Day Tribute Card fundraiser was a huge success. This is an annual event that allows both members and non-members to honor the women in their lives. The following supporters purchased a total of 96 cards generating \$1,660 for the Women's Fund: Dora Bianchini, Nancy Boxey, Kristen Cassabon, Wanda Dowdall, Fred Ehman, Jackie Gibbons, Jo Grossbauer, H & H Tool, Jill Lyons, Deb Marquardt, Dana Miller, Colleen Muir, Tim Oesch and Nancy Smith.



## REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS

The Women's Fund, in partnership with the Foundation for Mott Community College, offers Education Grants to non-traditional Lapeer County women juggling multiple demands of life as they pursue furthering their education. Funds can be used for non-tuition related expenses including books, fees, childcare, transportation and program costs. Students may receive up to \$1,000 per academic year. By helping to remove financial barriers, these grants allow women to reach their full academic and professional potential. Applicants must hold a minimum 2.5 grade point average, can apply at any time, and may re-apply each academic year. In 2020 The Women's Fund awarded four Education Grants totaling \$4,000.



## Celebrity Server Dinner



### LCCF hosted the second annual Celebrity Server dinner in February 2020.

The event was held at Metamora Golf & Country Club and featured a coursed dinner paired with Jackson Family Wines. Local celebrities served the meal, while guests enjoyed conversation and a presentation from guest speaker Ted Ross. The event had 11 tables representing six LCCF funds competing to be the night's top earner. The First Place table was the LEAF Fund. Second place was the Optimist Club of Lapeer Fund, and Third Place went to the Thomas Daley Memorial Fund. In addition to the money raised through ticket sales, LCCF collected \$3,000 in tips, and received an anonymous donation of \$1,000 for the LEAF Fund. The event saw many new faces in attendance who were able to learn more about LCCF and some of the funds.

# Lapeer County Education Attainment Fund



The LEAF (Lapeer County Education Attainment) Fund provides hope and opportunity to students in Lapeer County — something that was especially important in 2020.



## VIRTUAL KICK-OFF

The LEAF program was able to pivot its service delivery and created a virtual kick-off platform for local schools to introduce LEAF to the second cohort of students. This allowed both in-school and virtual learners access and information regarding LEAF.



## LEAF DEPOSIT DAYS

Students were able to participate in two rounds of in-school deposits prior to moving to virtual learning due to the pandemic. Money Marvel, on behalf of ELGA Credit Union, also conducted virtual financial education lessons within classrooms.

The children's savings account (CSA) program for all kindergarteners enrolled in Lapeer County school districts (including parochial schools), establishes long-term savings accounts designed to promote, encourage and incentivize children, and their families to build dedicated savings for postsecondary education. LCCF has provided over \$47,000 to "seed" these accounts with \$25.

Launched in 2019, LEAF is a public-private partnership between Lapeer County Public/Parochial/Charter Schools, LCCF and ELGA Credit Union. LEAF is Lapeer County's promise to students and families that we are here to help students prepare academically for their future, but financially as well.

Now in the second year, LEAF has over 1,700 students enrolled (all kindergarten and 1st grade students in Lapeer County), and nearly 50% of all students enrolled actively participated by depositing money into their accounts.

In 2020, LEAF provided financial education workshops to parents covering such topics as savings, grocery shopping on a budget, and additional opportunities to save for their children's future education needs.

While the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted much in the lives of families and students enrolled in LEAF, the fund was able to successfully pivot to embrace in-person and virtual learners. Despite the challenges local educators faced, they continued to embrace LEAF and were committed to program continuance.



## LEAF FIRST PLACE WINNER

LEAF was the first place fund winner at the LCCF Celebrity Server event. Additionally, the LEAF endowment fund received over \$15,000 in gifts on #GivingTuesday.



## LEAF SUMMER INCENTIVE

Students had an opportunity to earn additional deposit incentives when they made their first deposit as well as by participating in a summer reading and math activity. These summer incentives were provided by ELGA Credit Union and ChoiceOne Bank.



## CREATE YOUR OWN PIGGY-BANK

The Lapeer County YAC conducted a virtual contest for students to create their own piggy-bank. Students submitted their photos online and the winners received gift cards to local businesses.



## BOOKS IN CLASSROOMS

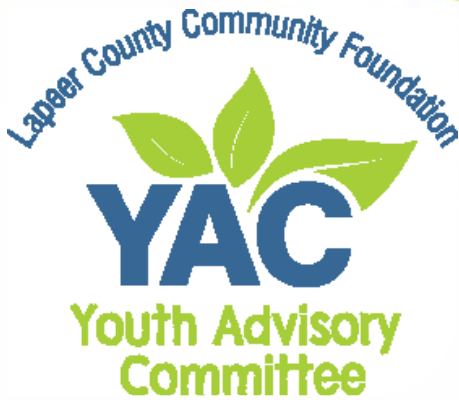
LEAF received grants totaling \$5,000 from the Dollar General Foundation and University of Michigan to purchase age appropriate books centered on financial education and savings. Over 1,000 books were distributed to every K-2nd grade classroom in Lapeer County.



## CHECK DONATION

LEAF received a \$50,000 commitment, over 5 years, from ChoiceOne Bank – serving as the largest donation from a local business partner. LEAF is a cultural statement for Lapeer County reflecting a community commitment to supporting local student's educational future and the need for post-secondary learning and job training.

# Youth Advisory Committee



Comprised of 7th-12th grade students in Lapeer County, the Youth Advisory Committee - a grant making body of the Lapeer County Community Foundation - is dedicated to learning about and addressing the needs of youth in Lapeer County. YAC members volunteer their time to assess community needs, study issues important to youth, report their findings to community leaders and evaluate grant proposals requesting funds for youth-oriented programs. The group is also active in the community, completing four or five community service projects annually.

## COMMUNICATING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In 2020, YAC — like the entire world— faced unknowns and challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The group was unsure of how to proceed with meetings, service projects, grant requests and recruitment of new YAC members, as well as maintain the relationships they had built throughout the years. Like most people and organizations, YAC members were quick to discover new ways of communicating through Zoom and continued to offer services to Lapeer County while social distancing. Although challenging, the group agrees that 2020 turned out to be a meaningful year as they found ways to provide for those in need.



## ANNUAL BACKPACK PROJECT

YAC continued their annual backpack project in 2020 and even expanded it! Thanks to a \$2,500 grant from the Council of Michigan Foundations, YAC was able to purchase school supplies and backpacks for every school in Lapeer County grades K-12. YAC members sorted supplies, boxed them up and delivered the supplies to all 21 schools in the county. In years past, YAC purchased the backpacks, stuffed them with school supplies and students from all over the county would come to Lapeer to pick up the backpacks. Thanks to the new delivery method in 2020, administrators from each building

had backpacks and supplies on hand directly at their schools for any student in need. The schools were thankful for this change since delivering the supplies made them more accessible for students who may not be able to travel from more rural areas of the county. Shown here is a delivery to Imlay City High School.





## HOLIDAY DEPOT

YAC continued their work with Holiday Depot in 2020. The nonprofit provides Christmas toys and clothes to low-income families in Lapeer County from its storefront in downtown Lapeer. The YAC group wrapped collection barrels, decorated the new Christmas tree in the store and decorated the storefront windows in downtown Lapeer.



## MASKS FOR SCHOOLS

As an added bonus to the school supplies, YAC members prepared baskets full of masks for each school in the county to ensure the safety of students, teachers and other education staff.



## HELPING THE HOMELESS

YAC members made fleece tie blankets and delivered them to The Refuge in Lapeer for the homeless to use. Blankets were also made and donated to the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department for use in their police cruisers for injured or scared children.

## 2020 YAC grants

**ALMONT HIGH SCHOOL** – Rachel's Closet

**IMLAY CITY HIGH SCHOOL** – Angel Closet

**LAPEER COUNTY LEAF FUND** – Support of the LEAF endowment

**ALMONT HIGH SCHOOL** - Project Graduation

**AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION** – Camperships

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION** – Adventure Awaits Camperships

**NORTH BRANCH MIDDLE SCHOOL** – New arrows and quivers for archery program

**CONSORTIUM FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN** –

Certified Trauma and Resilience Training

**DRYDEN HIGH SCHOOL** – Project Graduation

# 2020 YAC Members

### ALMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Adelynn Kuligowski  
Allison Mitchell  
Anna Wedemeyer

### CHATFIELD SCHOOL

Allie Barriteau  
Aubrey Goward  
Maecyn Kress  
Ellery Muir

### DRYDEN JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Anna Maria Cronkright  
Lily Finnigan  
Sean Finnigan  
Noah Hall  
Jessica Voss  
Morgan Voss

### IMLAY CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Tanya Barragan  
Luis Barragan  
Jenna Schefka  
Grace Schriber  
Hope Schriber

### IMLAY CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Elliot Whitney

### LAPEER HIGH SCHOOL

Jackson Baese  
Mallory Butterfield  
Paige Butterfield,  
Colin Fleming  
Kami Kerbyson  
Emma Muir  
McKenzie Nowak,  
Karina Reitz  
Maria Reitz  
Lindsey Willett

### NORTH BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL

Lilly Patten

### POWERS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Matthew Deitering  
Natalie Deitering

### ZEMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Carter Baese  
Mya McKenna  
Ramsey Kress  
Aiden Muir

### ROLLAND-WARNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Rileigh Nowak

# #GivingTuesday

Celebrated each year the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, #GivingTuesday has grown to be a global day of giving. LCCF has honored the occasion in a number of ways throughout the years, including matching grants and hosting a #GivingTuesday Open House. With COVID-19 restrictions preventing any sort of in-person celebration, the LCCF team and board trustees found a unique way to engage with community members.

Here is how the LCCF #GivingTuesday campaign, hosted on Dec. 1, 2020 worked:

**Give TODAY.** Donors were asked to Give Today by making a donation to any of the LCCF's 65 funds.

**Impact TOMORROW.** Each donation amount was matched by a 25% donation from LCCF to the LEAF Fund to support Lapeer County students in growing their LEAF child savings account for post-secondary education, allowing donors to Impact Tomorrow.

**Give AGAIN.** Some donors were able to Give Again since each \$25 donation made a person eligible to be entered into a drawing in which 10 people were selected to recommend a \$1,000 grant to a Lapeer County nonprofit of their choice.

**A total of \$10,000 was granted back into local organizations.**



## LOVE, INC

Colleen Muir was one of the raffle drawing winners and was given the opportunity to select a benefactor of a \$1,000 grant. She chose Love, INC, which is a nonprofit organization that coordinates services for the needy of Lapeer County. Love INC works closely with churches, local government and private organizations to provide a variety of help for Lapeer County residents in need. Colleen's grant was welcomed as it went directly to the Love, INC food program, just in time for Christmas.



## LAPEER LEADER FUND

Ben Warren was another raffle winner and selected the Lapeer LEADER (Lapeer Education & Athletic Development Expense Resource) Fund to receive his grant dollars. Accepting the donation was Scott McKenna and Wes Smith. The LEADER Fund partners with local businesses and groups to help enhance the community's future by providing top-level facilities, technology, and curriculum supplies for LCS students, teachers, coaches, and administrators.

## THE OTHER RAFFLE WINNERS SELECTED TO RECOMMEND A \$1,000 GRANT DURING THE LCCF #GIVINGTUESDAY CAMPAIGN WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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Thank you to the donors who established funds in 2020, investing in the future of Lapeer County! We are excited to have added new Designated and Scholarship Funds to the Foundation's family of funds.

One of the new Scholarship Funds was created by Dr. William Laur and Dr. Kimber Persia. Here is why they chose to start a fund with the Foundation. *"Our belief is that academic excellence needs to be promoted, appreciated, recognized and rewarded,"* said Dr. Laur. *"The student has a responsibility to excel, the community has a responsibility to encourage and give opportunity to enable the next generation to excel. We were once the student, we are now part of the community."*

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*A Designated Fund is a good choice for donors who know they want to support a particular public charity, school, or unit of government. A Designated Fund allows a donor to provide an ongoing, reliable and permanent stream of support for a particular nonprofit or community cause.*

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:



**MAX H. WHITTON MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**DR. WILLIAM  
LAUR AND  
DR. KIMBER  
PERSIA  
SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND**



*Scholarships may be established to memorialize or honor someone, celebrate your alma mater, or promote a chosen career field. Scholarships may be awarded to high school seniors graduating from school or those pursuing post-graduate studies. These funds provide financial assistance to students at schools, colleges, and universities. Scholarship funds can also support vocational training and assistance in paying for special courses. You determine the criteria – we manage the rest!*

# FUNDS

## A DESCRIPTION OF ALL THE LAPEER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

### **42 Access to Nature Endowment Fund**

Supports creating universal, barrier free access to recreation opportunities for people of all abilities in the Lapeer County community.

### **18 Clarke Adams Memorial Fund**

Supports broad charitable purposes and non-profit organizations within Lapeer County.

### **22 Thomas K. Butterfield Administrative Fund**

Named in memory of Thomas K. Butterfield, long-time Chair of the Foundation, it supports the Lapeer County Community Foundation's administrative operations.

### **36 The Carpenter Fund**

Supports the operations of Lapeer Community Schools.

### **58 Center for the Arts of Greater Lapeer Fund**

Supports the Center for the Arts of Greater Lapeer.

### **64 Thomas Daley Memorial Fund**

Created in memory of Thomas Daley, it supports broad charitable purposes with primary focuses in music, traumatic head injuries, children, and agriculture.

### **08 Marguerite deAngeli Branch Library Endowment Fund**

Supports programs and special projects at the deAngeli branch library.

### **11 Family Literacy Center Endowment Fund**

Supports programs of the Family Literacy Center of Lapeer County.

### **19 Family Literacy Center Fund +**

The non-permanent fund supports programs and operations of the Family Literacy Center of Lapeer County.

### **27 Joseph Property Capital Defense Fund +**

The non-permanent fund supports the legal defense of the development easement at the Joseph property at 9302 McWain Road, Grand Blanc, MI.

### **28 Joseph Property Defense Endowment Fund**

Supports the legal defense of the development easement at the Joseph property at 9302 McWain Road, Grand Blanc, MI.

### **30 LACADA/Roberta Jane Lynch Memorial Fund**

Supports operations and programs of Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Assault as well as needs based legal services for women and their families.

### **45 Lapeer County Autism Support Fund**

Created to honor Grant Lee Johnston, the fund supports organizations and programming for autistic children and family support services in Lapeer County.

### **100 Lapeer County Community Fund**

Supports grantmaking and philanthropic activity to benefit the residents of Lapeer County.

### **70 Lapeer County Emergency Relief Fund +**

Serves as a centralized point of giving and distribution of financial assistance in times of countywide emergency needs.

### **14 Lapeer County Historical Society Fund**

Benefits the efforts of the Lapeer County Historical Society.

### **65 Lapeer County LEAF (Lapeer County Education Attainment Fund) Fund**

Encourages and supports post-secondary education savings and financial literacy for students and their families. LEAF establishes child savings accounts for each kindergartner in Lapeer County and provides classroom and community financial education.

### **01 Lapeer County Probate Children's Fund**

Supports programs that address needs of children who come to the attention of the Probate Court.

### **06 Lapeer County YAC Fund**

Created with matching grants from the Kellogg Foundation, it supports grantmaking and other programs for youth in Lapeer County.

### **09 Lapeer Courthouse Restoration Fund**

Supports the continued restoration and maintenance of the historic Lapeer County courthouse.

### **16 Lapeer District Library Endowment Fund**

Supports the activities and programs of the Lapeer District Library.

### **35 Lapeer Vocational Fund**

Supports alternative educational experiences in Lapeer Community Schools.

### **15 George D. Lutz Camp Fund**

Supports Michigan Christian Youth Camp programs through the Lapeer Kiwanis Club.

### **34 Adam & Corrinne Moore Music Fund**

Promotes and enriches the music program beyond normal expenditures in Lapeer High School.

### **59 Optimist Club of Lapeer County Fund**

Supports operations of the Optimist Club of Lapeer County.

### **67 Paradise Animal Rescue Endowment Fund**

Supports operations and animal protection and welfare efforts of Paradise Animal Rescue.

### **51 Doris F. and Burns L. Rolland, Sr. Endowment Fund for Rolland-Warner Students**

Established for the enrichment of the lives of Lapeer's Rolland-Warner Middle School students.



# SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS



## **68 Seven Ponds Nature Center Endowment Fund**

Supports programs and operations of Seven Ponds Nature Center.

## **38 Six Rivers Lapeer County Land Conservation Fund**

Supports the Six Rivers Land Conservancy efforts and range of needs for private land conservation in Lapeer County.

## **39 Suncrest-Lapeer County Medical Care Facility Fund**

Enhances the Lapeer County Medical Care Facility's ability to provide healthcare services for the aging.

## **33 The Taylor Fund**

Supports kindergarten, industrial arts, home economics, and agriculture programs in Lapeer Community Schools.

## **21 United Way of Lapeer County Endowment Fund**

Supports programs and operations of the United Way of Lapeer County.

## **43 Valley Lapeer Community Schools Library Endowment Fund**

Supplements district spending for elementary and secondary school libraries in the purchase of printed and audio visual materials directly used by students.

## **03 Wakaresku Cultural Fund**

Established by Joseph Wakaresku, this fund supports education and cultural projects for the benefit of children and youth in Lapeer County, including study in foreign countries.

## **24 Women's Fund**

Supports women and their families in need.

## **05 Ross P. Broesamle Educational Fund**

Provides educational assistance to students residing in Almont or Dryden.

## **52 Mary Jane Congdon Memorial Scholarship Fund +**

The non permanent fund in memory of long-time Lapeer educator, Mary Jane Congdon, supports scholarships to Lapeer Community Schools graduating seniors.

## **54 Daley Acres Agricultural Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established in loving memory of J. Clifford "Kip" Daley and Thomas J. Daley, the fund awards scholarships to Lapeer County students pursuing a career in agriculture.

## **13 Christopher Jon Dirks Memorial Fund +**

The non-permanent fund provides annual scholarships to the Outstanding Graduating Senior at Lapeer High School.

## **31 Irma Gelhausen Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships for Lapeer County students in at least their third year of college pursuing a career in education.

## **49 Jack and Carolyn Griffin Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships to North Branch graduating seniors and past recipients of the Griffin Scholarship.

## **12 Philip Hart Scholarship Fund**

Honors the life and work of Michigan's U.S. Senator Philip Hart. Supports scholarships for graduating seniors of Lapeer Community Schools.

## **48 Jacob N. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Provides scholarships to graduating Lapeer Community Schools students who have experienced a health challenge, who excel in leadership and community service, and who possess artistic abilities.

## **40 Kiwanis Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships at Lapeer High School.

## **32 Patricia A. Kuhlman Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships for graduating seniors at Lapeer High School.

## **63 LakeVille Community Schools Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established with funds donated by family & friends of deceased staff members Ms. Mary Marsh, Mr. Olan Mishler and Ms. Wendy Avram to honor their memory and to provide scholarships to graduating seniors of LakeVille Memorial High School.

## **57 LakeVille Memorial High School Alumni Scholarship Fund +**

Established by graduates of LakeVille High School for graduating seniors of LakeVille High School.

## **10 Lapeer Community Scholarship and Student Loan Endowment Fund**

Supports financial assistance through scholarships and loans to graduates of Lapeer Community Schools.

## **26 Lapeer Community Scholarship & Loan Fund Non-Endowed +**

Supports financial assistance through scholarships and loans to graduates of Lapeer Community Schools.

## **37 Lapeer County Bar Association Endowment Fund**

Provides scholarships for graduating Lapeer County high school students and other charitable purposes designated by the Lapeer County Bar Association.

+ non-endowed

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**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS** *Continued from previous page*

**07 Lapeer County Medical Fund**

Created in memory of Herbert M. Best, M.D. by the Lapeer County Medical Society, the fund awards medical scholarships to Lapeer County students enrolled in accredited medical programs.

**02 Lapeer County Medical Scholarship Endowment Fund**

Supports scholarships for Lapeer County students pursuing post-secondary education in medical and health related fields.

**25 Lapeer High School Boosters Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships for graduating seniors at Lapeer High School.

**69 Dr. William Laur & Dr. Kimber Persia Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships for Lapeer County students pursuing post-secondary studies at a community college, university, trade/technical school, apprenticeship or certificate program.

**23 North Branch Area Schools Endowment Fund**

Supports scholarships and school-related expenses not part of the operating budget.

**71 Fred Pasternak Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Provides scholarships for graduating seniors of North Branch Area Schools pursuing post-secondary studies in the field of agriculture or vocational or technical career training.

**53 P.E.O. Chapter DX Scholarship Fund**

Established by this philanthropic educational organization, it supports higher education for women.

**44 Renwick Lapeer Community Schools Loan Fund +**

The non-permanent fund created in memory of George and Ernestine Renwick supports loans from Lapeer Community Schools for students seeking further education.

**61 Dr. James and Doris Richardson Scholarship Fund**

In honor of Columbiaville's long-time residents, this fund awards scholarships to students pursuing a profession in the medical field.

**50 John Sak Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Created in memory of long-time Lapeer educator John Sak, it supports higher education for a graduating senior or graduate of Lapeer Schools.

**60 Schiedegger Engineering Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships to Lapeer County students pursuing a career in engineering.

**04 Hazel Simms Nursing Scholarship Fund**

Provides scholarships for Lapeer County students pursuing a nursing career and enrolled in a clinical program in the state of Michigan.

**55 Jimmy Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships to graduating seniors of Lapeer High School.

**56 Tracey Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships to graduating seniors of Lapeer High School.

**62 Traver-Carter Fund**

Provides scholarships to graduates of Lakeville Community Schools or Lapeer Community Schools accepted into or attending a not-for-profit college, university or technical school program in the state of Michigan.

**47 Ronald C. & Abi E. Warner Scholarship Fund**

Created in memory of Ronald and Abi Warner, it supports scholarships to students in the education, health sciences, and agricultural fields.

**66 Max H. Whitton Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Supports scholarships for Lapeer County high school graduates pursuing post-secondary studies at a community college, university, trade/technical school, apprenticeship, or certificate program within the State of Michigan.

## LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

**Joining the Legacy Society of the LCCF means leaving a gift upon your death that ensures that the charitable causes that are meaningful to you continue to be supported.**

**W**hat will your legacy be? Estate planning is often overlooked as a way to contribute to your favorite charity(s). The Lapeer County Community Foundation (LCCF) encourages you to consider planned giving as a way to support nonprofit organizations and the causes that you care about most. As a Legacy Society member, you may specify the purpose of the fund you would like to establish or designate the existing fund that you would like to support with your gift. You may also remain anonymous if you choose. Making current or future bequests to the LCCF is an easy way to transfer cash, appreciated stocks or bonds, real or personal property or other assets. Depending on the type of gift, a donor's tax liability could be reduced or eliminated. The LCCF team is happy to provide you and your professional advisors with the best and most relevant charitable gift solutions. We encourage you to contact us to discuss how you can join this group of forward-thinkers who are planning their giving today for Lapeer County's future and are looking to make a lasting impact tomorrow.

### LAPEER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

-  *Anonymous*
-  *Louis Adams*
-  *Jack and Diana Anderson*
-  *Ted Bouwkamp*  
In memory of Shirley A. Bouwkamp
-  *Paul and Cheryl Bowman*
-  *Mark and Nancy Boxey*
-  *Eric and Kristen Cassabon*
-  *Kent and Sandra DuPont*
-  *John and Dahna Loeding*
-  *Charles and Claudia Mann*
-  *Bob and Sue Sedlak*
-  *Samuel and Charlotte Williams*

# 2020 Lapeer County Community Foundation

## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

**67**  
TOTAL FUNDS

**83**  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
FOR STUDENTS

**\$5**  
MILLION  
INVESTED BACK INTO  
THE COMMUNITY

**1.5%-2%**  
ADMINISTRATION  
FEE



**63**  
GRANTS MADE  
TO COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATIONS

**\$374,000**  
TOTAL GRANTS  
MADE

**\$12,291,000**  
TOTAL ASSETS  
AS OF 12/31/20

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