



HERE'S WHAT YOU GET

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
for MUSKEGON COUNTY



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WHEN YOU LOVE IT HERE.

As a community foundation, one of our favorite jobs is helping people who want to show love for their community. We talk with them. We get to know who they are and what they care about. Because so many of you care, your combined generosity of giving in Muskegon and our Foundation Affiliate counties - Oceana, Mason, and Manistee - made 2015 another incredible year!

GIFTS RECEIVED:

\$22.1
million

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:

\$10.1
million

TOTAL FOUNDATION ASSETS:

\$189.4
million

Your love for where you live is making a difference! Join us in the coming year as we work to build a more inclusive community, to create hope and opportunity for our children, and to encourage community collaboration. Watch us go - together!

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Here's what you made happen in Muskegon County in 2015:

.....
\$1,522,000
scholarships

.....
\$1,779,000
arts, culture and humanities grants

.....
\$312,200
environment grants

.....
\$1,045,900
community development grants

.....
\$2,300,300
health and human services grants

.....
\$822,900
education grants

WHEN YOU CREATE HOPE.

Because you care about giving to young people, you've made futures filled with hope and opportunity possible through Scholarship Funds. In fact, you made this the biggest scholarship year ever: 628 awards totaling over \$1,522,000 in Muskegon County!

Sabra Carl and Elmer Bandgren cared deeply about education and created Funds through bequests to help Muskegon students. Last year, grants from both Funds joined with others to make the Muskegon Promise a reality, guaranteeing two tuition-free years at Muskegon Community College or Baker College for eligible students from Muskegon, Muskegon Heights and Holton Schools. Next year, the Promise will be available to students from all Muskegon County public and private high schools.

In 2010, the **Hispanic Community Services Coalition** started a Build A Fund to help students who may not have access to other kinds of financial aid. Over the last few years, they worked steadily to make it grow, and this year it became our newest official Scholarship Fund!





WHEN YOU INVEST IN WELLNESS.

Healthy kids learn better. But access to health services in the rural school district of Oakridge was limited. That's when community organizations, generous individuals, and the Foundation's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) came together to support the creation of a school-based health clinic. The Oakridge Teen Health Center brings together medical, dental and behavioral health services for students and becomes a community resource when the school day is over.

That's caring for the whole student – physically, emotionally and academically. And that's a great community investment.

..... A grant from the **Bryan and Sandy Betten Fund** made healthy produce more accessible by expanding the Double Up Food Bucks program.

..... Over 1,000 kids, age 3 through 13, discovered the fun of fruits and vegetables through **The Power of Produce Club** at the Muskegon Farmers Market.

Photos: (from left) MacKayla, Jaden, Steve, and Madison at the Oakridge Teen Health Center

WHEN YOU LEAVE A LEGACY.

Bob and Harriett Walsh were lifetime Muskegon residents. Married for over 60 years, they shared a great love of their church, photography, travel and this community.

In 2002, Bob and Harriett created a Fund to support the First Congregational Church. They both passed away in 2014, but their community love lives on through a gift from their estate. The J. Robert and Harriett Walsh Fund will benefit their church and another favorite, the Lakeshore Museum Center ... forever!

What do you love about Muskegon County? Leave a gift so future generations can love it, too!

..... Longtime Frauenthal volunteer **Joyce Ann Muston and husband Jim** created a bequest to support her beloved theater.

..... As a financial advisor who loves Muskegon, **Jay Wallace, Jr.** is including the Foundation as a beneficiary of his investment account - simple and effective.





WHEN YOU WORK TOGETHER.

What do White Lake Township, the Land Conservancy of West Michigan, six foundations, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and hundreds of community members have in common?

An extraordinary passion to preserve the White River Township Barrier Dunes Sanctuary, a scenic treasure of over 1,300 feet of pristine shoreline on Lake Michigan. After nearly 30 years of community partnerships, dedicated advocacy and generous support, this gem has been protected from development and preserved for future generations.

Unchanged for thousands of years. Saved for many more.

The James Hanna and Mary H. Murphy Land Fund, the Bakke Fund, the Jan and Christine Deur Fund and the White Lake Community Fund of the Community Foundation *for* Muskegon County all supported this project, expanding public access to important natural resources.

Photo: Courtesy of the Land Conservancy of West Michigan, naturenearby.org

WHEN YOU GIVE BACK.

Whether it's building the Muskegon Heritage Museum (and its endowment), boosting the White Lake Community Fund, or supporting civic events, Anne and Allan Dake have been rolling up their sleeves in the community for years. Now they've shown up in a new way by creating a Donor Advised Fund using an inheritance from Dolly Morton, Anne's mother. "My mom was a very giving lady. She loved to share what she had and share her time with others," Anne said. "We are delighted to be able to share her legacy."

The Dakes will use the Fund to support their favorite causes, and they'll add to it through their estate, meaning the Morton-Dake spirit of sharing will continue forever!

Did you know that the **Muskegon Heritage Museum** was one of 13 amazing museums in Muskegon County? A "Love Your Community" mini-grant helped create a map to them all!





WHEN YOU HELP KIDS.

Read Early. Read Often. It's a countywide effort encouraging everyone to read to infants and toddlers ... every day, everything, everywhere. People from all areas across the community gather periodically to put their minds and resources together to find creative ways to make an impact. From yard signs, to stickers on grocery bags and peanut butter jars, to book give-aways, the ideas from our "strategic doing" sessions take shape and spread the word.

What do you have to offer, and who can you read to? More at readearly.org.

- Though **Edward and Daisy Krautheim** passed long ago, the special concern they had for children carries on. The Fund created by their trust, along with others designated for youth, has supported many projects over the years, including a playground in Holton, summer youth programs in Muskegon, and now Read Early. Read Often.
- Baker College's Vet Tech and Early Childhood students teamed up for **Bow-Wows and Books**, where they help kindergartners read aloud to puppies in training for Paws With A Cause. The kids build confidence in reading, the socializing helps the dogs, and the college students gain invaluable experience. Win-win-win!

Photos: (from left) Jayda-Monay and BeShaun, Jr.; Bow-Wows and Books, Baker College

WE ALL HAVE A LITTLE MUSKEGON COUNTY IN US.

**And if we all give a little of ourselves
back to Muskegon County, it adds up.**

From training daycare providers and building the Farmers Market to supporting culture and improving adult literacy, the Greater Muskegon County Fund helps meet the changing opportunities and challenges our community faces.

Love your community. A gift to the Greater Muskegon County Fund is the perfect way to share the love.

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