

2022 Annual Report

COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION The Lapeer County Community Foundation is making an impact and you can too!

Lapeer County's streets echo with laughter, our schools ring with learning, and our neighbors lend a helping hand to one another. Local businesses contribute to vibrant downtowns while our agricultural community continues to serve as the backbone of our heritage. This is our community. It's where we choose to learn, work, play, and care.

At the Lapeer County Community Foundation, "Community is our middle name" isn't just a phrase — it's our way of life. We're here to connect the dots, bringing local businesses, donors, nonprofits, and volunteers together for a common purpose: the betterment of Lapeer County. We were created by local residents with a vision for our future. A future where there are permanent funds dedicated to improving lives and strengthening communities. A vision where there is a place for everyone to contribute in ways large and small.

If you've played in a local park, your family has attended a Lapeer County school, or have volunteered or been a recipient of services from a nonprofit and community organization – then you have been connected to the Lapeer County Community Foundation. With over \$6 million granted across Lapeer County, we've been linking people and resources to address local needs for over 26 years

Our donors have big hearts, and simple goals. To make sure people have access to food, clothing, and shelter. To provide educational opportunities from our littlest learners to our college graduates. To provide access to outdoor recreational opportunities for people of all abilities. To increase safety and health outcomes for all ages. To solve problems, address emergencies, and help their neighbors. In a nutshell, they want to do good things and pay it forward

Everyone has something to contribute. Often the most difficult part is knowing where, and how, to make a difference. That's where we help take the guesswork out of giving. We do a lot of listening. Understanding your goals and making connections provides a simple path to making an impact. We keep it simple, we keep it local, and we keep it people centered.

Our commitment goes beyond donations. We're here to be your partner, guiding you on a journey that aligns with your passions, stage of life, time commitments, and values. Together, we create a legacy that will shape the future of Lapeer County for generations to come.

Check us out. This fall we have our annual Women's Fund fall luncheon and our Nonprofit workshop series resume in September. We will be in your local schools kicking off another year of LEAF and enrolling our 5th cohort of super savers and community champions are needed. New to charitable giving? Click on the QR code and participate in our "\$5 for Food" campaign and help us stock our local food pantries. Quick, easy, and immediately impactful.

Lapeer County learns, plays, and works - but most of all, Lapeer County Cares. Give us a call. Stop by for coffee. Visit our website and get social and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

> **Together, We Give Today. Impact Tomorrow.**

about us

OUR MISSION

The Lapeer County Community Foundation leads and supports projects and initiatives that impact the quality of life in Lapeer County today, tomorrow and for future generations.

OUR DESIRED IMPACT

The Lapeer County Community Foundation (LCCF) serves as the philanthropic leader in the county by partnering to support and lead projects that advance opportunities for people to learn, work, play, and care about one another.

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Almont Middle School received a grant totaling over \$10,000 for computers supporting STEAM learning in the classroom through Project Lead the Way.





Make an Impact today!

Here's how you can be a driving force for change:

- **1. DONATE:** Even a small donation can add up over time and contribute to the foundation's initiatives.
- 2. SPREAD THE WORD: Use your social media platforms to share information about the community foundation's work. Awareness can lead to more support and involvement from others.
- 3. PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS: Attend and participate in events organized by LCCF. This can include celebrations, fundraisers, workshops, and special project and grantee events.
- **4. VOLUNTEER:** Offer your time and talent to help with foundation initiatives and events. Your expertise might be just what's needed to make a positive impact. The Women's Fund is composed of Lapeer County women whose mission is to support women and their children.
- Our local youth have an opportunity to support youth needs by joining the Lapeer County YAC.
- 5. SUPPORT SPECIFIC INITIATIVES: Choose a particular project or initiative within the foundation's scope that resonates with you. Your focused support can make a targeted impact.
- 6. PARTICIPATE IN #GIVINGTUESDAY: Each year LCCF offers opportunities for contributions to be matched or for donors to recommend grants to their favorite local nonprofit. Participate and encourage others to do the same.
- 7. PROVIDE FEEDBACK: Offer your insights and suggestions to the foundation on how they can better serve the community. Your input might lead to innovative ideas.

- Are you ready to make a lasting difference right where you live? Small but meaningful acts can create ripples of positive change. There is a place for everyone to actively contribute to strengthening our communities and impact the quality of life in Lapeer County for generations to come.
 - 8. ATTEND WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS: Participate in educational events organized by the foundation. This not only helps you learn more about community issues but also shows your commitment to learning and growth.
 - **9. SHARE STORIES:** If you know individuals or groups who have benefited from the foundation's work, share their stories. Personal narratives can inspire others to get involved.
 - 10. CONNECT WITH US: Visit our website, follow us on: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn. Sign up for our monthly newsletter, email us, or stop by to visit!

START HERE!



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Contribute to LCCF's

for food campaign

to provide food to our Lapeer County food banks. Donate using Venmo or online at: lapeercountycf.org and choose Fund #70.



Scan here to donate using Venmo





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At the Lapeer County Community Foundation, we firmly believe that learning is the foundation upon which thriving communities are built. Knowledge empowers individuals, ignites creativity, and transforms futures. We are proud to stand as a pillar of support for learning in our community. In our ever-evolving world, access to quality education is essential. That's why we are committed to ensuring that every member of our community has the opportunity to learn and grow. From young minds taking their first steps into classrooms to adults seeking to acquire new skills, we're here to facilitate learning at every stage of life.

Through partnerships with local schools, educational programs, and scholarships, we're working to create an environment where learning is accessible and celebrated. Our commitment extends beyond traditional classrooms – we support initiatives that embrace experiential

learning, digital literacy, and lifelong education.

As a community foundation, we understand that when we invest in learning, we're investing in a brighter future for all. We see the potential in each learner, and we're dedicated to removing barriers and providing the resources needed to thrive.

We invite you to join us in championing learning. Whether you're a student, a parent, an educator, or someone who believes in the transformative power of education, your involvement matters. Volunteer to sit on a scholarship committee or serve as a community champion for LEAF. Sponsor a LEAF classroom or honor the legacy of a loved one by establishing a fund in their honor or memory or donating to any of our education funds which support our local schools and programs.

Together, we can create a community where learning is celebrated, curiosity is nurtured, and opportunities are boundless.

2022 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS





Students from Dryden Elementary will have years of fun using this new Book Vending Machine that was purchased in part from a grant from the LCCF YAC (Youth Advisory Committee).



Students from Schickler Elementary were able to participate in Annie's Big Nature Lesson which is a five-day field trip to learn about nature and to explore Seven Ponds Nature Center.



Jack and Carolyn Griffin Memorial Scholarship recipients take the stage at North Branch High School to receive their scholarship awards. Lapeer County Community Foundation awarded over \$113,000 in scholarship awards to 81 students across Lapeer County to promote postsecondary education including trade schools.

What is LEAF?

County Education Attainment

The Lapeer County Education
Attainment Fund (LEAF) provides every
Lapeer County Pre-K/Kindergarten
student attending a public, private, or
charter school with a deposit-only savings
account seeded with \$25. LEAF helps
students build career aspirations, save
for postsecondary learning and training
expenses, and learn lifelong financial
education skills and savings habits.

LEAF facts:

3,792 Students enrolled

- 6 out of 10 of Lapeer County students and their families are actively saving for future dreams through in-school, branch, and direct deposit opportunities by contributing to their LEAF accounts regularly.
- Grade specific financial education and money management lessons are taught in each classroom throughout Lapeer County.
- This fall, each 4th grader in Lapeer County will visit a financial institution in their community through the LEAF Bank Bound program. This will serve to support financial education, but also highlight future career opportunities.
- These deposit-only accounts can be used by students for traditional 2 or 4 year college, tradeschool, apprenticeship and certificate programs educational expenses.





Scan to watch LEAF video

Studies show that low- and moderate-income children with dedicated college savings of between \$1-499 are three times more likely to attend college, and four times more likely to graduate from college, than those without savings.

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we need your input!

Scan the QR code that applies and take a short survey regarding your childcare needs. All participants are entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift card.







CHILD CARE BUSINESS OWNERS & STAFF

One remarkable aspect of a strong community is its ability to generate opportunities for growth and prosperity. We believe in the power of not only supporting one another emotionally, but also in providing avenues for meaningful employment and job opportunities.

Imagine a community where every member has a chance to thrive professionally, where job seekers find positions that match their skills and aspirations, and where businesses flourish with a dedicated and talented workforce. This vision isn't just a dream – it's what we're actively striving to achieve together.

The Lapeer County Community Foundation works collaboratively with our local and regional partners to tackle the issues that affect our ability to attract, retain, and grow our local workforce. One way we are working to remove workplace barriers is by serving as a co-lead for the Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee, and St. Clair Regional Child Care Coalition (GLSSC). The GLSSC membership includes individuals from a variety of sectors in order to create a well-rounded study and produce a thorough report with action recommendations in order to boost and encourage growth in the child care space in the region.

Adequate child care capacity in Michigan is essential for economic development. Child care providers offer safe spaces for children while parents are working and give businesses access to a pool of labor (parents with young children) that would otherwise be unavailable. Child care providers also help to prepare Michigan's workforce of tomorrow by building the initial foundation for learning that prepares children for school and beyond.

You can help! Do you, or someone you know, have childcare needs? Are you looking to open or currently operate a child care business? We need your input. Participate in a short survey so that

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A Lapeer County Job Fair was hosted at Lapeer County Education and Technology Center. Numerous employers from Lapeer County were on hand to talk with students and the public about the services and the jobs available and benefits they offer.

Lapeer County's voice is heard, and solutions can be developed.

Remember, a strong community doesn't just have jobs; it has a network of opportunities waiting to be explored. Together, we can open doors, create possibilities, and shape a future where everyone's potential is realized.

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#lapeercounty plays



Funding was provided to Six Rivers Land Conservancy to support the Sutherland Nature Sanctuary and the habitat restoration project in Metamora. Lapeer County Students from the Construction Trades program assisted in assembling and building bridges, railings, and boardwalks along with many other volunteers.

In Lapeer County, we like to play. Whether it is spending time with our children at a community park, exploring a local trail or paddling down the Flint River, the outdoor recreation opportunities are endless. It calms our minds, strengthens our bodies, and connects us to nature in meaningful ways. We recognize the importance of expressing ourselves through art and music and letting our creative sides shine.

Over the years we have funded projects for young and old that allow us to climb, camp, cheer, play ball, run, cycle, swim, sing, dance,

make music, paddle, explore, game, connect with animals, and numerous other opportunities to connect as a team and fuel our individual pursuits.

Community play and engagement brings people closer, creates positive experiences, and fosters a sense of belonging. Whether it's a sports event, a board game night, a neighborhood cleanup, a local theater performance, or any other shared activity, these kinds of gatherings strengthen bonds within a community and contribute to a vibrant and enjoyable social life.

How do you play?

2022 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Funding was provided to Lapeer County Master Gardeners to host a workshop for Lapeer County residents about gardening. The master gardeners do a beautiful job keeping the gardens looking their best at the Suncrest Medical Care Facility and surrounding areas.



A grant was awarded to the Lapeer County Historical Society for renovations and for the purchase of new display cases. The staff there are very helpful and enjoy sharing historical information and preserving the history of Lapeer County.



Imlay City Middle School students attended Meadowbrook Theater to see the Little Shop of Horrors. Students were able to travel by bus to the Theater and to see and experience this memorable play. Funding for this grant was provided by the Wakaresku Cultural Fund held at LCCF.



Seven Ponds Nature Center received funding from LCCF for an Outdoor Naturescape Gate. The naturescape is sectioned into many different areas of play for youth to learn and explore nature in many different forms.

#lapeercounty Cares

In every corner of Lapeer County, we see examples of caring in action. Caring isn't just a fleeting sentiment – it's a way of life. It's the friendly waves exchanged on morning walks, the extended hands offering assistance, and the warm embraces of support during challenging times. It's in the volunteers who tirelessly dedicate their time to local causes, the businesses that rally to support community events, and the individuals who lend their expertise to mentor the next generation.

From the smallest gestures to the grandest efforts, our community members consistently show their commitment to making this a place where everyone feels valued and heard. Whether it's organizing events that bring us closer, lending a hand to those in need, or collaborating on projects that enhance our shared spaces, the spirit of care runs deep in everything we do.

But it's not just about emotional support. A community that cares also translates into practical

benefits. We believe that when we care for each other, we create opportunities for growth and prosperity. By nurturing an environment of mutual assistance, we open doors to new friendships, collaboration, and even opportunities for employment and advancement.

At the Lapeer County Community Foundation, our mission is to amplify this culture of caring. Through collaborative initiatives, grants, and programs, we're dedicated to enriching the lives of every community member. From stocking our local food pantries, collaborating to provide needed transportation for our older adults, to addressing mental health needs of our residents – we're here to further the causes that matter most to all of us.

We invite you to join us in this journey of caring. Whether you've lived here for generations or recently became a part of our community, your contributions, big and small, play an essential role in shaping the caring legacy we're building together.

2022 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



LCCF awarded a grant to Lapeer County Community Mental Health to host an Into the Light Suicide Awareness Walk. The walk is to bring awareness and to encourage people to reach out for help. The walk also honors friends and family members who have passed from suicide and to give hope and support to their family and friends.



The Women's Fund provided a \$10,000 grant to the Human Development Commission to provide household goods, beds, and other items for local women in need.





Each year the LCCF YAC purchases material and makes fleece tie blankets for Lapeer County residents in need. The blankets are given to LACADA, The Refuge Homeless Shelter and to police officers for their patrol cars to use in accidents or emergencies to help comfort children and keep them warm.



Habitat for Humanity received a grant to provide portable ramps for Lapeer County residents. Because the ramp is portable, it makes it easier to take down and transport to different clients in need.



Love INC. received a grant from LCCF to help with Lapeer County families who are in jeopardy of being evicted from their homes or to help with late payments or shut off notices for their utilities.



LCCF has worked in collaboration with local partners including the Four County Community Foundation, Greater Lapeer Transportation Authority, and the Lapeer County United Way to launch the Imlay City Micro-Transit project. Through the purchase of a car as well as an accessible van, Imlay City residents will have access to transportation for health-related needs.



LCCF has provided nearly \$25,000 for the purchase of 6,000 pounds of protein that has been distributed to 17 food pantries across Lapeer County.



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